



Across the Presbytery of Northern NY February 1, 2017



Presbytery Office hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to noon
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Cabin Fever Dessert events will be held on Saturday, February 11th in Watertown and Canton to benefit the Women of Grace Widow's Fund. Admission is \$5 and each event will feature raffles of Cabin Fever gift baskets and locally made desserts, including chocolate creations, pies, cupcakes and gluten-free selections. Watertown fundraiser will be from 11:30 am- 1:30 pm at Watertown First Presbyterian Church, 403 Washington Street, and will include a light lunch. From 7-9 pm that evening, Canton will present its Cabin Fever event at the Canton First Presbyterian Church, 17 Park Street, with coffee, tea and desserts being served. Proceeds from the events will benefit the Women of Grace Widow's Fund, a joint mission project of the Canton and Watertown Presbyterian Churches dedicated to alleviating the extreme poverty faced by widows in Malawi, Africa. For more information, contact Linda Potter in C Canton at 315-386-4364 or Heather White in Watertown at 315-778-9867 or go to WomenofGraceWidowsFund.org.

As part of the Clifton-Fine Winter Whiteout Weekend, February 17-19, the Western Adirondack Presbyterian Church is hosting a bell choir from Potsdam at 11:00 am on Saturday February 18 and a barbershop group at 3:30 pm. Both events take place in the Star Lake building, next to the Nice&Easy on Young's Road in Star Lake. Light refreshments are being offered following the bell choir performance. A Chicken & Biscuit dinner will follow the barbershop group starting at 5:00 PM for a cost of \$10.00. The dinner will feature chicken gravy on biscuits, cranberry sauce, green bean casseroles and pie and cookies/brownies for dessert.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE April 24- May 4, 2017

Please join the Rev. Joann White of FPC Saranac Lake on an 11-day journey through the Bible program that will expand our knowledge of the Bible and this sacred land. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus, Paul, Samuel, and David will change how you read the Bible, and you will learn why scholars refer to the Holy Land as the "Fifth Gospel." Save the dates and bring a friend. All inclusive pricing starts at \$3,348 from New York. For more information, contact Joann at 518-891-3401.

Clerks of Session Records Review Dates and Places for 2017. Bring 2016 Books
March 4- Hammond PC 10 am.
March 11- Potsdam PC 10 am.
March 18- Plattsburgh PC 1:00 pm
March 23- Star Lake Western Adirondack PC, 10 am w/lunch final make up day.

Sackets Harbor Pastor's Melodie Long has a new email address:
sacketspastor@gmail.com

Rev. Robert Vrooman, pastor of Theresa PC has a new email:
rgvrooman@gmail.com

Rev. Elizabeth (libby) Moses new pastor at Watertown Stone PC email is:
pastorlibbymoses@gmail.com

Starting on February 11, 2017 you must use the new dialing procedures, for all calls. After this date, if you do not use the new dialing procedures, your calls will not be completed and a recording will instruct you to hang up and dial again. Area code 315 will cover the west-central portion of New York such as Syracuse, Utica and Watertown and our area. The new 680 area code will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 315 area code. So in other words you must use 315 starting Feb 11, 2017 to complete your phone calls. All new phone numbers starting on March 11 will be a 680 area code plus number. Call office if you have questions.

911 will remain the same for emergency's.

2017 Presbytery Meeting will be held Tuesday Mar 28/alternate April 4 at Hammond Presbyterian Church. More details later.

In 2016 Margot McGorman from Watertown and Ellen Grayson from Canton traveled to Malawi, East Africa to train seven widows in treadle machine operation to create school uniforms. Once there, the agenda quickly changed. With the discovery that three of the seven widows had never held a pair of scissors, Margot and Ellen decided to teach, instead, items that required a straight line.

In order to further the widows expertise and with an eye to selling created merchandise to tourists and here at home, two groups will be traveling to Malawi in 2017. Two women will go in June and two will follow up in July.

The first group, Ellen Grayson and Lesley Thompson, would be very happy to speak to your congregation, PW, or Mission Committee and relate the general work of Women of Grace Widows fund as well as the Sustainable Sewing Project.

The Women of Grace Widows Fund is grateful for the support from many churches in the Presbytery and we look forward to speaking with you. Phone # 315-323-0950 or email egrayson62@gmail.com

Sanctuary Network and Training Event on February 10-11 at the Stony Point Center to learn what offering sanctuary means, what it entails, and how you can talk to your church of faith community and prepare of offer sanctuary in the months and years ahead. The training will begin with lunch at noon on Friday Feb. 10 and end with lunch on Feb 11. The cost of the event (\$165 for a single room and \$120 for a double room) covers your room and all meals. The Synod of the Northeast is sponsoring all other expenses associated with the training.

Registration is limited to 45 people, so register today and invite your friends. If you are arriving by train, bus, or plane, please see the information on the Stony Point Center Website for arrangements.

Ranota Hewitson is looking for anyone who would like to go to this event and share a drive/room, contact #315-265-8112 or 315-261-9620

The New York Landmarks Conservancy Is celebrating 7th Year of New York's Diverse Houses of Worship OPEN HOUSE Sacred Sites May 20 & 21, 2017. Stained Glass, Windows on this World and the Next. To register your site for this year's Open House visit www.nylandmarks.org/events/sacred_sites_open_house/ or call 212-995-5260

Saving Grace

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank thee for this place in which we dwell, for the love that unites us, for the peace accorded to us this day, for the hope with which we expect the morrow, for the health, the work, the food and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth. AMEN.

Robert Louis Stevenson

February 20, 2017 is President's Day. Presbytery Office will be closed for the day.