



# Across the Presbytery of Northern NY February 15, 2017



**Presbytery Office hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to noon**  
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**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.**

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### **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.

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**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.

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**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.**

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**911 will remain the same for emergency's.**

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

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**Installation Service for Pastor Rev. Elizabeth ( Libby) Moses will be held at the Watertown Stone Presbyterian Church on March 12 at 4 pm. Everyone Welcome.**

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**The Ministers cards just arrived and will be handed out at the Presbytery Meeting March 28 or April 4 depending on weather.**

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**Presbyterian Women the Spring Coordinating Team Meeting is Saturday April 8, 2017 at 10 am, Ponderosa Restaurant, Potsdam.**

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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 [egraysong62@gmail.com](mailto:egraysong62@gmail.com)

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**Would all churches make sure that the Clerk of Session has sent in their paper work to the Presbytery Office. I need Necrology Report which is for any Elder that passed away in 2016, New Directory information for all new officers in your church for 2017 and your Pastor's Term of Call. Also return Pledge cards. This is very important for the Annual Meeting. Thank You.**  
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**Peru Community Church has a new email:**

**[office@perucommunitychurch.com](mailto:office@perucommunitychurch.com)**  
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**Madrid Dam Summer Music Series Presents Sunday Winter Afternoons of Music and Entertainment at the Madrid Community Center. No entrance fee.... Donations appreciated, Light refreshments available and a 50/50 Raffle. Sunday March 12- 2pm- 4 pm " Marty Robinson", with rich solo country music selections.**

**These are "no smoking" and "no alcohol" events.**

**The New York Landmarks Conservancy Is celebrating 7<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.nylandmarks.org/events/sacred_sites_open_house/) or call 212-995-5260**  
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**Please remember with prayers Helen Porteous is in Claxton-Hepburn Hospital and her husband Bill who is home recovering from a recent fall, Cards can be sent to 1498 CR 31, Lisbon, NY 13658**  
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**February 20, 2017 is President's Day. Presbytery Office will be closed for the day.**  
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### **A New Year With the Lord**

By M.S. Lowndes

A new year is about to unfold with new opportunities to explore,  
Doors will open for new experiences  
New Adventures with the Lord  
Remember not the former things  
The things of this past year  
The Lord will do new things in us  
Much more than we are aware  
For He will make a way for us  
As we put our trust in Him  
And He will guide our every step  
By his presence we have within  
What God has placed within our hearts  
We find we'll be able to do  
If we look for the opportunities  
We'll see the door to go through  
We mustn't let anything hold us back  
But rise up and take our place  
And be all that God wants us to be  
With a fresh touch of His Grace!