



Across the Presbytery of Northern NY January 18, 2017



**Presbytery Office hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to noon
311 Franklin St. Room B, Ogdensburg, NY 13669
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**Mileage has changed to \$.53.5 per mile
for Pastors for 2017.**

**Save the Date: Cabin fever Event 2017
Women of Grace Widow's Fund at
Watertown First Presbyterian Church ,
Saturday, February 11, 2017 11:30 am-
1:30 pm. Come enjoy a light lunch,
Dessert Auction and Silent Auction.**

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.*

**Annual Reports are due from all
churches to the Presbytery of Northern
New York as soon as you hold your
Annual meeting. Office will need the
name, addresses, phone #'s and emails
to your new officers Clerk of Sessions,
Receiving and Disbursing Treasurers,
Elder Commissioner and if you have a
church secretary. Forms have been sent
to each church this is a gentle reminder.
All 2016 money needs to have been done,
so we can close our books. Then prepare
for 2017. Then a new Directory will be
prepared for all the churches.**

**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.**

**The Office would like to hear from the
churches of any new programs or fund
raisers that will be happening at your
church. We know it is a quiet time due to
weather conditions. I hope the ice is not
too bad in your area. Stay safe.**

**I have forwarded a message to pastors
and churches to pray for our incoming
President and his staff, and our Senators
and Congressmen and our government.
That came into our office today.**

Hammond PC is very thankful that they raised enough money for a well and they sent the money to Marion Medical Mission. They also had a Christmas Mission Tree that yielded many gifts with over \$1,000.00 donated to send to Food for the Poor, Presbyterian Mission, Church World Service and Heifer International, Congratulations!!!!!! They also had a mitten tree and they sent two large boxes to Buckhorn Children's Foundation in Kentucky and St. Joesph's Indian School in Chamberlain, South Dakota. They also did 90 Food Boxes and gift bags for children locally.

Peru Community Church has an offer for anyone interested in an upright Piano. It has been in a local Peru, NY family for many years. Needs to be tuned but otherwise in good condition. Family would love for the piano to go to a church, non-profit organization or to a family who can't afford a piano but needs one for practicing. From 1940's, it was converted from a player piano. Still have the player scrolls if interested in converting back. If interested contact Chris (Irwin) Mullen at 518-335-3639

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.

Loving God, Thank you for the Hope you bestow. The Peace you bring, the Joy you give, and the Love you pour out. We praise you most of all for Jesus, May Jesus Light our way—as the Holy star lit the way for the wise men. May the birth of Jesus fill our lives and become part of all that we say and Do—So that we can truly have--- PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL AMONG MEN. AMEN.

A New Year With the Lord

Author 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.*

Shared by Trudy Fisher
