



Across the Presbytery of Northern NY January 25, 2017



Presbytery Office hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to noon
311 Franklin St. Room B, Ogdensburg, NY 13669
Phone number is 315-713-4343 E-Mail is office@presbyteryofnny.org

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 preent 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 canton at 315-386-4364 or Heather White in Watertown at 315-778-9867 or go to WomenofGraceWidowsFund.org.

Johnny Williams of Bitters & Bones presents Julie Weinstein and Steve Preston of the Saranac Lake Interfaith Food Pantry Board with a check for \$5,056.00. the gift represents the combined donations of patrons and participants in the 2nd Annual Saranac Lake Turkey Trot. The Thanksgiving Day 5K run gathers community members for fun, fitness, and charity. All gifts are used in support of the work of the Food Pantry to address local hunger.

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:gvroman@gmail.com

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

pastorlibbymoses@gmail.com

A 2day summit to discover practical strategies to grow your church! How do churches grow? There is no "one size fits all" answer. Come, listen to these leaders, listen to other engaged churches and listen for the Spirit to move! Your church can grow! April 24 & 25, 2017 Early bird registration is \$75 until March 1! Homestead Presbytery, 8300 East Pointe Rd, Lincoln NE 68506.

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.

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.

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.

The dates and location of the 2017 Mid-Council Leaders Gathering and related conferences co-sponsored by the Office of the General Assembly and the Board of Pensions. The Association of Mid Council Leaders, Association of Stated Clerks and Moderators Conference is October 13-14 and the Mid council Leaders Gathering (formerly Polity conference) begins October 15 and ends at noon on Oct 17. All meetings will be held at the Hyatt regency St. Louis at the Arch in St. Louis, MO.
