



Across the Presbytery of Northern NY January 4, 2017



**Presbytery Office hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to noon
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Presbytery Per Capita is as follows:

<i>General Assembly</i>	<i>\$7.50</i>
<i>Synod</i>	<i>\$4.10</i>
<i>PNNY</i>	<i>\$11.40</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$23.00 per membership</i>

We are ordering "Book of Confessions" for the churches. We are ordering 50 books so there will be extra in office for future months if you find that you need some for your church and the cost will be \$8.00 each. This will help keep the cost down for everyone.

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.

CO-Ordinating Council Meeting January 17, 2017 at Potsdam Presbyterian Church at 10 am. If bad weather it might be a conference call.

Treasurers of all the churches please send in all your financial statements by Jan.2, 2017 and your payments so we can close our books. Thank you for all the work that you do for your churches and our Presbytery.

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. 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 680 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.

911 will remain the same for emergency's.

Welcome Rev. Elizabeth (Libby) Moses Pastor of Watertown Stone Presbyterian Church. Her first Sunday to Preach will be January 15. Also welcome to her daughter Jennell and a reception will be held after the church service on Jan. 15, 2017. Her installation will be announced soon.

The Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. is Monday January 16, 2017. Many churches are celebrating this event on Jan. 15, 2017.

**Celebrate furry friends on January 21-
National Squirrel Appreciation Day.**

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

Community Day of Service Slated for January 14, 2017. At 10 am volunteers with their kit donations are invited to meet at the Saranac Lake Adult Center, located at 135 Broadway, to assemble the kits. Later that day at 7:00 pm, a Martin Luther King Coffee House Celebration in the Great Hall of the Presbyterian Church will feature the music of Crowfeather and the Rustic Riders, the stories of indigenous youth, and the words of Dr. King. A free-will donation will be received to help cover the CWS processing fee of \$2.00 per kit, which allows for distribution worldwide. The kits components are: hand towels measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip,bath, dish towel or micro-fiber), washcloths, wide-tooth combs, fingernail or toenail clippers, bath-size bars of soap in the wrapper, toothbrushes in the package, and standard size Band-Aids. To learn more about the service project or get involved, please contact Rev. Joann White at (518) 891-3401.

A report from the MINC Emergency fund In the past few weeks, we have received requests for assistance with rental deposits, gas deposits, and preventing electrical shutoffs. In all of these situations, folks were referred to us by other agencies and businesses- the Northern Regional Center for Independent Living in Watertown, Catholic Charities in Ogdensburg, the Neighbor Center in Gouverneur and St. Lawrence Gas. One woman was referred to us by NRCIL because she needed to have a new place to live. The situation in her present apartment was not healthy for her and her family. The NRCIL caseworker vouched for her, and together they found a new apartment. The client needed \$600 for a security deposit, and we usually help with only \$200 per family. With our commitment for part of the deposit, the client was able to obtain funding from other agencies to meet the deposit amount. The caseworker realized that no agency would pay for the actual move, so she and her husband and some other volunteers moved the family the next weekend.

It is not unusual for the MINC Emergency Fund to partner with agencies in both counties to meet the needs of individuals and families. Partnering keeps us all connected with each other's programs. It also helps us make sure that the people we are assisting are truly in need. We want to be as helpful as possible, but we also want to use the money that people give to us responsibly. We appreciate your support- both with prayer and financial.

Send donations to: Cynthia Coleman, 5 Grant Street, Potsdam, NY 13676, on memo line state Emergency Fund. Thank you.

Let us join together in Greeting this New Year with HOPE for the World!