



# Across the Presbytery of Northern NY March 9, 2017



Presbytery Office hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00 to noon  
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**Clerks of Session Records Review Dates and Places for 2017. Bring 2016 Books**  
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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**Support Presbyterian Mission year-round through PC (USA) Special Offerings. March 1 – April 16 is One Great Hour of Sharing.**

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**Presbytery Meeting will be held Tuesday Mar 28/alternate April 4 at Hammond Presbyterian Church. Depending on weather.**

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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. Clergy please wear your robes for the processional and Red is the Liturgical color for stoles.**

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**March 12, 2017 Daylight Savings Time, Turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night when you go to bed.**

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

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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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**Prayer Request for Barbara & Roy Perry. Barb is going to Memorial Sloan Kettering for stage 4 cancer treatment on March 13, 2017 from Peru Community Church has been sick since late fall.**

**First Presbyterian Church of Watertown is also raising money to purchase a book-mobile vehicle to aid widows and children in Malawi, Africa. They need to raise \$10,000 to make it happen after receiving many memorial gifts and donations. So Rev. Fred Garry invite you, to give bucks for a truck and bring the power of education to the most vulnerable children in the world. Let's finish the funds needed for a new vehicle to empower women who are the least of these. We are close. With your gift to the Church marked " Bucks for Trucks" or "MELT", we can make it.**

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**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 [egraysn62@gmail.com](mailto:egraysn62@gmail.com) Ellen will be speaking on Sewing Project at Canton Presbyterian church on March 19<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. Fund raising is currently under way with the goal of \$10,000. The Funds will be used to enhance already existing solar power, additional fabric, notions, the construction of sewing tables, transportation, lodging, food and incidentals for Lesley Thompson and Ellen Grayson.**

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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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**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.**

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**March 9, 2017 First Presbyterian Church on the Park, Canton, NY holding their Annual Spaghetti Dinner from 5 to 7 pm. Menu includes spaghetti, homemade meat balls, tossed salad, fresh bread and assorted desserts. Cost is \$7 for adults/seniors, \$5 for kids ages 4-10. Those under 4 and over 89 are free. Take outs will be available.**

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**Canton First Presbyterian Church is having their Annual Women's Worship service on Sunday, March 12. Title is " Gifts of Women Sunday". The women of the church present the entire worship service on this day.**

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**The Book of Confessions has arrived in office and will be sold at the Presbytery Meeting for \$8.00 each. Please make checks payable to Presbytery of Northern New York. Thank you.**

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**Ogdensburg Stone Presbyterian Church invites ALL to a 6 week Lenten Bible Study with Rev. Robert Schirmer on the Gospel of John at 533 Stone Church Road, Ogdensburg. Starting each Wednesday March 8 from 5:30 – 7:30 till April 12, 2017. Soup & sandwich Supper at 5:30. Please bring a sandwich or soup to serve 4 people. If you can't bring anything please come as there is always more than we can eat. Beverage and dessert will be furnished. Study begins at 6:00 pm and ends at 7:30pm.**

**\*supper, \* time to be with friends or make a new friend,\* enriched your Spiritual life,\* and still have time to enjoy the rest of your evening. For more information call: Doris Whitehead 315-528-7792 or Sarah Gilmoure 315-393-1998 or Rev. Robert Schirmer 315-344-7202.**

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**Potsdam Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Church are doing a combined Lenten study of the Book " Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America" by Jim Wallis. Dates March 9- Methodist Church March 16- Potsdam Presbyterian Church March 23- Methodist Church March 30- Presbyterian Church All times are 6 pm. Please bring a dish to pass for Pot Luck Meal.**

**The church and library have a book available for you to pick up and read before these dates.**

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**Potsdam First Presbyterian Church at 42 Elm Street, Potsdam will be holding Lenten Services each Sunday in March at 10:00 am. April 9 is Palm Sunday, April 13 7:00 pm is Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, April 14, 7:00 pm Good Friday Observance screening of Jesus Christ, SuperStar, April 16 10:00 am EASTER, One Great Hour of Sharing.**

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**February Grey**

**I'm watching a squirrel jump from lifeless branch to lifeless branch. Brown limbs etched against a grey sky and a white earth. The snow is piled up, roadside snow holding onto the dirt and the grime of passing cars and trucks. On this February morning in 2017 I feel captured by the bleakness of the vision before me.**

**It seems to me we, too, jump from branch to branch in our desperate search for excitement. What can we find that will catch our eye, lighten our load, bring hope to our hearts? Why is it so much work to be alive?**

**In the midst of the greyness that meets our eye, we are drawn to the light. The light from within. The Godhead that lives there, calling us to the well of life. Under the snow, in the darkness of the long nights, the divine spark is at work. Like the snow drops that lift their small heads for a short time, reaching up to the February sun, we know LOVE.**