



For some of you, this is the first time you are receiving this newsletter format. Joan and I recently worked to merge email lists and hopefully we are now in sync with each other! This email comes less frequent and provides a platform for me to share resources with you.

The new presbytery [website](#) has gone live and I am excited to see this project come together. Soon I will be sharing a list of resources that all churches can utilize for creating or revamping your web presence. For now, check out your church's page on the site and if you have any corrections, an updated photo, or would like to include anything else on your church's page, please let me know!

It was great to see many of you at the presbytery meeting in Lake Clear! Special thanks to Bill Young [clerk or session and presbytery treasurer] and Rev. Richard Speer [pastor of Adirondack Presbyterian Church] for creating a wonderful atmosphere with great food as we gathered to do our work. Thanks also to Rev. Evon Lloyd

[pastor in Hammond] for sharing the Word with power and conviction. It was a wonderful day!

Below is a link to all of the documents from the meeting, including ones that were brought to the meeting that day.

It's not too late for pastors to sign up for the retreat in New Hartford next week. See the information below to find out more and how to register.

As you gather with family and friends this week, may you enjoy a safe and meaningful time together this Thanksgiving!

~David

## November 14 Presbytery Meeting Documents



**We've been invited to join Utica Presbytery for a Pastoral Leaders Retreat!**

*When:* Wednesday, November 29th at Noon to Thursday, November 30th at 5:00 p.m.

*Where:* St. Margaret's House 47 Jordan Road, New Hartford

*Cost:* Overnight with meals \$75, Commuter Rate \$25

The retreat focus will be CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY. Church leadership often focuses on factors like attendance, facilities, and budgets to determine how strong a church is. While these qualities can help us understand how sustainable a church is, they are not very good at revealing how faithful a church is. To get our minds around that, we need to look at marks like Christian formation, evangelism, outward incarnational focus, and Spirit-inspired worship.

Our retreat leader will be The Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick and his time with us will focus on the factors that lead to faithfulness as well as sustainability, and explore how the two support each other. There will be lots of time for discussion in addition



### David's Schedule

- Nov 29-30: Fall Pastor's Retreat in New Hartford
- Dec 3: Visiting the Tupper Lake Congregation
- Dec 4: Trustees 10am in Canton
- Dec 5: COM via Zoom Video Conference
- Jan 7: Preaching in Gouverneur
- Jan 21: Worshipping with Ogdensburg Stone and Heuvelton.
- Invitations Welcome for

to thought provoking presentations.

Sunday visits and/or  
preaching in the  
New Year!

Click [here](#) for the complete flyer with registration  
information.

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