

# The Connection

## Faith Sharing from The United Church of Warsaw

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The United Church of Warsaw

*Serving God's People with Love.*

### Dear friends and members of our family of faith:

In the month of November, when we move our clocks backward, may we move our spirits forward in a rhythm of gratitude and generosity.

This month, our family of faith will: (1) proceed with our **“For Everything There Is a Season” sermon series**; (2) welcome all to our **“Room at the Table” Potluck Lunch**; (3) continue a **Scripture-based Book Study**; (4) host **“Go, Tell My People,”** a sacred drama presented by “Women of the Well”; (5) conclude our four-week **Commitment Season**; (6) sponsor our annual **Thanksgiving Community Meal**; (7) be inspired on **Missionary Sunday** by a college student who served in Central America, and (8) solidify plans for a **“Jesse Tree Ceremony”** for the First Sunday of Advent on December 3.

On the four Sundays of November, we will meet in the sanctuary to continue our sermon focus on seasons named in Chapter 3 of the Book of Ecclesiastes. On November 5, we will celebrate the **Feast for All Sinners and Saints**, bring non-perishable food items for our **Sharing-the-Light Food Collection** and meet for our monthly **Potluck Lunch** in Fellowship Hall. On November 12, we will honor **Commitment Sunday** and also encounter Jesus of Nazareth through scripture, story and song, as presented by **“Women of the Well.”** On November 18, we will engage in **pre-Thanksgiving Community Meal preparations**. On November 19, **Thanksgiving Sunday**, we will host our **Thanksgiving Community Meal**, our yearly gift to the community. On November 26, **Missionary Sunday**, we will experience the first-hand stories of a Mission Trip to Costa Rica, as shared by Gabby Henry.

On November 18 and 19, **F.A.C.E. (Faith And Caring Encounter) Group** members may earn Community Service credit while participating in our **Thanksgiving Community Meal**.

### Mark the Date:

On **Sunday, December 17**, we will: experience our **Christmas Pageant** at 10 a.m. in our sanctuary; celebrate **Christmas Cookie Sunday** immediately after Sunday worship in Fellowship Hall; and, conduct our **Annual Congregational Meeting** following a Time of Fellowship back in our sanctuary.

Moving through the fourth quarter of 2017, the faithfulness of God and of members and friends within our faith community is reflected in a healthy measure of **Committed Gifts and Free Offerings**. As we pause on **Commitment Sunday** and project into 2018, may we reflect on the principles of **family, faith and future** that guide how we live and how we give. God's blessings to you for your generous support of our family of faith throughout this past year. God's power to you for your deepened commitment in the coming year.

God be with you till we meet again.



*A Shove from the Dove*

Beside you in the journey of faith,  
*Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese*



### **Clerk's Corner**

Notes from Clerk of Commission, Lance Bush  
Highlights of Commission Meeting of October 9, 2017

- ◆ Through the end of the third quarter, our monthly **Financial Report** continues to show steady income from Committed Gifts and Free Offerings. Incurred expenses remain in line with expected amounts budgeted for 2017.
- ◆ **Instructions to operate our kitchen oven** are now posted prominently in our Church Kitchen.
- ◆ **School supplies collected on Homecoming Sunday** were divided between the Warsaw Food Pantry (for children of Food Pantry clients) and Hillside Children's Center (for children of families served by the center). Both agencies appreciated the supplies.
- ◆ A church volunteer is needed to organize our congregation's participation in **Operation Christmas Child**, a ministry sponsored nationally by Samaritan's Purse. **Deadline to assemble and deliver Christmas Shoeboxes** from our church is **Sunday, November 12**.
- ◆ As funded by our **Step-Up Campaign**, work to repair/replace steps and sidewalk pads on Main Street side of our church facility has been completed. Refurbished handrail for steps in front of Miller Chapel will be installed in October.

#### **Mark these important dates and times:**

**November 12, Sunday, 10 a.m.** - "Go, Tell My People" - A sacred drama presented by "Women of the Well," a troupe of liturgical performers from Pittsford, NY

**November 19, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.** - Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal – Sign-ups to provide turkeys, pies, food for side dishes and cash donations as well as to serve in preparing, setting up, serving and cleaning up are available on Sunday mornings in the Connection and on weekdays in the Church Office.

**December 17, Sunday, 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.** - Sunday School Christmas Pageant and Annual Congregational Meeting, respectively.

### ***Warsaw Food Pantry Report***

June-September 2017

During June through September, 2017, the Warsaw Food Pantry served 2,094 people. We had 641 children, 1,196 adults and 257 seniors. There were 93 new families.

#### **Food donations received from:**

United Church of Warsaw congregation	Ed Spears	Andrew Tomlinson
St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church	Joe Robinson	Diane Santora
First United Methodist Church	Donna Perkins	Margaret Gardner
Immanuel United Methodist Church	Veronica Plews	Randy Sitarek
Harry and Barb Litz	Dion Williams	Betty Ferrigno
Gary and Ann Towner	Cindy Fisher Flint	Lynn Saxton
Valley Chapel Free Methodist Church	Jean and Dave Bassett	Don Samsel
Bud's Deli	Amy Youngers	Zeno Chesmore
Gale and Sherry Cousins	Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt	Anonymous
Joyce and Gerry Ignatz	Five Star Bank employees	VFW
Groveland Correctional Facility	Wyoming County Midwives	

#### **Monetary donations, totaling \$2207.20, received from:**

Dennis and Lucy Krajewski	Barb Litz
Karen Schell	Sharon Keaton
Fred Heller	Family Life Church
Jesse and Nikki Fields	Rita Loomis
Roger and Jennifer Raplee	Joann Seewaldt (Walmart)
Five Star Bank employees (Save-A-Lot Gift Cards)	

We are very grateful and appreciative of all who help support the Warsaw Food Pantry with monetary and food donations, volunteer time, and kind words of encouragement.

Respectfully, Cindy Kiel, Food Pantry Coordinator

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November 2017 Acolyte Schedule

5	Weston Kirsch
12	Russell Broughton
19	Katie Fisher
26	Mason Johnson

***November Events at The United Church of Warsaw***

November 5 at 10 a.m.	<b>“For Everything There Is a Season” Sermon #9</b>
At 11:30 a.m.	<b>Feast for All; Sharing-the-Light Food Collection</b>
	<b>Potluck Lunch – Bring a dish to pass; in Fellowship Hall</b>
November 7 at 6:30 p.m.	<b>“The Daniel Plan” Book Study</b> in East Room
November 12 at 10 a.m.	<b>“Go, Tell My People”</b> - Sacred drama by “Women of the Well”
November 13 at 6:30 p.m.	<b>Commission Meeting</b> in East Room
November 14 at 6:30 p.m.	<b>“The Daniel Plan” Book Study</b> in East Room
November 18 at 9 a.m.	<b>Pre-Thanksgiving Meal Preparations</b> in Fellowship Hall
November 19 at 10 a.m.	<b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b>
At 11:30 a.m.	<b>“For Everything There Is a Season” Sermon #10</b>
	<b>Thanksgiving Community Meal</b> in Fellowship Hall
November 26 at 10 a.m.	<b>Missionary Sunday: Gabby Henry's Mission Trip</b>
	<b>“For Everything There Is a Season” Sermon #11</b>