

# Dryden Presbyterian Church Newsletter

## January 2023

Epiphany Sunday,

January 1, 2023

Ordination

& Installation of Officers

Baptism of the Lord Sunday,

January 8, 2023

Reaffirmation of Baptism

### Keeping Our Church Family Cozy

It's the time of year to burrow in and stay warm while the snow and ice decorate the landscape on the other side of the windowpane. January and February can be unpredictable when it comes to weather on Sunday mornings. The good news is that we can now worship via Zoom on those snowy Sundays! Think of it – Sunday worship, pajamas, a comfortable chair, your favorite hot beverage...

I encourage you to remain faithful in your attendance, either in person or on Zoom. We need to strengthen ourselves with the armor of God through the reading of his Word, prayer, and gathering together. By his grace, we can do all things. After all, it is by his grace that we have gotten this far.

Peace be with you in the New Year! – Pastor Nancy



### Sermon Scriptures for January

January 1	Called	Matthew 2:1-12
January 8	Anointed	Matthew 3:13-17
January 15	Equipped	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
January 22	Unified	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
January 29	Chosen	1 Corinthians 1:18-31

## For Your Information



### Church Contacts

The church office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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We proclaim the good news  
of Jesus Christ, feed the  
hungry, welcome the  
stranger and love our  
neighbors as ourselves.

**Our  
Church  
Mission**

Information for the  
**February newsletter**  
should be in the church  
office by

Tuesday - January 24, 2022.

### A Time to Pray

Dave Gross, Christopher DuFree, Bob Watros, John Hausmann (Carol LaPlant's son-in-law), Tim Burdick, and Kaycee Johnson (Pastor Nancy's friend).



*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for your generous Christmas gift!*

*2022 was a very difficult year for my mom, Nellon, and me, but God has blessed us so abundantly through it all. You, our dear church family, are one of the blessings at the center of it all.*

*We thank God for each one of you and pray God will bless you in 2023.*

*Nancy and Nellon*

## *The Return of Joy*

*By Jeanine Scott*

We lost so many opportunities to gather and share past joys during the Covid pandemic, but prayers were answered and the Christmas Cantata returned in 2022 to fill our hearts and our spirits with talented voices from our neighboring church choirs. What fun it was to share the sanctuary with nearly 100 folks seeking a vocal recount of the Christmas season.

This joyous experience comes to us through the efforts of many hours of volunteered time and talent of area vocalists and instrumentalist directed by our own Scott Miller, accompanied by Mike Singhbush on the organ, and Jordan Kueneman on the banjo.

Our holiday memory was magnified by the colorful presentation created by culinary artists, an interior designer and scrub monkeys at the kitchen sink. Community spirit and connections were shared for the first time in two years. Thank you to everyone participating and attending.

# Special Christmas Services



Local church choirs joined voices for the glorious return of the annual Cantata.



The Sanctuary never looked more beautiful for our Christmas Eve Service. We were blessed to have "O Holy Night" sung by Doug and Olivia Barton and "Away In The Manger" by Emma Park-Miller and Evelyn Carpenter.

Thank you to all the readers who made the program special.!



Emma Parker Miller and Evelyn Carpenter sing  
"Away in a Manager"

# Good Things are Happening

Welcome back to the sanctuary to long-time members we have missed for many months. We hope it was as big a pleasure to you as it was for those gathered here during Advent.



Mary Young (right) with her mother, Gretchen.



Byron and Nancy Newberry, and Shelly Taylor



## Epiphany

We will celebrate the beginning of Epiphany on Jan. 1.

Epiphany is celebrated on Jan. 6, twelve days after Christmas. It's referred to as the "Kings day" and is believed that is when the wise men found baby Jesus. Epiphany celebrates the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem where they found our Lord. You can pick up your unique, and special "star gift" (a special word just for you) in church on Jan. 1 and 8<sup>th</sup> (or in the church office) After this, they will be mailed to remaining individuals.

## Mitten Tree

From the Mitten Tree, 42 items of mittens/gloves, hats, or combinations of them were collected for distribution to Dryden Central School children needing them.

All were tagged with a note of caring from First Presbyterian Church. Thanks to all for contributing to this witness of our faith in our community.



Mitten Tree

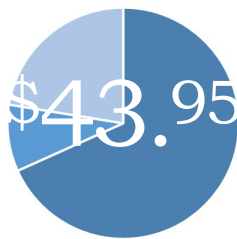
Warm Hands and Hearts

## 2022 Heifer Support Result

The long standing mission effort of our Dryden Presbyterian Church this year in support of Heifer International's work to assist in overcoming hunger and poverty resulted in \$2037.35 being sent to them. And the donation is eligible to be matched at this time so our donation is in effect doubled.

Considering that \$20 gifts a flock of chicks, \$120 gifts a goat, sheep or pig, \$500 gifts a heifer, and \$250 gifts a water buffalo to recipients, along with appropriate training in animal care, this is a good witness of this church responding to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Thanks to all who were able to contribute to this endeavor.

per  
CAPITA



2023

<b>Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Synod of the Northeast</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4.10</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9.85</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>43.95</b>

### What is Per Capita?

Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger denomination to cover the expenses associated with regional and national efforts to enable, encourage, and enhance the ministry of the local church.

*How Can You Help?* Session requests that members contribute \$43.95 above their normal giving to cover their per capita portion. Thank you.

Paying per capita is similar to:

- contributing to a dish-to-share meal
- paying to be connected to the internet
- paying for the benefit of utilities
- pitching in with other passengers to pay for gasoline for a road trip

# Finance and Facilities Report

January through November Operating Results	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget
Pledge Receipts	\$ 84,778	\$ 80,380	\$ 92,629
Non-Pledge & Plate Contributions	5,625	9,106	7,333
Interest, Dividends & Misc Income	5,846	6,169	6,417
Expenses	(96,601)	(117,661)	(130,301)
To Capital, Copier and Piano & Organ Reserve Accounts	(3,300)	(3,300)	(3,300)
From Contributions for 2 Overhead Projectors *	-	1,798	-
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ (3,651)</u>	<u>\$ (23,507)</u>	<u>\$ (27,222)</u>

\* The third projector was contributed by an individual.  
( ) Denotes reduction to Income.

## Operating Results...

January - November Contributions Compared to:	2021	Budget
Pledge	-5%	-13%
Non-Pledge	+16%	-13%
Plate	<u>+175%</u>	<u>+122%</u>
Total	-1%	-10%

Contributions on December 4th were up significantly which should improve the percentages. Expenses continue to be well within the budget. They are ahead of last year for the same two reasons stated last month - the payment to Pastor Hicks for unused vacation and the increased costs of salary & payroll overheads for our new full-time pastor. Based on the budget, net income at the end of the year was expected to be negative \$30,037. However, based on the actual results to date, we expect net income at the end of the year to be about negative \$27,000. The shortfall will be offset with part of the Session Discretionary Reserve.

## Stewardship...

We are coming close to the end of the 2023 stewardship campaign with 4 pledges still outstanding. As of December 20th, 34 pledges totaling 94,610 have been received. 1 is a new pledge, 2 converted from non-pledge to pledge and 31 pledged last year as well. Of the 31 repeat pledgers, 16 increased on average 14%, 1 decreased and 13 remained the same. 36 pledges totaling \$101,050 were received last year. ***Thanks everyone for your continued support.***

## Budget...

Hopefully by the time you read this, all four of the outstanding pledges will be received so that the 2023 budget can be finalized. In addition to pledges, the preliminary budget that was sent out with the stewardship letter will be adjusted to avoid a double count for those who converted from non-pledge to pledge. The budget will also be adjusted for a small change in the Per-Capita-Assessment rate that became known after the preliminary budget was prepared. If any other adjustments are needed, Session will be asked for approval.

## Facilities...

At long last, the large crack in the library wall has been repaired. Work was delayed for over a year due to water infiltration from ice dams on the roof through cracks above the window lintels in the library. Thanks goes to Brad Perkins who had a contractor fill huge voids in the wall between the library and the older part of the church with insulation to reduce heat loss and to Dave Parsons who caulked the cracks above the windows. These steps appear to have stopped the water infiltration.

## DUTIES OF USHERS

(Revised November 2022)

### **BEFORE THE SERVICE:**

Familiarize yourself with this instruction sheet.

Unlock the front and main doors. Turn on all lights in sanctuary and fellowship hall. Sanctuary ceiling lights are on a 6-switch panel on the side wall next to sound system. Ceiling light for the back of the sanctuary is outside sanctuary on wall in bell tower vestibule. Fellowship hall lights are near the coat closet.

Turn on sanctuary fans (only in hot weather): Dial is on sanctuary wall left of west double entry doors. Turn fans on all the way to right (full power), wait a couple seconds, turn back to desired speed.

Bulletins and Hearing Assist Receivers are on back railing.

Candles: About 15 minutes before start of service, light candles on communion table. Matches and butane lighter on ledge with wicker basket.

About 15 minutes before service, ring bell (12 slow short peals). Key on column by sound cabinet. Entry to the bell tower is through the door next to balcony.

Ushering: It is not necessary to usher most people to seats, but if someone needs assistance in finding a seat, please help them. Do not seat people during prayer. Best time is during hymns or announcements. Offer pillows to people who might need them. If someone comes in with a walker, escort them to their seat and then take walker to fellowship hall. Return walker to them at end of service.

If newcomers arrive with small children, offer the crayons and coloring books kept at the back of the sanctuary.

If there is a Prayer of Confession or Assurance of Pardon in the bulletin, fill the pitcher on the sanctuary table half full of water.

### **DURING SERVICE:**

Close sanctuary doors. Lock the front door entrance to the church.

Investigate any not recognized person or disruptive noise in fellowship hall or classrooms. Ushers are responsible for what goes on in the rest of the church during the service. Alert others if you have a concern.

It is up to parents to decide whether crying babies or disruptive children should be taken out.

Take attendance on blue colored form in wicker basket. It is important that the count be accurate. Leave completed form in the wicker basket. Ask the sound/AV tech for the number of people attending on Zoom.

Go forward with collection plates after pastor announces collection & the organ starts playing. Collect from front to back.

Extinguish candles during the last hymn by bringing the taper to the communion table and lighting that wick, then extinguish the two candles and process with taper lit to the back of the sanctuary.

### **AFTER SERVICE:**

Put wicker basket on chair next to sound system for people to recycle bulletins. Be cordial and friendly, invite newcomers to "come again; have a good week."

Make pew racks neat in sanctuary, pick up any debris. Turn off sanctuary lights and fan. Ensure the candles are extinguished. **Ensure that all 7 doors in church are locked. If you aren't the last leaving, make sure someone else will lock doors.**

Return the basket with the used bulletins and attendance sheet on Administrative Assistant's desk. Empty and dry the baptismal font if water was used.

**ANY QUESTIONS?** Ask the person running the sound system.

**Thank You for Ushering!**



# Good Deeds and Meeting Needs

## Kitchen Cupboard

If you know of anyone who needs help with food, let that person know about our cupboard!

There is a box marked in the entrance to the administrative wing for your generous donations.

The Kitchen Cupboard receives donations of canned goods, prepared meals, etc., while financial donations enable the purchase of other necessities: bread, milk, etc.

Thank you all who faithfully fill KC's shelves month after month.

## The Clothing Shed is OPEN!

Please place donations in the following three places: In baskets in The Caring Corner of the Social Room, in the black cupboard in the rear entryway, and in the closet labelled "Clothing Shed Donations" just inside the Administrative Of-



The WEB program delivers approximately 50 bags of food to students in the Dryden School District who are food insufficient. Please donate YooHoo for January. There is a basket in the administrative wing that is labeled WEB for your donations. Thank you.



*It is good to sing*

*God's praises!*

*If you're getting an inner nudge to join the choir, PLEASE DO! The choir, led by Music Director Scott Miller, rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

The Church Life Committee is seeking USHERS for Sunday morning service. If you can help out in this way, sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



# January 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day Epiphany Sunday Ordain/Install	New Year's Day Office Closed		Bulletin Deadline Kitchen Cupboard 5-6	Prayer Shawl 1 Choir 7 pm	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
C Baptism of Lord/Reaffirm Baptism Coffee Hour Remove Decor	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	Quilters 10 am	Bulletin Deadline Kitchen Cupboard 5-6	Annual Report Deadline Choir 7:00 pm Session Motions due	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 Choir	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12 MLK Day	Deacons 6:15 Session 7:00 (Zoom)	Bulletin Deadline Kitchen Cupboard 5-6	Prayer Shawl 1 Choir 7 pm	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30 Choir Annual Meeting Dish to Share	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	Quilters 10 am Newsletter Deadline	Bulletin Deadline Kitchen Cupboard 5-6	Choir 7 pm	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12
29	30	31				
9:30 Choir Fifth Sunday	Kitchen Cupboard 11-12					

Birthdays		Anniversaries
Carol LaPlant 8	Allen Schenck 25	No anniversaries for January
Bailee Cotterill 9	Rylee Cotteril 28	
Jeannine Dodds 14	Jason Carpenter 30	
Jane Bailey 17	Kathlene Gross 31	
Doug Barton	Johanna Mesmer 31	
Nancy Couch 19	Emma Park-Miller 31	
Chuck Uttech 22		



# February 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			Bulletin Deadline KitCupb 5-6	Prayer Shawl 1 Choir 7 pm	Kitch Cupb 11-12	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 Choir	Kitch Cupb 11-12		Bulletin Deadline KitCupb 5-6	Prayer Shawl 1 Choir 7 pm	Kitch Cupb 11-12	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 Choir Coffee Hour	Kitch Cupb 11-12	Quilters 10 am Valentine's Day	Bulletin Deadline KitCupb 5-6	Prayer Shawl 1 Choir 7 pm	Kitch Cupb 11-12	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 Choir Transfig Sun- day Communion	Kitch Cupb 11-12	Deans 6:15 pm Session 7 pm (Zoom)	Ash Wednesday Soup/Salad Sup. Bulletin Deadline KitCupb 5-6	Prayer Shawl 1 Choir 7 pm	Kitch Cupb 11-12	Kitch Cupb 11-12
26	27	28				
9:30 Choir Sun. School	Kitch Cupb 11-12	Quilters 10 am				

Birthdays		Anniversaries
Dean Hicks 4	Anne Perkins 17	No anniversaries for February
Laura Parker 5	Jay Engels 20	
David Parsons 6	Steve Riggs 21	
Tollie Stuprich 6	Janet Hollenbeck 28	

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Join us as we worship the Lord

Worship — 10:30 a.m.  
Fall/Winter Hours

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