



## Dryden Presbyterian Church

November Newsletter  
2018

I am a self-proclaimed foodie. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that I love Thanksgiving! While I, okay we, are permitted to eat and share with family and friends an assortment of delicious and mouth-watering foods, I especially love the message surrounding Thanksgiving. It is a holiday in which we are asked to consider the many blessings we have in our lives. These blessings or riches are evidenced in our families, friendship circles, our good health, our abilities and our monetary resources.

One of my favorite stories, which encapsulates the richness associated with love and the depths that people will go through to demonstrate their love dates is *The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry. For those who don't know or remember the story, allow me to recap. The story takes place during the Christmas Season and chronicles the life of a young married couple, Jim and Della who were struggling financially. Each wanted to buy a Christmas gift for the other and neither had the money to do so. Della decides to buy a pocket watch chain for Jim's pocket watch. While Della didn't have much money, she did have something valuable. She had a beautiful hair, which she cut-off and sold for \$20.00 to purchase the pocket-watch chain. That evening when they exchanged gifts, Della discovered that Jim brought her beautiful hair combs. Della had to confess to Jim that she sold her hair to buy his gift. She gave Jim the chain for his watch and Jim was forced to tell her, he sold his watch to buy her comb. This is a beautiful love story, which reminds us to love lavishly. For when you truly love someone, no cost is too great!

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have the opportunity to participate in the First Presbyterian Church Dryden Stewardship Campaign. The monies pledged during the Stewardship campaign are used to meet the church's' budget for the upcoming year. While we can never repay God for all of his blessings toward us, when we offer our tithes and pledges to the church, we are telling (and showing) God the depth of our love and gratitude for the multitude of ways in which he has blessed us. This cheerful giving is a barometer of how much you are willing to share or sacrifice to the one who gave us everything, including his life.

As an act of obedience and love, please prayerfully consider what you can sacrificially give to ensure that the programmatic and building needs of our church, our church family, the wider Presbyterian Church and world are met.

Appreciatively, Pastor V.

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



#### The Pastor's Schedule:

Pastor Virginia will be in the office Monday through Thursday. She is available for appointments or drop in hours from 9:00 until 12:00. The office number is 844-8321, her cell number is 857-312-7605. Her email address is [pastorviriniadrydenpres@gmail.com](mailto:pastorviriniadrydenpres@gmail.com). If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the church or send her an email. Pastor Virginia checks the church email often.

### Church Information

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from  
9:00 a.m. to noon.

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Clerk of Session: John Scott (844-9206)

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call the church office.



**Sermons on the DPC web site:** Thanks to Frank Brackin,  
you can now listen to sermons on our website.  
Go to <http://www.drydenpres.com>; click on "Listen to  
Worship." If possible, drop Frank an email, letting him  
know that you visited and that the recording worked.  
([fbrackin@me.com](mailto:fbrackin@me.com)).

Federal privacy regulations prevent hospitals  
from giving out the names of people who have  
been admitted. That means that the Pastor  
may not be aware that someone in our church  
family is in the hospital and would like a visit.  
Please call the church office (844-8321) and let  
us know if a church member or friend been  
hospitalized.



## Glimpses of November

November 1 All Saints' Day

November 4 Blue Jean Sunday  
Daylight Saving Time Ends



November 11 Stewardship Sunday  
Veterans Day  
Coffee Hour

November 11 thru November 14 Thanksgiving Basket Assembly

November 15 Thanksgiving Baskets Distributed

November 18 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Church Service 7:00 pm



### November 4 - Blue Jeans Sunday

Our annual Blue Jeans Sunday will be held on November 4th (rain date November 11th). Wear your work clothes to church and stay for a light lunch (please sign up in the fellowship hall so we'll know how many to plan for). After lunch, grab a rake or a leaf blower and help move the leaves to the street for collection. Last year we got an amazing amount done, and had fun in the process!

Can't be there on the 4th? There are other jobs that can be done at your convenience; just check the signup sheet in the fellowship hall and sign up for a task or two.

So bring the whole family along with rakes, gas leaf blowers, tarps and any other equipment you think we'll need.



### Stewardship Sunday

November 11th is Stewardship Sunday.

Please pray for guidance from our Lord about how you can best help our church to continue to provide all of our ministries in 2019.

It would be very helpful if you could please return your card by Stewardship Sunday.

The letter and tentative budget have been out with a return envelope. If you did not receive one please contact the church office.



## TALKING ABOUT JESUS AT HOME

Help Sheets for Parents to Discuss Christ with their Kids

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### THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION:

## What does FORGIVENESS mean?

### Forgiveness:

*Letting go of  
hurts and  
anger to give  
people another  
chance.*

### Scripture

*For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. -- Matthew 6:14-15*

### Quote

*You can't reach for anything new if your hands are still full of yesterday's junk. --Louise Smith*

### Discussion #1:

*Forgiving someone who has wronged you is also called "letting go" of what they did. You have to let go of hurt and anger before good things can happen. What things can you "let go of" that may open you up to more good? What good things follow forgiveness? (Matthew 25:21)*

### Discussion #2:

*Have you ever had trouble forgiving someone? What did that person do to you? Have you ever done that sort of a thing yourself to someone else? (Think about it!) Why is it so easy to see the faults in others but harder to see them in ourselves? (Romans 2:1) Who can you start forgiving, even if you don't feel like it?*



----- Cut-outs for lunchboxes, refrigerator posts, jacket pockets and mirrors! -----

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## Christian Education

Teachers have been busy helping their students learn about Jesus Christ as their Savior. The Jr./Sr. High members participated in an overnight camping trip at the Uttechs. They made a plan of activities and events for the year.

Check out our website for pictures of the Holy-ween event that was held on October 14.

### Live Nativity:

We have providing a Live Nativity skit for the festivities in and around town for the annual Tree Lighting on December 1. A Live Nativity fulfills our mission in sharing the word and love of Christ with the world. We need helpers to make this happen – especially with staging, sound, logistics. Please consider lending a hand. So far we have secured a calf, sheep/lamb, donkey, alpaca (unless someone has a camel!) Please contact Dan Carpenter about how you can help with this special event - there's a job for everyone.

## Talking About God at Home:

Each month we will feature a different topic for parents to use as a guide to keep the conversation, including God, alive at home during the week. Check out this months topic on "Forgiveness". Make sure you read and share the scripture verse with your children:

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:14-15

You can even use the lunch-box reminders as a great tool to send along with them as a gentle reminder in the middle of the day about God's love and care for them. Have fun and talk about God at home! We look forward to seeing your children on Sunday.

In celebration of Thanksgiving, we will not hold Sunday School on Nov. 25th

Watch the Bulletin for the date of the Annual Christmas Pageant in December.



# Holy-Ween

Holy-Ween was a great success.  
The children and adults had a wonderful time.  
The costumes were great!  
Thank you to Christian Education.



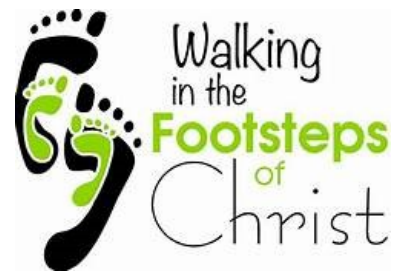
## Book Discussion

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion Group  
November 7th.  
Everyone Welcome!

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 6-7:30 pm.  
First Wednesday of the month.  
Light Supper Provided.



The book this month is  
*"Gift from the Sea"*  
By Anne Morrow Lindbergh



"The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley  
lives to serve and encourage congregations  
as we together seek to be faithful  
in our calling to Jesus Christ."

### The Dryden Clothing Shed

Winter is almost here. Please check your closets for those coats you never wear. You can easily donate them here. You can leave them inside by the administrative door. The shed is open during the same time as the Kitchen Cupboard. If you would like to volunteer hanging and folding clothes please contact Nancy Hicks.

### Sanctuary Flowers

Thank you to all who continue to bring in flowers for the sanctuary. We all appreciate the beauty of God's flowers.



### Kitchen Cupboard

**Thank you to all the volunteers that help in the Kitchen Cupboard. You all are God's hands helping in the feeding of the people. The Kitchen Cupboard receives generous donations of canned goods and fresh vegetables, while financial donations enable the purchase of other necessities: bread, milk and meat. Thank you to all who faithfully fill KC's shelves month**

### WEB –Weekend Backpack Program

Your donations are making a difference in the lives of Dryden's neediest youngsters. Food is sent home each Friday in their backpacks for the week-end. These children otherwise might not have anything to eat until Monday at school. **In November we are collecting 4oz pudding cups.** Donations can be left in the administrative wing, in the box marked WEB.

### Thanksgiving Baskets

In mid-November enough food and funds from area churches and organizations will be collected to make up over a 100 Thanksgiving baskets. These will be given to families in the area who could not otherwise afford a traditional Thanksgiving meal, or in some cases, any meal at all.

You can help !

Here is a list of needed food items:

Turkey gravy  
Stuffing mix  
Canned yams  
Cranberry sauce  
Puddings  
Quick bread mixes  
Canned pumpkin  
Piecrust mix  
Canned Vegetables

If you prefer, a monetary donation can be made. Checks are made out to Dryden Kitchen Cupboard, earmarked "Thanksgiving Baskets"

## Poinsettia Order Form 2018

If you would like to order a poinsettia for the **Christmas Service** please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church no later than Sunday, November 25, 2018. Regretfully, late orders cannot be processed.

Remember to include payment in cash or check made out to **Dryden Agway.**

### Please Print All Names

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ plants at **\$5.50 each** (for a 6 1/2 -inch pot).

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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I will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas Service.

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Please deliver my poinsettia to any shut-in or to \_\_\_\_\_.



## *Helping Hands*

Interested in knowing what it is like to be deployed with the Red Cross to a disaster area? MJ Uttech will be speaking at United Presbyterian Church of Cortland on Thursday evening, November 8th at a dish-to-pass dinner. Dinner is at 6 and the talk is from 6:45 to 7:30. Everyone is welcome.



**American  
Red Cross**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** is offering immediate aid to the communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. This joins responses already underway for those impacted by Hurricane Florence, Typhoon Mangkhut, and other international disasters that have suffered a lack of media coverage.

Hurricane Michael struck the Florida panhandle with devastating winds and storm surge, causing loss of life. The storm then cut a path across the southeast, moving through the same areas impacted by Hurricane Florence just a few weeks ago.

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries. Emergency aid, assistance in the development of a short-term response plan, as well as a ministry of presence will be the priorities of the initial response.

Meanwhile, areas impacted by Mangkhut and Florence have received aid and support through the gifts of Presbyterians like you. In humility, with God and your continued support, we will continue to help draw hope out of the chaos, together.



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## Poinsettia Order Form







### HIGH TEA SOCIAL --- JUST FOR FUN!

What has 56 hands, a voracious appetite and sometimes wears a hat?

The answer is the 28 ladies who assembled on Saturday, October 2018 in the church social room, fashionably attired and eager to greet friends over a “cuppa”. We are known for our penchant of loving Our Lord and one another, being workers dedicated to the ministry of Christ by spreading His word throughout the community and through mission projects benefitting local families and those afar, but this was a rare occasion to just have fun!

Co-committee chairmen, Joan Watros and Gretchen Young, gathered their dedicated forces to provide three courses of appetizers, finger sandwiches and desserts. All were served on borrowed family china, silver and linens. Assistance was given by Jeanine Scott, Mary Ann Pearce, Karen Cotterill, Phyllis Byrn, Jan Hollenbeck, Mary Jane Uttech, Sue Bahny, McKayla Macomber, Linda Nydam, Nancy Couch, Dottie Slocum, Michelle Brackin, Millie Tull, Johanna Mesmer, Joyce Day, Gale Conway and Connie Walker.

Rev. Virginia Coakley offered a blessing and shared a poem, “God Invited Me to Tea”. Rylee Cotterill assisted with the selection of a door prize. We were delighted to send home a 1000 piece puzzle of “tea pots” with Nancy Mattice visiting from Texas. Applause and thanks rounded out our afternoon social when Gretchen Young announced that Sue Bahny would assume the role as Chairperson of the Presbyterian Women after her own decades of service. Thank you for your longtime dedication, Gretchen Young!



### Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service  
here at the Presbyterian Church  
November 18th at 7 pm.  
We will be hosting other churches from the area for  
this wonderful service.



Kevin Ashman Nov. 6  
 Matt Parsons Nov. 8  
 Lindsay White Nov. 8  
 Shane Brackin Nov. 13  
 Bill Bailey Nov. 15  
 Camilla Clough Nov. 15  
 Kim Barton Nov. 17  
 Marvin McHerron Nov. 23  
 Mike Singbusch Nov. 26  
 Cameron Park-Miller Nov. 27

#### **November 4: Daylight Savings ends**

Please remember to turn your clock back 1 hour!



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Do you have a special celebration coming up or one that took place recently that can be announced in a future newsletter?

Please call (844-8321) or e-mail (drydenpresoffice@gmail.com) the church office, so your church family can share in the



#### **Autumn Reflections**

With early Autumn come the days  
 I love the best of all,  
 When sunlight gilds the landscape with  
 The mellow light of Fall.  
 October's trees don leaves of gold,  
 Bright red and amber, too;  
 No pirate's treasure chest could boast  
 Jewels of so rare a hue.  
 The harvest has been gathered in,  
 Vineyards their riches yield;  
 In little sheltered gardens, one  
 Last rose may be revealed.  
 I love to see the roadside stands  
 That offer up their treats...  
 Pumpkin and juicy apples, grapes  
 And cider, sharp and sweet.  
 October and November bring  
 Thanksgiving days when we,  
 In church and home, gather to join  
 With friends and family,  
 To thank God for the blessings He  
 So graciously bestows:  
 May we never take for granted  
 The freedoms that we know.


Alice Christianson

#### **Newsletter Articles**

Please have announcements for the  
 December newsletter  
 in the church office by  
**8:00 a.m. November 12th.**  
**Early deadline for Thanksgiving.**



**Reminder:** Please submit any announcements for the weekly church bulletin by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. The bulletins are printed Thursday morning.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				<b>1</b> <b>All Saints' Day</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 <b>WEB</b> Choir 7:00	Church Office Closed  KC 11-12	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Youth and Adult Sunday School /Choir 9:30 Worship 10:30 <b>Blue Jean Sunday</b>	<b>5</b> KC 11-12	<b>6</b> <b>Election Day</b>	<b>7</b> Bulletin items due KC 5-6	<b>8</b> Choir 7:00	<b>9</b> Church office Closed  KC 11-12	<b>10</b>
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Let us remember that November 11th is Veterans Day



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Join us as we worship the Lord

Worship — 10:30 a.m.