Dryden Presbyterian Church
Dryden, NY

Church Newsletter October, 2021

"The celebration of the Lord's Supper is not about approaching with the right thoughts and feelings. It's all about embracing Jesus Himself" – from *The Seedbed Daily Text*

What is the most valuable piece of furniture in your home? Isn't it your dinner table? Perhaps your table is an antique that you purchased at a garage sale or an heirloom passed down from grandparents. Maybe it's a modern table fashioned by some famous furniture designer. Then again, it may be just a small metal table with four wobbly legs. Whatever the case, your supper table is still the most precious piece of furniture in your house, isn't it? Your dinner table is a meeting place, a place where you can pause and be refreshed in the company of others. It is the one spot where everyone can stop the busyness of life for a moment and share food and fellowship.

How appropriate and meaningful that our Lord Jesus chose a "table" as a means of remembering and drawing closer to Him. Around the table of communion the Christian family can gather to break bread and share the cup. At the table we can allow the serenity of God to touch and renew our lives, strengthening us as individuals and as a family of faith in Christ.

On the first Sunday of this month, you and I are invited to come to church and share in a special way the sacrament of Holy Communion. We share communion not just with our neighbors in the greater Dryden area, but in the same twenty-four hour period with millions of other Christians throughout the world. On Sunday, October 3 at our 10:30 a.m. service we celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday. Accenting the occasion, we will experience a "pentecost" of tongues and languages.

See you at communion!

– Jim Hicks (temporary pastor)

Church Contacts

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

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Chair of Deacons: Connie Walker

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

January through August Operating Results	2020 Actual	2021 vs 2020	2021 Actual	Actual vs Budget	2021 Budget
Contributions	$ 60,394	$ 6,691	$ 67,085	$ (5,515)	$ 72,600
Other Receipts	4,811	7,955	12,766	8,099	4,667
Budgeted Operating Expenses	(66,277)	(1,995)	(68,272)	3,497	(71,769)
Non-Budgeted Expenses	(594)	562	(32)	(32)	-
To / From Reserve Accounts	(2,400)	16	(2,383)	17	(2,400)
Net Income	**$ (4,066)**	$13,229	**$ 9,163**	$ 6,066	**$ 3,097**

( ) denotes reduction to Income.

Stewardship Sunday…

Sunday, **November 7th** has been designated as **Stewardship Sunday**. Please look for a letter to arrive in the latter half of October which will include the tentative budget and pledge card for 2022. ***It is extremely important that pledges be returned by November 7th so that the Session and the Pastor Nominating Committee know what giving can be counted on to support a new pastor.***

Blue Jeans Sunday…

Sunday, **November 7th** has been designated as **Blue Jeans Sunday** (Rain Date Nov 14th). Please attend Church in your "Sunday best" blue jeans. We'll have a light lunch (***Covid-permitting***) after the morning service and then enjoy fellowship as we clean up the building & grounds in preparation for winter. If you still feel uncomfortable attending services inside, please join the service from home by Zoom and then join the crew outside. A sign-up list for various projects will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Bring rakes, tarps, blowers or whatever tools that you might need. Hopefully we will see you on the 7th but if you are busy that day, feel free to work on your project some other day before the 7th. **Please be sure to bring your mask and keep a social distance from others not in your household. Also, for those attending the service in person, please wear your work clothes so you won't have to change clothes at the church.** Thanks So Much!

At A Glance

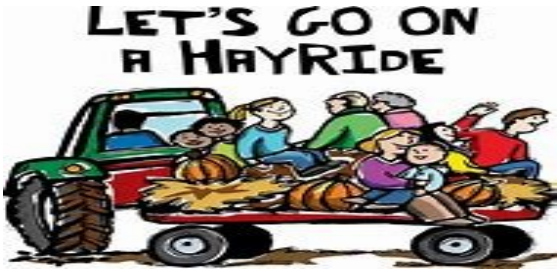
October 3 - World Communion

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God's house.

October 11 - Columbus Day

October 23 - Hayride at the Carpenters 4 p.m.

If you are able to bring chili, corn bread, green salad or beverage , sign up on the list in the fellowship hall or let Brenda know (btc62020@outlook.com).



October 31 - Heifer International

Heifer International is a development organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training .
There will be inserts in the bulletins starting October 17th.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

October 31 - Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday

Dryden Presbyterian Church
COVID Safety Plan
(5/20/21)

"We had a good friendship and walked together to God's Temple."
-Psalm 55:14

We welcome and encourage individuals to come and worship with us in person.

The COVID Safety Plan has been approved by Session.

- If anyone does not feel well or has any COVID symptoms, he should worship with us on zoom.
- We returned to a one-hour service on Sunday, May 30, 2021.
- Attendance is limited to the number of individuals in compliance with current CDC and Tompkins County Health Dept. guidelines; currently 6' of distance between non-related individuals is recommended.
- Every other pew will remain identified as "not for use."
- An identified usher will keep attendance. This will be used for contact tracing if necessary.
- Individuals will use hand sanitizer (stations provided) upon entering and leaving the church.
- Face masks will be worn by everyone when entering and moving about the church; fully vaccinated individuals can remove their masks when seated in the sanctuary and while singing.
- The choir will return! Members will distance themselves as much as possible; fully vaccinated members will not need to wear masks when singing. Unvaccinated individuals should sing with masks on.
- Social distancing of 6' will be required at all times.
- Coffee hours will resume on May 30; watch the bulletin and newsletters for future dates:

  the coffee and snack table will be set up in Fellowship Hall;
  chairs will be set up outside on the lawn (weather permitting) for people to gather and socialize;
  disposable tableware will be used;
  individuals must maintain social distancing of 6 feet while socializing;
  all food will be touchless self-serve;
  table tops will be sprayed and wiped down **after** use.

- Spray bottles are provided in the bathrooms; hard surfaces, including door handles, counters, toilet seats and faucet handles are to be sprayed/wiped down after use.
- Masks should be worn by all individuals entering the church through the office area and while moving about; fully vaccinated individuals may remove their masks when alone in the office or sitting.
- This safety plan will be revised as policies and recommendations from the CDC and the Tompkins County Health Department change.
- Simply be safe. While God is in control, we all can take steps to be happy and healthy and to keep our fellow church family members safe. Thank you.

Just a Note

Monday, May 17, 1971. Oddly enough the next time the 1971 calendar would be reusable would be 2021, well, except for the placement of Easter. "Joy to the World" by Three Dog Night, was the number 1 song. For my part, I was in 7th grade, wandering the halls of what is now the DeWitt Building in Ithaca and probably more concerned with what my friends were thinking than I was in what my teachers were saying.

Also notable was the opening night of *Godspell*, at the 99-seat Cherry Lane Theatre in Greenwich Village. It had been conceived and "written" by John-Michael Tebelak with new music by Stephen Schwartz. "Written" because, for the most part, the script was improvisational in its original conception. It's an interesting script to look at in that there are very few assigned lines and specific stage directions given; improvisation filled the rest.

Of the 15 musical numbers in the show, 16 after adding "Beautiful City" for the movie released in 1973, 6 have their origins as established hymn texts and another 5 have texts based on scripture. Tebelak, either Episcopalian or simply having access to their hymnal, had taken texts from *The Episcopal Hymnal 1940*:

"Save the People": *Episcopal Hymnal 1940*, no. 496
"Day by Day": *E. Hymnal, no. 429* (from Richard of Chichester)
"Bless the Lord": E*. Hymnal, no. 293* (adaptation from Psalm 103)
"All Good Gifts": *E. Hymnal* no. 138
"Turn Back, O Man": *E. Hymnal* no. 536
"We Beseech Thee": *E. Hymnal* no. 229-231

Alas, only "Day by Day" has made it into our current hymnal, #55. Most of these, in their original forms, have fallen out of use due to dated language and tunes that have fallen out of popularity. "We beseech Thee" has 24 verses and 3 different tunes which probably accounts for its absence. The verses are remarkably short; but still of 24 verses, it's not a surprise that Tebelak only used 8 of these.

What is the important or critical characteristic of a hymn? I would have to admit that what is most likely going to sway my likes and dislikes here is the tune. A tune that I like sticks with me and as a result the words just seem to go along for the ride. I'll remember the words because I like the tune much sooner than I'll remember the tune because the words grab my attention. Not ideal, perhaps, but there it is, the reality of the human mind. What if we took the great words that are stuck with mediocre tunes and sang them to better tunes? Remember the Metrical Index? Oh, that could be fun…and lasting…and save a great text from being forgotten. - - -Scott Miller

HAYRIDE AT CARPENTER'S FARM
Saturday, October 23, 4 P.M.

Come out to Carpenters (2265 Dryden Rd.) for an evening of food, fun and fellowship on Saturday, October 23. We'll start with a fun hayride up past the solar field to "observation hill"! A Chili dinner and bonfire with songs and s'mores will follow. If you are able to bring chili, corn bread, green salad, or beverage, sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall or let Brenda know (btc62020@outlook.com). Gather any time after 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two.

This activity is being planned to include all ages. Plan to bring your spouse, kids, grandkids, grandparents, neighbor and mother-in-law.

November 7 - Church Cleaning Day-Blue Jeans Sunday

Our annual Blue Jeans Sunday will be held on November 7th .

Can't be there on the 7th? 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.

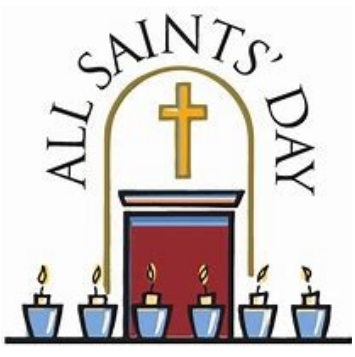
Stewardship Sunday is November 7th

A letter and tentative budget will be mailed to members and friends in mid-October. It is important that pledges be returned early this year so that the Session and the PNC have that information as part of the search for a new pastor.

All Saint's Day

All Saints' Sunday will be on Sunday, November 7th.

The Memorial Book will be placed in the Social Hall October 17th. Pease sign the book if you would like to have your loved one honored.



Remembering Jan Hollenbeck

The Church Life committee would like to report that we shared fond memories of our departed committee member, Jan Hollenbeck, at our first meeting in the church since the beginning of the Covid pandemic. We remember Jan for her quick humor, loyal attendance, secret provider of kitchen necessities, and author of our Emergency Prayer Tree. For several years our church family shared our prayers for the survival of her dear little great-grandson, Levi, born prematurely, weighing less than 2 pounds. We know she smiles down from Heaven, praising God for the fine, healthy boy he is growing into since his birth in April 2018.

Jan's Memorial service is scheduled in our sanctuary with CDC regulations for Saturday, September 25, at 2 p.m. Watch for notice of a change of venue, if required, to Perkins Funeral Home.

Submitted by Chuck Nydam

Mission statement of Dryden Presbyterian Church: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

First Presbyterian Church of Dryden has a history of supporting Heifer International as a mission project beyond our locality for several years. We, Chuck and Linda Nydam, have been involved with Heifer for even longer and have been fortunate to have visited sites of Heifer working to help alleviate hunger and poverty and consequently have been privileged to share our experiences with the congregation to show how support of heifer can be an effective way to witness our Christian faith. We have customarily done a promotion in church in February, involving for the past few years the youth providing a free-will soup and salad lunch after worship service. This year owing to the corona virus that was not able to be done. Rather than let it totally pass, the Session has decided to provide us an opportunity to continue our Heifer support with an emphasis on the mission in October, culminating with an offering on Sunday, October 31, 2021. There will be along with an abbreviated, but hopefully worthy, presentation during the morning worship that day without contributions from a luncheon.

Heifer is currently working in 21 countries on the premise that everyone deserves a life free from hunger and poverty. Started in 1944 by The Church of the Brethren, initially the program supplied heifers to individuals with the understanding that the first offspring would be passed on to another needy parson in the community and this was to be continued as a pattern, allowing a recipient to become a donor, thereby gaining self-esteem and strengthening the community. Use of animal agriculture and passing on the gift remain hallmarks of the program, even as time and experience has changed Heifer's approach. For instance, animals are now sourced more locally rather than shipped long distances. Increased emphasis has been placed on empowering women, particularly as they are often more involved in working small farms and are often more willing to join a program. Providing assistance with marketing of farm products enable people to better lift themselves and their community out of poverty. Some Heifer programs have seen the need for cultivating financial assistance to deserving groups while others bring technology to farmers and farm groups. The Heifer organization also partners with other organizations in the field to attain common goals.

Since we are not doing a usual presentation about Heifer, we would in its stead like to offer some random observations of Heifer in the field from our Heifer Study Tour trips. Examples follow:

In Cambodia-we brought vaccine and participated in a rabies clinic; we saw a community member develop special expertise in supplying proper feed mixes to Heifer-supplied pigs; we visited a small dairy feeding freshly cut green corn plants to its milking animals.

In Thailand- we saw a village supplied pigs and fish from Heifer, as well as water buffalo (though is was pointed out there was now also a preferred "iron buffalo" tractor in one village!).

In Peru-we gathered under a few available trees in a dry country while the village assembled for a program in which they presented charts delineating the goat gifts from their origin through their descendants being passed on; there were horses and carts Heifer supplied so the same village could haul distant water home; there were improved outside vented stoves Heifer helped develop so occupants of a home could have healthier inside air; we saw in the mountains cell phones in use so llama and alpaca owners could better market the fibers of their improved stock from their remote location; we went to a ceremony honoring participants who had completed a Heifer originated course

on animal health and found ourselves not in the back of the room but up front looking at the class and guests while we took pictures of them and -surprise-several of them took pictures of us.

In Uganda- we visited a successful larger dairy whose owners had prospered after Heifer help; we stayed overnight where there were 2 Heifer cows supplying home and neighbor milk; we saw a cooperative aided by Heifer that properly collected and cooled milk for bulk sale at better prices; we participated in 2 passing on the gift ceremonies, one with goats, and one with dairy cows; we had one couple at a Heifer-assisted farm with chickens drop to their knees in front of us and thank us-Heifer-for help received; we observed small manure digesters that supplied methane gas for cooking or lighting to homes.

It has been enjoyable to recall part of some of what we saw of Heifer doing its thing and we are always willing to share and expand on our observations. From our experiences we were reminded of our common humanity, that we are all children of the same God and we journey together. Noted also was that although some people may lack resources and some teaching once these are provided they can make great advances in bettering themselves and their communities. Profound gratitude for Heifer's assistance was repeatedly expressed to us and we pass that on to all who have supported Heifer.

There is more information about Heifer programs and leadership to be found on their website, heifer.org. Of many organizations that aim to help our fellow humans out of hunger and poverty, we have with our background in agriculture found this to be a good fit for us. We hope that you of this congregation can continue to support Heifer as well with a donation to a special offering on October 31. Checks can be made to this church with a note to designate it for Heifer. Special offering envelopes will be in the bulletin for those attending church use that day or they can be mailed to the church.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Ch. 25, in answering questions about responding to Jesus when He was in need, including hungry, Jesus says in verse 40, "Truly *I tell you, that just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* So may we heed His words.

Chuck and Linda Nydam, Co-leaders for Heifer International mission project

October Birthday's

Mary Hicks 7
Christi LaPlant 9
Lee Ann Parker 9
Kathi White 16
Chris Baurle 17
Piers Bramham 19
Brian Cooper 20
Christopher Taylor 21
Darcy Riggs 23
Peter Nydam 30

Bryon and Nancy Newbury
October 27, 1962

Pastor Jim,
We are glad you are here and thank you for all that you do!

To the many who were able to come to Mom's service and the many who sent their condolences. We are thankful. My Mom loved coming to church when she was able and cherished all of you.
Now she is singing with the angels.
- - - Cheryl Chapman (daughter)

Autumn Is on the Way

I'm getting rather anxious;
Autumn is surely on the way,
As frost is scattered lightly
And it's getting cooler every day.

I anticipate all of the beauty
She will bring with her to share.
The hills will all be painted
With brilliant colors everywhere.

Red and golden leaves are sure
To captivate my heart.
The earth will soon be set aflame,
What beauty they will impart.

There is a stir of excitement
That seems to be in the air.
I am filled with anticipation
Waiting for Autumn's colorful flare.

So hurry please, dear Autumn.
I'm waiting patiently for you,
To see your array of colors
And the brilliant sky of blue.

There are so many wonders
That God sends in the autumntime.
I feel I might explode with joy . . .
And to think they are yours and mine.

Shirley H. Powell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Church office closed KC 11-12	2
3 **World Communion** Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom	4 KC 11-12	5	6 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	7 Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00 Choir 7:00 p.m.	8 Church office closed KC 11-12	9
10 Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom	11 **Columbus Day** KC 11-12	12 Quilters 10:00 Finance 7:00	13 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	14 Choir 7:00 p.m.	15 Church office closed KC 11-12	16
17 **Heifer International** Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom	18 KC 11-12	19 Deacons 6:30 Session 7:00	20 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	21 Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00 Choir 7:00 p.m.	22 Church office closed KC 11-12	23 **4 p.m. Carpenters**
24 **Heifer International** Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom	25 **November Newsletter Items Due** Kc 11-12	26 Quilters 10:00	27 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	28 Choir 7:00 p.m.	29 Church office closed KC 11-12	30 KC 11-12
31 Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom **Reformation Sunday.** **Heifer International.** **Halloween**	KC= Kitchen Cupboard					