

Dryden Presbyterian Church
Dryden, NY



Church
Newsletter 2021

"Only he who sees the invisible can do the impossible."
-- Ruth DeJong

"We do not lose heart...because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen, for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:16-18).

Have you listened to the news lately? Not much to cheer about, is there? The epidemic of Covid 19 and its Delta variant, the fall of Kabul to the Taliban, our southern border overrun, rising oil prices! There's enough bad news to make you want to sleep like Rip Van Winkle for the next twenty years.

I suppose if we set our course by what we see around us, we would be pretty discouraged. Positive signs are few and far between. But as Christians "we do not lose heart" (2 Cor. 4:1). Why should we be cowered by the events around us? We have been given hope, life, confidence! Our hope is in Christ, who said, "Fear not: I am the first and the last; I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore!" (Rev. 1:18).

The times in which we live, as all times, are in God's hands. As individuals, as church members, and as citizens of this nation, we recognize that God rules our world and that God's purposes must ultimately prevail. God indeed is sovereign, and He has the last word.

So let us lift up our heads and look to those things which are invisible:
to God's love which sustains, to God's power that works within,
and to God's mercy which reconciles and renews.

Looking to Jesus – Jim Hicks (temporary pastor)

Sunday Sermons Soon:

September 12 – "Don't believe in Fairy Tales" (I John 1:1-10) -- Communion

The Labor Weekend Sunday sermon, September 3, is "Why Celebrate Work?"

September 19 – "The Spirit of Anti-Christ" (I John 2:18-29)

The theme of other sermons during September is "**BASIC BELIEF!**"

September 26 – "He Won't Leave Us Alone" (I John 3:1-3, 11-14, 23-24)



Church Contacts

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

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**Our
Church
Mission**

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

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 has been hospitalized.



Information for the **October newsletter** should be in the church office by Monday, September 20, 2021.

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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.

Safety Plan



Welcome Back Rev. Jim Hicks

We welcome Rev. Jim Hicks back to our family this morning after a four-year absence. Jim earned his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve and his Master's degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. He gained pastoral service in New York City, Cortland, Elmira and many local churches. Jim and Mary have three children and seven grandchildren scattered between Spain, Texas, and Ohio. Mary is currently engaged in a teaching position at a local church two Sundays a month. We may have to save our greetings for her in the weeks to come.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

This last year has provided our church with many challenges. The COVID 19 pandemic is surely responsible for many of them.

However, blessings have followed.

The services of our Administrative Assistant Arlene Krebs have continued with professional grace and reliability despite the trauma of medical issues of her husband, Jim. She has remained at her desk while others worked safely from home.

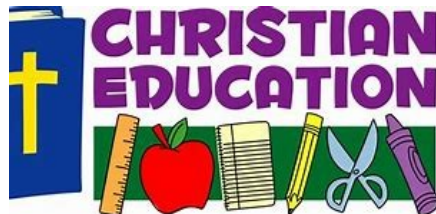
Session has voted to continue her salary while she focuses on Jim's needs. A recorded message on the church phone will alert you as to office hours which may be erratic. Donations to Arlene (non-tax deductible) may be made in the offering plate or by mail to

Dryden Presbyterian Church, PO Box 42,
Dryden ,NY 13053. Memo notation: "Arlene"



A big thank-you to everyone who contributed to Arlene and Jim Krebs. Our church family has always stepped up in times of need. We have donated over \$3,200 to help the Krebs family. There is an ongoing need to help and additional donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church at P.O. Box 42, Dryden, NY 13053.

Checks should be made out to the church. Thank you.



The Christian Education Committee has decided to postpone the start of in-person Sunday School until the first of the year. In the meantime, watch for some special Children Messages during the service. Our hope is to find new families to join in, have a safe physical environment which will provide the loving support, teaching, and spiritual guidance our youngest members deserve. We are looking for individuals to help with this effort; and if you feel called, please contact Brenda:
btc62020@outlook.com or 229-0648

Fall Fun – Hayride and Bonfire

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. Please sign up to bring chili, corn bread, green salad or beverage. You may sign up in the Fellowship Hall or by letting Brenda know personally: (btc62020@outlook.com).

Gather anytime after 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two.



Come and join in for
S'more fun!





LESSONS FROM A SUNFLOWER

While roses represent romance, sunflowers represent happiness!

Just because you start out a certain way does not mean you will end up that way. A sunflower starts as a seed. It is small, not with the most attractive color and gives no hint of special ability.

Look toward the sun. Flowers will turn toward the sun. We, too, should look up instead of down, seeking the positive in our lives.

There are different types, and that's all right. Sunflowers come in different varieties shades, heights and more. It is variety that makes life so interesting. Take the time to appreciate it.

Give yourself room to grow. Sunflowers grow at their own pace; they need room to do it. They need enough space and sunlight to blossom to their full potential.

Live in community. While individual plants need a little distance, each sunflower is made up of many tiny flowers, one around each seed. When we live in community with each other, we see that we are better and stronger together than when we are alone.

Give to others. Even though a sunflower is beautiful, we adore it because of its ability to be useful and to give nourishment. People have many gifts, talents and resources. Strive to use these to feed and enrich others.

Just a Note

In *Webster's Third New International Dictionary, vol. II* ©1986, the definition of music takes up 2 7/8". I'm going to spare everyone the recitation. The online dictionary (*Oxford Languages*) is a little bit more succinct:

mu·sic /'myōōzik/ *noun*

1.vocal or instrumental sounds (or both) combined in such a way as to produce beauty of form, harmony, and expression of emotion.

"couples were dancing to the music"

2.the written or printed signs representing vocal or instrumental sound.

"Tony learned to **read music**"

Wikipedia is pretty good:

Music is the art of arranging sounds in time to produce a composition through the elements of melody, harmony, rhythm, and timbre. It is one of the universal cultural aspects of all human societies.

I am going to use my own definition:

Music is the art of sound.

What I like about my definition is that it truly opens wide the doors of possibilities. Anything that involves sound could be music. Now, here I do begin to modify and clarify my definition a little bit. Just as with visual art such as painting, sculpture, etc., an organizational plan should be in place, even if that organizational plan is chaos. I also believe that not every piece of music is necessarily going to be pleasing to everyone.

So, that's a little bit of how I look at music. No, don't worry, I'm not going to start introducing really weird stuff...today. I am, however, going to share with you one of my best loved pieces of music. It will most likely sound familiar even if the title isn't familiar. I've found several versions, each with a different arrangement ranging from the original, to bells, to steel drums and all the way to 1972 rock and roll. Yes, it was the rock version that first caught my attention. The links can be hard to type in but searching for the title and performer can get the same results.

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Ton Koopman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUo7tQOvapE>

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Voices8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Df7f_BLU8

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Haven Quartet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsvw6me8PLU>

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Celtic Women

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPeVluRjUi4>

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Per-Olov Kindgren

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBrCa6GXzrU>

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Handbell Quartet

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8qbFphKJr0&list=RDH8qbFphKJr0&start_radio=1&rv=H8qbFphKJr0&t=0)

[v=H8qbFphKJr0&list=RDH8qbFphKJr0&start_radio=1&rv=H8qbFphKJr0&t=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8qbFphKJr0&list=RDH8qbFphKJr0&start_radio=1&rv=H8qbFphKJr0&t=0)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Steel Drums

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kze9Zlv0FKQ>

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Trinidadian Steel Band

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkiNSvwbBTA>

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Electrotranscriptions

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_hgxqqdtQc

Joy, Apollo 100

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FibrO568UcE>

--- Scott Miller

The Church Life Committee is hopeful that you will begin to volunteer for USHERING on a Sunday morning now that more folks are in attendance.

Hats off to Gale Conway for “carrying the torch” most Sundays during the last six months.
The sign-up sheet is in the Social Room.



Exercise Program

A group of our church members meets every Monday and Thursday mornings on Zoom for an exercise program focused on building bone strength. If you would like to join us, please contact MJ Uttech at mju50@frontier.com.

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 hours that the kitchen cupboard are open are Monday and Friday 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday 5 to 6 p.m., and the last Saturday of the month, 11 a.m. to noon.



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 Office bathroom.
Thank for your clean and much-needed donations.



The Jan Hollenbeck family.

Dawn Horner

Dave Gross

Bob Sincerbeaux

Jim Krebs



The Flower Committee would appreciate your help to provide artificial flowers in the sanctuary for a period of one month, until the church can be fully opened. August is taken care of. Please sign on the Flower Calendar if you can assist. Thank you.
The Flower Committee
Chair Joan Watros



Fall Worship Service Time Change

Please note that the Sunday service time will change from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on September 12, 2021. Sunday School will begin in January 2022.

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.



Please sign in when entering the church and remember to sign out when you leave.
The sheet is on the table in the entrance way.

Thank You!

The reason for the sign-in sheet is to track visitors in case of an COVID-19 positive individual. The Health Department can then trace and contact people who may have been in contact with such an individual.



September

Alexandra Lamey	6
McKenna Macomber	15
Heidi Nydam	17
Michelle Hammond	28



SEPTEMBER

DAVE AND CAROL ROBINSON
 9/25/76
 EVAN AND BRENDA CARPENTER
 9/22/79
 JIM AND ARLENE KREBS
 9/12/87

Living Treasures

I have sunlight on my shoulders
 With bright blue skies ahead.
 And bluebirds sang a song for me
 while I was still in bed.
 There's a hint of spice and cinnamon
 brought by the morning breeze,
 And there's a touch of red and gold
 Appearing in the trees.

Days are growing shorter now
 And nights can bring a chill.
 The squirrels are hiding acorns
 In the woods beside the mill.
 Mom's making apple cider
 And filling mason jars.
 September nights have been so clear
 You can see a million stars!

It's harvest time upon the earth,
 A time for giving thanks,
 For these, the living treasures,
 We never find in banks.
 God showers us with blessing
 Sometimes great, sometimes small...
 And for these, the living treasurers,
 We praise Him for them all!

Clay Harrison



This note cannot express all my gratitude
 for the prayers and generous financial help
 you have given to Arlene and me.
 I have been diagnosed with lung cancer,
 which has spread to the lining of my heart.
 Further testing is being done to help
 compile a treatment plan.
 Thank you for supporting Arlene during this
 very difficult time.

Yours in Christ, Jim Krebs

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bulletin items due Nominating Committee 7:00 KC 5-6	2 Choir 7:00	3 Church office closed KC 11-12	4
5 Worship 10:00 In-person and Zoom Church Life Committee 11:15 am	6 LABOR DAY  Office Closed	7	8 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	9 Bible Study 10:00 Choir 7:00	10 Church office closed KC 11-12	11
12 In-person and Zoom Worship 10:30 Communion  <p>Remember... Worship time has changed</p>	13 KC 11-12	14 Quilters 10:00 Finance 7:00 Zoom	15 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	16 Knitters 1:00 Choir 7:00	17 Church office closed KC -11-12	18
19 Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom	20 <u>October newsletter items due</u> KC 11-12	21 Deacons 6:30 Session 7:00	22 Bulletin items due  KC 5-6	23 Choir 7:00	24 Church office closed KC 11-12	25 Memorial Service Jan Hollenbeck 2:00 pm KC 11-12
26 Worship 10:30 In-person And Zoom Congregational Meeting 11:30	27 KC 11-12	28 Quilters 10:00	29 Bulletin items due KC 5-6	30 Choir 7:00		

KC=Kitchen Cupboard