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**Special points of interest:**

- Adult Crafts First Saturday of the Month 10 am–2 pm
- Annual Pig Roast Saturday, October 12th
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection October 27th, November 24th, December 22nd
- Session Mtg October 15th, November 12th, December 10th
- Turn Clocks Back November 3rd!



# Session Update

## Session Highlights – Second Quarter

We continue to move toward the 2020 painting of the church. There were questions about the process presented to the contractor. The response was thorough and acceptable. The contractor has experience with many historic buildings, with both exterior and interior work.

We are considering other projects – sanctuary roof replacement, energy efficient windows for the chapel, and improvement of storage facilities in general.

We hosted the ecumenical First Friday prayer service in June.

The service at Hedges Lake will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, with a covered dish picnic.

The Sunday afternoon movie series will begin again in September.

On June 1, the Presbytery met at Hebron United. A candidate for ministry was questioned and approved for ordination. He will serve the Korean congregation.

The nominating committee will be meeting to add two people to Session. Please consider serving this congregation.

Membership rolls are being reviewed to be sure we are accurate. This is done annually.

Session will meet again in August, skipping July, unless we have an urgent need to meet.

## Session Highlights – Third Quarter

Session had a summer break, with no meeting in July. Even without a scheduled meeting we are able to call a special meeting if there is a specific need.

August and September meetings were busy, and maybe a bit longer than usual to make up for the lack of a July meeting.

We had two Baptisms at the lake at our annual lakeside service and luncheon. That occasion is “extra special” when there are Baptisms. The service and fellowship is always a good time for all. Thanks to Jane for the use of the pavilion.

We are in need of organ repairs and are seeking several quotes for that need. We need to plan for the replacement of the sanctuary piano as well. The cost to repair exceeds the value of the instrument.

The sound system at church will be updated in September, to comply with new FCC regulations. Once this is done the lapel microphone will again function.

Members of the McNish family gathered here from various geographic locations to see our building. They enjoyed seeing the sanctuary, the historical documents on display. Members represented several generations since the McNish family occupied a pew. They had their photos taken in the family pew, and they all vowed to return again for a visit.

We had a review of our portfolio with bank representatives at our September meeting. Although we have had to support our ministry with large withdrawals, the state of the market and the economy have been an advantage for us.

The fifth Sunday brunch service, on September 29<sup>th</sup>, will be an opportunity for all to contribute ideas about our path forward.

Submitted by – Marie Bell  
Clerk of Session

## **“Retirement” Announcement**

A really big THANK YOU to Valerie for making our Sunday morning coffee and setting up our coffee hour goodies.

Valerie has “retired” from this service after many years of arriving early for church to accomplish all that she has done.

From now on each tam on the fellowship list will make the coffee and set up, with help from other early bird arrivals. Clean up has been a cooperative effort.

A guidance sheet will be posted on the kitchen bulletin board to help each of us with the various things we need to remember on Sundays.

We may stumble on occasion as we assume some new responsibilities but that will only serve to appreciate Valerie’s service all the more.

## **Letter of Thanks**

Dear Friends at First United,

The stamps you sent me were a great collection. For our project here it was a great lot. Thank you for sharing. I am recovering from a series of falls and am moving to a much more convenient apartment. Dean and Robin are just 15 minutes away and come daily. I am 100, working on 101, and feel great! I can go on my own but the powers that be like to see me with a walker as I go to the dining room. The campus here is beautiful. I walk it daily and watch a lot of pickle ball. This is like tennis, played with a solid wooden racket. It is VERY popular here.

How I miss Salem. I no longer travel, or I would come home and visit all of you. All the stamps you have sent are a great addition to what we collect here.

All my thanks – Jane

Jane Hanks  
1600 Kings Crown  
Ft Myers, FL 33908

## **First Friday Services Schedule**

The Salem Area Ecumenical Group has established the following dates for the First Friday services to held at noon:

November 6th -- Shushan United Methodist  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – Holy Cross Catholic Church

## Mission Report for July

A quorum announced, Mission was called to order by Neal reading from Jesus Calling, Sara Young. Attending are: Dolores Phaneuf, Marilyn Hanby, Charlie Perry, Pat Laslo, Steve Burgess, Neal Rea and David Simmons. Helen Simmons was excused.

Medical updates with ongoing situations for Helen Simmons, David Laslo still at Albany Med, Dolores Phaneuf and others.

Minutes for June 13, 2019 read, discussed and approved.

Amy presented “an updated May” report, discussed June figures and bank statements which tally. Motion made, seconded and approved to receive financial reports with thanks to Amy. (Holly has updated reports). PCUSA 3/6/2019 letter of thanks for \$225 received for, Peace and Global Witness. \$150 also received with thanks from Salem Rescue Squad – contributions appear to be unknown by Amy.

New Business: Steve wants to produce prints for fund raisers. Motion made to reimburse Steve the \$100. He has advanced, seconded and carried. Check for \$100 was cut and delivered to Steve.

### OLD BUSINESS

Pig Roast: Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> pig roast, will start at 5 pm and continue to 6:30 pm. Tickets, \$12.

We need a sign-up sheet (Dolores will provide this, a couple weeks early). Last week in September is identified for posters. Potato salad by Amy. Charlie will provide beans 2 crock pots (need 3 servings); Neal brings chocolate milk. David will bring corn bread and butter; lemonade as per last year. Dolores is thinking of scalloped potato, beans and (maybe) gingerbread. Someone worry about brownies.

Not yet determined are dates of drive for Church World Service Clean-Up buckets. Also, to be determined are possible dates for an Adopt a Soldier project. Charlie entered sometime after October 26<sup>th</sup> on his calendar to deliver donations – about October 16<sup>th</sup> for delivery in the neighborhood of bags; donations collected to 26<sup>th</sup>. Charlie to deliver. (This corresponds with PCUSA World Food Day).

Report: In May Memorial Day weekend. There was an “Amy Basket Raffle Day”. Mission was looking to raise a basic amount as per last year. (This year, \$580.50/\$630 was raised – including Charlie’s doughnut holes.)

Steve presented a gift for 4 cents a meal, an electronic counter for pocket change. Thank you, Steve. Your gift will go to the church and to the volunteer “church counters”. Steve and Helen will count the Four Cents a Meal during this coming (July) offering week, plus count funds already on hand.

Charlie reminded the team about this year’s upcoming Blood Mobile event, schedule for early October.

No meeting in August and our next meeting posted for September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, location possibly at Charlie’s – to be verified. The Mission Team meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by – David Simmons

## Bits of Wisdom

### 5 Balls

Imagine life is a game in which you are juggling 5 balls. The balls are called: Work, Family, Health, Friends, Integrity and you are keeping all of them in the air, but one day you finally understand that Work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. The other 4 balls; Family, Friends, Health and Integrity, are made of glass. If you drop one of these it, will be irrevocably scuffed, nicked, perhaps even shattered and once you truly understand the 5 balls, you will have the beginning of a balance in your life.

From: Suzanne's Diary of Nicholas  
By James Patterson

A bit of humor and maybe wisdom via e-mail from the "Floomers"

Before you criticize someone walk a mile in his shoes. That way if he gets angry, he'll be a mile away – and barefoot.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.

By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends.

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never

### Take Time

Take time this week to rest, to be still, to sit with God. Look for opportunities to serve. But be sure to find balance between your doing and your being. Both have value. Both honor God.

## Handbell Ringers Needed

Debi Craig has directed a handbell choir at the United Church in Greenwich since 1978. With training in a form of music she had never done before, the United Ringers was formed. Most of the ringers have been playing with the group at least 15-20 years. Some have been playing with Craig since she started the handbell choir. The group has played for numerous organizations in the area.

In the fall of 2017, she started a community handbell choir and recruited members from Greenwich, Easton, Cambridge and Victory. This group has played at the Danforth Center in Hoosick Falls, at The Cambridge and as guest performers at the Schuylerville Reformed Church.

The two groups are not both community handbell choirs. They have purchased their own 3-octave set of Malmark handbells and will be rehearsing at the Bottskill Baptist Church on Church Street in Greenwich. Off-street parking is available. The Batten Kill Bell Ringers will rehearse at 4:15 pm and the Union Village Ringers will rehearse at 5:30pm. We anticipate starting rehearsals on October 2.

The groups both need a few ringers. A basic knowledge of music reading is helpful for the original community handbell choir which started 3 years ago. The former United Church Ringers will be playing more difficult music, so music reading is necessary. Prior bell ringing experience is helpful, but not mandatory.

If you are interested in playing in either group, please contact Debi Craig, Director at 518/854-3102 or at dcraig1@hughes.net for more information. We are also looking for people who would be interested in becoming substitutes for the group. Applications are available which can be mailed or emailed to Debi.



### Change Time & Check Detectors

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed November 2nd!! At the very least, first thing upon waking on November 3rd.

It is also a good time to change the batteries in all smoke detectors and CO2 detectors. If you are lucky enough to have those that do not require batteries, test them.

Make a fire escape plan and practice that as well. Make sure your family is safe and ready for any unexpected issues.

# Handbell Interest Form

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Name (please print all)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address/PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zipcode

Previous Handbell experience YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

How many years \_\_\_\_\_

Experience reading music YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

Bass Clef \_\_\_\_\_ Treble Clef \_\_\_\_\_ Comfortable with both \_\_\_\_\_

Instruments Played \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to : Debi Craig

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Phone: Home:518/854-3102 Cell:518/573-3758

Email: dcraig1@hughes.net



## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### October Birthday's

4th Seth Pitts  
7th Carol Wilkins Ruth Ihne  
20th Diane Jilek  
22nd Donna Phaneuf  
24th Kay Tomasi  
29th Nancy Rountree

### Novmeber Birthday's

15th Jean Baylor  
17th Debbie Moore  
20th Dave Mears  
25th Sylvia Graham  
26th Travis Keys

### December Birthday's

1st Carol Rea  
9th Tyler Skellie  
24th Kevin Baylor  
26th Sherry Skellie  
31st Jason Kraeling

### October Anniversaries

8th Travis & Holly Keys

### November Anniversaries

23rd Dave & Deb Moore

30th Dave & Irlene Mears

### December Anniversaries

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

## Giving Update

SEPTEMEBER 2019: Income: \$ 4,395.62 Expenses: \$6,003.27 DEFICIT: \$1,607.65  
Year To Date: Income: \$30,250.92 Expenses: \$57,310.00 DEFICIT: \$27,059.08

So far this year we have transferred \$20,000.00 from our portfolio account to help cover expenses.

## Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause for joy or concern: \_\_\_\_\_

You name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_



# Scriptures

## October/November/December Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear will come from the following readings:

<b>October 6th</b>	Lamentations 1:1-6,3:19-26; Psalm 137:1-9 2Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10	
<b>October 13th</b>	Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-12 2Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19	
<b>October 20th</b>	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104 2Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8	
<b>October 27th</b>	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65:1-13 2Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14	
<b>November 3rd</b>	Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144 2Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10	
<b>November 10th</b>	Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5,17-21 2Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38	
<b>November 17th</b>	Isaiah 65:17-25 2thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19	
<b>November 24th</b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b> Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43	
<b>December 1st</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9 Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44	
<b>December 8th</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12	<b>(Hanging of the Greens)</b>
<b>December 15th</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11	<b>(Plants into Sanctuary)</b>
<b>December 22nd</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25	<b>(Decorating of Tree)</b>
<b>December 24th</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96:1-13 Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)	
<b>December 25th</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14	
<b>December 29th</b>	Isaiah 63:7-19; Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23	

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Bible Study 8:30 am Blood Drive 1:00 pm	Line Dancing 9:30am	First Friday Service @ Salem United Methodist	Adult Crafts 10 am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 10am	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm		Bible Study 8:30 am Salem Women's Club	Line Dancing 9:30am		Pig Roast 5:00 pm
13	14 <b>Columbus Day</b>	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 10am	Deacons Mtg 1 pm Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Session 7:00 pm	Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 10 am Worship & Music 11:30am	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	Soup Luncheon 12pm	Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am		
27	28	29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b>	1 <b>NOVEMBER</b>	2
Worship 10 am 4 Cents a Meal Collection	Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm		Bible Study 8:30 am	Line Dancing 9:30am	First Friday Services @ Shushan Untied Methodist	Turn Clocks Back at Bedtime!!

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**At First United Presbyterian Church:**

We believe  
that God  
calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each  
of you has received so that God may be glorified in all  
things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!

Service begins at 10 AM

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## **Service Schedule for October/November/ December 2019**

### **Sunday, October 6th**

Reader: Marie Bell  
Coffee Time: Marilyn Hanby  
David & Helen Simmons

### **Sunday, October 13th**

Reader: Sylvia Graham  
Coffee Time: Nancy Bardwell  
Neal Rea

### **Sunday, October 20th**

Reader: David Simmons  
Coffee Time: Diane Jilek  
Nancy Rountree

### **Sunday, October 27th**

Reader: Nancy Rountree  
Coffee Time: Kim Skellie  
Dave & Irlene Mears

### **Sunday, November 3rd**

Reader: Jean Skellie  
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche  
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### **Sunday, November 10th**

Reader: Nancy Bardwell  
Coffee Time: Alberta Murn  
Sylvia Graham

### **Sunday, November 17th**

Reader: Neal Rea  
Coffee Time: Ruth Ihne  
Marie Bell

### **Sunday, November 24th**

Reader: Jane Barron  
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche  
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### **Sunday, December 1st**

Reader: Norma Skellie  
Coffee Time: Dolores Phaneuf  
Jean & Norma Skellie

### **Sunday, December 8th**

Reader: Ruth Ihne  
Coffee Time: Kay Tomasi  
Jane & Tom Keys

### **Sunday, December 15th**

Reader: Jane Keys  
Coffee Time: Kim Skellie  
Dave & Irlene Mears

### **Sunday, December 22nd**

Reader: Nancy Rountree  
Coffee Time: Valerie Roche  
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### **Sunday, December 29th**

Reader: Dolores Phaneuf  
Coffee Time:

### **Fifth Sunday Celebration**