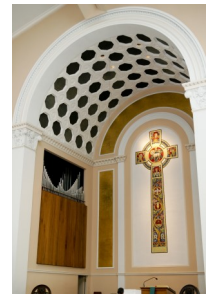




First Presbyterian Church

Sharing with and Caring for Each Other



This Week

August 13 thru August 20, 2023

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday thru Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Leading in Worship Today:

The Rev. Julia Wright preaching

Kim Collins, Liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sarah Morris, Pianist

The Silver Tones Flute Choir:

Caitlin Playle, Cory Young, Dustin White, Golda Mellon,

Jean Gianfagna, Laura Sacci, Lindsey Davis, Michele

Bariteau, Nicholas Tate, Sarah Morris

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

August 13 Mark Waterbury

August 14 Janet Blakeman

August 14 Darian Sinclair

August 16 Doug Danforth

August 16 Anthony Paroubek

We pray for those undergoing health difficulties:

Mary, Barbra, Wink, Frank, Sam, and Reid, Alicia, Jennifer, Elise, John, Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Sister Diane, Shirley

We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person:

Linda, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie

We pray for our mission partners:

Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

We pray for our local and national leaders:

Watertown's Mayor and City Council, The U.S. President and Congress

We pray for those serving our nation:

The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine, MELT

Connecting to Our Community and the World

First Presbyterian is blessed to provide space for several community-based ministries and programs. All are open to members of the church and community and meet on the following days:

Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous - First Watertown Group, 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The Spare Closet, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays and the 1st Saturday of each month, Basement.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.

TODAY, Sunday, August 13th - Fellowship, after worship, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 15th – Memorial Service for Tom Eager - 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 16th - Healing Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday, August 17th - Session Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, August 20th, 10:00 a.m. - Worship, with Rev. Long, preaching - Fellowship after Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Did you know that our friends at Watertown City Schools keep a centralized bank of school supplies that are available to any student and school in the district? Let's help them out!

Starting August 20 we'll begin collecting any and all of the items listed on the insert in today's bulletin. We'll bless them during worship on September 3 and get them over to the district office for the start of school on September 7! Look for the collection baskets in Fellowship Hall!

The Christian education program at First Pres has a couple of volunteer opportunities to offer. We would like to add some more Sunday school teachers to our roster. Currently teachers serve on Sunday about 6 weeks apart. We could increase that gap to every other month if we had another volunteer or two. That's only 5 Sundays a year! We do not have class on Communion Sundays. We would also like some aides for our Sunday School classroom. During our VBS program, we had additional helpers in our sessions besides the teacher/leader. This has proven very successful and we would like to duplicate this success on Sundays. Our goal would be to have enough volunteers so each would only serve every other month. For more information or to let us know you are willing to give this a try, please contact Kim Collins, Michele Elmer or Bunny Gorman.

As a reminder, our **Sunday school begins on September 10.**