



# Newsletter



November/December, 2024

## WINTER RICHES

By Clara Meier

See those sparkling diamonds fall from the sky  
 The earth once again, clean, white and pure!  
 The beauty that lies there, leaves no question why  
 We know the power of God through its creation nature.

Even when dark of night and stillness comes around  
 God in the loving goodness never fails or tires  
 And as moonlight rays enhance the beauty without sounds,  
 The leaves the fields covered with snowy diamond fires.

With loveliness left gently for us to see  
 Do we open our eyes or just pass along?  
 Look more carefully at these treasures free  
 Enjoy these special diamonds before they're gone!

PRAYER REQUESTS—Nayeli, our sponsored child in Guatemala and Leul, our sponsored child in Ethiopia, Linda and John Marafioti, Edith Lohr, Dalton Prievo, Dorothy and Neil Clark, Patty Reap, Tim Waterman, Kerry Boyce, Bob Stanton, John Wellman, Deb Rifenburg, Chad K., Carol Dygert, Nathan, and the people of Rome and our sister church, First Presbyterian Church of Rome, following the devastating tornado.

Remember our members who are unable to get out on a regular basis in prayer, with phone calls, and/or greeting cards: Ginny Elliott, Joyce Sieniecki, Jack Schuyler

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November – Cochran Memorial

December – Verona

Christmas Eve—Cochran Memorial 6:00

## MISSIONS

VETERANS--Our mission emphasis through November 10 will be collecting items for Blessing Bags for Veterans. Lists of suggested items for the veterans are available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. These will be shared with the newly-opened Veteran's Center at the Northside Shopping Plaza in Oneida.

During December we will collect gifts for the Presbyterian Home at our Women's Christmas Dinner and donate food and gifts to the Town of Verona Christmas Box Program.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

## November

5 Abriel Peterson	20 Don and Mary Jane Lanz
7 Denise Gass	25 Carl and Debbie Greene
10 Becky Marsala	
21 Barbara Pekola	
30 Linda Marafioti	

## December

5 Karen Schmidt	5 Ruth and George Ostrander
14 Kevin Peterson	20 Peg and Greg Ward
26 Virginia Elliott	22 Brent and Jackie Collins
28 Peg Ward	22 Rick and Barb Hanson
	28 Kaye and Larry Sarandrea
30 Bruce Lanz	29 Kevin and Linda Bailey

**WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE**

DATE	PREACHING	READER	LITURGIST	MUSICIAN
Nov. 3 Communion	Kevin Bailey	Casey Faber	Kevin Bailey	Alex Palese Leon Bronson
Nov. 10	Mike Jaquays	Don Lanz	Mike Jaquays	Leon Bronson
Nov. 17		Sharon Stanton		Janice Freer
Nov. 24	Gary Sherwood	Kathy Sherwood	Gary Sherwood	Kevin Bailey
Dec. 1 Communion	Mike Jaquays	Janice Freer	Mike Jaquays	Chris Labuszewski
Dec. 8	Michelle Dolan	Karen Schmidt	Michelle Dolan	Clara Meier
Dec. 15	Kevin Bailey	Linda Bailey	Kevin Bailey	Isaac & Owen Paz Peg Corbett
Dec. 22	Becky Marsala	Barb Hanson	Becky Marsala	Amanda Yeoman
Dec. 24	Brent Collins	Various	Brent Collins	Various
Dec. 29	Hymn Sing			Congregation

**HOLY COMMUNION**—Rev. Dr. Sam Pendergrast will be conducting a training for elders who wish to administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion here at the Three Voices Church in Verona on Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 to Noon. Any elders (past or present. Once an elder, always an elder!) wishing to take this training should let pastor Peg know and she will inform Sam of your interest.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**BIBLE STUDY:** They will meet until December 1 and resume in January to watch movies.

**WOMEN/DEACONS:** Tuesday, November 5, at 10:00 at Verona First.

The Women's Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 3, at Sweet Basils (formerly Ebenezer's Restaurant in Sherrill). They will gather at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00. The menu will be a choice of chicken parm with spaghetti, pot roast with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables, or shrimp scampi with rice. All dinners include rolls, salad, apple pie, coffee, tea and punch. The cost is \$32, including tax and tip. Everyone is asked to bring a gift in a gift bag for the Presbyterian Home. Reservations and money need to be in no later than November 20. Checks should be made out to Three Voices Deacons. A sign-up sheet will be in church each week. If you have any questions, contact Barb Pekola at 315 271-5428 (cell) or 315 280-4466 (home).

**SESSION** will meet Tuesday, November 19, at 6:00, in Verona.

**BOOK CLUB:** They will be reading "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. The discussion will be Tuesday, November 19, at 10:00 at Verona First.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday, November 16, at 9:30, at the Corner Diner in Sherrill. There will not be a breakfast in December and they will resume in January.

**STONE SOUP:** Verona First will be serving a Thanksgiving meal Thursday, November 16, from 4:30 to 6:00. The menu will be turkey casserole, fresh squash, and Fall desserts. There will not be a meal in December.

**PRESBYTERY** will be holding their meeting in Verona Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Festival of Christmas, First Presbyterian Church, Oneida, Saturday, November 23, from 9:00 to 3:00. There will be food and Christmas shoppes.

The Oneida Area Civic Chorale will present a concert Sunday, December 8, at the Oneida High School, at 4:00. You can see Jan or Pat Moore, Becky Seifert or Barb Lanz if you would like tickets.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**[www.threevoicespresbyterian.org](http://www.threevoicespresbyterian.org)**

**THREE VOICES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WE CARE...**In an effort to insure that we are informed of illnesses, absences, and significant happenings in the lives of our congregation, we need everyone's assistance. If you are aware of someone who is ill, in the hospital, or simply in need of our assistance, **PLEASE** contact an elder or a deacon.

**PARISH ASSOCIATE**

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**SESSION 1-year term**

**Gary Onyan**

**Michael Jaquays**

**Cornelius Faber**

**Don Lanz**

**Rebecca Marsala**

**Brent Collins 6-month term**

**DEACONS 1-year term**

**Linda Bailey**

**Karen Schmidt**

**Linda Marafioti**

**Barbara Pekola**

**Kevin Bailey**

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