



LISTEN to *The ChurchMouse*

*New Scotland Presbyterian Church
November 2022*

"Original Landlord Still Offering Sanctuary"



Pastor's Column by the Rev. Holly Cameron



I am so glad to see people back at church! It is great to have a calendar full of meetings, events, and special celebrations. The annual joint meeting of the Session and Board of Deacons was just held, and we had lots to discuss! Here are some highlights:

We have been celebrating special church membership anniversaries in October, with 50+ years on the first Sunday, and 30- and 40-year anniversaries on the last Sunday.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6, and Veterans Day falls on Friday, the 11. The church office will be closed that Friday, and there will be no Sunday School on Sunday the 13 because of the holiday weekend.

There are two opportunities to help in worship, with Laity Sunday on November 20 and a Community Thanksgiving Service on November 23. If you are willing to read or sing at either of these services, please let Bonnie O'Shea or Dorothy Kohler know.

On Sunday, November 13, Albany Presbytery is hosting a presbytery-wide worship service at United Presbyterian Church in Amsterdam. The service is at 10:00 a.m. and all churches are invited to be there. We decided that we will have our regular worship at New Scotland at 10:00 a.m. that day but encourage anyone who is interested to visit Amsterdam for that service.

We will adopt a family through the New Scotland Community Food Pantry and provide their Christmas dinner.

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Music Director Ryan Dwyer is interested in having the newer "Glory to God" hymnal for worship. More information to come.

Solstice Solar still has openings to sign up for their new solar farm. If you are interested in changing your electric provider, the church will get \$100, and you will get \$100. See John Griffin for more information.

We voted to invite the congregation to stand for singing all music in Sunday worship.

New York State Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Program has approved grant money for our upcoming steeple work. A formal letter with details is coming.

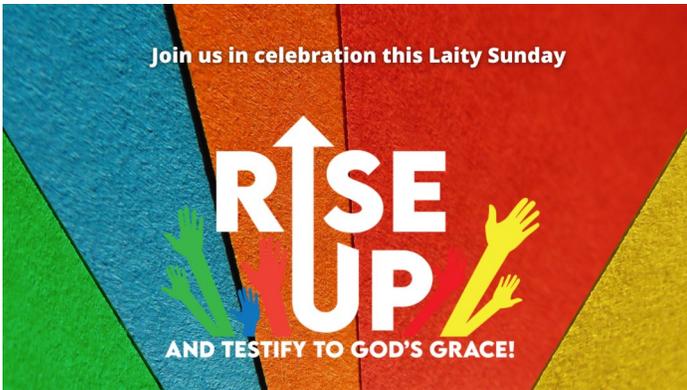
The renters at the manse are moving out, so we will be preparing for new tenants.

We will be offering a new member class in the coming weeks, so if you have been thinking about church membership, please let me know!

Of course, this is also the season for stewardship. It can be hard to think about giving in such difficult economy. As we looked at the church financials, we noted the loss on our investments, and know this has affected many individuals, too.

Yet, as people of faith, we remember that all we have is not really ours but has been given to us by God. Sometimes we feel reluctant to talk about money in church, thinking our faith says money is bad. But really, money is just a tool. It can be used for God's purposes, just like any other gift we have been given.

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Laity Sunday

On Sunday, November 20, we will have Laity Sunday. This means the whole worship service will be led by you!

If you are willing to take part — to read a prayer, or offer a thought related to being thankful, please see Bonnie O’Shea or Dorothy Kohler.



Metal Pull Tabs Wanted

Pull Together for children and families is sponsored by Ronald McDonald house. Pull tabs and metal bottle tops from

soda cans, glass bottles, soup cans, pet food cans, tennis ball cans . . . anything that has a metal pull tab or bottle top is collected and sold top a local recycler and redeemed for money that helps families with seriously ill or injured children. We collect them here at NSPC and deliver them to the local chapter in Albany.



Our November Mission

This month’s Mission Collection is for The Emergency Overflow Shelter operated by the Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC).



Their mission is to be a refuge of last resort during the coldest months of the year; to provide simple hospitality; a bed, and a meal on a daily basis; and to serve people who have no other shelter options in Albany County. In addition, they refer guests to other service providers to offer options for housing, employment, counseling, entitlements, and addictions and health services.

They believe that all people, regardless of a person’s circumstances and behaviors, have a human right to obtain shelter from deadly weather and dangerous street-living.

The Overflow Shelter prides itself on being a home to the men of Albany who do not have one of their own. For the past 13 years they have met, housed, and cared for a number of individuals that would have otherwise spent the winter nights outdoors.

While other homeless shelters in Albany turn or send away those who are drug or alcohol impaired, the CACC’s shelter does not. They welcome them in, the same as any other guest, without alerting the police or hospitals beforehand. The environment is safe and comforting and problems rarely arise.

Even though the Emergency Homeless Overflow Shelter is the only shelter in Albany that will take in guests who are impaired, they also open their doors to men in the community who are getting back on their feet. These are men who have, are looking for, or holding down jobs and appreciate the shelter for providing a home in the interim when they cannot afford one.



The Emergency Homeless Overflow Shelter is located at the First Lutheran Church on Western Avenue. Established in 2001, the shelter is open from mid-November to April and houses up to nineteen men each night, including those who are drug, alcohol, or otherwise impaired.



From left: Bob Fuglein, Peg Throop, Dorothy Kohler, Joe Huth, Ann Putnam, Corinne Weeks, and Mary Ewart.

Celebrations!

On Sunday, October 2, our church family celebrated milestone memberships! We acknowledged their years in the Presbyterian Church in New Scotland with individual recognitions and certificates, followed by a celebratory morning of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Those recognized that morning are Corinne Weeks (70 years), Arlene Herzog and Peg Throop (65 years), Ann Putnam and Carol Wickham (60 years), and Dorothy Kohler and Bob Fuglein (55 years), and Mary Ewart and Joe Huth (50 years). Congratulations to all who were celebrated.

Also on October 2, we held our annual Blessing of the Animals. We had dogs and chicks in attendance, and a number of other family pets in photographs or cremated remains. We joined our voices in song and prayer along with Rev. Cameron and Musical Director Ryan Dwyer. Following the service, cookies and cider were enjoyed by our attendees. In addition, we had guest speaker Roger Ellis who represented Heifer Project and spoke to us about the important work that organization does around the world.



Kristen Miller's adorable daughters, Mariah and Jordyn, brought chicks Fluffy and Cupcake to The Blessing of the Animals on October 2. The chicks were featured at The Altamont Fair this year.



Congregational Life Meeting — *October 23, 2022*

We finalized plans for another membership celebration to be held on Sunday, October 30 for members who have reached the milestone anniversaries of 25, 30, and 40 years. We will be honoring Karen and Tim Thornton, Shirley and Scott Wright, Leah and Jim Nicholson, Sandra Vosburgh, and Bonnie and John Griffin.

We also discussed our upcoming Laity Sunday on November 20. We have a few volunteers who will share thoughts about past Thanksgivings or what they are thankful for this year. If anyone would be interested in participating as a reader (no pressure to put your own words to paper!), please let Dorothy Kohler or Bonnie O'Shea know.

Our church is also going to participate in a joint Thanksgiving Service at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville on Wednesday,

November 23 at 6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, and St. Matthew's Church are all participating. All are welcome to attend. If possible, bring a shelf stable food item for the food pantry. If you would like to be a reader that evening, please let Rev. Cameron or Bonnie O'Shea know.

We would like to restart Adult Bible Study for anyone interested. Please let Rev. Cameron know if you would like to participate. We are planning to use Zoom or some form of hybrid meetings so anyone may join in, even when driving to church is not possible.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. We will have the Christmas tree up and ready for decorating by our church family on December 4th after our regular Sunday service.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be starting their work this month. They are charged with the task of selecting nominees for the six openings for the Class of 2025. Three nominees will be elected to serve as deacons, and three as elders to serve on Session. There are also open spaces for shorter terms: a one-year or two-year term for the Deacons, and a two-year term on the Session.

The elders serve as leaders of the church; they should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. When serving on Session, each elder serves as part of one of our five committees: Buildings & Grounds, Congregational Life, Finance, Mission, or Personnel. Committees meet as needed during the year. The Pastor is moderator of Session.

The deacons, along with the Pastor, show care and concern for the church family, especially the sick and those in need of

comfort. The deacons maintain the prayer list, visit those who are homebound or sick, deliver food to the food pantry once a month, and maintain the closet of medical equipment (e.g., wheelchairs, crutches, canes, etc.) that is available to loan to anyone who needs it. The Pastor is an ex-officio member of the Board of Deacons. The Nominating Committee welcomes your input; if you think someone should be considered for service, or if you are interested in serving yourself, please contact one of

the members of the committee. Bonnie O'Shea and Dorothy Kohler are co-chairs, Homer Warner is the Deacons' representative, and the at-large members are: Christine Cameron, Brenda Dwyer, and Carol Fuglein. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we seek God's wisdom in finding leaders for our church.



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When the Israelites were coming to the Promised Land, God says they will have wealth: all the food they can eat, houses built to their specifications, herds and flocks, and silver and gold. The only requirement is that they not forget to live faithfully. They are warned, "Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, who gives you the ability to produce wealth" (Deut. 8).

The danger of money is that we think it will save and protect us, so we try to keep more and more for ourselves. But we need to remember the old proverb: "money is like seawater; the more you drink, the thirstier you become."

God gives us gifts so they can be used for the good of others. A friend of mine says, "The best thing a Christian can do with money is keep it moving."

Let us remember where our true security lies, and God's calling for us to care for others.
~Faithfully, +Holly

November Birthdays

David Morrison	11/6
Robert Batchelder.....	11/7
David Bode.....	11/8
Martha Oden.....	11/10
Pat Ilnicki.....	11/11
Archie Munro	11/15
Jonathan Fuglein.....	11/15
Daisy Elmendorf	11/16
Kaitlyn Rickson.....	11/17
Corbin Smith	11/25
Emily Thornton	11/27
John Griffin	11/30

November Anniversaries

Debbie and Robert Fuglein 11/25/83



This adorable lad is none other than Tim Gordon, posing as a hopeful young executive!

Who's Next?!

PRAYER LIST

The prayer list is maintained by the Deacons. If you have questions about anyone on the list, or would like to add or remove someone from the list, contact Tamara Shaw. Call or text 518-573-7736 or email, CliftonRun@gmail.com.

Laurel & Mark Beavers

The Rev. George Blakesley (Johnstown pastor)

Christine Cameron

Sean & Sandy Cameron..... (Christine Cameron’s brother and sister-in-law)

Melanie Thornton Capraro..... (Karen & Tim Thornton’s daughter)

Family of Bill Carroll (Chris Gordon’s father)

Danny Carroll..... (Chris Gordon’s brother)

Linda Caruso (Tamara Shaw’s friend)

Randy Craft.....(Debbie Craft’s husband)

Carl George..... (Christine Cameron’s husband)

Dot Geyer(Judy Riopelle’s friend)

Billy Hauf..... (Mary-Jean Riley’s partner)

Joe Huth

Stephen Kohler..... (Dorothy Kohler’s son)

Danielle Laird and Family (Lexi Donovan’s friend)

Aidan Lawson.....(Robin Shufelt’s friend)

Michael Manss(Robin Shufelt’s friend)

Stephanie Markus.....(Robin Shufelt’s friend)

Gerald Minor (Joyce Schork’s brother)

Vickie Richeson..... (Mary-Jean Riley and Gene Urgento’s sister)

Family of Mary-Jean Riley

Shirley Wright

Euni Yang..... (Pastor Charlie Yang’s wife)



Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

Please extend your prayers for:

- the people of Ukraine.
- our military personnel and their families.
- doctors, nurses, first responders, police officers, firefighters, and all families dealing with COVID-19.

Remembering Mary-Jean Riley

February 29, 1956—October 15, 2022

Mary-Jean Riley, a leap baby born in 1956, passed away Saturday, October 15, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Partner, mom, grandma, and friend, Mary-Jean is survived by her sweetheart, partner, and companion, William E. Hauf (Billy), her children; Patrick (Julie) and Bridget (Jessica), grandkids; Claire, Finnegan, Mason, and Skylar. She is also survived by her sisters; Doreen, Diane, June, Sharon, Irene, and Vickie, her brothers; Dennis and Eugene, as well as her eclectic extended family and friends.

Faith, family, and friendship gave Mary-Jean her strength. She often spoke of the many great memories made.

It gave her great joy to cook for those who enjoyed a good meal. She loved to travel and learn from different cultures. Music and the beauty of the four seasons gave her solace. She found peace in the quiet.

Mary-Jean was a banker and dedicated to her career until the day of her retirement. She often stated that it was Trustco Bank that was her constant and that it was the bank that supported her and her family through all the chapters of her life. She valued and respected her coworkers. It was her hope that all employees would enjoy a long-lasting and fulfilling career, just as she had.

Mary-Jean was predeceased by her beloved husband of 32 years, William P. Riley, her parents; Beverly and Jim Nash, and John and Katie Delehanty, her sister Janis Lee Delehanty "Siscy" and so many others that left an imprint on her heart.

Mary-Jean's Celebration of Life Church Service was held Saturday, October 22, 2022 at New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

To leave a message for Mary-Jean's family please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

*In
Loving
Memory*



For Anyone Over 72 Years Young!!

If you would like to help the church and save on taxes, please consider giving part of your required minimum distribution directly to the church from your IRA account. By giving to the church in this way, it guarantees that your contribution will be tax deductible, because your donation will be subtracted directly from the taxable amount of your IRA.

If your distribution check is written to you, that amount is added to your taxable income. Even if you then write a check to the church, the charitable deduction will not offset the income, especially with to the substantial increase in the standard deduction.

Remember, to qualify for this deduction the money must come directly to the church from the firm holding your IRA account. That means the bank or brokage firm must write the check directly to the church. Talk to your investment or tax advisor to see if you can help the church and reduce your taxable income!

~Diane Bode, CPA

*I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar,
O Lord, proclaiming thanksgiving
aloud, and telling
all your wondrous deeds.*

~Psalm 26:6-7





Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service

St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville is hosting a joint Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 pm. The participating churches are First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville and our church. St. Matthew's is also interested in having a joint choir. If you are interested in singing at this service, contact Ryan Dwyer at RyanDwyer79@gmail.com.

Please bring a non perishable food item for the food pantry. The offering will support the New Scotland Community Food Pantry.

Hands-on at the Northeast Regional Food Pantry (Latham)

On Saturday, Nov. 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, up to 15 volunteers from around Albany Presbytery will sort and organize donations. This is a great way to learn about this vital resource, and also a chance to meet mission-minded folks from sister churches. Several spaces still remain. To inquire or participate, email Rev. Ted Wright: missions@albanypresbytery.org



The church office will be closed on
November 11
in observance of
Veterans Day
and also on
November 24 & 25
in celebration of
Thanksgiving.



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Bible Quiz

In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and "fish for people" (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- A. James
- B. John
- C. Simon
- D. Andrew