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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BIG FLATS, NY

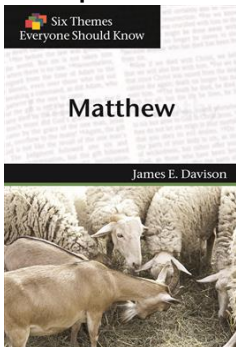
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Exciting things are happening at First Presbyterian Church of Big Flats!

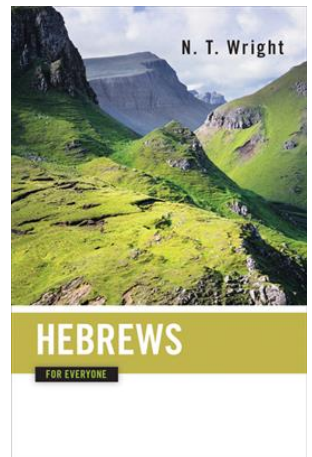
Come on September 8th for Rally Day. We want to see EVERYONE there on this Sunday as we kick off the Fall Season at First Presbyterian Church. Come at 9:15 a.m. for Sunday School or Choir Practice, and our Worship Service (with Holy Communion) starts at 10:30 a.m. A Potluck Picnic will follow the morning service.

It will be great to see everyone at the same time. We would love to have the pews packed this Sunday.



Starting on September 8th, we will be having an adult Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. in the church office. We will begin with a six week study, "*Six Themes in Matthew Everyone Should Know.*" Books will be provided.

Starting on Monday, September 9th, we will be having an evening Weekly Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. The first topic will be a study on the Book of Hebrews. These books are available for purchase for \$10.00.



These are just the beginnings of an exciting Fall and Winter at First Presbyterian Church – plan now to be part of it all!

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Denise

Circle of Love

JOYS AND CONCERNS

This summer we were blessed with inspiring worship services, uplifting music, and a lot of hard work by willing volunteers as we continued to move forward as a community of faith through a time of transition.

Our Sunday services were very special this summer. **Pastor Denise** shared wonderful, thought-provoking messages with us. **Jean Tedrick** and special singers and musicians **Nancy Compton, Robin Fitzgerald, Paul Holland, Carrie Hooper, Marilyn Hopper, Barb Horn, Valerie Stone, and Bob Tedrick** lifted our spirits with their beautiful music! Thanks to all those who made summer worship so meaningful!

Our **Property Committee** continues its tradition of hard work and selfless services. Thanks to all who help!

Our Worship Committee is planning an exciting Rally Day Sunday for September 8. Be sure to join us for a special Sunday!

Congratulations to **Matthew & Mackenzie (Kriel) Wood** (and grandparents **Greg & Sherri Kriel**) on the birth of **Spencer Matthew Wood** on Thursday, August 15!

Among our concerns this month, we ask for prayers for: **Dorothy Hoos, Nancy Compton, Cathy (Neally) Hubbard, Marilyn Jenkins, Mary Ellen & Nick Rudnick, Judith Gilbert, Karen & Galer Perreault, Alissa Jolley, Cindy Smith (sister of Pat Seem), Henry and Joyce Schurr, Neal Gummo, Martin Gromer, Steve French, Cindy & Ed Leisenring, Brandon Davis (nephew of Sheila French and Lisa McGill), Denise Wiskowski (sister of Debbie French), Alan Giglio (Pat Fitzgerald's nephew), Reva Soutar, Ginnie Schweizer, Marie Shea, Dorothy Bartlett,** and others who are dealing with ill health, surgery, loss, or life changes. Please remember our shut-ins. Please continue to pray for our servicemen and women and their families and for peace in our troubled world.

Do you have a special joy or concern that you would like to share with our faith community? See Pastor Denise or Bill Howells, and we will include your news in our Joys/Concerns column.

Find our **Facebook Live** video on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. by going to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-of-Big-Flats-New-York-155280817870120/>) and scrolling to the top of the feed. You should see a video playing, which you can **watch** on mobile or desktop. Click the video to enter viewing mode. You can engage with the video by leaving a comment or question the same way you would normally comment on a post.



RALLY DAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:15 AM Choir Practice (Welcome Back, Choir!!)

9:15 AM Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Morning Worship Service with Holy Communion

Following Morning Worship POTLUCK PICNIC (please bring a dish to pass – meat & beverages provided, along with table service)

JOIN US AS WE BEGIN OUR 192ND YEAR AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

SHOE DRIVE FOR SHARED BLESSINGS

All sizes and kinds and conditions accepted

Drop off sites:

Big Flats Community Center – Maple Ave

Big Flats 1st Presbyterian Church – Main St

Southern Tier Chiropractic – Dr. Linda J. Lincoln – 142 Main St., Big Flats

Questions?? – **Donna Stevens** – 207-5740

(Posters will be available for distribution at work shopping sites, etc. – see Donna)

NO RUMMAGE DONATIONS PLEASE!!

At present, there is no Fall 2019 Rummage Sale scheduled. Please keep any rummage items that you wish to donate at home until the next sale (Spring 2020?) is announced.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation!

To donate electronically to our church, go to our website –

<http://www.bigflatsfirstpres.org>

and hit the “give now” button

PROVIDERS NEEDED FOR FLOWERS, BULLETINS AND COFFEE HOUR

Our new church year starts on Sunday, September 8. Worship time resumes at 10:30, our choir returns, and we will once again look forward to our social time after each Sunday's service. Some of the things that make for special Sundays at our church include: flowers for our sanctuary, special bulletins for our worship services, and our wonderful coffee hours. **Sign-up sheets** have been posted on the bulletin board in our Church House – please help keep Sundays special at Big Flats First Presbyterian.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Property Committee has worked throughout the summer to continue to keep our building and grounds in tip-top shape! Projects during the summer of 2019 include:

Weekly mowing and weeding

Weekly cleaning of our church interior

Trimming and debris removal around shrubs and trees

Sealing of our two parking lots

Installation of basement window screens

Power washing of church exterior

Regular inspections of our roof

Repairs to various lights, doors, etc.

Installation/monitoring of security camera near St. Pauley used clothing shed

Servicing of water system, resulting in improved water pressure

We would like to thank all our hard-working volunteers and supporters!

MUSIC NOTES

Wow, the summer has flown by! I want to thank all those fine musicians who provided special music these past three months. Now our wonderful choir has had a recuperative rest and is hopefully “raring” to get started again on Rally Day. I am especially excited to be able to introduce on September 22 an anthem arrangement of a hymn from our Presbyterian Hymnal entitled ***Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things***. It is based on a Dakota Native American hymn dating from 1842. I have timed the date of the choir's performance to coincide with Native American Day which is celebrated each year in the Presbyterian Church, USA on the Fall Equinox. Since 1994, Native American Day appears on the Presbyterian Calendar as the day to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Native American Indians to the life of the church and community. It has a pleasing, haunting melody and the words reflect the Native Americans' spirituality and belief in God the Creator. Hopefully, you will like it and will want to sing it as a congregational hymn (# 271) at some point in the future! – **Jean Tedrick, Director of Music**

DOROTHY (Dottie) HOOS is recovering from surgery and is undergoing rehabilitation at St. Joseph's Hospital, in Elmira (room 540). She is facing an extended stay and would really benefit from visits, calls, cards, and healing prayers.

Her direct phone number is 207-6246 or you can call the St. Joseph's hospital main number (733-6541) and ask to speak with Dottie (tell the operator that she is in rehab).

Please keep Dottie in your prayers.

ELECTRONIC ITEMS AVAILABLE

A recent inventory revealed that we have a number of AV devices no longer used by our church. . These devices are all in good working order. Please contact **Mary Churchill or Bill Howells** if interested in acquiring any or all of these items:

Realistic (Radio Shack) cassette tape deck

Sharp VHS tape player with remote

Apex DVD player with accessories

SAFETY REMINDER

For personal safety and building security, our church doors should be kept locked whenever you are alone in our church. This includes our sanctuary, kitchen, fellowship hall, basement, and offices.

Thank you for your cooperation.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE TO START SOON

Stewardship Season 2019 will soon be here. Please keep an eye out for your pledge letter and give prayerful consideration to your response. In this, our 192nd Anniversary year, let our stewardship – time, talent, and financial support toward the church – reflect our pride in our past and continued faith in our future.

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September & October

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY, September 1	Worship at 9:30
SUNDAY (beginning September 8)	
9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Morning Worship
MONDAY	6:30 PM Weekly Bible Study
TUESDAY	12:00 – 2:00 PM Food Pantry is open
	6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #87



SPECIAL EVENTS

September 1 (Mon.)	Labor Day
September 2-6	Pastor Denise on vacation
September 8	Rally Day Sunday
September 8	Holy Communion
September 8	Rally Day Church Picnic following worship service
September 15	Worship Committee will meet
September 18 (Wed.)	Property Committee & Session will meet
September 23 (Mon.)	First day of autumn
September 29	"Pennies from Heaven"
October 6	Holy Communion (World Communion Sunday)
October 12 (Sat.)	Pancake Breakfast fundraiser (tentative date) – 8:00-10:00 AM
October 13	Worship Committee will meet
October 16 (Wed.)	Property Committee & Session will meet
October 27	"Pennies from Heaven"
October 27	Information due for the November/December <u>RED DOOR</u>

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Property Committee	Wednesday, September 18 & October 16 – 6:00 PM
Session	Wednesday, September 18 & October 16 – 7:00 PM
Worship Committee	Sunday, September 15 & October 13 – following morning worship

SEPTEMBER 1 – worship at 9:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 8 – worship at 10:30 AM