



# *First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia*

## Summer 2016 Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends,

First of all, I want to express my deep appreciation to all of you for your enthusiastic support and gracious hospitality toward Diane and myself during my candidate weekend. I found your reception heartwarming, personally affirming and very encouraging as we begin this partnership in ministry together. Diane and I are both very excited about following God's call in our lives to Cazenovia, New York to serve in the Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery and with the good folks at First Presbyterian Church.

I am also extremely grateful for your patience and magnanimity as I take ample time for leave-taking at my current call, and prepare for my service to our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), as an elected commissioner to the 222nd General Assembly in Portland, Oregon from June 18th to June 25th.

Being selected as a GA commissioner is both an honor and an awesome responsibility. I've been chosen to serve on the Social Justice Committee, which will be addressing some pivotal issues impacting both the church and our nation. Issues having to do with racial reconciliation for past injustices against people of color, as well as confronting current structural/institutional racism in our society; building bridges with those who have been marginalized by both church and culture due to differing faiths or spiritual background; advocating campaign finance reform and equitable national election processes; creating a climate of inclusion, tolerance and change in the culture of the church, to name just a few.

It is, indeed, an exciting and critical time in the life of the church. And I believe, with all my heart, that our cherished Reformed Tradition has a vital and important voice to be heard, as well as sacred values to impart, to the world as it faces today's increasingly complex challenges. Therefore, I humbly go, being sent with the courage of faith and in all good conscience, to study and learn, deliberate and debate, pray and discern, advocate and vote with Presbyterian sisters and brothers gathered from around the world, as together we seek God's will in Jesus Christ for our denomination, the Church writ large, and this great nation we live in. And I greatly appreciate knowing that your prayers are with us all as we do.

Then we will return to Davenport, Iowa, to pack up the condo and make our way, at long last, to Cazenovia and our exciting new partnership in ministry with you all. I greatly look forward to that new beginning, to getting to know each and every one of you, and to discovering your unique gifts as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ! August 1st will be upon us sooner than we know; in the meantime, let us persevere in faith, patience and hope knowing that God is working even now in our lives together.

I Remain Yours In Jesus Christ,

Rev. Dr. Tom C. Oak

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

of Cazenovia, New York

**Worship Services** 10:00 a.m.

**Nursery care** provided 3 yrs. & under

**Sunday School** at 10:15 a.m. in the Wendell House  
for children Pre-Kindergarten thru 12th grade.

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00  
p.m.

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# Upcoming Events



<u>Alice Edwards Circle</u>	Meeting: Next Meeting in September	
<u>Board of Deacons:</u>	Meeting: No July Meeting/August TBD	
<u>Board of Trustees:</u>	Meeting: July 18th @ 7:30 p.m.	~ Work Room
<u>Christian Education:</u>	Meeting: No July Meeting/August TBD	
<u>Evangelism &amp; Fellowship:</u>	Meeting: July 10th @ 11:15	~ Work Room
<u>Outreach:</u>	Meeting: Next meeting August 14th	~Board Room
<u>Session:</u>	Meeting: July 18th @ 7:00 p.m.	~ Meeting House
<u>Worship &amp; Music Committee:</u>	Meeting: No July Meeting/August TBD	

Newsletter Deadline: Next Newsletter in September. Deadline August 20th.



Please join Shirley Palmer's family and friends for a memorial in her honor on July 2nd at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Don't Miss It!

**Reverend Thomas Oak will be officially beginning as our new Pastor in August. His First Service will be on August 7th.**

**This wonderful morning will be followed with an extra special coffee hour to celebrate this joyous occasion.**

**Sign ups for food donations will be posted in the Meeting House in mid-July.**

**Any ?'s, please contact Kristin Curtis or Treva @ the office. 655-3191**

## Alice Edwards Circle

AEC will not be meeting in July and August. We will pick back up in September. All women of the church are invited.





# Sunday School News

## Sunday School Schedule



Summer Sunday School is held each Sunday in July and August. This summer the children will be studying the creation story as it appears in Genesis. The children will learn what was created on each of the six days and that the seven day was created as a day of rest. Children will work on craft projects that correspond to the particular day of creation.

Any child entering Kindergarten through High School is welcome to attend. Older children can help the younger children. In past years we have had children attend every Sunday or just one or two Sundays. We have had children visiting grandparents who have come from as far away as Alaska!!!

The Sunday School is led by Sharye Skinner with guidance from BJ Palmer. If you have any questions feel free to contact Sharye at [sharyecaz@gmail.com](mailto:sharyecaz@gmail.com) or 655-4371.

### July Pulpit Supply

July 3rd– Ginny Smith  
July 10th– Bill Porter  
July 17th– Neil Conway  
July 24th– Bill Porter  
July 31st– Ginny Smith



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: The Christian Education Committee invites the  
: members of the congregation to think about  
: helping our youngest members next year. As we  
: start to plan for the fall, we are looking for people  
: to help by teaching, doing an activity, or helping  
: with the Christmas Pageant. Your commitment  
: can be of as little as an hour. We promise that  
: you will enjoy getting to know our youngest  
: members.  
: .....



## Let's hear it for the Jubilate Choir!

This spring, the members of the Jubilate Choir were: Michael and Nathan Guarneiri, Nathan and Rachel Schierer, Hope and Lilly Kimber, and finally Becca and Abi Brooks. Just since Christmas, these outstanding kids did an amazing job learning the bells and some new techniques after mastering the hand chimes in the fall. To close out the year on June 20th, the group played "For the Beauty of the Earth" for the prelude. I'm very excited to get started with them again this coming fall, and see how this talented group develops!

Secondly, we're always looking for musicians to fill in while the Senior Choir is on break from July through August. Please drop me a line at [vincent@cnyorganist.com](mailto:vincent@cnyorganist.com) if you or a child would like to perform. If any of you have vocal or Instrumental solos from your high school or college days, I'm always happy to accompany you on piano or organ and help you brush up that old gem. Alternatively, if your child plays an nstrument and participates in the NYSSMA solo festival, this is a great time to show off all the hard work done to prepare for their solo.

Thanks go out to all the regular and new choir members who made this year a success! We couldn't have done it without you!

God Bless,  
Vince Guarneiri  
Director of Music

## Help is Available!!!

If you, or someone you know, is in occasional need of help to take care of small items around the house or yard that used to be handled personally, the Deacons would like to offer assistance. If the task is a larger one, we may be able to coordinate efforts of local youth volunteer groups that are looking for community service projects. Please contact one of the Deacons personally or call the church office at 655-3191.

### Members of the Board of Deacons

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Bruce Ball</b>          | <b>Pam Blom</b>        |
| <b>Bill Chappell</b>       | <b>Hilda Chappell</b>  |
| <b>Susan Palmer Everly</b> | <b>Shirley Falkner</b> |
| <b>Leigh Garber</b>        | <b>Holly Ioset</b>     |
| <b>Brad Johnson</b>        | <b>Peggy Laidman</b>   |
| <b>Diana Markowitz</b>     | <b>Jan McCobb</b>      |
| <b>Wendy Taylor</b>        |                        |



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## Outreach Update

The Outreach Committee met on June 12<sup>th</sup> and unanimously voted to support the following worthy organizations.

The Mustard Seed, located in Georgetown, is a food pantry that also supplies gently used clothes and linens and sometimes assists those in need with expenses. They will receive \$500 for their discretionary fund, and we decided to organize a drive in September to supply diapers, pillows, and gently used linens. Look in the Bulletin and weekly Tidings for information about this drive at the end of the summer!

We also donated \$300 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to pay for three Bags of Hope for children. These bags are given to local children who were recently diagnosed with Type I Diabetes. Each bag contains a teddy bear who has diabetes, a glucose monitor, age-appropriate books, and information for parents who are often overwhelmed by this life-altering diagnosis and need more support, especially emotional, than is available from their medical team.

The Madison County Office for the Aging is in dire need of a freezer, so thanks to the generosity of this congregation, they will receive the \$2,000 needed to purchase a new one!

As we have done in the past, the Outreach Committee is donating \$200 for the After the Prom parties for Cazenovia's Junior and Senior Balls.

Finally, after reviewing a request from the Rescue Mission, we voted to support a needy child to attend their summer camp for five days at a cost of \$500.

We thank the congregation for trusting the Outreach Committee to make these important decisions to support so many worthy organizations. We hope our new pastor, Rev. Oak, will be able to attend our next meeting in August so that we may have his input regarding our outreach efforts.

We hope you are all enjoying the beautiful CNY summer!

Patricia Johnson and Linda Peters Co-Chairs, Outreach Committee



**July 10**

## **ART INSPIRED MUSIC!**

**Concert at 3pm @ 1st Pres, Caz** – celebrating the 40th anniversary of the organ, followed by Tea. Organist **Glenn Kime** solos in **Patrick Greene's *Steel Symphony***, inspired by sculptures at DeCordova Art Park, music inspired by **Carrie Mae Weems'** photos (MacArthur Genius awardee & Syr. resident), & Pulitzer winner **Jennifer Higdon's *Trio***.  
**Performers: Ahreum Kim, Greg Wood, Sar Strong**

See [www.societyfornewmusic.org](http://www.societyfornewmusic.org) for the complete list of events during the whole month of July.



# Among Our People...



People around the World who are suffering from tragedy, natural disasters, and strife.

Bonnie Arnold (Nancy Sagar Loffredo's sister)

Brian Ball (Brother of Bruce Ball)

Laura F. Brown (Shirley Falkner's daughter)

Margery Caywood (Mother of Shelly Brooks)

Friends and Family of Ned Gruppe

Helen Ifflander (Nancy Sagar Loffredo's mother)

Chuck Lewis

Friends and Family of Mary Leone

Sheri-Anne Mitchell (daughter of Barbara & Raymond Mitchell)

Friends and Family of Shirley Palmer

Friends and Family of Sigrid Peters

Charlie Poole (Student of Shelly Brooks)

Sally Scribner

Jan Anthony Vinopal (grandson of Jana Laxa)

Marion York

We pray for our congregation during this time of transition and discernment, as we look to the future; to new leadership, new ministries and a renewed mission.

The brave men and women who are recovering from their tours, the nurses, doctors and therapists who care for them and their families; family & friends of all the men & women in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



*Pray for peace ...*

**... and for the men and women stationed throughout the world in service to their country. Pray for their safety.**

**\*Matt Shane** (Janet Turco's son serving in South East Asia)

*Pray for ...*

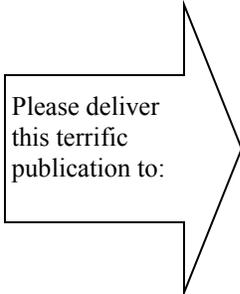
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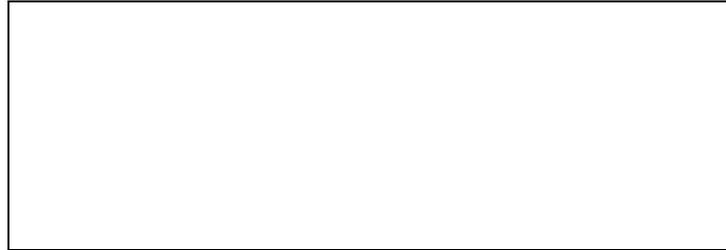
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**Congregational Letter  
from The Reverend  
Thomas C. Oak**

**Front Page!**

**Shirley Palmer  
Memorial  
Service  
July 2nd  
@  
11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome Reverend  
Oak  
Special Coffee Hour  
August 7th!**

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