

# PRC CONNECTIONS

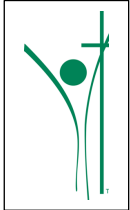
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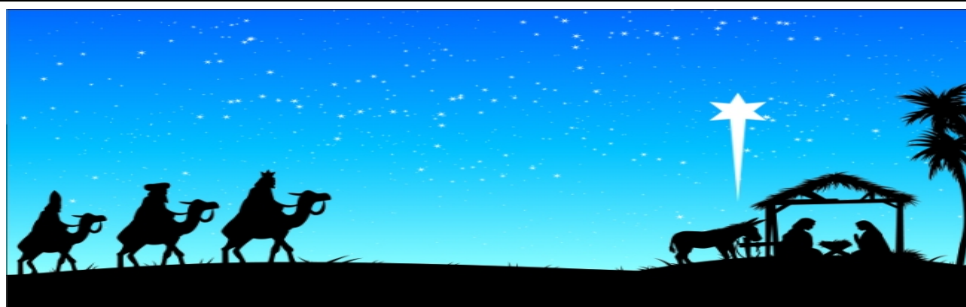
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## *A New Way of Being*

Absolutely essential and indispensable to the Christian faith is the belief that God has taken humanity into God's self. Because of this act, this event of mystery, God has made humanity the object of God's grace. This grace is not given in part, it is given in its totality. It is given without condition. This is love reduced to its essence.

This means not only that each and every one of us is the object of God's grace, but that God has taken upon God's self the cause of humanity. Our cause is God's cause. Our human plight is God's plight. It is this taking on of our plight in the incarnation that gives birth to something further—hope. This is not simply hope for the individual, although it is certainly that. It is hope for the created order. God in taking up the plight and cause of humanity takes it all up, again not in part, but in totality. This means that God and who God is—love, eternity, all-powerfulness, justice, mercy, goodness, boundlessness, ever-present, is in the act of incarnation in the service of humanity. God rushes to our side, stands with us against the dark tides, and is forever with us and for us, because humanity now also resides in God in the event of Jesus Christ. Hope in this instance then can never be fully quenched, it cannot be extinguished because God cannot be quenched or extinguished.

Hope so conceived brings into being a peace. This is a peace divinely rooted in humanity. If grace and love with hope in their wake, hope brings with it peace. We seek for peace in a world so torn by violence of word and act, deed and deafness, that at times we can forget that God's hope will not be overcome and that God's peace will prevail because God will not be overcome. God will not be overcome by hopelessness nor will God be thwarted by the dissonance and disharmony, the disgrace and drudgery that humanity seeks to dwell in. Because God indwells humanity dissonance will dissolve into concord, disharmony into melody, drudgery into freedom, and disgrace into honor. God's peace, peace that defies and eludes us, will be ours because God has taken up our plight and our cause.

The incarnation makes a new way where there was no way. It makes hope, love, grace, and peace not only *a* possibility, but *the* only possibility for humanity. Advent marks a time of waiting for and remembering these things. Not things that *might* be but things that *will* be and have already begun because God has made our plight and cause God's own.

May the hope, peace, joy and love of God in Christ be with you all this coming year.

Peace,

Pastor Eric

## ***PRC Caroling Event***



It was sunny and cold but nineteen people and one dog boarded the wagon for a trip around the block singing Christmas carols and hymns. Hot chocolate, hot cider and fun fellowship kept us warm and our spirits high. We stopped at Fred and Marlene Walvoord's home for some cookies but all they had to offer was peanut butter sandwiches – no, thank you! Many thanks to Mark and Diana Lagoner for the use of their wagon and tractor. Mark is an excellent driver!!!

## **PRC Financial Report**

**1/1/22 – 11/30/22**

	Starting Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Operating Fund	0	139,848.92	166,558.26	-26,709.34
Benevolent Fund	0	23,442.92	16,396.75	7,046.17
Capital Improvement	19,798.81	13,255.27	26,189.24	6,864.84



## Caring Hands

### January Meeting Dates

Saturday, January 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 26 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 p.m.

### Parish Life Committee 2023 Activities



#### Not So Newlywed Game

“Not So Newlywed” game on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> following worship and lunch. We are looking for five couples to be our contestants and also soup and dessert makers. Each person is asked to bring a sandwich cut in half. They will all be placed on a platter to share. Sign up on the board in Trinity Hall or contact the church office. Plan on attending this hilarious event!

#### Chili Cook-Off and Favorite Games

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Following Worship

#### Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Following Worship

#### PRC Church Picnic and Sing-a-long

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Following Worship



## Communion

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

The communion offering is going to a **homeless day center in Zagreb, Croatia**, run by former students of the seminary where Pastor Eric and Nancy Titus taught. **Daniel and Marijana Vuga** provide a place where those living on the streets in the capital city can hang out in a warm place, wash their clothes, heat a meal, read a book from their library, and get basic job skills training. The Vugas serve people who refuse to enter shelters, either because they don't want to follow the rules (like no smoking) or because of mental illness or addiction. The Vugas' homeless ministry had been operating with grants from both the European Union and the nation of Croatia, but those grants have run out. They need some bridge funding until new grants can be awarded. Your gifts will help get them through the particular hardships winter brings to those on the streets. Marijana was a special guest of PRC for the **Oasis** women's retreat we hosted last September in Trogir, Croatia. As our ladies who met her know, she was weary and over-burdened with the load of caring for this population. Diana Lagoner, who was her small group leader, spoke eloquently at our Harvest Supper of her movement from burden to joy during the retreat.

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Come-Unity Center. Baskets are available in Trinity Hall and Shalom Lounge for your donations.

### Our Missionaries

**Nathan & Nozomi Brownell**  
Kenneth, Raymond, Luke

**Japan**

[www.rca.org/brownell](http://www.rca.org/brownell)

**Felipe & Janelle Silva**  
Luca, Sofia, Mila  
**Romania**  
[www.rca.org/silva](http://www.rca.org/silva)

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our Angel Tree Project a success. Thirteen people had a merrier Christmas due to your hard work and generosity!



*Missions means healing to the nations*

## Homeless, prayer projects front, center for 2023

By Nancy Titus, Missions Chair

One of the central themes I like to emphasize to any church's missions work is that it is so much more than money. I say that to committee members often.

It is easy to lose sight of that fact when the missions committee is continually bringing to the church's attention missionaries and projects that are in need of our giving to further God's work around the world.

Yeah, we all know, money is needed. We are a giving church, and in addition to our regular support of our two missionaries, we offer special communion offerings each month to give over and above our church tithe to ministries at work in our community and beyond.

It's one thing I love about missions — we reach beyond ourselves with the substance of our lives: our money, our time, and our prayers.

And, you will see me asking for special offerings, like this month's communion offering helping the **homeless in Zagreb, Croatia**, through the work of former students of the seminary where Pastor Eric and I taught.

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I do hope you will give liberally to this and our future communion offerings.

And beyond that, we engage in missions in other, non-monetary ways. That includes education and, most importantly, prayer.

Again this year, the missions committee will be providing information and materials to emphasize prayer for our community and large groups of people in the world.

We will again participate in the **Seek God for the City** project, which includes 40 days of prayer for our own neighborhoods from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, to Palm Sunday, April 2. The daily readings and prayers emphasize "expansive prayers of solid hope" and include ideas of people and place to focus our prayer efforts.

We will also engage in special prayer projects for the Muslim and Buddhist worlds: beginning with **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World**, March 19 to April 18, offered during the month of Ramadan, Muslims themselves seek God.

Give, pray, and do missions this year!

**Women's Retreat 2023**  
**February 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Camp Fowler**  
**“Come to the Table – A Recipe for Love”**  
**\$150**

Ladies,

Have you accepted your invitation to Come to the Table? The Table is being set and your seat is "reserved." All are welcome! Come, be fed, rest, play, be loved. Will you claim your seat? He's waiting!

You can claim your seat by signing the sheet in Trinity Hall and confirming with a payment of \$150 to PRC by February 5<sup>th</sup> or calling the church office at 315-589-2703.

**Curbside Pickup Pancake Breakfast**

6191 Bennett Street

All proceeds go towards the Williamson Youth Center



December 31<sup>st</sup> 8-10 a.m. \$3

Stack of pancakes, maple syrup and sausage

Cash or Check

For questions contact:

Williamson Youth Center Facebook page

or

[hjamison529@gmail.com](mailto:hjamison529@gmail.com)

# Church Bells in Pultneyville

## Pultneyville Methodist and Pultneyville Reformed Church

### Whoever thinks about where these bells came from?

#### Pultneyville Methodist Church



#### Our Church Bell

The bell was purchased at the time of the building in 1874. A Subscription was circulated by L. Persons and E. D. Staddard. It was drawn up in the usual fashion and was for the purchase of a bell to be placed in the M. E. Church of Pultneyville. The following consideration was included:

"The Consideration with the donors of the above mentioned Bell, shall be, that after the application of five (5) of the above donors or of their heirs or assign, to the Presiding Minister, or to one (1) of the Trustees of the Church wherein the Bell is flared, it shall be rung or tolled as requested, but not to the interruption of the regular use for religious services of the M. E. Society of this place. This shall be binding upon our heirs and successors forever."

Pultneyville, Jan. 17, 1875

#### Pultneyville Reformed Church



1922 A gift of \$1000 was given by Fred L. (1844-1938) and Martha Vanderboegh Goevaert (1848-1936) towards the new **Church Bell**. To the church family they were known as Uncle Fred and Aunt Mart.

Fred and Martha Goevaert lived on the west side of Hamilton Street and maintained a large farm. Hester and Frank Truelson later took possession of that home and Fred's Niece, Hester raised William Manahan her nephew, (son of Ella, Hester's sister) who also attended Pultneyville Reformed Church.)



The McShane Bell Foundry was located in Baltimore, Maryland. Founded in 1856  
This company made both of the local Church Bells.

165 years later they are still in operation and have produced over 300,000 Bells!





## Kind

do you know  
that one of your  
greatest strengths  
is simply being kind?  
yes, kind.  
you can change a life  
being kind.  
you can give hope  
being kind.  
you can bring joy  
being kind.  
so listen, today choose  
to be kind.

*words by rachel mae martin  
findingjoy.net*



# Our Homebound Church Family

Don DeMarree  
900 Cherry Ridge Blvd.  
The Glen – Apt. 118  
Webster, NY 14580  
**Birthday: April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Louise Hermet  
Victor Views  
1440 Rt. 444  
Victor, NY 14564  
**Birthday: September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Bob & Carol Hopkins  
4172 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 192  
Pultneyville, NY 14538  
**Birthday: Bob – January 2**  
**Birthday: Carol – September 5**

Jennie Hubright  
Solstice Senior Living  
55 Ayrault Road  
Room 113  
Fairport, NY 14450  
**Birthday: October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Anne Hotchkiss  
1340 Parkwood Drive  
Apt. 240  
Macedon, NY 14502  
**Birthday: September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Alice Morgan  
2301 Lake Road  
Ontario, NY 14519  
**Birthday: March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Ruth Naylor  
Maplewood Nursing Home  
100 Daniel Drive  
#120  
Webster, NY 14580  
**Birthday: September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dave Scheffinger  
1016 Railway Crossing  
Webster, NY 14580  
**Birthday: June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Jo SomDeCerff  
4233 Scarlet Sage Court  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
**Birthday: October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Lorrayne Walvoord  
4281 Congdon Road  
Williamson, NY 14589  
**Birthday: October 21<sup>st</sup>**



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

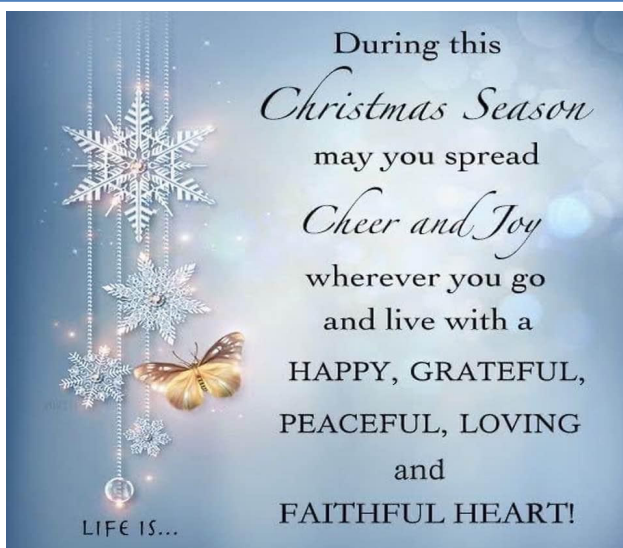
2	Bob Hopkins, Tom Moenter
7	Paul Heilman
9	Tracy Watson
21	Matt Yost
22	Dick Baxter Ron Cole Peter DeNagel
23	Andy Fox Emma Vos
25	Rick Vos
28	Annaliese Reuter
29	Kendall Shultes

## JANUARY LITURGISTS

1	Alison DeMarree
8	Amy Burdette
15	John Setchell
22	Tom Moenter
29	Nancy Titus

## JANUARY ELDER

Mark Lagoner



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Jim Fox  
Karen Fox  
Jane Morgan  
John Setchell  
Paula Shultes  
Matthew Yost  
Tonja Yost

Building & Property  
Tom DeMarree  
Craig DeNagel  
Mark Fiegl  
Ralph Morgan  
Fred Walvoord

Christian Education  
Amy Burdett  
Alison DeMarree  
Linda Dubois  
John Manahan  
Kate Orbaker  
Paula Shultes

Missions  
Amy Burdett  
Julie Fuller  
Paul Heilman  
Rosemary Heilman  
Tom Moenter  
Nancy Titus

Parish Life  
Kathy Baxter  
Diana Lagoner  
Chelsea Manahan  
Karen Manahan  
Ralph Morgan  
Donna Reuter  
Jim Williams  
Karen Williams  
Carolyn Youngs

## Daily Scripture Readings

### **Sunday, January 1**

Monday, January 2

Tuesday, January 3

Wednesday, January 4

Thursday, January 5

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

### **First Sunday after Christmas Day**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Epiphany; Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

### **Sunday, January 8**

Monday, January 9

Tuesday, January 10

Wednesday, January 11

Thursday, January 12

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

### **First Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-5

Psalms 40:6-11

I Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-34

John 1:35-42

### **Sunday, January 15**

Monday, January 16

Tuesday, January 17

Wednesday, January 18

Thursday, January 19

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

I Corinthians 1:10-12

I Corinthians 1:13-18

Matthew 4:12-17

Matthew 4:18-23

### **Sunday, January 22**

Monday, January 23

Tuesday, January 24

Wednesday, January 25

Thursday, January 26

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

### **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Micah 6:1-5

Micah 6:6-8

Psalms 15

I Corinthians 1:18-25

I Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

### **Sunday, January 29**

Monday, January 30

Tuesday, January 31

### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 58:1-9

Isaiah 58:10-12

January 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7 9:00 Caring Hands
8 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Lunch 12:00 Not-So- Newlywed Game	9	10	11	12 12:00 Caring Hands	13	14
15 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	16	17	18 6:30 Elders 7:00 Consistory	19	20	21 9:00 Caring Hands
22 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	23	24	25	26 12:00 Caring Hands	27	28
29 8:40 Choir 10:00 Worship	30	31				