

OUR MISSION

**A WELCOMING FAMILY OF GOD
REACHING OUT TO ALL IN THE
SPIRIT OF CHRIST**

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February 2024 Newsletter

Pastor Elizabeth's Effervescent Elaborations

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Have you ever been in a place where you didn't know where to turn for guidance, support, or understanding? We mostly likely have all been in a similar place. Recently, I have been in an interesting season. This season has been frustrating and I have cried out to God for help. By His grace, He has answered in many different ways. One way was through the Bible. I am slowly making my way through the Bible in chronological order. One evening after a very trying day, I picked up the Bible that was lying on my bed, opened it and started to read. As it happens, I was in Joshua chapter one. I read how Joshua took over the leadership of the Israelites after Moses died. God shares with Joshua that he is to be ready to cross

the Jordan River and take the promised land. He reminds Joshua in verses six, seven, to be strong and courageous. Then it hit me by verse 9, God was reminding me to be strong and courageous. That my strength and courage lie in God and God alone and that I do NOT need to be afraid for God is with me wherever I go. I burst out laughing because it was exactly what I needed.

Yes, God also uses angels in the form of people to aide us in our dismay. Not too long ago I thanked a friend for being there when needed. They expressed to me that they hadn't done anything out of the ordinary. It really wasn't about doing anything out of the ordinary for me. Sometimes it is about being in the right place at the right time. Sometimes it's the encouragement that may not necessarily be spoken, but may come through a look or touch. It can most definitely be given in quiet strength which, when recognized, is so appreciated. It is a reminder that our strength comes from the Lord. Remembering that, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Blessings,
Pastor Elizabeth



Session:

- On January 21, 2024, we held our Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Pastor Elizabeth Smith was the Moderator.
- A complete review included:
- Pastor's Report – Session Report – Statistical Report – Building and Grounds Report – Report of Deacons – Women's Association Report – Forest Finds Report – Forest Church Report – Budget Report – Investment Report and the Nominating and Election of Officers Report.
- The Booklets are complete and a copy for you is in Kathy's office

Deacon Meeting Highlights

5 Tear Soup Books were purchased for gifts.

- Discussion as to what more the Deacons do for church and community.
- Next meeting will be February 4, 2024

Forest Friends/ Women's Association Meeting Highlights:

- Forest Finds made \$2,684.3797 in December.
- At the party for our wonderful workers, Rehab without Walls, will receive a shirt as a thankyou for all the work they do. To be given out at the New Year party.
- A "Christmas in July" will be held in July. More details later.

- Lynn Hardy is in contact with “Rage Therapy” LLC in Watertown, They will be picking up items we usually have to throw away.
- Blanket Sunday will start February 4th.
- The next meeting is 11am February 12, 2024, at Bertha’s home.

Forest Finds Report:

- Karen Lawrence is selling some special items on Facebook; she is doing a phenomenal job.
- We are now setting aside Christmas items for our “Christmas In July” sale.
- Sue Busch is still taking care of the toys and we are putting them on display to be sold instead of keeping the bulk of them for the Christmas Giveaway as we have in the past.
- We had a party for Rehab without walls on the 24th January.

I have added a few pictures from the party!





Store hours are still Tuesdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon.



The next Deacons meeting is February 4th 9am
The next Session meeting is February 4th 11:15am

Forest Church has three senior boys graduating this year, and they all play baseball. Two are going to Myrtle Beach in April for a game and one is going to Europe. We are planning a Spaghetti Dinner to help the families with the expenses.



SPAGHETTI DINNER
FEBRUARY 19TH, PRESIDENTS DAY
IN THE DINNING ROOM AT
THE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(Take out will be available)

4:00pm until 7:00 or until gone

There will also be a basket auction during and after the spaghetti dinner. Hope to see you there!!



BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE



Forest Friends/Women's Association will be having their annual "Blanket Project" for the month of February. We are asking for donations to purchase blankets for the **Church World Service (CWS)**. The blankets cost \$10 each but we will gladly accept any amount. Last year we collected \$300.00, and we matched that amount and donated \$600 to CWS to purchase 60 blankets. They in turn will give the blankets to people in need throughout the United States and the world.

As in previous years there will be a large heart in the back of the church sanctuary. Put your name or a family member's name on a heart for each donation, put the heart on the large heart. As a bonus of your generosity Katie Liendecker will be providing a piece of fudge (chocolate or peanut butter) for each donation.

A blanket is a huge act of kindness. The blankets will be touching the hearts of people we will never meet. Your donations will be helping the most vulnerable neighbors around the world so they can feel safe and keep warm. **"Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:8**

Prayer Concerns: Dody Smith, Edith Martin, Michelle Higby, Joyce N, Amanda Osborne, Mike Bradish, Jerry Duink, Nancy Newton, David Strong, Peg Pitcher, Laurie Rutan, Shela Luther, Patricia Morse, Tim Kranbuhl, Marilyn Bona, Chris Broadbent, Joan & Larry Chase, Kathy and Danny Hershey, Shawn Fitzgerald, Jennifer Lemberger, Jim Wilcox, Lily Warcup, Jean Balch, Marie Duink, Janet Gydesen, Bob Jones, Ginny Fitzgerald, Tom Osborne, Milton Dick, Ron Perini, Carol Kunkel, Eve Breen, George Gydesen, Mike Ramsey, Don Busch, Sherry Mathis, Linda Duncan, those who have lost loved ones, our church, session, deacons, and pastoral leadership.



We Pray for our Members of the Armed Forces: Jason Beadore, Travis Post, Steven Potter, Bryan Monnat and Todd Crofoot.

Facebook - If you are a Facebook user, don't forget to like our page. If you have any suggestions or anything you wish to add, please contact Carol Kunkel or Teresa Bauer

February Word Search

Chef Solus Valentine's Day Healthy Heart Word Search Puzzle!



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C	O	I	V	T	E	E	D	W	K	G	F	F	O	L
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Musical Medleys from Berlin to The Beatles



presented by Adirondack Community Chorus

Peg Nuspliger, director

Ruth Hedeon, accompanist and Bill Sawyer, percussionist

Asher Simanowski, guitar and Amy Simanowski, bass

Sunday, February 11th at 3:00 p.m.
Forest Presbyterian Church
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February 2024

CWS Blanket Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
4 Birthday Susie Hammecker	5	6 Birthday Sam Anderson Rosalie White	7 Birthday Aggie Walker	8 Birthday Edward Walker	9	3 Birthday Onie Brown 10	Liturgist 2/4 Steve Kennison 2/11 Tricia Kennison 2/18 Mary Dixon 2/25 Peg Pitcher
11 Guest Speaker Tricia Kennison ACC CONCERT	12	13	14 Anniversary Peter & Sheri Mathis	15 Birthday Tina Shue	16 Birthday Ken Allen	17	Usher/Greeter 2/4 Tom Osborne 2/11 Shela Luther 2/18 Pat Houck 2/25 Bertha Dorrity
18 Birthday Sharon Shue Ordination of Deacons & Elders Lunch w Kids	19 Spaghetti Supper Presidents Day	20	21	22	23	24	Coffee Hour 2/4 Vashta Osborne 2/11 Shela Luther 2/18 Pat Houck 2/25 Marj Hughes
25 Snow date for Ordination Bible study Training 11:10am	26	27	28	29			COMMUNION Bertha Dorrity AA Meetings Wednesday Nights 7:pm Paint Classes Tuesdays 9:00am

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