

No lead article this week

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Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery

November

- 5 Johnson City 1st Robert Peak, Pastor
Binghamton John Hus
- 12 Hancock
- 19 Bovina Center United Garrett Vittorio Schindler, Pastor
- 26 Cabin Hill Deb Fleming, Commissioned Lay Pastor

Birthdays and Ordination Anniversaries for the month of November

Birthdays

- 11 Adelbert More
- 12 Lisa Ruth Mays
- 15 James Martin
- 19 Dale Francis
- 23 James Hicks
- 29 Garrett Schindler

Ordination Anniversaries of Ministers

- 1 Douglas Hatch
- 10 Janet Adair Hansen
- 28 Sharon Dittman

Prayers:

Please contact Committee on Ministry co-chairs, Marsha Muller and Janet Adair Hansen if you have a pastoral care concern or need.

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Other News



Annual Enrollment for Employees Begins Today

Annual enrollment, **now through November 17**, is the chance for employees to review and elect benefits coverage for 2018.

Employees will receive an email this afternoon announcing the beginning of annual enrollment and advising them to log on to [Benefits Connect](#) to submit their elections for 2018 benefits coverage -- even if they do not want to make any changes or their employer pays the full cost of coverage.

Please do the following:

- Remind employees that November 17 is the deadline to log on to [Benefits Connect](#) and elect benefits for 2018. The decisions they make now will be in place January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, unless they have a [qualifying life event](#) during the year.
- Offer employees the opportunity to [contribute pretax](#) if you are requiring employee contributions.
- Encourage employees to consider contributing, or increasing their contributions, to the Retirement Savings Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) (RSP). Annual enrollment is a good time for employees to review all their benefits, even though they can make RSP updates at any time during the year.
- Call the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN) if you have questions.

Annual enrollment is the only opportunity for employees to review and elect benefits coverage for 2018 – unless they have a [qualifying life event](#) during the year.

For more information about annual enrollment, visit pensions.org (pensions.org/annualenrollment).



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After each regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Board of Pensions publishes The Board Bulletin. This Bulletin reports key information presented and actions taken at the fall 2017 meeting that affect plans and programs administered by the Board of Pensions.

For previous editions of The Board Bulletin, visit pensions.org. Under Available Resources, select Newsletters.

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First Presbyterian Church, Delhi Hosts Holiday Bazaar

Exciting News! The 2017 Holiday Bazaar at First Presbyterian Church is on Saturday, November 4th from 9 am to 3 pm. The Mission Committee of the First Presbyterian Church in Delhi is thrilled to invite you and your family and friends to this fun event held throughout the church.

Highlights include Country Crafts, a huge White Elephant sale with used books, homemade, new, and gently used Christmas items, Children's items, a Bake Sale with homemade baked goods, a used Jewelry table, and a Silent Auction.

Brunch will be served from 11 am to 2 pm. The menu includes quiche, salad, assorted bread and rolls, fruit crisp and a beverage for \$7.00 per person.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 4 Clinton Street, Delhi. The church is handicap accessible through the side elevator entrance or the ramps off to the side and parking lot areas. For more information, please call the church office at (607)746-2155.

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Boundary Awareness Training

Saturday, November 4, 2017

First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa, 22 W High Street, Ballston Spa, New York

9:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m.

We would be delighted to welcome ALL to this opportunity. We ask that each participant pay \$25 to cover the cost of the workbook and lunch. If you have any questions, or know of anyone who would like to register, please have them contact me at this e-mail address, or call my office 518-478-0796.

Blessings and Peace, The Rev. Holly S. Cameron, Co-Chair, Albany Presbytery COM

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A Pilgrimage for Young Adults to Taizé, France

June 30 - July 8, 2018

What is Taizé? Taizé is an ecumenical community in central France made up of Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christians. The community welcomes people, regardless of their faith, to join them in their rhythm of life and prayer. Each week, anywhere from a few hundred to several thousand young adults from all over the world journey to Taizé. They enter into the community's rhythm, gathering together for Taizé's unique style of worship and joining other young pilgrims for workshops, shared work, Bible study, meals, and relaxation. Cross-cultural relationship building is woven into the experience of prayer, work, and rest throughout the week.

Why go? Taizé is a special opportunity to step back from your ordinary life and experience God's presence in community. At Taizé pilgrims find a welcoming place to be accepted just as you are alongside people from all over the world -- all listening for the Spirit of God. Through sung prayer, silence, and community, people often find a deep peace and simplicity that enriches their lives.

Who is invited? Young adults, from high school seniors to age 29, are welcome to join our group. Space is limited. The leader is Bobby Outterson-Murphy, Pastor of the United Ministry of Delhi. This will be his third trip to Taizé.

How much will it cost? We hope to limit individual cost to \$400, which is 1/3 of the total \$1,200. The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley will cover 1/3 for a limited number of pilgrims. We anticipate that the last 1/3 will come from each participant's local church and/or fundraising efforts.

What do I do next? Contact Pastor Bobby at pastor@umdelhi.org or 607-746-2191, ext. 202 (church) or 607-431-8351 (cell) to find out more. Check out the Taizé website (www.taize.fr/en) to learn more about Taize. Non-refundable deposits and registration forms are due by Dec. 31, 2017.

Send to: Rev. Bobby Outterson-Murphy- Delhi United Ministry Church, P.O. Box 111, Delhi, NY 13753

Passports: Please note that if you don't have a passport valid through July 2018 you should submit your application to a passport acceptance facility by November 1, 2017.