

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORONOCO

January 2018 Newsletter



The Presbyterian Church of Oronoco's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 11, 2018 during the **10:00 a.m. worship**. We will follow the meeting with a pot luck lunch.**

A reminder to all committee chairs: *please have your annual reports in by Sunday, January 28 for Sue to assemble.* Copies of report can be emailed to her or be placed in file on the desk in her office.

All members are encouraged to attend!

In Our Prayers

I pray that you may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.
Ephesians 3:17,18

Karen Vallejo, Eunice Markham, Joan Swarthout,
Joyce Rucker

In Appreciation



As always, I am blessed by your generosity and kindness shared with me through your Christmas gifts of friendship and money. Wishing you all a very healthy, happy 2018!

Your secretary,
Sue

Dear Presbyterian Church,
Our organization is very grateful for your generous cash donation. Your charitable donation will now allow us to purchase much-needed supplies that will directly benefit our students in transition. We would like you to know that your thoughtfulness is truly making a difference for so many students and families.

Respectfully,
Melissa Brandt

Presbyterian Church,
Just a little note filled with a whole lot of gratitude. We appreciate your gift/donation to Pine Island Area Home Services. Your support allows us to serve the needs of the elderly citizens of Oronoco.

Thanks so much!
Sandra Grenell
PIAHS Director

Thank you all for the wonderful Christmas wishes and gifts. It is my pleasure to play for you all each Sunday.

Katha

I want to extend a thank you to all of you who sent us Christmas cards, dropped off little gifts, and shared your Christmas goodies with me and my family this Christmas. All of those little remembrances are day-brighteners for me and are greatly appreciated. We are incredibly grateful for the continued love, support, and prayers of both congregations. Thank you.

Pastor Lisa

Presbytery meeting

The next presbytery meeting is **Sat., Jan. 20, 2015**. It starts at **9:00 a.m.** and will be held at **Trinity Presbyterian Church** in Woodbury. Pastor Lisa will be going but will be leaving from Le Sueur that weekend. However, anyone is welcome to come – either as a ruling elder commissioner (if you’ve ever served on session) or as a visitor – and coordinate rides from Oronoco.

Food Shelf Sunday

Food Shelf donation Sunday is January 7, 2018. Non-perishable food items and paper products are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are always welcome. Your generosity is appreciated more than you know.



“Coffee & Conversation”

Sunday mornings starting at 9:00(ish), we are continuing our “Coffee & Conversation” time – an opportunity for us to discuss faith, life, and everything in between. No pre-reading or prior knowledge required.

We will finish up our Advent-themed study: “The Light Will Shine” on Sun., Jan. 6. After that, we will be starting another study (topic as yet to be determined). Anyone is welcome – to attend, to lead the discussion, to suggest a new topic of study. Please consider joining us!

Annual Meeting – Mark Your Calendars! February 11th

A reminder to all committee chairs: *please have your annual reports in at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting for Sue to assemble.*

Reports may be emailed to the church office, or paper copies may be given to Mike Rand for forwarding. Thanks to all who will be submitting reports. Without your good work, we would have a less complete record of the year’s activities.

Sermon series – “Man of Mystery”

In the season after Easter, through Scripture, we watch Jesus’ ministry begin. Yes, it’s a little odd to go straight from the baby in the manger to the 30 year old man going about teaching and healing and proclaiming the Kingdom of God. But that is where Scripture takes us – straight to the life of a man who, despite all the stories and parables we find in the gospels, remains somewhat of a mystery to us.

Through this 6-week sermon series, we will spend time in the gospels as Jesus reveals himself more and more to those around him while at the same time insisting that they keep his identity a secret. And as we do this – as we explore Jesus’ mysterious identity – we may discover more about ourselves and a purpose that causes us to live with the same sense of urgency that he continually imparts to those around him.

Treats After Church

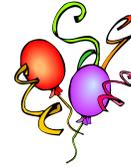
Everyone loves hanging out after worship with coffee or juice and a tasty treat, right? So let’s do it *every Sunday!* We’re looking for people willing to bring after worship treats. They can be as simple or as fancy as you like. The coffee is here, but you may want to consider bringing juice for all of our beloved non-coffee drinkers. If you (or you and a group of others) are interested, please put your names on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. As of today, Jan., Feb., and Mar. are all still wide open. Thanks!

Sharing Prayer Requests

One of the things that so many people appreciate about our congregation is the way that we can share our lives with each other in prayer on Sunday mornings. We lift up the prayers that are a part of our lives and know that we are not lifting up those joys and concerns alone. This family of faith is lifting up those prayers with us. In order to better facilitate those prayers and in order to share them with those who cannot be with us on Sunday morning, we’re going to start sending out a Monday morning prayer email which will share the requests raised during worship on Sunday morning. If you are getting this email and would prefer not to, please don’t hesitate to let us know. If, for some reason, you would like to be getting this email and are not, also let us know so we can add you to the list.

Birthdays for the Month of January

1/1 Lisa Johnson
1/4 Robert Rueber
1/12 Jack Rucker
Ava Tiede
1/28 Janice Ostrom



Scripture Reading for January 2017

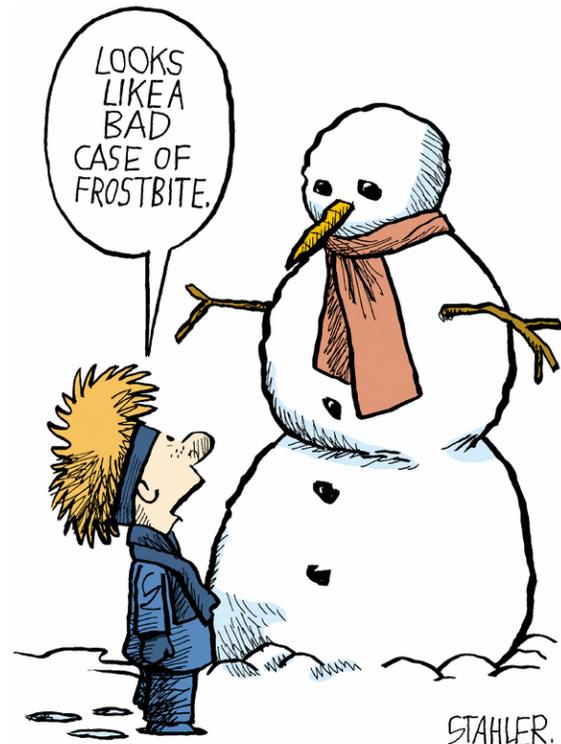


Sun., Jan. 7 – Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
Epiphany (celebrated), Man of Mystery #1

Sun., Jan. 14 – 1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1:43-51
Man of Mystery #2

Sun., Jan. 21 – Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20
Man of Mystery #3

Sun., Jan. 28 – Deuteronomy 18:15-22; Mark 1:21-28
Man of Mystery #4



About Per Capita

As 2017 comes to a close, I wanted to give you a reminder about per capita payments. Here's a brief rundown of what per capita is and how it works.

“One of the great strengths of our denomination is its connectionism. Presbyterians in Minnesota and Wisconsin are tied to the larger church in ministry. One concrete form of that connection is through our per capita. Every Presbyterian church in the country is required to pay a certain amount for each active member on its rolls. This money goes to support the work and ministry of our church throughout the country.” – *from the website of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area*

This year's per capita payment is \$33.75 per member. Of that \$33.75, the largest portion (66%) is used by our presbytery while the rest is shared equally (17% each) between our synod (the Synod of Lakes and Prairies) and the General Assembly (national office).

It is and has been the policy of the Presbyterian Church of Oronoco to pay our per capita by the end of every year, whether individual members have contributed their apportionment or not. If you haven't paid your per capita for this year, please consider doing so. You can make a check out to the O church and simply write “per capita” in the memo. If you're not sure whether you've paid your per capita this year, please contact Kay Erdahl.

And, since the new year is right around the corner, here is the per capita for 2018: \$34.50.

Casserole Luncheon

We will be holding our first luncheon of the new year on Wednesday, January 17th from 11:30 –1:00. We are looking for people to prepare, serve and clean-up

Church Staff

Organist: Katha Johnson
Secretary: Sue Johnson
Custodian: Sue Johnson
Pastor: Rev. Lisa Johnson

Presbyterian Leadership Team

Kay Erdahl, Treasurer
Kim Stanton, Asst. Treasurer
Mike Rand, Clerk of Session
Ron Peterson Rucker, Ruling Elder
Brenda Longman, Ruling Elder
Janice Ostrom, Ruling Elder
Mike Rand, Ruling Elder
Linda Sorensen, Ruling Elder
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Deb Nelson, Deacon
Joanne Schenck, Deacon
Karen Peterson Rucker, Deacon
Jenny Rand, Deacon
Gail Rucker, Deacon

People of the Church

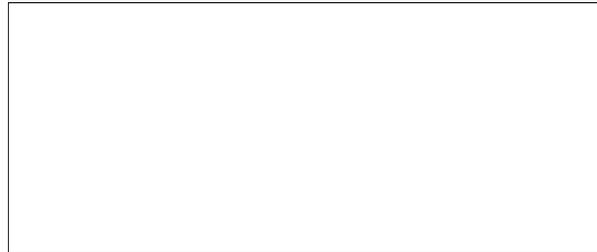
Janice Ostrom, Co-Moderator
Jenny Rand, Co Moderator

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS



Tuesday in Oronoco 10-1:00
Thursday in Oronoco 10-1:00
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**Check out our website at:
www.oronocochurch.org**

**Worship is held at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning
Communion is the first Sunday of each month
Adult Coffee and Conversation 9:00—9:45 a.m.
Sunday School for ages 6-12 10:45—11:30 a.m.**

*Welcome
to our Church*



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