



Welcome to those who have worshipped in this place for years.
Welcome to our first time guests.
Welcome to all generations, families, single people and couples.
Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ or do not believe.

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He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy.

Colossians 1:18

Our Mission Statement

The vision of the members of Oneida First Presbyterian Church is to LIVE God's plan for our family, our community and our world. TOGETHER with God's grace and guidance, we will reach out and sow the LOVE of Jesus Christ.



The Church At Worship
First Presbyterian Church of Oneida
January 25, 2026 10:00 AM
Pastor Michael L. Yeoman

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- † Esther 4:9-17
- † Psalm 46
- † Matthew 9:32-38

PRELUDE “*Guidance and Care Medley*” arr. by Ed Hogan and
Mary Ellen Kerrick
(Barb Seaton, Flute)

MORNING GREETINGS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT “*Lord, Speak To Me*” by Frances Ridley Havergal

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who are weary, all who are grateful, all who are searching for hope.

People: We come as one body, called by God’s grace.

Leader: Come, you who have served the church for years and you who are still finding your place.

People: We come as disciples, led by God’s Spirit.

Leader: Come, for such a time as this, to worship, to listen, and to be renewed.

People: For we are the Church, and God is with us.

OPENING HYMN

“*How Great Thou Art*”

#467



Follow Me

“*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.*”

Matthew 4:19b

Jesus doesn’t offer a detailed plan. He offers a relationship. “Follow me,” he says to people just doing their job-fishing, mending nets, living ordinary lives. The invitation isn’t about being perfect or prepared. It’s about being willing. Jesus gives ordinary people extraordinary purpose-not by changing their personality but by transforming their vocation. He doesn’t start with a list of qualifications. He starts with proximity. He asks them to walk with him and learn as they go. This is yet another example of how countercultural the Jesus way is to how society and history expect humans to behave.

Where is Jesus calling you today, right now, in the midst of your routines?

To follow Jesus is to let go of certainty and walk into something more alive: discipleship. The invitation still echoes through the centuries. It sounds a lot like love calling your name.

Will you answer?

From “These Days”, January 23, 2026

FOOD PANTRY

We are always looking for donations of non perishable goods and personal paper products. Many people in the Oneida area live on fixed income and inflation is making it difficult for them to keep basic food staples in their own pantries. You can drop off your donations during Sunday services or drop them off during the week. If you drop them off during the week please call in advance so that John will know you are coming. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.



STAY CONNECTED WITH US

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS

[HTTPS://WWW.ONEIDAPRESBYTERIANCHURCH.ORG/](https://www.oneidapresbyterianchurch.org/)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)**

Almighty God, gather us in Your Spirit and make us one in faith and mission. For such a time as this, You have called us to be Your Church. Speak to us, guide us, and send us, that we may bear witness to Christ in this community and in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

In every age, God calls the Church to faithfulness— to witness, to compassion, to courage, and to hope. We confess that we do not always live into that calling. We are often cautious where God invites boldness, fearful where God promises power, and anxious where God gives peace. Trusting in the mercy of Christ, let us confess our sin together.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always trust that You are still at work in Your Church. We worry about what the future holds, we cling to what is familiar, and we forget that You provide all we need. Forgive us for doubting Your promises. Forgive us for measuring our worth by what the world calls success. By Your Spirit, renew us in faith, so that we may live with joy, serve with gratitude, and love with courage. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: Christ is risen, the Spirit is given, and God's grace is abundant. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and in the Holy Spirit we are empowered to live as witnesses of God's love.

All: THANKS BE TO GOD

***GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be to the Father”

#579

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

“Living By Faith”

by Wells, Winsett and Heath

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Esther 4:9-17
The Word of the Lord

OT 425
Thanks be to God

PSALM Psalm 46 OT 489
The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 9:32-38 NT 9
The Gospel of Jesus Thanks be to God

SERMON “For Such a Time as This” Pastor Mike

*HYMN “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” #343

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A 1:

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY “The Church Triumphant” arr. by Fred Bock

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” #422

The Per Capita for
2026 is \$46.50



These Days for January, February, and March are in and can be found in the Narthex, Sanctuary and Hall way outside the Boardroom.



Our Daily Bread for December, January, and February is now available in the Sanctuary, Narthex and Hallway outside the Boardroom.

Introducing "The Variety"
A NEW Senior Activity Time -
Come Join the Fun!

Looking for a place to relax, laugh, and connect with
friends old and new?

Come spend your Wednesday afternoons at the **Janeth
P. Whiting Community Center** (211 Stone Street) for
our brand-new Senior Activity Time – The Variety!

Whether you love card games, board games, puzzles,
crafts, sewing or crocheting—or you'd like to learn
something new—there's a seat at the table waiting for
you.

Enjoy good company, friendly competition, and plenty
of smiles in a warm, welcoming space.

Wednesdays Time: 2:15 – 4:00 PM

Begins: Wednesday, February 2, 2025

Stay up to date on any schedule changes by visiting our
church website or Facebook page.

Come as you are — leave with laughter, friendship, and joy!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE "May the Peace of God Be With Us Today"**

by Price and Besig

POSTLUDE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. by Marianne Kim

*Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please join us for
coffee and fellowship in the auditorium.*



The Session Meeting that was scheduled for
Tuesday, January 27th has been moved to
Monday, February 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Blood Drives For January



Friday, January 30th Morrrisville Community Church
Morrsville, NY.

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



Sponsored by:

The First Presbyterian Church, 304 Broad St. Oneida NY

100's of beautiful dresses in all styles, colors and sizes.

Where: Janeth P. Whiting Community Center 211 Stone St. Oneida, NY 13421 (enter by the garage in the church parking lot on Stone St.)

When: Friday, February 6 from 6-8
Saturday, February 7 from 10-2

Saturday: March 21 from 10-2

ELDERS

CLASS OF 2026

Barb Arnold
Sue Kordziel
Paul Mancarella
Carol Miller
Kathy Nichols
Perry Tooker IV

CLASS OF 2027

Stephanie Gwilt

CLASS OF 2028

Leigh Silkowski

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026

Becky Ewen
Frank Kordziel
Rachel Mancarella
Kristin Tooker
Michelle Yeoman

CLASS OF 2027

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS
WHO ARE GRIEVING FOR:**
Fran Dowd (Jim Sweet's sister) Bob Heller

SPECIAL CONCERNS:

All first responders, nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals.

All victims and survivors of gun violence.

The Citizens of Ukraine

Pray for those who are serving overseas and our Police/Fire Safety personnel.

Israel and all victims of terrorism

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Pray for those who are stationed in non-combat zones:

Jason Murphy, Jack Sharkey, Nicholas Young, Philip Messina, Ryan Geer, John Goodwill, Errol Crossman, Corey Reed, Andrew Fargo, Jim Jennings, Peter Thompson, Dylan McClelland, Sean Fuller Jr.

Those serving in combat zones:



MISSION EMPHASIS:
2026 Micah Grant Recipients



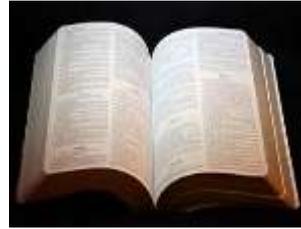
Collection Assistants for January/February

January 25th-Perry Tooker IV

February 1st-Barb Arnold

February 8th-Stepahnie Gwilt

February 15th-Sue Kordziel



Scripture Readers for January/February

January 25th-Paul Mancarella

February 1st-Barb Seaton

February 8th-Frank Kordziel

February 15th-Pat Thorpe



Coffee Servers for January/February

January 25th-Barb & Jack Arnold

February 1st-Nat & Melissa Smith

February 8th-Fellowship

February 15th-Fellowship



Projection Team for January/February

January 25th-Trish Vrooman

February 1st-Dan Gwilt

February 8th-Paul Mancarella

February 15th-Trish Vrooman



The First Presbyterian Church of Oneida is very appreciative of the officers who have just finished their service; John Merritt, Jennawade Skellham, Randy Bonville, Pat Thorpe and Lucille Merriman.

Thank you all for your unique talents that you have brought to lead-

ing this church through the years!

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 Annual meeting will be held on January the 25th.

There will be refreshments available for the meeting, which will take place in the auditorium following the service. Coffee, Tea, and water will be available.

We hope to see you there.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

February 15th—Birthday Bash

Fellowship will provide Coffee, Tea and soft drinks

February 22nd-Lenten Lunch

March 1st-Lenten Lunch

March 8th-Lenten Lunch

Chairpersons for 2026 Teams

Christian Education	Sue Kordziel	
Fellowship (Co-Chairs)	Barb Arnold	Carol Miller
Finance and Stewardship	Paul Mancarella	
Missions	Kathy Nichols	
Music and Worship	Stephanie Gwilt	
Nominating	Perry Tooker IV	
Technology	Paul Mancarella	
Personnel	Leigh Silkowski	
Property and Maintenance	Perry Tooker IV	
Outreach (Co-Chairs)	Paul Mancarella	Kathy Nichols



LIFE at ONEIDA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of Jan 25th—Feb 1st

Sunday, January 25th
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting

Monday, January 26th

Tuesday, January 27th

Wednesday, January 28th
1:00 p.m. Senior Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Connection

Thursday, January 29th
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds
Sensibly (JWCC)

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, January 30th

Saturday, January 31st

Sunday, February 1st
10 a.m. Worship
Communion





Baby bottles filled with change – that's The Baby Bottle Campaign

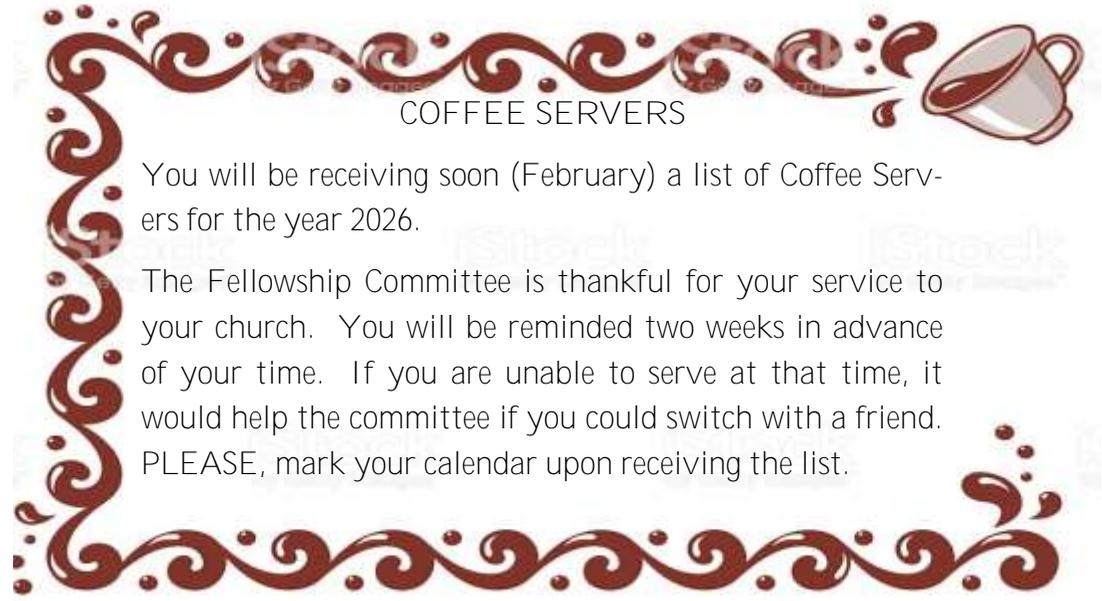
It's a simple idea that provides thousands of dollars to save lives. Each year the money raised from the Campaign helps support those facing unplanned pregnancies and their babies through the ministry of Willow Network.

It's easy. Pick up a baby bottle from the table in the auditorium. The bottles will be available beginning in February. Fill it up with change (or dollars too!) and bring it back to the church.



FLOWER MEMORIALS

There is a calendar hanging on the bulletin board to the right of Mike's office. If you would like to donate a flower arrangement on Sunday morning in memory of a loved one, please write your name on the date you would like to do it. Then call John in the office 363-7590 by the Tuesday before that Sunday so that he can print the memorial in the bulletin.



COFFEE SERVERS

You will be receiving soon (February) a list of Coffee Servers for the year 2026.

The Fellowship Committee is thankful for your service to your church. You will be reminded two weeks in advance of your time. If you are unable to serve at that time, it would help the committee if you could switch with a friend. PLEASE, mark your calendar upon receiving the list.

Just a reminder from the deacons

The first Sunday of the month is the loose change collection. If you have any loose change laying around the house bring it in and put it in the collection plate. That change will go to help feeding local families and stocking local food pantries.



Prayer shawls

Prayer shawls are available for anyone who needs a little extra comforting and support. They are stitched by church members.

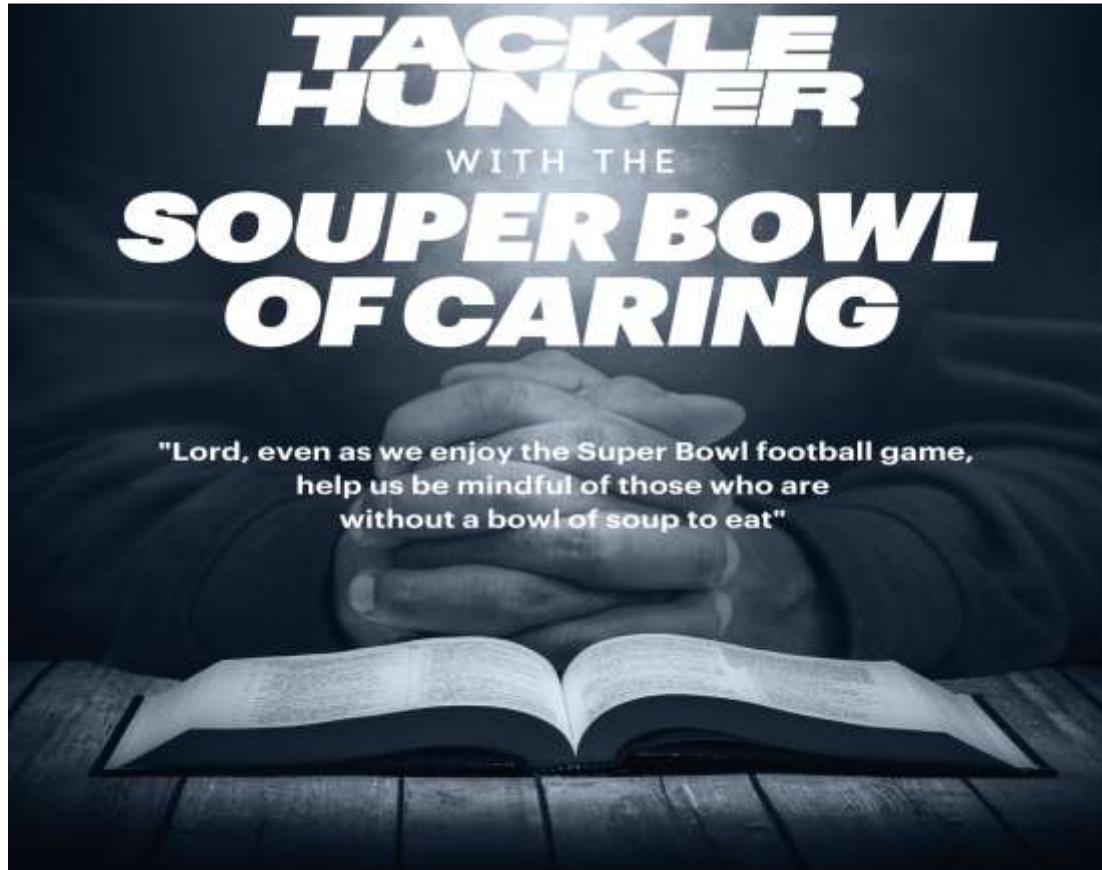
LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Jude Alexander (Mancarella's great nephew)	Victor Johnson
Fred Bavo (Jennawade's Uncle)	Dawn Kimball
Kevin Bedford	Dan King (Pastor @ New Life Assembly of God)
Brody	
Richard Brown	Jean Kowalik
Marty Canning	Florence LaRock
Elizabeth Coulby	Isaac McGovern
Cora Cramer (Ethel Abbott's sister)	Laurie Mudge
Emeri Dryer (Maggie's grand daughter)	Michelle Newman
Peggy Eastman	Becky Nichols
John Ferguson	Michael O'Bryan (Mike's Brother in law)
Robert Feldmann (Melinda's Father)	Mike Oot
Linda Felix	Tom Panasci
Jillian Felt	Dan & Claudia Rayome
Andy Froass	Dave Scribner
Don Fuller (Stephanie Gwilt's Father)	Debbie Shaw
Pat Grabow (Chrissy Thompson's Mom)	Debrah Skellham
Becky Grasso	Brian Stites
Wendy Holtz	Millicent Vidal
Jim Hotaling	Jan Whiting

SHORT TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Myron Thurston	Tim Berquist
Mike Borchardt	

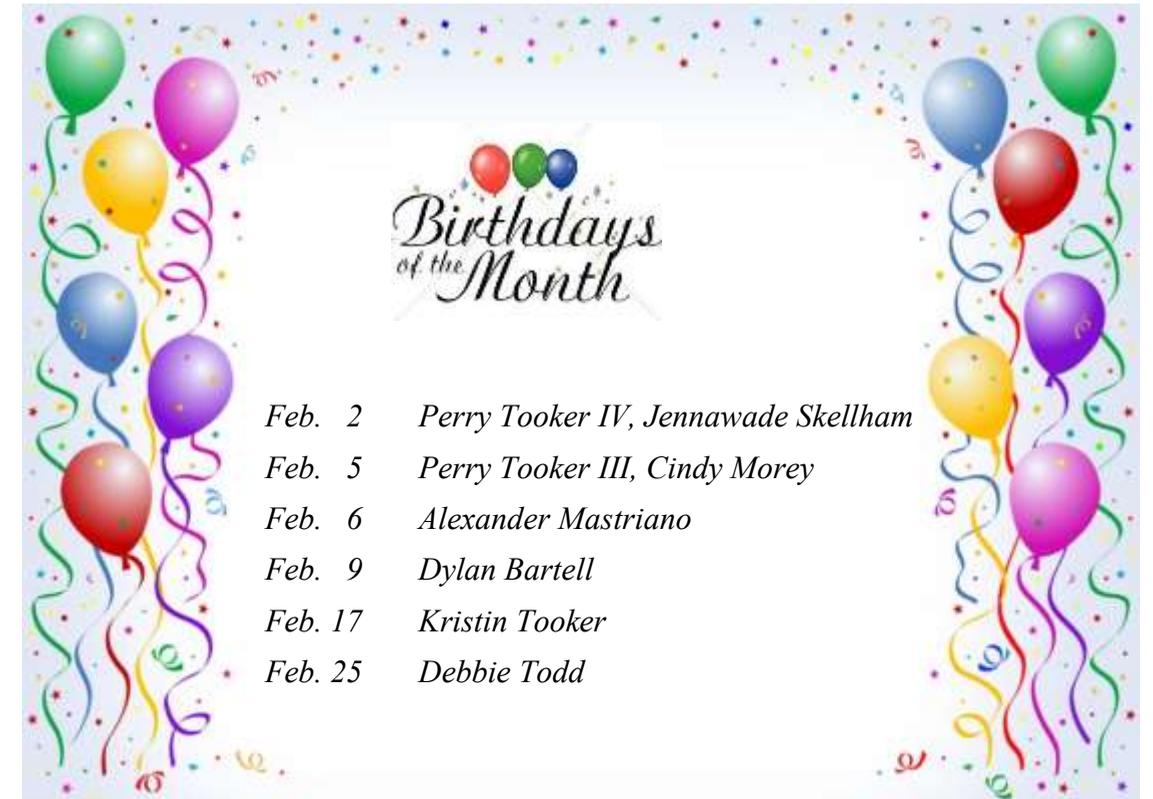
If you have a prayer need, there are cards in the pews. Fill it out and hand it to an usher. If you know of anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or in need of our prayers, PLEASE call the Church Office, 363-7590. Please let us know also when they are healed and can be taken off the prayer list.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Don't forget the special offering on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th. It is collected by the youth after the worship service at the exit locations.

This Souper Bowl donation will go to the local food pantries to help feed the poor. If you want to contribute to the Souper Bowl and you won't be here on February 9th, you can put your donation in a yellow envelope (found in the pews) and put Souper Bowl on the outside.



COMMUNITY DINNER

HOT SOUP AND SANDWICHES

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 5:00 – 6:30
PM**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
ONEIDA
304 BROAD STREET**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SEE PAUL MANCARELLA, KATHY NICHOLS OR PASTOR MIKE





2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10 a.m. <i>Worship</i> Communion</p>	<p>2  6:30 p.m. <i>Session Meeting</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 1:00 p.m. <i>Seniors BS</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>Variety</i> 4:00 p.m. <i>Connection</i></p>	<p>5 7:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 10 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 11:15 a.m. <i>Team Meetings</i></p>	<p>9 6:00-8:00 p.m. <i>Activate 8 Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 1:00 p.m. <i>Seniors BS</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>Variety</i> 4:00 p.m. <i>Connection</i></p>	<p>12 7:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 10 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 11:15 a.m. <i>Birthday Bash</i> <i>Deacons Meeting</i></p>	<p>16 <i>Happy Presidents Day</i>  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 1:30 p.m. <i>Seniors BS</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>Variety</i> 4:00 p.m. <i>Connection</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Ash Wednesday Service</i></p>	<p>19 7:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i></p>	<p>20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 10 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 11:15 a.m. <i>Lenten Lunch</i></p>	<p>23 6:00-8:00 p.m. <i>Activate 8 Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>24 6:30 p.m. <i>Session Meeting</i></p>	<p>25 1:30 p.m. <i>Seniors BS</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>Variety</i> 4:00 p.m. <i>Connection</i></p>	<p>26 7:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>