

# Celebration



*November 1, 2022  
Church Newsletter*

## *Interim Pastor's Message*

A graphic with a background of golden wheat stalks. The text "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" is written in a black, cursive font, arranged vertically from top to bottom.

*Come,  
Ye  
Thankful  
People,  
Come*

The first congregation I served was in Lockport, NY, about 90 minutes west of Rochester. One of the men in the congregation had a small farm, and the first year I was there, he was telling me, a few minutes before the Thanksgiving Eve worship service started, that the rainy weather had delayed the harvesting of his crops, and that he was anxious to get them in before they were ruined.

A few minutes later, there we were in the sanctuary, singing "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" – and when we got to the line about "all is safely gathered in e're the winter storms begin," he looked up at me from his place in the pews, shrugged his shoulders, and grinned.

And from that point on, it became a joke between us: every year when we got to that line in the hymn, I would look at him and raise my eyebrows in a question. In response, he would either shrug at me, like he had that first year, or he would give me a "thumbs up" sign if all of his crops were indeed safely gathered in.

But either way, he smiled, and he sang the hymn with gusto – because he understood, I think, what Thanksgiving is all about. He knew that, as the scripture tells us, we give thanks in all circumstances.

We don't give thanks for all circumstances, but we give thanks in all circumstances – for as the Psalmist exhorts us: "Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, and God's mercies endure forever."

May the blessings of a grateful heart be yours this Thanksgiving season.

Peace and all good,  
Laurie

# Liturgist

11/6 David Lee

11/13 Nancy Brown

11/20 David Lee

11/27 Kim McConnell

## **Thank you for Serving as Liturgist!**

If you are serving as part of the liturgist rotation and you are unable to serve on a certain Sunday, please contact one of the alternates to line up your own substitute.

Then email the church secretary at [office@downtownpresbyterian.org](mailto:office@downtownpresbyterian.org) to let her know who will be serving in your place. Alternates/substitutes are: Susan Richane, Callie Babbitt, and Ed Saphar. If none of the alternates are available, please email [worship@downtownpresbyterian.org](mailto:worship@downtownpresbyterian.org) for assistance.



Do you wish to contribute to Downtown United Presbyterian Church? If so, click [here](#) to donate, or if you prefer, you can use the QR code to make your contribution to the church.



## **DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADVENT FESTIVAL**

*Hope, Peace, Love and Joy*

**Save the Date!!**

**Sunday, December 4th, 9:30AM – 1:30PM**

We will gather with our church family and friends to prepare for Christmas together with some our traditional activities:

**One World Goods, Angel Tree, Family Promise,  
Building Minds in South Sudan, and fun craft projects!**

Watch for more details in upcoming eConnect announcements.  
*Sally Allison and Becky Parks for the Engagement Team*

# ! welcome baby



*Welcome to Little One, Welcome!  
DUPC blesses a family with gifts for their baby,  
on the occasion of their first-born child!*



*Marie Gibson  
Mary McDowell  
Craig Sellers  
Rev. Laurie Tiberi*



# Session Notes

## OCTOBER, 2022 SESSION NOTES

- A Congregational Budget Q&A is set for Monday, 12/05 7:30 PM via Zoom
- The Presbytery's Ganondagon program was well attended - Thank you, Nancy Simpson for bringing us this opportunity.
- Session approved UR Hospice Care request for the DUPC Sanctuary. for their Annual Day of Remembrance, preferably Tuesday, December 6, 7PM – 9PM. They anticipate that approximately 170 people may attend the service. Andrew Schep, service coordinator, says that the

services have been held via Zoom for the past two years due to COVID. Usage fees are waived.

- Approve the collection of the PCUSA Christmas Joy Offering.



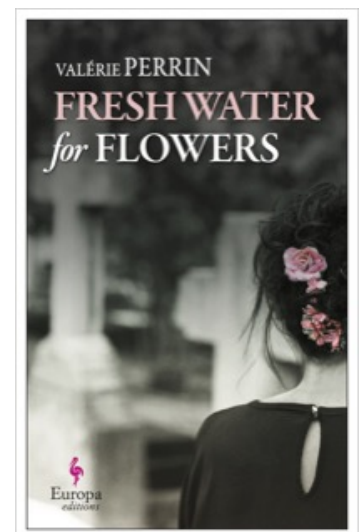
Our Sunday School teacher, Amelia will be off on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. In 2023, the only planned day off so far is Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## ROUND TABLE BOOK DISCUSSION'S NOVEMBER READ

Fresh Water for Flowers is a tale about difficult love, mature love, grief, loneliness, god, death, the absence of those whom we love, relationship between people and their animal companions. Valerie Perrin.

More info about this book:

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/52649136-fresh-water-for-flowers?ac=1&from\\_search=true&qid=SluKFgAnPZ&rank=1](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/52649136-fresh-water-for-flowers?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=SluKFgAnPZ&rank=1)





Downtown Presbyterian Church & Building Minds in South Sudan

Dear Mary,

The Grants Working Group of Presbytery has awarded the Downtown Presbyterian Church a \$500 Peacemaking grant in partnership with Building Minds in South Sudan for college costs for two women from Sudan. The Grants Working Group understands the importance of education, empowerment and advancement for women. We hope you will find ways

to share your progress within the Presbytery. You should be receiving a check in the mail in the next few weeks. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful work God will have done through your effort in your progress report on March 15, 2023. Congratulations!

God's blessing on your ministry,

Judy

*The Reverend Judy Lee Hay*

On Behalf of the Grants Working Group



LOVE IS A WARM BLANKET

On November 5th we will be having another linen drop off for KOP. We are out of twin blankets. If there is still anyone you know who has not gone through their linen closet looking for good, gently used, twin or double or queen blankets please ask them to check. 😊 Ellen posted about a few more arrivals and we need warm blankets for their beds.

I will post again about the drop off but wanted to give you a heads up on what to look for. Thank you!

# Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Remember to turn your clocks back!



## NOVEMBER 2022

### MEETING AND EVENTS

Newsletters arrive the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.

**Newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.**

Tuesday, November 1, 2022	10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday, November 2, 2022	5:30PM 7:00PM	Justice League via Zoom Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 3, 2022	5:00PM	Worship Team Meeting via Zoom



Sunday, November 6, 2022	Daylight Saving Time Ends 10:00AM 10:45AM 11:00AM 11:15AM 12:00PM	Choir Warm-up Nursery Worship Sunday School Coffee Hour in the Narthex
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	10:30AM 6:30PM	Bible Study via Zoom Deacons Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 10, 2022	7:30PM	Property Team Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, November 13, 2022	10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
	10:45AM	Nursery
	11:00AM	Worship
	11:15AM	Sunday School
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
	7:00PM	Sophia Circle via Zoom
Tuesday, November 15, 2022	10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom
	7:00PM	Session Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, November 16, 2022	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 18, 2022	12:00PM	Round Table Book Discussion via Zoom



Sunday, November 20, 2022	10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
	10:45AM	Nursery
	11:00AM	Worship
	11:15AM	Sunday School
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
	12:30PM	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 22, 2022	10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom
Thursday, November 24, 2022	Thanksgiving Holiday – The building is closed.	
Friday, November 25, 2022	Thanksgiving Holiday – The building is closed.	



Sunday, November 27, 2022	10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
	10:45AM	Nursery
	11:00AM	Worship
	11:15AM	Sunday School
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
Monday, November 28, 2022	7:00PM	Re-scheduled Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 29, 2022	10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom



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