

SCOTCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2019



Blessed to be a Blessing

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)"

How do we give with cheerful hearts? How do we ensure that our giving, even in anxious economic times, arises out of an attitude of joy and gladness, rather than reluctance and resentment and a sense of burdensome obligation?

The Apostle Paul suggests is that we give out of our freedom. We are free to determine our priorities. God wants us to give out of our freedom and our desire to give, not grudgingly.

I find it easier to give when love and gratitude motivate my giving. When I am shopping to buy a gift for Carolyn, I really enjoy looking for something that I know will make her happy. I very much want for the gift to be an indication of my love for her. I am so grateful to have her in my life, and I want my giving to be a sign of that gratitude and love.

We give out of abundance, not scarcity. In our consumer culture we have bought into the myth of scarcity, the myth that says that if you and I don't cling to everything we have, there will not be enough left for us. But the Bible paints a different picture. The Bible shows us a God of abundance, who supplies our every need.

Ours is a God who gives us what we need. God gives us enough, and then some. Paul urges us to remember that God is a God of abundance, who is able to make grace abound to us.

You and I are blessed to be a blessing. That is one of the most dominant teachings in all of Scripture. It starts with God's blessing of Abraham, when God promised to Abraham, "I will bless you... and you will be a blessing... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

(Genesis 12:2-4)

What began with one man and his family would end up blessing the entire world. Through the line of Abraham would come the ultimate blessing salvation through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

God's blessings are never meant to be kept for ourselves. God's blessings are meant to be shared, to be passed on to others. In bookkeeping terms, you and I are simply pass-through accounts; the blessings come to us, but then they are passed on for other purposes and to bless other people.

Peace,
Pastor Rich



Stewardship Committee News

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When it comes to stewardship, we sometimes dip a toe into the water rather than taking the plunge.

Faithful stewardship doesn't mean God wants all our money. The annual stewardship campaign isn't a glorified "we need money" campaign. Rather, God wants all of us, and when we give our all to God, our financial resources naturally return to the God from whom all blessings flow.

Through our stewardship, we are the heart, spirit, and hands of God, reaching out in love to share with our world.

Commitment Sunday is November 17

We will present our Annual Giving Commitments during the Worship service on November 17. Family, friends, and neighbors are invited to join us for this worship service and a brunch following the worship service.

Please consider a giving commitment.
Your commitment will support your Church's ministry and mission. Thank you.

~ Finance & Stewardship



"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough."

~ Author, Melody Beattie

THE BEATITUDES



The Beatitudes are not generalized, abstract sayings, whose wisdom we debate. Jesus is the speaker: he has been healing people and is headed to the cross. Jesus is the embodiment of all the Beatitudes; they become an invitation to follow, to become a part of this new family of God. The beatitudes stretch our imagination as we get a glimpse of what life in proximity to Jesus is like.

Please join us on **Monday** evenings at **7:00 p.m.** as Pastor Rich leads us through a study of these powerful guidelines for Christian living.

**New address for Tom &
Jan Fife:**

**Jan & Tom Fife
60 Gerber Road, Apt 113,
Asheville, NC 28803**



**Phone and emails remain the same, but
please use Tom's email address.**

A Morning Prayer....

Lord, thank you for this day. I ask that You would guide my path today and, more specifically, my thoughts, words and actions. Please be with me throughout the day and help me navigate whatever comes my way. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

~ Anonymous



PW Annual Christmas Luncheon
December 4, 11:30 a.m.
Lobster House, Norwood

The Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon, is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, December 4th** at the Lobster House in Norwood.

Gathering time is 11:30 am.

So, plan to attend with an appetite (and we welcome any men who might like to join us) at 11:30 a.m.

In preparation for the holiday season, and in anticipation of good fellowship, we invite you and your guest(s) (*friends are welcome!*). We have a good turnout and an enjoyable time.

Please call Mary Jane Thompson at 322-8923, to RSVP as we need to give the restaurant a number to set up for. Thank you!

~ Mary Jane Thompson



Taken from Presbytery Newsletter in early October:

"As I write this, I have just made arrangements to pay yet another shut off notice. This family is expecting a baby within the next couple of weeks. They needed \$94 to prevent a heat shut off. With this promise to pay, then MINC Emergency Fund is depleted. If you are able, please consider a donation to the fund. All monies are used directly to meet the needs of people. Send checks to Cynthia Coleman, Emergency Fund, 5 Grant Street, Potsdam, NY 13676."

(Our Mission Committee recently sent \$400 to the MINC Emergency Fund, as part of their donations. Please keep the MINC Emergency Fund in your thoughts as you consider monetary donations and places that are in need of support.)

Dear Scotch Church,

Thanks to the congregation of the Scotch Presbyterian Church for their generous donation of \$400.00, to the MINC Emergency Fund. As winter approaches, many of our North Country neighbors face significant challenges. Your gift will help us relieve some of their anxieties.



God Bless You All,
Cynthia Coleman
Interim Treasurer



UPCOMING DATES

Nov 4 ... Adult Study: The Beatitudes:
Blessed are the Pure in Heart, in Upper Room at 7:00 pm.

Nov 5, Tuesday Election Day Chicken & Biscuit Dinner beginning at 4:00 pm. Hosted by United Methodist Church, Waddington. Adults: \$10 Seniors: \$9 Children 5-12 \$6; and under 5 years free. *Sounds delicious!*

Nov 11 ... Adult Bible Study, 7 pm

Nov 17... Stewardship Sunday. Brunch will be enjoyed following the worship service.

Nov 18 ... Adult Bible Study, 7 pm

Nov 21 ... 10:30 am, PW meets in Upper Room. Carolyn Hinkle will lead bible study.

Nov 24... 7:00 pm, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, hosted here at Scotch Church. This service is sponsored by the M-W Ministerial Association.

Nov 28... Thanksgiving Day



Dec 1 First Sunday of Advent

Dec 4 Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Lobster House, 11:30 a.m. See page 4 for more information & RSVP.



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO MAKE PLANS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 21 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and plan to attend the **Hinkles' Christmas Open House.**

More details to come in the December newsletter.



Pastor Rich's dedicated office hours
Monday—Wednesday—Friday
1:00—4:00 pm

Pastor's Contact Information

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**All are invited to attend an evening Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Worship Service
on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.
at Scotch Presbyterian Church, Madrid.
This service is sponsored by the Madrid-Waddington
Ministerial Association.**



November CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate your special day !

HAPPY "November" BIRTHDAY to...

1 Trudy Fisher
10.... Judson Easterwood
19 Paula Allen
19.... Tom Fife
20.... Janet Hargrave Emmett
21 ... Greg Fisher
21 ... Pastor Rich Hinkle

**There are no "November"
ANNIVERSARIES submitted.**

Please call or email your dates to me to be added to the calendar so that we can recognize your family's special days.

~ Mindy Fisher 322-5585

Or email me at fisher@potsdam.edu





November 2019



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						1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2
3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Daylight Savings ends	4 Adult Bible Study, 7 pm, Beatitudes	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9	
10 32nd Sun- day in Ordinary Time	11 Adult Bible Study, 7 pm Beatitudes Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16	
17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Sunday	18 Adult Bible Study, 7 pm Beatitudes	19 Presbytery Meeting at Stone Church	20	21 PW meets at 10:30 Upper Room	22	23	
24 Christ the King Day Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7 pm	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30	