

Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- Norma McClement
- For Carol Lewis and family, as they mourn the passing of Carol's husband David. Carol is Ray Van Epps' sister.
- For Shirley Mockel, good friend of Marilyn Bradley, with health concerns.
- Kathleen Claydon
- Doug Plummer, friend of the Bradley family, as he begins treatment for health concerns
- For Barbara, friend of Barb Andrews and Donna Jones
- Becky Gardner
- Virginia Giguere and family as they mourn the passing of her brother Jason Miller in June.
- Sam, son of Barb and Dave Andrews, recovering from surgery
- Carol LaBatte
- Sharnelle Jones
- Joeanna Brown
- Norma Jean Ballou
- For Sara Bonam-Welge and family
- Deborah Paris, daughter of Betty Pierce
- Sam, cousin of Barb Andrews
- For Barb and Dave Andrews as they take on the role of caretakers
- Ken Lucas, friend of Philip Labatte
- Kokese Ballou
- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher
- Ruth and Josue Torres
- For Jim, Rose Hunsberger's father
- Alexis Parry, niece of Cheryl Gowie
- Gail Santimaw, friend of Judith Utley-Suess
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley-Suess
- Judith Utley-Suess, for strength
- Harold Bushnel
- Alex Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Donna Schultz
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Clergy, staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- For the victims of Hurricane Idalia that struck Florida this week
- For our Maui Family (Ohana) as they recover from the recent wildfires.
- Prayers for all areas of conflict across the globe. May we all remember to lead with love.
- For an end to gun violence here in Albany, in the U.S., and around the world.

If you have a concern or joy you would like to share with our church family, email or call the office.

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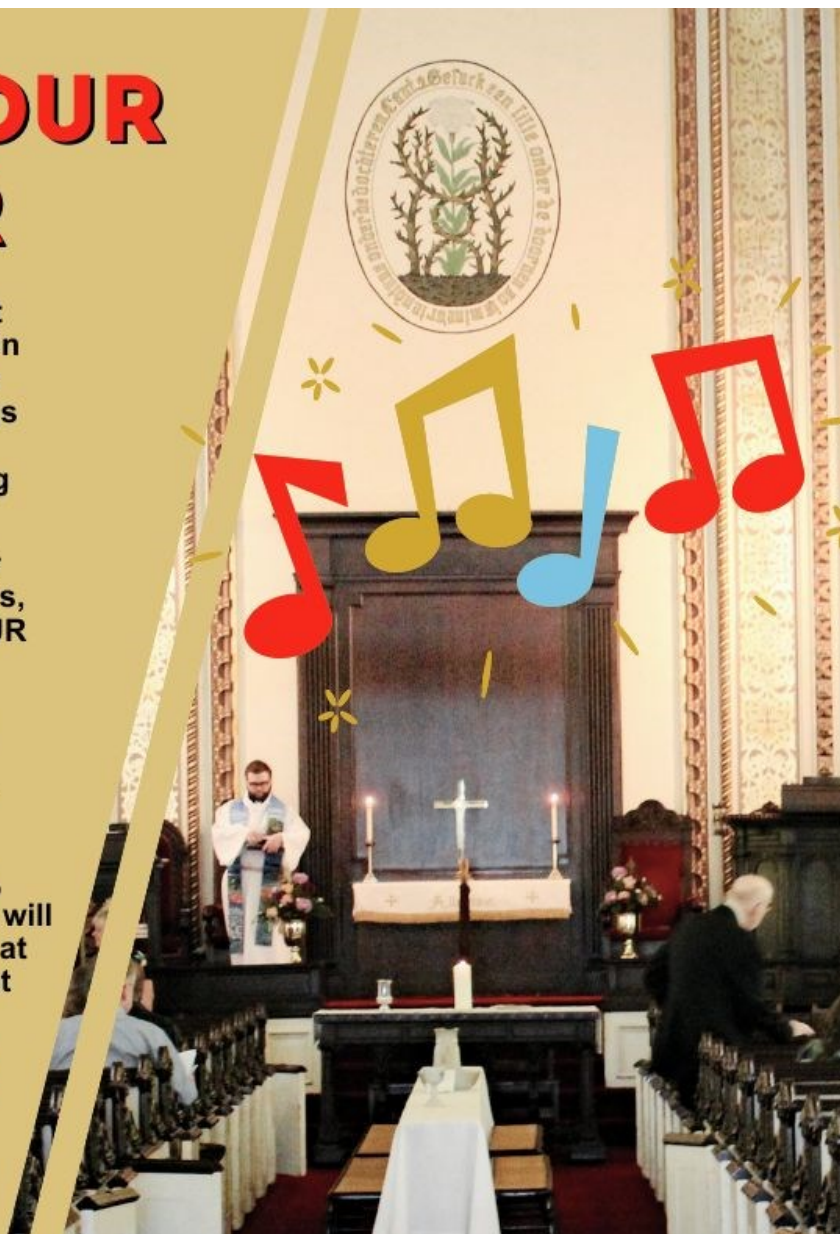
JOIN OUR CHOIR

It is the beginning of a “New Year”, at least in the school calendar. So also in the Church we begin a new “program year”. So we begin to learn new things too. No one is never to old to learn something new.

How about learning how to sing? Our present choir is very small in numbers, and we’d be so much better with YOUR voice. No, you don’t have to be an “opera” star or a candidate for “American idol”. Each of you have a voice, and with that voice YOU can make music telling of God’s love.

The first Sunday we will sing is Oct 1, World Wide Communion Sunday. We will have two rehearsals Sept 14 and 21, at 6:30 pm. Won’t you join us and try out your voice!!

*Remember, it has been said,
“When you sing,
you pray twice”!*



THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

End of

SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

- 3 - FOCUS SUNDAY, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- 4 - (MONDAY) OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
- 17 - LAST DRIVE-IN SERVICE
- 24 - BACK TO **IN-DOOR SERVICE**, BLESSINGS OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

REMINDER: THIS IS JUST THE CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS, AND EVENTS. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS.



SUMMER 2023





You're Invited to
**AN ECUMENICAL DEMENTIA
FRIENDLY SERVICE**

offered jointly by
the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York
and the Capital Area Council of Churches

Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM
Delmar Presbyterian Church,
585 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054

Join us for a music-heavy worship featuring old-time hymns.
The shortened service will last approximately 30 minutes and feature uplifting
and brief messages for those with dementia, as well as their care partners.
A reception with light refreshments will be held following the service.

To register, contact Tony Rivera at tarivera@alz.org or 518.675.7214.
You can also register at our 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.
All registrants will receive a link to participate in the service virtually, if they
are not able to join us in person.

This program is supported in part by a grant
from the New York State Department of Health.





Please Join Us! Westminster Presbyterian Church's
African Family Night

September 30, 2023

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

6:00 pm: Dish-to-Share Dinner

For more information: wpcalbany.org



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Transforming the lives of children in Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone

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FCIA FOOD PANTRY



Lynne Furier
Food Pantry
Coordinator

We are so grateful for our staff and volunteers who see and carry out the vision of radical generosity. Our Food Pantry is such a place. We ask for your continued prayers and support as community need has increased. The Food Pantry Coordinator is Lynne F. Since Lynne's time in taking over the helm, the food pantry has increased exponentially in services, donations, and guest satisfaction. Although our coordinator position is part-time, Lynne is often working five or more days a week to provide quality food to our guests. As with all welcoming ministries context, context, context matters. Lynne takes into account the needs of the people served and orders the food accordingly. Please join me in supporting our now award-winning food pantry leader and volunteers. A few (not all) honorable mentions are Kathleen Claydon, Mary Divine, Gertrude Dorn and Ned Monthie (trustee). We also thank the four deacons who support this ministry by volunteering regularly:

**Jean Lamere
Harry Sanford
Deb Anderson
Becky Hudak**

The pantry is also served by all of our paid staff, in particular: Keith Curry and Josh Bliss.

Consider volunteering in the food pantry ministry we could use more partners. If you are not available on Mondays and Wednesdays when the pantry is open to our guests, we could always use help behind the scenes.

FCIA MUSIC MINISTRY

Our next ministry highlight is led by a hardworking world-renowned professional. Iteke Prins. Iteke has written more music than there are letters in the alphabet. She has traveled all over the world with her music. Iteke also is a leader in the Organ Guild where she serves as a proctor. On occasion, her students attend worship at First Church in Albany.

We are blessed to have someone who loves God and God's people. I encourage you to spend time in Iteke's presence. Listen to her share a bit about her relationship with God through the years. Iteke does so much to partner behind the scenes encouraging staff, congregants, and friends. She always tries to be part of the solution.

If you are looking to allow God to fill your cup until it overflows, join the choir. Sing to the glory of God and get in the presence of this great woman of faith.



Iteke Prins
AAGO (organist)
Choir Master