

Prayers, Joys & Concerns

Thanks to share: Virginia Giguere would like to thank everyone for the cards and condolences for the passing of her brother Jason.

- 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 McClement
- 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.
office@firstchurchinalbany.org
518-463-4449





FALL TUTOR TRAINING

Our first two-day training will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 23. Each day is 8:45am to 3:30pm.

- Day one concentrates on how racism and poverty affect our students.
- Day Two looks at brain development, ACEs, the 5 components of reading, writing, and lesson planning.

Just bring a bagged lunch. Breakfast and Snack foods provided.

For more information, email info@wizardwardrobe.org.

Attendance at the training is required for tutoring.

Other trainings: Nov. 11 & 18: Jan. 13 & 20



If you'd like to volunteer as a tutor click on the application below and email it to info@wizardwardrobe.org or mail it to P.O. Box 61, Albany, NY 12201.

We also need: Driver for a 12-person van for Wizard's Wardrobe

The Wizard's Wardrobe transports students from Albany School of Humanities twice a week after school for tutoring. We need a person who would be willing to do this. No special license is needed but proof of a regular driver's license and car insurance is. Person will also need to undergo a background check. Which two days is to be determined. The time involved is approximately 3 hours a week. For more information, please contact info@wizardwardrobe.org.

the prayer shawl ministry

at The First Church in Albany

The Prayer Shawl Ministry traditionally meets once a month in the Powell Room. We knit or crochet our shawls while we check in on one another. Then we discuss who might need a shawl.

We invite you to an informational meeting on Monday, September 11 @ 4:30pm. New members are always welcome.



If you know of someone who would be blessed by a shawl, please tell Jean Lamere, Gertrude Dorn, Kathy Monthie, or Mary Weijola. You may also touch base with the office and your request will be forwarded to the ministry leaders.



Backpack Blessing

September 10, 2023

Bring your backpack with you to church on September 10th and we will celebrate this new beginning and bless your backpacks with a brief, but joyous prayer!

We will also give you a special tag for your bag so that each time you look at that tag, you will be reminded that you are part of the family of Jesus and we love you!

(Adults, we would not leave you out.) Bring your workbag, briefcase, hobby bag and such. We want to bless them too.

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- Harry Sanford 17
 - Asst Sr. Deacon
- Erica Zetterholm-Bliss 15

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- Fran Carr-Morton 11

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Workroom Mailbox Number listed.