

# THE PRESBYTERIAN POST

of the

## First Presbyterian Church of Arkport



*"A people with a warm heart and a willing spirit."*

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### A message from Pastor Steve...

#### *The Memory of the Manger*

*...Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.  
(Luke 2:19 ESV)*



As the number of our years increase, a curious sense of nostalgia seems to grow in our heart. Christmas tends to be that time of year when sentimentality is in overdrive. Commercials of compassion tug at our heart-strings. The faded, yet ever-present memory of landmark childhood Christmas' long gone by, strolls through our minds. The climax of *It's a Wonderful Life* releases emotional tears as we watch George Bailey frantically return home to his family with a renewed appreciation of all life's blessings. Christmas is the season of memories, memories recounted...memories made...memories anticipated.

The night of that first Christ, the night of our "dear Savior's birth", the culmination of God's promise was at hand. The foretelling of God's prophets found their fulfillment in the baby born in Bethlehem. Unexpected visitors hastily arrived at the remote stable to behold the newborn Savior. God's means of peace between His broken, sinful creation and His own righteous and holy character was now at work. And in the stillness of these profound moments, the Scriptures tell us that Mary was tucking it all away in her memory, pondering and contemplating the unexplainable and unimaginable act God was performing. Memories were being made.

Christmas is a time of treasuring our family. This season offers us the chance to share and show love to others through the exchange of gifts. We are afforded time to pause and remember, to meander through the memory of Christmas' of our earlier years. Each of these is a great gift. And yet, Christmas is that time of year when we must go back even further. We must go back to the memory of that manger where the newborn Christ, the Savior of the world was laid to rest. We must go back to the memory of that gift, this person, and the value He holds for all who will trust Him as their Savior. As we go back to the memory of Christ, we are able to go forward in the hope of His promise to us, His presence with us, His power over us, and His provision to us. Reflect on the memory of the manger.

In remembrance of Him,  
Pastor Steve



### DECEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

1	Phyllis Hoyt
2	Melody Harwood
2	Barb Moore
2	Gary Schultheis
5	Bret Flint
6	Shannon Fitzgerald
8	Tim Timmerman
16	Barbara Sheeler
21	Jean Stever
22	Jasmine Mendez
29	Brenda Drake

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 4	Karen Fitzgerald
December 11	Madison Whiteman
December 18	Denise Lang
December 25	Loretta Crossett

### ELEVATOR SCHEDULE

December 4	Barney Glidden
December 11	Jim Piatt
December 18	Nelson Whiteman
December 25	Jim Robards

\*\*\*\*\* \*\* THANK YOU\*\*\*\*\*

I want to thank all of the elevator operators for their time, effort, and willingness to serve whenever required. It makes it easier for all of us.

Jim Piatt



### DECEMBER

### ANNIVERSARIES

1	Naomi and Jacob Mendez
26	Denise and Jeff Lang
29	Carole and Tom Nolan
30	Barb and Duffy Elsenheimer



### LOCAL MISSION



Thank you for the generous donations to Turning Points Thanksgiving Food Pantry. Since November 17<sup>th</sup>, 396 people have been served; 266 were served during the special two hours that Turning Point was open on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The shelves constantly need replenishing so food or money donations are always needed. Turning Point assists with housing, utilities and prescriptions when funding is available, as well as the Food Pantry.



### JEWELL OPEN HOUSE



December 4<sup>th</sup>

21 West Ave.

2 - 4 p.m.



## THANK YOU

Robin Kerr-Wilson for cleaning out the toy boxes in the nursery and making the room look great.

Jodi Kendall for spending so many Sunday mornings helping out in the nursery.

The Deacons for creating and delivering 30 pretty and tasty Thanksgiving baskets for our senior citizens.

The Christian Education Department (Chair - Clare Smith) for initiating the very successful and very first annual Trunk and Treat.

Linda Schroeder for taking the Thanksgiving pantry donations to Turning Point in time for their yearly give-away.

## MISSION NEWS

Wonderful participation in Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. We delivered 56 boxes to Almond. We appreciate all those who gave donations towards the postage.



## REMEMBERING OUR SHUT INS

During the holiday season, it is more important than ever to remember our shut ins. Please find the time to send them a card, stop in for a visit, or drop a small gift off to them. The gift of a few minutes of your time would be most appreciated of all.

Arlene Emo  
Janice Ludwig  
Onnolee Faulkner  
Rita Robertson  
Oliver Sliter  
Neil Sliter  
Jean Stearns  
Lee Wolfgruber  
Marjorie Schultz  
Nina Prentice



## ANNUAL CANTATA

The Annual Community Cantata in Hornell will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Church.



## Christmas Joy Offering

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Received on Christmas Sunday  
December 25th.

### **Session met on November 9 and....**

As usual Pastor Steve led the Trustees and Session Boards in devotions and prayer before our meetings.

**Correspondence:** Thank you note read from the Elsenheimer family for the use of our sanctuary and fellowship hall for the memorial service of Don Jr. Elsenheimer and Mary Ellen Elsenheimer Hutcherson. E mail letter read from our Presbytery on the events at that level for October and November..

**Pastor Report :** Pastor Steve and Diane will be holding Christmas Open House at their home on December 4th from 2-4 pm. He will be taking vacation on the following days:  
December 26 - December 30th.

**New Business:** Diane Jewell ask for consideration of renovating the Nursery with new coat of paint and some new shelves. She was given support for this and will look into costs and ideas for this project.

### **Report given by committees:**

**Christian Ed:** very successful first annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event. December 11th plans are in the making for a Congregation wide walk around the Village block singing Christmas carols following worship with a soup lunch to follow in the fellowship hall. December 18th the children will participate in a Christmas pageant during worship. An Thanksgiving/Advent project called "Acts of Kindness" will be initiated among the children and grownups alike. Goodies made and presented to special congregational members.

**Program:** We will be have Hanging of the Greens on December 4th . Decorating of the church will be held on December 3rd at 10 a.m.

**Music & Worship:** Elders will be helping with Scripture reading during Advent and families for the Advent candles. Shortened service on Christmas Day and their will be no Sunday School. Rachel Haines has offered to put together and lead a choir during the Advent Season and asks for volunteers to join.

**Nominating:** First meeting for planning will be on the 17th. The Board of trustees will be extended to be a nine member board again this year. They will be meeting again in December.

**Trustee:** Needed small repairs on our manse is being done by our renter. Cost of material sent to the church. Suggestion was made that it would be good for the trustees to visit the manse yearly to inspect the premises as we had not been on the property for some time. This was done the following week.

### **A Stewardship Note**

**If you missed making a pledge on November 13th and still wish to do so, pledge cards are still available on the back table. They will be gratefully accepted. Fill out and place in the offering plate on any Sunday. Thank you!**

### **DONT FORGET**


**We are still collecting tuna fish and other canned goods each month to deliver to the Turning Point in Hornell. Bring any Sunday. Thank You! Mission Committee**



Ideas of Random Acts of Kindness

- ❖ Give out Candy Canes
- ❖ Give out Ornaments (store bought or handmade)
- ❖ Give Christmas cards to strangers
- ❖ Make and give cookies to people who are busy
- ❖ Buy a bunch of single flowers and give to people
- ❖ Balloons to children in hospitals
- ❖ Give old towels and blankets to local dog shelter
- ❖ Bring in canned and boxed food for Christmas baskets
- ❖ Donate books to Library, school or daycare
- ❖ Take coloring books to kids in hospitals, daycare or school
- ❖ Carry out groceries for someone
- ❖ Bring carts back in to stores
- ❖ Help out local food pantries
- ❖ Buy gift cards for groceries, special treats, or restaurants and give to random people
- ❖ Caroling
- ❖ Ring the bells for Salvation Army

People to share random acts with:

- Mail carriers
  - Fire/ Police personnel
  - Nursing home occupants
  - Mechanics
  - Hospital staff and occupants
  - Librarians
  - Neighbors
  - Daycare workers/ facilities
  - Crossing guards
  - Teachers and administration
  - Garbage collectors
  - Local Farmers
  - Local proprietors: Arkport Cycles, Schulteis', Studio 12, Berry Vine, Air Vent Aluminum, Cy's, Wilson Farms, Steuben Trust
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We need your help updating our church records.  
Please fill in and put in the offering plate  
or give to Pastor Steve or Lorraine Glidden  
Thank you very much.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S NAMES  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary date \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive the church newsletter?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

By mail? \_\_\_\_\_

By e mail? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive our e - mail prayer chain?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

# HALF CENTURY HAPPILY WED

## Friends of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Hull Give Them a Very Pleasant Occasion

Arkport, July 28—On Monday, July 23, at their pleasant home among the pines at the head of Park street, in Arkport was celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Erwin C. Hull.

For many years, Mr. Hull was pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place and later, when he had retired from the ministry, Arkport was chosen as a permanent home.

It was a most charming occasion, weather, beautiful setting and the re-assembling of old friends all contributing to the joy of the day.

In these days, when the Socialist tells us that marriage is passing into the discard, and the modernist tells us that it is merely a civil contract and not a religious sacrament, it is hopeful, reassuring and inspiring to attend such an occasion in such a home.

Fifty years ago the Rev. Erwin C. Hull journeyed from his first parish at Prairie Du Sac, Wis., to Southwest Oswego, N. Y., and claimed Miss Rosanna Mack, a young school teacher, as his bride.

On this golden wedding day, their two oldest sons, Stewart Hull, wife and children and Elbert Hull were present.

Their only daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Hull Jenkins of Boston and North Conway, N. H., because of recent illness, was unable to journey from North Conway to Arkport.

Not quite two years ago, their youngest son, Robert, a young man about to enter the ministry, met an untimely death by drowning in Owasco lake.

The initial idea of the wedding was first suggested to loving friends by Mrs. Joseph C. Gray and all the details of entertainment were planned and executed by a committee of which Miss Libby McCollum was chairman and Mrs. Moses Shafer, Mrs. Carrie Davenport and Mrs. A. H. Huntley were efficient assistants. Appropriate to the seasons, banks of black-eyed Susans, ferns and roses formed a background of gold and green in the reception room. These pleasing decorations were due to the energy and planning of Mrs. Frank Klapp. Delightful refreshments were served the guests by the young women of the Arkport church with Mrs. Charles Dinnison as chairman.

Many friends from other places joined the Arkport people in offering to Mr. and Mrs. Hull the felicitations of the day. From Jasper came Mrs. E. E. Wallace, Mrs. A. M. Walrath, Mrs. Oren Kittle, Mrs. Marshall Dennis, Mrs. Leslie House, Miss Mabel Chatfield, Mrs. Charles Marlatt, Mr. Charles Bruen, Rev. E. W. Lafferty and Mrs. A. N. Bruen. From Hedgesville came Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lewis, Chester Dekay and Thelma Dekay. Even Florida furnished two guests, the Rev. D. W. Cates and the Rev. H. Buck. Hornell sent a goodly number of guests: Miss Helen Thacher, Miss Madella Tuttle, Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Saunders, Mrs. Robertson and son Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Weber; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lamphar, Mrs. L. M. Edgett and Dr. James

M. Walker. Mrs. Vera Colgrove and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rowe motored from Canaseraga. Mr. and Mrs. William Weber came over from Atlanta, while from Rochester came Mrs. Adie Davenport, from Geneva, Mrs. Alice K. Bowen, from Dresden, Mr. and Mrs. John Frey and Mr. and Mrs. William Kinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull gave attention to a well-chosen congratulatory speech given by Elder Joseph C. Gray. Mr. Gray emphasized the blessedness of their fifty years of married life and voiced the opinion that it was a godsend to the community that Mr. and Mrs. Hull had chosen Arkport as their home. Mr. and Mrs. Hull each made an answering speech extending their blessings and good wishes to all.

It was in the dining room that one saw the most practical evidences of loving good will. On a square dining table spread in white damask was a large golden cake as centerpiece on which were the dates 1873-1923, a product of the culinary art of Mrs. William Bridge. Surrounding this a wreath of green and a row of candlesticks, while here and there were many gold coins of various values. At one corner, a goodly array of the larger gold pieces, the gift of the people of Arkport. On the opposite corner an equally goodly sum, the gift of the people of Jasper, while about the table were many individual coins, the gifts of special friends.

Then as the hour was late, the old hymn of Christian friendship, "Blest be the tie that binds," and as the company bade the happy couple goodnight, the closing lines of Mr. Gray's speech lingered:

"I saw two clouds at morning  
Fringed by the rising sun,  
And in the dawn, they floated on  
And mingled into one,  
I thought that morning cloud was  
blest,

It moved so sweetly to the west,  
I saw two summer currents,  
Flow smoothly to their meeting  
And join their course with silent force  
In peace each other greeting;  
aClim with their course through banks  
of green,  
While dimpling eddies played between,  
Such be your gentle motion,  
Till life's last pulse shall beat!  
Like summer's beam and summer's  
stream.

Flow on in joy to meet  
A calmer sea, where storms shall  
cease,  
A purer sky, where all is peace."



If I have a

*faith*

that can move

mountains,

but I have not

*love*

I am nothing,

1 Corinthians 13:2

*"The Lord is  
my strength  
and my  
song"*

Exodus 15:2



*Mr. + Mrs. Stewart Hull*

*Mr. + Mrs. Rev. Erwin C. Hull*

# December 2011 - Arkport Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Coffe Connection</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p>				1	2	3 8:45 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Study 10:00 a.m. Decorate the Church
4 10:00 Hanging of the Greens during Worship 2 - 4 p.m. Open House at the Jewell's 7:00 p.m. Annual Community Cantata at St. Ann's	5	6 8:45 a.m. Study and Prayer 9:15 a.m. MOPS	7 2:15 p.m. Release Time 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	8 8:00 p.m. AA	9 12:30 p.m. Deacons' Christmas Gathering at Timmerman's	10
11 11:30 a.m. Caroling following Worship and then back to Church for Soup and Bread	12	13 9:15 a.m. MOPS Brunch 9:30 a.m. Study and Prayer	14 2:15 p.m. Release Time 6:00 p.m. Scouts Meet 7:00 p.m. Session & Trustees Meet	15 8:00 p.m. AA	16	17
18 10:00 a.m. Children's Play	19	20 8:45 p.m. Study and Prayer 9:15 a.m. MOPS	21 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	22 8:00 p.m. AA	23	24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship at the Methodist Church
25 10:00 a.m. Christmas Worship	26	27	28	29 8:00 p.m. AA	30	31
<p>PASTOR STEVE ON VACATION -----</p>						

Elder of the Month: Maureen Fuller

Deacon of the Month: Julie Timmerman

## ***Love was born at Christmas***

God's greatest gift for us all  
Was born that night in a manger stall

His love revealed that Christmas night  
That in our hearts might shine His light

God's precious Son sent for you and me  
By trusting Him we shall be free

Let this babe come into your heart  
And on this Christmas receive a brand new start

*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
he is Christ the Lord.  
This will be a sign to you:  
You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger"*  
Luke 2:11-12