

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SENECA

The Celebrate

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



On December 24th at 6:30pm we will again be hosting fellowship time prior to the Christmas Eve service. Please join us for cookies and refreshments as we come together to celebrate Christ's birthday.



CHRISTMAS MISSION

Christmas is a time to share some of ourselves by helping others who are less fortunate. This year we will be sponsoring a 51 year old man named Elliott from Aids Family Services. Please check out the list of gifts and sizes on Elliott's wish list. Don't like to shop you can make a cash donation and we will do the shopping. Cash donations can be given to Sue Piersa. All gifts must be wrapped and to the church by December 11th. God's peace to you during this wonderful season of Christ's birth.
Church Life Committee

Remember those
who are less
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YOUNG AT HEART

Before you know it Christmas will be upon us. In December we will only have one luncheon and that will be on December 14th. This will be a change from the normal first and third Wednesday of the month due to when Christmas falls.



DECEMBER 14th CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Ham dinner with all the trimmings

So come and join us for food and fellowship.

YOUR HAPPY COOKS: DICK & EDIE



CHICKEN BBQ

Back by popular demand, we are hosting another BW's Chicken BBQ dinner. It was a huge success in November; we sold out in less than 2 hours. So join us on **January 21st, from 4:00 to 7:00PM.** The dinner will be the same and so will the price, 1/2 BBQ chicken, chef salad, potato salad, roll w/butter, all for only \$9.00. We will have BW's at the church grilling outside and the dinner will be take-out only, so just drive up and take home a little taste of summer on a cold winter's day.



FINANCIAL NEWS

This year the last day for the recording secretary to accept 2011 pledges and Per capita is December 24th. If you want credit for your tax returns please submit by this date. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any question as to what you have left to complete your pledge call me and I will be glad to assist you. Thank you

Edie Fischer
Financial Secretary



Dear Friend of West Seneca Church,
This is the time when you're asked to consider your financial commitment to the church. Given the present situation in the church it's hard to predict where we're going both spiritually and financially. But one thing is certain, without the participation of folks like you we can't continue. With your active participation in worship and bible study we all grow together in our faith. With your financial contributions we can continue to open the church to you and all people in Christ. We ask you to continue your commitment to West Seneca Church by being there when you can and also make that important financial contribution. If you choose to do that we believe we can continue and grow. Also when we make that financial commitment, the session has the foresight we need to manage our destiny

Bob Doll & Bob Barnhart



PRESBYTERY DIGEST

Presbytery met on November 19, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church, Lockport, New York.

Two overtures regarding a change to the ordination questions and a change to the policy regarding ownership of church property were presented by Colonial Village Presbyterian and Knox Presbyterian respectively. Both were debated and defeated. Mason Miller was accepted as an Inquirer. William Devine and Fred Cooley were congratulated on having completed the course work, etc. for status as lay pastors.

.A mission trip will be going to Louisiana in February 2012. Call Jan at the Presbytery office if interested in going.

Rev. Jim Walker was the guest speaker. He began his ministry in a tattoo parlor in Pittsburgh. He spoke about the life cycle of the church from its birth in 1830 to decline in the present. He emphasized that the period of decline is an opportunity for rebirth, but stated that rebirth can't come from deciding how to do it. We must go back to the beginning and realize first who we are and what we want to do before we can decide how to do it. He spoke about a ministry that is done "with" the congregation rather than one that is done "to" the congregation.