

Welcome Michele Dolan



is a Lay Preacher for the Utica Presbytery and an Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Rome, NY. I have been providing Pulpit Supply since 2017, serving several congregations throughout Central New York. Since becoming a member of First Pres Rome (since 2010), I have served on the Deacons, the Faith Formation (Christian Education) Committee, Worship and Music Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, as well as the Co-Chair of the Pastor Search Committee. I also lead a weekly ecumenical discussion/study group - Serenity Circle, and I have facilitated several Adult Christian Education classes over the years. I am also a member of the Interfaith Coalition of Utica and an Ordained Minister through the Universal Life Church. I am currently an Elder of the Session at First Presbyterian Church of Rome, as well as a Commissioned Elder representative for the Synod of New York, and a member of the Presbyteries in Conversation Committee, and I have attended our General Assembly this past summer in Utah.

Our Third Advent Offering

of Joy is personal reminder that these offerings are not an obligation to be ticked off a “to do” list but a joyous reminder of the importance of Christ’s birth for all types of people, all of whom we are called to offer love and service to. As the JOY candle in the Advent wreath is lighted, the ceremonial words and prayers seek to emphasize our relationship to REAL people, a relationship made concrete through the JOY offering which has been earmarked by the **Presbyterian Church USA** to benefit both retired and current church workers with urgent financial needs and also to support and offer scholarships to Presbyterian schools and colleges and their students. What we call our Joy offering is earmarked as the Presbyterian Church USA’s Christmas Joy offering.

The Country Pantry:

Colder weather is approaching and the number of requests for food continues to increase for a variety of reason. For the winter months we will collect soup, canned pasta, cereal, oatmeal, fruit and vegetables. One client during last month's distribution couldn't thank God and us enough. She said she discovered that morning her snap benefit was not renewed due to a four-month backlog. The pantry is now her only source of food. All donations are appreciated. And remember we have designated the third Sunday of the month as our collection for bringing donated items to worship as part of our monthly “offering” to the Country Pantry. Of course, we welcome bringing items in anytime.

The Fair Trade Shoppe:

Elves are commonly depicted as the keepers of hidden knowledge and wisdom in various mythologies and folk-lore across different cultures. They are often portrayed as ethereal beings who possess ancient wisdom and serve as intermediaries between the mortal world and the realms of gods and spirits. **Are You Ready For The Elf?** Because he will tell you that you must see for yourself the huge selection of one-of-a-kind treasures that are available at our Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton. There are many uniquely handcrafted gift items from 38 countries are available at our shop from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Thursday and every Saturday until Christmas.



CALENDAR



Sunday – 12/15/24:	After Worship
Thursday – 12/19/24:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday – 12/20/24:	6:00 p.m.
Saturday – 12/21/24:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday – 12/21/24:	7:00 p.m.
Sunday – 12/22/24:	10:30 a.m.
Monday – 12/23/24:	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday – 12/24/24:	7:00 p.m.

Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – Stonepres.org & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”

Gift Wrapping in Norton Room
Fair Trade Shoppe
The Longest Night Ecumenical Service
Fair Trade Shoppe
Tapestry Concert
Worship
Hope House
Christmas Eve Service

Greeter & Host: Bev Miller

Prayer Chain: If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on “Prayer Request”

Tapestry Concert: On Saturday evening, December 21, Tapestry, the All-Centuries Singers, under the direction of G. Roberts Kolb, will present "A German Christmas," a program of Advent and Christmas from German/Austrian composers from the 16th to the 20th century. Composers both well-known (Praetorius, Brahms, Distler) and lesser-known (Aichinger, Herzogenberg, Rheinberger) are represented. The concert, which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Stone Presbyterian Church on the village green in Clinton, NY. will also provide opportunity for audience singing of several familiar Germanic carols. Tapestry, established by Ronald and Margaret Bornick in 1985, has been directed by G. Roberts Kolb since 2011.

Members/Friends of the Week:

David & Susan Forbes
Sonia Teuchert
Marcia Thayer

Prayer Request:

Dick Camarata & Family
Linda Rance & Family
Phil Conley
Chris Conley
The Christeler Family
Nancy & Will Eisenhower
Larry Bakos
Carol Sherman
Ewa Lawrence
Conley Roberto and Family
Cindy Chamberlain
Ruth Hughes
Erik Jones
Andrew Bering
Daniel Kolb and Family

