



THE RED DOOR

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SESSION ANNOUNCES INTERIM PASTOR – REV. BETH FRIGARD

Following multiple levels of directives from our Presbytery Commission on Ministry, your Session members are pleased to present **Reverend Beth Frigard** as Interim Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Big Flats. Rev Frigard was born and raised in Elmira, New York, which is also home to her mother and sister. In May 2010 she earned a Master of Divinity with honors. In July 2011, she passed her Ordination Examination and Ecclesiastical Council at Rincon UCC, in Tucson, Arizona.

It has been said that "Reverend Frigard has a quiet presence, but is well spoken. She has the gift of poetry which she uses in her ministry and preaching with eloquence." In Reverend Frigard's words: "We are called to speak the truth in love. Our primary goal is, in all circumstances, to build up the body of Christ. Relationships between calling bodies and persons seeking ministerial positions require honesty, integrity, and truthfulness for the health of the Church."

Reverend Frigard has served in many ministerial capacities over the last 10 years. Her calling is in the spirit of our Lord's words. Reverend Frigard also states: "There is a living God in our lives, guiding us to healing and wholeness for ourselves and for the world. I believe that a loving God as revealed to us through the life of Jesus is the thread, the truth we must follow, but there are so many changes in each of our lives and in our world, and so many distractions, that remembering who we are and what we are may become a challenge. For this we need each other. Jesus' knowledge of the value of community is reflected in His words, 'Where two or more are gathered.' This is the church in our community and the Church of the wider world."



Please join us to celebrate Reverend Frigard's first Sunday of service as our Interim Pastor on **September 11, at 10:30 AM**. She is highly motivated and was the subject of considerable scrutiny by your Session throughout our process. We are very happy to welcome Reverend Frigard into our Church Family.



SEPTEMBER 4 – worship at 9:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 11 – worship at 10:30 AM

SPECIAL SERVICE PLANNED FOR 9/11

A very special Sunday is being planned for September 11, and we urge you to join us.

- We will observe the fifteenth anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11/2001
- We will have a color guard ceremony
- We will welcome our Interim Minister, **Rev. Beth Frigard**
- We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion
- Our choir will return after the summer hiatus
- Our handbell choir will share some special music
- A social hour with a luncheon (prepared by **Ann Slowik**) will follow our worship service

Please plan to spend Sunday morning, September 11, as part of our faith community!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Circle of Love

JOYS AND CONCERNS

This summer we were blessed with inspiring worship services, uplifting music, and a lot of hard work by willing volunteers as we continued to move forward as a community of faith through a time of transition.

Our Sunday services were very special this summer. We are very grateful to **Ms. Marcy Cathey, Rev. Ted Cooper, Rev. Juanita Dickinson, Rev. Beth Frigard, Bill Howells, Nancy Pangia, and Bill Powell** for their inspiring messages and spiritual leadership! While our choir enjoyed a much-deserved summer respite, **Nancy Compton, Mary Ellen Rudnick**, and some very talented guest artists (**Paul Holland, Robin Fitzgerald, Kessey Kieselhorst**) gave us music to make our spirits soar each week. Thanks to all those who made summer worship so meaningful!

Our **Property Committee** has been assessing the condition of the large flat roof area over our Church House area and is currently exploring options for some (hopefully) minor repairs. The committee also continues to diligently execute a comprehensive monthly maintenance schedule. Thanks go to **Scott and Sheila French**, who spend many hours keeping our church lawn and our Welles property groomed to perfection! A Wi-Fi network was recently installed in our church. Special thanks to **Tom Seem** for donating our router and for his technical expertise!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Melissa (Thomas) and Dylan Caporiccio**, who were married on July 30. May happiness follow you always!

Congratulations, also, to our Horseheads High School grads, **Kyle Thomas and Abbey Whitney!** Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

A special thank you to **Duane Welch** who is stepping down from his position as our weekly worship bulletin coordinator after fourteen years of dedicated service! Thank you, Duane, for your faithfulness and hard work! Thank you, also, to **Nancy Compton**, who has assumed responsibility for this vital role.

The sympathy of our faith community is extended to **Joe and Nancy Pangia** and their family on the passing of Joe's sister, **Sandy Stephen**, on July 26. In other concerns this month, we ask for prayers for: **Brandon Davis** (nephew of Sheila French and Lisa McGill), **Denise Wiskowski** (sister of Debbie French), **Peter Middaugh, Joyce & Sam Dean, Alan Giglio** (Pat Fitzgerald's nephew), **Reva Soutar, Nick Rudnick, Emma Gardner, Flora Berke, Irene Hooey, Ginnie Schweizer, Dudley & Marie Shea, Marge Larocque** (Gigi Price's mother), and others who are dealing with ill health, surgery, loss, or life changes. Please continue to pray for our servicemen and women and their families and for peace in our troubled world.

Do you have a special joy or concern that you would like to share with our faith community? See Rev. Beth Frigard or Bill Howells, and we will include your news in our Joys/Concerns column.



FALL RUMMAGE SALE PLANNED FOR EARLY NOVEMBER

Our Rummage Sale Committee has begun planning for this year's fall sale. The sale date has been tentatively set for **Saturday, November 5**. Please start collecting your rummage sale items – items can be brought to the church in October. Further details will be announced in next month's **RED DOOR**. **Linda Lincoln, Nancy Pangia, and Donna Stevens** will be happy to answer your questions.

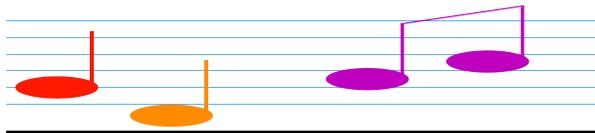
SIXTH ANNUAL QUILT FUNDRAISER UNDERWAY



Our Big Flats Presbyterian Quilters have finished their work – what a wonderful project! This year's beautiful quilt is **"Basket of Logs"** a log cabin design. It features a variety of earth tones and will complement any room décor. Thank you to all who were involved in making our quilt!

Now it's up to our congregation members to do our part. Tickets are now available for our annual quilt raffle. The price is **\$2 each or three for \$5** (the drawing will take place in December). In order for our fundraiser to be successful, we are going to need help selling tickets. In previous years, volunteers have purchased tickets themselves, sold to family members and friends, and have helped sell tickets at Miniers on Saturdays in November. We plan on continuing this approach in 2016, but we would also like to expand our sales locations to reach more potential ticket buyers. If you have any ideas about potential high-traffic locations for showing our quilt, PLEASE see **Ann Hayes or Nancy Compton**.

Remember that this is a major fund-raiser for our church. We have done very well in previous years. Please help us to make this a successful year as well. Questions? See Ann Hayes or Nancy Compton.



FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

We are in SERIOUS need of singers!!!! Please carefully consider allowing part of your offering to the Lord this year to be joining the choir in JOYFUL PRAISE. The Bible does not say "sing beautifully to the Lord" or even "sing in tune to the Lord." Psalm 95: 1 says, "Oh come, let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." And again in Psalm 100: 1, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands." Given a choice, I would opt for ordinary, faithful people who just want to praise God, to a choir loft full of "prima donnas." Some of them are so difficult!

We really do have a lot of fun. **Our rehearsals are on Sunday morning at 9:30 sharp.** That means no snowy nights on the road to get to rehearsal. We make the most of every minute of time we have, and we really need anyone who has ever sung in the shower, sung The Star Spangled Banner, or sung Happy Birthday. No one is going to laugh at your mistakes - although NO ONE hesitates to laugh at the director/accompanist's mistakes. That's all right. She has broad shoulders. **Please - join us. We'll save you a seat.**

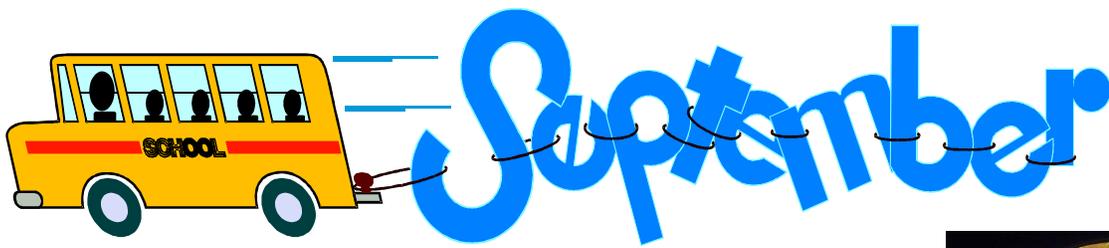


PROVIDERS NEEDED FOR FLOWERS, BULLETINS AND COFFEE HOUR

Our new church year starts on Sunday, September 11. Worship time resumes at 10:30, our choir returns, and we will once again look forward to our social time after each Sunday's service. Some of the things that make for special Sundays at our church include: flowers for our sanctuary, special bulletins for our worship services, and our wonderful coffee hours. **Sign-up sheets** have been posted on the bulletin board in our Church House – please help keep Sundays special at Big Flats First Presbyterian.

SUMMER 2016





WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY, September 4	Worship at 9:30
SUNDAY (beginning September 11)	
9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Morning Worship
TUESDAY	
12:00 – 2:00 PM	Food Pantry is open
6:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop #87

SPECIAL EVENTS

September 5 (Mon)	Labor Day
September 11	We will welcome our new interim pastor, Rev. Beth Frigard
September 11	Fifteenth Anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11/2001
September 11	Holy Communion
September 11	Special Coffee Hour/Luncheon following morning worship
September 22 (Thurs)	First day of autumn
September 25	Information due for the October RED DOOR
September 25	“Pennies from Heaven”

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Bell Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday, September 6 – 4:30 PM
Property Committee	Wednesday, September 7 – 6:00 PM
Session	Wednesday, September 7 – 7:00 PM
Worship Committee	Sunday, September 25 – following morning worship



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