

Monday Minders – Week of August 1, 2016  
First Presbyterian of Hector & Lodi Presbyterian Church

Dear members and friends,

Martin Luther said “As long as we live, there is never enough singing.” I grew up in a house where there was always music. My mom was a church organist and choir director so several nights each week my mother would be practicing. When friends of my parents came over for dinner on Saturday evenings, my mother, brother, sister and I would entertain them with songs, usually from our Rodgers and Hammerstein songbook.

Our lives are bathed in music. We sing lullabies to our children, we sing songs of joy in our celebrations, songs of loss in our grief. This is true in church. We sing songs of praise to God the creator, we sing songs that tell the old, old story of God’s work of redemption in Jesus Christ, we sing songs of commitment to share the good news with the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Music goes to the deepest part of our being, and we remember best what we have sung. St Augustine said, “He who sings, prays twice.” Faith is formed as we sing. At our hymn-based service this past Sunday, many of the songs requested for worship were old, from our childhoods. And some were new, or at least new-ish, as new generations learn to sing the faith. In our journey of faith, there will be old and new songs to sing. We will continue always to sing.

Thank you to all who submitted their favorite hymns, and to those who came and sang their hearts out. We certainly made a joyful noise to the Lord and came into God’s presence with singing!

Grace & peace,  
Pastor Jim

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This week (Aug 1 – 7):

- Tue: Bone Builders @ 8:30 am (Hector)  
Called Presbytery meeting @ 1 pm (Penn Yan office)
- Wed: Men’s Breakfast @ 8 am (Toni’s Diner & Hector)  
Bone Builders @ 10:30 am (Hector)  
Choir rehearsal @ 7:30 pm (Lodi)
- Thu: Choir rehearsal @ 9 am (Hector)  
Office for the Aging luncheon @ 12 noon (Hector)
- Sat: Food Pantry @ 3pm (Lodi)
- Sun: Worship w/communion  
@ 9:30 am (Hector) followed by coffee hour  
@ 11:15 am (Lodi)

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Hector worship leaders for August:

Ushers: John Flowers & Paul Leahy

Communion servers (8/7): Liz Adams, Ruth Bills, Helene Fausold, Kitty Shallenberger

Liturgists: Tim Anderson (8/7), Liz Adams (8/14),

Roberta Dannenfelsler-Flowers (8/21), Lonnie Denmark (8/28)

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**VBS Planning Meeting**

*after worship on Sunday, August 7*

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*Everyone is cordially invited to our next*

**Presbytery Church Cluster Meeting**

Sunday, August 21 @ 3 pm

*First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca*

The theme will be Youth in the Church.

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Looking ahead:

Attic Sale: Fri, Aug 12 – Sun, Aug 14

Vacation Bible School: Mon, Aug 15 – Fri, Aug 19

Hector food pantry: Thu, Aug 18 @ 8:00 am (Hector)

Mobile food truck: Fri, Aug 19 @ 10 am (Hector)

Presbytery Cluster Meeting: Sun, Aug 21 @ 3 pm (First Pres Ithaca)

Majel's Free Lunch: Sat, Aug 27 @ 11:30 am (Lodi)

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Fri, Aug 12 = 8 am – 4 pm

Sat, Aug 13 = 8 am – 4pm

Sun, Aug 14 = 11 am – 3pm

Bring items to Fellowship Hall: Mon – Thu (Aug 8 – 11) / 9 am – 2 pm  
*Be ready to say "yes" when asked to help!*

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## **Vacation Bible School 2016**

(August 15 – 19)



See Shelly Gimbar (546-2864) for more information.