

Dear Families:

This week, we were busy at church! First, we got to watch as the church baptized and welcomed two new church members! Next, we went downstairs to celebrate this special Sunday of the church year which observes the Baptism of Jesus by His cousin John. Jesus Himself says that all we need to do to be saved from our sins is to believe in Him and be baptized into the church. There is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Our sin is too great. We are only welcomed into Heaven if we repent of our past selves and put all of our faith into Jesus Christ. We hope you have made, or will make, the same decision!

We also prepared a treat for our congregational luncheon after church, as well as readied supplies for one of our most popular fundraisers! Next week, the weekly hot chocolate sales will be back! For \$1 per cup, you can enjoy some gourmet hot chocolate and support Literacy of Love. We will be selling hot chocolate after church every Sunday that there isn't a potluck luncheon starting on January 11 and continuing until warm weather returns.

You can support the youth in other ways as well! There is an ongoing mini-rummage sale in Fellowship Hall. You can continue to bring in bottle slips. And the donation boxes in Fellowship Hall are always there. The bin that supports our church Blessing Box is always in need of items. Let's make this year the year that Christ is felt here in Olean!

Looking ahead, we will have the annual congregational meeting on January 25th. The Souper Bowl of Caring will also be held on Sunday, February 1st. The following week, we will celebrate Scout Sunday with our Scouting friends on February 8th. We have a busy start to 2026!

Thank you for being with us today!

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