

# PRAYER PROFILE

**First Presbyterian Church of Albion**  
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Church established in 1824

**Pastor:** Susan Collins Thaine  
**Clerk of Session:** Wendy Kirby  
**Church Secretary:** Myra McGee  
**Musicians:** Scott Schmidt & Gary Simboli  
**Sunday Worship** 11:00 AM

## Did you know?

The First Presbyterian Church of Albion is located in the very heart of Albion. Its tall steeple is a symbol of its faith, hope and aspiration for the entire community. It may be the tallest steeple in the Presbytery, and the tallest structure in all of Orleans County! But being a church of Jesus Christ in this community is more than a tall steeple and a beautiful building; its people energized for ministry and mission. What shall the church proclaim? How shall the church engage? These are the key questions (with answers!) that are drawing our church in Albion into a hope-filled future!

I asked Pastor Sue Thaine, "What's exciting at the church these days?" And she launched right into it. The beginning of a new concert series for the community: "Inspire Concerts", starting with "Musical Musings on Faith" on Friday, July 12, 7:00 PM, featuring the songs and stories of Gary Simboli, Pastor Sue Thaine, Jennifer Boyer Torres, and Nate Grammatico. Tickets are \$10. September will feature Rev. Colin Prichard, November will be WKBW-TV's Mike Randall as Charles Dickens telling the "Christmas Carol" story, and in December a Community Christmas Concert.

Pastor Sue is completing her first year as Stated Supply Pastor of the church and speaks highly of its willingness to stretch, committing to three years of full-time ministry for her. She is excited that the congregation is with deliberation moving ahead from "what we have been" to "what we will be". Rev. Jim Evinger and Rev. Rod Frohman are working with the congregation on mission discernment, a process that a number of congregations in our Presbytery have undertaken. By the way, Jim and Rod would love to talk to your congregation about this work!

Some serious challenges have landed on the church in the last year. A winter storm caused a serious leak that destroyed three rooms. They have been "guttled" now and with insurance money it allows the congregation to re-imagine how these rooms will be refurbished for present-day ministry needs. Another storm loosened slate tiles on the roof and that is also a serious repair issue, with a roof that requires a large crane to reach.

## Pray for Our Friends in Albion

Here are some prayers going on right now in Albion, and the people of the church invite you to pray alongside them:

- Prayers to encourage the continuing process of discernment: who are we, what is God calling us to do?
- Our building is an architectural treasure, but we have some serious maintenance and repair issues.
- In recent years the church has experienced some tragic losses, including the tragic death of a high school senior just last week. Please pray with us as we grieve and seek spiritual encouragement for our families.
- The congregation has been working through a healing process with the support of Presbytery, and the church has now revitalized its committees. Please pray for the people who have responded to the call to leadership.
- The Albion church is hosting our Presbytery Gathering on Tuesday, June 25, starting at 4PM in a nearby park. Expect the unexpected!

