



**First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY**  
**FIRST PRESS Newsletter**  
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Hi to all our members and friends—can you believe the summer is half over!! We hope everyone is still safe and well and that everyone is wearing their masks!!

The Session has met recently and we are working on several things. We continue to discuss reopening and what needs to be done. As of this writing, we have not set a date to reopen. Many of our members are in the “risk category” and reluctant to commit to attending church in person. We have been video taping our Sunday Worship service and it is on You Tube every Sunday. The Secretary sends an email on Saturday with the information for the service and the You Tube address. All you have to do is click on the address to access the video. We hope you are worshipping with us. Rev. Cathy Rielly Goddard sets up a Zoom Coffee Hour following service. That link is also in the Saturday email. The Session is working on getting some serious roof repairs. We have signed a contract with a company to do research and provide a quote for the work. We will keep you posted on the roof repairs.

We are keeping current with our card ministry to those in need of some cheer, our shut-ins, those in the hospital and rehab and those who are struggling and searching. If you know of someone who needs a card from the church, please let Carol Dashineau know.

Just so you know, we are keeping current with all expense, thanks to our Assistant Treasurer. We are also taking care of the building.

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Robert MacNaughton is tending to the flower garden and Mark Tarbell is busy ordering supplies we will need to have on hand when we do reopen.

We are also continuing our efforts to find a Temporary Part Time Pastor. As of now, we have nothing to report. Please keep this process and the Session in your prayers.

Please keep our city, state and nation in your prayers. We need God’s hand upon us all!

Carol Dashineau, Clerk of Session



**UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR PEACE**

(FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY)

LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE,  
FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH.  
LEAD US FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE,  
FROM FEAR TO TRUST.  
LEAD US FROM HATE TO LOVE,  
FROM WAR TO PEACE.  
LET PEACE FILL OUR LIVES,  
OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE.  
PEACE, PEACE, PEACE.

## The Magdalene Project

The Magdalene Project continues its ministry during the Covid 19 pandemic. One of their outreach ministry is the Back to School community block party held in August where backpacks filled with school supplies are distributed to children. This year, due to the Covid 19 virus, the block party has been canceled and the backpacks will be distributed at specific spots in the city. The Back to School drive is in need of backpacks, spiral notebooks, crayons, pens, pencils, glue sticks, markers, Kleenex tissues and sturdy water bottles. If you would like to donate or volunteer at this event please call the Magdalene Project office at 716-282-0908.

The Magdalene Project is always in need of donated items and volunteer services. Following is a list of some of the items and services needed;

Items: Furniture, working appliances, non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and monetary donations.

Volunteer Services: Furniture movers, cooks for soup kitchen, vehicle maintenance, handyman for general repairs, office help and kids club.

Donations of items and services, as always, will be greatly appreciated. If you can help in any way call the Magdalene Project office at 716-282-0908.



The lord said to Samuel, do not look on his appearance or the height of his stature. For the lord sees not as man sees. Man looks on the outward appearance. But the lord looks on the heart  
1 Samuel 16:7

## Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Drive

During these uncertain times during the Covid 19 pandemic, I received the following email from Lis Slenk, who heads First Pres' annual Samaritan's Purse Drive each fall. Lis' email was in response to my inquiry about this year's drive.

Lis' email: "I just went to the Samaritan's Purse web site and filled a shoe box there for \$25.00. You can choose every thing—recipient and items. As we don't even know when church will re-open, I think this might be the best way for everyone to join in this year. Now, even more than ever kids need us!"

The web site for Samaritan's Purse

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

I filled a shoe box and it was fun and easy. I was able to pick either a boy or girl, age and what items I wanted in the box.

Janet



**Generosity**  
changes everything

**Please Pray for Those Who are Sick or Shut-in**

**Shut-Ins**

Jean Hackenheimer Pearl Durham  
Dolores Coleman Elizabeth Ochab

**Prayer List**

Monique Wilson Bonnie Felstead  
Margaret Smith Robert Smith  
Charlene Bush Bob DeFazio  
Carol Dashineau Bill Karches



**MAKE SURE YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR FAITH. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM DOUBT, AND ISOLATE YOURSELF FROM FEAR. TRUST IN GOD THROUGH IT ALL.**

**AMEN**

**August Birthdays**

- August 5 Vern Otto
- Kayla Durham
- 7 Dominic DeFazio
- 13 Carl Slenk
- 18 Mark Tarbell
- 22 Samantha Combs
- Tracy Hazel
- 24 DaShon Lamorie

**Anniversaries**

- Elisabeth and Carl Slenk
- Rhoske and Kina Jackson



**Dear God,  
You probably look down and think what has happened to this beautiful world that I created. Lord, please stop the hate, the indifference, the senseless acts, the separation. I pray for healing and peace to cover our land and to be given to every person who walks this earth.  
Please hear our cry and answer our prayers.**

**Amen**

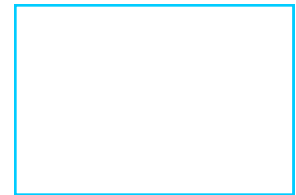
@Emojee

If we have forgotten your special day or our information is incorrect, please let us know so we can update our files. If you have a Birthday or Anniversary in September and would like to be listed with the September Birthdays and Anniversaries, call the Church office at 285-3555 and leave a message.

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## CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am -1 pm  
Telephone: 285-3555

Sunday Worship	11:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Communion	1st Sunday of each month
Food Pantry & Clothes Closet	Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon
Bible Study	Wednesday - 6:00 pm

## BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons — 2nd Sunday of month—10:30 a.m.  
Session — 3rd Tuesday of the month—7:00 p.m.

The Church is closed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.  
Worship services can be viewed on You Tube  
Sundays at 11:00 am. The You Tube link is  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV\\_gWm7wjgyl-q03g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV_gWm7wjgyl-q03g)

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