

# First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY

## FIRST PRES Newsletter

### August 2021



Dear Friends,

I think that the last question from our series during July will frame many of our conversations for the next few months. **Where do we go from here?** Just saying those words together, emphasizing different words of the question can get our minds and hearts moving. Maybe this could become part of our regular prayer life. Asking this question and listening for the Spirit to lead us.

We made many changes in a short amount of time in response to the pandemic. One of the things that has suffered is our ministry with children and families. Now we have some time to think about what that might look like for the future. Right now, we have very little. The sky's the limit. Our imagination and our willingness to be open to new ideas is the only thing holding us back. Maybe you can add that to your prayer time during the coming weeks.

Can we offer ministry to adults in our community? What would we like to do with people to help them connect with a community of faith? Is bible study what we need or maybe a book group, social activities, exercise group? Who knows what we are called to do? These questions are meant to help us open our minds and hearts to possibilities and opportunities. There could be opportunities right in front of us that we have not noticed. **Where do we go from here?**

Our partner churches are going to work together this fall to ask questions, to look at the future and think about the answer to this question. We will do some work as a group and some of it as individual congregations. What are the things that First Presbyterian brings to the table for our unique ministry in our space? What are the things we might share with our partner congregations to help them live into the answers to this question?

I encourage you to pray these questions over the coming months. When you get a crazy idea, realize it could be the Holy Spirit speaking

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to you! Write it down; share it with us. Let's expect the Spirit to blow through us and lead us into new life together.

**Where DO we go from here?**

Blessings,

Cathy

#### Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas

Shop now for your Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox! By shopping now and adding one or two items a week till collection day in November spreads the cost out and might even make two boxes possible this year. Back-to-School items will soon appear at Walmart, great section and minimal cost, as well as other stores. Dollar stores are good source for toothbrushes, kid themed band aids and hair goods. Boxes and information are available at First Pres!! Please let Lis Slenk know if you would like 1 (or 2 or 3?). Let's share the joy and love with kids and their families around the world. Together we make a huge difference in so many lives

#### Drumming Circle

Even though the weather has not cooperated lately, the Drumming Circle is held each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in First Pres Parking Lot. Come learn, laugh and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

#### Vacation Bible School

Riverside Presbyterian Church is hosting VBS for children Kindergarten through 5th grade, August 2nd through August 6th., 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Riverside. You can sign your Children up for VBS by email at [riversidepres@msn.com](mailto:riversidepres@msn.com) or call the Riverside office 716-283-9752

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



**Shut-Ins**

Dolores Coleman Elizabeth Ochab

**Prayer List**

Monique Wilson Rev. Jon Rieley-Goddard  
 Margaret Smith Robert Smith  
 Charlene Bush Mark Tarbell  
 Bill Karches Joseph Barber  
 Pearl Durham David Pytik

**August Volunteer Schedule**

**Lay Readers**

August 1 - Lis Slenk  
 August 8 - John Goddard  
 August 15 - Carol Dashineau  
 August 22 - Lis Slenk  
 August 29 - John Goddard

**Communion Servers**

August 1 - John Goddard, Lis Slenk

**August Birthdays**

August 7 Dominic DeFazio  
 5 Kayla Durham  
 13 Carl Slenk  
 18 Mark Tarbell  
 22 Tracy Hazel  
 24 DaShon LaMorie



**August Anniversaries**

Lis and Carl Slenk  
 Rhoshe and Kina Jackson

Sunday worship service is now being recorded and will be on First Pres' YouTube channel after 4:00 pm on Sundays for viewing. The YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lsk4U35pI2I>



First Pres Member, Young Sook Kim, and her husband, Sang Bae, have re-opened their restaurant, Pyung Tauk, on Niagara Blvd. It is a favorite stop for lunch after Sunday worship service for First Pres Members. Stop in for an authentic Korean meal.



**Budget Report for June 2021**

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	1,350	16,665	14,748
Investment Income, Other	291	6,587	15,348
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>23,252</b>	<b>30,096</b>
EXPENSES	6,764	48,717	61,980
<b>NET (Deficit)</b>	<b>(5,123)</b>	<b>(25,465)</b>	<b>(31,884)</b>

Investment income was for the J.G. Marshall Trust. Expenses included \$534 for three cleanings by Maid Brigade, \$209 for electric, \$117 for gas and \$245 for phone/internet.

# August 2021

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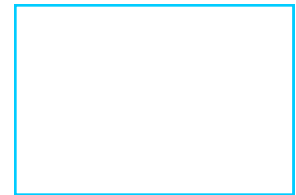
Sat

<i>1</i> <i>Communion</i>	<i>2</i> VBS at <i>Riverside</i> <i>Church</i>	<i>3</i> VBS at <i>Riverside</i> <i>Picnic 5 pm</i> <i>Riverside</i>	<i>4</i> VBS at <i>Riverside</i> <i>Drumming</i> <i>Circle</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>5</i> VBS at <i>Riverside</i> <i>Church</i>	<i>6</i> VBS at <i>Riverside</i> <i>Church</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Drumming</i> <i>Circle</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Session</i> <i>7:00 pm</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Drumming</i> <i>Circle</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Drumming</i> <i>Circle</i> <i>5:30 pm</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				

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**We're on the Web:**

[www.firstpresny.org](http://www.firstpresny.org)

**You Tube** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSk4U35pI2I>

**Face Book** <https://www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-Niagara-Falls-117888153453785/>

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am  
to 1:00 pm

Telephone: 285-3555

Sunday Worship	11:15 am
Fellowship	On Hold
Communion	First Sunday of Month
Children Sunday School	On Hold
Food Pantry & Clothes	Closed
Closet	

**BOARD MEETINGS**

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

Rev. Cathy Rieley-Goddard office hours are Tuesday  
9:30 am to 1:00 pm and Thursday by appointment.

Mask and social distancing are required at Worship  
Service.

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