



# First Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, NY August 2023 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

August is upon us. As usual, I wish we had a do over for June and July! When we have had nice weather, it has been really nice. Those cloudy, smoky days have been tough though. I find myself grateful that I do not live in a place plagued by natural disasters, including fire. How rough it must be to feel like you are in danger of losing so much whenever the wind shifts. Let's keep all those who are facing such danger in our prayers during the coming weeks.

Our tower construction project is moving forward after all these months of writing and waiting and waiting. We have agreed to hire Foit Albert Associates to be our architectural firm for the project. This includes LaLuce Mitchell who has been on the project since we first thought about it. They will be getting the design drawings together and then helping us select a project contractor. With their help, I am confident we will be able to select the best possible group to complete the project. The design and selection process will take about six months and then the construction will take several more months. I hope we will be done before the end of 2024 so we can celebrate the restored tower along with our 200th anniversary.

It is amazing to think of all the changes that have taken place during the life of this congregation. We all can be grateful for the faithful souls who have come before us in this ministry. And we can be faithful ourselves as we continue this ministry into our third century together. Compared to the cathedrals and village churches in Europe, we are still youngsters, but our history is rich with stories of the faithful who have been leaders in our community and in our congregation. Think back about your family and how it became part of First Presbyterian. We will be collecting and sharing stories over the coming months.

Blessings to you during these coming weeks,

Cathy



## NAP July Dinner

First Pres will host the August NAP Dinner Wednesday, August 2, 5:00 PM. Plan to attend and help welcome members from area Presbyterian churches. It's a nice way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy fellowship and a meal.

At the NAP dinner, cleaning supply kits will be assembled for JFS. Please bring your donated supplies to the dinner if you have not already dropped them off at First Pres. First Pres is responsible for dish sponges, scouring pads and paper towels.

All are Welcome



## Samaritan Christmas Shoeboxes

Again this year First Pres will participate in the Samaritan Christmas Shoeboxes. There are a few shoeboxes available at the front of the sanctuary. Why not pick up a box and start filling it now.

School supplies are now on sale in the stores. Items like pencils, pens, crayons, small note pads are less expensive now than in October when you will be shopping for your shoebox.



## Gardner Needed

The grounds of First Pres need sprucing up. The areas around the Church front doors, the planter boxes around the trees in front of the parking lot and the area along the back parking lot fence are in need of attention.

If you like to garden and have a couple hours a week to devote to First Pres outdoor areas, give Janet in the office a call.

Also, the parking lot needs to be cleaned of debris, this would be a once a month commitment of about an hour.

Well tended grounds will make First Pres look vital and welcoming.



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



**Shut-Ins**

Dolores Coleman  
Abraham McLarahmore  
Dom DeFazio

**Prayer List**

Bill Karches     Christine King  
Jillian Horner     Christine Goddard  
Mark Tarbell     Micheline Bevacqua

**August Volunteer Schedule**

**Lay Readers**

August 6 - John Goddard  
August 13 - Lis Slenk  
August 20 - Carol Dashineau  
August 27 - John Goddard

**Communion Servers**

August 6 - Jeanette Lamorie and  
Dori Parry

**August Birthdays**



August 7 Dominic DeFazio  
August 13 Carl Slenk  
August 18 Mark Tarbell  
August 22 Tracy Hazel  
August 24 DaShon Lamorie  
Happy Birthday!

**Sunday Worship on You Tube**

Each week the Sunday morning worship service is video-recorded. The video is uploaded to First Pres Niagara Falls early in the week. Check it out. The link to You Tube is [youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV\\_gWm7wiggyl-q03g](https://youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV_gWm7wiggyl-q03g).



**Budget Report for June 2023**

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	1,559	14,613	14,844
Investment Income, Other	4,980	12,750	16,374
TOTAL INCOME	6,539	27,363	31,218
EXPENSES	10,968	62,994	67,932
NET (Deficit)	(4,429)	(35,631)	(36,714)

Investment income was from Special Funds income for Jan-June(\$4626) and from the J.G. Marshall (\$354). Expenses included \$387 for a new office A/C, \$356 for two church cleanings and \$4,148 for roof repairs and inspection.



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*Happy August*



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**CHURCH OFFICE**

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM to  
1:00 PM

Telephone: 716-285-3555

Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Communion	First Sunday of Month

Rev. Cathy Rieley-Goddard office hours are Monday  
and Wednesday.

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