



First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY Newsletter January 2022



Dear Friends,

It was a few months ago that we had a lively meeting at church one evening to talk about what we thought was possible for the future of our church. We talked both about the building and how we might share it with others to continue our ministry in downtown Niagara Falls for many years to come. We talked about people and how our ministry of outreach might offer something vital to those who are searching.

I had hoped that we would meet again before January, but alas, time has gotten away from me. Some of our leaders have been faithfully working on getting our organizational paperwork together so that we might apply for funding to repair and restore our building. Years of deferring maintenance have left us with a building that needs a great deal of attention. We are so grateful to the faithful who have gone before us and left bequests to help us fund this work.

Connecting with others in our community is the challenge of the new year. Finding ways to welcome those who are looking for community and connection into our midst is not easy. One of the folks who filled in for me one Sunday told me what a great congregation you were. They would love to join our church (but they are working somewhere else now). We have a kind and welcoming spirit; our challenge is to share our light with others.

At our gathering, we talked about having educational events for folks. Maybe that is a place where we might gain something traction this year. We could hold lunch-time gatherings and have someone present on topics of interest. Who knows what the topics might be?

The Niagara River is an amazing place for learning about and seeing a variety of birds. Just the other day I saw folks who were looking for a rare bird that had been spotted in the area. Maybe we can host a conversation about birding in our area.

There are all kinds of things we can learn about. Reports of travel to places around the world are always interesting. Efforts to restore some of our waterways to health are ongoing. I am interested in your ideas. What would you like to learn about? We have time and space. Connecting with the world outside our doors is at the heart of our ministry and mission together. Give it some thought over the coming weeks. Maybe we will get together again to share ideas and see what is possible.

Blessing to you for a healthy and faith-filled 2022.

Cathy

Please Pray for Those Who are Sick or Shut-in



Shut-Ins

Dolores Coleman

Prayer List

Monique Wilson	Rev. Jon Rieley-Goddard
Margaret Smith	Robert Smith
Charlene Bush	Mark Tarbell
Bill Karches	Andrew Hinchliffe
Jillian Horner	Micheline Bevacqua

January Volunteer Schedule

Lay Readers

January 2 - Christine King
 January 9 - Lis Slenk
 January 16 - Carol Dashineau
 January 23 - Lis Slenk
 January 30 - Christine King

Communion Servers

January 2 - John Goddard, Lis Slenk



January Birthdays

January 13 - Carol Restivo
 23 - Kinasia Jackson
 28 - Young Sook Kim

Sunday worship service is recorded and is on First Pres' YouTube channel after 4:00 pm on Sundays for your viewing. The YouTube link:

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

Bell Ringing Circle

Hand Bell Ringing Circle will be on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. Come join the group for laughs, learning and fellowship.

Thank you to everyone who took an angel from the Giving Tree. You made Christmas a little merrier for two families.

For the safety and well-being of everyone, masks covering nose and mouth are required at First Pres.

Blessings for the New Year

Budget Report for November 2021

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	1,145	30,765	27,038
Investment Income, Other	220	30,225	28,138
TOTAL INCOME	1,365	60,990	55,176
EXPENSES	8,504	96,943	113,630
NET (Deficit)	(7,139)	(7,130)	(58,454)

Investment income was from the L. Marshall Trust. Expenses included \$1474 (Nation Fuel) and \$534 (Maid Brigade, 3 cleanings). The year's deficit through November is just under \$36,000.

JANUARY

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*Communion
Epiphany of
the Lord*

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*Baptism of
the Lord*

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*Bell
Ringing
5:30 pm*

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*Worship
Leaders
Meeting*

17 *Martin*

*Luther
King Jr
Day*

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*Session
7:00 pm*

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*Bell
Ringing
5:30 pm*

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*Bell
Ringing
5:30 pm*

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*Healing
Service*

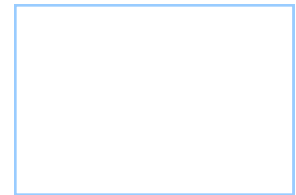
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Winter Blessings

We're on the Web:

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: 716-285-3555

Sunday Worship 11:15 am
Communion First Sunday of Month

BOARD MEETINGS

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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