



First Presbyterian Church
Niagara Falls, NY
March 2024 Newsletter



Dear Friends

Every month when the time for the newsletter rolls around I find myself stumped for what to say. I guess if I had more discipline for writing it might be easier. Maybe if I read more during the intervening weeks I would have new ideas. No matter what gets in my way, it is always a struggle. And yet I persevere. And I think in so many ways, that is what faith is all about. We persevere when we believe, when we are not sure, when we are glad about what is happening in our lives and when we are so mad at God we can hardly do anything at all.

I know so many times when our prayers have been meant to change God. Or they start that way. How could God be loving and let these things happen? How can we worship a God who sometimes seems to care more for those who have much rather than those who are in so much need? The truth is that our prayers change us. They change how WE experience the world, how we behave, how we demonstrate kindness and love. It is through our kindness and love that the healing of the world takes place. God can only do so much. The rest is up to us. That is hard to live with. To know the future of the world relies as much on us as it does on God. There are times when we all wish God would just take over and fix everything. But, that is not the world God created.

Friends, what are the things you do that make the world a better place? What more could you do? It is easy to think we are doing all we can. We go to church. We support the church. We donate to the food banks or other charities. How much more is there? This is a hard question for all of us. How much more could we do to make the world a better place? How much more could we do to be peacemakers? It's the practice of individuals like you and me that will ultimately change the world. Most of us do not think of ourselves as those who are meant to change the world, but we are. We are meant to change the world — every day.

Be kind. Be loving. Work for justice. Speak up. Speak out. Be an example for your children, grandchildren, children everywhere. They are watching and learning. When you do not speak, they learn to keep silent. Let's be seeds of justice in our community. Let's speak and act and be the people who are changing the world — for good!

Blessings and peace,

Cathy

Easter Memorial Flowers

If you would like to donate an Easter Memorial flower to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, the cost is \$10.00 per flower. Fill out the form below along with your check and send it to the Church Office by Palm Sunday, March 24,

Circle one : In Memory In Honor
(list name(s) below)

Name

From



Hear the good New

Join Us
EASTER
Sunday

MARCH 31ST
10:00 A.M.



NAP March Dinner

The March NAP Dinner will be hosted by Riverside Church, 815, 84th Street, Niagara Falls, Wednesday, March 6, 5:00 PM. The NAP dinners are a nice way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy fellowship and a meal. All are Welcome

Lewiston Choraleers 2024 Easter Cantata

During the Easter Season, the Lewiston Choraleers will perform their Easter Cantata. The schedule of performances is as follows

March 10, 2:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church Youngstown, 100 Church Street, Youngstown

March 16, 2:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church Lewiston, 505 Cayuga Street, Lewiston

March 17, 2:00 PM St James Lutheran Church, 2437 Niagara Road, Bergholz,

March 24, 2:00 PM, Messiah Lutheran Church, 915 Oneida Street, Lewiston.

One of First Pres' own, Lis Slenk, performs with the Lewiston Choraleers



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10. Set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday, March 10, before you go to bed. You don't want to be late for Church.

Please Pray for Those Who are Sick or Shut-in



Shut-Ins

Dolores Coleman Dom DeFazio
 Jane McNaughton Bob McNaughton
 Toni Pryor

Prayer List

Bill Karches Christine King
 Jillian Horner Christine Goddard
 Mark Tarbell Rita Horner
 Collette Sorg Jordon Street
 Cathy Rieley-Goddard

March Volunteer Schedule

Lay Readers

March 3 - John Goddard
 March 10 - Carol Dashineau
 March 17 - Lis Slenk
 March 24 - John Goddard
 March 31 - Carol Dashineau

Communion Servers

March 3 - Jeanette Lamorie and
 Dori Parry

Spring is finally here.
 ... I think ... Maybe
 ... Hopefully.



Visit Jim Hunt at facebook.com/huntcartoons

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_gWm7wjggyl-q03g.

March Birthdays



March 19 Christine King
 March 24 Jeffery Street
 Happy Birthday!

Budget Report for January 2024

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	5,000	5,000	2,389
Investment Income, Other	55	55	3,167
TOTAL INCOME	5,055	5,055	5,556
EXPENSES	11,149	11,149	11,098
NET (Deficit)	(6,064)	(6,094)	(5,542)

Expenses included \$1078 for gas and \$3809 for insurance (which will be adjusted down since the bill included the van we sold).

MARCH

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Fri

Sat

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3	4	5	6 <i>NAP</i> <i>Dinner</i> <i>5:00 PM</i>	7	8 <i>International</i> <i>Women's Day</i>	 Time to Spring Ahead
10 <i>Daylight</i> <i>Savings Be-</i> <i>gins, Spring</i> <i>Forward</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 	18	19 <i>Session</i> <i>7:00 PM</i> 	20	21	22	23
24 	25 <i>Holy Monday</i>	26 <i>Holy Tuesday</i>	27 <i>Holy</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	28 	29 	30 <i>Great Vigil of</i> <i>Easter</i>
31 <i>Easter</i> 						

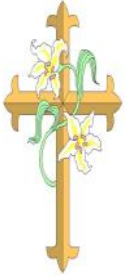
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Return Service Requested



*At this Easter, may
you be blessed with
joy, peace and love
Happy Easter*

We're on the Web:

www.firstpresnfy.org

You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5k4U35p12I>

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

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Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Communion	First Sunday of Month

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

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