


**First Presbyterian Church,  
Niagara Falls, NY  
May 2023 Newsletter**



Dear Friends,

I love living near the Niagara River. Every time I head up to Niagara Falls I drive along the river and it gives me a forecast for the day. This morning it was rather brownish grey. Maybe it was greyish brown. It mirrored the sky that had mottled clouds, looking ominous. A few days ago the river was so blue, it looked dark and deep. The sky was a clear blue without a cloud in sight. It amazes me that something so much water that I know is moving swiftly along can look as still and smooth as glass.

I have been out hiking in the woods quite a few times this winter and spring. And most times I have found water (and mud). Little streams trickling down the hillsides, pools of water in hidden hollows. The sound of water as it runs along the grooves it creates in hillsides is unmatched. At one place there was a tree growing on a stone outcrop with water coming from underneath the stone. It looked as if the water was coming out of the tree itself. It is amazing what we can see when we slow down and open our senses to the world around us.

Water is so precious. Over 70% of the earth is covered with water. And only 2.5% of the water is fresh. Only 2.5% percent of earth's water is what sustains life. I find that to be amazing. It is a reminder to us that we need to do all we can to preserve and protect our lakes, rivers, creeks, even the ponds that collect in our yards.

During this month I encourage you to notice the water around you. Whether it is coming from the faucet in your sink or standing in your yard, trickling down a hillside or roaring over a cliff, water is life. It is amazing and healing and cleansing. It is one of God's good gifts to us, one we often take for granted. Spend time this month in gratitude for the water that blesses us.

Blessings,  
Cathy

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



**Shut-Ins**

Dolores Coleman  
Abraham McLarahmore  
Dom DeFazio

**Prayer List**

Margaret Smith      Bill Karches  
Mark Tarbell        Christine King  
Micheline Bevacqua

**May Volunteer Schedule**

**Lay Readers**

May 7 - Carol Dashineau  
May 14 - John Goddard  
May 21 - Lis Slenk  
May 28 - Carol Dashineau

**Communion Servers**

May 7 - Jeanette Lamorie and  
Dori Parry

**May Birthdays**



May 3 Demonte Lamorie  
May 6 Carolyn Goddard  
Lis Slenk  
May 12 Dori Parry  
May 24 Cameron Watts  
May 25 Jockline Pryor

May 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://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV_gWm7wiggyl-q03g).

The Office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Holiday. Have a safe and Happy Memorial Day.

**NAP May Dinner**

Island Presbyterian will host the May NAP Dinner Wednesday, May 3, 5:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship and a meal. All are Welcome.



 **New  
Worship  
Time  
Is 10:00 a.m.  
Starting Sunday, May 7**


**Budget Report for March 2023**

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	3,227	7,943	7,422
Investment Income, Other	357	875	8,187
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>8,818</b>	<b>15,609</b>
EXPENSES	10,246	31,722	33,966
<b>NET (Deficit)</b>	<b>(6,662)</b>	<b>(22,904)</b>	<b>(18,357)</b>

Investment income was from the J.G. Marshall trust. Expenses included \$2543 for gas heat and \$718 for Danforth HVAC service, and \$643 for the cross and fellowship hall lighting.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	5	6 <i>Neighborhood clean-up 10 AM</i>
7 <i>Sunday</i> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:00 AM</i>	8	9 <i>Session</i> <i>7:00 PM</i>	10	11	12	13
14  <i>Mothers Day</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	29 	30	31			

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**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 10:00 AM  
Communion First Sunday of Month

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

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Please Note: Starting May 7, Sunday  
Worship Service will be 10:00 AM

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