

# Presbyterian Church Niagara Falls, NY Newsletter October 2024



Hi Everyone – Just a few things to remember as we move into Fall. We hope you all will be enjoying the beautiful colors of the season.

The Niagara Area Presbyterian Dinner will be at Grand Island Presbyterian Church on Wednesday October 2, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

Please keep the Tower Restoration Project in your prayers. We hope you will consider donating to the Capital Fund Drive. We have a lot of money to raise!!

If you park in the city lot, do not forget to bring your ticket with you so it can be scanned for your FREE parking.

Please continue to pray daily for Rev. Cathy and Mark that they receive God's healing and mercy.

We have confirmed pulpit supply, in Rev. Cathy's absence, through November.

October 6 - Rev. Dorothy Pearman

October 13,20,27- Rev. Justin Marple

November 3 - Rev. Justin Marple

November 10 -Terry McIntyre

November 17 - Rev. Justin Marple

November 24 - Terry McIntyre.

We hope to see everyone on Sunday morning – remember it is an important concept in Christianity that Christians worship together!

Blessings, Carol Dashineau, Clerk of Session

## NAP October Dinner

The October NAP Dinner will be hosted by Island Presbyterian Church, 1822 Huth Grand Island, NY, Wednesday, October 2, 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



## Samaritan Christmas Shoebboxes

Again this year First Pres will participate in the Samaritan Christmas Shoebboxes. Filled Shoebboxes can be dropped off at the church any time before November 3rd. We will pray them on their way on Sunday, November 3, the last day filled shoeboxes can be returned



## Stewardship Campaign

It is time once again for our fall Stewardship campaign, the third “T” (Time, Talents, Treasures) in our service to our Lord. Our schedule is outlined below.

Tuesday, October 1, Stewardship Campaign Kickoff.

Sunday, October 13: “Inspiration Sunday”. Announcement about the Campaign.

Sunday, October 20: “Gratitude Sunday”. Pledge cards packets available (includes letter). Stewardship Sermon

Monday, October 21: Pledge cards not picked up are mailed.

Sunday, October 27: Make pledges if ready.

Sunday, November 3: “Consecration Sunday”, dedication of pledges.

Sunday, November 10: “Victory Sunday”, with progress report.

Thank you for your participation in the life of our Church!

Your Stewardship Committee



Election Day is Tuesday November 5th.  
Your vote is your voice.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Cancer Awareness aims to raise awareness about the disease and to raise funds for research into the cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure of cancer. Please schedule your mammogram if you have not already done so.



Monday, October 14th is Columbus and Indigenous Peoples Day. Columbus and Indigenous Day is a national holiday. The Post Office, Federal, State and local Government buildings will be closed. Banks and most schools will also be closed.



The Office will be closed Monday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 9. The office will be open Tuesday, October 8. The Secretary will be out of the office both days. If you need to contact the office leave a message on the answering machine and someone will get back with you.



# THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN

## Capital Fund Drive

Our Church, formed 200 years ago, is entering its third century of existence. Our church building on this site dates to 1849. It is showing its age! In 2022, we applied for and received a NY Environmental Protection Grant of \$426,464 which at the time was estimated to cover 75% of the restoration costs for the historic building, focusing on the bell tower. That was the percentage that the grant was authorized to cover. We get those funds through reimbursement as the restoration program proceeds. In 2023, we were also awarded architecture and construction grants totaling \$45,000 from the NY Landmark Conservancy's Sacred Sites program. We have received those funds.

We are entering the construction phase of our bell tower restoration project. The tower scaffolding is now up, and the 1848 bell has been removed for restoration. Asbestos and lead abatement are underway now. The tower restoration work will begin shortly. The estimate for the actual construction is now \$970,000. This is exclusive of administration costs, architect fees, and other fees such as asbestos monitoring and abatement. The construction work is now almost exclusively confined to the bell tower and the south turret, although our original estimate provided for the 2022 grant (\$636,000) covered more items such as resealing all windows and extensive repointing of the masonry beyond the bell tower. Since covid, costs have escalated, and probably the original value supplied for the EPF grant was underestimated as well.

Beyond what the grants provide (\$471,464), the costs will be borne by the church, through donations and through our capital funds. This amount will be approximately \$600,000. The church's capital funds that we can spend on this project now generate investment income and (usually) capital gains which help us cover our deficit budgets. It has been and still is important to our existence that we maintain this reserve as much as possible.

We have initiated a low-key capital fund drive to attract donations for those who would like to contribute. There will be no pledge cards or mail solicitations. Donors will be kept confidential though amounts pledged or donated will be published. If you feel that this is a cause our Lord would like you to support and you are willing, please let the Church Treasurer (Carolyn Goddard) know. Gift checks may be made out to the church with "restoration" indicated as the purpose. Thank you, and may God bless the work of First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls in its third century!

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



**Shut-Ins**

Dolores Coleman      Tony Pryor  
Jane McNaughton      Bob McNaughton

**Prayer List**

Bill Karches                      Jillian Horner  
Mark Tarbell                      Collette Sorg  
Brian Tarbell                      Rita Horner  
Cathy Rieley-Goddard  
Christine Malinowski

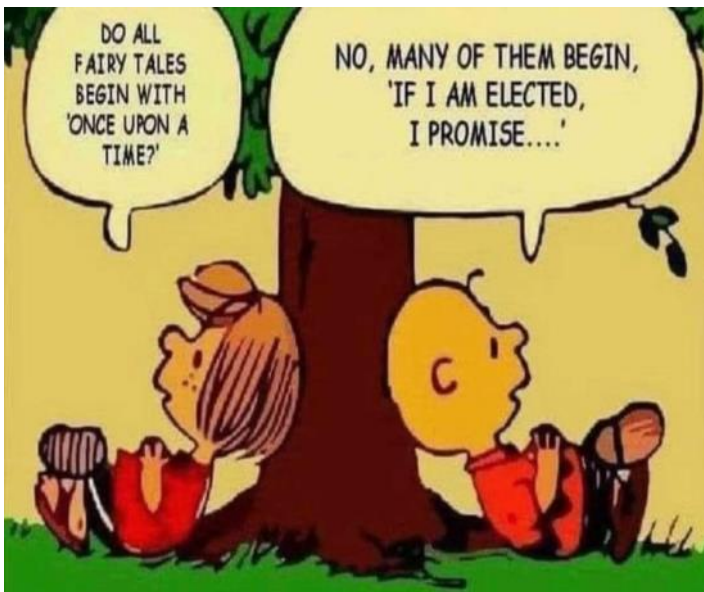
**October Volunteer Schedule**

**Lay Readers**

October 6 - Carol Dashineau  
October 13 - John Goddard  
October 20 - Carol Dashineau  
October 27 - John Goddard

**Communion Servers**

October 6 - Jeanette Lamorie and  
Dori Parry



**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).

**October Birthdays**

October 9 Judy Covil



Happy Birthday!

**Budget Report for August 2024**

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	867	19,990	19,112
Investment Income, Other	455	26,833	25,336
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,322</b>	<b>46,823</b>	<b>44,448</b>
EXPENSES	8,138	73,870	88,784
<b>NET (Deficit)</b>	<b>(6,816)</b>	<b>(27,047 )</b>	<b>(44,336)</b>

Expenses this month included \$775 for the semi-annual HVAC service contract. \$234 for resetting the parking lot ticket validation computer and \$594 for substitute preachers.



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 <p>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</p>		1	2 <i>NAP</i> <i>Dinner</i> <i>Island Presbyterian</i> <i>5:00 PM</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Columbus and Indigenous 'People Day</i>	15 <i>Session 7:00 PM</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> 		

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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

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to 1:00 PM

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Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Communion	First Sunday of Month

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