



First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY
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April 2019



Report from the Session

The Session continues to meet monthly and do the work of keeping our church functioning and spreading the Word of Christ to all who enter our doors to worship and to seek our help.

We pray for all those who are on our shut-in list, those who are sick and all those who are in need our prayers and love.

We are still working on finding a Pastor for our church. It takes time but we are aware of the need to find someone quickly. We are working on it!!

As you know we had significant water damage in the dining room when pipes burst in the kitchen—the wood floor has flattened itself to some degree. We will be calling a flooring expert to advise us of the repairs to be made and an estimate of the cost. In the kitchen, Kirk Parry as volunteered to fix the pipes, the wall and reinstall the sink and dishwasher. It is a work in progress! THANK YOU Kirk.

Maintenance issues were discussed: The air conditioning will be attended to in April and more roof work will be done in May or June.

The Music and Worship Committee reports that the Ash Wednesday Service at our church was meaningful and well attended! We will join the three other Niagara Area Presbyterian Churches for Maundy Thursday at Niagara Presbyterian for a sampling of a Seder Meal and Pot luck dinner at 6:00 pm.

Carolyn Goddard reported on the finances. Pledges were up in February, which is good. We sent a check for \$400.00 to Bethel Presbyterian Church in Buffalo for their boiler replacement fund. We received a check for \$20,026.65 from the estate of Loren Skinner, a long time member. (cont.)

Preaching Schedule for April and May

Below is the Preachers' schedule for April and May. The continuity of leadership in worship will benefit our congregation. Everyone is urged to attend worship, and support our Church.

April 7 - To be announced
April 14 - Rev. Stacy Otto
April 21 - Lee Weinshiemer
April 28 - Terry McIntyre

May 5 - Rev. Stacy Otto
May 12 - Lee Weinsheimer
May 19 - Terry McIntyre
May 26 - Lee Weinsheimer

See you in Church, Carol Dashineau

Session Report continued:

John Goddard continues to hold an Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Come join and study the Bible with John.

Carl Slenk prepared the 2018 Annual Report. It will be ready for publication soon.

The Session asks the congregation to pray for our church, for our members, for our desire to bring the word of God to downtown Niagara Falls and for the stability of our future here.

Carol Dashineau, Clerk of Session.

Lewiston Choraleers

The Lewiston Choraleers will present an Easter program featuring a cantata entitled "Covenant of Grace", Saturday, April 6, 1:00 pm at St. Peter's Church, Lewiston, Center Street. \$5.00 admission fee, children 12 and under are free. All are Welcome.

Easter Memorial Flowers

If you wish to make a donation for Easter Flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, fill out the order form below and drop the form along with your payment (in an envelope marked Easter Flowers) in the collection plate or the office.

The deadline to order flowers is Palm Sunday, April 14th.



Area Easter Season Services

Palm Sunday: First Pres, 11:00 am.

Maundy Thursday Service: Niagara Presbyterian Church, Military Road and Lockport Road.

Good Friday: Riverside Presbyterian Church 12:00 -3:00 pm.

Sunrise Easter Sunday Services: Fort Niagara, 6:30 am and Gratwick Park, North Tonawanda Riverside, 7:30 am.

Easter Sunday Services: First Pres, 11:00 am. Social hour 10:30 am. All are Welcome.

St Patrick's Day Potluck.

It was all about the wearin' of the green, being a little Irish and the gift of gab as well as plentiful, yummy food at the St. Patrick's Day Potluck.

Korena guessed the number of candies in the candy jar. The frog hand puppet went home with Jane.

Jeanette led the kids in making paper shamrocks to hang at home.

Thank you to all who helped set up, brought food, supplied the raffle items, provided craft materials for the kids' shamrocks and helped clean up. A fun day was had by all because of your efforts.



Niagara Area Presbyterian Group Events

April 6 - Ice Skating Party, Hyde Park

April 20 - Bacon Memorial Basket Auction at Lewiston Fire Hall #2, Saunders Settlement Rd. Niagara Power Baseball game at Sal Maglie Stadium. Date to be announced later.

July 28 - Group Picnic at Oppenheim Park.

More information about the Niagara Area group is on the next page.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation for Easter Flowers, please complete the form below and enclose a check for \$10 (per flower) made out to First Presbyterian Church.

Mark the check "Easter Flowers" or if you are using cash include a note that says "Easter Flowers." Be sure to cut out and enclose the Memorial designation shown in the area below and return it with your check or cash.

Deadline is Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

Memorial Designation

Circle One: In Memory of (list name(s) below) In Honor of (list name(s) below)

Name(s) _____

From _____

Please mark one of the following options:

I will take my flower(s) home _____ I will leave my flower(s) for the Deacons to take to shut-ins _____

Twenty Thoughts To Ponder

1. Faith is the ability to not panic.
2. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you prayed, don't worry.
3. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home.
4. Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.
5. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
6. Do the math. Count your blessings.
7. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
8. Dear God: I have a problem. It's me.
9. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
10. Laugh every day—it's inner jogging.
11. The most important things in your home are the people.
12. Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.
13. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open. Come on in.
14. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
15. He who dies with the most toys is still just as dead.
16. We do not remember days but moments. Life moves too fast, so enjoy your precious moments.
17. Nothing is real to you until you experience it.
18. Its all right to sit on your "pity pot" every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
19. Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage. The goals and dreams your are seeking require courage and risk-taking. Learn from the turtle, it only makes progress when it sticks out it's neck.
20. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

This article was submitted by a member

Planting Your Spring Garden

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love.
There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap
What You Sow. Pass It On!!!

This article was submitted by a member.

Niagara Area Presbyterian Group

The four Churches: First, Riverside, Bacon and Niagara, continue to meet and work together in an effort to bring our faith community together for worship opportunities and fellowship activities. It is hoped that many of our members will continue to support the events.

Carol Dashineau

Please Pray for Those Who are Sick or Shut-in

Shut-Ins

Jean Hackenheimer Pearl Durham
Ed Van Valkinburgh Dolores Coleman
Elizabeth Ochab



Prayer List

Mark Tarbell Ralph Kullman
Monique Wilson Antonino Thomas Family
Clary Wilson Maureen Karches
Rev. Jon Rieley-Goddard Margaret Smith
Dashon Lamorie Jeanette Lamorie
Robert Smith

April Volunteer Schedule

Ushers

April 7 - John Goddard, Robert MacNaughton
April 14 - Carl Slenk, Kirk Parry
April 21 - Easter Sunday - Robert MacNaughton,
Carl Slenk
April 28 - John Goddard, Kirk Parry

Lay Readers

April 7 - Bill Karches
April 14 - Lis Slenk
April 21 - Easter Sunday - John Goddard
April 28 - Bill Karches

Communion Servers (In Pew)

April 14 - John Goddard, Robert MacNaughton
Note: Communion is the second Sunday for April

April Birthdays

4-Cynthia Combs
7-Dylan Mott
17- Maria DeLong
22-Janet Roat
24- Carol Dashineau
27-Robert MacNaughton
29-Sihyeon Kim



We list birthdays and anniversaries of our Church family. If we forgot your special day, or if our information is incorrect, please let the church office know so we can update our records. Thank you



Budget Report for February 2018

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
Giving	6,704	7,639	5,604
Investment Income, Other	682	735	6,368
TOTAL INCOME	7,386	8,374	11,972
EXPENSES	6,114	15,925	19,890
NET (Deficit)	1,272	(7,551)	(7,918)

We were positive \$1,272 for February due largely to pledged donations. Expenses were light but included \$2,014 for gas heat.

Adult Classes, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room

The unit for April is "Ancient Words of Praise" with Appreciation the value emphasized.

March 31: "An Approved Worker" (2 Timothy 2:9-15)
April 7: "Praise Builds Us Up" (Jude 17-25)
April 14: "Hosanna!" (Mark 11:1-11)
April 21: "Christ Is Risen" (Easter) (Matthew 28:1-17)
April 28: "Being Like Christ" (Philippians 2:1-11)



Please join us for this exciting adventure into God's Word. All are welcome!

April 2019

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*F.A.C.T.
9 am - Noon*

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*Bible Study
6:00 pm*

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*F.A.C.T.
9 am - Noon*

10

*Bible Study
6:00 pm*

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*Breakfast
Club 9:00 am*

14



*Deacon's meet-
ing 10:30 am*

15



16

*F.A.C.T.
9 am - Noon*

17

*Bible Study
6:00 pm*

18



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*Good
Friday*



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Easter

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Earth Day

23

*F.A.C.T.
9 am - Noon
Session 7 pm*

24

*Bible Study
6:00 pm*

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*Breakfast
Club 9:00 am*

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*F.A.C.T.
9 am - Noon*

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Easter*

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www.NiagaraChurch.org

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am -1 pm

Telephone: 285-3555

Sunday Worship	11:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Adult Education	10:00 a.m.
Communion	1st Sunday of each month
Wednesday Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Church Breakfast Club	9:00 a.m.- 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Tuesdays from
9:00 a.m.—12 noon

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons — 2nd Sunday of month—10:30 a.m.

Session — 3rd Tuesday of the month—7:00 p.m.

News and letters may be submitted by mail to:

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