First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY FIRST PRESS Newsletter April 2019



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 annouced 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	St Patrick's Day Potluck.				
If you wish to make a donation for Easter Flow- ers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, fill out the order form below and drop the form	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.				
along with your payment (in an envelope marked Easter Flowers) in the collection plate or the office.	Korena guessed the number of candies in the candy jar. The frog hand puppet went home with Jane.				
The deadline to order flowers is Palm Sunday, April 14th.	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				
Area Easter Season Services	fun day was had by all because of your efforts.				
Palm Sunday: First Pres, 11:00 am.	*				
Maundy Thursday Service: Niagara Presbyteri- an Church, Military Road and Lockport Road.	Niagara Area Presbyterian Group Events				
Good Friday: Riverside Presbyterian Church12:00 -3:00 pm.	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 Sta- dium. Date to be announced later. July 28 - Group Picnic at Oppenheim Park. More information about the Niagara Area group is on the next page.				
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.					
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	****				

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

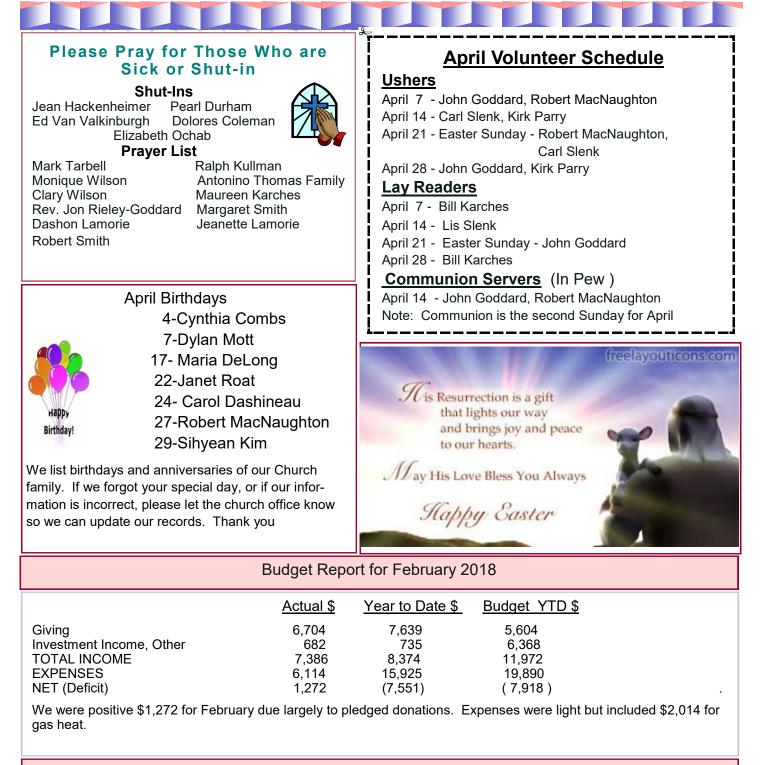
Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love. There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap What You Sow. Pass It On!!!

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



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 F.A.C.T. 9 am - Noon	3 Bible Study 6:00 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 F.A.C.T. 9 am - Noon	10 Bible Study 6:00 pm	11	12	13 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 Tmaundy Thursday	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter	22 Earth Day	23 F.A.C.T. 9 am - Noon Session 7 pm	24 Bible Study 6:00 pm	25	26	27 Breakfast Club 9:00 am
28	29	30 F.A.C.T. 9 am - Noon				

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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

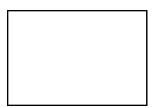
Food Pantry & Clothes Closet

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.



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