

# First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY

## FIRST PRESS Newsletter

### January 2019



#### Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting was held December 2nd following Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting was to elect Elders and Deacons for 2019 and any other business to come before the group.

Elder John Goddard presented a slate of candidates for Elders: Carol Dashineau, Christopher Jackson and John Goddard for a three year term. Chris Jackson moved and Mark Tarbell seconded the motion to unanimously elect the named candidates for Elder. The motion carried

Sue Kim was the only candidate for Deacon. Sue Kim was nominated for a three year term. Carl Slenk moved and Christopher Jackson seconded the motion to unanimously elect Sue Kim. The motion carried.

Carol Dashineau, Clerk of the Session

Martin Luther King Jr Day is Monday, January 21st. Government offices, Banks, Post Office and schools will be closed in observance of the Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr .



Students lighting the Advent Candle during the 2nd week of Advent.

#### Preaching Schedule for January and February

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

January 6 - Rev. Stacy Otto

January 13 - Lee Weinsheimer

January 20 - Terry McIntyre

January 27 - Chris Jackson

February 3 - Rev. Stacy Otto

February 10 - Lee Weinsheimer

February 17 - Lee Weinsheimer

February 24 - Chris Jackson

See you in Church, Carol Dashineau

#### Christmas Potluck

The Church Christmas Potluck was Sunday, December 23, following the Children's Christmas Sunday Worship Service. As always, there was plenty of food and especially lots of Christmas Cheer.

Winners of the Christmas drawings were: Monique Wilson won the Amaryllis bulb plant. Sue Weinsheimer won the jar of Christmas candy. Shyann won the heart box of candy canes. Congratulations to the winners.

Thank you to the Deacons who sponsored the potluck. Thank you to those who brought prizes for the raffle drawings. Thank you to all who brought food to share, helped set up and helped clean up.



## Christmas Caroling

On Saturday, December 15, donned in Santa hats, reindeer antlers and with jingle bells in hand, First Pres Carolers visited the Niagara Rehab Center. They sang a variety of Christmas Carols including an enthusiastic "Jingle Bells" that some of the residences of the Center joined in by ringing jingle bells. Fun was had by all. Carolers enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies back at the church after caroling.

Thank you Mark Tarbell, First Pres' Choir Director, for getting the First Pres Carolers in tune. Thank you Jane MacNaughton for driving the church van and thank you to the Deacons for organizing this outreach ministry and for providing hot chocolate and cookies for the Carolers .



## Pastor Search

Keeping the congregation updated on the search for a new Pastor. The committee has received one resume as of mid December. That candidate will be interviewed before Christmas. Our search for a part time Pastor has been a slow process. Our hope for several resumes to research has not come to be, even when the position was posted on the Presbytery web-site, the Presbytery weekly Newsletter and all local hospital Chaplain Offices. Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers. Thank you. Carol Dashineau, Clerk of the Session

## Gingerbread Village

Each year the students at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute build life size gingerbread houses and put them on display during the Month of December at the school. Besides viewing the gingerbread houses there are activities for children such as cookie decorating, holiday crafts, face paint and a visit with Santa Claus. On December 8, after Sunday worship service, some of the Sunday school children, Jane MacNaughton and Jeanette Lamorie visited the Culinary Institute to view the gingerbread village. Besides viewing the gingerbread village, the First Pres children enjoyed some of the activities for children including decorating gingerbread cookies.



## Loving Tree

Each year First Pres helps a family in need at Christmas. Again this year, First Pres members generously supported this ministry. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Loving Tree. You made the Christmas Season a little brighter for a family. At the December 16 worship service, Rev. Stacy Otto blessed the gifts. Bill Karches and Mark Tarbell collected gifts, shopped for gifts and delivered the gifts to the family. Thank you, Bill and Mark for sponsoring this year's Loving Tree .





# Christmas at First Pres

## The Christmas Carolers



Rev. Stacy Otto blessing Loving Tree Gifts



Enjoying cookies and hot chocolate back at the church after caroling



Angels lighting the Fourth Advent Candle at the Children's Christmas Service.



*Making New Year resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle.*  
Anonymous



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

**Shut-Ins**  
Jean Hackenheimer

**Prayer List**

Mark Tarbell	Ralph Kullman
Ed Van Valkinburgh	Monique Wilson
Antonino Thomas Family	Clary Wilson
Pearl Durham	Maureen Karches
Elizabeth Blackwell	Rev. Jon Rieley-Goddard
Margaret Smith	



The office will be closed Monday, January 14. The Secretary is taking a vacation day.

Everything that is done in the World is done by hope.— Martin Luther King

**January Volunteer Schedule**

**Ushers**

January 6 - Bill Jackson, Carl Slenk  
 January 13 - Robert Smith, Robert MacNaughton  
 January 20 - Bill Jackson, Carl Slenk  
 January 27 - Robert Smith, Kirk Parry

**Lay Readers**

January 6 - Lis Slenk  
 January 13 - Carol Dashineau  
 January 20 - Chris Jackson  
 January 27 - Carol Dashineau

**Communion Servers (Intinction )**

January 6 - Lis Slenk

**January Birthdays**

January 13 Carol Restivo  
 17 Kinasia Jackson



If we have forgotten your special day or our information is incorrect, please let us know so we can update our files. If you have a Birthday or Anniversary in November and would like to be listed with the November Birthdays and Anniversaries, call the Church office at 285-3555 or slip a note in the office mail slot by the 15th of November.

**Budget Report for November 2018**

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
Giving	2,196	30,798	32,461
Investment Income, Other	442	28,307	32,626
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>59,105</b>	<b>65,087</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,236</b>	<b>76,897</b>	<b>89,320</b>
<b>NET (Deficit)</b>	<b>(3,598)</b>	<b>(17,792)</b>	<b>(24,233)</b>

Expenses this month included \$1634 (National Fuel Gas).

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

The unit for January is "Future for God' People" with Hope the value emphasized.

- January 6: "The One True God" (Isaiah 45:18-24)
- January 13: "Reassurance for God's People" (Isaiah 48:14-22)
- January 20: "The Servant's Mission" (Isaiah 49:1-6)
- January 27: "Healed by His Bruises" (Isaiah 53:4-12)

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





# January 2019

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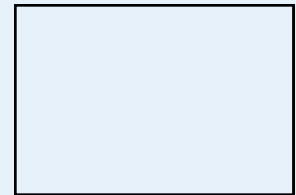
Sat

		<b>1</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>F.A.C.T. 9 am- noon</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Church Breakfast 9:00 am</i>
<b>13</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord Deacons Meeting 10:30 am</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>F.A.C.T. 9 am- noon Session 7 pm</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr Birthday</i>	<b>22</b> <i>F.A.C.T. 9 am- noon</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Church Breakfast 9:00 am</i>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>F.A.C.T. 9 am- noon</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>	<b>31</b>		

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Happy New Year

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[www.NiagaraChurch.org](http://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
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## 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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