

# First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY

## FIRST PRESS Newsletter

### March 2019



#### Niagara Area Presbyterian Group

The Niagara Area Presbyterian Group sponsors various joint worship services and activities. The group members are Bacon Memorial, Niagara United Riverside and First Presbyterian. Church member and friends are welcome to participated in all of the sponsored activities of the Group.

Following is a list of Group sponsored activities.

**Bowling Party** at Bowl-o-Drome alleys on Pine Ave and 27th Street, March 16, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Three prices will be offered. Tickets prices are Bowling, shoes, pizza, and soft drink \$16, just bowling and shoes \$9.00 and just pizza, soft drink and social time \$9.00. Reservations due by March 8th.

**Summer Picnic** will be held at Oppenheim Park July 28 at the same pavilion as last year.

**Ball Game** at Sal Maglie Stadium to root for the Niagara Power team is planned. Date and ticket prices will be announced soon.

It is hoped that many or our members will continue to support these events.

See Carol Dashineau for further information.

#### St Patrick's Day Potluck

St Patrick's Day Potluck is planned for Sunday, March 17, following worship service.

If you are able, please bring a dish to share and a place setting for everyone in your group. All are welcome.



#### Preaching Schedule for March and April

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

March 3 - Rev. Stacy Otto

March 10 - Terry McIntyre

March 17 - Lee Weinsheimer

March 24 - Terry McIntyre

March 31 - Chris Jackson

April 7 - Rev. Stacy Otto

April 14 - Terry McIntyre

April 21 - Lee Weinshiemer

April 28 - Chris Jackson

See you in Church, Carol Dashineau

#### Valentine Potluck

What a blessing it was for us to share one of our special pot lucks with Rev. Jan Hubbard, who was our preacher on Sunday, February 17.

God's people gathering together to share yummy food, chatting and listening. It was all good!

Miranda took home the bear. Shyann took home the tiger and RJ guessed the number in the jar. The girls made fleece pillows to take home. My, they are clever and good with their hands!

Good job and many thanks to all the helpers.



## Brothers Without Borders Fundraising Banquet

Brother Without Borders provides training and resources to Fire Departments in the Dominican Republic. They also, provide an outreach program for First Responders in the United States where First Responders can come together and get Christian help to questions they may have working in their field.

Brothers Without Borders will have a fund raiser dinner Saturday, March 23, 2019, at Antonio's Banquet and Conference Center, 7708 Niagara Falls Blvd, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. Basket raffle at 5:30 pm and dinner and program at 6:30 pm.

Ticket information and purchase of tickets can be made at [www.brotherswithoutborders.org/banquet](http://www.brotherswithoutborders.org/banquet). For more information about the Brothers Without Borders visit their website at [www.brotherswithoutborders.org](http://www.brotherswithoutborders.org)

## Lockport Presbyterian Home Card Party

Lockport Presbyterian Home, 305-327 High Street, will hold its second Annual Card Party Thursday, March 28, 2019, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and include dessert and beverage.

There will be basket raffles, 50-50's and a Quilt Raffle. For tickets or information call Allison at 716-4348805. Seating is limited.



## Church Boiler

The end of January and the first of February was not kind to First Pres. As the saying goes when it rains it pours. The Church boiler system began to have problems the end of January and by February a dedicated crew took turns restarting the boiler manually when necessary to keep the building warm. Then record cold temperatures caused a hot water pipe behind the sink in the basement kitchen to freeze and burst. The burst pipe was discovered early enough so that the water damage was limited. The water leak has been fixed and the necessary repairs to the kitchen will be done. Repairs to the floor in the dining room are planned. Needed boiler modifications have been completed.

A big thank you to all who helped with the boiler problem and a thank you to the membership for their patience while the problem was being fixed. The Spirit of First Pres certainly was evident during this trying time.

This year Ash Wednesday is March 6. Ash Wednesday is the first day of *Lent* and occurs 46 days before Easter. It is a moveable fast, falling on a different date each year because it is dependent on the date of Easter. It can occur as early as February 4 or as late as March 10. Sundays are not counted as Lenten fast days so Lent is for 40 days, mirroring the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before starting his ministry.

## Lenten Worship Opportunities

**Ash Wednesday Service** - March 6, First Pres, 7:00 pm. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

**Maundy Thursday Service** - Thursday, April 18. A Seder Meal will be served at Niagara United Church, Lockport Road and Military Road. It will be a pot luck dinner. More details forth coming.

It is hoped that members will attend the joint worship services. It will be a meaningful worship experience



## Valentine Potluck



## Christ Be With You.

As I arise today,  
may the strength of God pilot me.  
The power of God uphold me,  
the wisdom of God guide me.  
May the eye of God look before me,  
the ear of God hear me,  
the word of God speak for me.  
May the hand of God guard me,  
the way of God lie before me,  
the shield of God defend me,  
the host of God save me.

May Christ shield me today.  
Christ be with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I stand,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ on every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.  
Amen



St. Patrick

## Thank you

On a weekly basis members of First Pres give of themselves. They don't expect recognition because it is what they do, so thank you:

Session members and Deacons.

John and Carolyn who run the F.A.C.T. program.

Carol who tends to the Clothes Closet.

Chris and Bill who hold Bible Study classes each week and sponsor the summer hot dog ministry.

Carolyn who volunteers her services as Assistant Treasurer.

Jane who drives the church van each Sunday and for the children's outings.

Robert who sets out the trash each week.

Sunday School Teachers, Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers.

Those who picked up a shovel and shoveled sidewalks this winter.

## 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

## March Volunteer Schedule

### Ushers

March 3 - John Goddard, Carl Slenk  
March 10 - Kirk Parry, Robert MacNaughton  
March 17 - Bill Jackson, John Goddard  
March 24 - Robert MacNaughton, Kirk Parry  
March 31 - Bill Jackson, Carl Slenk

### Lay Readers

March 3 - Lis Slenk  
March 10 - John Goddard  
March 17 - Chris Jackson  
March 24 - Carol Dashineau  
March 31 - John Goddard

### Communion Servers (Intinction)

March 3 - Lis Slenk



**Don't forget to set all  
of your clocks one  
hour ahead!**



May your troubles be less  
and your blessings be more  
And nothing but happiness  
come through your door

Daylight Savings begins March 10th.

Love the people God gave you because he  
will want them back one day.



## March Birthdays



March 9 Shayna Durham  
11 Helyna Durham  
27 Korena Jackson

## Budget Report for January 2018

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
Giving	935	935	2,802
Investment Income, Other	53	53	3,184
TOTAL INCOME	988	988	5,986
EXPENSES	9,812	9,812	9,944
NET (Deficit)	(8,824)	(8,824)	(3,958)

Income was low for January, in part due to church closures. Expenses included \$3151 for church and van insurance and \$2207 for gas heat.

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

The unit for March is "A Guide for Worship Leaders" with Integrity the value emphasized.

March 3: "Instructions about Worship" (1 Timothy 2:1-6; 3:14-16)  
March 10: "Choosing a Good Leader" (1 Timothy 3:1-10)  
March 17: "Fitness for Service" (1 Timothy 4:6-16)  
March 24: "Worship Inspires Service" (1 Timothy 5:1-22)  
March 31: "An Approved Worker" (2 Timothy 2:8-15)



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



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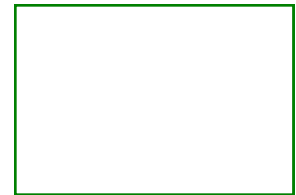
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3	4	5 F.A.C.T. 9 am –Noon	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9 Breakfast Club 9:00 am 
10 Deacon's Meeting 10:30 am  Day Light Savings turn clocks ahead	11	12 F.A.C.T. 9 am –Noon	13 Bible Study 6:00 pm	14	15	16
17 <i>St Pat- rick's Day Pot Luck</i> 	18	19 F.A.C.T 9 am –Noon Session 7 pm	20 Bible Study 6:00 pm 	21	22	23 <i>Breakfast Club 9 am</i>
24	25	26 F.A.C.T. 9 am –Noon	27 Bible Study 6:00 pm	28	29	30
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Happy  
St. Patrick's Day!

*We're on the Web:*  
[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.

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