

# First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY

## FIRST PRESS Newsletter

### October 2019



#### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

Again this year First Pres is participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. This worldwide outreach, a project of Samaritan's Purse, ministers to children in war-torn and famine-stricken countries. In just two decades it has inspired everyday people to provide gift-filled shoeboxes to needy children in 130 countries.

To fill a box you choose either boy or girl and an age group. Age groups are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. You fill the box with items appropriate for the age group you have chosen.

A \$9.00 donation is requested, if possible, to cover the cost of shipping the box. Checks are requested and should be made out to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the items inside the shoebox. Print and cut out an appropriate boy/girl label. Mark the appropriate boy/girl label and the age category. Tape the label to the top of the box. Labels and a list of age appropriate gifts can be found on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of new items are accepted. The Sunday School children will make up boxes.

Shoeboxes and more information will be available October 6th. The last day to drop off boxes is Sunday, November 10th, Contact Lis Slenk for more information.

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



#### Preaching Schedule for October and November

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

October 6 - Rev Stacy Otto

October 13 - Lee Weinsheimer

October 20 - Rev Stacy Otto

October 27 - Lee Weinsheimer

November 3 - Rev Stacy Otto

November 10 - Lee Weinsheimer

November 17 - Rev Stacy Otto

November 24 - Terry McIntyre

See you in Church, Carol Dashineau

#### The Gift of Hospitality

If the gift of opening the door to a congregation is to be realized, three things must take place. First, be assertive. Take the initiative and speak to someone. Secondly, volunteer to be a greeter or usher. It will be a rewarding experience. Thirdly, think of the ways that you like hospitality and offer greater hospitality to others. Strangers in our midst feel uncomfortable; they hunger for acceptance; and they want to be released from the feelings of not knowing anyone and of not fitting in. Giving the gift of hospitality opens the door of friendship, of companionship, and of acceptance.

This article was submitted by a member.

### 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.

Sunday, October 6: "Inspiration Sunday" - announcement about the Campaign.

Sunday, October 13: "Gratitude Sunday". The 2019 Pledge Card packets with letter are available for pick-up. Steward Sermon.

Monday, October 14: Pledge card packets not picked up are mailed.

Sunday, October 20: Make pledges if ready.

Sunday, October 27: "Consecration Sunday", dedication of pledges.

Sunday, November 3: "Victory Sunday", with progress report.

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

Your Stewardship Committee.

### The Four Churches Event.

A wonderful educational opportunity is coming October 19, 2019! Niagara Presbyterian Church on Military Road is sponsoring a one day opportunity to **"Walk Thru the Old Testament"**. The event is presented by the Walk Thru the Bible organization. The seminar begins at 9:00 am and will end about 3:00 pm. Lunch is included in the cost of \$15.00. The cost offsets the scheduling fee and lunch.

It is our hope that many of First Pres members will take this opportunity for a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Carol Dashineau has a sign-up sheet. Please see Carol if you can join the experience!

The Niagara Presbyterian members have participated in this seminar and highly recommend it.

### Happenings in Niagara Falls

Listed below are events that other churches are having in October. For more information on the events, flyers are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

October 3: Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission annual banquet and fundraiser. Antonio's Banquet & Conference Center. For more information and tickets call Donna at 716-946-6163

October 3: First Presbyterian Church, Lewiston, presentation by Thang Van Lian from Myanmar. Dinner at 6:00 pm, presentation at 6:45 pm. More information call the Lewiston First Presbyterian church office at 754-4945.

October 5: Niagara Presbyterian Church Bazaar, 10:00 am to 6:pm. Basket auction, baked goods, drinks and food.

October 19: St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Bazaar, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Baked goods, quilts, craft items, linens and attic treasures. Lunch served 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

October 23: First Presbyterian Church, Lewiston, N.E. Branch meeting. Worship at 6: pm., followed by dinner (free will offering will be taken to cover cost of the meal). Discussion following dinner will focus on how different churches handle request for help during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. RSVP necessary.

### October Harvest Potluck

The October Harvest Potluck at First Pres will be Sunday, October 20, following Worship Service. If you are able please bring a dish to share and a place setting for everyone in your group.

Costumes are welcome, but please, no scary costumes. Children should bring their costumes with them and change into their costumes after worship service.



### Sing to Me, Autumn

Sing to me, Autumn, with the rustle of your leaves.

Breathe on me your spicy scents that flow within your breeze.

Dance with me, Autumn, your waltz that bends the boughs of trees.

Now tell me all the secrets you've whispered to the seas.

Sleep with me, Autumn, beneath your starlit skies.

Let your yellow harvest moon shimmer in our eyes.

Kiss me, Autumn, with your enchanting spell-bound ways

That changes all you touch into crimson golden days.

Love me, Autumn, and behold this love so true  
That I'll be waiting faithfully each year to be with you.

Patricia L. Cisco

### Snow Shoving

First Pres is looking to hire someone to keep the church sidewalks clear of snow this coming winter. Can you suggest someone for this job?

Call Carl Slenk 285-5717



### Back to School Potluck

Good food and good cheer was enjoyed by all at First Pres Back to School Potluck, Sunday September 16. Monique won the pencil box, Shayna and Kayla both guessed the number of candies in a container. A lively game of rock, paper and scissors was played to determine the winner. Shayna won and Kayla received a consolation prize of candy corn. Good going girls.

First Pres welcomed guest, Michael, from Los Angeles and his service dog, Diego.

Thank you to all who brought food, helped clean up and the Deacons who hosted the Potluck. A special thanks to Jeanette Lamorie for the beautiful decorations.

### Pictures from 2019 Vacation Bible School



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"Since pride comes before a fall, I'm wearing a helmet."

## 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 Monique Wilson  
Antonino Thomas Family Clary Wilson  
Rev. Jon Rieley-Goddard Margaret Smith  
Richard Welch Robert Smith  
Victoria Stewart

Columbus Day is October 11th. Columbus Day is a Federal and State Holiday. Federal, State, City government offices, the Post Office and most banks will be closed. Many schools will also be closed.

October 10th is also Canada's Thanksgiving.

Things have a way of working out. Never underestimate the power of prayer, faith and love.



## October Volunteer Schedule

### Ushers

October 6 - John Hazel, Robert MacNaughton  
October 13 - Carl Slenk, John Goddard  
October 20 - Robert MacNaughton, John Hazel  
October 27 - John Goddard, Kirk Parry

### Lay Readers

October 6 - Lis Slenk  
October 13 - Janet Bianca  
October 20 - John Goddard  
October 27 - Carol Dashineau

### Communion Servers (In pew)

October 6 - Carol Dashineau, John Goddard

## October Birthdays

October 9 Judy Covil  
10 Glen Durham



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 October.

## Budget Report for August 2019

|                          | <u>Actual \$</u> | <u>Year to Date \$</u> | <u>Budget YTD \$</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Giving                   | 1,532            | 20,505                 | 22,416               |
| Investment Income, Other | 228              | 19,060                 | 25,472               |
| TOTAL INCOME             | 1,760            | 39,565                 | 47,888               |
| EXPENSES                 | 5,500            | 57,969                 | 79,560               |
| NET (Deficit)            | (3,740)          | (18,404)               | (31,672)             |

Investment income was from the L.T. Marshall trust, Expenses included \$908 for A/C repairs and \$850 for our annual audit

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

The unit for October, continuing from September, is "Teaching and Learning" with Wisdom the value emphasized.

October 6: "The Superiority of Wisdom" (Ecclesiastes 9:13-18)

October 13: "Life Worth Living" (Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7,13)

October 20: "True Love" (Song of Solomon 4:8-5:1)

October 27: "Living as God's People" (Matthew 5:1-12)

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







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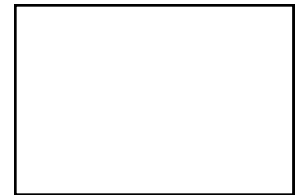
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|---|---|--|-----------|---|-----------|---|
|  <p>October is<br/>Breast Cancer<br/>Awareness<br/>Month</p> |   | <p>1</p> <p>F.A.C.T.<br/>9 am - noon</p>                   | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p>  | <p>4</p>  | <p>5</p>  |
| <p>6</p> <p>Communion</p>   | <p>7</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>F.A.C.T.<br/>9 am - noon</p>                   | <p>9</p>  | <p>10</p>   | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Breakfast<br/>Club 9 am</p>  |
| <p>13</p> <p>Deacon<br/>Meeting<br/>10:30 am</p>  | <p>14</p>  <p>Columbus Day</p> | <p>15</p> <p>F.A.C.T.<br/>9 am - noon<br/>Session 7 pm</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p>   | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p>   |
| <p>20</p> <p>Harvest<br/>Potluck</p>                       | <p>21</p>   | <p>22</p> <p>F.A.C.T.<br/>9 am - noon</p>                  | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p>   | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Breakfast<br/>Club 9 am</p>  |
| <p>27</p>   | <p>28</p>   | <p>29</p> <p>F.A.C.T.<br/>9 am - noon</p>                  | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p>  |           |  |

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## CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am -1 pm

Telephone: 285-3555

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Sunday Worship                  | 11:00 a.m.                                     |
| Fellowship                      | 10:30 a.m.                                     |
| Adult Education                 | 10:00 a.m.                                     |
| Communion                       | 1st Sunday of each month                       |
| Church Breakfast Club           | 9:00 a.m.- 2nd & 4th<br>Saturdays of the month |
| Food Pantry & Clothes<br>Closet | Tuesdays from<br>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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