

First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY

FIRST PRESS Newsletter

September 2019

Big News!!

We have a path to our future! The Session approved the Pastor Search Committee's recommendation to hire Rev. Stacy Otto as our Temporary Pulpit Supply and Worship Leader! Rev. Otto will begin her job on September 1, 2019. She will be preaching every other Sunday. She will be at the church for a few hours the weeks she is not preaching. As Worship Leader, Rev. Otto will oversee all aspects of the church's life ministry. She will engage in community building fellowship time and preside at other worship based events. The position will also include outreach and Mission responsibilities. Rev Otto's schedule will be posted as soon as it is available. We will be adding another person to handle Pastoral Care responsibilities very soon. Stay tuned!

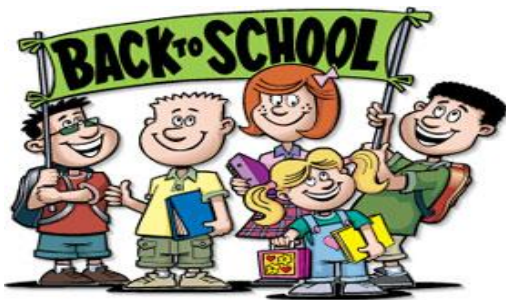
The Session is very excited to be moving forward with our ministry in downtown Niagara Falls after several year of searching.

Carol Dashineau

Back to School Pot Luck

A Back to School Pot Luck will be Sunday, September 16, immediately following worship service. If you are able please bring a dish to pass and a place setting for everyone in your group.

All are Welcome.



Preaching Schedule for September and October

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

September 1 - Rev Stacy Otto
September 8 - Lee Weinsheimer
September 15 - Rev Stacy Otto
September 22 - Terry McIntyre
September 29 - Terry McIntyre

October 6 - Rev Stacy Otto
October 13 - Lee Weinsheimer
October 20 - Rev Stacy Otto
October 27 - Lee Weinsheimer

See you in Church, Carol Dashineau

Save the Date

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 a 9:00 am and will end about 3:00 pm. Lunch is included in the cost of \$15.00. The cost off sets 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.

New Hymnals

First Pres is in the process of purchasing new hymnals for the Church. Choir Director, Mark Tarbell, is in the process of researching hymnals. Mark is also heading up a fund drive to cover the cost of purchasing the new hymnals. If you wish to support the purchase of new hymnals you can place your donation in the Sunday collection plate or drop your donation in the mail slot in the office door. Envelopes for hymnal donations are available on the table in the fellowship hall. Any amount will be welcome.



“Worrying won’t stop Bad stuff from happening. It just stops you from enjoying the good! “

Peanut Quote

This quote is somewhere in the Church.

Do you know where?



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

A suggestion - School supplies and summer items like flip flops and small toys are on sale in the stores. Keep Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes in mind when you see a sale. A list of appropriate items is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of new items are welcome and boxes will be made by the Sunday School children with donated items. Boxes will be available the end of October. See Lis Slenk for more information.



Opportunities and Concerns

As summer winds down and fall arrives, it is the hope of the Session that everyone will make an effort to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am. It is important, as Christians, we worship together in community. Please join us and welcome Rev. Stacy Otto to our church as our new Worship Leader!

An opportunity to serve the church is to join the Choir. Mark and the choir would surely love to welcome you.

Another option is to volunteer to serve as an usher. Both men and women are urged to consider this opportunity. If you interested, please speak to Lis Slenk.

There are several Maintenance Projects underway and actually done. The Dining Room floor has finally been repaired after the water leak last January. It took a long time for the floor to dry so the floor people could repair it.

The bell tower examination is scheduled for October. Pray that it is a simple fix and no surprises!!

The exterior front doors need extensive repairs. The Session is working on getting estimates and having the work done before winter. Stay tuned.

The roof repairs have started and are dependent on dry weather, which has been a problem this summer. You are encouraged to pray for the weather to cooperate.

Snow shoveling

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



Labor Day

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It celebrates an annual national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.



CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."

Back to School

With most area schools starting the first week of September, school buses will be on the road. You must stop at least 20 feet either in front or behind the bus if the red lights are flashing. In New York State, you, also must stop if it is a divided highway. If the children are safely on or off the bus and the bus door is closed but the red lights are still flashing, you cannot pass the bus until the red flashing lights are off.

Vacation Bible School

First Pres Children attended Vacation Bible School at Riverside Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls. Vacation Bible School was held August 12th to August 16th, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The theme of Vacation Bible School was to Mars and Beyond.

Twelve First Pres children attended VBS. They had a great time. The children were treated to a hot dog cook out and a bounce house on Friday. Each child was given a DVD of the weeks activities.

Transportation for First Pres children to Vacation Bible School was provided by First Pres Van Ministry. Thank you Jane McNaughton, First Pres van driver, for getting the children to VBS and home safely. It is because of you, many of First Pres children were able to attend VBS.

Thank you to Riverside Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Laura Bush for inviting and welcoming First Pres children to your Vacation Bible School.

Thank you First Pres children for proudly representing First Pres.

Office Hours

Starting September 3, the office will return to normal office hours. The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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
 Maureen Karches Rev. Jon Rieley-Goddard
 Margaret Smith Richard Welch
 Robert Smith Victoria Stewart

The Office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observant of Labor Day.

Let us pause briefly on September 11 to remember those who lost their lives in the twin towers tragedy and for those who so gallantly risked their lives to save the lives of others.



September days are here with summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer.

Helen Hunt Johnson

September Volunteer Schedule

Ushers

September 1 - John Goddard, Carl Slenk
 September 8 - Carl Slenk, Kirk Parry
 September 15 - Robert MacNaughton, John Hazel
 September 22 - John Goddard, Kirk Parry
 September 29 - Carl Slenk, Robert MacNaughton

Lay Readers

September 1 - Lis Slenk
 September 8 - Carol Dashineau
 September 15 - John Goddard
 September 22 - Janet Bianca
 September 29—Carol Dashineau

Communion Servers (Intinction)

September 1- Lis Slenk

September Birthdays

September 5 Bill Karches
 11 Jillian Horner
 12 Blanch Belin
 20 Monique Wilson
 28 Janet Bianca
 29 Robert Smith



Anniversaries

Margaret and Robert Smith
 Bonnie and Ed Felstead

Budget Report for July 2019

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
Giving	2,952	18,973	19,614
Investment Income, Other	10,322	18,833	22,288
TOTAL INCOME	13,274	37,806	41,902
EXPENSES	7,687	52,470	69,615
NET (Deficit)	5,587	(14,664)	(27,713)

We were positive \$5587 for July largely because of recording 2nd quarter investment income from our permanent endowment and the January-June income from our special funds account. Expenses included church and van quarterly insurance premiums of \$3151

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

The unit for September is "Teaching and Learning" with Wisdom the value emphasized.
 September 1: "Wisdom of Living" (Proverbs 3:1-12)
 September 8: "The Wise Path" (Proverbs 4:10-27)
 September 15: "Good Advice" (Proverbs 15:21-33)
 September 22: "Wisdom and Discernment" (Proverbs 25:1-10)
 September 29: "Law and Order" (Proverbs 29:16-27)



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



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Fri

Sat

1 <i>Communion</i>	2 <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	3 <i>F.A.C.T. 9 am-Noon</i>	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Deacon Meeting 10:30 am</i>	9	10 <i>F.A.C.T. 9 am-Noon</i>	11  <i>Nine Eleven Observance</i>	12	13	14 <i>Breakfast Club 9 am</i>
15 <i>Back to School Pot- luck</i>	16	17 <i>F.A.C.T. 9 am-Noon Session 7pm</i>	18	19	20	21
22	23 <i>First Day of Autumn</i> 	24 <i>F.A.C.T. 9 am-Noon</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Breakfast Club 9 am</i>
29	30					

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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
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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