



**First Presbyterian Church,
Niagara Falls, NY
Newsletter October 2022**



Dear Friends,

As I think about the approach of our stewardship campaign this month, I am reminded of so many people in the faith who have gone before us. Members of this congregation who supported the church faithfully during their lives and then included the church in the estate. Surely our congregation would not have survived without their faithful giving through the generations.

Now it is our turn to be generous and faithful. I feel confident that those who are reading this are generous with your giving. It is not always easy and you may not be able to give as generously as you once did. Prices of everything have been going up for the last several months. I had become accustomed to lower prices and lower interest rates. The truth is that our economy always ebbs and flows. Ups and downs are what we can expect.

Of course we rely on your financial support of the church. We cannot get by without the giving of our members. Equally important is your time and your talent. Your willingness to invite others to join us in our common ministry. It is not always easy to invite others to join us. We are thinking about opportunities for people to latch onto -- dinners, collections of things to give to others, book groups or bible study groups. Our challenge these days is to increase the number of people we reach. To stretch ourselves to welcome others into our midst.

It is uncomfortable sometimes to invite friends or family to join us. Maybe they have heard it before. Maybe they have turned away from the church for some reason. The truth is that the number one reason people report for joining a new congregation is that someone they knew invited them. Someone invited them.

Following Jesus is a life of invitation. We are invited again and again to follow, to serve, to love, to welcome, We are invited to be in relationship with one another, welcoming the stranger time and time again.

During these coming weeks as you think about how you will support the church, please be generous with your financial support. Please be generous with your invitation and welcome to those who long for a place to grow and belong.

Blessings,

Cathy

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 9: "Inspiration Sunday". Announcement about the Campaign.

Sunday, October 16: "Gratitude Sunday". Stewardship Sermon; pledge cards ready for pick up.

Monday, October 17: Pledge cards not picked up are mailed.

Sunday, October 23: Make pledges if ready.

Sunday, October 30: "Consecration Sunday", dedication of pledges.

Sunday, November 6: "Victory Sunday", with progress report.

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

Your Stewardship Committee



First Pres will have new winter office hours starting November 7th. Office hours will be 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



First Pres will host the Niagara Area Presbyterian Dinner, Wednesday, October 5, at 5:00 PM

Fellowship, good conversation and a meal will be enjoyed by all. Everyone is welcome.

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.



Monday, October 10th is Columbus Day. Columbus Day is a national holiday. The Post Office, Federal, State and local Government buildings will be closed. Banks and most schools will also be closed.



Bell Ringing Circle

Bell Ringing Circle will begin Wednesday, October 12, at 5:30 PM.

No musical talent needed.

Everyone is welcome.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

First Pres is again participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. Boxes are now available at the front of the church. Take a shoebox, fill it, label it, pray for the Child who will receive the box and all who helped to get it to the child.

Shoeboxes are due by Sunday, November 13. For more information see Lis Slenk



Please Pray for Those Who are Sick or Shut-in



Shut-Ins

Dolores Coleman
 Abraham McLarahmore
 Dom DeFazio

Prayer List

Margaret Smith Bill Karches
 Mark Tarbell Jockline Pryor
 Micheline Bevacqua Christine King

October Birthdays

October 9 - Judy Covil



October Volunteer Schedule

Lay Readers

October 2 - Carol Dashineau
 October 9 - John Goddard
 October 16 - Lis Slenk
 October 23 - Carol Dashineau
 October 30 - John Goddard
 (Wellness and Wholeness Service)

Communion Servers

October 2 - Jeanette Lamorie and
 Dori Parry

Sunday Worship on You Tube

Each week the Sunday morning worship service is video-recorded. The video is uploaded to First Pres Niagara Falls early in the week. Check it out.

The link to You Tube is

[youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV_gWm7wiggyI-q03g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV_gWm7wiggyI-q03g).



Budget Report for August 2022

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	1,445	23,455	29,328
Investment Income, Other	655	16,203	18,664
TOTAL INCOME	2,100	39,658	47,992
EXPENSES	7,761	74,373	89,208
NET (Deficit)	(5,661)	(34,715)	(41,216)

Income included \$350 for use of Church (wedding. Expenses included \$839 for water and \$615 for electric. The water bill included loss of water from an unknown leak during the 2nd quarter.



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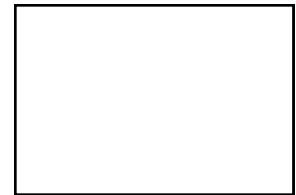
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		 <p>October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month</p>				1
2 World Communion Day	3	4	5 NAP Dinner 5:00 PM at First Pres	6	7	8
9 Stewardship Kick Off	 <p>Columbus Day</p>	11	12 Bell Ringing 5:30 PM	13	14	15
16 Gratitude Sunday	17	18 Session 7:00 PM	19 Bell Ringing 5:30 PM	20	21	22
23 Pledge Sunday	24	25	26 Bell Ringing 5:30 PM	27	28	29
30 Healing and Wholeness Service Consecration Service						

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CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am
to 1:00 pm

Telephone: 716-285-3555

Sunday Worship 11:15 am
Communion First Sunday of Month

BOARD MEETINGS

Session — 3rd Tuesday of the month—7:00 p.m.

Rev. Cathy Rieley-Goddard office hours are Tuesday
9:30 am to 1:00 pm and Thursday by appointment.

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