

# NORTH STAR

June 2021

**Making Disciples - Making a Difference**



**Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am**

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## Meet the Staff

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NOTICE: As CDC/NYS guidelines change, please stay tuned to our Fb page & website for updates.

## A Letter from Pastor Hansen

I personally look forward to the day when COVID-19 is no longer part of planning worship and use of the building. During this season of COVID, the Session of NPC has had to wrestle with guidelines that sometimes seem to conflict with each other; it has had to prayerfully discern when to step away from in-person worship and when to begin in-person worship again; and the Session will continue to wrestle with the regularly changing guidelines until they finally go away. As the moderator of the Session and as a member of the Session, I can assure you that your Session has worked hard to navigate the difficulties of what it means to be a worshipping community in the time of COVID.

At the same time, our success as a worshipping community in not having, to the best of our knowledge, even a single case of someone being exposed to COVID during worship, is due in large part to your efforts to protect others and yourselves. This is not to say that members of our community have not had COVID; members of our community have had COVID, and members of our community have had friends and loved ones with COVID, some of whom died from the virus. At the same time, the fact that in a county in which a little more than one (1) out of every eleven (11) people has tested positive for COVID since January 2020, the fact that our community has made it through with no known worship-related exposures is quite amazing and is a testament to your hard work. On behalf of the Session, thank you for wearing your masks, for staying home if you were feeling ill, for washing your hands, for being patient during remote worship, and for cooperating with the Session's efforts to comply with New York's mandatory and recommended guidelines.

With the advent of vaccines as well as decreasing infection rates, the State of New York has slowly relaxed its mandatory and recommended guidelines, and on May 19, 2021, it implemented its own version of the Center for Disease Control's recent guidelines of May 13, 2021, for New York. At a special meeting on Saturday, May 22, 2021, NPC's Session met to discuss the new guidelines and how to move forward. Under the new guidelines, the Session had to make a choice. NPC could either elect to continue to follow the guidelines issued by the State of New York on April 6, 2021, or we could elect to follow the State of New York's version of the CDC guidelines effective May 19, 2021.

At the meeting, the Session adopted the following COVID-19 policies for worship and for the use of the building.

Except as otherwise stated, NPC will follow the Center for Disease Control's guidelines as adapted and implemented by the State of New York effective May 19, 2021.

In accordance with the May 19, 2021 guidelines' mandatory requirements, NPC must and will require that all persons over two (2) years of age, **who are not yet vaccinated or not yet fully vaccinated**, wear a mask while inside our building, including during worship, and practice social distancing.

We will continue to use our 'maitre d' seating and require that during worship people continue to practice socially distanced seating.

Fully vaccinated persons may sing solos, participate in the praise band, and participate in the choir. During the performance of a solo, the leading of the congregation in singing, the performance of the praise band, and during choir performances, the person(s) singing do not need to be masked or socially distanced during their performance so long as they are performing in the chancel. Other than that, everyone, regardless of their status, will be required to be masked while they are singing.

We will continue our practice of contact tracing for the time being.

So long as we have 250 people or less in the building, **we are not required to request and verify whether a person is fully vaccinated or not** and we can rely on a self-reporting 'honor system.' We hope and trust that those individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated or in the case of children 17 years of age and under who are not yet fully vaccinated, their parents, guardians, or grandparents will respond to our trust in them by complying with NYS' May 19, 2021, mandatory guidelines regarding masks while in the building and continue to social distance.

Again, these were not easy decisions to make. One of the Session's guiding principles in adopting these COVID policies for worship and our building was to avoid separating our community into a "vaccinated" group and a "not yet fully vaccinated group" to the extent we are allowed to do so under the current mandatory guidelines. We also do not want to discourage people who are fully vaccinated from wearing masks if they choose to do so.

I also want to stress that we should be wrestling with how to respond to COVID in our worship and in our building use. If we are not wrestling with these issues and not taking into consideration the different viewpoints and the needs of people within our community and the cities and towns we live in, we are not doing our job as Christians. It is my personal belief that the more certain we are about something, the less we feel the need to listen to God and to discern the call of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our community. Presbyterians do not believe that we are infallible. In our Book of Order, we acknowledge that sessions, presbyteries, synods, and general assemblies can and do sometimes err and make mistakes in how things are decided. F-3.0107, *Church Power*. This means that whatever we do as a congregation, as a Session, and as members of a faith community should be done in humility and not with an attitude of certainty. All we can do is prayerfully, carefully, and intentionally seek to discern the will of God and the direction that the Holy Spirit is leading us with the hope and the prayer that where we are called to be and whatever we are called to do, we do it in love, with empathy, and with the intent to build up the body of Christ and the children of God. 1 Cor. 10:23-24; 12:12-13:13.

Warmly in Christ,  
Pastor Evan



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<https://www.northpres.church/>



**If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (\$35), please contact Lori Lee at 739-3176. Available Sundays for June 2021 are: June 27**

*Please take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.*

If we are not in the sanctuary on your chosen date, we will be in touch with you to make a plan.



JUST A LITTLE  
*Reminder*



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## June Worship Volunteers

### Tech Booth

June 6 Ed Wilson  
June 13 Bill Furnas  
June 20 Steve Allison  
June 27 Ed Wilson

### Maître D

June Janice Williams

### Children & Youth Message

June Deb Stamp

### Ushers

June 6 Deb Stamp or Ann Motley  
June 13 Tim & Cheryl Allison  
June 20 Kurt & Cindy Kalweit  
June 27 George Batrowny, Pat or Jeff Richards

### Counters

June 6 Suzie Hoskins, Deb Stamp  
June 13 Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards  
June 20 Cindy & Kurt Kalweit  
June 27 Annette Stevens, Jim Mosher

### Wee Worship

June 6 Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea  
June 13 Liz Wilson, Brenna Wilson  
June 20 Mickey Vischansky, Deb Stamp  
June 27 Ann Motley, Ethan Wilson

### Worship Assistant

June 6 Jeff Richards  
June 13 Children & Youth Sunday  
June 20 Suzie Hoskins  
June 27 Tim Allison



**June 6:**  
James & Candice Wainwright

**June 13:**  
Sheila Washburn  
Katie, Kyle, Alexis and Khloe Washburn

**June 20:**  
Keith & Cathy Wilcox  
Olivia and Jacob Wilcox

**June 27:**  
Janice Williams

**Jesus tells us  
to pray without ceasing  
for the good of God's people.**

**June 6:**  
Jim Bottcher  
St. Joseph's Nursing Facility  
Room 521A  
555 St. Joseph's Blvd  
Elmira, NY 14901

**June 13:**  
Chris & Karen Paul  
136 Ridge Road  
Horseheads, NY 14845

**June 20:**  
Glen & Dorla Bolt  
105 Morrow Street  
Elmira, NY 14904

**June 27:**  
Hope Dubois  
8 Aspen Ridge Apartments  
Elmira, NY 14904



*Caring Cards*

*Please send a  
card to our  
Homebound  
Friends today!*



**We would like to remind everyone that they  
are welcome to attend Session Meetings.**

**If you are interested in attending one, please  
contact the church office.**



Weekly Prayer Chain Email

Did you know that you can pray or be  
prayed for? You are invited to let the church  
office know how you would like to be  
involved.

**We are stronger together.**



# CHILDREN & YOUTH



Children and Youth Ministry June 2021

Wow! Is it June already? We have a busy month ahead of us. The Christian Education committee is putting on a movie night on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, here at North Pres at 8:00 pm. The committee will be providing water and popcorn for everyone. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and come join us for some good old fashioned movie fun!! We will be having a second movie night the weekend before VBS (July 10<sup>th</sup>) which we are hoping will draw interest from children in the neighborhood.

We are planning Children and Youth Sunday On June 13<sup>th</sup>. It will also be Teacher/Volunteer appreciation day and the last day of Sunday school for the summer. We are so very blessed to have such dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents for our children. With that being said, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered for VBS (July 18-22) so far this year. I am getting more excited day by day as we continue to make plans for what we hope will be a fun-filled and educational week for our kids and the surrounding neighborhood kids. This year's theme is Rocky Railroad, navigating life's rocky paths. A friend of mine, who is a model train collector, donated a beautiful model train for us to set up and run during VBS week. I somehow feel like we have woken up from a deep sleep after Covid and the world looks beautiful, bright and full of promise. I know we all want to present a fun program for VBS full of good times, a great week of learning God's word and a chance to reconnect with friends.

Let us count our blessings and thank the good Lord for walking beside us this past year and for being there to guide us through this next year or so, as we try to all find normalcy in our lives once again.

Blessings in Christ,  
Deb Stamp  
Dir. of Children and Youth Ministry

## The Kingdom of God Is Like...

Jesus told a parable (a type of story) about how the kingdom of God is like a farmer planting his crops.

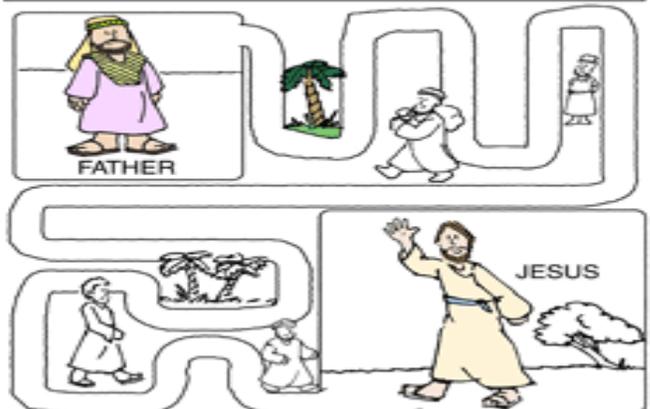
Find 5 seeds hidden in the picture.



## Two Helped by Jesus

A young girl was very sick. Her father went to Jesus for help.

Help the father find Jesus.



# Did You Know?



- Per NYS mandatory COVID-19 guidelines, all persons aged 2 years and up who are not yet fully vaccinated must wear masks and maintain social distancing.
- Session has decided that in order to allow congregational singing, people who sing must be fully masked and we will continue to maintain socially distanced seating.
- We will continue our contact tracing measures, for the time being.
- We will continue our Maître'D style seating, for the time being.
- As long as there are fewer than 250 people in the building, we are authorized to use, and will use, the honor system in regards to vaccine status. We trust that persons will wear masks if they are not fully vaccinated.
- We will continue to use bulletin inserts for the music, for the time being. We hope to return to hymnals soon.
- The lyrics for the praise songs and hymns will continue to be sent with the Zoom link even after we return to using hymnals.



## Parking Lot Worship:

- Please use only the North Entrance (towards Roe Ave.)
- Please tune your radio to 1700AM.
- Please exit through the South Entrance (towards the college).



## Zoom Worship

- Zoom service Link will be emailed each week for those who would like to participate via Zoom.



## Sanctuary Worship:

Per the Special Session Meeting on May 22, 2021, in order to comply with the CDC/NYS guidelines, the Session of NPC has decided on the following:

- Seating during worship will remain socially distanced.
- **All worshipers are required to wear masks while singing.**
- Vaccinated worshipers are not required to wear masks while **NOT** singing.
- Churches with fewer than 250 persons in worship may rely on the honor system for reporting vaccination status.
- **Congregants will still need to register at the Welcome Center**
- **Congregants should then proceed to the podium to be seated.**
- Friendship pads and hymnals have been removed from the pews to minimize contact transmission.
- The service will always appear on the large screen at the front of the church.



**June Food Pantry**  
**Shopping List:**

The following items are needed this month for the Food Pantry:

- *Ketchup (in plastic bottles)*
- *Mustard (in plastic bottles)*
- *Boxed Crackers*
- *Monetary donations are also welcome.*



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**Elmira Community Blood Drive**  
**Proudly Hosted by**  
**North Presbyterian Church**  
In the Fellowship Hall - 921 College Avenue

**Thursday, June 3, 2021**  
**12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make your lifesaving appointment today!!



Free Tee! Come to give May 28-June 13 for a limited-edition Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last!

Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.  
Download the Blood Donor App | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Call 1-800-RED CROSS

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## CWS Blanket Sunday

The Mission & Outreach Committee will be collecting for Church World Service Sunday on June 13 & 20. Please visit their table, which will be set up in the Narthex.

### IT'S THE ONE THING THEY NOW HAVE CWS Blankets

“What we have really seen here in Dayton is that, when you’re standing in front of someone who has lost absolutely everything and you hand them a blanket, that’s the one thing they now have... It’s more than just bodily warmth; it’s the warmth of the Church coming to that individual.” - REV. TERRY KUKUK, FAITH LEADER IN DAYTON, OHIO. Members of Trinity Presbyterian Church were glued to their televisions. They’d gotten the text



alerts, they’d heard the sirens, and now they waited in their homes - many without basements - for the inevitable. On Memorial Day 2019, 15 tornadoes touched down in western Ohio overnight. Families stepped out the following morning to a world that was broken. But they weren’t alone, and they weren’t forgotten. With the help of congregations who give to CWS

Blankets, members of Trinity Presbyterian Church emerged from their homes with a plan to embrace their neighbors. Within days, they were distributing blankets and supplies to those who lost everything. It was among the first signals to a hurting community that someone cared about them. That Christ’s love comforts and heals. When your congregation hosts a CWS Blankets Sunday, you set that in motion. You signal to families that you will go out of your way to offer a healing embrace. Thank you!



# Friendly Reminders

## From the Board of Deacons

If you are aware of any member or former member of our church family who is sick, hungry, injured, hospitalized or homebound, please contact us at 607-734-2977. With the Pandemic still going on, it is hard to know who is in need of pastoral care, unless informed.



God Bless,  
The Board of Deacons  
Congregational Life



Christian Education will sponsor an Outdoor Movie Night on June 5th! Popcorn and water will be provided. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and meet us at North Pres at 8:00pm. We will be watching *Two by Two God's Little Creatures*.



## Women's Bible Study

will meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm.

We are studying *Broken and Blessed* by Jessica LaGrone.

If you are interested, please contact Suzie Hoskins at 733-1256.

## Wednesday Noon Bible Study

will meet in the Narthex.

You are welcome to join at any time.

We will continue with our study "End Times".

If you don't have the book, please contact Bobbi Furnas at 733-4712

If you have been receiving a monthly mailing—North Star Newsletter, Devotionals and Hometouch—and would no longer like to be included in the mailing, please contact the church office at 734-2977 or [office@northpres.church](mailto:office@northpres.church).



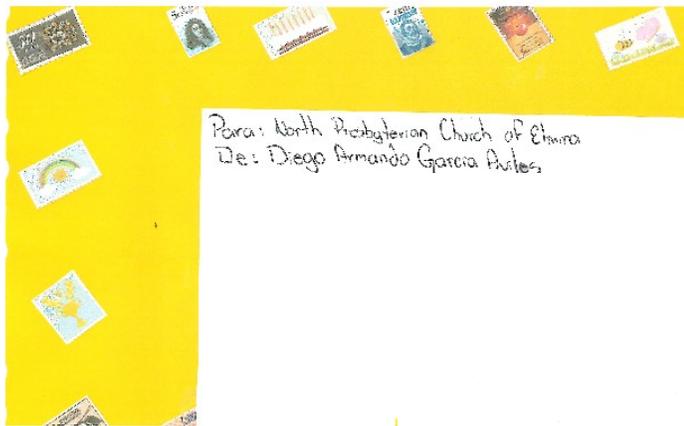


# BORDER BUDDIES MINISTRIES

*Bringing the heart of Christ to  
the heart of Honduras.*



*Diego Armando Garcia Aviles  
Birthday: June 02  
Grade: 11<sup>th</sup>*



Para: North Presbyterian Church of Elmira  
De: Diego Armando Garcia Aviles

Hello, I hope you are in good health that you are all well I want to thank you for all the help you have given me this and the other years although this year was not easy for anyone but even so you continued to help us I thank you and I promise to continue well in my classes, I will try harder every day to continue with good grades and this new year to go from one to another, Thank you very much and I hope it will be a better year for all of you full of success and blessings. Thank You.



# BORDER BUDDIES MINISTRIES

*Bringing the heart of Christ to  
the heart of Honduras.*



*Eliezer Daniel Peña  
Birthday: April 08  
Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>*

To: Iglesia North  
Presbyteriana de  
Elmira

From: Eliezer Daniel  
Peña Pérez



Hello!  
How are you?

I hope you are very  
well.

I appreciate your  
help to my, with  
my studies in the  
school.

I am very happy  
to have friends  
in the church  
North presbyteriana  
de Elmira.

God  
bless  
you  
so  
much!



## Wednesday Fellowship Dinner 5:30 pm, June 2, 2021

We are quickly approaching the First Wednesday night Fellowship dinner in more than fifteen months. Although Covid 19 restrictions have been loosened, we still ask that you pre-register for the dinner (or take-out) by calling Gretchen at 734-2977 by noon on Tuesday, June 1.

You will see that since our last dinner, on Shrove Tuesday February 25, 2020, a lot has changed. Despite the pandemic our Kitchen Campaign, announced that evening, proceeded with tremendous results. Your contributions exceeded our requests by more than \$ 2,000. That allowed us to buy better seating for the tables and purchase some additional accessories for the kitchen. When all was said and done we were able to acquire a new stove and new kitchen cabinets. Those upgrades greatly enhance the quality of our work space.

As a thank you for your support, donations will not be accepted. Just enjoy the dinner.

There will be safety procedures in place to ensure every one's health while still affording an enjoyable dining environment.

1. Masks will be required upon entering the building. After you are seated please feel free to remove them for the meal.

2. Masked and gloved servers will bring your dinner to your table.

3. Lemonade and water will be available at your table.

4. Rolls and chocolate chip cookies will be provided at each table.

5. Individual servings of seconds will be made available for you to help yourself. Please remember to wear your mask when getting up from your table.

6. When calling Gretchen to make reservations please provide the number of people you plan to sit with. Gretchen may ask you if you are comfortable sitting with other people so that we can group people at fewer tables and still provide social distancing for seating.

7. Please call ahead also to make reservations for TO GO meals. We will have those ready at 5PM for pick up.

I know this is a lot to navigate as we resume fellowship dinners again. Please keep in mind how well our congregation has done as we work towards normalcy. This will be the only Wednesday dinner until the fall as we ordinarily don't have meals together over the summer. It is my sincere hope that come fall we may be able to have a much more normal dining experience.

Sincerely,

Jeff Richards  
Fellowship Leader





Fellowship

### E-Recycling May 11

North Presbyterian Church had a very successful electronics recycling campaign during May. In the days leading up to the event several members brought items ranging from tvs to microwaves and wiring to oversized speakers, to be picked up by REACT on May 11.

Ron Manwaring and Megan Coffelt arrived at 8:30 am. in a REACT truck to begin loading the accumulated equipment. George Batrowny, Dana Carpenter and Bob Michalko made three pickups from member's homes, which had been scheduled by calling our church administrator Gretchen Duffy. By 9:15 everything was loaded and I thought it would be a better use of the REACT team's time to take the stuff away and go back to their work in Big Flats.

Boy was I wrong.

Within seconds of their departure two more tvs showed up and that was just the tip of the iceberg. I called Joe Woods, the REACT manager, and asked if they could come back for a second pickup around noon. He very graciously said yes without hesitation. The second loading with Ron was assisted by Pat Richards and Steve Allison, who had previously helped on the earlier loading detail.

One of the last items to be loaded was a huge tv that weighed more than 100 pounds. It was so heavy we had to pull out the tailgate ramp, load it on a dolly and roll it up the ramp to get it into the truck. Whew!

The next day I received the following email from Joe saying:

“Good morning Jeff,

We hauled in 3900 lbs. of E-Waste from your electronic drive yesterday. That is 3900 lbs. that will never enter our rivers, side of our roads or our landfills. I would call that a successful day.

Thanks so much,  
Joe G. Woods”

We have certainly been blessed by the very generous support from REACT. All 3,900 pounds of electronic waste was taken at NO cost to us. Thank you all for taking the time and making the commitment to participate in this event. It was a responsible and very cost effective way for us to remove some of the unwanted clutter in all of our homes.

Sincerely,

Jeff Richards  
North Presbyterian Church Fellowship leader

# Youth

## Palm Sunday



## Easter Sunday



### 5 WAYS TO SUPPORT CAMP WHITMAN

**1. Become a Member**

[www.CampWhitman.org/join](http://www.CampWhitman.org/join)

**2. Give from our Wish List**

[www.campwhitman.org/donate](http://www.campwhitman.org/donate)

**3. Donate to our Annual Fund**

[www.campwhitman.org/donate](http://www.campwhitman.org/donate)

**4. Join Us on May 15 for our Volunteer Day**

[www.campwhitman.org/event-calendar/spring-volunteer-day](http://www.campwhitman.org/event-calendar/spring-volunteer-day)

**5. Send a Camper or Bring your Family**

[www.campwhitman.org/dates-rates](http://www.campwhitman.org/dates-rates)  
[www.campwhitman.org/camp-recreate](http://www.campwhitman.org/camp-recreate)



**"AMAZING CREATION"**  
 JULY 4-9  
 AGES 6-13/PINE: AGES 16-29



**"FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD"**  
 JULY 18-23  
 AGES 8-16/PINE: AGES 30-49



**"LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"**  
 JULY 28-30  
 Moonlight Mystery (Ages 11-13) &  
 Night Owl (Ages 14-16)  
 Pine: (Ages 45-54)



**"ALL THINGS GREAT & SMALL"**  
 JULY 18-18  
 AGES 6-13/PINE: AGES 30-49



**COUNSELOR IN TRAINING**  
 JULY 4-16  
 For Campers Age 17 (Entering 12th Grade)

# Pantry Patch



The Pantry Patch is coming along very well this spring. The three beds of garlic planted last fall have plants almost two feet tall.

Additional beds of onions, Swiss chard, bell peppers, cucumbers and Sugar Ann snap peas are looking great. We also planted two beds of string bean seeds, which should be coming up this week. In the greenhouse we have planted eight tomato plants: three Siberian, which will provide cherry sized fruit, and five Better Boy hybrid tomato plants, which should provide large slicing tomatoes, when ripe.

A picnic table was built last fall, which is open to all to use. In the early afternoon the table is in the shade, which is provided by a neighbor's large walnut tree. With the new configuration of the beds there now is ample space to play bocce on the lawn or Corn Hole, using boards Pat and Jeff made over the winter.

Our goal is to not only provide food for the food pantry but also provide a pleasant space for congregation members to relax and recreate.

Jeff Richards



# From the Presbytery



## Erie Neighborhood House: 150 Years as a Home with No Borders



[Learn how a Chicago settlement house](#) practiced "spirituality, vocation, and friendship" by welcoming neighbors from Mexico in the 2000s--the same way they did neighbors from Norway and Holland in the 1880s.

[https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2021/05/erie-neighborhood-house-150-years-home-no-borders?](https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2021/05/erie-neighborhood-house-150-years-home-no-borders?mc_cid=5b120dac19&mc_eid=01872acf06)

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## The Cortes: Missionaries in Thailand

Mabel and Edwin Charles Cort were missionaries during a time of pronounced change, both in the world around them and in the [relationship between missionaries and the communities they served](#).

[https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2021/04/corts-crossroads-changing-world?](https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2021/04/corts-crossroads-changing-world?mc_cid=5b120dac19&mc_eid=01872acf06)  
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# From the Presbytery



## Emergency Assistance Fund Appeal

Emergencies don't happen on a timetable of our choosing, and we may not be prepared for them when they strike. When emergencies crash upon us, help is usually needed without delay. Often times, financial assistance is a part of what is needed. For such circumstances, the Presbytery of Geneva maintains an Emergency Assistance Fund to aid pastoral leaders, including CREs. When an emergency arises in the life of one of our pastors and financial assistance is needed, a request for aid can be made to the Chairperson of the Committee on Leader Care. This request will be treated in confidence.

After Personal Identifying Information (PII) is removed, the Chairperson of the Committee on Leader Care will work with the designated Presbytery representative to consider the request. Additionally, if it is determined that the situation may be eligible for matching funds from the Board of Pensions, the Board will be contacted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Bruce Incze  
Chairperson, Committee on Leader Care



## Spring 2021 Presbyterian Heritage

### JOURNAL PREVIEW: The Dynamics of Indigenization

The Spring/Summer 2021 issue of *The Journal of Presbyterian History* is the first of two special issues on “The Dynamics of Indigenization” in global Christian communities.

In the spring issue, Deanna Ferree Womack considers American Protestant missions in the nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Middle East. Arun W. Jones focuses on Ishwari Dass, a nineteenth-century North Indian Presbyterian intellectual and pastor.

And Karl Dahlfred examines the complicated dynamics between missionaries and Thai Christians.

The second special issue on “The Dynamics of Indigenization” will come out in Fall/Winter 2021 and feature articles on the Belgian Congo, China, and Hawaii.

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Missionary doctor Eleanor Taylor Calverley and daughters dressed in Muslim women's attire, 1922. Courtesy of the Hartford Seminary Archives.

# NPC Board of Session

## Session Summary

6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16, 2021

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

Rev. Hansen called the meeting to order and the meeting was opened with devotions and prayer led by Cindy Kalweit (Clerk).

The Moderator led a discussion on Chapters 3 & 4 of “Spiritual Leadership”.

The minutes of the April 18, 2021 Session meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Treasurer reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for April and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. She noted that the budget remains on track and the Endowment Fund is healthy. The corned beef and cabbage dinner raised \$600 for Camperships. The Treasurer’s report was received, with thanks, by the Session.

Rev. Hansen reported that Woodbrook has re-opened for in-person visitation. He and Annie LeFevre were able to visit with Hazel Thompson, and noted that he looks forward to more in-person visits with homebound members. The interior renovations of the Manse are complete, and Rev. Hansen stated that it has turned into a home for his family.

Steve Allison reported that the roof continues to leak in the second floor Sunday school rooms. Holes have been cut in the ceiling to try to determine where the leak is coming from. On the recommendation of Session, Buildings and Grounds will reach out to local engineering firms to access the issue.

Session approved a quote of \$4,850 for the replacement of the front porch on the Manse. The project includes tearing out the old structure and replacing with pressure treated lumber and vinyl decking, railings, and lattice, and the replacement of the front door. Session encouraged Buildings and Grounds to get a quote for the replacement of the side porch from the same contractor.

Session approved the transfer of \$10,000 from the Endowment Fund to pay for the cost of replacing both porches on the Manse.

Suzie Hoskins reported that Children and Youth Sunday will be celebrated on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Hansen will be preaching that day with children and youth leading prayers and scripture readings.

Jeff Richards reported that the electronics recycling event was very successful, noting that almost two tons of electronics were recycled.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Kalweit, Clerk of Session

# Special Session Meeting

Minutes of the Special Session Meeting 5/22/2021

Present: Pastor Hansen, Barb Duryea, Steve Allison, Tim Allison, Wendy Swatling, Jeff Richards, Suzie Hoskins

Absent: Cindy Kalweit, Linda Palmer, Annie LeFevre, George Batrowny

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Opened with prayer.

A motion was brought by the Worship & Music committee to serve communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month as well as any special dates that have already been designated. The Book of Order now allows members in good standing to serve communion, not just ruling elders and ordained deacons. This will help the volunteer base to support serving communion twice per month. In favor 6; opposed 0. Motion carried.

How do we go forward with the new CDC guidelines?

A motion was made by Suzie Hoskins and seconded by Jeff Richards to separate the vaccinated from the not yet vaccinated: The not yet vaccinated to sit on the Irvine St. side of the sanctuary, masked and socially distanced. The fully vaccinated to sit on the parking lot side of the sanctuary without masks and not socially distanced.

Much discussion followed with a suggestion to amend the motion. However, since Suzie Hoskins made the motion and was no longer present, it could not be amended. A vote was taken in order to allow for a new motion. In favor 0; opposed 5. Motion failed.

A new motion was made by Tim Allison and seconded by Jeff Richards to continue socially distanced seating in the entire worship space. This will allow those fully vaccinated to remove their masks while those not yet fully vaccinated must wear masks in accordance with CDC/NYS guidelines. In favor 5; opposed 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Allison and seconded by Jeff Richards to allow the congregation to resume singing as long as all are masked and socially distanced. In favor 5; opposed 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by the Worship & Music committee to allow fully vaccinated members of the Chancel Choir, the Praise Band and soloists to sing without masks and without social distancing. In favor 5; opposed 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Richards and seconded by Tim Allison to allow fully vaccinated members of the Bell Choir to perform without masks and without social distancing. In favor 5; opposed 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim Allison and seconded by Jeff Richards that CDC guidelines for covid -19, as adopted by New York State on May 19, 2021, apply throughout the building. In favor 5; opposed 0. Motion carried.

Meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Swatling

Acting Temporary Clerk of Session



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 am Youth Protection Committee 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	2 Bulletin Info Due 9:30 am Finance Meeting 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice	3 12:00 pm Blood Drive	4 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	5 8:00 pm Outdoor Movie Night
6 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Communion 	7	8 4:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm B & G Meeting	9 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice	10	11 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	12
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