

NORTH STAR

October 2021

Making Disciples - Making a Difference

Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am

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

For as long as humans have been able to communicate, storytelling has been part of who we are as humans. We learn from an early age the power of stories. We learn about our world and who we are from the stories we are told and from the stories we tell about ourselves and others. We tell stories so that we can relate to others and others can relate to us. We do this by telling stories that speak of what our values are, what is important to us, what inspires us, what scares us, and what makes us who we are. At their core, stories are always about relationships.

As beings made in God's image, we are made to be in relationship with each other, with our world, and with God; and, therefore, it is no accident that we learn about God from stories, for God is a storyteller. Beginning with the first words of Genesis and ending with the final words of the Book of Revelation, our scriptures witness to and testify to a God of stories and a God who is a part of our stories. For stories are not only how we tell others about the gospel of Jesus Christ, but they are also how we speak and testify to how God is at work in our lives and in our community.

Through the Holy Spirit, God reveals God's presence, God's work, and God's love in our history. This is why when we hear the stories of others and we tell our own stories, we are often able to see God's presence in our lives and God's grace, mercy, and love for us and all of creation. It is in our stories and the stories of others that God is revealed as a God who cares for us, who sustains us, who loves us, who redeems us, and who listens to our stories.

When we learn to tell honest, self-reflective stories about ourselves and our lives, we can begin to discern God's presence and God's truly immeasurable grace in our lives. In the shadow of the Cross and in the freedom of Christ, we are freed to tell our story for what it is and to begin to admit our part in it all. For when we freely and truthfully admit the good, the bad, and the ugly in our stories, God is revealed as the One who through the Holy Spirit sustains us and continually rescues us from ourselves.

Since arriving a little more than a year ago, I have had the privilege and the honor to hear and learn some of your stories. I have also had the opportunity to begin to learn the story of North Pres. One of my hopes for North Pres is that we learn to see our story, including the strife, difficulty, hurt, and the continuing grief as inseparable parts of a story of hope. Our story, your story, speaks to God's work, God's presence, and God's faithfulness during and through times of rejoicing and well-being as well as through times of mourning and strife. When we are able tell our story with all its complexity, its hurt, its conflict, its pain, its beauty, its grace, and its love, we see not only God's presence in our story, but that God is not only the God of our history, but is also the God of our present, and the God of our future, and the God from whom all hope and blessings flow.

Warmly in Christ,
Pastor Evan



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Visit Our Website

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



JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*



If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (\$35), please contact Lori Lee at 739-3176. Available Sundays for October and November 2021 are: October 10 & 31, November 7, 14, 21 & 28. *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.

September Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

October 3 Steve Allison
October 10 Ed Wilson
October 17 Bill Furnas
October 24 Steve Allison
October 31 Ed Wilson

Ushers

October 3 George Batrowny, Pat or Jeff Richards
October 10 Janice Williams, Phil Carpentier
October 17 Jerry Russell, Joe Rolls, Bob Russell
October 24 Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea
October 31 Deb Stamp, Ann Motley

Communion

October 3 Linda Palmer, Suzie Hoskins, George Batrowny, Ann Motley, Cindy Kalweit
October 17 Linda Palmer, Ann Motley, Wendy Swatling, Bobbi Furnas

Greeters

October 3 Joanie Barneski, Alice Kain
October 10 Ann Motley
October 17 Sevey family
October 24 Janice Williams
October 31 Linda Palmer

Counters

October 3 Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
October 10 Annette Stevens, Jim Mosher
October 17 Dolores Cummings, Janice Williams
October 24 Suzie Hoskins, Deb Stamp
October 31 Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards

Wee Worship

October 3 Mickey Vischansky, Deb Stamp
October 10 Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich
October 17 Allie & Scott Sevey
October 24 Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
October 31 Liz Wilson, Brenna Wilson

Worship Assistant

October 3 Jeff Richards
October 10 Suzie Hoskins
October 17 Linda Palmer
October 24 Barb Duryea
October 31 Wendy Swatling



October 3:
Laurie Burdick

October 10:
Maxine Burroughs

October 17:
Elizabeth Bush

October 24:
Betty Carney

October 31:
Pam & Bill Caroscio

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

October 3:
Hazel Thompson
Elcor Nursing & Rehab Center
48 Colonial Drive
Horseheads, NY 14845

October 10:
Jim Bottcher
St. Joseph's Nursing Facility
Room 521A
555 St. Joseph's Blvd.
Elmira, NY 14901

October 17:
Karen & Chris Paul
136 Ridge Road
Horseheads, NY 14845

October 24:
Hal & Donna Wolfe
42 Sing Sing Road
Horseheads, NY 14845

October 31:
Glen & Dorla Bolt
105 Morrow Street
Elmira, NY 14904



*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

KIDS CORNER

Children and Youth Ministry October, 2021

Cool fall evenings, the smell of leaves, apple picking, and a cup of steaming hot cocoa. These are some of the wonderful things we look forward to towards the end of September and into the month of October. All these wonderful things remind us we are starting up our programs for the year. Sunday School for all ages started up again and the teachers are all very excited to explore the new curriculum with our students. Wee -Worship is in full swing and the Good News singers are back practicing and singing their little hearts out.

We are looking forward to some fun activities in the next few months. We are implementing a few new responsibilities for our youth to participate in. We will have one youth bring down the offering plate each week and, once a month, one or more of our youth will participate in the worship service. The kids enjoy being part of the service and we are looking forward to getting as many of them involved as we possibly can. Youth Ministry and the Communications committee will be working together to pack and mail out goodie boxes to our college students. If you would be interested in helping fill the boxes, a list of items is provided in the announcements and here in the newsletter.

Its also that time of year where we begin handing out registration forms in the food pantry for Christmas stockings for the children of pantry families. We will have a list in the announcements section of the bulletin in the coming weeks for those who would like to donate items.

November 6th has been picked for the “Harvest Dinner”. We will be signing up volunteers in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping please let me know. There will also be a donation form for turkeys and pies. We will be using the same format of serving the public as we did in March.

We would like to thank you, our loving and generous church family for all the support you extend to the youth program.

Blessings in Christ,

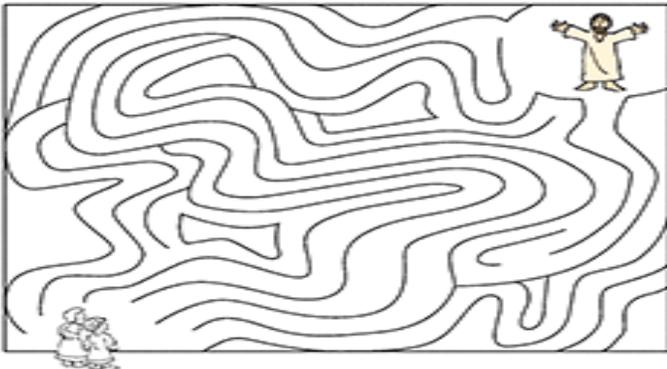
Deb Stamp

Dir. of Children and Youth Ministry

Children Come to Jesus

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them.

Follow the correct path and help the children reach Jesus.



Pray for Each Other

Elijah was a man like us. He prayed.

Circle 5 things that are wrong.



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.
- Currently, those who have been vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask while sitting, standing or singing.
- We will continue our contact tracing measures, 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:

In order to comply with the CDC/NYS guidelines, the following COVID guidance remains in effect per the Session meeting on May 22, 2021:

- Seating during worship will remain socially distanced.
- **Worshippers who are NOT vaccinated are still required to wear a mask.**
- **Vaccinated worshipers are not required to wear masks while sitting, standing or 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.**
- **We will no longer be using the Maître D' for seating.**
- 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.



September Food Pantry

Shopping List:

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

- *Dish Soap*
- *Dish Detergent (8-16 oz. size)*
- *Laundry Detergent*
- *Monetary donations are also welcome.*



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Organist	organist@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church



Adult Sunday School is meeting after worship each week. They are studying Paul's letter to the Philippians.



Sunday School is meeting after worship each week. This year's curriculum is "Gospel Light".



The Good News Singers practices are from 10:45 to 11:00 am Sundays.



Bell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.



Friendly Reminders



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.



is back!

The Yoga group is meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45 to 9:45 am in Willits. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office at 734-2977.



TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Weight-Loss Support • Accountability • Recognition

The local chapter of TOPS is meeting on Mondays at 5:30 in Willits Hall. New members are welcome! If you are interested please call the church office at 734-2977.



Wednesday Noon

Bible Study

is meeting weekly and studying the book of Psalms.
Please let Bobbi Furnas know if you
would like a book (733-4712).
Everyone is welcome and may bring their lunch!

Women's Bible Study

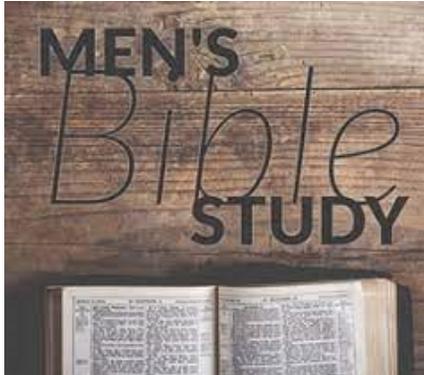
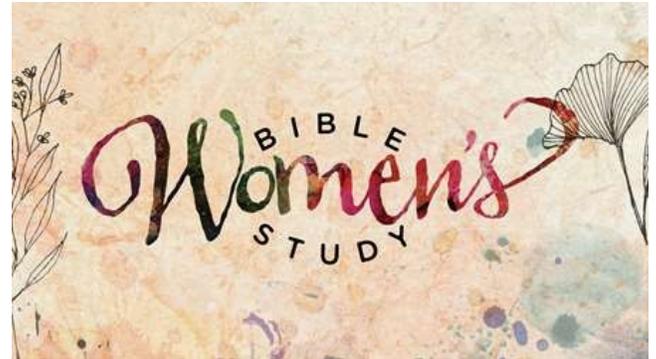
is on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

and is studying the Letters of 1, 2, 3 John.

"What Love Is" by Kelly Minter.

Study books will be available at a cost of \$22 each.

Please see Suzie Hoskins for a book.



Men's Bible Study

will be Mondays at 6:30 pm.

They will be studying the book of Proverbs.

"Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs"

by Ellen F. Davis.

Please contact Kurt Kalweit if you are interested.

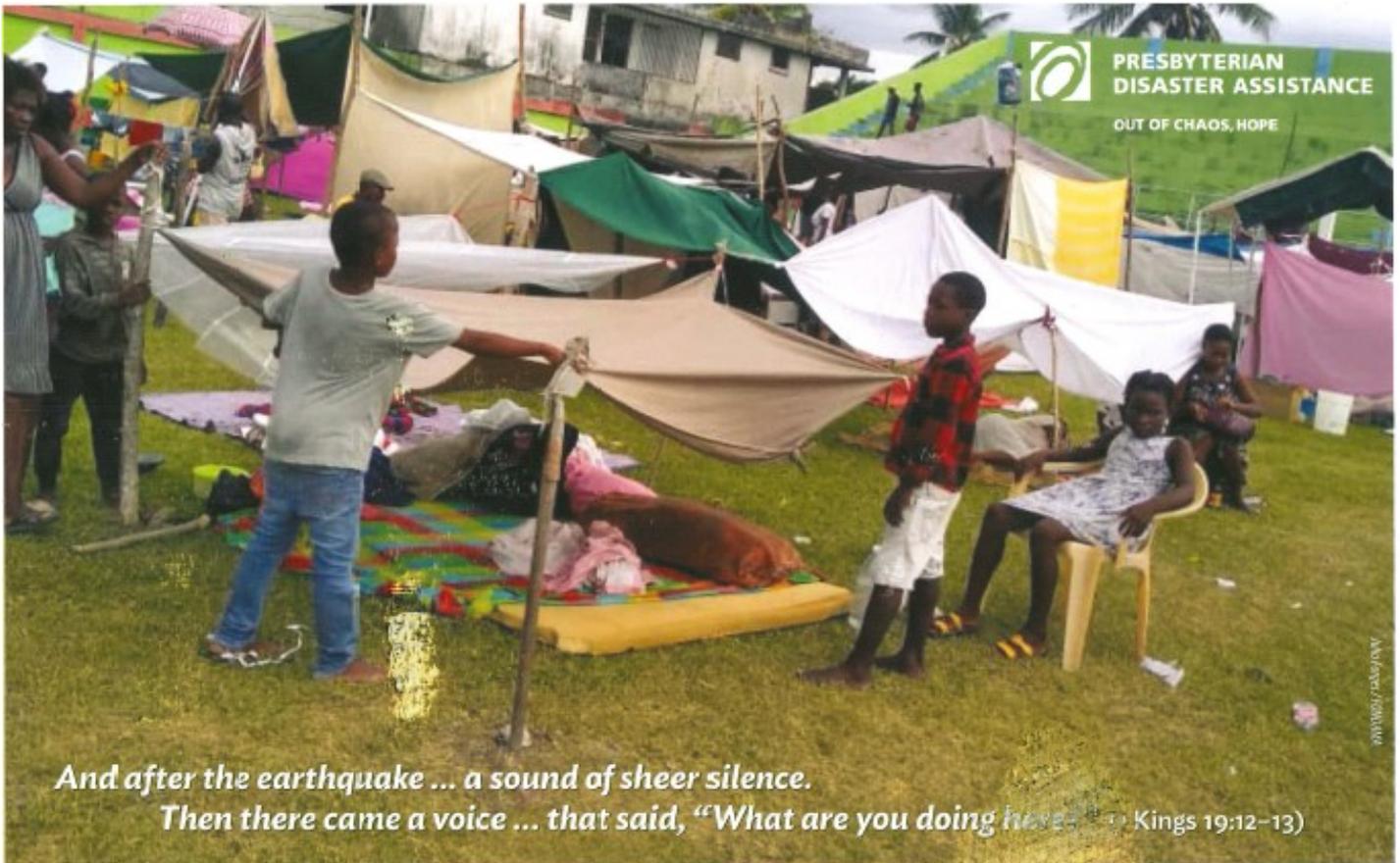
From the Board of Deacons

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

MISSIONS



*And after the earthquake ... a sound of sheer silence.
Then there came a voice ... that said, "What are you doing here?" (Kings 19:12-13)*

Hear us as we pray in sorrow for the people of Haiti, and the lives lost and communities shattered by the devastating earthquake and its aftermath. These island neighbors, still not wholly restored from the catastrophic earthquake of 2010, continue to struggle to move forward under increasingly heavy burdens of poverty and chronic hunger, civic unrest, hurricanes and COVID-19. They need the oneness of our purpose and the tangible outpouring of our love, our prayer in action. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through our established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance and its members. The PC(USA), through PDA and together with regional World Mission colleagues, will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience.

THE NEEDS FOR THE RESPONSE WILL BE GREAT. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE ONCE AGAIN CALLED ON TO STAND IN THE "GAP" — GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE — Gifts can be made at presbyterianmission.org/give-haiti, by phone at (800) 872-3283 or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

ACT —

- Share our Mobile Cause campaign link (bit.ly/PDAHaiti).
- Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY — As this earthquake continues to cause destruction and loss of life, please pray with us that the communities affected by this event and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met and be reminded of the hope found in God.

Learn more at pcusa.org/pda.



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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Ida. Initial assessment suggests catastrophic destruction from the storm and widespread power outages that are expected to take weeks to restore. PDA will continue to work with Presbyterian leadership as they respond to Hurricane Ida and remain engaged in the recovery from the hurricane season of 2020, during which seven names storms impacted the region. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain—providing emotional and spiritual care and Long-Term Recovery to address unmet needs.

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PRAY— Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home and for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

[Learn more at pcusa.org/pda.](https://pcusa.org/pda)



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...at home and around the world



World Communion Sunday

“All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.” (I Cor. 11:29)

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

A Presbyterian Gift

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr’s younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When Donald Kerr was asked how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied,

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“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” — Mark 9:35





Rummage SALE



The North Pres Annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd.

As of October 1st, you will be invited to leave your “rummage” on one end of Willits Hall. You will be able to hang clothes on racks. It would be appreciated if there were no very old electronics or exercise equipment!

The tables will be set up on Sunday, October 10th. Those who sort and price will need help setting up the tables after worship on that day. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions feel free to call or speak to Ann Motley or Suzie Hoskins.



Faith &
Fellowship
Wholeness of mind, body & spirit

Fellowship Dinner

Our next Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13th at 5:30 pm.

We will offer:

Roast Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes

Tossed Salad
TWO Desserts



All food will again be served to participants seated at tables. Reservations are required so that we can plan on how many servings to make and tables to set up.

Please call the church office by noon Tuesday, October, 12th to make your reservation.

Hope to see you all then!

Jeff Richards

Children & Youth Ministry



Our Annual Harvest Dinner will be on Saturday, November 6th.

There will be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center for volunteers.

We will need people to donate turkeys and pies.
(we will determine soon whether the pies will need to be baked at the church.)

We will also need volunteers for preparation and day of tasks.

We appreciate everyone's help !

Pantry Christmas stocking donations accepted

During October and November Youth Ministry we will be happily accepting donations for the Pantry Christmas Stocking program which will benefit the children of our NPC food pantry clients. The age range this year is 0-12 years old. Target, Dollar Tree and Dollar General have great items from \$1.00-\$5.00 which would be perfect stocking stuffers. Small books (Dollar Tree) travel games, hair accessories, markers, crayons, colored pencils and small toys are just a few ideas to get you started. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex starting Oct. 14. Some of these children get very little for Christmas and this is our way of spreading God's love and a little Christmas cheer to those less fortunate.



October Events

First Pres Rummage Sale October 16th

Help is welcome!
Anyone who helps is invited to go to the member sale on Thursday, October 14th.

Please contact Tammy Morrissey at First Presbyterian Church of Elmira for details or to volunteer.
(607)734-5272



Sunday, October 31st North Pres will sponsor UNICEF Trick or Treat.

Children and Youth will be taking donations for UNICEF after Worship.
Any donations will be greatly appreciated!



If you are interested in donating to the care packages for our college students, please see Deb Stamp or Barb Duryea.

Items they are looking for:

Small bags of chips, Cheezies, Fritos, etc.
Individual bags of cookies
Jolly Ranchers Candies
Skittles Candies
Sour Patch Kids candy
Candy Bars

Gum
Hot Cocoa packets
Fruit snacks
Granola bars
Squish balls and Poppits
Chapstick





A DAY-LONG RETREAT FOR
YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12

(where) do you see God?

CAMP WHITMAN ON SENECA LAKE

OCTOBER 9 | 11 AM-7 PM

- LED BY THE LEADERSHIP STAFF OF CAMP WHITMAN, FOR PRESBYTERIAN AND OTHER YOUTH LOOKING FOR A SUMMER-CAMP EXPERIENCE IN THE FALL!
- ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CRAFTING, MEDITATION, PRAYER STATIONS, HAY RIDE, GAGA, FISHING, LABYRINTH WALK, CASUAL WORSHIP AT THE WATERFRONT, AND CAMPFIRE COOKING!
- CAMP WHITMAN IS AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING COMMUNITY FOR LGBTQ+ AND NEURO-ATYPICAL PEOPLE.
- \$25 REGISTRATION INCLUDES LUNCH AND DINNER. SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT
WWW.CAMPWHITMAN.ORG.



Youth Ministry will sponsor
a children's

Halloween Party.

Check out our October
bulletins for details!



Grief Share, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Elmira, will begin on October 21st. They will meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 in person. For more details please see the information posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office.





STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Stewardship Message from the Finance Committee:

The Apostle Paul was called to carry the “Good News” to the Gentiles. One of those places was Philippi. It is believed the residents were mostly Roman citizens, with many, per “The NIV Study Bible New International Version,” “...retired military men who had been given land in the vicinity and who in turn served as a military presence in this frontier city.” Paul’s letter to the Philippians was written to thank them and to encourage them. According to this same source, the words thank, thankful, thankfulness, thanks, and thanksgiving appear twenty-nine times throughout the Bible. One of the most meaningful is in Philippians, Chapter 1:3-11.

If Paul had been to North Church, it is what he would have written to you, our North Church Family:

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.”

As we enter autumn, we enter the season of giving thanks. This is the time of year when we remember those we love and all the blessings God has given us. Pause for a moment this month, see the beauty surrounding you, let God’s love fill your heart with joy and praise Him for His love and His blessings and the gift of grace...His greatest gift to us – Christ Jesus. Remember you are a child of God and He loves you no matter what – nothing can ever change that. And in the words of Paul, “I thank my God every time I remember you.” Thank you for being you, for being a part of the North Church Family.

Grace and peace to you,

Linda Palmer



NPC Board of Session

Session Summary

6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 19, 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.

The Moderator led a discussion on Chapters 7 & 8 of "Spiritual Leadership".

The minutes of the August 15, 2021 stated Session meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Session reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for August and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. \$30,000 was transferred from the Endowment Fund in August to pay bills. The Treasurer's report was received, with thanks, by the Session.

Rev. Hansen reported that he continues to make phone calls and some in-person visitation (outside) to our homebound members. He enjoyed the conference in Cincinnati. He will be meeting with the Finance Committee to share and discuss Stewardship ideas. The Youth Protection Policy committee continues to meet and is making progress.

Annie LeFevre reported that the Presbytery of Geneva has agreed to the closing of the West Fayette Church and to the sale of the property. The proceeds from the sale of the property will go to four different charities in the West Fayette community.

The Deacons have been trained in serving communion for homebound members. Pastor Hansen will provide another training for anyone interested.

The Deacons made a donation to the Food Pantry in memory of Dick Gawenus and Earl Bush. A generous donation was also made to First Presbyterian Church in support of Barb Squires.

On the recommendation of the Staff Relations and Worship and Music committees, Session approved the Pianist/Accompanist job description.

Due to the increase in COVID-19 positive cases in the area, the Session postponed Chancel Choir until January 2022.

Session approved the Praise Band to begin rehearsals in the Sanctuary. Masks are optional for vaccinated members. Un-masked members must be 6 feet apart when singing.

Session approved the "Gospel Light" Sunday school curriculum for children and youth and the study of Philippians for the Adult Education class.

Session approved a special offering for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF following worship on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Session approved the request from the Education Committee to ask the congregation for donations for care packages for college students and Christmas stockings for Food Pantry children.

At the request of the Food Pantry, Session approved a sign proposal in the amount of \$680. The sign will be paid for through grant monies received from the City of Elmira visa-vie Federal funding.

At the request of Pastor Evan, Session approved the use of Praesidium for background checks at a cost of \$22 each.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kalweit,
Clerk of Session

October

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					1 10 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	2
3 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Communion 10:45 to 11:00 am Good New Singers practice Sunday School after worship 	4 5:30 pm TOPS	5 8:45 am Yoga 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6 pm Women's Bible Study	6 Bulletin Info Due 10 am Food Pantry 12 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:15pm Bell Choir Practice	7 8:45 am Yoga 10:00 am Youth Protection Committee 12:00 pm Blood Drive	8 10 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	9 Saturday Workday
10 9:30 am Worship 10:45 to 11:00 am Good New Singers practice Sunday School after worship	11 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples's Day Church Offices Closed	12 8:45 am Yoga 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 4 pm Christian Ed Meeting 6 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting	13 Bulletin Info Due 9:30 am Finance Meeting 10 am Food Pantry 12 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 5 pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:15 Bell Choir Practice	14 8:45 am Yoga 11 am Deacon's Meeting	15 10 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA Meeting	16
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