

# **NORTH STAR**

## **January 2021**

### **Making Disciples - Making a Difference**

Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am  
North Presbyterian Church  
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# **Happy New Year!**

# **2022**

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As we leave the season of Advent, move through the season of Christmas, and head towards Epiphany, we are not leaving behind the expectant waiting of Advent, for our lives are lives full of expectant waiting.

The Hebrew verbs for waiting are verbs full of tension and action. They carry meanings that speak of hunters lying in wait for game or a military ambush as well as waiting in despair, waiting in hope, waiting obediently, or waiting expectantly. In biblical Hebrew and in the Old Testament waiting is an action full of tension, energy, and purpose even if it is to rest.

Waiting expectantly is full of tension and energy. We see this energy and tension in children and in adults on Christmas morning before the presents are opened or the contents of the stockings are revealed. But, expectant waiting is not always associated with presents or positive surprises. It is also the waiting that occurs when we are waiting for a medical diagnosis or we are convinced that an upcoming meeting will be full of conflict and rancor.

The nativity stories in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke are stories full of expectant, tension-filled waiting. They speak to the expectant waiting for the Messiah. They speak of the waiting of Mary and Joseph for the birth of Jesus. And in both the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the visitors, whether it was the wise men or the shepherds, also had to wait. For even as Jesus' birth fulfilled prophecy, he still had to grow up, and even then, they had to wait. According to the gospels, Jesus' ministry did not begin until he was around 30 years of age.

Our lives are lives in which we live expectantly in-between the past and the future that *may* occur – and that “may” is what makes living in the present so difficult. “May” is a word full of uncertainty. We want to turn the word “may” into “should” because “should” is a “shall” disguised with a thin veil of permissiveness that we use to try to sweep away the uncertainty of what is to happen next. But when we turn “may” into “shall” we are no longer waiting or living expectantly and we are no longer leaving room for God to be at work in our lives.

As uncomfortable as it is to live in-between the past that has occurred and the future that may occur, this is where God is at work. God meets us in and through the uncertainty of our lives and the world around us. As followers of Christ, this is where we are called to be. We are called to trust and have faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to live into the unknown of our lives. When we, as the body of Christ, embrace the uncertainty and the unknown in our lives, our God meets us there and when we meet God there, we find the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

I do not know what the upcoming year will bring or what the future holds for any of us; however, I do know that God will meet us there, just as God has been with us in the past and God, through the Holy Spirit, is us with now.

Warmly in Christ,  
Pastor Evan



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# JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

**If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (\$35), please contact Lori Lee at 739-3176.**

**Available Sundays for January 2022 are:  
January 9, 16, 23 & 30.**

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

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



## January Worship Volunteers

### Tech Booth

January 2	Bill Furnas
January 9	Steve Allison
January 16	Ed Wilson
January 23	Bill Furnas
January 30	Steve Allison

### Counters

January 2	Allison Sevey, Wendy Swatling
January 9	Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards
January 16	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
January 23	Annette Stevens, Jim Mosher
January 30	Dolores Cummings, Janice Williams

### Ushers

January 2	Kurt & Cindy Kalweit
January 9	George Batrowny, Pat or Jeff Richards
January 16	Janice Williams, Phil Carpentier
January 23	Jerry Russell, Joe Rolls, Bob Russell
January 30	Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea

### Wee Worship

January 2	Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
January 9	Liz Wilson, Brenna Wilson
January 16	Deb Stamp, Brenna Wilson
January 23	Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich
January 30	Allie & Scott Sevey

### Communion

January 2	TBD
January 16	TBD

### Worship Assistant

January 2	TBD
January 9	TBD
January 16	TBD
January 23	TBD
January 30	TBD

### Greeters

January 2	Tim Allison
January 9	Joanie Barneski and Alice Kain
January 16	Ann Motley
January 23	The Sevey Family
January 30	Janice Williams

# Together...

## WE ARE A FAMILY



**January 2:**  
Harry & Marilyn Edwards

**January 9:**  
Annalyse & Wally Edwards

**January 16:**  
Ashley Foster

**January 23:**  
Bill & Bobbi Furnas

**January 30:**  
Martha & Ted Grinnell

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

## Our Homebound Friends

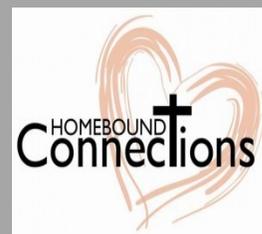
**January 2:**  
Betty Carney  
74 Smith Rd.  
Millport, NY 14164

**January 9:**  
Margaret Densberger  
660 W. Washington Ave.  
Elmira, NY 1491

**January 16**  
Cynthia Klungle  
111 Schuyler St.  
Montour Falls, NY 14865

**January 23:**  
Audrey Lutz  
Elderwood Nursing Home  
4800 Bear Rd.  
Liverpool, NY 13088

**January 30:**  
Adele Roberts  
C/O Alan Roberts  
1424 Cottontail Dr.  
Waunakee, WI 53597



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 January 2022

Happy New Year!!! This year has flown by so quickly. With all the obstacles COVID has placed in our way, we were still able to have a fairly full year of activities and fun. I am looking to the new year with hope and enthusiasm.

The month of December was definitely a busy one. We started out with a gathering of the joint youth group comprised of kids from Bethany Lutheran, First Pres of W. Elmira and North Pres. Church. We met on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> for a morning of stocking stuffing and fellowship. It was a great time and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm in both the kids and adults. The following Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Pat Richards and myself handed out the stockings to the food pantry families. The next few Sundays were filled with costume fittings and practice for our Christmas Eve family service.

The Christmas Eve service was a lovely service featuring our children and adult members of our congregation. It was attended by many family members and friends. I would like to say a special thank you to Barb Duryea and Karen Wilson for cleaning and fitting all the costumes. They had everyone in their proper attire and ready to go in record time. I would also like to thank Karen Wilson and Ann Motley for directing the kids and adults to their places during the service and making things run smoothly. As I always say it takes a village to make things happen and our village is awesome!!! I would like to acknowledge all our children who participated in the Christmas play. Brenna Wilson was Mary and David Hansen was Joseph. Our angels were Payton Hoskins-Thomas, Alexii Hoskins-Thomas, Paityn Perry and Annalyse Ferriter. Our shepherds were Scott Sevey and Wally Ferriter. The three kings were Kurt Kalweit, Ed Wilson and Jeff Richards. And, our adorable animals were Hadleigh Perry as the cow, Lauren Sevey as the lamb and Pastor Hansen's nephew Leo as the camel. I have been helping coordinate the Christmas Eve service for quite a few years now but I never lose the anticipation and awe for the story of our Lord Jesus birth. As the lights dimmed and the candles flickered to the sounds of Silent Night, my heart was full. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all many blessings for the coming New Year.

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

**The Visit of the Magi**  
 Some wise men were called Magi. They came to Jerusalem looking for a special baby.  
 Help the wise men find the baby.

**A Visit From the Magi**  
 After Jesus was born ... Magi (wise men) from the east came to Jerusalem and asked ...  
 Use the code to find their words.

☆ = A   ★ = E   ☆ = I   ☆ = O

W h \_ r \_ s t h \_ n \_  
 w h \_ h \_ s b \_ n b \_ r n  
 K \_ n g \_ f t h \_ J \_ w s ?  
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# Did You Know?

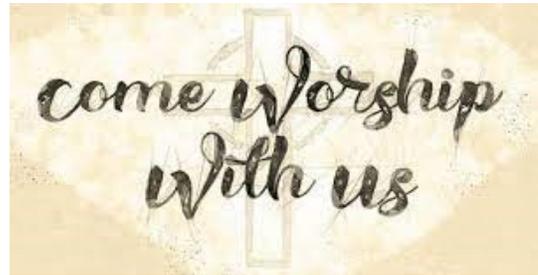


- In order to comply with NYS mandatory COVID-19 guidelines Session has decided that all persons aged 2 years and up must wear masks and maintain social distancing, regardless of vaccination status.
- We will continue our contact tracing measures, for the time being.
- Hymnals and Bibles will be returned to the pews beginning January 1, 2022.
- The lyrics for the praise songs and hymns will continue to be sent with the Zoom link even after we return to using hymnals.
- We will revisit our COVID rules as new information/mandates are received from NYS.
- Thank you all for your patience and understanding. We're all in this together!



## **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).



## **Sanctuary Worship:**

In order to comply with the CDC/NYS guidelines, the following COVID guidance remains in effect per the Session meeting on December 12, 2021:

- Seating during worship will remain socially distanced.
- **Worshippers over age two are required to wear a mask.**
- **Congregants will still need to register at the Welcome Center.**
- Hymnals and Bibles will be returned to the pews.
- The service will always appear on the large screen at the front of the church.



## **Zoom Worship**

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



## SHOPPING LIST

January Food Pantry

### Shopping List:

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

Toilet Tissue

Shampoo

Bar Soap

Monetary donations are also welcome.

Committee/Coordinator	Email Address
Audit	audit@northpres.church
Buildings & Grounds	campus@northpres.church
Building Use	building_use@northpres.church
Clerk of Session	session@northpres.church
Deacons	deacons@northpres.church
Education	education@northpres.church
Fellowship	fellowship@northpres.church
Finance	finance@northpres.church
Mission & Outreach	mission_outreach@northpres.church
Nominating	nominating@northpres.church
Staff Relations	staff_relations@northpres.church
Tech & Communications	tech_com@northpres.church
Treasurer	Financial_sec@northpres.church
Worship & Music	worship@northpres.church

Staff	Email Address
Church Administrator	office@northpres.church
Director of Youth Ministries	youth@northpres.church
Music Director	music@northpres.church
Organist	organist@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church



## Meet the Staff

Pastor Evan Hansen

Pastor  
pastor@northpres.church  
Open Door Office Hours: T & W 1:30-4pm

Paul Holland

Music Director  
music@northpres.church

Sharon Reynolds

Organist  
organist@northpres.church

Deb Stamp

Director of Children  
& Youth Ministries  
youth@northpres.church

Gretchen Duffy

Office Administrator  
office@northpres.church

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



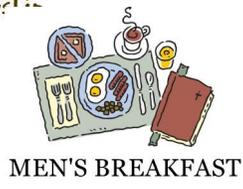
# Faith & Fellowship

Wholeness of mind, body & spirit

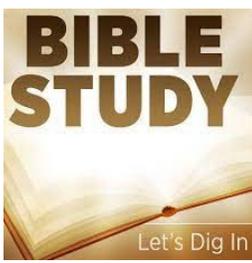
The fellowship committee has suspended Coffee Hour, Men's Breakfast and Fellowship Dinners until the indoor masking requirements are relaxed.

Thank you for your understanding.

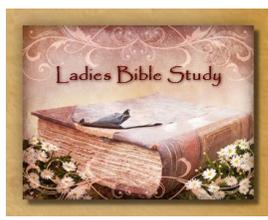
Coffee Fellow!:-



## Friendly Reminders



**Wednesday Noon Bible Study** is meeting weekly in the Brisbane Room. Everyone is welcome and may bring their lunch!



**Women's Bible Study** is on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and will study Elijah with Priscilla Shirer. Please contact Suzie Hoskins if you're interested.



**Men's Bible Study** is meeting on Mondays at 6:00 pm. Please contact Kurt Kalweit if you are interested.



**Adult Sunday School**





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.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**



Bell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.





First Presbyterian Church of Elmira participated in a Reverse Advent Calendar Event to benefit the Food Pantry at NPC.

They collected various items during Advent and presented the proceeds to North Pres on December 28th. Over 520 lbs. of food and toiletry items were collected! We would like to extend our deep gratitude to the generous members of First Presbyterian Church!

# Reverse Advent



<p>28 Soup</p>  <p>God sent the angel Gabriel to a girl named Mary. Luke 1:26</p>	<p>29 Mac &amp; Cheese</p>  <p>The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid because God is very pleased with you." Luke 1:30</p>	<p>30 Canned pasta</p> <p>"Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus." Luke 1:31</p>	<p>1 Spaghetti sauce</p>  <p>"He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God. Luke 1:32</p>	<p>2 Peanut Butter</p> <p>Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!" Luke 1:38</p>
<p>3 Jelly</p>  <p>Caesar sent out an order... that everyone's name must be put on a list. Luke 2:1</p>	<p>4 Tuna</p>  <p>Everyone traveled to their home towns to have their name put on the list. Luke 2:3</p>	<p>5 Canned fruits</p> <p>So Joseph went to the town of David because he was from the family of David. Luke 2:4</p>	<p>6 Canned vegetables</p>  <p>Joseph went there to register with Mary. Luke 2:5</p>	<p>7 Cereal</p> <p>While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. Luke 2:6</p>
<p>8 Instant mashed potatoes</p>  <p>She gave birth to her first son. Luke 2:6</p>	<p>9 Giver's choice</p> <p>There were no rooms at the inn, so she wrapped the baby with cloths and laid him in a manger. Luke 2:7</p>	<p>10 Canned chicken</p> <p>That night some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. Luke 2:8</p>	<p>11 Hot chocolate mix</p>  <p>An angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. Luke 2:9</p>	<p>12 Toothbrush</p>  <p>The angel said, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." Luke 2:10</p>
<p>13 Instant oatmeal</p> <p>"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11</p>	<p>14 Small salt &amp; peppers</p>  <p>"This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12</p>	<p>15 Condiments</p>  <p>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying. Luke 2:13</p>	<p>16 Toothpaste</p> <p>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." Luke 2:14</p>	<p>17 Bar soap</p>  <p>So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby. Luke 2:16-17</p>
<p>18 Toilet paper</p> <p>Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything that they had seen and heard. Luke 2:20</p>	<p>19 Shampoo</p>  <p>After Jesus was born, some wise men came from the east. Matthew 2:1</p>	<p>20 Rice</p>  <p>When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. Matthew 2:10</p>	<p>21 Spam</p>  <p>They went to the house and bowed down and worshipped the child. Matthew 2:11</p>	<p>22 Salad dressing</p>  <p>They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11</p>
<p>23 Pasta</p>  <p>A child will be born to us. God will give a Son to us. His name will be... Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6</p>	<p>24 Giver's choice</p> <p>The Magic of Christmas is not in the presents but in His presence</p> 	<p>Start with an empty box. On each day, there is a suggested item, but add what works best for you. Regular sized items are best (no jumbo please). Bring your Advent Box to Worship at First Presbyterian Church of Elmira, 1054 West Clinton Street, on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.</p>		



# BORDER BUDDIES MINISTRIES

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

## CERTIFICADO DE ESTUDIOS

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Centro Educativo: ( 080102089M02 ) - 21 DE OCTUBRE

Bachelor of Arts  
11th grade

DISTRITO CENTRAL

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FRANCISCO MORAZÁN

Aldea

Municipio

Departamento

Semestre I		
APROVECHAMIENTO		
CLASES	PROMEDIOS	OBSERVACIONES
APRECIACIÓN ARTÍSTICA	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
EDUCACIÓN FÍSICA Y DEPORTES II	0 %	INSATISFACTORIO
FÍSICA III	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
FUNDAMENTOS DE INVESTIGACIÓN SOCIAL	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
INGLÉS III	79 %	SATISFACTORIO
INTRODUCCIÓN A LA ECONOMÍA	44 %	INSATISFACTORIO
LENGUA Y LITERATURA	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
LÓGICA SIMBÓLICA	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
MATEMÁTICAS III	71 %	SATISFACTORIO
ORIENTACIÓN A LA EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR	50 %	INSATISFACTORIO
QUÍMICA III	78 %	SATISFACTORIO
TECNOLOGÍAS DE LA INFORMACIÓN Y COMUNICACIÓN	71 %	SATISFACTORIO
Semestre II		
APROVECHAMIENTO		
CLASES	PROMEDIOS	OBSERVACIONES
ANTROPOLOGÍA	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
BIOLOGÍA HUMANA	73 %	SATISFACTORIO
DIBUJO TÉCNICO	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
DISEÑO DE PROYECTOS CIENTÍFICOS	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
EDUCACIÓN AMBIENTAL	73 %	SATISFACTORIO
FÍSICA IV	75 %	SATISFACTORIO
FUNDAMENTOS DE ÉTICA PROFESIONAL	75 %	SATISFACTORIO
HISTORIA CONTEMPORÁNEA	41 %	INSATISFACTORIO
INGLÉS IV	72 %	SATISFACTORIO
INTRODUCCIÓN A LA PROGRAMACIÓN	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
LENGUAJE Y PENSAMIENTO CRÍTICO	72 %	SATISFACTORIO
MATEMÁTICAS IV	70 %	SATISFACTORIO
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ÍNDICE DE PROMOCIÓN: **66 % (INSUFICIENTE)**

Vista las calificaciones anteriores: **NO** será promovido(a) al siguiente grado.

30 de Noviembre de 2021

Fecha

Días faltados en el año : 0



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 Nombre del Docente: Marcia Lily Mayorga Portillo  
 Nombre del Alumno: Eliezer Daniel Peña Pérez  
 Grado: Cuarto Sección: 1 Año: 2021

P A R C I A L E S	ACTITUDES Y VALORES					APROVECHAMIENTO POR AREAS								
	PERSONALIDAD	ESPIRITU Y TRABAJO	ORDEN Y PRESENTACIÓN	SOCIABILIDAD	MORALIDAD	COMUNICACIÓN			MATEMÁTICAS	CIENCIAS NATURALES	EDUCACIÓN CÍVICA (CC.SS)	ESTUDIOS SOCIALES (CC.SS)	EDUCACIÓN FÍSICA Y DEPORTES	INASISTENCIAS
						EDUCACIÓN ARTÍSTICA	ESPAÑOL	INGLÉS						
I	4	4	4	4	4	96	98	95	96	99	96	96	96	0
II	4	4	4	4	4	95	95	98	88	96	96	96	96	0
III	4	4	4	4	4	94	87.5	93	93.5	87	94	94	93	0
IV	4	4	4	4	4	99	98	100	98	98	100	100	98	0
Promedio Anual Por Área	4	4	4	4	4	96%	95%	97%	94%	95%	97%	97%	96%	0

Promedio Final: 96%

Scores of 1-69	Failing	Parciales = I, II, III, IV	Partial = I, II, III, IV
Scores of 70-80	Good	Promedio Anual por Área	Annual average by area
Scores of 81-89	Very Good	Puntualidad	Punctuality
Scores of 91-100	Excellent	Espíritu de Trabajo	Work Spirit
		Orden y Presentación	Order and Presentation
		Sociabilidades	Sociabilities
		Moralidad	Moralities

ND	Not Assigned	For 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> .	1	Needs to improve or not satisfactory
S	Excellent		2	Good
MB	Very Good		3	Very Good
B	Good		4	Excellent

**grade students**

Rendimiento académico	Academic performance
Educación Artística	Art
Español	Spanish
Inglés	English
Matemáticas	Math
Ciencias Naturales	Natural Science
Educación Cívica	Civic Education
Estudios Sociales	Social Studies
Educación Física y Deportes	Gym
Tecnología	Computer and Crafts
Inasistencias	Missing days

If you have any questions about the grades of your child/children please sent me an e-mail and I'll be glad to answer all your questions.

In his love,  
 Glenda  
 Attachment: report card

Scores of 1-69	Insatisfactorio	Failing
Scores of 70-80	Satisfactorio	Good
Scores of 81-89	Muy Satisfactorio	Very Good
Scores of 91-100	Avanzado	Excellent
NAC		Did not showed assignments

P	Partial I, II, III, IV
Promedio Anual por Área	Annual average by area
AC	Accumulative Homework
EX	Exam Grade
TP	Total Partial Grade

**For 11<sup>th</sup> grade students taking Bachelor of Arts = BTP Humanidades**

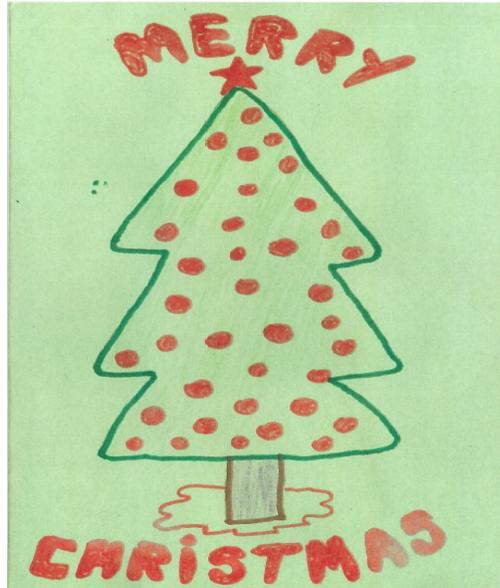
Rendimiento académico	Academic performance
Apreciación Artística	Art Appreciation
Educación Física y Deportes II	Physical Education & Sports II
Física III	Physics III
Fundamentos de Investigación Social	Practice of Social Research
Inglés III	English III
Introducción a la Economía	Introduction to Economics
Lengua y Literatura	Language and Literature
Matemáticas III	Math III
Orientación a la Educación Superior	Orientation to Higher Education
Química III	Chemistry III
Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicación	Information & Communication Technologies
Inasistencias	Missing days





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To: Iglesia North Presbyterian  
de Elmira.  
From: Eliezer Daniel Peña  
Pérez

It is a pleasure to  
greeting to you and I  
want to give you thank  
a lot for your help to  
my son: Eliezer Daniel  
Peña Pérez, 4th grade,  
with his studies during  
all this time.  
Eliezer Daniel is a good boy  
and he is applied with his  
studies at the school.



We are very gratefully  
with you for continue  
to help us and God  
bless you so much  
in your life and your  
Family.

I wish you a Merry  
christmas and happy  
new year!



See you later,  
Eliezer Daniel Peña  
Mario y Miriam Peña  
parents





## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

**(John 1:5)**

As night fell on December 10, a horrific line of powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by the time morning had broken. One of these tornadoes was on the ground for a terrifying and unprecedented 250 miles, more than 200 of those miles in Kentucky alone, where the town of Mayfield saw the catastrophic destruction of much of the downtown area, including the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

It is the season of Advent — a time of watchful expectation that begins with a warning of impending judgment, the end of days, and continues with a prayerful journeying toward the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas, an ordinary babe dependent on the love and care of others for his survival.

In the wake of these terrible and catastrophic storms, it is the role of ordinary people of faith like us to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God as we reach out to shelter, feed, care for and help rebuild the lives of those who have lost loved ones, homes, work and a sense of safety as a result of the tornadoes. We are invited to stand with them — and to stand together — bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us, no matter what.

**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. ACT. PRAY.

**GIVE:** Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/DT21](http://pcusa.org/DT21), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device. You can also text PDA to 41444 to donate.

### ACT:

- [Download](#) and use the bulletin insert.
- [Gift of the Heart Kits](#) are a hands-on way to help others this Advent season.
- To register your interest in future rebuilding efforts, email [PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org](mailto:PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org). You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available.

Stay informed and like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/PDAcares](https://facebook.com/PDAcares)), download resources at [pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources](http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources) and share updates with your congregation.

**PRAY:** As we awake to news of devastation and death from another natural disaster, we pray.

For those experiencing loss, confusion, and despair, may they feel comfort only your Holy Spirit can bring.

For the community leaders and emergency personnel, we pray for wisdom and strength as they work to restore and repair their communities.

May we heed your call, oh God, to be co-creators with you in the caring of creation, our communities, and your beloved children in their time of need.

May the hope, peace and love of the Christ child comfort and keep us all.

- Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency





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## Understanding per capita

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**BUILDING A BELOVED COMMUNITY**

### The money contributed helps build up the Body of Christ

By Timothy Hart-Andersen | *Presbyterians Today*

One evening 20 years ago, I was in a meeting with two local church sessions. They were discussing the congregations' differing views on a matter before the General Assembly — the ordination of LGBTQ Presbyterians. The exchange was polite but candid, with passionately expressed opposing views. At a pause, one session moderator, the pastor who was pro-ordination of LGBTQ Presbyterians, said in an offhand way, "Well,

at least we agree on one thing: Our churches don't really need the denomination's help all that much."

A hand quickly shot up. The clerk of session from that church stood and said firmly, "I respectfully disagree." Everyone was now paying close attention as the clerk told of a crisis the church once faced in which presbytery and synod leaders immediately contacted the congregation. "They advised us on legal matters. They arranged for substitute preachers. And they helped us find an interim pastor to lead through the next two years," said the clerk.



I confess: I was the pastor who had said we didn't really need the denomination's help. I knew our clerk was right as he urged us not to dismiss denominational leaders as "church bureaucracy," describing them, instead, as skilled leaders who help our denomination function. As the pastor, it was my turn to speak — and apologize. It wasn't my best moment, but whenever I speak about the value of per capita, I tell that story. It's embarrassing every time, but it makes the point: Without per capita payments that provide the funding for presbytery, synod and General Assembly, the support needed in a crisis by the congregation I now serve would not have been there.

Friends from other nonconnectional denominations whose own churches have gone through similar rough patches understand. They have nowhere to turn when they need help.

There are good theological and biblical arguments in support of per capita. It is the connective tissue in the body imagery of the Apostle Paul — "But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be" (1 Corinthians 12:18, NIV).

Per capita provides the wherewithal for the ecclesiastical democracy of the priesthood of all believers to run smoothly. It fuels the machinery of doing church the Presbyterian way, which is quite different from independent congregational and bishop-based systems. It can also be embraced as one way in which we work toward building a beloved community.

A recent experience reminded me again of the importance of per capita. This past summer, we had our backyard regraded. The melting snows of Minnesota winters had begun finding their way down a slope and into the basement. We had to redo everything in the yard. As I watched workers build rain channels and install rock, I thought of my assignment to write about why I support per capita and how having a Sunday in January dedicated to per capita awareness is a wonderful educational moment for our congregations. Gardens, like churches, need infrastructure.

For many years, we had simply planted bulbs, tended vegetables and weeded flower beds. It was only when we had to start the garden from scratch that we became aware of how a healthy garden depends on infrastructure. We had never been particularly concerned with soil composition and drainage. We assumed and took for granted that the garden would be there year after year.

Congregations can be like that. We worship, teach church school and sing in the choir. We marry and bury. We advocate for justice. But without the support that undergirds the way we do church, the plants in our congregational gardens would find it difficult to thrive. We are not often aware of the value of per capita, but it is there all the time — especially when we need it. Our clerk of session reminded me of that one evening long ago.

*The Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen is the senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis.*

## What's new in 2022

Jan. 23 has been set aside as Per Capita Sunday, a day to celebrate being a connectional church. The Epistle lesson for that Sunday is 1 Corinthians 12:12–31, a reminder that all parts of the church are parts of one body. Being a connectional church takes both the contribution of gifts to per capita and the work of pastors and elders who together advise, guide and govern our General Assembly, synods and presbyteries.

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Thank you to all who pledged contributions for the 2022 Stewardship campaign.

There are still a few donation envelopes in the Narthex. If you have not picked yours up please stop by or notify the church office if you would like to have them mailed to you.



# JANUARY

## EVENTS



Christmas decoration removal will be on January 9 after worship.

All are welcome to help!

The Annual Meeting and Congregational Meeting to vote on the pastor's Terms of Call and to elect church officers will be on January 23rd following worship.



There will be a Saturday Work Day on January 8th.

Please join us!

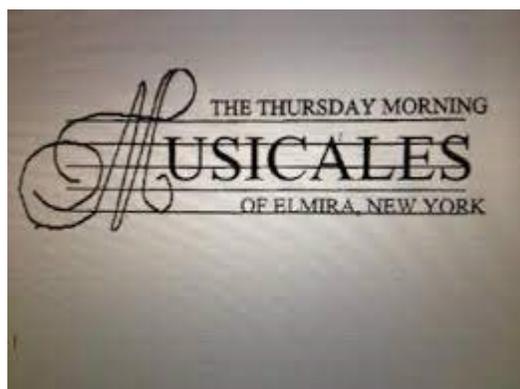
Our local chapter of TOPS meets on Mondays at 5:30 in Willits Hall. If you're interested, please call the church office for information.



There will be a Family Game Event on January 16th from 2-4 pm sponsored by the Children and Youth Committee. Please join us in Willits Hall for board games, Twister, Giant Jenga, snacks and beverages.



Thursday Morning Musicales will perform in the sanctuary on January 20th at 10 am.



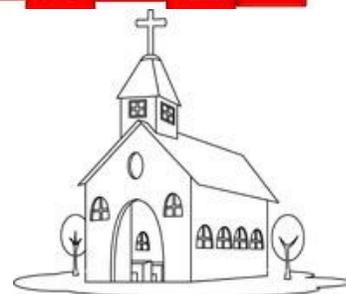
Yoga meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:45 in Willits Hall. If you're interested, please contact the church office for more information.



There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on January 6th, starting at noon. If you're interested in signing up to give blood, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800 RED CROSS.



It's time to start thinking about our Annual Report. Report submissions are due to Gretchen by the end of the first week of January.



# NPC Board of Session

Summary of Session Meeting held at North Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom

Elders present: Steven Allison, Timothy Allison, George Batrowny, Barbara Duryea, Susan Hoskins, Eva "Annie" LeFevre, Linda Palmer, Jeffrey Richards

Members excused: Wendy Swatling

Moderator: Rev. Evan Hansen

Clerk: Cynthia Kalweit (excused)

Treasurer: Patricia Richards

A quorum was determined; the meeting opened with prayer and was called to order by the Moderator. Mrs. Palmer was elected Clerk Pro tempore.

The minutes of the November 21, 2021 Session Meeting and the December 12, 2021 Special Session Meeting were approved. Pastor Hansen presented the Clerk's Report noting the statistics for the month of December. Mrs. Richards presented the Treasurer's Report.

A gift in the amount of \$1,000 (unrestricted funds) was received from the Panosian Family Foundation, Inc. and accepted with deep gratitude. The gift will be utilized as seed money for the newly formed youth group comprised of children from Bethany Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, and North Presbyterian Church.

North Church will host the January meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva. The meeting will be held virtually, and it consists of a worship service with music, readings, and Communion on either January 22, 2022 or January 25, 2022 (TBD by Pastor Hansen).

Session reviewed the proposed budget for 2022. The Treasurer will modify the pledged income as donations arrive prior to presenting the budget at the Congregational Meeting on January 23, 2022.

Donations for local mission services in the amount of \$300 each to the Arctic League and the Salvation Army (Elmira) in honor of the congregation of North Church were approved. Session will be personally thanking pledging individuals/families in the coming weeks.

There was discussion on the use of the sanctuary and other rooms and the associated fees. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will be modifying the building use forms for clarity. The use by the Thursday Morning Musicales and the Brickyard Brass Quintet of the Sanctuary and associated rooms was approved.

Mr. S. Allison and the Pastor updated Session on the status of the boiler and water usage. The boiler was repaired, and the old pump is being refurbished for use in the future if needed. The costs came in lower than anticipated and are covered in the 2021 Building Maintenance budget.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Richards shared the slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, and he expressed his appreciation for their willingness to serve:

# NPC Board of Session

## Class of 2025:

Nominating

James Mosher

Mission

“Annie” LeFevre

Staff Relations

Wendy Swatling

Nominating Committee – Cheryl Allison, Kurt Kalweit, Annette Stevens

## 2022 Annual Elections:

Clerk of Session

Cynthia Kalweit

Treasurer

Patricia Richards

NPC Commissioner to Presbytery of Geneva “Annie” LeFevre

The dates for Communion in 2022 were approved. Returning the hymnals and Bibles to the Sanctuary pews effective January 1, 2022 was approved. Staff evaluations should be completed by the end of January.

The January game night is being rescheduled so as not to coincide with the Session meeting. It will be held either earlier in the day on that Sunday (January 16<sup>th</sup>), or it will be held on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Communications Committee and the Deacons continue review of the membership rolls. The shut-ins received Christmas cards from the congregation, and the “carolers” delivered poinsettias to each member they visited.

The Fellowship Committee provided a great meal on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and they, after caroling led by Mr. Allison, served pizza and cocoa on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and fellowship time are on hold until after the mask restriction is lifted.

The Youth Protection Policy was adopted with appreciation to the committee that undertook the arduous work of compiling the new policy.

Pastor Hansen is continuing telephone visitations and conducting the Advent services. He is now a Teaching Elder/Commissioner for the General Assembly. There will be meetings in Louisville, Kentucky in June and July, with some meetings being held virtually. He will need pulpit supply during this time (dates to be provided).

The Pastor reported on the recent meeting of the Geneva Presbytery. The 2022 budget was adopted. Mr. Richards was installed effective January 1<sup>st</sup> as the Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Geneva (three-year path includes Moderator and Head of General Counsel). Annual Reports are due by January 7<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 23, 2022 in the Sanctuary (and on Zoom) immediately following worship.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:50 p.m.

# Special Session Meeting

**SPECIAL SESSION MEETING**  
Sunday, December 12, 2021

**NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
10:40 a.m. Brisbane Room

**Elders present:** Steve Allison, Tim Allison, George Batrowny, Barb Duryea, Suzie Hoskins, Annie LeFevre, Linda Palmer, Jeff Richards, Wendy Swatling

**Moderator:** Rev. Evan Hansen

**Clerk:** Cindy Kalweit

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

Rev. Hansen called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Hansen updated the Session on the Governor's mandate that will be effective beginning Monday, December 13, 2021. Under the mandate all business and venues in the State of NY are required to either:

(1) Require all persons over the age of two (2), regardless of vaccination status, wear masks while indoors;

OR

(2) Aside from children under the age of five (5) proof of vaccination required. Those who are not fully vaccinated may not enter the NPC campus.

There is no religious exemption to this mandate.

The mandate is in effect until January 15, 2022.

Motion by Suzie Hoskins, second by Wendy Swatling, to require all persons over the age of two (2), regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while inside the NPC campus. Motion carried by a vote of 8-1 with Steve Allison opposed.

Signs will be posted on all entry doors.

Pastor Hansen will inform the membership and others who utilize the NPC campus of the change in policy.

Linda Palmer requested that Session members be present in the Narthex prior to all worship services to answer questions and take the burden off of the person doing the contact tracing.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit,  
Clerk of Session

# From the Presbytery



Congratulations to Teaching Elder Debbie Grohman (Ontario Center, First) and Ruling Elder Jeff Richards (Elmira, North) on being installed as Presbytery Moderator and Vice-Moderator, respectively, at today's Stated Meeting! Their service begins January 1, 2022. We are thankful for your leadership!

The Committee on Mission & Witness' 2022 Session Endorsed Matthew 25 Grant Application is now available and posted on the PCUSA website. Visit the committee webpage and download the application and supplemental information. **Note that applications are due to the committee by April 1, 2022.**



## per capita

Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that is paid to the Presbytery of Geneva, the Synod of the Northeast, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Just as a train cannot move without an engine, our church councils require a power source to enable them to provide basic services which support our mutual mission as the Body of Christ. Per capita covers the ecclesiastical expenses of the denomination: the coordination and evaluation of mission, and the performance of ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions. Per capita is an opportunity for all members of the Presbyterian church to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the organizational costs of the larger church. Please remember per capita for 2022 will remain the same: \$50/per member.

## Call for Young Adult Advisory Delegates

The Committee for Representation (CoR) is issuing a call for Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs) to attend the General Assembly (GA) in 2022 in Louisville, KY June 18-July 9. The Assembly will be a hybrid of on-line and in person meetings. Both a primary and alternate delegate will be selected.



Important Dates  
Saturday June 18, 2022 – Online Plenary 1, 2, 3  
Sunday June 19, 2022-Online Worship – Juneteenth Service  
June 20 – July 2, 2022 – Louisville Committee Meetings  
July 5 – 9, 2022 – Online Plenary 4-17

Interested persons must be between the ages of 17 and 23 as of June 2022 and should submit a resume stating their interest to the Committee. The resume should include

- Name of church currently attending
- Roles/experiences that they have filled in their church
- Reason for interest in being a YAAD
- Other volunteer opportunities that they have done in the community
- Leadership -What leadership opportunities have you experienced? What future leadership roles are you interested in fulfilling?
- Tell the committee about yourself. How have you experienced life over the past two years? What are your interests? How have you experienced God in your life?

The YAAD should be prepared to provide a reflection on their experience at the GA either individually or as part of a report by the other delegates.

Resumes should be submitted electronically to the CoR Chair, Barry Winters at [maz196orc@gmail.com](mailto:maz196orc@gmail.com).





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day 
2 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Communion 	3 5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	4 8:45 am Yoga 1:00 Mission & Outreach 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours	5 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm Bell Choir practice	6 8:45 am Yoga 12:00 pm Blood Drive	7 Annual Reports Due  10:00 Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	8 Saturday Work Day 
9 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School Christmas decoration removal after service	10 5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	11 8:45 am Yoga 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm B & G Meeting	12 Bulletin Info Due 9:30 am Finance Meeting 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm Worship & Music 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice	13 8:45 am Yoga	14 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	15
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