

NORTH STAR

June 2022

Making Disciples
Making a Difference

Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am
North Presbyterian Church
921 College Avenue
Elmira, NY 14901-2048
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But

Grow

in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ

-2 Peter 3:18

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One of the things that most struck me about our church building when I first saw it was the sanctuary. Built at a time when it was popular for new sanctuaries to be large, cavernous, multi-purpose spaces with very few, if any, windows, your sanctuary is anything but a glorified gym with a stage. When I first saw it with all the shades up, the screen down, and the chancel windows unblocked, I admit I was a bit awestruck. It was not just my joy in the natural light, it was how with all the windows uncovered, the outside world, the trees, the clouds, the birds, the sun, and so on, became part of the space.

While my recollection of what I have been told may be incorrect, it is my understanding that the architect who designed the new sanctuary intended the large windows to the north, east, and south to remind us that we are not separate from the world, but part of it. Whether they knew it or not, having those three large sets of beautiful, clear windows is a beautiful expression of the Presbyterian belief that our space of worship “is not to be an escape from the world, but a place for encountering the God of all creation who gathers us in and sends us out.” *Book of Order, W-1.0203: Space.*

Moving forward, we will not have the screen up during worship on the first Sunday of each month and depending on what is going on, we may not have it up on the fifth Sunday of the month either. This move away from having the screen up during every Sunday worship service is so that at least one Sunday of each month, we are visually reminded that we are not separate from creation or the world around us, but a part of it. Our God created an intricate and constantly changing masterpiece and having the chancel windows unblocked by a screen allows God’s creation to play an unscripted, uncontrollable, and important part in our worship services.

This change will not affect our Zoom live-stream. Livestreaming our service over Zoom is here to stay. Even when the screen is not up, the slideshow that we use each Sunday will continue to be broadcast over Zoom. Everyone joining us over Zoom will be able to follow along with the responsive readings, unison prayers, praise songs, hymns, and Scripture readings during the service. It is important that everyone joining us over Zoom be able to participate in the service as fully as someone sitting in the pew with access to the hymnal, the pew Bible, and any bulletin inserts.

Having the screen down, we will be able to see the trees and their branches move in the wind. One of the images we use to describe the Holy Spirit is “wind.” In Acts 2:2, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is described as sounding like the “rush of a violent wind.” Like the trees and their branches are moved by a wind they cannot control, we too are moved by the Holy Spirit, who, we too cannot control. Allowing God’s creation to enter our space through the windows is and will be a constant reminder that as hard as we may try, we cannot control God and that God moves us and guides us in ways that we cannot imagine or comprehend. For if we are to encounter the God of all creation, we must be open to allowing God’s creation, as uncontrollable as it is, in.

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 (suggested donation of \$42), please contact Lori Lee at 607-739-3176.

**Available Sundays for June and July 2022 are:
June 12, 19 & 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**

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.

June Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

June 5 Steve Allison
June 12 Ed Wilson
June 19 Bill Furnas
June 26 Steve Allison

Ushers

June 5 George Batrowny, Pat or Jeff Richards
June 12 Janice Williams, Phil Carpentier
June 19 Jerry Russell, Joe Rolls, Bob Russell
June 26 Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea

Communion

June 5 Linda Palmer, Wendy Swatling, Suzie Hoskins, TBD, TBD
June 19 Linda Palmer, Steve Allison, Sylvia Tuller, TBD, TBD

Greeters

June 5 Joanie Barneski, Alice Kain
June 12 Ann Motley
June 19 The Seveys
June 26 Janice Williams

Counters

June 5 Jim Mosher, Annette Stevens
June 12 Janice Williams, Dolores Cummings
June 19 Allie Sevey, Wendy Swatling
June 26 Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards

Wee Worship

June 5 Deb Stamp, Brenna Wilson
June 12 Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich
June 19 Allie & Scott Sevey
June 26 Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea

Worship Assistant

June 5 TBD
June 12 Erin Jacobs
June 19 Linda Palmer
June 26 George Batrowny

Youth Reader

June 12 David Hansen

Youth Ushers

June 5 David Hansen
June 12 Alexii Hoskins-Thomas
June 19 Paityn Perry
June 26 TBD

Together...

WE ARE A FAMILY



June 5:
Heather & Terry, Lorelei, Elijah and Lucas
Moffett

June 12:
Jim Mosher
Kim Mosher

June 19:
Ann & Lyle Motley

June 26:
Dave & Mary Ruth and Robert Ostrander

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

Our Homebound Friends

June 5:
Adele Roberts
c/o Alan Roberts
1424 Cottontail Dr.
Waunakee, WI 53597

June 12:
Marilyn Edwards
520 Harcourt Drive
Elmira, NY 14904

June 19:
Jim Bottcher
St. Joseph's Nursing Facility
Room 521A
555 St. Joseph's Blvd.
Elmira, NY 14901

June 26:
Chris & Karen Paul
136 Ridge Road
Horseheads, NY 14845



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 and Youth Ministry June 2022

While most people are planting gardens and pruning their flower beds my mind is racing with plans for VBS and the final weeks of Sunday school. We have had a very busy May with confirmation class, plans for Children and Youth Sunday on June 12th, early planning stages for VBS and making sure Wee Worship and Sunday school were properly staffed each week (Thank you to our wonderful substitutes, Allie & Scott Sevey, Liz Wilson and Becky Kowulich for stepping in and teaching class while Miss Ann was away). We have also been trying to get youth group for the older kids off the ground once again. We started out with great momentum but COVID intervened and we had to keep postponing events. We are hoping to have a casual get together and cookout for the kids, who are comprised of Bethany Lutheran, First Presbyterian and North Pres. church's youth.

June promises to be a busy month too. On June 5th we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation of four of our youth, a baptism and induction of new members to our congregation. June 12th will be Children and Youth Sunday with our youth performing most of the duties for worship and recognition for our teachers and Wee Worship volunteers. June 19th is Father's Day and will also be our last day of Sunday school until September.

As VBS approaches we are still looking for volunteers to lead Crafts and Bible. If anyone is interested please contact myself or any one of the C.E. committee members (Suzie Hoskins, Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich or Joe Rolls).

As we go about our daily lives let's take a few moments each day to pray for peace, pray for an end to the senseless violence plaguing our nation and most especially for the families who have lost precious loved ones to the ever-increasing violence. Pray for them to find strength to carry on and to somehow find peace as they grieve the unthinkable, the loss of a child, spouse or parent.

Blessings in Christ,

Deb Stamp

Dir. of Children and Youth Ministry

The Day of Pentecost

The apostles were given the Holy Spirit.

Count the ☹️. 11 or 12 ?

The Day of Pentecost

While the disciples were together on the day of Pentecost, they heard and saw unusual things.

Find each given letter on an X, then write the letter that appears exactly across from it.

A	H	E	K	I	L	O	M	U	N
G	X	F	X	D	X	C	X	B	X
	W		V		T		S		R

They heard ...

W	O	S	R	B	L			
D	T	F	V	I	G	V		
N	D	S	A	T	S	H	S	K
W	E	T	S	D	V	B	T	
A	T	B	L					

They saw ...

I	S	B	H	R	V	O			
S	K	K	T	U	V				
U	V	O	I	T	B	H	S	B	
V	W	M	G	S	K	I	G	V	C

Did You Know?



COVID RULES FOR NORTH PRES

- To the extent allowed by the State of New York, masks are now optional in our building and in the sanctuary, including during worship.
- The lyrics for the praise songs and hymns will continue to be sent with the Zoom link .
- 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).



Zoom Worship

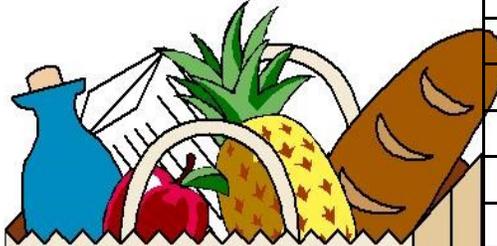
- Zoom service Link will be emailed each week for those who would like to participate via Zoom.



Sanctuary Worship:

In order to comply with the CDC/NYS guidelines, the following COVID guidance was adopted during the February 12, 2022 Session meeting.

- **To the extent allowed by the State of New York, masks are optional in the building and the sanctuary, including during worship.**
- The service will always appear on the large screen at the front of the church.



SHOPPING LIST

May Food Pantry

Shopping List:

The following items are needed this month for the

Food Pantry:

Pork & Beans

Canned Pineapple

Toilet Paper

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

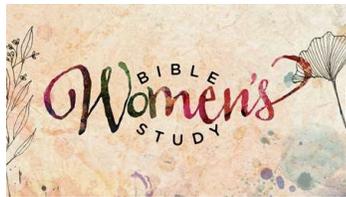


NOTICE: As CDC/NYS guidelines change, please stay tuned to our FB page & website for updates.

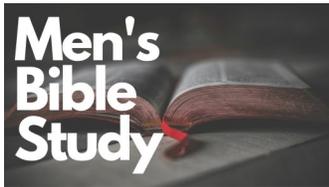
Reminder

Important Reminders:

- The church office needs your contact information. Please let us know if anything has changed.
- If you need to contact the church office for any reason, please feel free to email office@northpres.church or call (607) 734-2977 Tues-Fri 9am to 3:30 pm.
- Please be sure to check the bulletin or our FB page for any updates to our COVID procedure.



Women's Bible Study
is on Tuesdays at
6:00 pm. If you're interested, please contact
Suzie Hoskins.



Men's Bible Study
is meeting on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in
the Edmunds Room and will study
Revelation.
Please contact Kurt Kalweit
if you're interested.



Sunday SCHOOL
ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together

Adult Sunday School is
meeting on Sundays after
worship each week.



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.



From the Presbytery



We welcome our new Presbytery Leader, Rev. Marjorie Ackerman!

Originally from the beautiful state of Michigan, Rev. Marjorie Ackerman grew up in a small farming community and was introduced to the PC(USA) while attending college at Lake Superior State University. Her active participation as a volunteer in her home congregation eventually led her to serve as a Commissioned Lay Pastor before earning an MDiv from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Since then, Marjorie has worked with small congregations throughout the Midwest, exploring how to be the Body of Christ in an ever-changing world. She has earned a Professional Certificate in Foresight from the University of Houston and incorporates many of its principles into her work with congregations and surrounding communities. She is currently finishing a Doctor of Ministry program entitled "Risking Faithfully: Disruption as Revelation and Resurrection" at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Given the challenges many churches have faced during the past few years, Marjorie is looking forward to working with congregations throughout the Finger Lakes region to discern together what God is calling the Church to become.

RE Barb Squires, Elmira First Presbyterian, needs 2 living organ donors -- a kidney from one donor and a portion of a liver from another donor. These would be transplanted at UPMC Pittsburgh from the donors to Barb. The kidney donor would remain with one working kidney in their life and the partial liver donor would have their liver regenerate and be full size in a few weeks.

All hospital, doctors, testing and follow up medical expenses are paid by the recipient's (Barb's) health insurance. Travel, lodging, family expenses to be in Pittsburgh with the donors is paid by fundraising monies.

Donors will be checked for good health. If you're interested, start with this website: <https://livingdonorreg.upmc.com/> Use Barbara Squires as the recipient. This should trigger a phone call, which is a good time to have further questions answered. Then UPMC will ask you to start forwarding medical records and undergo further testing. Your medical information is confidential, so the recipient hears nothing beyond what you choose to share. THANK YOU for considering, for sharing this information, and for your prayers!



Presbytery Wide Bible Study

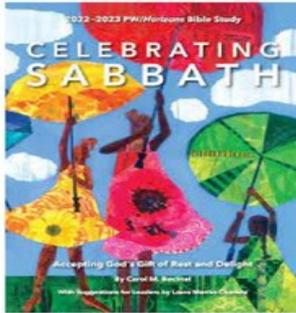
Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gifts of Rest and Delight

Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study for 2022-2023

- Y Join with nearby churches for a monthly Bible Study for nine months
- Y Facilitator Training and Leader Guide is available
- Y Promotional materials are available

In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath.

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.



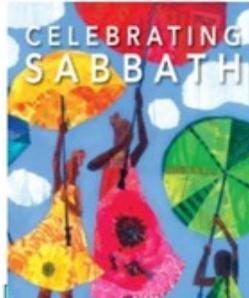
- Sabbath and Celebration**
- Sabbath and Creation**
- Sabbath and Sunday**
- Sabbath and Surrender**
- Sabbath and Servitude**
- Sabbath and Hospitality**
- Sabbath and Self-Care**
- Sabbath and Justice**
- Sabbath and Community**

Contact Ellen Reynolds ellenr09@gmail.com 315-521-3240

- Y For help in forming a study group
- Y For leader training
- Y To locate a nearby study group

Thank you to the many people who submitted Hygiene Kits to Church World Services. This will be comfort to those that are desperately in need for a toothbrush, hair comb, soap and face cloth.

The 2022-2023 PW/Horizons Bible Study
Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight
Stony Point Center June 16-18, 2022
Led by the Author, Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel



In this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath:

- ♦ as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- ♦ as God's intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- ♦ as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- ♦ as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- ♦ as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our precious lives
- ♦ as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

The Reverend Dr. Carol Bechtel is professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. She grew up on a farm in Illinois, attended Hope College, Western Theological Seminary and Yale University. She has published a commentary on Esther, and many will remember her PW Bible Study *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*. Carol lives in Holland, Michigan. She and her husband have four children and eight grandchildren. Her hobbies include singing, cooking and gardening, and playing the Celtic harp.



The full program begins at 4pm on THURSDAY and ends after lunch on SATURDAY. Registration and check-in will start on Thursday at 3:00 PM. Cost covers 6 meals, a single or double room in either Gilmor Sloane House or a Lodge (your choice), and a program fee of \$40, which includes a copy of the study.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Registration Form
Horizon Bible Study June 16-18, 2022 (Thurs-Sat)

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____
Special Dietary or Other Needs: _____

Gilmor Sloane House Single \$530 Lodge Single \$448 Commuter \$240
 Gilmor Sloane House Double \$410 Lodge Double \$328 Add'l Overnight Stay \$144

Roommate for Double _____ Dates: Early Arrival _____ Late Departure _____
Check enclosed (payable to PW—Synod of the Northeast). Please mail registration and check to:
Nancy Lack, 15 Lincoln Ave, Florham Park, NJ 07932 ?????? e-mail: donnarahmann@comcast.net
Unable to come? Check here _____ to be included in a 2 hour ZOOM on Friday, June 17th from 10am-Noon.

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast



Seeking Nurses
Competitive pay and discounted camp tuition

June 26-July 1
July 3-8
July 24-29

Contact Lea Kone
Director@campwhitman.org

Camp Whitman

June 26-July 29, 2022

Spots are almost full! Register today at campwhitman.org.

Each season Camp Whitman creates a list of items that would help make the camper and staff experience better. You can contribute to Camp Whitman, by purchasing an item [on our wish list](#) and sending it to camp, or through our [Amazon wish list](#).

(Go to campwhitman.org, chose the donate tab and click on Amazon wish list.)

Or donate via check. Please make all checks payable to Camp Whitman.

Mail checks to:

Camp Whitman
P.O. Box 24393
Rochester, NY 14624



Wish List

Items under \$25

[Boondoggle](#)

[Embroidery Floss](#)

[Garden Planters](#) (16-20") - 12 needed

[Plastic Stackable Adirondack Chairs](#) - 24 needed (cream, gray or dark blue preferred)

[Storage Bins](#) (17 quart)

[Coffee Pots](#)

[Multi-Purpose Lighters](#)

White T-shirts for Tie-Dye (30 needed, sized Adult L - 4XL)

Items under \$50

[Campfire Grill](#) - 10 needed

[Toaster Ovens](#) - 4 needed

[Estwing 16 oz Hammers](#)

Items under \$100

[Microwaves](#) - 4 needed

[Pop Up Canopy Tents](#) - 2 needed

[Vacuums](#) - 2 needed

[DeWalt Impact Drivers](#) (DC8258) - 1 needed

Items under \$250

[Projector](#)

[Propane Grills](#) - 4 needed

[Porter Cable Bench Drill Press](#) (PCXB620DP)

[Warn Winch for UTV](#) (92000)

[Granberg Chainsaw Sawmill](#) (G778-24)

[DeWalt Drill/Driver Combo](#) - 20 volt (DCD998W1) - 2 needed

Big Items

[Drone](#)

[DeWalt Compact Jobsite Table Saw With Stand](#) (DWE7485WS)

[DeWalt Miter Saw](#) (DWS716)



Second Place East, Inc.

Oh gracious God, please bless the lowly in spirit, those who feel hurt, abandoned and scared. We humbly pray that you wrap your loving arms around our brothers and sisters who suffer in silence and darkness and shower them with abundant blessings and grace. With your blessings, may the hopeless find hope, the faithless find faith and the weak find strength. We pray that you help us to be the child of God you made us to be so we may give selflessly to others in your holy name. Amen.

-TyAnn Brown

Second Place East, Inc, is a local organization, (Chemung County). Our board of directors represent religious organizations and is supported by the generous donations of time, goods and funds from churches, agencies and individual members of the community.

The people we serve are given household items which include pots and pans, dishes and glasses, silverware, sheets, pillows, blankets, towels and a variety of consumable cleaning and personal care items. Our clients are transitioning from homelessness to a new living space and need everything to start a new home.

All of our funding comes from donations; we are not supported by public funds; and 100% of the money that comes to us goes directly to purchase items for our clients. We give out no money unless it is at Christmas, when we do give out some gift cards.

Our shop is located in the lower level of the Church of Hope, at the corner of West Church St. and Columbus St. It is staffed by Second Place East, Inc. Board Members and other volunteers, who distribute items to individuals referred by human service agencies and local churches. We are usually open Thursday 1:30 to 3:00 pm but due to COVID we see people by appointment only. We hope to re-open in September.

We need board members and volunteers.

We, at Second Place East, Inc., are humbled and grateful for your financial support and thank you for your help in meeting this great need in our community.

North Pres will be contributing to this mission by collecting items for the HELP FOR THE HOME SHOP. Each month we will list a different item of need and ask for contributions, which we will deliver to Second Place East, Inc. A bulletin board with this information and a basket for your donation will be in the Narthex. We will also provide information for items that can be donated at any time to the HELP FOR THE HOME SHOP. These items can be donated by contacting Annie LeFevre or Nancy Isaacs.



BORDER BUDDIES MINISTRIES

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

Updates from Border Buddies

Susan Cotter and our Helping Hands team held their annual rummage sale last Saturday and they received lots and lots of donations from many of you. By the first day of set up Susan and the Helping Hands team were able to sell \$500 while setting up. Then on Saturday the Helping Hands team was able to hit their goal of \$2500+ in fundraising for BBM!! God was moving people to come by on a Saturday and purchase many treasures that in turn support the remodeling and building of public schools. Praise Jesus and many thanks to our entire Helping Hands team!!

We have a wonderful team and the ministry is blessed by them because they empower us and our Honduran team to do God's work and calling. If you are interested in being a servant or helper and want to serve on the Helping Hands team, please write to: **Gerri** gerriteam359@aol.com

Gerri will be glad to receive more Helpers. She and her team meet monthly to organize, pray and help the ministry out.

Announcements from Border Buddies

First semester report cards will be coming out soon. Please pray for the conditions to change here in Honduras with the education system. Many children are going to school part time, in schools that are run down because of not being in use for more than two years. Plus pray for the children and youth who have returned to school. Many are out of their realm. Most 3rd graders are having anxiety issues from not being in school and do not know how to take tests.

Our team will be going to Honduras again in August and is looking for some volunteers. If lending a hand in painting and sanding sheetrock, visiting Comayagua, working alongside our team while we check all the children and their Bible homework sounds like something you might be interested in, please consider volunteering.

Dates: August 11-21, 2022

If you're interested please contact Claire, our Missions Coordinator at:
borderbuddiesmissions@gmail.com.



**DO YOU LIKE BIBLE TRIVIA?
STARTING IN MAY THERE WILL BE A NEW BIBLE TRIVIA CHALLENGE EVERY WEEK.
WIN PRIZES!! WIN PRIZES!! WIN PRIZES!!**

**PICK UP A BIBLE TRIVIA SHEET AT THE WELCOME DESK.
[FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS, THERE WILL BE TRIVIA SHEETS AND ANSWER SHEETS INCLUDED IN
YOUR MONTHLY MAILING.]**

**BRING YOUR COMPLETED TRIVIA SHEET TO THE WELCOME DESK EACH SUNDAY MORNING AND CHECK
YOUR ANSWERS AND PICK UP YOUR PRIZE.**

BONUS WORD SEARCH SCRAMBLE GAME!!

12 | **A Time for Everything**

R J J Z A Y S W P E A C E D H
D M I M M Q F G R X L N X N E
E Z E C A R B M E C W K C R A
L D C C C E W J K A C A M U L
S M R M I P H A M E C E X O B
Z B Q F H M G N H L N P H M E
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O X Q U I L U W E Q Z Z R M O
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J Q G B U I L D U P X U S W O
Z H H B P E C S R E F R A I N
R D R I P S T W E E P Y I M S
R E T T A C S A P S U F W J L
W F K Q D Q Z E H E N L C G F

BUILD UP	LAUGH	REFRAIN
EMBRACE	LOVE	SCATTER
GATHER	MEND	SEARCH
HATE	MOURN	SPEAK
HEAL	PEACE	WEEP



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Hard to believe we are almost halfway through the year! It's been a terrific time at North with the return of fellowship dinners, the Praise Band, Bible studies and more. The stock market, our friend in the past, has not been kind to our investments. Please take a moment to check where you are with your Stewardship pledge to North. We hesitate to bring up money at church, but let's be practical...programming and staffing are not typically free. We can put our resources where our hearts are - where our mission is. Here's a well known way to remember- What Would Jesus Do?

Today, Jesus would pray. With assurance, we know Jesus has been weeping along with us. Seek His Spirit and wisdom. As a society, we have strayed too far from our Father and frankly, we need Him. Please join Jesus and pray. Pray for our world and pray for each other. Then, listen and follow Jesus - He is our Lord and Savior. Amen

Piano Accompanist search update from Staff Relations

Staff Relations has had a very difficult time finding an Accompanist for our Chancel Choir. We know how important this ministry is to our members as well as to members of the choir and how enriching it is to our worship. We have had 3 candidates over the length of this process that in the end did not work out.

We have followed every avenue we could think of to no avail. Paul Holland has also been networking. We wanted to share with you the steps we have taken and the leads we have followed in our search process so that the North Church family is aware how hard we have been working on this.

We have reached out to:

- area colleges: CCC, Elmira College, Ithaca College, Cornell
- personal community contacts we each know that are involved in music (ie. Music teachers, organists at other churches, members of other choral groups)
- a local musician's union (which we did not find)
- Thursday Morning Musicales
- Piano schools (Nolan DeSanto, Studios on the Square)
- Sue Larson from Kindermusik
- Our organ tuner

We followed any leads that these resources provided and have left contact information. Yet, we have had no more candidates as a result. We are continuing to brainstorm other avenues to follow. If anyone in our congregation has any ideas or contacts that we could reach out to, please have them contact Gretchen at our church office 607-734-2977 or Wendy at staff_relations@northpres.church.

Sincerely,

Wendy Swatling

Chair of Staff Relations





VBS 2022

VBS will be July 17-21 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm, dinner included.

Registration will be July 17th at 5:15 pm.

This year's theme will be...



Please check out our July Newsletter, Announcements, FB page and church website for more information as it becomes available!

Please see the Registration Form on the next page...



Registration Form

How did you hear about VBS at NPC?

- Church Signage Radio Ad Word of Mouth
 Newspaper Ad Flyer Other _____

Child's name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Grade entering in the fall: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Home Cell Business (circle one)

Email address: _____

Allergies or medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency contact: _____

Phone number: _____ Relationship to child: _____

PHOTO RELEASE

Please be advised that your child may be photographed or video taped at various North Presbyterian Church events. If you would/would not like your child's photo to appear in our monthly newsletter and/or on our website or Facebook page, please sign this form.

_____ Yes, I give permission for my child's photograph/video image to be used by North Presbyterian Church in print/digital publications.

_____ No, my child's photograph/video image may not be used for any North Presbyterian Church print/digital publications.

Child's first and last name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

JUNE EVENTS



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on June 2 starting at noon. If you're interested in signing up to give blood, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800 RED CROSS.

JUNE EVENTS

Heartfelt  June 19 is
**Recognition
Sunday**
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Class of
2022



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.



**Summer
BREAK**

The last day of Sunday School for the Summer is June 19.



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

Confirmation 

Confirmation will be on
Sunday, June 5th. .

There will be a
Saturday Work Day
on June 11th.
Please join us!



All Church
WORK DAY

Kindermusik



Kindermusik meets on Tuesdays at 3 pm and Thursdays at 10 am. For information on how your child can participate, please contact the church office.

NPC Board of Session

Session Summary
May 15, 2022

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

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

The minutes of the April 24, 2022 stated Session meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Pastor Hansen reported that four young people are participating in the Confirmation class. All have been assigned a mentor. A New Members class also continues to meet with four people participating. New members and Confirmands will be received into membership on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

The Session reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for April 2022 and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. The reports were received with thanks to the Treasurer.

Pastor Hansen reported that Rev. Marjorie Ackerman has been hired as the new Presbytery Leader for the Presbytery of Geneva.

Session approved Worship in Grove Park for Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

On the recommendation of the Staff Relations Committee, Session approved the update to the Organist contract.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Session approved a transfer of \$500 from the Balance Sheet to establish a savings account for General Memorials (Line 3310).

The Buildings and Grounds Committee withdrew their recommendation for the purchase of a new A.E.D. The defunct A.E.D. will be recycled and all signage relating to the A.E.D. will be taken down. Session agreed that all staff will receive CPR training.

On the recommendation of the Education Committee, Session approved moving Children and Youth Sunday to June 12, 2022 (previously scheduled for June 5, 2022).

Session approved Sunday, August 28, 2022 for the Pastor Emeritus Celebration with Rev. Dr. Robert Edmunds.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kalweit,
Clerk of Session

FOOD PANTRY

The community and congregation came together – again – to support the North Presbyterian Church Food Pantry when the need arose.

So far in 2022, the pantry has served 300 more people than during the same period in 2021. But the shelves remain stocked and ready because of people's generosity.

The Ladies of Charity, a local organization, gathered and brought in more than 150 pounds of food in May, and donated \$195 to be used for purchases from the Food Bank.

That gift was followed about two weeks later by a donation of 522 pounds of food gathered by various Elmira College sports teams under the direction of SACC. Canned fruit, mac and cheese, soups, canned vegetables and tuna fish were all carefully organized, boxed and delivered to the pantry.

Finally, Tim Tuller's organ concert on Sunday, May 22, garnered \$300 in free-will offerings for the pantry. Tim, who grew up at North Presbyterian, serves as Canon for Music at St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, FL. He generously donated his time and talent, which benefited not only the pantry but the enthusiastic audience who turned out on a rainy Sunday to hear him play.

The pantry is blessed to be supported in its mission to feed the hungry.



PANTRY GARDEN



On May 6 three members of the Big Flats Target store came to North Presbyterian Church for a volunteer work day.

Wendy Swatling was joined by fellow employees Catherine and Stacey who had offered to help in the Pantry Patch garden. They were given a tour of the food pantry to get a better understanding of how our church serves community food needs.

We divided into two teams and began our work. Two people headed to the kitchen and scrubbed clean dozens of three and four-inch planting pots that had been saved from last year. The other two people went to the garden and started weeding some of the raised vegetable beds for future planting.

After all of the pots had been cleaned we all spent time working on the raised vegetable beds together. One of the volunteers took tomato and pepper plants, which were in small packets, and replanted them in the larger pots that had just been cleaned.

The transplanted vegetables would spend the next two weeks being watered and fertilized while doubling in size in the greenhouse.

We now have two dozen healthy bell pepper plants in two of the raised beds as well as several large tomato plants in pots in the greenhouse that are just starting to flower.

The work done by the Target volunteers is greatly appreciated. Their combined effort provided several hours of weeding in addition to the pot cleaning and transplanting done that morning.

The Pantry



JUNE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 12:00 pm Bible Study 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 6:15pm Bell Choir practice	2 8:45 am Yoga 12:00 pm Blood Drive 1:00 pm Mission & Outreach Meeting	3 10:00 Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	4
5 Pentecost 9:30 Worship Service Coffee Hour 9:30 Communion Confirmation 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School	6 5:30 pm TOPS	7 8:45 am Yoga 9:00 am Staff Relations Meeting 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	8 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Bell Choir practice	9 8:45 am Yoga	10 10:00 Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	11 Saturday Breakfast Saturday Work Day 
12 Trinity Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service Coffee Hour 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School Children & Youth Sunday	13 5:30 pm TOPS	14 8:45 am Yoga 10:00 am Comm & Tech Mtg 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Mtg	15 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 4:00 Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice	16 8:45 am Yoga 11:00am Deacons' Meeting	17 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	18
19 Father's Day Recognition Sunday CWS Blanket Sunday 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Communion Coffee Hour 10:45 am Good News Singers Practice 11:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Board of Session	20 5:30 pm TOPS	21 8:45 am Yoga 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	22 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am Food Pantry 1:30 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice	23 Newsletter Info Due 8:45 pm Yoga 1:00 am Mission & Outreach Mtg 	24 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:15 pm AA	25 8:00 am ACTS Group Breakfast
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