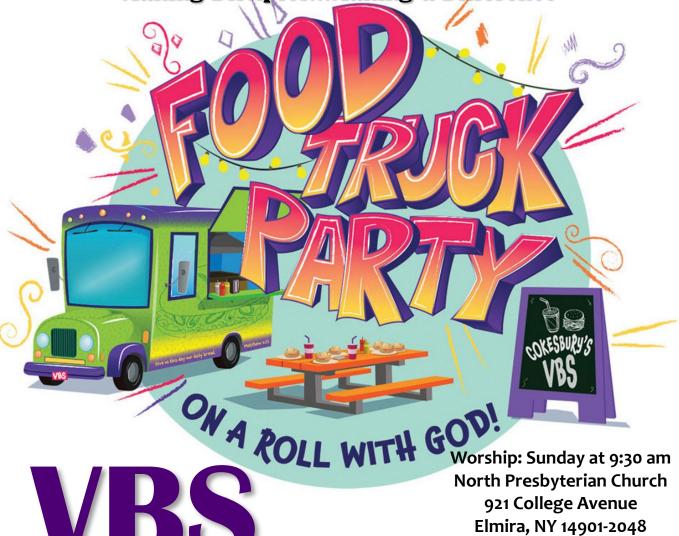
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July 2023 Making Disciples...Making a Difference



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July, 2023 A Letter from Pastor Hansen

In the hallway outside my office, positioned between the photos of the Rev. Herbert Harris and the Rev. Walter Calvert, is the picture of a Rev. Lillian Herrick Chapman. She served here as the acting pastor at a time when the Presbyterian Church did not ordain women as deacons, elders, or pastors.

It could not have been easy for her. She was an acting pastor of a congregation in a denomination that (wrongly) deemed her gender as disqualifying her from ordained ministry. Married, she was the mother of a 3 or 4-year-old son, at a time when she would have been expected to stay at home.

The Rev. Chapman was here from July 21, 1918, until the summer of 1919 when the Rev. Harris returned from his time in France with the YMCA, during World War I. While here, she presided over the Lord's Supper at least once. She also moderated a Session meeting at least once. She presided over at least one baptism. Church membership increased during her short tenure.

However, her gender was used to restrict what she could and could not do as the pastor. An elder on Session acted as the moderator for most of the meetings. The records show that there were Session meetings held in private homes where she was not listed as being present. When she arrived, the Session decided that instead of celebrating the Lord's Supper twice a month, which was their practice and custom, it would be celebrated once every three months.

Even as difficult as it was, she was also beloved and respected. After Rev. Harris announced his departure in 1920, the committee tasked with finding an interim unanimously recommended Rev. Chapman be hired as an interim pastor. However, the Session rejected the recommendation. What changed? After Rev. Harris departed, the presbytery followed our polity and appointed an ordained minister as the Session's moderator. More than likely, the new moderator made it clear that Rev. Chapman was not acceptable due to her gender. The Session's decision to reject the recommendation was not unanimous because the next motion taken up was a motion to make the prior vote unanimous.

Rev. Chapman's story does not end there. Later, she was ordained as a minister by Congregationalists. She went on to serve as the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Big Flats for a number of years. Next year, I plan to take some of my study leave to go to the Hollis Archives at Harvard to study her papers and sermons.

The story of Rev. Chapman testifies to what happens when we follow the lead of the Spirit and take a risk. Her hiring as the acting pastor and later the recommendation to hire her again went against Presbyterian polity and the cultural and societal expectations of the time. And yet, despite all that, this congregation and others recognized that she was called by the Spirit to preach, teach, and administer the Sacraments.

We are called to support and to encourage the Lillian Chapmans of the world. What she did was not easy; nor was it easy for those who supported her to go against what was considered to be decent and orderly at the time. The Holy Spirit very rarely tells us to stay "inside the box." We are to follow the lead of the Spirit and to take risks. For, our God is a Living, Moving God, who does not maintain or respect the status quo, but takes us to places we never thought we or anyone else would go, and where we find life abundant.

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Pastor Evan





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If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (suggested donation of \$42), please contact Lori Lee at 607-739-3176. Available Sundays for July and August 2023 are: July 16, 23 & 30 and August 6, 13 & 27

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.

July Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	Steve Allison Bill Furnas Steve Allison Bill Furnas Bill Furnas	Counters July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards Allison Sevey, Wendy Swatling Annette Stevens, Jim Mosher Janice Williams, Dolores Cummings
Ushers July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	Amanda Korfmann, Ann Motley Tim & Cheryl Allison Nancy Isaacs, Kate Hansen Kurt & Cindy Kalweit George Batrowny, Pat or Jeff Richards	Wee Worship July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich Allie & Scott Sevey Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea Liz Wilson, Wally Ferriter Deb Stamp, Payton Hoskins-Thomas
Communion July 2 July 16	Steve Allison, Linda Palmer, Suzie Hoskins Lori Lee, Vicki Balon Jim Mosher, Linda Palmer, Tim Allison TBD	Worship Assistant July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	Suzi e Hoskins Linda Palmer Erin Jacob Kurt Kalweit TBD
Greeters July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	Tim Allison Joan Barneski, Alice Kain Ann Motley Allie & Scott Sevey Janice Williams	Coffee Hour July 2 July 9 July 16 July 23 July 30	Cindy Kalweit, Annette Stevens Bobbi Furnas, Pat Richards Wendy Swatling, Janice Williams Cheryl Allison, Barb Duryea TBD

TOGETHER WE FAMILY



July 2: David & Joanne Dalrymple

July 9: Margaret Densberger

July 16: Chloe Donovan

July 23: Hope Dubois

July 30: Barbara Duryea

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

Our Homebound Friends

July 2: Wilma Padgett 3015 Lake St. Elmira Heights, NY 14903

July 9: Adele Roberts c/o Alan Roberts 1424 Cottontail Dr. Waunakee, WI 53597

July 16: Marilyn Edwards 520 Harcourt Drive Elmira, NY 14904

July 23: Chris & Karen Paul 136 Ridge Road Horseheads, NY 14845

July 30: Hal & Donna Wolfe 42 Sing Sing Road Horseheads, NY 14845 Please send a card to our Homebound Friends today!



Welcome!

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.



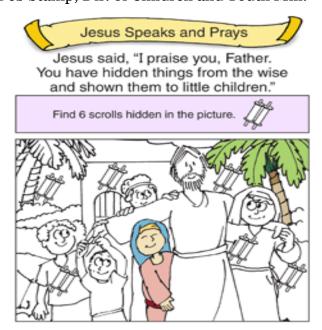
Children and Youth Ministry July 2023

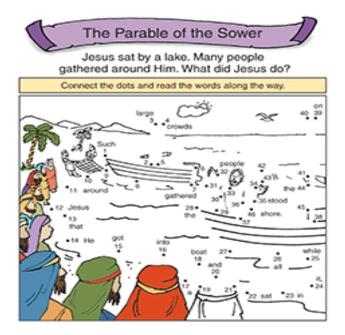
Welcome July!!! The sun is shining, the birds are singing and VBS is in the air!!! We have been working really hard to get all the backgrounds done for VBS with a special 3D decoration, which I think the kids will love. This time of year is always a race to the finish line, with Vacation Bible school looming ahead and Sunday school just finishing up. Our last day of Sunday school was June 18th and we ended it by recognizing all of our teachers and wee-worship volunteers who have worked so hard all year to give the children quality learning time on Sundays. We also celebrated with pizza and ice cream after church and just let the kids be kids. We really had a fun school year and I'm really looking forward to what the new school year brings.

I have to say I am extremely excited about this year's VBS, which runs from Sunday, July 16^{th} thru Thursday, July 20^{th} , from 5:30-8:00 pm. We have had so much fun painting the backgrounds and planning how we can decorate the church. You all know that is something I love doing. We put a lot of effort into all the planning, from the classroom to the Sanctuary, with all the visual parts. This year, we were fortunate to be able to help another church with background murals and materials from a previous year's VBS (Rocky Railroad). It felt good to share with them and I hope they have as much fun putting on R.R. as we did.

If you would like to sign up your child or know someone who has a child that would like to attend VBS, you can go to our website and fill out a VBS registration form or stop into the church and fill out a form here. You can also register a child Sunday, July 16th (first day of VBS) between 5:15 and 5:30 pm. We will be providing dinner each night. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office or catch me before or after church on Sunday. Hope to see you there!! Blessings in Christ

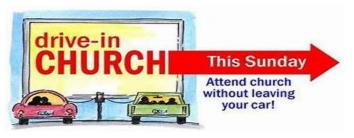
Deb Stamp, Dir. of Children and Youth Min.







- If you would like to be prayed for or know someone who would like to be prayed for, please contact the church office. A prayer request will be sent to our prayer partners. If you would like someone to pray with you, a request can be sent to one of our prayer partners or Pastor Evan and someone will connect with you.
- Remember to check our bulletin board for NPC and Community Announcements/Information.
- Lost something? Be sure to check the lost-and-found bin in the church office.



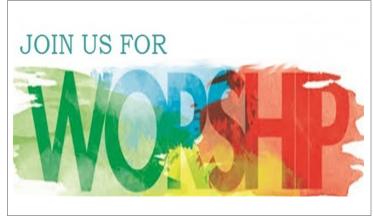
Parking Lot Worship:

- 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.



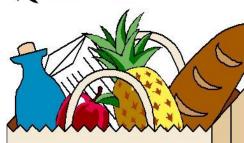
Sanctuary Worship:

Please join us for in person Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

Check out our facebook page or church website for special services throughout the year, including Worship in the Park and weekly Lent and Advent services.







SHOPPING LIST

July Food Pantry

Shopping List:

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

Peanut Butter
Pork and Beans
Canned Soup

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	misson_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
1	Pastor	pastor@northpres.church



Meet the Staff

Pastor Evan Hansen Pastor

Open Door Office Hours: T & W 1:30-4pm

Paul Holland Music Director

Sharon Reynolds Organist

Randy Cornell Pianist

Deb Stamp Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Gretchen Duffy Office Administrator

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



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.



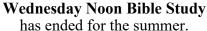
Women's Bible Study

has ended for the summer.
We will meet again in September.
For more information please contact
Suzie Hoskins.



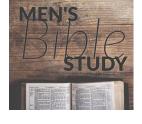
Men's Bible Study

has ended for the summer.
We will meet again in September.
For more information please contact
Kurt Kalweit.



We will resume on September 13 for an 8 week study on anxiety. If you need materials for this next section, please contact

Bobbi Furnas.









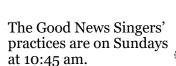
Sunday School has ended for the summer. Sunday school will resume on September 10 with Rally Day.



Praise Band rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.*

Music

Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.*





*Music rehearsals have ended for the summer. Rehearsals will resume on September 16th.



Bell Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.*



Special Offerings for July:

Food Pantry





There will be no Saturday Breakfast in July.



There will be no Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner in July or August. Our next Fellowship meal will be a picnic, following Worship in the Park on Sunday, August 20th. Watch for details in next month's North Star Newsletter.



From the Presbytery





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 (opposite) and sending it to camp, or through our Amazon wish list. Just go to campwhitman.org/donate and click on the Amazon wish list link.

Wish List



Items under \$25

Boondoggle Embroidery Floss

<u>Plastic Stackable Adirondack Chairs</u> - 24 needed (cream, gray or dark blue preferred)

Coffee Pots

Multi-Purpose Lighters

Sharpies

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

Fragrance-Free Laundry Detergent Pods (6 needed)

Broom & Dustpan Sets - (4 needed)

Items under \$50

Campfire Grill (10 needed)

Toaster Ovens (4 needed)

Estwing 16 oz Hammers

White Folding Tables (with handles) (4 needed)

Box Fans (4 needed)

Items under \$100

Microwaves (4 needed)

Vacuums (2 needed)

Space Heaters (4 needed)

Items under \$250

Propane Grills (4 needed)

MISCELLANEOUS

Snow-Cone Machine

From the Presbytery







News from the Mission and Witness Committee

2023 Matthew 25 Grant Applications have been considered and awards were announced at the May 23rd Presbytery Meeting. It is a joy to see the wonderful projects being supported by churches in our Presbytery!

From the Presbytery



Matthew 25 2023 Grants Awarded	
Canandaigua, United Church	
Called to Care, Canandaigua	\$2,000.00
CCIA Housing & Rental Assistance	\$1,500.00
Neighbor to Neighbor Fund	\$1,000.00
Elmira, First Presbyterian Church	55
Habitat for Humanity/Home Build	\$4,000.00
Potter's Hands Foundation	\$3,000.00
Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand	\$1,500.00
Geneva, The Presbyterian Church	
Geneva Community Lunch	\$3,000.00
Geneva Center of Concern	\$4,000.00
Family Promise of Ontario County	\$4,000.00
First 1,000 Days/Boys and Girls Club	\$3,000.00
First 1,000 Days/WIC Book Deliveries	\$3,000.00
Hornell, United Church	
Respecting & Serving Our Elders	\$4,000.00
Sunday Meals Program	\$3,000.00
Emergency Pantry Project	\$1,600.00
Horseheads, First Presbyterian Church	
Meals on Wheels/Chemung County	\$1,000.00
Horseheads Food Pantry	\$1,500.00
Ithaca, First Presbyterian Church	
Ithaca Welcomes Refugees	\$4,000.00
Sunflower Houses & Wrap Around	\$1,140.00
Mission Trip Program	\$1,500.00
Lyons, First Presbyterian Church	*.,
Lyons Community Victory Garden	\$1,400.00
Newark, Park Presbyterian Church	41,100.00
Newark Food Closet	\$3,000.00
Painted Post, United Church	45,000.00
Painted Post Food Pantry, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Palmyra, Western Presbyterian Church	\$1,500.00
Good Neighbor Fund	\$3,000.00
Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship	\$3,000.00
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Meals for Spencer/VanEtten	
Trumansburg, First Presbyterian Church of U	\$2,000.00
Trumansburg Food Pantry	\$2,000.00
Watkins Glen, First Presbyterian Church	#2 ana an
Community Dinner	\$2,000.00









Information to be included in the August North Star Newsletter is due to the Church Office by Tuesday, July 25. The Church offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.







Wednesday, July 12 Set up at 3:00 pm Dinner at 5:00 pm







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.



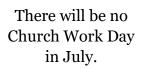
Yoga meets Tuesday and
Thursday mornings at 8:45 in
Willits Hall. If you're interested,
please contact the church office
for more information.

Board of Session will not meet in July.





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







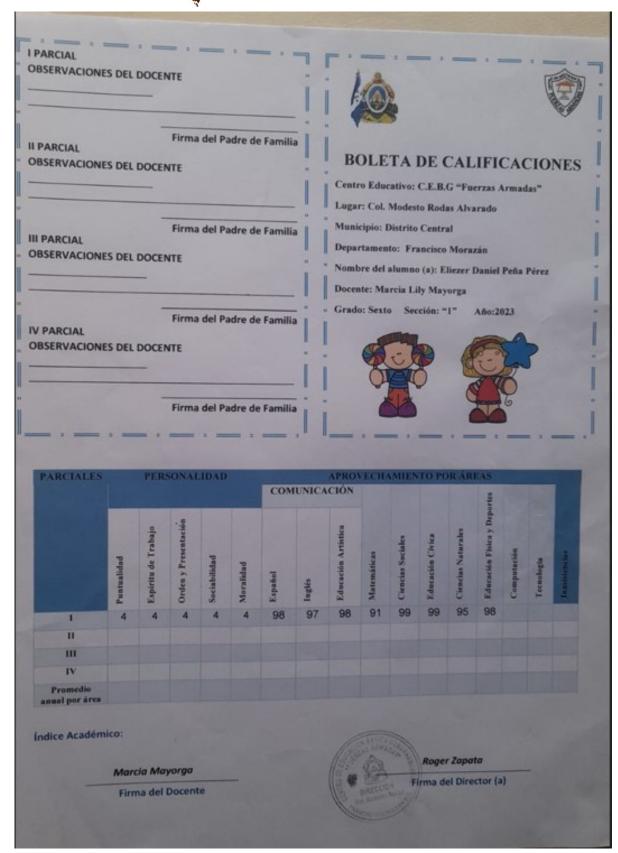
Kindermusik meets on Tuesdays at 3 pm and Thursdays at 10 am and 5:15 pm. For information on how your child can participate, please contact the church office.





Chef Registration Form

Student's Name			
Parent/Family/Guardian Name			
Address			
Phone Numbers: Home _		Cell	Work
Date of birth	Age	Last school grade	completed
Home Church (if any)			
Friends of your child at this chi	urch		
Special Needs/Allergies/Medic	al Information/Othe	er:	
Emergency Contacts			
Name		Ph	none
Name		P	none
Name(s) of person(s) who may	pick up this child f	from VBS	
Photo Release:		Church/VBS has	my permission to use my child's
	ocial media. I also		in print publications, online publications, fee or other compensation shall become
Parent/Guardian's signature: _	\$100 \$100 CONSEC. \$100 CONSEC.CO.		Date
		- (for church use only)	
Assigned to Chef Group:			



Scores of 1-69	Failing
Scores of 70-80	Good
Scores of 81-89	Very Good
Scores of 91-100	Excellent

Parciales = I, II, III, IV	Partial = I, II, III, IV
Promedio Anual por Área	Annual average by area
Puntualidad	Punctuality
Espiritu de Trabajo	Work Spirit
Orden y Presentacion	Order and Presentation
Sociabilidades	Sociabilities
Moralidad	Moralities

ND	Not Assigned
S	Excellent
MB	Very Good
В	Good

Needs to improve or not satisfactory	
Good	
Very Good	
Excellent	

For 1st - 6th. grade students

Rendimiento academico	Academic performance
Educacion Artistica	Art
Español	Spanish
Ingles	English
Matematicas	Math
Ciencias Naturales	Natural Science
Educacion Civica	Civic Education
Estudios Sociales	Social Studies
Educacion Fisica y Deportes	Gym
Tecnologia	Computer and Crafts
Inasistencias	Missing days



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



Bible

What is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of 66 individual books that together tell the story of a group of people bound by a common faith in God. It is divided into two main sections: the Old Testament containing 39 books originally written primarily in Hebrew and the New Testament containing 27 books originally written primarily in Greek. For Presbyterians and others of the Reformed tradition the Bible is the means by which Christian believers come to understand how God has been present with humanity since the beginning of time and is present in our world today. By studying the scriptures we can begin to know of God's faithfulness, constant love and eternal goodness.

Testaments

The Old Testament tells the story of God's covenant with the Hebrew people. It is regarded as sacred scripture by both Jews and Christians.

The New Testament contains four accounts of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the account of the earliest Christian churches and other writings from the early Christian era. It is considered sacred scripture by Christians.

Translations

The Bible has been translated from its original languages into the languages of people throughout the world. Important early translations into English were made by colleagues of John Wycliffe in the late 14th century. Additional translations were published in the decades that followed, culminating in publication of the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible in 1611, commissioned by the king, James I. That translation was dominant for centuries.

The KJV was written in the everyday language of its time, but as language changed it became increasing difficult to understand. It was revised in the late 19th century, and numerous additional translations into English have been published since then. Many PC(USA) congregations use the Revised Standard Version (RSV) or the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), though PC(USA) congregations are permitted to use other translations, as determined by the session of the congregation.

Presbyterian practice

The church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God's self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. For this reason the reading, hearing, preaching, and confessing of the Word are central to Christian worship. The session shall ensure that in public worship the Scripture is read and proclaimed regularly in the common language(s) of the particular church.

—Book of Order, W-2.2001

Leaders in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) can be expected to affirm that "... the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments ... [are] ... by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to [them]."

-Book of Order, W-4,4003b

NPC Board of Session

Session Summary
June 18, 2023
Quarterly Dinner meeting

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

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

The Treasurer reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for May 2023, noting that pledge income and non-pledge income year-to-date vs. budget is up, primarily due to building usage. The total received for the Pentecost Offering was \$485; NPC retains \$194 of the total for youth-based programs. The Treasurer's report was received, with thanks, by the Session.

Following dinner, a discussion was held to prompt reflection on the following questions:

- 1. Who are out stakeholders? Who has an interest/stake in our congregation remaining open? Who benefits from our presence? If we closed tomorrow, who would be impacted? How does identifying who our stakeholders are help us with our stated mission of "Making Disciples, Making a Difference"?
- 2. What is our purpose? What does it mean for us to be the body of Christ/members of the body of Christ in our neighborhood(s)/community? How do we live out our call to be the body of Christ in our community?

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kalweit, Clerk of Session

