

# NORTH STAR

April 2024 - Making Disciples...  
Making a Difference



Worship the Lord  
with gladness;  
come before him  
with joyful songs.

Psalm 100:2

Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am  
North Presbyterian Church  
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**April, 2024**  
**A Letter from Pastor Hansen**

When was the last time you allowed yourself to dream? When was the last time you sat down with someone or a group of people and got excited about what might come out of your discussion? When was the last time you let your imagination wander? When was the last time you gave yourself space from what ordinarily occupies your time to do this?

Imagination and dreaming are not always given their due. They are sometimes dismissed as childish or a waste of time. They can be seen as getting in the way of our productivity and our ability to check off the tasks of the day. And yet, without them, nothing gets done.

Planning requires imagination. Think about painting a room. A person may go to the paint store and see colors they think might go well in the room. They may pick out a few of the color sample cards to take to the room. They then have to envision what the room might look like with each potential color. They might then figure out how much paint they need to buy to paint the room. To do all of this, a person needs to be able to see the room differently than it currently is and envision what it could be. It also takes time and space.

It takes time and space because to imagine and to dream requires us to pay attention to the present and the present reality and then, taking all of that into account, to think of it differently. Going back to the paint analogy, to paint a room requires preparation and a knowledge of the surface to be painted. Different surfaces require different techniques and preparation. Painting over a surface already painted with latex paint can be fairly easy. Painting over a surface already painted with an oil-based paint can require much more extensive preparation. Painting over certain pre-existing colors can be more difficult than painting over other pre-existing colors.

We can, of course, save time by repeating what has already been. If a room's walls are white, we can save time by repainting the walls with the same color and type of paint. But what if the room could be different? What if we could use different colors to accent each other? We might still have white trim or white windowsills, but now the trim or the windowsill, instead of being lost in a sea of identical paint color, stand out in new ways.

There is a reason that whenever a Minister of the Word and Sacrament or a ruling elder or a deacon is ordained, the person being ordained is asked "will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?" To follow Christ requires us to use our imaginations and to dream. Imagination is a gift of the Spirit; and, not just for ministers, elders, or deacons. It is a gift given to all.

To do mission, to pray for someone, to love someone, to give of ourselves, to follow the lead of our Savior and the Holy Spirit, requires us to engage our imaginations and to dream. As followers of Christ, we need to give ourselves the grace to set aside space and time from the demands put upon us and the courage to imagine, to dream, to listen, to think, to believe, to trust in the faith given to us, and to take a risk. Because the cool thing about paint and grace is that if it does not turn out – you can start over again.

Warmly in Christ,  
Pastor Evan



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# Chancel Flower Orders



**If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (suggested donation of \$42), please contact Lori Lee at 607-739-3176.**

**Available Sundays for April and May 2024 are:**

**April 14 & 28 and May 5, 12, 17, 19 & 26.**

*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.

## April Worship Volunteers

### Tech Booth

April 7 Shimmel  
April 14 Bill Furnas  
April 21 Bill Furnas  
April 28 Bill Furnas

### Counters

April 7 Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards  
April 14 Cindy & Kurt Kalweit  
April 21 Allison Sevey, Wendy Swatling  
April 28 Annette Stevens, Jim Mosher

### Ushers

April 7 Nancy Isaacs, Kate Hansen  
April 14 Kurt & Cindy Kalweit  
April 21 Janice Williams, Phil Carpentier  
April 28 Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea

### Wee Worship

April 7 Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich  
April 14 Allie & Scott Sevey  
April 21 Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea  
April 28 Liz Wilson, Wally Ferriter

### Communion

April 7 Kate Hansen, TBD  
  
April 21 TBD

### Worship Assistant

April 7 Jim Mosher  
April 14 TBD  
April 21 TBD  
April 28 Kate Hansen

### Greeters

April 7 Tim Allison  
April 14 Joan Barneski, Alice Kain  
April 21 Scott & Allie Sevey  
April 28 Janice Williams

### Coffee Hour

April 7 Karen Wilson, Liz Wilson  
April 14 Cindy Kalweit, Annette Stevens  
April 21 Wendy Swatling, Janice Williams  
April 28 Bobbi Furnas, Pat Richards

### Youth Reader

April 14 David Hansen

### Youth Usher

April 7 Charlie Wilkinson  
April 14 Wally Ferriter  
April 21 Paityn Perry  
April 28 David Hansen

### Acolytes

April 7 Charlie Wilkinson  
April 14 Wally Ferriter  
April 21 Paityn Perry  
April 28 David Hansen

# Together we make a Family



Our  
Love &  
Prayers  
Go Out  
To...

**April 7:**  
Allison & Scott Sevey  
Lauren , Ryan

**April 14:**  
Carole Shellman

**April 21:**  
Laura Smith

**April 28:**  
Joseph & Glenda Solowiej

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

## Our Homebound Friends

**April 7:**  
Joseph & Glenda Solowiej  
2383 Rte. 352  
Elmira, NY 14903

**April 14:**  
Jim & Carol Gualiaro  
1210 W. Water St.  
Apt. 110  
Elmira, NY 14905

**April 21:**  
Melanie Fitzpatrick  
308 W. First St.  
Elmira, NY 14901

**April 28:**  
Margaret Densberger  
CCNF  
660 W. Washington Ave.  
Elmira, NY 14901

*Please send  
a card to  
our  
Homebound  
Friends*



**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.**

*Prayer  
Requests*



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.



Children and Youth Ministry April 2024

Children and Youth ministry has been very busy this last month. We are cleaning out rooms, getting ready to pack up for the move, and rearranging things to best suit the kiddos in the Wee Worship room. Allie Sevey (Scott) and Liz Wilson have jumped right in with both feet and have been a God send. Hopefully, it will be a smooth move.

The Jr./Sr. high and the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades joined together on 3/17 for a wonderful Seder meal, which was planned by Barb Duryea and myself (I take instructions well! haha!). Thank you to Karen Wilson and Steve Allison for their help. The meal was delicious and the kids and parents seemed to enjoy it. I was so impressed with what a wonderful job the kids did. A Seder meal is a pretty solemn event and they took their part in it very seriously.

On 3/16, the day before the Seder meal, 9 kiddos and 6 adults from NPC met at Broadway School for a showing of "Aladdin" Two of our own, Mackenzie and Maddie Mosko, both had parts in the play. The kids had a wonderful time and, quite honestly, I think the adults enjoyed it just as much. This outing was sponsored by Youth Ministry and we look forward to many more such outings.

Easter Sunday will be our big Easter egg hunt for all the children, rain (in the Sanctuary) or shine. I always look forward to Easter Sunday with everyone dressed in their Sunday best. It is a time for renewal and hope. God gave his only Son for our sins and He has risen and will come again to take us home to the Father. Hallelujah!!! Amen

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

**The Work of the Holy Spirit**  
 Jesus said,  
 "I am going to Him who sent Me."  
 Find and circle the hidden objects.  


**We Will Be Like Him**  
 God has blessed us in a very special way.  
 Write the names of the 3 objects. Use the letters to complete the happy exclamation.  
  
 1 2 3      4 5 6 7      8 9 10 11  
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 w      u      b      c  
 c      i      n      b      c      i      n



# FRIENDLY REMINDER



- 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:**

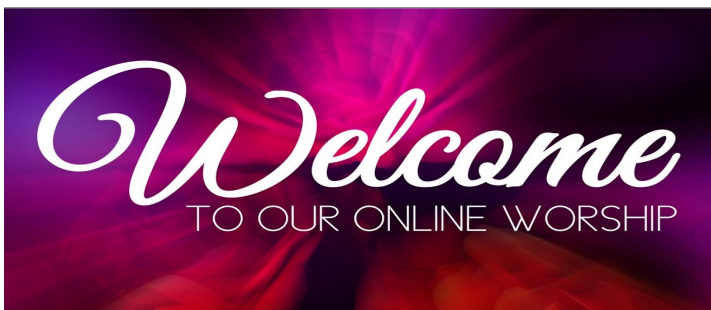
- Please use only the North Entrance (towards Roe Ave.)
- Please tune your radio to 1700AM.
- Please exit through the South Entrance (towards the college).



### **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  
Monthly Wednesday evening  
services and weekly Lent and  
Advent services.**



### **Zoom Worship**

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



## SHOPPING LIST

April Food Pantry

Shopping List:

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

**Peanut Butter**

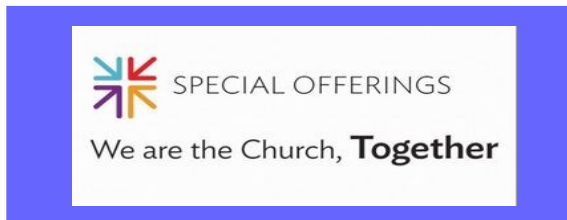
**Canned Pineapple**

**Boxed Mac and Cheese**

In addition, if your dentist gives you toothbrushes, floss, or toothpaste, and you don't need it, the pantry does! 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



Special Offering for April:  
Organ/Piano/Bells

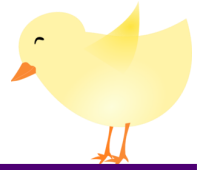


## Meet the Staff

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

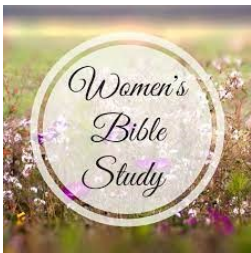
NOTICE: As CDC/NYS guidelines change, please stay tuned to our FB page & website for updates.

# Reminder



**Important Reminders:**

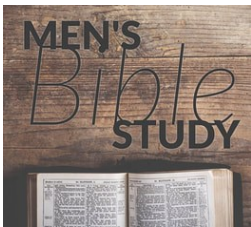
- The church office needs your contact information. Please let us know if anything has changed.
- If you need to contact the church office for any reason, please feel free to email [office@northpres.church](mailto:office@northpres.church) or call (607) 734-2977 Tues-Fri 9am to 3:30 pm.



**Women's Bible Study**  
meets Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Library. For more information, please contact Suzie Hoskins or the church office.



**Wednesday Noon Bible Study**  
is studying The Book of Acts. If you would like more information or study materials, please contact Bobbi Furnas or the church office.



**Men's Bible Study**  
meets Tuesdays at 4:00 pm in the Brisbane Room and will study *The Great Divorce Study Guide: A Bible Study on the C.S Lewis Book, The Great Divorce*. If you would like more info, please contact Kurt Kalweit, Steve Allison or the church office.



Sunday school meets weekly at 11:00 am.



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



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



The Good News Singers' practices are on Sundays at 10:45 am.



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



From our friends  
at First Pres,  
Elmira...

*Manfield University*  
**CONCERT CHOIR & CHAMBER SINGERS**  
Under the direction of Dr. Peggy Dettwiler  
**AT FIRST PRES ELMIRA**

**FRIDAY  
APRIL 5**

TIME: 7:00 PM  
FREE ADMISSION

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE  
TAKEN TO OFFSET COSTS



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You are not alone

First Presbyterian Church of Elmira  
1054 West Clinton Street  
Elmira, NY 14905

**Bearing the Unbearable**  
Love, Loss, and the Heartbreaking Path of Grief

**Beginning March 10**

**Sundays  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**



**Second Place East, Inc.**



**April donation  
Request:  
Pillows**



# From the Presbytery



## Save the Date: PW Spring Gathering

Friday, May 17, 2024

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Presbyterian Church

Geneva, NY

Guest Speaker: Margot Gorman

"Women of Grace Widows"

Will speak about mission work in Malawi

More details to come...

Gratefully,

Linda Werts, Moderator

315-447-0276

**GriefShare®**  
**SUPPORT GROUP**

**Beginning April 9, 2024**  
**Tuesdays 5:30-7:30pm**

**Available Online and In-person:**  
**Ovid Federated Church**  
**7137 N. Main St, Ovid, NY**

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

**Information and Registration:**  
**Judy Mellgard, Facilitator**  
**814-762-6928**



# From the Presbytery

## Embodying Easter in a Waynesboro, Pennsylvania laundromat

The church's Holy Week laundry outreach makes 'everything fresh and new'

*by Emilv Enders Odom. Mission Communications | Special to Presbyterian News Service*

LOUISVILLE — While most pastors devote Holy Week to poring over commentaries, planning worship and washing feet, the Rev. Caroline Vickery also washes clothes.

At the local laundromat.

That's where she and a handful of members from the [Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania](#) regularly bring a ministry of laundry, presence and hope to people living on the community's margins.

Including — and especially during — Holy Week.

"People don't realize the little indignities that come with dealing with poverty," said Vickery. "It seems unfair as we enter the season when we're talking about how Jesus welcomed the outcasts and was a

friend of sinners that we wouldn't be out in the community helping to restore people to being seen as valuable and whole."

Vickery, who was called to serve the 52-member congregation in September 2021, said that the church's Outreach Committee had been looking for a community program that could be handled by a small congregation when committee member and deacon, Sarah Stains, discovered a laundry ministry on Instagram.

"What I like about this ministry is that it's not labor intensive," said Vickery, who worked as a community organizer before graduating from [McCormick Theological Seminary](#). "It's something that's doable for a church of our size. And, because I happened to be living in an apartment with no laundry facilities at the time, I started to use the nearby laundromat to get clean clothes and bedding and had to relearn how expensive clean laundry could be."

And how important.



The Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania has brought a ministry of laundry, presence and hope to people living in the community's margins. (Photos courtesy of Caroline Vickery)

“We can go to a laundromat and give out quarters and bring coloring sheets and markers and give people a little bit of joy,” she said. “When you do the laundry by yourself, it’s a chore. Instead, there’s a happy energy that makes the laundry sparkle when people start talking to each other.”

After launching its new “Fresh Start: Loads of Love” initiative, the congregation later received a \$500 grant from the [Presbytery of Carlisle](#)’s portion of the [Peace & Global Witness Offering](#), which empowers congregations and individuals to become peacemakers in their communities and in the world.

Vickery said that not only did the presbytery’s grant enable them to continue the church’s laundry outreach, but it also helped the congregation to see the ministry in a new light — as something valuable.

“Every two months we provide quarters, snacks and connection,” Vickery said. “We always go on the last

Monday of the month since people on public assistance are running low on money at the end of the month. We have had the opportunity to help a homeless family squatting in a house with no electricity or running water and help a woman with cancer have clean bedding. Through our ministry at the laundromat, we also made contact with a woman living in violence, whom I was eventually able to drive to safety.”

Vickery said that as a [Matthew 25 congregation](#), the church is growing in its understanding of what that means.

“We do know that Jesus makes it clear that how we treat the vulnerable is how we treat Jesus,” she said. “Because most of our members are college educated, literate and middle class, our laundry outreach has put them in touch with a world whose hardships they’re unaware of. It comes as a shock for people to realize how costly doing your laundry can be, and to know that people can’t use their SNAP benefits to buy detergent, cleaning supplies or personal hygiene items. Not being able to keep yourself clean robs people of their dignity. There’s something very restorative about knowing that people will be able to be their best selves.”

And isn’t that the heart of the Easter message?

“Holy Week gives us a chance to show that Jesus makes all things new,” said Vickery. “That’s why we call it ‘Fresh Start.’ It’s a chance to start over.”



Ministry by the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro often includes giving out quarters for people who need them to wash and dry their clothes.



Providing snacks is an important part of the ministry provided by members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.



**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**9 a.m. until noon**

**Let's join together for a CLEAN UP!**



- 🌍 We'll meet at Wisner Park, downtown Elmira.
- 🌍 We'll work on cleaning up trash in parts of downtown Elmira as well as along the river.
- 🌍 Everyone is welcome! Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- 🌍 Please scan the above code to sign your Chemung River Friends waiver.
  - 🌍 Please wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, and bug spray.
  - 🌍 Please bring a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated.
  - 🌍 Snacks will be provided.



# A note from NPC Board of Session

What do you think of when you hear the words North Church? The food pantry? Yes! It is an important part of our mission and ministry. How about our worship service? For me, it is music.

We have an amazing team that brings us together to worship the Lord! North Church is blessed to have Paul, Sharon, Randy and Suzie playing, teaching, leading and praising God through the adult and youth choirs, praise band, bells, and more. We are also blessed to have musicians join us over the years – vocalists, violinists, bassists, trumpeters, flutists! Music is a language of its own, and it is woven throughout the Bible. It is an integral part of our worship service!

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, Pastor Evan advised Session the organ needed some attention: the rubber cloth on a Pedal Schwimmer regulator was torn. The company (Parsons Pipe Organ Builders) that services the organ repaired it enough to hopefully get us through Lent, and they have since submitted a proposal to replace all four of these units that regulate the wind pressure to all the pipes (holes will disable the organ). The original Schwimmer wind regulators for the organ were constructed of rubber cloth – they are worn out after forty-four years of service! The new ones are constructed of thick pneumatic leather and are intended to last over sixty years!

At a special meeting on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Session approved the proposal submitted by Parsons to replace the rubber cloth on the four Schwimmer wind regulators at a cost of \$19,216 for all the necessary labor, materials, and travel expenses (from Canandaigua). With only about \$8,000 budgeted for all instrument (organ, pianos, bells) maintenance and repair in 2024, from where should the expense be paid?

God is so good to us! One month prior to this unexpected expense, January 21<sup>st</sup> to be exact, Session accepted a bequest in the amount of \$92,660.78 from the Ethel A. Whitaker Charitable Remainder Trust! At that same meeting, Session authorized a ten percent tithe from those funds. The Mission and Outreach Committee is prayerfully considering their use.

As a church that is dependent upon its endowments to fund our ministry, I cannot stress what a blessing these unexpected bequests are to our endurance. If you would like information on remembering North Church in this manner, please talk to Joel Robinson or Kurt Kalweit, co-chairs of the Finance Committee.

We are a generous congregation! If you are moved this year to help fund the organ repairs (or for any of our equipment – maybe the organ is not your thing), or any of our other “big ticket” future expenses (boiler, parking lot), just make a notation on your check or other giving vehicle, and those funds will be earmarked for that use in a special savings account.

Thank you for your trust in the leadership of North to make decisions that are right for our church. Please know that your input and opinions are needed and welcome. This is a family, a community of faith, and we need everyone working together as God designed. He speaks – listen for the Holy Spirit moving and working in YOU! You do not need to be a Pastor, or Elder, or even a lifetime member – we are all the same in the eyes of God. What freedom! Isn't that wonderful?!? Thanks be to God!

Peace and hugs,

Linda Palmer on behalf of Session



## From the Finance Committee

The finance committee met with a representative from Chemung Canal to review the endowment fund invested with them. The representative covered the current investment strategy for the fund. He also shared returns for the fund over various periods from three months to ten years. Following discussion the committee agreed to keep the current investment strategy for the fund in place. The strategy being used spreads the funds over various equity and fixed income investments which limits principal risk.



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

### Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge commitment for this year. To date, we have received pledges in the amount of \$113,756. Our goal for this year is \$140,000. If you have not submitted your pledge form for this year or you have not considered your support of North Pres and our missions, please prayerfully consider making a pledge. Pledges help the Session and the Finance Committee make budgeting decisions. If you are in need of a pledge form, please contact the church office. Again, thank you for your support of North Pres and our ministries.



## From the Finance Committee

The new cash policy below was approved during the February Session meeting. Along with the new policy is a cash deposit form. Copies of this form can be found in the workroom.

### **NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CASH POLICY**

This policy applies whenever cash is disbursed or received as part of an event, fundraiser, special assembly, etc. Cash collected during a worship service is covered under a separate policy.

Whenever cash is disbursed, both parties to the disbursement shall count the cash together, and both sign a receipt verifying the amount at the time of transfer. That receipt shall be generated by the disbursing party, and include the date and identification of the event.

**EXAMPLE:** When cash is distributed to Harvest Dinner delivery drivers to use to make change, the driver and the disbursing party shall count the funds together and both sign a receipt for the funds.

When cash is received into the church, two people shall immediately count the amount received, and both sign a receipt for that amount. The receipt shall be generated by the person who is receiving the money, and shall include the date and identification of the event.

**EXAMPLE:** When money is donated at a fellowship dinner, that money shall be collected and counted by two people, and the receipt generated by the fellowship chair or alternate.

Cash disbursed/received for separate events should not be comingled, even if the events are sponsored by the same committee.

The disbursement/return receipts, the Cash Deposit Form and the deposit shall be given to the treasurer immediately after the event. Under no circumstances shall cash be kept anywhere except the finance office until recorded in the financial records and deposited in the bank.

If the treasurer or designee is unavailable to place the items in the finance office safe, those items should be placed in a signed, dated envelope and inserted into the finance office drop box; an email/text/call should then be made so the treasurer is aware of the drop.

Receipts shall be maintained in the financial records for a minimum of (1) year.

APPROVED: 2/18/2024





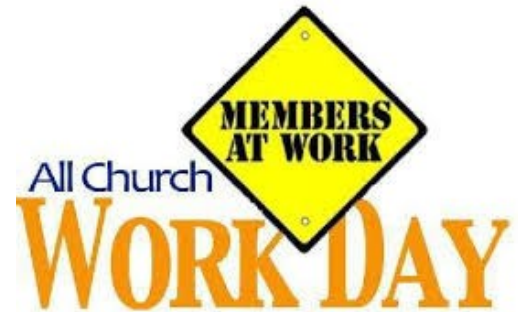
# Fellowship



There will be no Saturday Breakfast in April.



There will be no church work day in April.  
Please check back for May work projects.



The April Fellowship Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 10, at 5:30 pm.

We will have chicken and biscuits!

A sign up sheet to reserve your spot will be on the  
Welcome Desk in the Narthex.




Monday, April 22



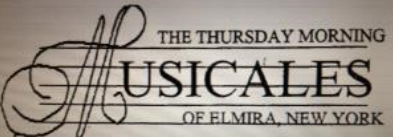
Communication & Technology  
Committee Meeting  
April 9 at 10:00 am



Finance Committee Meeting  
April 10 at 9:30 am




Christian Ed Comm Mtg  
April 9  
at 5:30 pm.



April 25  
9:30 am



**There will be no  
SATURDAY  
BREAKFAST  
In April.**



**NewsLetter**


Information to be included  
in the May North Star  
Newsletter is due to the  
Church Office by  
Thursday, April 25.



April 15  
**TAX  
DAY**




Buildings &  
Grounds Comm  
Mtg  
April 9  
at 7:00 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.




**Community Meal at Grace Episcopal Church**

Wednesday, April 10  
Set up at 3:00 pm  
Dinner at 5:00 pm



Music & Worship Committee Meeting  
April 10 at 3:00 pm.



**American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 4, 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.



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 meet on April 21 at 6:00 pm.

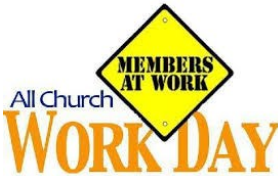


**Kindermusik**



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.

There will be no church workday in April.



# NPC Board of Session

SESSION MEETING  
March 17, 2024

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Willits Hall – Dinner Meeting

Elders present: Steve Allison, Tim Allison, Nancy Isaacs, Kurt Kalweit, Lori Lee, Jim Mosher, Linda Palmer, Wendy Swatling, Liz Wilson

Elders excused: Annie LeFevre, Allison Sevey

Moderator: Rev. Evan Hansen  
Clerk: Cindy Kalweit  
Treasurer: Patricia Richards

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

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

The minutes of the February 18, 2024 stated Session meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Session reviewed the Financial Statements including the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for February 2024 and the Account Activity Summary for the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund continues to be strong, with a positive change in market value in February of more than \$56,000. The Treasurer's report was received, with thanks, by the Session.

Arrangements for moving the Sunday school rooms to the first floor were discussed. A final checklist will be completed on March 23, 2024.

Motion by Tim Allison, seconded by Linda Plamer, approving the use of the Sanctuary for the funeral of Harry Edwards, Sr. on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Motion Carried unanimously.

Motion by Steve Allison, seconded by Jim Mosher, approving, if the way be clear, NPC's participation in the annual Memorial Day Parade (City of Elmira) with New Beginnings Church and to advertise the NPC Food Pantry on the float Motion Carried with Tim Allison abstaining.

Written reports were received from Communications & Technology, Staff Relations, and Worship and Music.

Book Study: Rev. Hansen lead a discussion on Chapters 4 & 5 of "Loving the Church You Lead".

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 7:50 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit, Clerk of Session

# NPC Board of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING  
March 24, 2024

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Willits Hall – Immediately following worship

Elders present: Steven Allison, Tim Allison, Nancy Isaacs, Kurt Kalweit, Lori Lee, Annie LeFevre, Jim Mosher, Linda Palmer, Wendy Swatling, Allison Sevey

Elders excused: Liz Wilson

Moderator: Rev. Evan Hansen  
Clerk: Cindy Kalweit  
Treasurer: Patricia Richards

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

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

Rev. Hansen explained that this Special Meeting was requested by two members of Session for the purpose of considering the proposed bid by Parsons Pipe & Organ Builders (“Parsons”) for the repair or the organ (replacement of all 4 wind stabilizers) in the amount of \$19,216, which includes the necessary labor, materials, and travel expenses. The replacement parts are good for 30-40 years with the right upkeep and maintenance of the organ. The organ has been well maintained over the years, and this type of repair is not uncommon for an organ of this age. Parsons have inspected the organ, and no other potential issues were found. Rev. Hansen noted that the last financial report included \$8,844.99 in the endowment fund set aside for instrument repair.

Motion by Linda Palmer, seconded by Annie LeFevre, to accept the bid from Parsons for the repair of the organ and to utilize up to \$19,216 from the Whitaker bequest to pay the costs associated with the repair. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Jim Mosher, seconded by Kurt Kalweit, authorizing Pastor Hansen and/or the Church Administrator to contact Parsons and request a proposal be sent to NPC for the signature of a designated Session member (Linda Palmer). Motion CARRIED.






Motion by Kurt Kalweit, seconded by Steven Allison, authorizing the Treasurer to pay Parsons the requested 10% deposit to secure scheduling of the repair. Motion CARRIED.

Linda Palmer volunteered to write an article for the April edition of The North Star to provide the congregation with an update on the organ and to encourage the congregation to financially support the repair and maintenance of the organ.

The meeting adjourned in prayer at 11:12 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit, Clerk of Session

# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<p>1</p> <p>5:30 pm -TOPS 10:00 am -Food Pantry</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>5:15 am - Voting in the Narthex 8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible 6:00 pm - Women's Bible</p>	<p>3 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 12:00 pm—Blood Drive 10:00 am—Kindermusik 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA</p>	<p>6</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>9:30am -Worship Service 9:30 am - Communion 10:30am-Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 pm -TOPS 10:00 am -Food Pantry</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am - Comm &amp; Tech Mtg 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible 6:00 pm - Women's Bible 7:00 pm - B &amp; G Mtg</p>	<p>10 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>9:30 am - Finance Mtg 10:00 am - Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Worship &amp; Music 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am—Kindermusik 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA</p>	<p>13</p>	
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am -Worship Service 10:30am-Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 pm -TOPS 10:00 am -Food Pantry</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible 6:00 pm - Women's Bible</p>	<p>17 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:15pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am—Kindermusik 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA</p>	<p>20</p>	
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am -Worship Service 9:30 am - Communion 10:30am-Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School 6:00 pm - Board of Session</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 pm -TOPS 10:00 am -Food Pantry</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible 6:00 pm - Women's Bible</p>	<p>24 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25 Newsletter Info Due</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 9:00 am - Thurs Morning Musicales 10:00 am - Kindermusik 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm - AA</p>	<p>27</p>	
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am -Worship Service 10:30am-Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 pm -TOPS 10:00 am -Food Pantry</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible 6:00 pm - Women's Bible</p>	