



NORTH STAR

May 2024 - Making Disciples... Making a Difference

Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am
North Presbyterian Church
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In the last couple of years, we have been planting and updating the landscaping around the manse. Thanks to Jeff and Pat Richards, we acquired two raised beds for gardening. We have built additional flower beds as well as expanded existing flower beds. It is a work in progress.

Early on, we acquired hostas from the Allison's and the Richards. Last spring, I moved a couple of hostas. One of the plants needed to be moved to a spot with more shade. To fill in that plant's spot and to build up the area where it was being moved, I moved two plants I had planted in another area. After transplanting all of the plants, I thought I had it all sorted out. I was wrong.

I must have left some roots behind when I transplanted one of the plants because we now have a new hosta plant growing where I thought there would be none. Granted, hostas have a well-deserved reputation for being tough to kill, but all the same, life – the creation of our God – has a way of coming up where it is not expected.

Part of gardening and landscaping is shaping the ground and the life there to our will. We plant particular plants and pull up others. We put up boundaries to hem in certain plants and to exclude others. We dream of what vegetables we want to grow and harvest and eat. We cast visions of how certain plants will grow and how they will look. We assess how to accomplish all these things and sometimes we even succeed in doing so.

And yet, as the spears of the unintentionally divided hosta plant demonstrate, trying to conform the ground and life to our will is only fleetingly successful at best. Because if we truly could force the ground and life to conform to our will, we would not have to spend so much time and energy keeping it up.

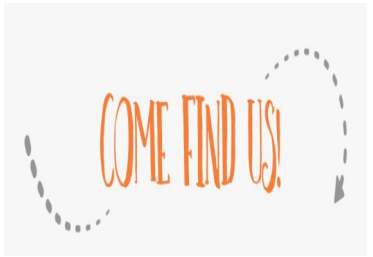
As Christians trying to live out our faith, we are faced with the question – is it God's garden and landscaping or ours? Are we the gardener or are we to serve and tend the garden and not try to make it into our own image? Are we trying to control what is not ours to control? Do we trust God that little?

Faith in Christ Jesus is faith and trust in God. At the very root of the faith given to us in Christ is trust in God. Without trust, our faith is not grounded in Christ – it is only grounded in ourselves and our efforts to force the ground and life to conform to our will.

As we live out our faith as members of the body of Christ, as people living in community, we are to live out a trust in God that allows us to be flexible and to take ourselves and one another as we are and to marvel at life and at a God who loves us. It is a trust that allows us to step away from our efforts to make perfect gardens for ourselves. Because try as we might, we are limited and things like unexpected hostas come up despite our previous efforts.

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Evan



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Visit Our Website

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



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 May and June 2024 are:
May 19 and June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Please take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.

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

May Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

May 5 Bill Furnas
 May 12 Bill Furnas
 May 19 Bill Furnas
 May 26 Bill Furnas

Counters

May 5 Janice Williams, Annette Stevens
 May 12 Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards
 May 19 Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
 May 26 Dolores Cummings, Janice Williams

Ushers

May 5 Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea
 May 12 Amanda Korfmann, Joe Rolls
 May 19 Tim & Cheryl Allison
 May 26 Nancy Isaacs, Kate Hansen

Wee Worship

May 5 Deb Stamp, Payton Hoskins-Thomas
 May 12 Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich
 May 19 Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
 May 26 Allie & Scott Sevey

Communion

May 5 Linda Palmer, Steve Allison, Cheryl Allison, Tim Allison, TBD
 May 19 Tim Allison, TBD

Worship Assistant

May 5 Jim Mosher
 May 12 Tim Allison
 May 19 Liz Wilson
 May 26 TBD

Greeters

May 5 Linda Palmer
 May 12 Gerry Harding
 May 19 Tim Allison
 May 26 Joanie Barneski, Alice Kain

Coffee Hour

May 5 Melanie Fitzpatrick
 May 12 Cheryl Allison, Barb Duryea
 May 19 Bobbi Furnas, Pat Richards
 May 26 Cindy Kalweit, Annette Stevens

Youth Reader

May 12 Lucas Wilkerson

Youth Usher

May 5 Payton Hoskins-Thomas
 May 12 Annalyse Ferriter
 May 19 Mackenzie Mosko
 May 26 Alexii Hoskins-Thomas

Acolytes

May 5 Payton Hoskins-Thomas
 May 12 Annalyse Ferriter
 May 19 Mackenzie Mosko
 May 26 David Hansen

Together

we make a

Family



May 5:
Deb & Mike Stamp

May 12:
Francis Stethers

May 19:
Annette Stevens

May 26:
Wendy Swatling

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

Our Homebound Friends

May 5:
Cynthia Klungle
111 Schuyler St.
Montour Falls, NY 14865

May 12:
Marilyn Edwards
520 Harcourt Dr.
Elmira, NY 14904

May 19:
Karen & Chris Paul
136 Ridge Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845

May 26:
Hal Wolfe
42 Sing Sing Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845

*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.**



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 May 2024

April has been a time of transition for the Sunday school children and teachers as we settle into our new rooms. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the move which was fairly organized thanks to the teachers who had everything packed and ready to go.

As we move into May, we will be planning for Children and Youth Sunday, which will be on June 16th. We have three youngsters that will be receiving their Bibles on the 16th: Hadleigh Perry, Lauren Sevey and Jordyn Wilkinson. We will also be recognizing our teachers, so if you happen to see any of them please thank them for volunteering their time to teach our kiddos.

June 16th will also be the last day of Sunday school. As we head into summer, plans will start to be in full swing for VBS. We will be meeting with volunteers from First Pres. in the coming weeks to get things organized. I will have some sign-up sheets out in the coming weeks to see where we stand with volunteers and where we will need the extra help.

If anyone would be interested in teaching this next year or helping co-teach, please contact me so we can sit down and talk about which age group and the extent you would be willing to help.

As we welcome the warm weather and sunshine into our lives, let us also welcome the love of Jesus Christ into our hearts and spread the good news of the Gospel so others can welcome Him in too.

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
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
G	W	F	V	D	T	C	S	B	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	I	
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



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:

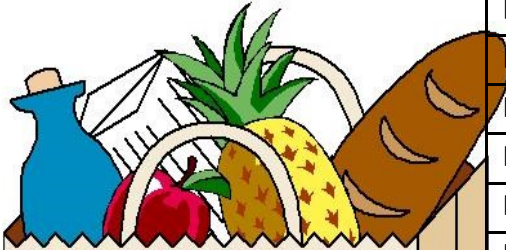
**Please join us for in person
Worship on Sunday mornings
at 9:30 am.**

**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.**

Welcome
TO OUR ONLINE WORSHIP

Zoom Worship

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



SHOPPING LIST

May Food Pantry

Shopping List:

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

Salad Dressing

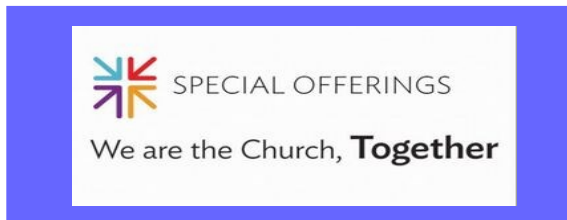
Canned Pineapple

Pork and Beans

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 May:
Congregational Care Fund

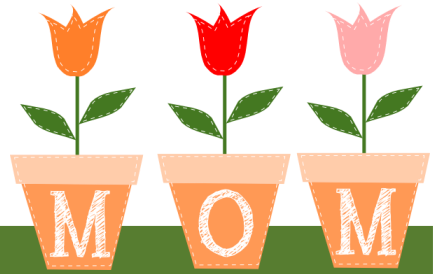


Meet the Staff

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

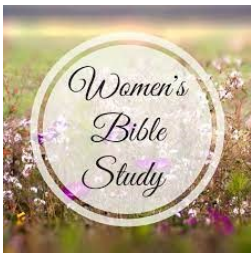
NOTICE: As CDC/NYS guidelines change, please stay tuned to our FB page & website for updates.

Reminder

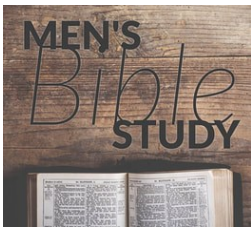


Important Reminders:

- 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 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.



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.

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.



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.





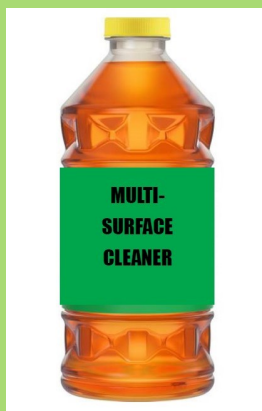
From the Presbytery



This is organized and sponsored by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley's Youth and Young Adult Ministry Working Group (YYAMWG) and led by Adventure Calls Outfitters, Inc., based in Letchworth State Park. If you're interested in signing up and/or would like more details about the event, please email the **Rev. Erin Jacobson** at erin.jacobson@pittsfordpres.org.



Second Place East, Inc.



**May donation
Request:
Multi Purpose Cleaner**



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



From the Presbytery

NOURISHING OUR GARDENS RETREAT

MAY 13-19, 2024

Ready for a Continuing Ed opportunity that gets you moving and allows you to delight in the season of spring? Join us for a week of examining the nutrients we need for flourishing, and learning from our plant friends how to nourish ourselves and our communities. Each day will be full of hands-on gardening/cooking activities as well as reflection individually and in groups. There will be an optional time of service and learning together each day while weeding out the gardens that will feed the Lagom community with their abundance.

REGISTER AT LAGOMLANDING.COM/EVENTS

**R & R AT LAGOM LANDING
7966 REEDS CORNERS RD
DANSVILLE, NY 14437**



BORDER BUDDIES MINISTRIES

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



Tegucigalpa M.D.C 27/01/2024

for: North Presbyterian
Church of Elmira.

of: Jefferson Aaron Cruz

Dear collaborators, The reason
for this letter is to thank
you for allowing me to
be part of your great institution
and for all the support you
have give.

During my school term
trusting in God
that this year will be
a great success
for everyone. God bless you.

God bless you.

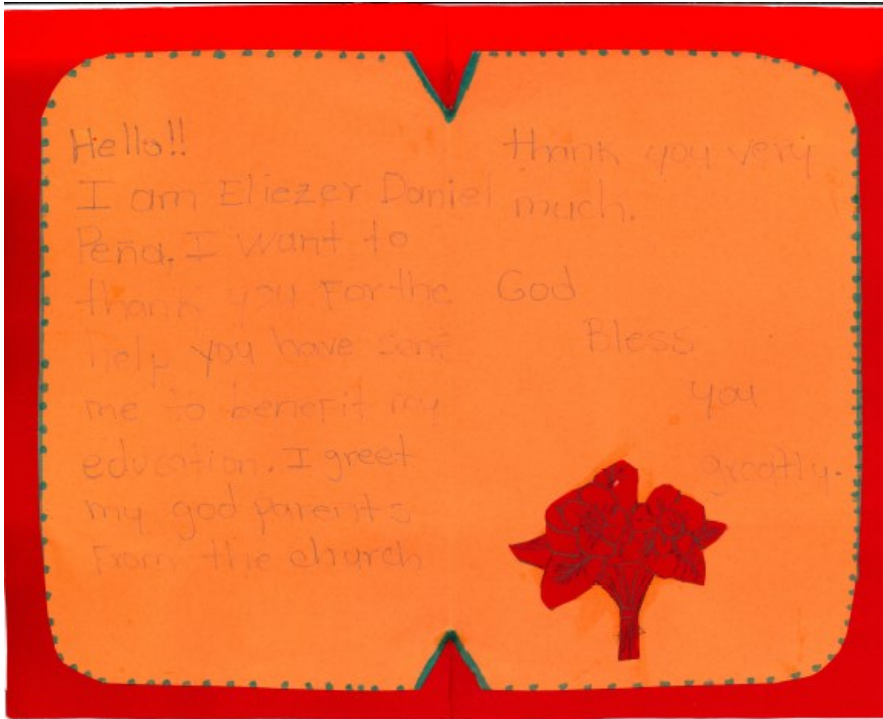


Jefferson Aaron Cruz Alvarez
Birthday: July 1
Grade: 4th



BORDER BUDDIES MINISTRIES

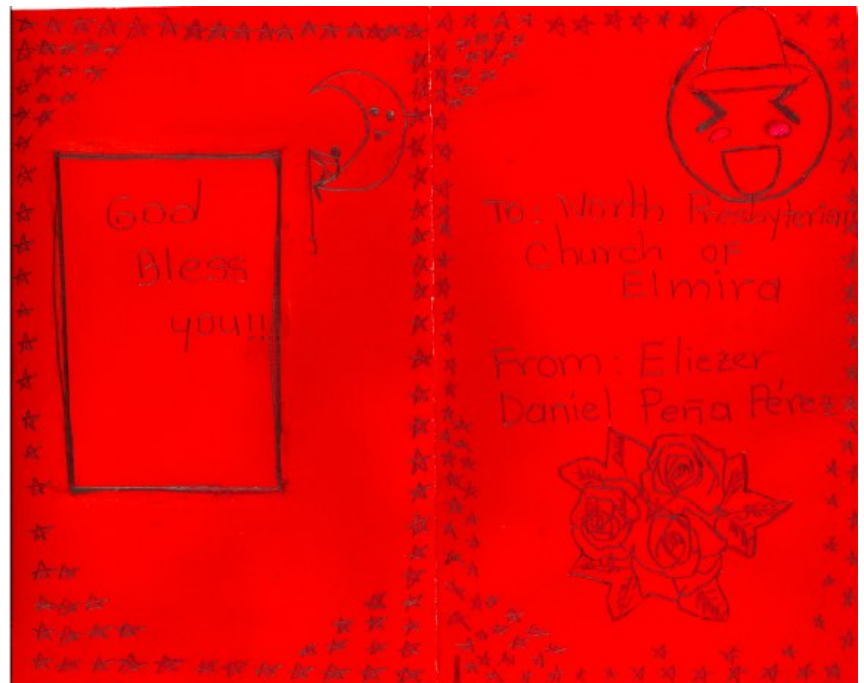
*Bringing the heart of Christ to
the heart of Honduras.*



Eliezer's message was a little hard to copy so here's what it says:

“Hello!!

I am Eliezer Daniel Peña. I want to thank you for the help you have sent me to benefit my education. I greet my godparents from the church thank you very much. God bless you greatly.”



4/18/2024

The Stewardship Journey – May 2024 Lectionary Preview, John 3, Year B

BY REV. DR. ANNA PINCKNEY STRAIGHT

How and where did your stewardship journey begin? Throughout the years, I have listened with awe and reverence as church members have shared stories of grandmothers who made sure dimes and quarters were ready to be placed in church offering plates; mothers and fathers who sat down to talk about budgets, tithing, and giving as an act of gratitude. Witnesses powerful and mighty, establishing generations of faithful stewards, worthy of sharing.

I did not have one of these experiences. My stewardship journey started with a pastor who told me “no.” And, full confession, it wasn’t in high school – or even college. It happened when I was in seminary and an inquirer into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. A Presbyterian since birth, the path to ministry had brought me to New York City, and the church where I was now a member was also the church where I was interning. On the occasion of becoming a part of the congregation, one of the pastors handed me a pledge card. I handed it back. “I don’t pledge. I’m just a student. I don’t have much money.” It was a response spoken without much (if any) thought or prayer.

“No.” He told me. “God needs you to give. You need to give. You need to pledge a gift to this congregation of which you are now a member.”

He didn’t give me an amount or a timeline, but neither did he let me off the hook. He followed up with me until the pledge card was returned, filled in. I pledged \$50 that year, but my stewardship journey had begun. It was the very first time anyone had challenged me to think faithfully about God’s generosity and the importance of giving. His challenge flowed into the lessons and witnesses of future congregations who expanded on what I had learned there: proportional giving and tithing, showing me the connections between finance and faith, justice, and jubilation.

In the lectionary text for the final (and fifth) Sunday of May, we have the story of Jesus and Nicodemus. It’s a text full of nooks and crannies, notes and side notes, but for stewardship’s sake, I am reminded that Jesus did not let Nicodemus off the hook- he challenged him. He doesn’t allow Nicodemus to stay where he is. “Do not be astonished?” “Are you a teacher of Israel?” “How can you believe?”

Jesus does not hesitate to challenge Nicodemus, who he loves and who he sees with the eyes of love. When I was challenged to fill out a pledge card, it was because my pastor saw faith that needed to grow – an abundance of which I needed to be aware. He wanted me to know the gift and joy of giving, trusting abundance over scarcity, knowing what is enough. That journey has transformed my life, faith, and vocation.

As nephew Fred told his Uncle Ebenezer in *A Christmas Carol*:

“And therefore, Uncle, though it has **never put** a scrap of gold or silver in **my pocket**, I believe that **Christmas [stewardship]** has done me good and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!”

Suppose your congregation, like mine, has good ideas about year-round stewardship but still relies on an annual pledge campaign that happens in the fall. In that case, this Sunday might be a good one to talk about the ways in which God challenges us, specifically in the ways of giving.

How many people sitting in our pews, watching on video, or listening to radios have never had someone speak to them directly about stewardship, the ways in which they show gratitude to God?

Such challenges, when invitational, can open doors that otherwise will remain shut because people assume they should be shut or are expected to remain shut.

How many of them do what I did and think that they cannot/should not/will not give because they are just _____ (you fill in the blank) or they do not have anything remaining at the end of the month to give? Or those who are complacent because they give what they have given for years?

John 3 reminds us that Jesus loves us just as we are, and loves us too much to allow us to stay there.

One of my favorite theologians is a Catholic woman named Leah Vader. In addition to teaching me about birds and plants, she has taught me more than a few things about God while leading hiking groups at Ring Lake Ranch in DuBois, Wyoming. Leah has a few rules on her hikes. You are not, in any circumstances, allowed to put yourself down or speak disparagingly of yourself. And when it comes to birds, there is no bird whose name begins “Just a.” There is no “Just a mallard.” “Just a magpie.” “Just a little brown jobbie.” Each bird, common or rare, has its own worth, its own place.

And so it is with all of us – no matter our means or our place – we all have a need to give, an opportunity given to us by God to give in order to grow in faith and discipleship. Will we be asked?

“It was the very first time anyone
had challenged me to think
faithfully about God’s generosity
and the importance of giving.”

Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight

The Nicodemus text provides the richest exploration of challenge in this month’s lectionary, but there is a parallel stream of abundance that feeds the heart and soul in order to make faithful stewardship possible.

There are several references to the abundance of the waters of Baptism, waters which are not to be conserved or protected (Acts 10 on May 5).

The Pentecost texts (May 19) are a gloriously spilling forth of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News, overcoming fear and uncertainty among both disciples and listeners.

How big is God’s love? As big as Godself. And joy? It is complete. (John 15, May 5)

Eternal life is certainly an image of abundance which can be explored (May 12, 1 John 5). God’s offer of life does not flee, nor is it bound by circumstance.

And May 19 – Pentecost! The abundance of the Holy Spirit turns the world right-side-up with connection, communication, and understanding.

We don’t know too much about Nicodemus after this encounter. How did he respond? We want people to know Jesus better, not to run in the other direction. Our answer comes 16 chapters later when John tells us that Nicodemus comes with a mixture of myrrh and aloes to anoint Jesus’ body. May we, beloved children of God, like Nicodemus, hear the words of Jesus calling us to step further in faith, compassion, and care.

Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight



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Fellowship



There will be a Saturday Breakfast on **May 11 at 8:00 am.**

We will have:

*French Toast

*Sausage Patties

*Juice

*Coffee

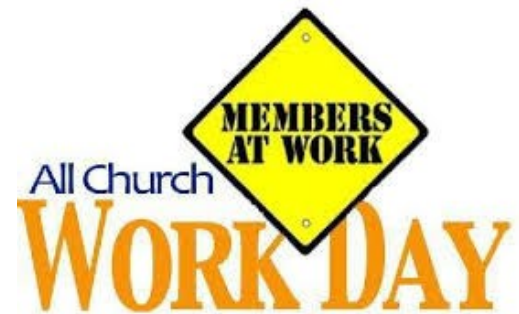


There will be a church work day on May 11.

Projects for this workday include:

Mount TV in Sunday school room

Other projects TBD



The May Fellowship Dinner will be on **Wednesday, May 1, at 5:30 pm.**

We will have:

*Angel Hair Pasta with or without Red Sauce


*Mild Italian Sausage

*Garlic Bread


*Salad

*Ice Box Cake

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



Communication & Technology
Committee Meeting
May 14 at 10:00 am



Finance Committee Meeting
May 8 at 9:30 am



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Christian Ed Comm Mtg
May 7
at 5:30 pm.

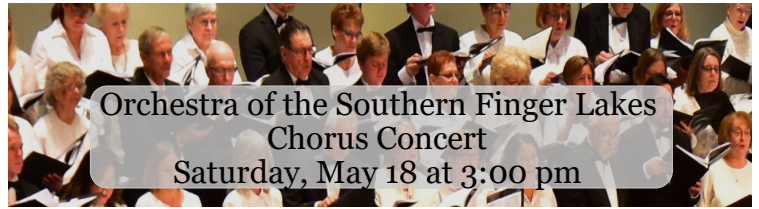


Information to be included
in the June North Star
Newsletter is due to the
Church Office by
Friday, May 24.

Staff Relations Meeting
May 7 at 9:00 am



May 1
Wednesday Night
SERVICE
We look forward to seeing you then!
7:00 pm



DEACONS
Leading through Serving.

Deacons' Meeting
May 16 at
11:00 am

Buildings &
Grounds Comm
Mtg
May 14 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
May 8 at
3:00 pm.

American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE

Give Blood • Give Life

There will be a Red Cross Blood
Drive on May 2, starting at noon.
If you're interested in signing up
to give blood, please visit
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
May 19 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 a church
workday on Saturday,
May 11 after the
fellowship breakfast.

All Church
WORK DAY



**It's time to think about Camp Whitman!
Scholarships are available through Youth Ministry.
If you're interested in attending camp this year,
please contact Deb Stamp.**

TRAILBLAZERS MINI-CAMP (JULY 3-5)

Pioneers: Ages 6-8 (\$300)

Adventurers: Ages 8-10 (\$300)



All of the fun of one-week of camp packed into two-days. Our mini-camp is the perfect way to ease into sleep-away camp for first time campers. This program features an extra supervision and support for our first time campers with one counselor working with just three campers.

Campers can expect to try out many of the classic camp activities like swimming, canoeing, arts & crafts, Gaga ball and making s'mores around the campfire.

TRAILBLAZERS OLYMPICS CAMP (JULY 7-12)

Adventurers: Ages 8-10 (\$675)

Explorers: Ages 11-13 (\$675)

Voyagers: Ages 14-17 (\$675)



Join us for a week of games, wacky relays, canoe and kayak races and more. Each day or evening we will engage in camp-wide activities centered around friendly competition - Camp Whitman style.

Campers will also have time to experience all of the standard camp activities like swimming, boating, archery and arts & crafts this week as well.

This is a more physically active week.

TRAILBLAZERS TREASURE HUNT CAMP (JULY 14-19)

Adventurers: Ages 8-10 (\$675)

Explorers: Ages 11-13 (\$675)

Voyagers: Ages 14-17 (\$675)



This week is all about finding the hidden clues, secret maps, and the breadcrumbs along the trail. Each day or evening we will engage in camp-wide activities looking for clues, solving puzzles and riddles that will lead us to the buried treasure.

Campers will also have time to experience all of the standard camp activities like swimming, boating, archery and arts & crafts this week as well.

This is a less physically active week.

TRAILBLAZERS ADVENTURE TRIP (AUGUST 4-9)

Voyagers: Ages 14-17 (\$875)

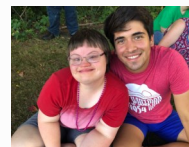


We are going back to our roots - after many years, we are re-launching our trip camps program, starting with a multi-adventure program. Teens, join us for a week sampling a variety of different adventure activities. Expected activities include hiking, kayaking, biking, a high ropes adventure course and possibly white-water rafting.

This is an out of camp trip. Campers will be sleeping in tents or hosted by churches along the route and helping to prepare their own meals.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM (JULY 21- AUGUST 2)

Voyagers: Ages 16-17 (\$950)



The Counselor-In-Training program is a two-week leadership program for campers entering their Junior or Senior year of high school. The first week of the program is focused on leadership development, learning to serve and making the transition from camper to leader. The second week of the program, CIT's will be working directly with our Pathfinder campers, assisting the camp counselors.

NPC Board of Session

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

April 14, 2024

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sanctuary – Immediately following worship

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

Elders excused: Steve Allison, Tim Allison

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.

Motion by Jim Mosher, seconded by Annie LeFevre, granting Rev. Hansen paid family leave from April 19, 2024, through April 29, 2024 (Rev. Hansen will be back in the office on Tuesday, April 30, 2024).

CARRIED.

Motion by Wendy Swatling, seconded by Kurt Kalweit authorizing Rev. David Ashby to preach and serve the Lord's Supper on Sunday, April 21, 2024, and to preach on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

CARRIED.

Motion by Jim Mosher, seconded by Annie LeFevre, authorizing the Treasurer to pay Rev. Ashby an honorarium of \$125 per Sunday plus mileage to and from Horseheads for each Sunday. CARRIED.

Motion by Linda Palmer, seconded by Kurt Kalweit to move the Session meeting scheduled for April 21, 2024, to May 5, 2024.

CARRIED.








Rev. Hansen will notify the Church Administrator of the changes to the calendar. Wendy Swatling will check for messages left on the answering machine while Rev. Hansen is away as both the Church Administrator, and the Director of Youth Ministry will be on vacation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit, Clerk of Session



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 pm - Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm - Bell Choir 7:30 pm - Praise Band 7:00 pm - Worship Service 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 12:00 pm—Blood Drive 10:00 am—Kindermusik 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</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>6</p> <p>5:30 pm -TOPS 10:00 am -Food Pantry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 9:00 am - Staff Relations Mtg 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible 5:30 pm - CE Mtg 6:00 pm - Women's Bible</p>	<p>8 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 & Music 6:15 pm - Bell Choir 7:00 pm - Praise Band 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am—Kindermusik 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 am - Saturday Workday/Breakfast</p> 
<p>12 Mother's Day</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>13</p> <p>5:30 pm -TOPS 10:00 am -Food Pantry</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am— Comm & 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 & G Mtg</p>	<p>15 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>16</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am—Kindermusik 11:00 am - Deacon's Mtg 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3:00 pm - Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes</p>
<p>19</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>20</p> <p>5:30 pm -TOPS 10:00 am -Food Pantry</p>	<p>21</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>22 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>23</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 9:00 am - Thurs Morning Musicales 10:00 am - Kindermusik 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>24 Newsletter Info Due</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm - AA</p> 	<p>25</p>
<p>26</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>27 Memorial Day</p> 	<p>28</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>	<p>29 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>30</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am—Kindermusik 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA</p>	