



# THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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**AUGUST**

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**Elders Class of 2018**

\*\*\*\*\*WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK\*\*\*\*\*

Melody Faisetty

John Faisetty

Jayne Stevens

Barbara Quigg

**Elders Class of 2019**

Sally Heffner

Eileen Tremblay

Barry Keck

Carol Snyder

**Elders Class of 2020**

Kevin Justice

Tammy Seidick

Dave Sentawany

Joyce Wheeler

**Deacons Class of 2018**

David Hertzog

Sandy Moran

Debbie Snyder

**Deacons Class of 2019**

Gail Rhinehart

Louise Juretus

Carol Clancy

**Deacons Class of 2020**

Janet Keck

Archie Myers

**First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua  
Designated a "Hunger Action Congregation"  
By the Presbyterian Church USA**

Article by Eileen Tremblay

Our church applied to the PC (USA) to become a Hunger Action Congregation. As stated in the application form, "The purpose of the Hunger Action Congregation program is to acknowledge and celebrate the faithful work of Presbyterians happening around the country to alleviate hunger and end its causes, and to encourage these ministries to be even more holistic and justice-oriented".

Joanne Matthews submitted the paperwork outlining the work our church has done to alleviate hunger by hosting a Whitehall Hunger Initiative dinner, (another happening in October) providing volunteers to work at other churches involved in the Hunger Initiative Dinner program, and having members of our congregation volunteering their time at the Summer Breakfast/Lunch Hunger Program. Throughout the years our congregation has stepped in to donate food items to the Whitehall Food Pantry and raised funds through our Joyful Noise Collection. Our Youth Group has planted a garden along side the church to raise vegetables to donate to both our church members and the food pantry.

We received a letter from the Reverend Rebecca Barnes, coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, PC(USA) announcing that our application was approved and FPC of Hokendauqua is now listed as a Hunger Action Congregation. We will be receiving more information on Hunger Programs throughout the year.

As stated in the congratulatory letter, "You have joined the faithful ranks of churches around the country that respond with compassionate action to end hunger in a country and world that have the potential to feed everyone."

After reading an article entitled "Small Churches Can Thrive", it is obvious to me that the philosophy of "grow or die" are not the only two options for churches. Being small in numbers just means that even though we have less numbers we can do mighty big things.

**Church Finances for June\*\* from Sue Butchinski, Church Treasurer**

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Income	\$5201.24	\$7670.15	\$2486.91 over
Expenses	\$6130.19	\$3933.01	\$2197.18 under

**YTD**

Giving	\$43471.87	\$51789.51	\$8317.64 over
Expenses	\$40234.82	\$32294.00	\$7940.82 under*

\*No regular pastor salary and pension payments

\*\*These financials have not yet been approved by Session



The photos left show the fun the kids have at the Coplay Kids Summer Breakfast Camp held at the Redeemed Christian Church of Christ in Coplay. Our church has several volunteers working throughout the summer.

**Pastor Supply July 2018**

August 5: Christy Potter-Cass

August 12: Matilda Chase

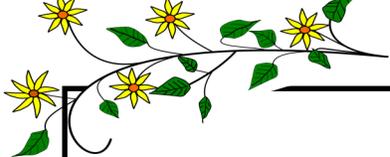
August 19: Chera Wertz

August 26: Grace Ji Sun Kim

**A Thank You from the Whitehall Food Bank**

Dear Friends in Christ, The coalition of churches that makes up the Whitehall Food Pantry gratefully acknowledges your generous contribution and continued support of the mission we share. The money that you donated is greatly appreciated and will help us provide for our patrons who are experiencing difficult times. We thank you for your generous support and wish you a happy summer. Warm Regards, Judy Ehret for The Whitehall Food Pantry. (you may see this letter of thanks pinned to our bulletin board).

**Remember to save** your Redner Tapes and you soda can tabs, and Box Tops for Education. See the collection jars in Fellowship Hall.



# Church News!

## Spring Sock Drive a Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who donated socks! This mission project was organized by the Lehigh Valley Business Group. The LVBG is a nonprofit organization with volunteers "who use their time, experience, skills and talent to assist in creating a better world for those in the Lehigh Valley." The LVBG was hoping to collect 5,000 pair of socks by the end of June. Our small church helped by contributing 160 pair to reach that goal. Again, on behalf of the Committee on Mission, thank you so very much. *And the King shall answer and say to them, "truly I say to you, inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me."* (Matthew 25:34)

**Paul Dyer Library:** The kids have been running wild for most of the summer, now that it is August we have to get them settled down and ready for their next level of schooling and the challenges they will be facing. You can find help in our Paul Dyer Library by reading some of the books on parenting we have on hand. Teen-Proofing, A Revolutionary Approach to Fostering Responsible Decision making in Your Teenager by John Rosemond. Bringing Up Kids Without Tearing Them Down by Dr. Kevin Leman. How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. Because I Said So! 366 Insightful and Thought-Provoking Reflections on Parenting and Family Life, by John Rosemond America's Most Widely Read Authority on Child Rearing and Family Life.

**If anyone would like to receive home communion** please call the church office and it can be arranged. 610-264-9693. 9 AM to Noon, Monday through Thursday.

**Our Deacons** are still selling older copies of the Upper Room for 50 cents each.

**Redner's Save-A-Tape Program:** We just can't say enough about this wonderful program. For every dollar you spend at Redner's they will give back 1%. Here at our church we choose to give the money earned by this program to the **Whitehall Food Bank**. Of course, Redner's has some rules we need to follow.....they like for us to keep our tapes until they total at least \$5000.00. They will only accept the **TOTAL tape**, so don't cut the tape off. The tapes can only be 3 years old. Last but not least, you have to make the purchase using your Redner's Rewards card. We just added up the tapes from the jar in Fellowship Hall, the total is approximately \$3400 (and it hasn't been that long since I sent some tapes in and we received a check). That comes to \$34 we can donate to the food bank! Just to put that into perspective, that means the Food Bank could run over to Redner's and buy 9 (ten pound bags) of Gold Medal flour! We want to thank all the good folks out there who are stuffing their tapes into that jar in Fellowship Hall. Keep up the good work!



**More Information about being a Hunger Action Congregation:** The PHP will contact us quarterly about upcoming trips, resources, opportunities and important developments. They also want us to share with them our congregation's updates, and stories about what we are doing in our church and community to battle hunger which they will share with other Hunger Action Congregations and Presbyterians around the world, posting them on their blog, sharing snippets through facebook, and connecting us to other congregations.



## Church News (cont.)

**Copies of the condensed version** of the outcome of the 223rd General Assembly may be found on the table in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** training sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity and its presbyteries. For more information about this training see the pamphlet on the bulletin board.

**Free books and DVD's :** The Presbytery office has shelves of free books and some DVD's for the taking. There are books for personal reading, several copies of books for a book study, commentaries, and much, much more. Contact the Lehigh Presbytery at 610-391-9020 or office@lehighpresbytery.org for more information.



**Children of Belize Update:** Several months ago we received a letter asking for prayers for the children at the Good Shepherd Mission in Belize, Central America. Recently we received another letter from the Rev. Dr. Stephen Post, but this time the tables are turned. The letters content mentioned "let the little children come and do not prevent them". So this time, THEY are asking US if we have any prayer needs, personal or for our congregation as a whole! There is a special group of "Prayer Children" at Good Shepherd who help Rev. Post pray for people back home who are sick, sad or troubled, or have any other needs. They also added a Prayer Chapel at the Mission. The children are learning to love and care for others in need. Rev. Post says that he prays 4 to 5 hours per day and the children join him when they can. You may send your requests, no matter how big or small, to Rev. Dr. Post at missionarybelize@yahoo.com . All requests are kept confidential, and placed on special secure prayer shelves in the Chapel and in the church during worship services. A picture was enclosed that was colored by one of the little Prayer Children at the Mission who would love to pray for any needs you might have. It will be hanging on one of the hallway bulletin boards this week. A letter or email will be sent to Rev. Dr. Post thanking him for their kindness. Melody Faisetty

**Free Community Meals:** **Sunday, August 5th** at the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3355 MacArthur Road, Whitehall. **Tuesday, August 21** at the Egypt Community Church, 4129 South Church Street, Whitehall, PA.

**Westminster Village Auxiliary:** Used Clothing Sale, Saturday, September 15, 2018.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

August 1: Shane Fillman

August 4: Richard Graumenz

August 7: Vanessa Schlosser James  
Stephanie Bennett

August 8: William Michael Ducko

August 9: Jeanne McNeill

August 12: John Wheeler

August 13: Janet Bloszinsky

August 18: Barbara Quigg

August 20: Chris Mondschein

August 23: Linda Schlosser

August 26: Melissa Scheirer (Fillman)

August 27: Jayne Stevens





## The Power of Prayer:

As most of you know, we have a time each Sunday during worship service for "joys and concerns". It's always a pleasure to be able to pray as a group, as a FAMILY, which we, Hokey Presbyterians, are indeed. It's a humbling and remarkable experience. And of course, there's the weekly prayer list in the bulletin; and also the list in the monthly newsletter. All of the people on these lists are in "our thoughts and prayers". It's comforting to think that we pray for each other daily too! At Christmas time, one of our members stood up during "prayers and concerns" to ask for prayers for her grandson, who was diagnosed with cancer. Each Sunday prayers were said and a few months later, we all rejoiced at the news that he was doing much better. In April, a dear friend sustained life threatening injuries in a chemical accident in his home. It was telecast on Channel 69 news when the HazMat team had to go to the residence. I asked for prayers for him each week and it was heartwarming when members and the minister asked how he was doing. He was in the hospital for 8 weeks and his medical team all agreed that he is, indeed, a true miracle. Countless people were sending up DAILY PRAYERS for him because they knew about him via FACEBOOK posts and emails that reached around the country. Three months and three days later, he is still recuperating, growing stronger each day. He was able to vacation with his family at the beach this week. He and his entire family (of 25) cannot begin to thank all the people (most of whom they never met) for their prayers. Two of our members who were housebound for a number of months give thanks for our church family and our prayers. Recently, and sadly, we prayed for two families who lost their sons tragically. When Rev. Tillie Chase mentioned prayer this Sunday in church, it hit home for me. I like to think I'm pretty good at praying, always remembering to give thanks each time. But, Tilly said we should be sure to listen to what GOD HAS TO SAY. That is something I need to work on for sure. If any of you have prayer concerns/requests, please send them to Connie and get them on the list. If possible, give updates on these requests because it's nice to know how the people are doing. And if there is a need to remove the person (s) from the list, let Connie know that too! "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Prayer is POWERFUL!! God is GREAT!! Blessings to you all...Melody Faisetty

**Mission/Outreach:** Are you ever bored and looking for something to do? Some people pick up a good book and read. One might play the piano for relaxation and practice. Maybe you do crossword puzzles, etc. Do you have any hobbies to keep you busy? How about exercise? Are you going to the gym? I can honestly say I am never bored, and I do some of the things mentioned to pass time away, although I won't mention which ones I like and which ones I don't. Sally Klingler seems to be a person who doesn't get bored. She passes her time, creating items for OTHERS. Barb Quigg gave Sally dress and "walker bag" patterns from a Presbyterian Women's mission project. A few years back, Sally sewed 54 of the dresses from pillow-cases. These were sent to "Little Dresses for Africa" and I can only imagine the delight the young girls shared if they received one of them. Sally also made two afghans that she donated. She told me about bears that she sews for Camp Boggy Creek. The camp in Eustis, Florida is for seriously ill children who can attend at no charge. It was founded in 1996 by Paul Newman and Ret. Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf. Each camper receives a handmade afghan and a 20" "Boggy Creek Bear" (made by volunteers like Sally) when they arrive. All children cherish these bears and are allowed to take them and the afghans home at the weeks end. I googled the camp as well as the instructions for making these bears. There were 14 PAGES of directions including the patterns!!! Certainly this project is not meant for the faint-hearted non-seamstress such as I!! I can't imagine how long ONE bear takes to make. Sally's acts of kindness and her wanting to reach out and do something for someone else certainly brightens a "strangers" day. Our Mission and Outreach Committee has been considering a craft/vendor show/sale for a while now; perhaps sometime in the next year, maybe in the Spring. If you are crafty, have a hobby, or just like to "create" things, now is the time to start thinking about making a few items to donate to this craft show. Stay turned for more information in upcoming newsletters. Melody Faisetty





**Please drop a card or note to our members who, because of health or transportation problems, find it difficult to worship with us Sunday morning.**

Mrs. Jane Periera	5575 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045
Mr. & Mrs. James DeWalt	Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104
Mrs. Doris Hrizuk	Westminster Village, 803 N. Wahneta St., Rm 308A, Allentown, PA 18109
Dolly Kramlich	Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #302, Allentown, PA 18102
Dorothy Kromer	3107 S. Third Street, Whitehall, PA 18052
Mrs. Sarah McClellan	Gracedale Nursing Home, 2 Gracedale Ave, 9th Fl. Rm D2, Nazareth PA 18064
Mrs. Ruth Thomas	Saucon Valley Manor, 1050 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055
Mrs. Lila Bowman	3422 Thomas St., Whitehall, PA 18052
Dorothy Somers	Fellowship Manor, Unit 273, 3010 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052
Jean Krall	Sacred Heart By the Creek, 602 E. 21st St., Room 218, Northampton, PA 18067
Edith Scheirer	Atria Asst. Liv, 1745 W. Macada Rd., Rm. 291, Bethlehem, PA 18017

<i>Dennis Abruzzi</i>	<i>Dolly Dougherty</i>	<i>Rosemary Kravenko</i>	<i>Linda Schlosser</i>
<i>Deborah Altorfer</i>	<i>Brenda Feiller</i>	<i>Jennifer Kresley</i>	<i>Becky Shreck</i>
<i>Karen Becker</i>	<i>Peter Gilbert</i>	<i>Bill &amp; June Kuhns</i>	<i>Joshua Scoble</i>
<i>Cory Borger</i>	<i>Rebekah Gilbert</i>	<i>Jonathan Linton Family</i>	<i>James Shedlauskas</i>
<i>Carolyn Brinker</i>	<i>Raina Gomez</i>	<i>Ivy Lynch</i>	<i>Joanne Sienkiewicz</i>
<i>Bonnie Brandmeir</i>	<i>Maria Gontkosky</i>	<i>Sarah McClellan</i>	<i>Beth Snyder</i>
<i>Lila Bowman</i>	<i>Charlie Grim</i>	<i>Donald Miller</i>	<i>Greg Snyder</i>
<i>Jonah Brown</i>	<i>Glenn Harris</i>	<i>Carol Mortimer</i>	<i>Ruth Thomas</i>
<i>Marc Chandler</i>	<i>Rikki Haftle</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Oroskey</i>	<i>Donna Walck</i>
<i>Susan Chandler</i>	<i>Pamela Henckle</i>	<i>Jane Periera</i>	<i>Carol Walker</i>
<i>Elizabeth Connors</i>	<i>Nicky Hudack</i>	<i>People in the Military</i>	<i>Shannon Walters</i>
<i>Kathy Cutter</i>	<i>Hutnick Family</i>	<i>Angie Pontician</i>	<i>Dave Weikel</i>
<i>Esther DeWalt</i>	<i>Joe Kanusky</i>	<i>Jacob Rivera</i>	<b>Children at the Mission</b>
<i>Michael Dobry</i>	<i>Rudy Kloiber</i>	<i>Julie Rowland</i>	<i>of the Good Shepherd,</i>
<i>Rick Dolgos</i>	<i>Jean Krall</i>	<i>Patti Sammak</i>	<b>People suffering from</b>
<i>Lib Dorwart</i>	<i>Linda Kramaranko</i>	<i>Richard Schaller</i>	<i>depression.</i>

