



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

Feb. 2025

Elders Class of 2025

Gail Rhinehart
Scott Kramlich
John Faisetty
Jennifer Hartman

Your word is a lamp. . . .

Monthly Musings Lesson Learned:

Elders Class of 2026

Sally Heffner
Carol Clancy
Eileen Tremblay

I relish the light each day as the time lengthens and the sun wakes up earlier and slips beyond the horizon a little later. Spring is coming and this fills me with hope.

Light is my word of the year and what fun it is to watch how it weaves its wisdom into my life.

Elders Class of 2027

Kevin Justice
John Hrizuk
Phil Overby
MaryAnn Miller

I watched in fascination a new phenomenon for me called Parohelio radiating across the sky.

I watched the candles flicker during worship, recalling a moment years ago, singing in our church's youth choir, when I felt God's call to go into nursing. I remember staring at the flame on the Christ candle in disbelief, thinking "nursing?" and hearing a familiar whisper saying "yes." I repeatedly told my parents as I grew up one job I never wanted was to be a nurse, but stepped out in faith to explore this vocation more. I fell in love with helping others physically, mentally, and spiritually. Light led me then and continues to guide my steps today.

Our Bible verse of the year for our congregation is Psalm 119: 105 and is a truth for all of us, every day:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Jean Wise, Author, Speaker

Deacons Class of 2025

Melody Faisetty
Maddie Stettler
Gail Kramlich

Deacons Class of 2026

Louise Juretus
Deb Snyder
Lois Yudt

Deacons Class of 2027

Sue Hoke
Troy Guzenski
Karen Sentiwany
Connie Overby

Define Parhelion: a bright spot in the sky appearing on either side of the sun, formed by refraction of sunlight through ice crystals high in the earth's atmosphere.



From Our Session:

Elders for 2025, 2026 and 2027 are as follows:

2025: Gail Rhinehart, Scott Kramlich, John Faisetty and Jennifer Hartman

2026: Sally Heffner, Carol Clancy and Eileen Tremblay.

2027: Kevin Justice, John Hrizuk, Philip Overby and MaryAnn Miller.

Deacons for 2025, 2026 and 2027 are as follows:

2025: Melody Faisetty, Maddy Stettler and Gail Kramlich

2026: Louise Juretus, Deb Snyder and Lois Yudt.

2027: Sue Hoke, Troy Guzanski, Karen Sentiwany and Constance Overby

From Our Property

Committee:

Current Business:

Work will continue on the Pastor front door.

Repair of the chapel entrance foyer.

Hot water pressure vessel re-inspection

Slippery west basement steps

Replace carpet in Fellowship Hall.

Chapel Exterior door needs paint touch up.

Pulpit step tripping hazard.

Basement folding table replacement.

Completed Work:

Church carpet cleaning/done

Fire Extinguisher Inspection

SS Wing Two-Way door repair

Back SS wing door sticks/done

Repair chapel exterior door/done

Carpenter Ant issue in office/done

Carpet cleaning basement/done

February Birthdays

Feb. 4: Mary Ann Miller and Steven Mondschein.

Feb. 6: Jack Hartman Brown

Feb. 13: Peyton George and Tatyana Alston

Feb. 14: Pat Frankensfield

Feb. 21: Jessica Tomon

Feb. 23: Louise Juratus

Feb. 26: Bryan Cope

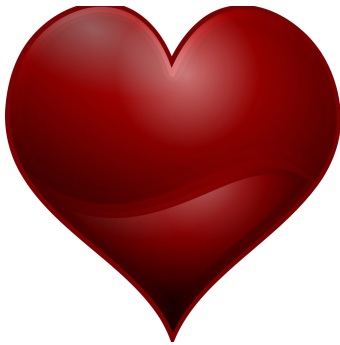
Feb. 27: Scott Kramlich and Richard Mondschein
and Joe Butchinski.

February Greeters / Ushers

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February: A Month of Spiritual Connection:

Heavenly Father, in this month, help me cultivate a deep spiritual connection with You. Guide me in seeking Your presence and aligning my spirit with Your will. May this month be a time of spiritual enrichment and divine communion.



What's Going On

Girl Scouts meet here every Monday at 6PM.

NA: Will continue to meet here every Thursday at 7PM

Adult Sunday School meets after church service on Sundays. They will begin a more in-depth study of Revelation following the Worship Service.

Note: **Choir practice** is held every Wednesday of the month except the third Wednesday due to Session meeting. The choir will sing on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Tuesday Fellowship meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. The first Tuesday is lunch out, the third Tuesday is meeting at the church for fellowship etc.

New Elders and Deacon's elected for 2027: Deacons: Class of 2027 - Connie Overby, Sue Hoke, Karen Sentiwany, and Troy Guzinski. Elders class of 2027: Kevin Justice, Mary Ann Miller, Phil Overby and John Hrizuk.



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.



Shirley Adams	Sacred Heart Assisted Living by the Creek, 602 E. 21st Street, Apt. 318, Northampton, PA 18067
Janet Bloszinsky	5998 Coplay Rd. Apt. #1, Coplay, PA 18037
Donald DeWalt	276 Circle Drive, Catasauqua, PA 18032
Linda DeWalt	Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104
Dolly Kramlich	Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #206, Allentown, PA 18102
Dorothy Somers	3000 Fellowship Drive, Rm 102, Whitehall, PA 18052
Jim Shedlauskas	Cedar Crest Post Acute, 1265 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Room 312B, Allentown 18013

Stephanie Baily

Karen Becker

Elizabeth Connors

Kathy Cutter

Michael Dobry

Dolly Dougherty

Alisa Gashi

Peter Gilbert

Steve Glick

Raina Gomez

Maria Gontkosky

Charlie Grim

Larry Hein

Louise Hein

Pamela Henckel

Matthew Hess

Nicky Hudack

Shelly Hillpot

Bill Jodry

Lois Jodry

Joe Kanusky

Raymond Kern

Barbara Knarr

Linda Kramaranko

Tom Krause

Rosemary Kravenko

Caroline Laudhorn

Jaden Leiby

Ivy Lynch

Todd Messner

Krista Overby & Family

Angie Pontician

Jacob Rivera

Ben Sammak

Rowan Sharrar

Jim Shedlauskas

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Tristen Suloman

Carol Steigerwalt

Jane Tremblay

Donna Walck

Carol Wal

Mike Woodling

Vance Woodley

People suffering from depression.

People in the Military.

People suffering Because of wars.

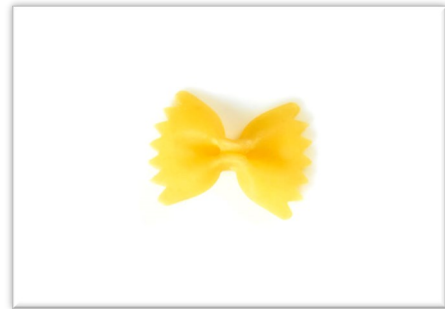




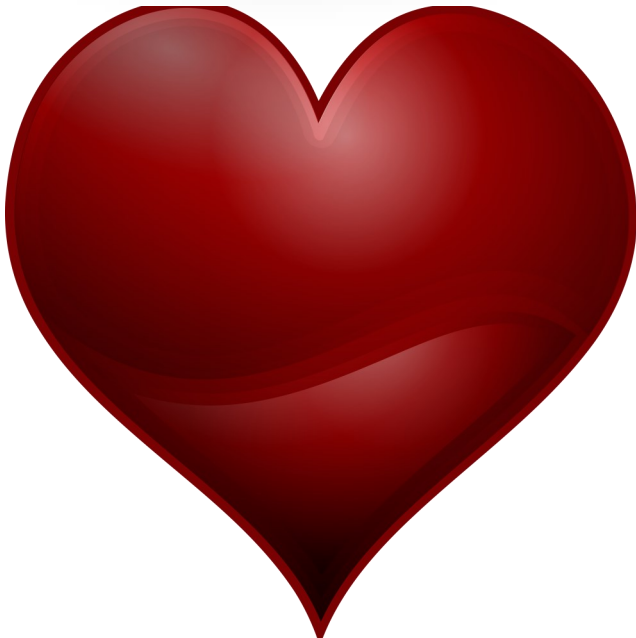
Part of a bulletin board in Fellowship Hall done by Diane and Terry Michael.



A bulletin board in the Sunday School hallway done by Louise Juretus



**We are the pasta Church !!!
We have set our goal each month a 100 boxes of pasta—your participation is greatly appreciated.**



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CHOIR DIRECTOR: Joanne Matthews

SECRETARY: Connie Overby

LIVE STREAM OP: Tammy Seidick

Financial Report for December 2024

S. Butchinski, Treasurer

MTD: Actual Budget Over/Under

Income:

Expense:

YTD:

Income

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Deacons News:

Mellody Faisetty will take over as the Deacon's moderator. It was decided that the cost of soup will be \$4 for a small container and \$8 for a large container. The sale will be on Feb. 9th starting at 9:30am. Since we are without a pastor we will be starting up the care team again. More information to come. Easter Flowers will go on sale March 17th. The next Deacon's meeting will be on April 6th, a Mother/Father luncheon is planned for April 6th after the service.

Tuesday Fellowship :

Tuesday Fellowship meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month and everyone is invited to join in. Our January luncheon was held at Assante's in Northampton, a lovely place. MaryAnn M., Sue B., Eileen T., Gail R. and Connie O. enjoyed lunch there. On January 21st the group met at the church to make valentines gifts for the folks at Zephyr apartments. The task was a bit harder than anticipated but there will be a few gifts to drop off before the big day. In February our luncheon will be on February 4 at 1pm at the Whitehall Diner. Fellowship will be at the church on Feb. 18 at 1pm, bring your own project to work on or just come to chat.

Special Deacons News:

"Save the date and get out your recipes!"

Deacons will be sponsoring

Souper Bowl Sunday

On February 9





The above photo represents January 2025.
Snowy, icy and bitter cold.

Love And Grace

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

In a world often filled with chaos and strife,
Christian love brings hope and a brand new life.
A love that extends beyond boundaries and walls,
Extending a mighty gift, as God's love enthalls.

On this Valentine's Day, let us reflect,
On love and grace, for all to connect.
For in Christian love, we find true peace,
A love that unites, and never does cease.

February 2025

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TUE

WED THU

FRI

SAT

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2 COMMUNION FOOD BANK REV. CRYER	3 BOOK CLUB 10AM	4 TUES. FEL- LOWSHIP LUNCHEON 1PM	5	6	7	8
9 JOYFUL NOISE REV. CRYER , SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY	10 BOOK CLUB 10AM	11	12	13	14 Valen- tines Day	15
16 ANNUAL MEETING. REV. NICHOLS MISSION	17 BOOK CLUB 10AM Presidents Day	18 TUES. FEL- LOWSHIP CHURCH 1PM	19	20	21	22
23 DEACON'S REV. CRYER	24 BOOK CLUB 10AM	25	26	27	28	

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