



# THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

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**Elders Class of 2021**

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

Sue Butchinski

Hello, everyone!

MaryAnn Miller

Summer has arrived with its usual gusto. As I write this I am sitting in my office grateful for the window air conditioning unit that is single-handedly keeping Luna and me from having a heatstroke.

Melody Faisetty

John Faisetty

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But the fry-an-egg-on-the-sidewalk temperatures aside, I love summer. I love the vibrant colors of the flowers and trees, I love the way the grass feels under my bare feet, I love the way the sun makes the skin on my arms and face feel warm and tight. Ice water, burgers on the grill, and potato salad never taste better than they do in July.

Carl Moran

Sandy Moran

Barbara Quigg

Carol Snyder

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Sally Heffner

And summer evenings are right out of God’s Greatest Hits Playbook. The air is still warm but with a softness to it, the fireflies dancing to the music of the crickets, the setting sun lingering on the horizon like the last party guests.

Tammy Seidick

There is a freedom in summer. There is no snow or ice to keep me stuck at home, no plans that hang precariously in the balance because a blizzard might come whipping through. It doesn’t get dark at 4:30 p.m. Things just feel, well, freer.

David Sentiwany

Eileen Tremblay

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For the record, I also love spring for many of the same reasons, plus Easter is my favorite holiday. Autumn is lovely, of course, with its bright colors and crisp air.

Donna Pontician

Samara Mebane

Karen Sentiwany

Then there’s winter. I’m not such a big fan of winter. Beyond the magical look and feel of the first snowfall before Christmas, to me winter is a nothing time. I used to describe it as the time of year when “everything is dead.”

Carol Steigerwalt

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But lately I’ve started to challenge myself to think of winter as a time of rest, of hibernation, of preparation. All the seasons are a necessary part of the cycle that takes us on one trip around the sun.

Carol Clancy

Megan Justice

Maddie Stettler

Now I’m drawing those same parallels to life. I have always dreaded the fallow times, when nothing seems to be going right and everything feels off, and spent those times complaining that the good times never stay around long enough.

Jayne Stevens

But without the valleys, the peaks would be mundane. Without winter, summer wouldn’t be special.

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Enjoy your summer, my friends.

Louise Juretus

Pastor Christy

John Rowland

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

Karen Bydlon

—John 14:27

Chris Mondschein



**Men's Fellowship Group Event:** The first Men's Fellowship group event (open to the ladies as well) took place on Saturday, June 5th. Glass blowing at the Banana Factory in Bethlehem.



MaryAnn Miller, Gail Rhinehart and Kevin Justice perfect their glass turning techniques. The fourth photo shows the end result—paper weights!

## **CHURCH FINANCES — May Sue Butchinski, Church Treasurer**



We are happy to welcome back our congregation into our beautiful sanctuary. Thank you for your patience as we navigate in the best and safest way we can towards the end of the pandemic. We ask that you please wear your mask during the worship service. Please remain socially distant in your family groups. Alternate pews will be roped off to allow for this. We will not yet be singing hymns. The offering plates will not be passed in the pews but will be available in the sanctuary.



### **WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH**

An outdoor church grounds workday is being planned in May or June. The date will be announced later. One project on the list is the painting of our church garage. Please stay tuned for more information and thanks for your help!

### **Congrats to our 2021 High School Graduates!**

We congratulate Peyton George (Emmaus High School) and Matthew Snyder (Whitehall-Coplay High School) on their graduation from high school!



**Pastor Christy's** work cell phone is no longer in service. To get in touch with Pastor Christy, please contact her at RevChristyK@gmail.com or through the church office at 610-264-9693.

## Offering Options:

Mail: Send to the church mailing address: 3005 S. Front Street, Whitehall, PA 18052

PayPal: Go to church website and click on "Make An Offering" link or go to: [bit.ly/HokeyPresPayPal](https://bit.ly/HokeyPresPayPal)

You do not need a PayPal account. PayPal accepts all major credit and debit cards. *Please note your giving envelope number in the "Notes" section on the PayPal page.*

Drop off: Just drop your envelope thru the mail slot in the front door of the Sunday School wing.

**Website:** Visit [hokeypres.org](https://hokeypres.org) for any news updates, worship service videos, and an archive of church newsletters.

**Livestream of online Sunday worship service:** Go to [www.facebook.com/HokeyPres](https://www.facebook.com/HokeyPres) and click on "Videos". The live video will show up around 9:55 AM with a red "Live" graphic on the video image. Comment on the video to let us know you are present and say hi to fellow congregants!

**Missed a worship service** Missed a worship service? All videos from March 2020 onward are available for viewing on the church website at [hokeypres.org](https://hokeypres.org)

Tammy Seidick, Session Communication Committee

**We Welcome Five New Members:** On Sunday, June 20 we welcomed five new members to our church. They are Troy and Ethan Guzinski, Colleen Kloiber, Scott Kramlich and Gail Kramlich,



**Livestream Equipment Donation:** Our new state-of-the-art sanctuary livestream camera and equipment was made possible through the generous donation of a congregation member and is made in the memory of Ruth A. West. It is with love and appreciation that we accept this donation. We know that many people will benefit from our ability to share our worship services with those unable to attend in-person.

**Please note:** The service will be live streamed on Facebook and recorded for the church website. Please be aware that there is a livestream camera attached to the back wall of the sanctuary for this purpose. The camera will be focused on the pulpit area. We are pleased to continue to offer livestream and recorded videos for those unable to worship with us in the sanctuary.

**The Lehigh Presbytery alerted area churches** to a new FEMA program which provides relief funds to families who encountered funeral costs after losing a loved one to Covid-19. These grants can reimburse expenses already incurred. For more information, please call FEMA at 844-684-6333 or visit <http://fema.gov/funeral-assistance/faq>

**Prayer Requests:** Do you have a joy to share or a concern to pray over? Please email prayer requests to Pastor Christy at [revchristyk@gmail.com](mailto:revchristyk@gmail.com) during the week and they will be included in an upcoming Sunday service. Thank you!

**We are organizing an email list!** We need an efficient and quick way to reach all the members of our congregation and friends of our church. If you have an email and would welcome news and announcements via email, please send your email address to [hokeypres@gmail.com](mailto:hokeypres@gmail.com) along with your name.

## *July Birthdays:*

**July 3:** Matthew Faisetty.

**July 4:** Samantha Bilder, Judy Taniser, Jimmy Bode.

**July 7:** Tyler Linton, Trevon James.

**July 8:** Donald DeWalt.

**July 11:** Bill Fenstermaker, Melissa Moran.

**July 12:** Chad Heiney.

**July 14:** Evelyn Hodes, Olivia George.

July 17: Carol Clancy.

**July 19:** Linda DeWalt.

**July 20:** Len Burkert, Anthony Scheirer.

**July 21:** Paul Woodling.

**July 22:** Donna Fink, Rita Scheirer.

**July 23:** Ora Kramlich.

**July 27:** John Bowman.

**July 29:** Amy Gourniak.

**July 31:** David Micio, Nick Micio, Debbie Snyder, Steven Snyder.



## Virtual Membership

Physical church attendance is not always possible. There are many reasons that may prevent a person from being able to join a local church. Our desire is to provide church membership for people who are in those positions. Not everyone is blessed with a family. The First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua is a church where you will feel like family! If you cannot physically be at our weekly services, we want you to be part of them through virtual membership. You will receive links to our Sunday services where you can join our live stream. You, our digital church family, are important to us and we want to be there for you. Send us your prayer requests and keep us posted on the exciting things happening in your life by calling our church office or sending us an email. We are so blessed by the growing number of virtual members and we pray God ministers to you through these services!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are compiling a list of members who, upon request, would be willing to cook a meal when we have members who are recovering from an illness or injury. Please email Megan Justice at [mjustice395@gmail.com](mailto:mjustice395@gmail.com) if you are interested and for more details.





**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.**

Margie Arehart	2756 Rolling Green Place, Macungie, PA 18062
Janet and Walter Bloszinsky	214 Church Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032
Esther and 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
Dick & Marie Lychak	Room 69, Whitehall Manor, 1177 Sixth Street, Whitehall PA 18052
Mrs. Jane Periera	5575 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045
Edith Scheirer	Atria Asst. Liv, 1745 W. Macada Rd., Rm. 291, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Dorothy Sommers	Fellowship Manor Unit 273, 3010 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052
Jim Shedlauskas	3021 Rosewood Court, Whitehall, PA 18052

*Deborah Altorfer*

*Rebekah Gilbert*

*Jaden Leiby*

*Carol Walker*

*Stephanie Baily*

*Steve Glick*

*Marie Lychak*

*Mike Woodling*

*Barbara Bartholomew*

*Raina Gomez*

*Ivy Lynch*

*Vance Woodley*

*Karen Becker*

*Maria Gontkosky*

*Juliet Malay*

***People suffering from depression.***

*Cory Borger*

*Charlie Grim*

*Archie Myers*

*Lacey Bowman*

*Glenn Harris*

*Jane Periera*

***People who are suffering because of the virus.***

*Bonnie Brandmeir*

*Pamela Henckel*

*People in the Military*

*Valerie Chandler*

*David Hertzog*

*Angie Pontician*

*and family*

*Matthew Hess*

*Jacob Rivera*

*Elizabeth Connors*

*Nicky Hudack*

*Kathy Rowland*

*Kathy Cutter*

*Joe Kanusky*

*Linda Schlosser*

*Esther DeWalt*

*Barbara Knarr*

*Joshua Scoble*

*Michael Dobry*

*Linda Kramaranko*

*Rowan Sharrar*

*Doreen*

*Rosemary Kravenko*

*Jim Shedlauskas*

*Dolly Dougherty*

*Judy Kresley*

*Joanne Sienkiewicz*

*Brenda Feiller*

*Sharon Kulik*

*Carol Steigerwalt*

*Peter Gilbert*

*Caroline Laudhorn*

*Donna Walck*



New members Colleen Kloiber,  
 Scott Kramlich, Gail Kramlich,  
 Ethan Guzenski and Troy Guzen-  
 ski.



*Welcome*  
 New Members

# July 2021

**Sun.      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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4 Independence Day Communion Food Bank Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 7th Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14	15 No Session	16	17
18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Joyful Noise Sunday.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Deacon Sunday	26	27	28	29	30	31