



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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

Elders Class of 2019

Sally Heffner

Eileen Tremblay

Barry Keck

Carol Snyder

Elders Class of 2020

Kevin Justice

Tammy Seidick

Dave Sentawany

Joyce Wheeler

Elders Class of 2021

Sue Butchinski

MaryAnn Miller

Melody Faisetty

John Faisetty

Deacons Class of 2019

Gail Rhinehart

Louise Juretus

Carol Clancy

Deacons Class of 2020

Janet Keck

Archie Myes

Deacons Class of 2021

Donna Pontician

Samara mebane

Karen Sentiwany

Carol Steigerwalt

MEET PASTOR KASS

At long last we have found a pastor to take us forward at Hokey Pres.

Christine Kass is a May 2019 graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary with a master's degree in divinity, a concentration in spiritual formation, and a certificate in biblical studies. Ministry is a second career for Christy, who spent 20-plus years as a newspaper reporter, then editor, both in print and online. During her time in seminary, Christy spent two years serving as the supply pastor at Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church, and also spent the better part of a year working as a chaplain intern at Indian Creek Foundation (near Quakertown), a sheltered workshop for adults with disabilities. Christy loves to read, write, bake, sculpt, and camp with her husband of 16 years, glass artist Guy Kass. When asked what she has planned as she steps into her new position she provided this insight:



I am so excited to be stepping in as the new pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua, and feel incredibly blessed to have all of you to work with as we continue to work on our mutual ministry and to grow in love as we follow Jesus. In my first few weeks and months as your pastor, I would like to spend time getting to know our church leadership and members. I want to find out what is important to you, what you see as our church's strengths and weaknesses, and where you would like to see us grow.

From the first moment I stepped through the front doors of this beautiful church, I knew it was the place I am meant to be. I truly believe we are a good match and that God brought our paths together. With that in mind, please know that I am not coming into this pastorate with a list of changes I want to make. I have ideas for new programs and new outreach opportunities, yes, but nothing that I would endeavor to do without your approval and most of all, your help.

Hokey is a great church and together, we can keep that momentum going to make our faith community all that we want it to be.

Blessings and love,

Pastor Christine



Ordination of Pastor Christy Kass will take place on June 23rd, 2019 at 3:00 PM at our church.

OUR CHURCH



SUNDAY SCHOOL: To be announced

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: To be announced

BOOK CLUB: To be announced

CHOIR REHERSAL: Summer Break Begins June 10, 2019

SESSION MEETING: June 20, 2019 at 7PM

A Big Thank You....

...goes out to all of the many supply pastors that have helped us through the past 2 ½ years. That includes some of our members who have stepped up to the plate when we couldn't find a supply for some Sundays. But an especially heartfelt thanks to Rev. Dr. Kim, who was there for the lion's share of the time, often after just stepping off a plane from some far off place. She went above and beyond. We owe her a really big cake!!

Church Clean Up Day: Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9 AM to 12 Noon. We will be weeding, pruning, and mulching the flower beds around the church. Bring your gardening tools and enthusiasm to help clean up our grounds. Call John Faisetty at 610-264-0416 with any questions.

Summer Hours will begin on June 16 , 2019 with our church service beginning at 9:30 AM. (We will go back to our normal hours on Sunday, September 15, 2019 with our church service beginning at 10 AM.)

Confirmation will take place during our regular service on June 9, 2019.

CHURCH FINANCES FOR March 2019

From Sue Butchinski, Church Treasurer

| <u>Giving</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Over/Under</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Income | \$5878.20 | \$ 12029.93 | \$ 6151.73 over |
| Expenses | \$8845.45 | \$ 9545.22 | \$ 699.77 over |
| <u>YTD</u> | | | |
| Income | \$29400.43 | \$39899.98 | \$10499.55 over |
| Expenses | \$25117.93 | \$23462.62 | \$ 1655.31 under |



***No regular pastor salary and pension payments**



Yard Sale a Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's yard sale/flea market an enormous success! Twenty-four volunteers helped with: publicity, making flyers, picking up boxes from stores, unpacking boxes, packing them back up, pricing items, setting up, breaking down, helping at the sale, carrying boxes to the garage, cooking, baking, and other "little" things that weren't that "little". We truly couldn't have done this without all your help! Not to mention, ALL OF YOU MEMBERS of our church family who donated lots and lots and lots of STUFF!

The food sold out by noon; and a bag sale helped empty many tables near the end of the day. We realized a profit of over \$1700. It took quite a lot of time and effort, but all done to HIS Glory!

I must add that several people who came to shop commented on our beautiful church and how friendly our members are. So, way to go every one of you!!!

Eileen and Melody, Committee Chairs

OGHS Wrap UP

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering totaled \$336. This year our church members were given the opportunity to use the monies collected to purchase items in the Presbyterian Giving Catalog.

"As Presbyterians, we are a people rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. It is our gratitude for God's grace that moves us to join in God's mission in the world, with ministries of love and justice, reconciliation and peace. Generous gifts to the Presbyterian Giving Catalog are signs of our gratitude: feeding the hungry, comforting the brokenhearted and sharing our faith with young and old. By joining our gifts together, however large or small, we expand our witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world."

As presented to the **Sunday school students** during a "children's chat", items from this catalog gave the students ideas on just how to spend the offering collected. Here's what they decided on: 1 container garden (\$40), farming tools (\$10), kitchen kit (\$25), 2 families of chickens (\$25 ea.), piglet (\$40), 2 sets of jerry cans (\$25 ea.), water filter (\$50), bag of moringa tree seeds (\$40), supplies for displaced students (\$30).

I'm certain the students had fun "shopping" for things that will help those less fortunate around the world. Thanks to all for your generous support. God is smiling again!!

Melody , Mission & Outreach Committee

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative Summer Breakfast Camp: Craft Items Needed:

Acrylic paints in small bottles.
Adult Coloring Books
Air Dry Clay
Assorted Beads
Beading Threads
Circular Knitting Needles 18-24 inch, size 8 or 9.
Clear tape
Coloring Books
Construction Paper
Craft Glue
Craft Scissors
Knitting Yarn
Origami Paper
Painting Canvases
Thin Tip Markers
Watercolor Paper
Watercolors
Yarn for Knitting Scarves



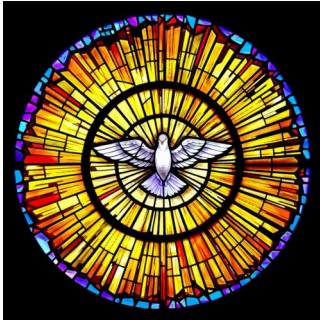
Games/Books

Bean bag set & Life Size Games
Board Games new or gently used
Books new or gently used.

Please Note: The profit from the Easter Candy Sale will be given to the Choir to purchase new music etc. This information was incorrect in last months newsletter.

Do you have flowers in your garden: Why not bring some in to decorate our alter each Sunday.





June Birthdays :

June 1: Rebekah Gilbert
June 4: Michael Kramlich
June 5: Doug Sammak
June 7: Kathleen McNeill
Andrew Bydlon
June 13: Kian Mahdi Linton
June 15: John Filipovits
June 16: George Goshey
June 17: Katlyn Bilder
June 19: Peter Gilbert
June 20: Elizabeth Dorwart
June 21: Sandra Bennett
Maggie Johnson
June 22: John Hrizuk
Michael Hrizuk
Rose Hrizuk
June 25: Thomas Bennett
June 26: Archie Myers
June 27: Jill Lafaw
Megan Justice
June 29: Bryne Heffner



Please keep the family of **Jaime Tomon** in your prayers, Jamie passed away on May 2, 2019. You may send condolences to Jamie's wife, Jessica (Hartman) Toman, 10 Dickinson Lane, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.

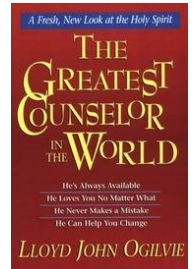
Please keep the family of **Doris Hrizuk** in your prayers, Doris passed away on May 4, 2019. Doris was a member of our church for 71 years and served as Deacon. You may send condolences to the family in care of her son John, at 2131 Old Post Road, Coplay, PA 18037

Please keep the family of **Ruth Thomas** in your prayers, Ruth passed away on May 14, 2019. Ruth was a long time member of our church and served as Deacon.

Please keep the family of **Sara McClellan** in your prayers, Sara passed away on May 25, 2019.

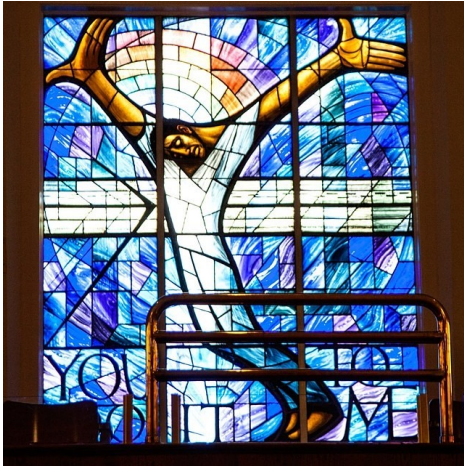
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LIBRARY: Our highlighted book this month is The Greatest Counselor in the World by Lloyd John Ogilvie is our selected book this month. In these pages, Lloyd Ogilvie shares with you the wisdom of a lifetime, guided by God's Word.



Rev. Kim's Birthday Celebration

Helping Hands: Save the Date.....Helping Hands will be on the road again to Fayetteville, NC on October 19-26, 2019. They are looking for able bodied volunteers to join them in their continued work in that area to help repair the homes of families who were displaced by flooding. Won't you consider joining them? No skills necessary, just a willingness to help and learn. If you are unable to participate but want to help, donations are gratefully accepted. More information to come.



Free Community Meals: Sunday, June 2 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 4 South 5th St., Coplay. Tuesday, June 18, Commitment to Family & Community, 165 Cherry St., Coplay.

Open/Drop-In Grief Support Groups: Easton: First Monday of every month from 4-5:30 PM at St. Luke's Anderson, Medical Office Building, 1700 St. Luke's Blvd, Easton, lower level conference room A.

Newly Bereaved Workshops: Six Week General loss Group Starts on June 6th and will run for six Thursday evenings, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 18, and July 25, from six to eight at Dinkey memorial Church, 1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton. Contact Tara George at 484-526-2314 to sign up.

Valley Over the Edge: Take a leap of faith and go over the edge on June 1!

The Lehigh Conference of Churches is hosting the second annual Valley Over the Edge on June 1 in which 76 rappellers will be going over the edge at Two City Center in Allentown. Adventurous participants will rappel down this 11-story building by raising \$1,000 or more to secure their spot on the ropes. If you are interested in attending or being involved please refer to the pamphlet on our bulletin board.

Muslim Fun Day, June 8th, see the pamphlet on the bulletin board.

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: The more engagement our church Facebook page receives, the more Facebook will make our page visible to followers and friends. So, take a minute to visit our page at www.facebook.com/HokeyPres and make sure you "like" the page, "follow" and "turn on" your notifications.

It's a whole different experience! Have you ever taken the time to look at our church website? Our church newsletter is there and it is a whole different experience reading it on line—it's in **color** and the photos are **crystal clear**. You might even like it better than the paper version—by switching to the on line version you would be saving the church the cost of a stamp, paper, copier toner etc. Let the office know your preference.

Kirkwood Summer Camps 2019: Traditional Camp, Night Owl Camp, Fantasy Camp, Senior Music Camp, Mystery Camp, Joy of Creation Camp, Art Camp, Junior Adventure Camp, Two Week Adventure Camp, Senior Adventure. If you are interested please see the brochure on the bulletin board.

Webinar: Stop the Cycle of Poverty! May 30, 12:00—1:30 PM. June 19, 12:00—1:30 PM.. Sign up to join the Self-Development of People webinar. Register at nina.lewis@pcusa.org. This webinar challenges us to go beyond charity and take a more holistic view of poverty, equipping teams to create real and lasting change.

Wet weather doesn't hold Pat Frankenfild back from attending Church.



Did you remember to feed your fish today?

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



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.

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| Mrs. Jane Periera | 5575 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045 |
| Mrs. James DeWalt | Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104 |
| Dolly Kramlich | Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #302, Allentown, PA 18102 |
| Dorothy Kromer | 3107 S. Third Street, Whitehall, PA 18052 |
| 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 |

Deborah Altorfer

Abruzzi Family

Stephen Arehart

Karen Becker

Cory Borger

Carolyn Brinker

Bonnie Brandmeir

Lila Bowman

Jonah Brown

Susan Chandler

Elizabeth Conners

Kathy Cutter

Esther DeWalt

Michael Dobry

Lib Dorwart

Dolly Dougherty

Tim Faisetty

Brenda Feiller

Peter Gilbert

Rebekah Gilbert

Raina Gomez

Maria Gontkosky

Charlie Grim

Glenn Harris

Pamela Henckel

Nicky Hudack

Joe "B"

Joe Kanusky

Klepeiss Family

Jean Krall

Linda Kramaranko

Rosemary Kravenko

Judy Kresley

Ivy Lynch

McKnight Family

Kathy Micio

Mary Ellen Oroskey

Jane Periera

People in the Military

Angie Pontician

Jacob Rivera

Jen Rowland

Linda Schlosser

Cynthia Schwenk

Becky Shreck

Joshua Scoble

Jim Shedlauskas

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Donna Walck

Carol Walker

Dave Weikel

Matthew Yudt

Children at the Mission of the Good Shepherd,

People suffering from depression.

