

The Lamplighter Newsletter First Presbyterian Church Of Hokendauqua

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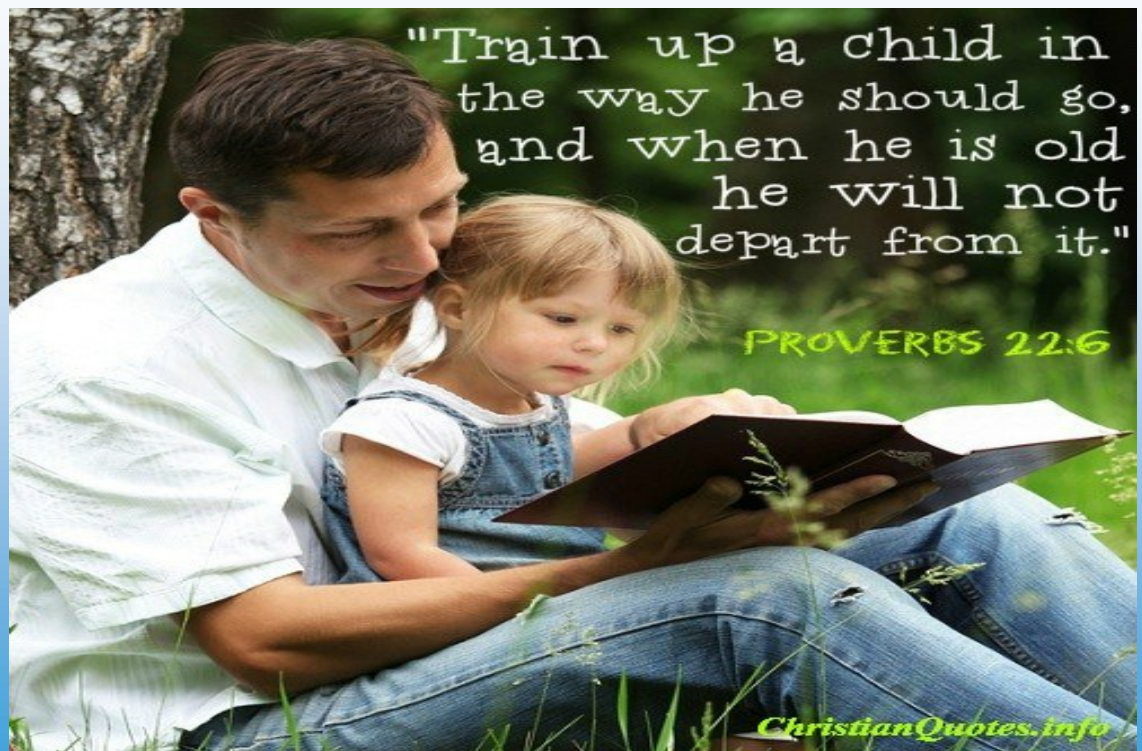
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***Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Of
Hokendauqua's Monthly Newsletter***

June 2026

***Grace and peace to you! We are thrilled to share some
exciting updates and upcoming events happening in
our***

Church community!



Ponderings from PC:

Happy Spring and Soon to be Summer!

I feel like we just started Spring and now we are getting ready for Summer?!?!? As I write this, I am looking at the worship service for Pentecost, which feels early this year, and know that with Pentecost comes the advent of Summer and all that comes along with that. But before we get there, I want to stop for a moment and think about today...

Where are you reading this? Is it on your computer screen or did you print off the Newsletter this month so that you can feel it, touch it, smell it, whatever holding paper means for you? Are you reading it to find out what we are doing over the coming weeks? Why are you reading this month's newsletter? Take a moment to stop and contemplate what this newsletter means for you...

I know for me, as I look at all the things that are coming up on my calendar, I often forget to take a moment and consider what is happening that day. I also know that life is short and we need to stop from time to time to reflect on the moment in which we find ourselves...kind of like the old adage of stopping to smell the roses from time to time.

I want to encourage us this summer, as we reflect on the foundations of our faith in worship, to stop from time to time to do some reflection and slow down a bit. Summer is an excellent time for us to slow things down a bit...especially when it is hot outside!

May God's love and grace surround you this day and each day that is to come!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Gospel Reading</u>	<u>Sermon title</u>
6/07	Genesis 12:1-9	Matthew 9:35-10:8	Exploring the foundations of faith I: Abram's call
6/14	Genesis 18:1—15	Matthew 9:35-10:8	Exploring the Foundations of Our Faith II: Sarah Laughs
6/21	Genesis 21:8-21	Matthew 10:24-39	Exploring the Foundations of Our Faith III: Hagar & Ishmael
6/28	Genesis 22: 1-14	Matthew 10:40-42	Exploring the Foundations of Our Faith IV : The Test
7/05	Genesis 24:34-49	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30	Exploring the Foundations of Our Faith V: A Wife for Isaac

The Questioner's Bible Study:

Have you ever questioned what you read or heard read in scripture? Have you never studied the Bible or are just curious why we should study the Bible? Then this Bible Study is for you! Over the summer, Pastor will gather with those who are NEW to Bible Study or have ever questioned what they read. Please contact Pastor to reserve your seat! We will begin this study **July 1 at 4:00 PM** and we will plan to meet for about an hour and a half each session. We will cover topics like, what is the Bible and why do we trust it, what does the Bible say about Creation, consequences of our actions, what promises do we have and why do we have them, among many others. Our study will take us on an adventure of discovery and open the space for us to ask honest questions without any prejudice.

Video Study Series:

Our study of the video series, “**The Story of God**” continues to meet **Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 PM**. The study has covered topics, so far, on life after death, the apocalypse, and who is God. Even if you have not attended any of the sessions so far, all are welcome to join us for the discussion. All that is asked in preparation is that you watch the session beforehand (**can be found at www.dailymotion.com and search for The Story of God, S01 E0#**) and come prepared to expand your faith! Here is the schedule of sessions:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Session #:</u>	<u>Episode to View:</u>	<u>Discussion Topic:</u>
6/03	Session 4	Episode 4	Creation
6/10	Session 5	Episode 5	Why Does Evil Exist?
6/17	Session 6	Episode 6	The Power of Miracles



Joyce Wheeler's 90th

Birthday Celebration

We would like to send the warmest and happiest birthday wishes to a beloved member of our congregation. Joyce has been a faithful part of our church family for many years. Blessing us all with her wisdom, and warm smile.

Happy June church family!

I was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, and I have been part of the First Presbyterian Church family for 39 years. I first came to 1st Pres because my mother thought I might enjoy singing in the choir—and she was right. That simple invitation opened the door to decades of worship, music, and community that have shaped my life.

I was married for nearly 44 years before my spouse passed away from cancer. Throughout our marriage, we experienced profound loss through multiple pregnancies that did not survive. And I can say that it was my faith that carried me through those seasons, and I hold tightly to the hope that I will meet those precious children in heaven one day. I have always loved singing in choirs, reading, walking, traveling, and working on puzzles—crosswords, sudoku, jigsaw, you name it. Music is one of my greatest joys, whether I am attending a concert or simply listening at home with one of my favorite hymns being “Fairest Lord Jesus.” Music is not the only thing that carries my in my faith, I enjoy reading and studying the Bible. When I think of the ones that anchor me and especially my faith, I think of the story of Joseph, the book of Ruth, Psalms 23, 103, and 139, Isaiah 55, Luke 24:13–35, Romans 8 and 12, and Philippians 4:4–8. Some of my happiest memories are childhood summers spent with my grandparents and cousins, as well as church retreats and Sunday School classes that helped me grow in my faith. I love visiting U.S. National Parks—their beauty and wildlife always remind me of God’s handiwork. If I could meet anyone from Scripture it would be Mary, the mother of Jesus. It must have been difficult raising Jesus’s siblings who did not believe He was the Messiah, but then joyful when they did believe. Would you tell us how that came about? If I were stranded on a deserted island, I would want my Bible, a loyal dog, and enough food and water for both of us.

Who am I?





June Birthdays

Rebekah Gilbert	June 1st
Michael Kramlich	June 4th
Doug Sammak	June 5th
Andrew Bydlon	June 7th
Kian Mahdi Linton	June 13th
Logan Rusnock	June 13th
John Filipovits	June 15th
George Goshey	June 16th
Wendy Seip	June 17th
Peter Gilbert	June 19th
Sandra Bennett	June 21st
John Hrizuk	June 22nd
Rose Hrizuk	June 22nd
Michael Hrizuk	June 22nd
Madison Lynn Fehnel	June 24th
Thomas Bennett	June 25th
Archie Myers	June 26th
Megan Justice	June 27th
Jill Lafaw	June 27th
Rev Joyce Smothers	June 19th
Kathleen McNeill Wedge	June 7th

Graduate Sunday

Graduate Sunday will be celebrated June 14th. Please let the church office know if you have any family members who are graduating or have graduated this year.

Let us know the school and degree received.



Outreach Project Family Promise

This outreach involves the Family Promise organization. They will be the recipient. Their organization supports children and families experiencing homelessness.

Items needed are the following:

Women's deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, baby wipes and size 5 diapers. There will be a bin located on the stage in fellowship hall to drop off these items if you'd like to donate.

Financials- May 2026

<u>MTD</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
<u>Income</u>			
<u>Expenses</u>			
<u>Net</u>			
<u>YTD</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
<u>Income</u>			
<u>Expenses</u>			
<u>Net</u>			

What's Going On

Girl Scouts—Mondays at 6:30pm

N.A meets in the Social Hall Thursdays at 7PM

Adult Sunday School meets Sunday after worship in the first Sunday School Room

Sunday Funday (9 to 9:45AM)—Classes are open to all children from the age of 5. Contact the church office for further details

Choir practice—Wednesday **June 3rd at 6PM**, will be the season's last practice.

The choir will start up again with rehearsals and performances in September. The choir is always in need of and looking for additional members/voices to help make our choir sound even better than it already does. You don't need to be able to read music. Just bring along your enthusiasm to joyfully lift up your voice in praise.

We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm and usually perform at least two Sundays per month. For more information, contact:

Joanne Matthew (jlmattthews123@aol.com)

Fellowship Lunch —will be scheduled on **June 2nd**, and will be held at:

Longhorn Steakhouse

1035 Grape St., Whitehall PA 18052

On **Tuesday June 16th**, the fellowship group will gather for the final meet before summer break and will **return for Lunch to be held on September 1st, at Olive Garden.**

The video series, "**The Story of God**" continues to meet **Wednesdays at 4:30 PM with our final session to occur on June 17.**

Father's Day at the Iron Pigs : On Sunday, June 21. If you reserved tickets for this event, please see PC or Stephanie to receive your ticket. Gates open at 11:45 AM, food will be served starting at 12:15 PM.

Our Annual Community Picnic Day: 7/25 at 2:00pm, If you are interested in Volunteering Please sign up at the sign up sheet located on the bulletin Board near the Fellowship Room. **Volunteers can also contact Kevin Justice.**

PRAYER list...

Prayers for

Brianha	Amaya	Jennifer H.
Steve B	Jonah	Tom H.
Margaret B.	Todd	Louiseann
Andrea and Family	Adrian	Nicole
Helen	Irene	Sylvia
	Melissa	

Please also remember those who, because of health issues, find it difficult to physically worship with us every Sunday.

Shirley Adams	Sacred Heart Assisted Living
Janet Bloszinsky	Coplay, Pa
Donald DeWalt	Catasauqua, Pa
Linda DeWalt	Cedarbrook
Dorothy Somers	Fellowship Community

We are currently updating our prayer list. Please call our office at 610-264-9693 or send all Prayer requests via email to:

rebeccamontes@hokeypres.org

Greeters & Ushers

Melody & John Faisetty June 7th
 Carol & Tom Steigerwalt June 14th

Communion Set-Up Cleanup

Jennifer Hartman June 21st-
 Gail Rhinehart, June 7th
 Rich & Gail Kramlich June 28th

Communion Servers

Dave & Karen Sentiwany, June 7th



June 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Bible study (10A) Girl Scouts (6:30P)	2 Fellowship Lunch to be held at Longhorn	3 Choir Practice (6P) Bible Video Series 4:30pm	4 N.A. (7P)	5	6
7 Communion Food bank Adult Sunday School	8	9	10 Summer Break for Choir begins Bible video se- ries 4:30pm	11 N.A. (7P)	12	13
14	15	16 Final meet Fellowship Crafts Before summer break	17	18 N.A. (7P)	19	20
Joyful Noise Adult Sunday School			Session Meeting Bible video Series 4:30pm			
21 Father's Missions/ Iron Pigs Game for Dad	Day 22	23	24	25 N.A. (7P)	26	27
28	29	30	NOTES: N.A. = Narcotics Anonymous			
Adult Sunday School			Notes: Bible Study T.V. Series "The Story Of God"			

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IN ALL OUR RELATIONSHIPS***