



# THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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**MARCH**

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**Elders Class of 2021**

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

Sue Butchinski

MaryAnn Miller

Melody Faisetty

John Faisetty

**Elders Class of 2022**

Carl Moran

Sandy Moran

Barbara Quigg

Carol Snyder

**Elders Class of 2023**

Sally Heffner

Tammy Seidick

David Sentiwany

Eileen Tremblay

**Deacons Class of 2021**

Donna Pontician

Samara Mebane

Karen Sentiwany

Carol Steigerwalt

**Deacons Class of 2022**

Carol Clancy

Megan Justice

Maddie Stettler

Jayne Stevens

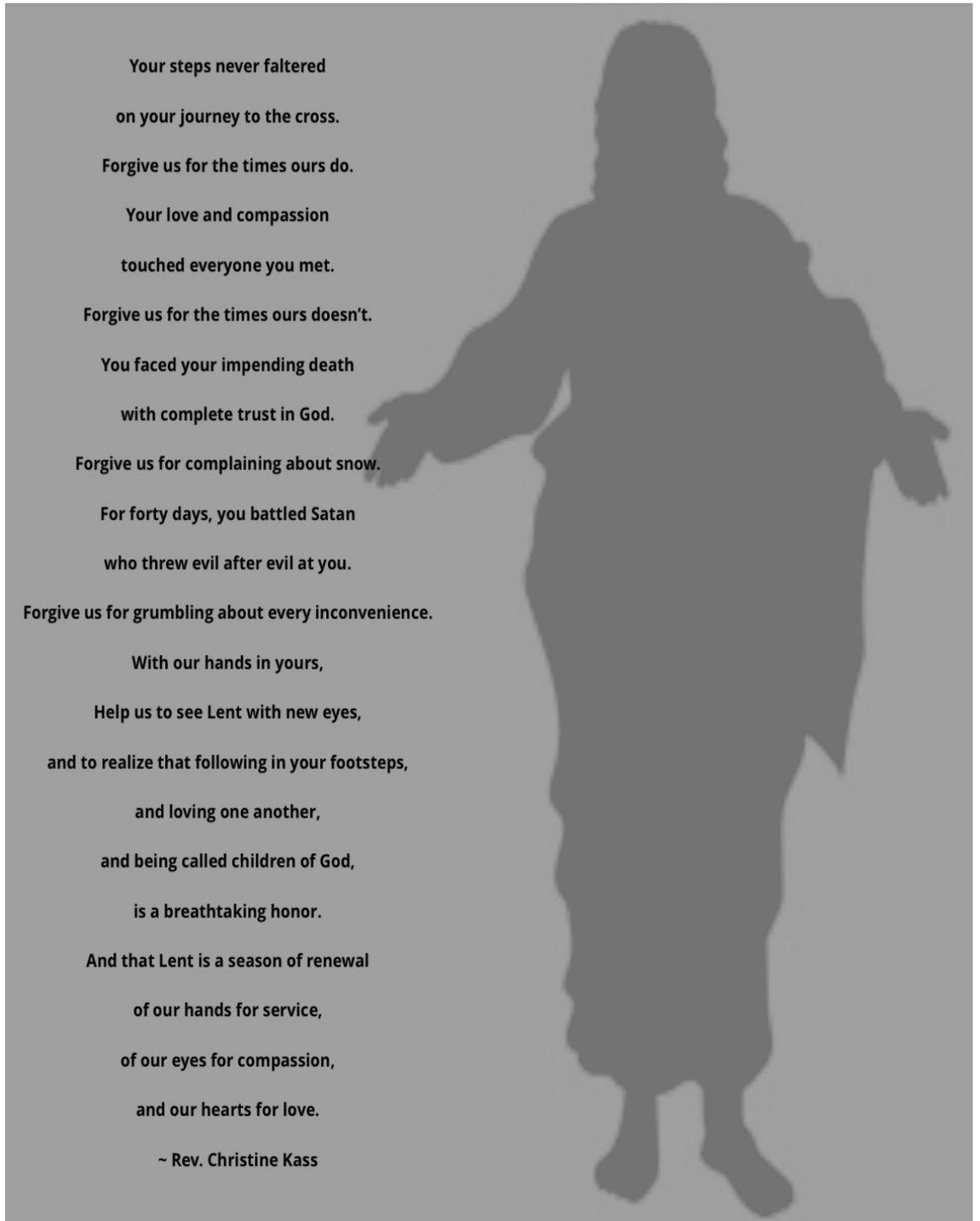
**Deacons Class of 2023**

Louise Juretus

John Rowland

Karen Bydlon

Chris Mondschein



Your steps never faltered

on your journey to the cross.

Forgive us for the times ours do.

Your love and compassion

touched everyone you met.

Forgive us for the times ours doesn't.

You faced your impending death

with complete trust in God.

Forgive us for complaining about snow.

For forty days, you battled Satan

who threw evil after evil at you.

Forgive us for grumbling about every inconvenience.

With our hands in yours,

Help us to see Lent with new eyes,

and to realize that following in your footsteps,

and loving one another,

and being called children of God,

is a breathtaking honor.

And that Lent is a season of renewal

of our hands for service,

of our eyes for compassion,

and our hearts for love.

~ Rev. Christine Kass

## An Update on our Church Building Closure from Session:

February 18, 2021: The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua has made the decision to continue the closure of the church building to public gatherings including worship service. The Session reviewed the following factors in order to come to this decision: sanctuary limitations with airflow in the winter months, vulnerabilities of our congregation members, lack of volunteers to monitor possible attendees with temperature checks and extra sanitation measures, and unwillingness of a majority of our members to attend in-person worship at this time. In addition, Session feels that any in-person worship at this time would not feel like a 'normal' service due to lack of a choir, singing of hymns, passing of the peace/collection plate, and gathering before or after the service. It is a disappointment that Session members share with Hokey Pres congregation members.

**Looking forward**, Session anticipates a return to outdoor worship services when weather permits, and as more members of our congregation receive health protection from Covid-19 vaccines and herd immunity, Session will revisit in-person worship within the church building. Church worship services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook.com/HokeyPres and recorded services posted at hokeypres.org. If you would like printed copies of the sermons mailed to you, please call the church at 610-264-9693 and leave a message. Thank you for your understanding, and may God bless our church and our members.

**NEW CHURCH COOKBOOK IN THE WORKS!** Our church members are making plans to create a new/updated church cookbook (the last one was created in the early 90's!). The cookbook will be sold as a fundraiser for the church. The cookbook committee is looking for recipe contributions from our members, far and wide! Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Or more than one? Please send your recipes to hokeypres@gmail.com or send a printed copy to our church mailing address. Thanks!

Tammy Seidick

## Our Church bells are ringing again!



**We have Easter flowers for sale** now until March 7<sup>th</sup>. Our price list is as follows:

Hyacinths:	Blue, White, or Pink	\$7.00
Tulips:	Red, Pink, Yellow, or White	\$7.00
Daffodils:	Yellow	\$7.00
Easter Lilies:	White	\$9.00

Please make your checks out to: First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua and put Deacons on the memo line.

Please include a note with your choices of flowers and colors.

You may either mail your checks to the church or drop them in the front mail slot.

The flowers will be delivered to the church back parking lot on Saturday, April 3, that's the day before Easter. And you may pick them up between 10am and noon.

If you have any questions my # is (610) 264-1746. Thank you!  
Carol Clancy

## SESSION SNIPPETS

Did you know that Pastor Christy made the front page of the Whitehall-Coplay Press? A wonderful article about her body prayer accompanied it.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected in the next few weeks. This is the offering that the Sunday school students get involved with as they choose how the offerings are to be spent. It's a fun time for them and their teachers as they "shop" from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog for items or animals needed by people far and wide. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please mark your envelope accordingly.

Property Committee's report had several exciting items: The painting project will resume in Spring. A new live streaming system will be installed in our sanctuary in the very near future. The landscaping project, including the Memorial Garden, will be underway as the weather warms. And last, but not least, our church bell is now repaired and ready to be rung! We had one "dry run" recently and it sounded like music to our ears!

More good news: How often have we been at a church (or non-church) gathering and wish we had the recipe for something that was served? Well, Membership, Outreach & Mission Committee has decided to sponsor a new church COOKBOOK! Please email or send your favorite recipes to Connie who will be compiling and "publishing", as well as binding the book. Don't be shy; send as many as you like. For sure, there will be some "oldies, but goodies" from our last two cookbooks included in this one. Stay tuned for a mention of a deadline for sending them in.

The \$357 profit from the soup sale will go toward the building fund.

EASTER FLOWERS will be made available this year for purchase. Flowers must be picked up at church.

Our church is committed to a monthly \$100 contribution to Whitehall Food Bank. If you'd like to contribute, just mark your offering envelope to designate your wishes.

We had an in-depth discussion on our church re-opening. Check Tammy Seidick's article in this newsletter for more information. We unanimously agreed to concentrate on outdoor services when the weather gets warmer.

If you would like a copy of Pastor Christy's sermons, please let Connie know and she'll be happy to mail one out to you on a weekly basis.

Melody Faisetty

## **CHURCH FINANCES FOR January 2021 Sue Butchinski, Church Treasurer**

MTD:	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER
Giving	\$11178.42	\$10036.86	\$1141.56 Over
Expenses	\$ 9866.54	\$10743.89	\$-877.35 Under

YTD: No Year To Date

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our church budget.

PER CAPITA FOR 2021: The Per Capita for 2021 has stayed at \$39.13.

## **Sunday School Zoom Ses-**

**sions:** Did you know that our Sunday School students are meeting twice a month on Zoom? Join our Sunday School teachers on the 2nd and the 4th Sunday of every month at 9am for a short lesson and craft. Please contact hokeypres@gmail.com and we will put you in touch with the Sunday School Program.

## **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](http://www.facebook.com/HokeyPres) and make sure you "like" the page, "follow" and "turn on" your notifications.**

## 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)

**Looking for people to share worship music** for our online church services. Do you have a piece of worship music (religious music only, we don't have licensing permission to livestream secular music) you would like to share during an upcoming online church service? Share your singing voice or instrument playing by sending a message to Pastor Christy at [revchristyk@gmail.com](mailto:revchristyk@gmail.com) and let's get that coordinated. You can record the music piece at home and Pastor Christy can play the music during the online service.

Tammy Seidick, Session Communication Committee

**St. Lukes Comfort the Grieving Heart:** We are offering an 8 week mindfulness group for grievers that will meet virtually for eight Friday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m. beginning March 5. Call 484-635-0662 to register.

**Spouse/Partner Loss Group** will meet virtually on six Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning March 25 and running until April 29. Call 484-225-9269 to register.

**Coming Soon! A walking group for grievers.** If interested contact Tara George at 484-526-0833.

**Individual support:** Our three grief counselors are available by cell phone for phone and video sessions to provide support and information. Contact Alexandra at 484-635-0662, Jean at 484-225-9269, Tara at 484-523-0833 or Dawn at 484-526-2499 for more information.

**Pastor Christy is continuing to work from home** until further notice, but she will be resuming her "office hours" of 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and can be reached via phone or text on her church cell number: 484- 597-2005. She can be reached at any time (phone or email) for matters that are urgent

**Come and join us for an hour of fellowship** and fun! You can color, work on a craft, journal, knit or crochet, whatever you would like. You can even just sit and enjoy conversation and friendship. We meet through zoom every Friday at 2:00pm. Email Sandy at [twinangels526@gmail.com](mailto:twinangels526@gmail.com) if you would like to join us.

**Prayer Requests:** Do you have a joy to share or a concern to pray over? Please email prayer requests to Pastor Christy at revchristy@gmail.com during the week and they will be included in an upcoming online 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 along with your name.

## March Birthdays:

March 1: Madeline Haas

March 3: Eileen Tremblay

March 4: Shania Schlosser

March 5: Sally Heffner

Richard Lychak

March 6: Jaxon Pidgeon

Ron Lafaw

March 12: McKenzie McNeill

March 15: Gail Rhinehart

March 17: Pamela Filipovits

Megan Lafaw

March 18: John Rowland

March 21: Patti Sammak

March 22: Briahna Shuey

March 27: Mickey Seidick



## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS)

Do you remember our fish banks? I figured it out that if I had put a nickel per meal in my fish since last March 13, I would have \$54.60!

And do you remember the placemats for OGHS? I had fun doing some of its suggested activities such as giving a coin for the following items: all the faucets, doors with locks, blankets, vegetables or computers in our home. Then I stop and think how lucky we are that we have those things at home. This year's calendar continues those activities, and I found one that said, get ready for this...give a coin for every day it snowed recently! It also suggests saying a prayer for each person your family knows who has had COVID-19 and also for those people you don't know.

OGHS offering is accepted until Easter. Please mark your envelope accordingly.



**Sunday School member Malia Corsino holds up several art projects she has made with craft packages our Sunday School sends out each month. Malia is nine years old and in the third grade at Parkland's Veterans Memorial Elementary School. She is the granddaughter of Joanne Matthews.**



**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
Mae Hart	Devon House, 1930 Bevin Drive, Allentown, PA 18103
Dolly Kramlich	Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #206 Allentown, PA 18102
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*

*Peter Gilbert*

*Jaden Leiby*

*Donna Walck*

*Stephanie Baily*

*Rebekah Gilbert*

*Ivy Lynch*

*Carol Walker*

*Barbara Bartholomew*

*Steve Glick*

*Juliet Malay*

*Mike Woodling*

*Karen Becker*

*Raina Gomez*

*Dave Martin*

*Vance Woodley*

*Cory Borger*

*Maria Gontkosky*

*Kathy Micio*

*Yudt Family*

*Lacey Bowman*

*Charlie Grim*

*Oroskey Family*

*Roland Yudt*

*Bonnie Brandmeir*

*Guzenski Family*

*Jane Periera*

**Children** at the Mission of the Good Shepherd,

*Valerie Chandler*

*Glenn Harris*

*People in the Military*

**People suffering** from depression.

*and family*

*Pamela Henckel*

*Angie Pontician*

*Elizabeth Connors*

*David Hertzog*

*Jacob Rivera*

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

*Kathy Cutter*

*Matthew Hess*

*Linda Schlosser*

*Esther DeWalt*

*Nicky Hudack*

*Becky Shreck*

*Michael Dobry*

*Joe Kanusky*

*Joshua Scoble*

*Doreen*

*Linda Kramaranko*

*Rowan Sharrar*

*Dolly Dougherty*

*Rosemary Kravenko*

*Jim Shedlauskas*

*Brenda Feiller*

*Judy Kresley*

*Joanne Sienkiewicz*



## Church News!

Interested in printed copies of Pastor Christy's Sunday sermons? Please call the church office and leave a message with your name and mailing address. We will send you printed copies.

**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.

**Remember to save your Redner Tapes and you soda can tabs, and Box Tops for Education. In Fellowship Hall.**



**Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative Food Pantry** will open the second Thursday each month from 11 AM to 1 PM and 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at 3008 S. Ruch Street, Whitehall. Back Paking Lot of St. John the Baptist Church. Phone is 484-225-0358, web site is [whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative.org](http://whitehallcoplayhungerinitiative.org)

# MARCH 2021

**Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Book Club 10am Body Prayer 4pm	World Day of Prayer Fellowship 2 pm	
7 <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> Rev. Freebairn Communion	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11 Book Club 10am Body Prayer 4pm	12 Fellowship 2 pm	13
14 <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17	18 Session Meets at 7 PM Book Club 10 am Body Prayer 4 pm	19 Fellowship 2 pm	20 Mr. Rogers Day
21 <b>5th Sunday in Lent</b> Justice Advocacy Sunday	22 World Water Day	23	24	25 Book Club 10 am Body Prayer 4 pm	26 Fellowship 2 pm	27
28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Holy Week Begins	29 Monday of Holy Week	30 Tuesday of Holy Week	31 Wednesday of Holy Week	April 1 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	April 3 Great Vigil of Easter



