



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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MARCH

2022

Elders Class of 2022

- Barb Quigg
- Scott Kramlich
- Gail Rhinehart
- Thomas Steigerwalt

Elders Class of 2023

- Sally Heffner
- Tammy Seidick
- David Sentiwany
- Eileen Tremblay

Elders Class of 2024

- Sue Butchinski
- Joyce Wheeler
- John Hrizuk
- Vacancy

Deacons Class of 2022

- Carol Clancy
- Megan Justice
- Maddie Stettler
- Jayne Stevens

Deacons Class of 2023

- Ethan Guzenski
- Colleen Kloiber
- Gail Kramlich
- Louise Juretus

Deacons Class of 2024

- Troy Guzenski
- Sue Hoke
- Samara Mebane
- Karen Sentiwany

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

Nomination of Hokendauqua's Thomas Iron Company Town Historic District as part of the National Register of Historic Places

Late in 2021, Session members were made aware that our church was included in the Thomas Iron Company Historic District which was to be considered by the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places in early February 2022. Session members attended a virtual meeting during which Artefact, a Bethlehem, PA architectural preservation firm, gave a presentation on the historic significance of our area. The information and nomination was also supported by the Whitehall Township Industrial and Commercial Development Authority and the Whitehall Mayor.

The Session believes it is a wonderful honor to recognize the original company town in Hokendauqua as a historically significant place in our community and our country.

The Thomas Iron Company was founded by David Thomas, Samuel Thomas and a group of investors laid out the town of Hokendauqua on November 9, 1854. Originally lots were sold but the company quickly realized it was to their advantage to own all the property in town so they bought back all but two of the lots. Their motive was to exclude the establishment of drinking saloons and other haunts of vice from the neighborhood surrounding the iron company.

One of our church's founding members was Samuel Thomas, son of David Thomas. David pioneered the use of anthracite coal in the manufacturer of iron beginning in Catasauqua in 1839-1840. Thomas Iron Company donated 3 lots of ground totaling 150ft. by 150ft. and \$3500.00 in cash toward the establishment of our church edifice. The cornerstone of our church was laid on August 11, 1867.

Session believes that in recognizing Hokendauqua's Thomas Iron Company Town Historic District we are honoring those men and women who lived in the village and whose sweat and toil contributed to the Industrial Revolution and the building of our nation. This district contributed to the development of the iron and steel industry, the railroads, mining and other nearby industries manufacturing various industrial and consumer goods.

Session believes our church and the communities of Hokendauqua and Whitehall Township will benefit from this designation, and that it will provide access to resources for community enhancement and development to better our citizens' lives.

In February, the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Board agreed to nominate the historic district for the National Register of Historic Places, and Session will inform our congregation when we learn more. Listing in the National Register does not mean that limitations will be placed on the church property or any property within the district by the **State** or Federal government.

Pulpit Supply for March 2022:

March 6: Rev. Kim

March 13: Rev. Bartha

March 20: Rev. Kim

March 27: Open

The Nominating Committee is looking

for members of the congregation to serve on the Pastoral Nominating Committee. Anyone interested please contact John Hrizuk at jhrizuk@gmail.com or call him at 610-502-0448

Let's send a card of thanks

to Pat Frankenfield, who kept our church looking great for the past 6 years. Pat, who hasn't bounced back since having COVID a few months ago, will be missed. Her address is: 5160 Stone Terrace Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052.

You may find the Membership List for

2022 on the table in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take one.



Sunday School News:

Sunday school is the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Joyful Noise now comes on the second Sunday. The money collected from Joyful Noise will go towards the Presbyterian Gift Catalog for purchase of farm animals, bees, water filtration etc. Our first Joyful Noise collection this year earned a \$49!

Children's Sunday School



If you would like to learn more about

the negative impact of loneliness on physical and mental health, consider reading *Loneliness: Human Nature and the Need for Social Connections* by John T. Cacioppo and William Patrick. You may find it at your local library. The authors believe that the sense of isolation or social rejection disrupts not only our thinking abilities and will power but also our immune systems.

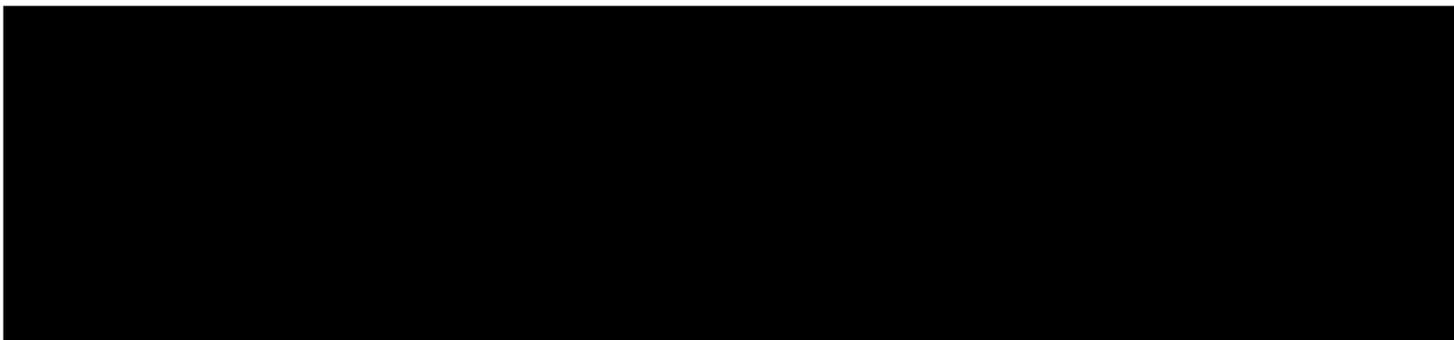
The cookbook committee has completed

a second printing of our popular cookbook. We have 9 books left to sell. If you are looking for a lovely gift for a friend or relative please consider one of these cookbooks. They cost \$10 each, Thanks again for your support of this project.



Church Finances:

FINANCIAL REPORT – January 2022



Per Capita Amount for 2022 has increased to \$43.13

We are happy to welcome back our congregation into our beautiful sanctuary. Thank you for your patience as we navi-



gate 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. The offering plates will not be passed in the pews but will be available in the sanctuary. We will be singing two hymns, two verses only. After relaxing the masking rule for a few weeks, Session voted to reinstate the mask requirement due to the increase in Covid cases as a result of the Delta variant. We will continue to review the situation and update things as the outlook changes.



News and Events

Book Club meets every Thursday at 10AM on ZOOM. Contact Eileen Tremblay if interested.

Fellowship Fun Time Meets every Friday at 1PM. If interested, contact Sandy at



Am I missing your birthday? Please call or email the church office and I will add your name to our birthday list!

March Birthdays

March 1: Madeline Has

March 3: Eileen Tremblay

March 4: Shania Schlosser

March 5: Sally Heffner

Richard Lychak

March 6: Jaxon Pidgeon

Ron Lafaw

March 8: Colleen Kloiber

March 12: McKenzie McNeill

Gail Rhinehart

March 17: Pamela Filipovits

Megan Lafaw

March 18: John Rowland

March 21: Patti Sammak

Nicole Walters

March 22: Briahna Shuey

March 27: Mickey Seidick

March 30: Ben Sammak



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

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 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 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! To view the service on YouTube and see all recorded services, the link is "bit.ly/HokeyPresYouTube".

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

The Compassionate Friends offers ongoing support for parents, grandparents and adult siblings grieving the loss of a child, grandchild or sibling.

Visit www.thecompassionatefriends.org. Enter your zip code to locate the local chapter and contact person near you.



Candy Sale:

The Fellowship and Group Life Committee will again be making candy for Easter. We will let you know when we begin taking orders.



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>

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Prayer Requests: Do you have a joy to share or a concern to pray over? Please email prayer requests to the office at ho-keypres@gmail.com during the week and they will be included in an upcoming Sunday service.

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 ho-keypres@gmail.com along with your name.

Session:

Session would like to announce the retirement of Pat Frankenfield as church custodian and would like to thank her for her many years of service.

Thank you to the Deacons as they begin work within their new Care Team program. The Deacons have sent out a letter to each congregation member with information on the Care Team program and whom they have been assigned as their Care Team Partner. The purpose of the Care Team Initiative is to keep up with each other, and letting the church know if each congregational member has any need for assistance, or prayer requests, or joys and concerns. It is meant to be an enhancement and extension of Pastoral care, not a replacement for it, especially during this transition time between full time pastors in our church.

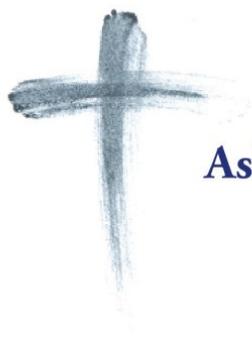
Thank you, members of our congregation, who continually step up during this transition time between full-time pastors, including coordination of supply pastors, opening and closing the church on Sunday mornings, preparing and serving communion, being a worship greeter, counting offering monies, taking care of our church property and grounds, and other general duties. Thank you all!

Mission Committee Report:

The Mission Committee is currently involved in raising funds for the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Collection. One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the four Special Collections of the PCUSA Committee on Mission. This collection, which takes place on Palm Sunday “provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.” Isaiah 58—*you shall be called Repairers of the Breach*. Also see the Sunday school article for Joyful Noise.

The Committee is also collecting used or new greeting cards. Only the FRONT of the card is necessary, so please separate the front from the back before dropping in the box. Due to copywrite laws we cannot accept any Hallmark, American Greeting, or Disney cards. Also, we ask you not to include cards promoting other charitable organizations. When we have collected a sizeable amount, they will be mailed to the St. Jude’s Ranch for Children. There is a red box located in Fellowship Hall where you may place your cards. St. Jude’s offers hope and healing to abused, neglected and homeless children in Nevada since 1966.

We are continuing to collect good to excellent quality eyeglasses. This is a fantastic way to recycle all those “laying around” old glasses and donating them to someone who might be in great need. In addition to eyeglasses, we also are including sunglasses and eyeglass cases. The donations are sent to New Eyes in Short Hills, NJ. Please make sure the glasses are not broken. The collection container is located in Fellowship Hall.



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins



Eileen Tremblay
and Joyce Wheeler



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.

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 C28, 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

Deborah Altorfer

Charlie Grim

Ivy Lynch

Carol Wal

Stephanie Baily

Glenn Harris

Juliet Malay

Mike Woodling

Karen Becker

Pamela Henckel

Joy Messner

Vance Woodley

Cory Borger

David Hertzog

Todd Messner

People suffering from depression.

Bonnie Brandmeir

Matthew Hess

Jane Periera

People who are suffering because of the virus.

*Valerie Chandler
and family*

Nicky Hudack

People in the Military

Elizabeth Conners

Barry Keck

Jacob Rivera

Kathy Cutter

Joe Kanusky

Josie Sabella

Esther DeWalt

Barbara Knarr

Linda Schlosser

Michael Dobry

Linda Kramaranko

Joshua Scoble

Doreen

Rosemary Kravenko

Rowan Sharrar

Dolly Dougherty

Judy Kresley

Jim Shedlauskas

Peter Gilbert

Sharon Kulik

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Steve Glick

Caroline Laudhorn

Carol Steigerwalt

Raina Gomez

Jaden Leiby

Jim Tremblay

Maria Gontkosky

Marie Lychak

Donna Walck

Richard Lychak



March Communion Set-up: John
Hrizuk

March Communion Servers : Dave
& Karen Sentiwany

Ushers/Greeters:

March 6: Sue B. and Barb Q.

March 14: John & Melody F.

March 20: Tom & Carol S.

March 27: Scott and Gail K.

Remember to save your Redner Tapes and you soda can
tabs, and Box Tops for Education. You may find the containers

Please visit our Facebook Page: The more engage-
ment our church Facebook page receives, the more Face-
book 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.



LENT

Metal Tabs from Pop Cans: Barb Quigg is still
collecting metal tabs and the money from
the collection will go to Sunday School not
Westminster Village.

March 2022

Sun.

Mon Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2 Ash Wednesday	3 Book Club 10AM	4 World Day of Prayer Fellowship Fun 1PM	5
6 1st Sunday in Lent Communion Food Bank Sunday	7	8 Interna- tional Woman's Day	9	10 Book Club 10AM	11 Fellowship Fun 1PM	12
13 2nd Sunday in Lent Joyful Noise Sunday Look for your OGHS pamphlet in your bulletin. Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16 SESSION	17 Book Club 10AM	18 Fellowship Fun 1PM	19
20 3rd Sunday in Lent Mr. Rogers Day	21	22	23	24 Book Club 10AM	25 Fellowship Fun 1PM	26
27 4th Sunday in Lent Deacon's Sunday . Look for your OGHS Pamphlet in your bulletin. Eileen will speak on OGHS during our service.	28	29	30	31 Book Club 10AM		