



# THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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**Elders Class of 2018**

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

Melody Faisetty

**W**ell here we are at another start of another season at First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua. Although we haven't gotten any further in our search for another pastor, we have proved to ourselves that we are resilient and steadfast in preserving the life of our little church.

John Faisetty

Jayne Stevens

Barbara Quigg

**Elders Class of 2019**

**T**here are quite a few things that our church can be very proud of. First we have incredibly dedicated members of our congregation that make up the PNC. They have continued to work hard, even in the midst of several failed attempts in finding a new pastor. They have not given up hope and neither should anyone else in our congregation. We are not alone in our search. There are quite a few churches in the Lehigh Presbytery that are going thru the same frustration we are. So we must remember to pray for our PNC for their continued diligence. It's hard work.

Sally Heffner

Eileen Tremblay

Barry Keck

Carol Snyder

**Elders Class of 2020**

Kevin Justice

**S**econd, we are also blessed with a lot of other dedicated members of our church who continue to lead and serve in so many ways. Our deacons continue to offer their helping hands to those in need; our elders continue to lead & govern our church; our Sunday School teachers who have small numbers but great big hearts of dedication; our organist who is there week after week playing beautiful music for all our services; our secretary who does such a fabulous job helping to fill our pulpit week after week; our custodian who keeps our church sparkling clean; and last but not least we have our choir of dedicated souls who love to sing and fill our services with song. We are eternally grateful to all these individuals who give of their time and talent to help keep our little church going.

Tammy Seidick

Dave Sentawany

Joyce Wheeler

**Deacons Class of 2018**

David Hertzog

Sandy Moran

Debbie Snyder

**Deacons Class of 2019**

**T**here are so many other things going on in our church that prove that we will continue to do God's work no matter what. We are hosting another Hunger Initiative Dinner in October, and we are hosting a Lehigh Presbytery meeting in November. As we get back into this new season, more and more things will begin to happen. And that's because we are all faithful in our mission to keep our little church going.

Gail Rhinehart

Louise Juretus

Carol Clancy

**Deacons Class of 2020**

**K**eepr praying for our church and keep doing your part. Because together we will come out of this stronger and even more committed to serving God in this community.

Janet Keck

Joanne Matthews, Clerk of Session

Archie Myers



Church Finances for August 2018 from Sue Butchinski, Church Treasurer

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Income	\$7495.41	\$7430.37	\$65.04 under
Expenses	\$7735.12	\$4458.97	\$3276.15 under*



YTD

Giving	\$58060.61	\$67234.07	\$9173.46 over
Expenses	\$55826.17	\$40066.23	\$15759.94 under

\*No regular pastor salary and pension payments (These financials have not yet been approved by Session)

**Sunday School Reminder—Kids:**

Please join us on October 14th and October 28th. Starting 9 AM

**Adult Bible Study/Sunday School** will begin 8:30 AM in the Chapel. This quarter we are studying “Miracles Signs of Gods Glory”. All are welcome!

**Special Offerings “Peace & Global Witness”.** Your envelope is due by October 7, 2018. 50% of the money collected will stay with our community and our region. The other 50% of this offering will go toward peacemaking efforts around the globe. Their slogan: “If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.”

**Pastor Supply October 2018**

October 7: Don Prytherch

October 14: Grace Ji Sun Kim

October 21: Dianne Kareha

October 28: Dianne Kareha



**Choir Rehearsal:** Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.



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

**Session** will meet on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7 PM



# October

**Our donation funds for the Food Bank are running low.** If you are able, please consider donating when it is Food Bank Sunday (the first Sunday of the month) you may find the donation plate in the back of the church.

**Our Church Florist** will now be **Sweet & Savory** (formally Albert's Florist). Call them at 610-443-0146 if you need to order altar flowers etc.

**Confirmation Class:** Eileen will be teaching a confirmation class beginning on October 14, from 9 AM to 9:45 AM each Sunday. We will be using the same curriculum that Pastor Joyce used for her previous classes. Eileen has taught three confirmation classes in the past and has all her criminal and sexual abuse clearances. Session has approved Eileen teaching these classes until we acquire a full-time pastor. If you have questions you may call Eileen at 484-358-5608 or email her at eileentremblay3@gmail.com.

**Our Church** will be hosting the Hunger Initiative Dinner on October 16th. We are asking for people to supply baked goods for dessert. We will also need help with set up, preparing the dinner, serving and clean-up. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. This year we will have volunteer high school students to run the dinners upstairs and to tables. **Please sign up** for whatever you can help with.

**October 7 is World Communion Sunday.** If anyone would like home communion please call the church office and it can be arranged. 610-264-9693. 9 AM to Noon, Monday through Thursday.

**Book Club:** Starts October 1, 2018 at 9:45. All are welcome! (refreshments!!)

**Special Offerings:** Our Special Offering is Peacemaking and Reconciliation. Pamphlets were handed out with bulletins on September 15 and September 30. Envelopes were handed out on September 30 and are due to be returned on Sunday, October 7, 2018. 50% of this Peace & Global Witness Offering will stay with our community and our region for ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation. 50% of this offering will unite Presbyterians who are working actively for peacemaking efforts around the globe. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



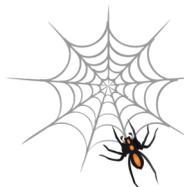
## Nominating Committee Notes



The nominating committee will be calling members to solicit elders and deacons for the coming year. Our church **needs** these officers to serve the congregation and community. Please prayerfully consider this request when called upon. If you are interested, contact Melody Faisetty at 610-264-0416.

**Duties of a Deacon:** The primary duty of the deacons is to minister to those who are sick, friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and outside the community of faith. Also, to decorate the church for religious holidays and remove the decorations afterwards. To assume any other duties that Session chooses to delegate to them. To meet 4-5 times a year to ensure that all duties are being faithfully carried out.

**Duties of an Elder:** Elders are chosen by the congregation to ensure that it is faithful to the word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Together with the Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, governance, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. They must also make decisions that reflect the agreed upon vision and mission statements for the sustainability of the church. An elder needs to exercise leadership, have responsibility for the spiritual life of the congregation as well as the entire Christian community in the surrounding area. This includes Presbytery and other ecumenical relationships. They must serve faithfully as a member of Session. Elders need to be able to set aside their own predilections and preferences and instead ask, "What is best for this community of faith, even if I might not like it." They need to be spiritual leaders in their congregation. This is our high calling. They need to faithfully attend all meetings. They need to attend regular Session meetings to set and enforce church policies/procedures and handle church business. They need to serve on one or more committees. They are asked to serve communion throughout the year as well as assisting the Treasurer in counting the collection for one month of the year.



## BIRTHDAYS!

**October 9: Melody Faisetty**

**Emily Joan Ducko**

**October 11: Cheyenne Dougherty**

**October 15: James Shedlauskas**

**October 16: Margie Arehart**

**October 23: Bruce Linton**

**Janelle Sentiwany**



**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.

**RADA Cutlery and Dish Cloth Sale:** Will run the entire month of October. Dishcloths will be \$2.00 each, and if ordering any RADA cutlery, an additional charge of 75 cents should be added to cover shipping. Question talk with Melody Faisetty.

**Our Church sponsors a Girl Scout Troop.** Troop 6190 made up of Cadette & Senior girls meets every Wednesday evening at our church. Their leader is Melissa Dise, you may contact her at 610-297-1864 if you know of a girl interested in being a Girl Scout.

**Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua Presbyterian Women Basket Social,** Bake Sale, Church Flea Tables, Food. Friday, October 5 from 4 to 7 PM and Saturday, October 6 from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

**Habitat for Humanity Lehigh Valley Phantoms, opening night.** October 6, 2018. Buy your tickets through Habitat Lehigh Valley and the proceeds will help us build strength, stability and shelter for local, low-income families. Tickets are \$25 per ticket. Go to [jshappell@habitatlv.org](mailto:jshappell@habitatlv.org) or call 610-776-7737 x305 for more information.

**Whitehall Halloween Parade:** October 6, 2018.

**Free Community Meals:** Sunday, October 7 at the Muslim Association of Lehigh Valley, 1988 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052 610-799-6223.

**Resource Day:** Saturday, October 13 from 9 to 12 noon at the Presbyterian Church of East Stroudsburg. See note on bulletin board if interested in these workshops.

**Kenyan Dinner:** First Presbyterian Church of Easton will be serving a Kenyan Dinner on Saturday, October 13 from 4:30 to 7PM. For reservations and tickets call Connie at 610-252-2924. See the note on the bulletin board also.

**Crop Hunger Walk:** Palmerton, Sunday, October 14, 2018. Lehighton, Sunday, October 14, 2018. Greater Allentown, Sunday, October 14, 2018. For more information go to [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)

**Free Community Meal:** Tuesday, October 16, **First Presbyterian of Hokendauqua,**

**Coplay Halloween Parade:** 7 PM October 16

**Women of the Bible:** Saturday, October 20 at 8:30 AM. Westminster Village. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Woman of Lehigh Presbytery. See note on bulletin board.

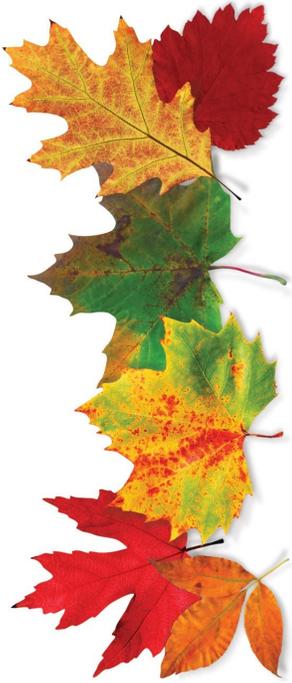
**Join Helping Hands for a Mission Work Trip** to Fayetteville, NC on October 20-27, 2018! For more information see the write-up on the bulletin board.

**IRT Trail Loop Historical Walk:** October 27, 2018 at 9AM. Meet at Chestnut St. Barn.

**Muslim Association of Lehigh Valley:** Fall Open House October 27, 2018. 11 am to 2 pm.



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**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.**

Mrs. Jane Periera 5575 Green Pond Road, Easton, PA 18045  
 Mr. & Mrs. James DeWalt Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104  
 Mrs. Doris Hrizuk Westminster Village, 803 N. Wahneta St., Rm 308A, Allentown, PA 18109  
 Dolly Kramlich Above & Beyond at the Knights, 1545 Greenleaf St., #302, Allentown, PA 18102  
 Dorothy Kromer 3107 S. Third Street, Whitehall, PA 18052  
 Mrs. Sarah McClellan Gracedale Nursing Home, 2 Gracedale Ave, 9th Fl. Rm D2, Nazareth PA 18064  
 Mrs. Ruth Thomas Saucon Valley Manor, 1050 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055  
 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

<i>Dennis Abruzzi</i>	<i>Tim Faisetty</i>	<i>Rosemary Kravenko</i>	<i>Greg Snyder</i>
<i>Deborah Altorfer</i>	<i>Brenda Feiller</i>	<i>Ivy Lynch</i>	<i>Ruth Thomas</i>
<i>Karen Becker</i>	<i>Peter Gilbert</i>	<i>Sarah McClellan</i>	<i>Donna Walck</i>
<i>Cory Borger</i>	<i>Rebekah Gilbert</i>	<i>Donald Miller</i>	<i>Carol Walker</i>
<i>Carolyn Brinker</i>	<i>Raina Gomez</i>	<i>Carol Mortimer</i>	<i>Dave Weikel</i>
<i>Bonnie Brandmeir</i>	<i>Maria Gontkosky</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Oroskey</i>	<b>Children at the Mis-</b>
<i>Lila Bowman</i>	<i>Charlie Grim</i>	<i>Jane Periera</i>	<b>sion of the Good Shep-</b>
<i>Jonah Brown</i>	<i>Glenn Harris</i>	<i>People in the Military</i>	<b>herd,</b>
<i>Marc Chandler</i>	<i>Rikki Haftle</i>	<i>Angie Pontician</i>	<b>People suffering from</b>
<i>Susan Chandler</i>	<i>Pamela Henckle</i>	<i>Jacob Rivera</i>	<b>depression.</b>
<i>Elizabeth Connors</i>	<i>Nicky Hudack</i>	<i>Julie Rowland</i>	<b>A new Minister</b>
<i>Kathy Cutter</i>	<i>Joe Kanusky</i>	<i>Linda Schlosser</i>	
<i>Esther DeWalt</i>	<i>Klepeiss Family</i>	<i>Becky Shreck</i>	
<i>Michael Dobry</i>	<i>Rudy Kloiber</i>	<i>Joshua Scoble</i>	
<i>Lib Dorwart</i>	<i>Jean Krall</i>	<i>Joanne Sienkiewicz</i>	
<i>Dolly Dougherty</i>	<i>Linda Kramaranko</i>	<i>Beth Snyder</i>	

