



# THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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**FEBRUARY 2024**

**Elders Class of  
2024**

Sue Butchinski  
Joyce Wheeler  
John Hrizuk  
Kevin Justice

**Elders Class of  
2025**

Gail Rhinehart  
Scott Kramlich  
John Faisetty  
Jennifer Hartman

**Elders Class of  
2026**

Sally Heffner  
Carol Clancy  
Eileen Tremblay

**Deacons Class of  
2024**

Troy Guzenski  
Sue Hoke  
Samara Mebane  
Karen Sentiwany

**Deacons Class of  
2025**

Melody Faisetty  
Maddie Stettler  
Gail Kramlich

**Deacons Class of  
2026**

Louise Juretus  
Deb Snyder

*Lord, in your mercy:  
hear our prayer.*

*Almighty God, in Christ you taught us to pray,  
and promised that we would receive all that we  
ask in his name.*

*Hear now our prayers:  
for the church universal ...  
for this congregation, its mission and ministry ...  
for the healing of the earth ...  
for peace and justice in the world ...  
for nations and leaders ...  
for our local community ...  
for the poor and oppressed ...  
for the bereaved and lonely ...  
for all who need healing ...  
for those who have died may they be remem-  
bered with thanksgiving ...*

*Guide us, O God, by your Holy Spirit,  
that all of our prayers and all of our lives  
may serve your will and show your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Presbyterian Church U.S.A.*

# CHURCH FINANCES: FINANCIAL REPORT- DECEMBER 2023

MTD:

Income  
Expenses

Actual

Budget

Over/Under

FINANCIALS

YTD:

Income  
Expenses

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
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Expenses			
YTD:			
Income			
Expenses			

*Per capita apportionment for 2024 is \$48 per member.*

## WHAT'S GOING ON

**Adult Sunday School** meets every Sunday after our Church service.

**Children's Sunday School:** TBA

**Book Club:** Meets every Monday at 10am.

**Tuesday Fellowship:** Fellowship lunch will be held on Feb. 6, we will be meeting at the Cheesecake Factory at 1PM and Feb. 20 for crafting at our church, 1PM.

**Deacons:** The Deacons continue to do the work of Christ's heart for our congregation and our community.

**Choir:** TBA

**Souper Bowl Sunday:** February 11, containers available in Fellowship Hall. Small \$4, large \$8.



### USHERS/GREETERS/COMMUNION February 2024

**Feb. 4:** Donna Fink & Donna Pontician

**Feb. 11:** Phil & Connie Overby

**Feb. 18:** John & Melody Faisetty

**Feb. 25:** Carol Clancy and Gail Rhinehart

Communion set-up: Tom & Sally Heffner

Communion servers: Carol Clancy and Sue B.



### PULPIT SUPPLY—February 2024

**Feb. 4:** Rev. Bartha

**Feb. 11:** Rev. McGowan

**Feb. 18:** Rev. McGowan

**Feb. 25:** Rev. McGowan



## February Birthdays :

2/4: MaryAnn Miller

2/4: Steven Mondschein

2/6: Jack Hartman Brown

2/7: Noah Kalel Mebane

2/13: Peyton George

2/13: Tatyana Alston

2/14: Pat Frankenfield

2/21 Jessica Toman

2/23: Louise Juretus

2/26: Bryan Cope

2/27: Scott Kramlich

2/27: Richard Mondschein

2/27: Joe Butchinski



## Our Snowy Garden



Congratulations to Ethan Guzenski, a senior at Whitehall Copley High School. He was the recipient of the Scholar Athlete Award at the Zephyr football banquet on January 21. What an accomplishment and honor! Ethan is currently weighing his acceptance offers from colleges before he makes his final decision. He plans to study meteorology and play football. We all wish Ethan the best of luck in his future endeavors.

## Session Committee

**Christian Ed**—Eileen Tremblay and Gail Rhinehart. This ministry is concerned with the Sunday School Program for the children of our church. They decide what curriculum will be used as well as the type of program will be planned for each calendar year.

**Communication**—Kevin Justice. This ministry is responsible for maintaining the church website (updating content) and Facebook pages with information about the activities within our church.

**Deacon's**—Sally Heffner. Deacon Liaison.

**Fellowship/Group Life**—Sue Butchinski and Sally Heffner. This ministry is responsible for planning any special functions held within the church including Fellowship after services, special dinners, refreshments for special meetings, refreshments for election day, etc.

**Finance & Stewardship**—John Faisetty, Scott Kramlich and Sue Butchinski. This ministry's main function is to address and issues concerning the finances of the church and to develop stewardship programs when required.

**Membership Outreach & Mission** - Joyce Wheeler & Carol Clancy. This ministry concerns itself with developing a mission plan for the church, instituting programs and informing the congregation of any special collections governed by the Lehigh Presbytery. They are also involved with home communion for our shut-ins as well as any outreach programs to those in our surrounding community.

**Nominating**—John Hrizuk. This ministry is responsible for nominating church members to serve as Elders & Deacons as well as auditors. The committee is comprised of representatives from all groups within the church.

**Personnel**— Jen Hartman and John Hrizuk. This ministry is responsible for maintaining open communication with all church employees, conducting interviews when hiring new employees and also conducting yearly reviews of all church employees. They recommend pay rates, increases in pay rates as well as handling any issues that may arise involving church employee relations.

**Property**—John Faisetty and Sue Butchinski. This ministry is responsible for the maintenance, up-keep and general inspections of the church and the surrounding church property. They schedule routine inspections for the heating & air conditioning, fire extinguishers, etc. They perform general maintenance (painting, light bulb replacement, carpentry, etc.) to the church building. They deal with contractors getting estimates and follow through with scheduled work to be done. This is a very hands on ministry.

**Music & Worship**—Carol Clancy and Sally Heffner. This ministry takes care of anything having to do with our church services. They set up/take down communion, change vestments, hang banners, plan special services, recommend dates/times for services. They coordinate music needs with minister.

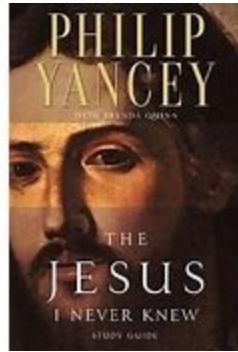


**Book Club:** Meets Monday mornings at 10AM.

Right now we are studying a book by Philip Yancey titled "The Jesus I Never Knew". Please join us.

For questions for more information contact Carol

Clancy at [Rolley717@gmail.com](mailto:Rolley717@gmail.com)



## Did you know?

**You can view recordings** of all worship services on our church website at [hokeypres.org](http://hokeypres.org). The recording of the service will be posted on the website within 24 hours of the service..

**You may also view our church newsletters** on our church website at [hokeypres.org](http://hokeypres.org). There is an archive of past newsletters as well.

**Joyful Noise Collection** this Sunday School year will be taken for the Food Bank.

**Thank you to all who signed up for fellowship duties** and bringing all sorts of yummy cakes and pastries and fruit to share after our worship services. Please remember there is a sign-up sheet in the hall to claim your date.

**Souper Bowl Sunday** is scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th. Soup prices will be \$4.00 for a small container and \$8.00 for a large. Containers for donating your special soups are available in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring your containers of soup with you on Sunday morning on the 11th, or arrange to bring them when the church is open during the week and put them in the refrigerator nearest the door in the kitchen. Thank you to all you soup cooks who support us in this event!!

Sue Butchinski and Sally Heffner

**Christmas Candy Committee has sold and delivered 152 containers of candy for the Christmas Candy Sale.** Net receipts from this candy sale - \$1582.29.

We are still deciding how to use the profits.



## Our Paul Dyer Library

### Winter Reading

**On a cold winter day make yourself warm and comfortable and read a book from our Paul Dyer Library:**

1. **The Men and Women of the Bible by Lockyer**
2. **Brain Workout by Arthur Winter**
3. **Healthy Life Kitchen by Marilu Henner**
4. **Rowing up Again by Mary Tyler Moore**
5. **House Calls (How we can all heal the world one visit at a time).**
6. **Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul**
7. **Walking in Grace 2022**
8. **Hear Us Out by Sue Pizor**

**These books and more may be found in the library in Fellowship Hall.**

Diane Michael, Church Librarian



**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 Bloszinsky	5998 Coplay Rd. Apt. #1, Coplay, PA 18037
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	Gino J. Merli Veteran's Center, 401 Penn Ave., Scranton, PA 18503
Dorothy Somers	3000 Fellowship Drive, Rm 102, Whitehall, PA 18052
Jim Shedlauskas	3021 Rosewood Court, Whitehall, PA 18052

*Deborah Altorfer*

*Pamela Henckel*

*Josie Sabella*

*Stephanie Baily*

*David Hertzog*

*Ben Sammak*

*Karen Becker*

*Matthew Hess*

*Linda Schlosser*

*Bedocs Family*

*Nicky Hudack*

*Rowan Sharrar*

*Krista Champagne & Family*

*Bill Jodry*

*Jim Shedlauskas*

*Elizabeth Conners*

*Joe Kanusky*

*Joanne Sienkiewicz*

*Kathy Cutter*

*Raymond Kern*

*Carol Steigerwalt*

*Michael Dobry*

*Barbara Knarr*

*Jane Tremblay*

*Doreen*

*Linda Kramaranko*

*Donna Walck*

*Dolly Dougherty*

*Rosemary Kravenko*

*Carol Wal*

*Due Family*

*Caroline Laudhorn*

*Mike Woodling*

*Pat Frankenfield*

*Jaden Leiby*

*Vance Woodley*

*Alisa Gashi*

*Marie Lychak*

*Peter Gilbert*

*Richard Lychak*

*Steve Glick*

*Ivy Lynch*

*Raina Gomez*

*Joe Macrina*

*Maria Gontkosky*

*Juliet Malay*

*Charlie Grim*

*Todd Messner*

*Joey Groller*

*People in the Military*

*Larry Hein*

*Angie Pontician*

*Louise Hein*

*Jacob Rivera*



**People suffering from depression.**

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

**People who are suffering Because of the wars.**

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

— The Prayer of St. Francis

**REMEMBER TO  
SAVE YOUR  
REDNER TAPES,**

You may find the container in Fellowship Hall. The Redner profit goes toward the area food banks.

# FEBRUARY 2024

SUN.

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TUE

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FRI

SAT

				1 NA 7PM	2 Girl Scouts 6:30PM	3
4 5th Sunday after Epiphany. Rev. Bartha. Communion. Food Bank Sunday	5 Book Club 10AM	6 Tuesday Fellowship— Cheesecake Factory 1PM	7 Choir 6:30pm	8 NA 7PM	9 Girl Scouts 6:30PM	10
11 Transfiguration of the Lord. Rev. McGowan. Annual Meeting. Souper Bowl Sunday. Joyful Noise Sunday.	12 Book Club 10AM	13	14 Ash Wed. Service at 7PM	15 NA 7PM	16 Girl Scouts 6:30PM	17
18 1st Sunday in Lent. Rev. McGowan	19 President's Day. Book Club 10AM	20 Tuesday Fellowship at Church 1PM	21 Session 7PM	22 NA 7PM	23 Girl Scouts 6:30PM	24
25 2nd Sunday in Lent. Rev. McGowan. Deacon's Sunday	26 Book Club 10AM	27	28 Choir 6:30PM	29 NA 7PM		