



JULY 2024

THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

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
Karen Sentiwany

Deacons Class of 2025

Melody Faisetty
Maddie Stettler
Gail Kramlich

Deacons Class of 2026

Louise Juretus
Deb Snyder

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

SERVICE LED BY REV. CHUCK MONTS



Rev. Bartha leads the prayer for the ceremony at the triangle on
Memorial Day.

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Dear Church Family:

In Ecclesiastes 3 we read, "There is a time for everything under heaven," listing some things we often consider to be negative and things we usually consider positive. Summer can be a season that includes both ends of the spectrum -- heat and humidity but also iced tea and air conditioning; fresh garden vegetables and flowers but also having to cut the grass, trim the bushes and edge the sidewalk; baseball galore but no football; outdoor concerts and fairs but also increased traffic due to such summertime events. Summer can be a down time for the church, when there are fewer congregational activities and committee responsibilities; it can also be a time of special activities. At Hokey Pres, Sunday School, the Book Group and Session is off for the Summer, but there are also these unique enriching opportunities to take advantage of:

Summer Sermon Series: "Tough Bible Passages". + Companion Summer Series: Scripture / Sermon Discussion **following worship**. - Come when you can, when the Scripture lesson generates further questions & desire for discussion. **In the Chapel for just half an hour.**

Summer Mini-Series: Exploring the astounding creativity and challenging meaning of the Book of Revelation. "What's So Revealing About the Book of Revelation?" My promise: You'll be surprised how meaningful it is! **Wednesdays in July. (July 3, 10, 17, 24).** Take your pick: come from 10-11am or 6:30-7:30pm.

Men's Breakfast: 3rd Wednesday: July 17, 8:30-9:30am, bring a friend

Zephyr "Good Neighbor" Program: 4th Thursday, July 25, from Noon to 1pm. Please let me know if you plan on lending a hand & joining in the fellowship.

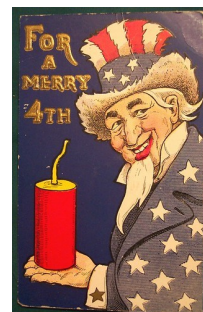
Women's Luncheon: last Friday— July 26, Noon to 1pm, bring a friend!

Community Family Fun Night: July 21, 6:30-8PM. Outdoors, weather permitting; indoors if it is raining. Games, activities, refreshments, for families with children and youth, Spread the word!

Community Forum: The War in Ukraine: Sunday, August 4, 6:30pm – 7:30pm, at First Presbyterian of Hokendauqua. A wholly rare and revealing program for area churches and community members regarding the devastation of Ukraine. Guest Presenters: Fr. Oleg Kravchenko, Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, and Father Richard Jendras, St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Allentown. This is an event you will want to invite your friends and neighbors to attend.

BLOCK PARTY!!! Saturday, August 24th; 3pm – 7pm. Something for every age, but especially families with children & youth. Fire Trucks, relays, games, even an obstacle course for older youth. This is a chance for us to build community and connection with our neighbors, especially families who may not have a church home! Spread the word! Possibilities and details TBD. Talk to me if you're willing/interested in being on the **"Block Party Planning Task Force"**. The Fire Department has already agreed to have fire trucks for kids to see and sit in! The Athletic Association has given us use of the football field for games & relays! The Girl Scouts and the American Legion Post have agreed to participate. Can you say, "Cowabunga, there's a slip n slide!"[

Per Capita Apportionment (said another way: a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund-- part of the tie that bonds Presbyterians together in supporting the work of the denomination of the PCUSA). Each Active Member of every particular Presbyterian Church is asked to share the expense of the organization, evaluation, legislative and judicial activities of our denomination. We are part of a "connectional" church; the various parts of the denomination -- local churches, Presbyteries, Synods, and the General Assembly -- all work together to foster God's gospel happening in our churches and through our churches as we serve God, one another and our neighbors in need. \$48 for each active member of each Presbyterian church is what we are each asked to donate each year. If I choose not to donate my Per Capita, my church is then asked to make up the difference in our church's Per Capita giving to the Lehigh Presbytery. - In turn, if our church does not contribute the full amount of our Per Capita, the Presbytery of Lehigh must make up the difference to our Synod and General Assembly. + Of the \$48, the largest portion (\$35.75) is given to the Lehigh Presbytery in service to the 30 churches within the Presbytery; \$9.85 is given to the General Assembly for its service to our denomination's 16 Synods and over 8,700 congregations; and \$2.40 is given to the Synod of the Trinity which serves 16 Presbyteries and 1,019 congregations throughout Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio. ☒ Thank you for prayerfully, generously contributing your Per Capita of \$48 for each active member of your family within the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua.



Joy in the Journey

Pastor Chuck

Below is a photo of the Men's Breakfast held on Wednesday, June 19th with eight members and friends in attendance.



July Birthdays

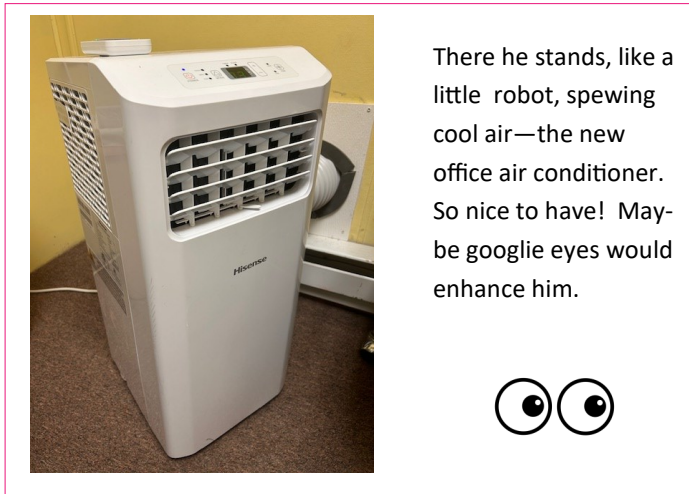
July 3: Matthew Faisetty
 July 4: Samantha Bilder,
 Judy Taniser
 Jimmy Bode
 July 7: Tyler Linton
 Trevon James
 July 8: Donald DeWalt
 July 11: Bill Fenstermaker
 Melissa Moran
 July 12: Chad Heiney
 July 14: Evelyn Hodes
 Olivia George
 July 17: Carol Clancy

July 19: Linda Dewalt
 July 20: Len Burkert
 Anthony Scheirer
 July 22: Donna Fink
 Rita Scheirer
 July 23: Dolly Kramlich
 July 27: John Bowman
 July 29: Amy Gourniak
 July 31: David icio
 Nick Micio
 Debbie Snyder
 Steven Snyder



Our Church Garden: We thank Carol Snyder for supplying the plants and Megan Justice for planting the garden. This year we will have tomatoes, cucumbers, mint for tea, and zucchini. If you would like to get involved you may have your name added to the watering schedule. Contact Carol S. or the church office for more information. The produce will be made available to church members and any unclaimed produce will be given to the food bank.

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Left—The Father's Day Gifts from our Deacons .

Photo by M. Faisity

CHURCH FINANCES: FINIANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2024—SUE BUTCHINSKI, TREASURER

MTD:	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	\$ 9938.84	\$ 12642.36	\$ -2703.52 under
Expenses	\$ 8394.30	\$ 9321.78	\$ -927.48 under
YTD:			
Income	\$ 60449.93	\$ 69264.44	\$ -8814.51 under
Expenses	\$ 47060.47	\$ 58247.53	\$ -11187.06 under



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



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
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	Cedar Crest Post Acute, 1265 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Room 312B, Allentown 18103

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.

Stephanie Baily

Karen Becker

Elizabeth Connors

Kathy Cutter

Michael Dobry

Dolly Dougherty

Alisa Gashi

Peter Gilbert

Steve Glick

Raina Gomez

Maria Gontkosky

Charlie Grim

Larry Hein

Louise Hein

Pamela Henckel

Matthew Hess

Nicky Hudack

Shelly Hillpot

Bill Jodry

Lois Jodry

Joe Kanusky

Raymond Kern

Barbara Knarr

Linda Kramaranko

Tom Krause

Rosemary Kravenko

Caroline Laudhorn

Jaden Leiby

Marie Lychak

Ivy Lynch

Juliet Malay

Todd Messner

Krista Overby & Family

Angie Pontician

Jacob Rivera

Ben Sammak

Rowan Sharrar

Jim Shedlauskas

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Tristen Suloman

Carol Steigerwalt

Jane Tremblay

Donna Walck

Carol Wal

Mike Woodling

Vance Woodley

People suffering from depression.

People in the Military.

People suffering Because of wars.



WHAT'S GOIN ON

Minute for Mission: Every Sunday our church places an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary, and each week that offering is designated for a specific purpose: First Sunday—**Food Bank**. Second Sunday—**Joyful Noise**. Fourth Sunday—**Deacons**. Now, in order for our church to more closely fulfill its mission to be more Christ-like, Session has approved an offering for the Third Sunday of every month—**Missions**, namely the **Allentown Rescue Mission** (for men) and **The Sixth Street Shelter** (for women and children). Our next Third Sunday will be **June 16th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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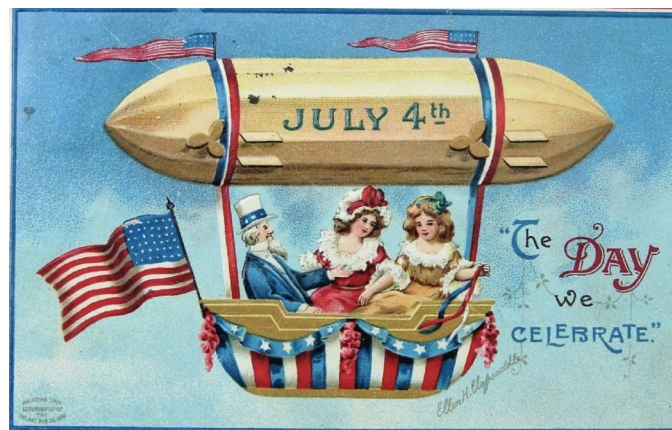
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NA: Will continue to meet here every Thursday at 7PM





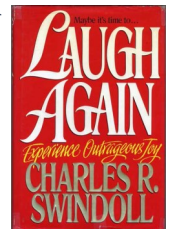
FLOWERS FROM
OUR
BEAUTIFUL GARDENS.



Paul Dyer Memorial Library:

Diane Michael, Librarian

The book we are highlighting this month is “Maybe it’s time to Laugh Again” A Study of Philippians by Charles R. Swindoll. This book asks the questions “Have the pressures of life dulled your joy in the Lord? Has your laughter become lackluster? How can your Christianity become alive and vibrant again?” Charles Swindoll is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and has served as senior pastor of the First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, California, since 1971. His radio program “Insight for Living,” began in 1979. In addition to his church and radio ministries Chuck enjoys writing. He has authored numerous books on a variety of subjects.



Left: A
Blast From
the Past!!!



Above—One of our planters shown in better days. A few weeks ago a motorcyclist lost control, drove his bike into our yard and hit the planter and bench!