



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



Church Office Hours: Monday
through Thursday, 9am—Noon;

Church Phone Number: 610-264-9693.

WEBSITE: Hokeypres.org

Church Email: hokeypres.org

Organist: Megan Justice

Choir Director: Joanne Matthews

Secretary: Connie Overby

Live Stream Operator: Tammy Seidick

Pastor: Chuck Monts

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Church Family,

SUMMER EVENTS

I have a confession to make. Remember Jesus' parable about the successful farmer who grew so much grain he had to build bigger barns to store it all? Then, he sat back and said to himself, "Ahhh, I can take life easy, eat, drink and be merry." In other words, each day, I am tempted to take life easy and fully embrace inertia – enjoy a big breakfast with lots of coffee, watch a show or some sports; maybe, later on in the day, go to the Fitness Center and/or play some pickleball; then, enjoy dinner with Deb and watch away the rest of the evening.

Thank goodness, and thank God, you all have taken me on as your $\frac{3}{4}$ time Pastor, welcoming Deb and I, and receiving my best efforts to be of service to you and the surrounding community. You've rescued me from being a couch potato and living just for myself. You're helping me work at my faith and discipleship – wrestling with Scripture and how to proclaim its good and challenging news; facilitating monthly member fellowship programs; practicing what I preach about discipleship by dreaming up community outreach opportunities.

And so, in the words of a little known James Taylor song, "Summer's here, and I'm for that," (these next lyrics are mine) "Seeking first God's kingdom, putting on my work hat. (Back to Taylor's) "It's my favorite time of the year, and I'm glad that it's here."

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us there is a season for everything, so here's some of what's cooking this Summer:

- Zephyr "Good Neighbor" Meal & Fellowship: 2nd Thursdays (June 13, July 11, Aug. 8)
- Men's Breakfast: 3rd Wednesdays (June 19, July 17, August 21 at 8:30am)
- Women's Luncheon: last Fridays (June 28, July 26, sorry, I'll be away in August)
- Summer Mini-Series: "What's So Revealing About the Book of Revelations?"
Offered Wednesdays in July (July 3, 10, 24, 31)
Two times to choose from: 10-11am or 6:30-7:30pm
- Block Party, August 24, possibilities and details to be determined.

By the way, I'm looking for those interested in working with me in giving this a try in hopes of connecting with young families around our church. The Fire Department has already agreed to provide a couple of fire trucks for kids to see and sit in; hopefully, they'll also handle grilling the hot dogs and serving snow cones. And Deb and I have a long list of fun relays and games for all ages (the Athletic Association said we have free use of the football field that day!).

As Deb always says, "Give them their money's worth," which is what I'm trying to do in the season ahead. Please prayerfully consider participating in as many of these fellowship opportunities and outreach events as may contribute to your journey of faith and service this Summer

Joy in the Journey,
Pastor Chuck





June Birthdays

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| 1: Rebekah Gilbert | 17: Katlyn Bilder |
| 3: Donna Martin | 19: Peter Gilbert |
| 4: Michael Kramlich | Rev. Joyce Smothers |
| 5: Doug Sammak | 21: Sandra Bennett |
| 7: Kathleen Wedge | 22: John Hrizuk |
| Andrew Bydlon | Michael Hrizuk |
| 8: Bill Gilbert | Rose Hrizuk |
| 9: Louise Hein | 25: Thomas Bennett |
| 13: Kian Mahdi Linton | 26: Archie Myers |
| 15: John Filipovits | 27: Jill Lafaw |
| 16: George Goshey | Megan Justice |

Ongoing Mission Projects: All of these mission projects help us to be good stewards of the Earth's resources and eliminate waste that would end up in landfills.

Crayon Collection—National Crayon Recycling Program. Collecting Crayons. You may place your crayons in the big green bucket in Fellowship Hall. Crayons will go to the National Crayon Recycle Program. This program recycles unwanted, rejected, broken crayons into new crayons through our partnership with Crazy Crayons. This keeps thousands of pounds of waxy sludge out of the landfills and puts fun, uniquely shaped crayons back into the creative hands of children!

Greeting Cards are sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Bolder City, NV where they are used to provide teens with life and work skills. Collection box in Fellowship Hall.

The Coplay Lions Club sent a letter thanking our church for our recent donation of used eyeglasses and cases. The Mission committee has decided to KEEP COLLECTING eyeglasses. Thanks for your donations! Collection box in Fellowship Hall.

Redner's Register Tapes: Redner's pays us 1% for every dollar spent at their store. You must be a member, save your tapes then place them in the container in Fellowship Hall, (don't cut the tapes or they will be rejected) They are added and sent to Redner's twice a year, the money we receive goes toward the Food Pantry.

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

MTD:

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Income	[REDACTED]		
Expenses			

YTD: Same as MTD

Income
Expenses



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
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	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

Raymond Kern

Carol Wal

Karen Becker

Barbara Knarr

Mike Woodling

Elizabeth Connors

Linda Kramaranko

Vance Woodley

Kathy Cutter

Rosemary Kravenko

People suffering from depression.

Michael Dobry

Caroline Laudhorn

People in the Military.

Dolly Dougherty

Jaden Leiby

People suffering Because of wars.

Alisa Gashi

Marie Lychak

Peter Gilbert

Ivy Lynch

Steve Glick

Juliet Malay

Raina Gomez

Todd Messner

Maria Gontkosky

Krista Overby & Family

Charlie Grim

Angie Pontician

Joey Groller

Jacob Rivera

Larry Hein

Josie Sabella

Louise Hein

Ben Sammak

Pamela Henckel

Rowan Sharrar

Matthew Hess

Jim Shedlauskas

Nicky Hudack

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Shelly Hillpot

Carol Steigerwalt

Bill Jodry

Jane Tremblay

Joe Kanusky

Donna Walck



Church Happenings

Summer Sermon Series, starting June 9th: "Tough Bible Passages". Companion Summer Series: Scripture/Sermon Discussion. Come when you can, when the Scripture lesson generates further questions & a desire for meaningful conversation. Lasts for just a half an hour, following our service.

Graduate Sunday will be celebrated on June 9th. The Deacons and our entire church family congratulate the following graduates this year:

Patrick Adams, grandson of Carl and Sandy Moran, He graduated from Temple University with a degree in criminal justice. He will be working in Ambler in the IT field. After two years experience, he will be able to secure a job in Cyber Security.

Ethan Guzenski, son of Troy Guzenski, is graduating from Whitehall-Coplay High School. He will be attending Millersville University majoring in Meteorology.

Jasmine Hartman-Aguila, daughter of Jennifer Hartman and Jesse Aguila, graduated from Northampton Area School District and Bethlehem Area Vocational School. She will be attending NACC as an architecture major.

Danny Seidick, son of Tammy and Ed Seidick, is now a graduate of Northampton Area School District.

Mickey Seidick, also Tammy and Ed's son, graduated from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.

Zephyr "Good Neighbor" Program, June 13 from Noon to 1pm. Please let Pastor know if you can help.

Men's Breakfast: June 19th, 8:30—9:30am. Bring a friend!

Ladies Luncheon: June 28, Noon to 1pm. Bring a friend!

Summer Mini-Series: "What's So Revealing About the Book of Revelation? My promise: You will be surprised how simply, yet profoundly, meaningful it is! Wednesdays in **July** (July 3, 10, 17, 24. Take your pick; come either time—come from 10-11am or 6:30-7:30 pm).

Block Party, August 24th, possibilities and details to be determined. Talk to me if you are 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! Can you say "Cowabunga" there is a slip n slide!!!

Adult Sunday School: we are currently studying "Angels". We will meet for the last time on June 2 and then break for Summer. Adult Sunday School will start again on September 8, 2024. **Contact Rolley717@gmail.com for information.**

Book Club: we are currently studying "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey. We will meet for the last time June 3rd and will then break for summer. Meetings will resume on September 9, 2024. **Contact Rolley717@gmail.com for more information.**

Tuesday Fellowship: The last Fellowship will be June 4th with a 1PM lunch at Longhorn, Grape St. Tuesday Fellowship will then break for the Summer and start back up on September 17, 2024.

Choir: Choir will have their last performance on June 9th, then they will break for Summer and resume mid September.



Per Capita Apportionment (said another way: a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund -- part of the tie that binds 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.

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!

Paul Dyer Memorial Library: All are welcome to stop by the fellowship room, and enjoy the beautiful pictures of our country. The pictures were inspired by a poem written by Katharine Lee Bates, "America the Beautiful". Let's remember God's words about a nation. Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". Remember the Paul Dyer Memorial Library is for everyone. After you look at the pictures find a book for some summer reading. Lots of new books are on the shelf. Here are a few examples: National Geographic—"The Story of Jesus". 'Not Too Busy to Pray'. 'The Spirit of America.' 'Maybe it's Time to Laugh Again' by Charles R. Swindoll, and there are many more. PS. During this Memorial Day Holiday don't forget to fly your flag.

Diane Michael, Librarian



We love our Deacon's. On Mother's Day Sunday they thanked all Mothers and Daughters by giving them a small flower. (photos by Dave Sentiwany and C. Overby.)

