



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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



Elders Class of 2023

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

Elders Class of 2024

- Sue Butchinski
- Joyce Wheeler
- John Hrizuk
- Kevin Justice

Elders Class of 2025

- Gail Rhinehart
- Scott Kramlich
- John Faisetty
- Jennifer Hartman

Deacons Class of 2023

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

Deacons Class of 2024

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

Deacons Class of 2025

- Melody Faisetty

WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

A sleeping world emerges to new possibilities, weakening winter's icy grip, and birdsong and bleating lamb announce to all the promise that in due season creation bursts into life. And whilst leaves that fell in winter lie upon the ground, soon to feed the earth, in nature's wondrous cycle of death and rebirth, within the tree is a stirring of new growth. There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.' Springtime is a season of optimism and hope, and the Christian lives a faith centered on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone, just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond. We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord, for the hope that you bring, the renewal that you bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

For the cycle of life which brings death and rebirth

We rejoice in the promise of Spring

For lengthening days and sunlight's warmth upon the soil

We rejoice in the promise of Spring

For a snowdrop's beauty reflecting its Creator's artistry

We rejoice in the promise of Spring

For new born lambs their joy and exuberance

We rejoice in the promise of Spring

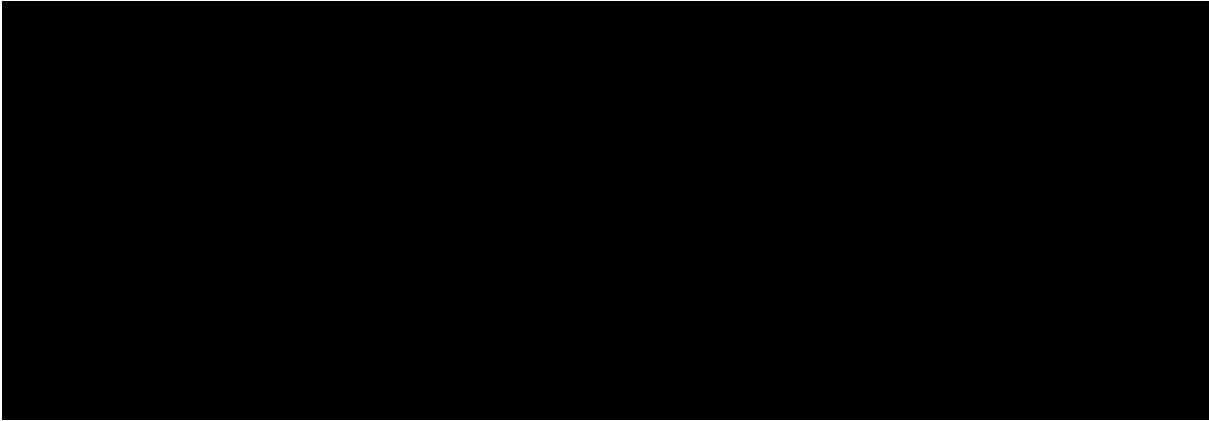
For all of creation and the majesty of its Creator

We rejoice in the promise of Spring

This is your garden, Creator God, a thing of beauty beyond understanding, a poem that is being written not in words but in colors, wind's whisper, soaring bird, snowdrop's petal, gentle rain, sunlight's warmth, This is your garden, Creator God, A thing of beauty beyond our understanding Creator God, at the start of this New Year, when thoughts turn again to beginnings, starting afresh, new leaves and turning skeletons free from cupboards, be with us as we gaze into the distance of fresh mission grounds, of hopes and dreams, opportunities for service, challenges and uncertainties. Take our fears and turn them into strengths. Take our lack of faith and empower us, through the Spirit who breathes life into this world, whose presence is reflected in the icy chill of winter's breath, as well as the comforting warmth of a summer breeze. Walk with us into this New Year of opportunity and may our feet tread lightly on the road that, together, we travel.



Church Finances: Financial Report — March 2023



Per capita apportionment for 2023 is \$48 per member.

Church Indoor Yard Sale

Our church Indoor Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 8AM to 1PM in Fellowship Hall and the Sunday School rooms.

Any donated items will be greatly appreciated.

You may drop off your items on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9AM to Noon. The office is closed on Friday. If those times don't work for you, you may call Eileen Tremblay at [REDACTED] and she will come to the church and let you in.

There will be food offered at the Indoor Yard Sale. The breakfast offering will be coffee and baked goods. Lunch will be hot dogs or halushki and more.

Also, if you are able to help or have questions please contact Karen Sentiwany at [REDACTED] or the church office at 610-264-9693.



Sunday School

News: The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, June 4th.



MAY 2023

BIRTHDAYS:

May 2: Phil Overby

May 7: Ryan Pontician

May 8: Esther Dewalt

May 9: Joyce Wheeler

May 10: John Faisetty

May 11: Randy Cope

May 13: Andrew Smicker

May 16: Tim Snyder

May 17: Donald Heiney

May 18: Kimberly Bydlon

May 27: Brooke Petrasovits

May 28: Erin Petrasovits

Dahlia Janis

May 29: Karen Bydlon

May 30: Riley Madison Buskirk



Mission Project: 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!

Mission Project: 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.

Mission Project: Greeting Cards are sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Bolder City, NV

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



Pulpit Supply for May, 2023

May 7, 2023: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

May 14, 2023: Rev. Tom Bartha

May 21, 2023: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

May 28, 2023: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy



Food Pantry Requested Items:

Chickpeas, canned tuna, boxed potatoes, healthy cereals, pancake mix & syrup, boxes of oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, rice, hearty soups.

The Deacon's

Part of the Deacon's mission is to **provide meals** for members during a time of

need. If you are experiencing a

need due to illness or other issues please contact the church office at 610-264-9693.



LAY READER SIGN-UP: You do not need to be a member of Session to be a lay-reader. We have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall. Please look over the dates available and sign up where you can.

ARE YOU INTERESTED

In having Home Communion for yourself or someone you love? Please call the church office at 610-264-9693.



The psalmist wrote, “Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.”

Psalm 62:1

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Do you have a joy to share or a concern to pray over? Please email prayer requests to the office at:

church.secretary@hokeypres.org during the week and your requests will be included during an upcoming Sunday service.

May Greeters/Ushers:

May 7: Carol Snyder and Sue Hoke

May 14: John & Melody Faisetty

May 21: Jen Hartman & Jasmine

May 28: Sue Butchinski & Carl Clancy



May Communion Servers:

Tom & Sally Heffner

May Communion Preparers/Cleanup:

John and Melody Faisetty

Rev. Patrick Lamb and members of **Catholic War Veterans Post 454** are hosting a Prayer Service on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7 pm in Queenship of Mary Church, located at 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067. The Prayer Service will address the needs of individuals wishing to express spiritual and social solidarity concerning increased drug and alcohol addiction, mental illness, PTSD, and those still suffering from the debilitating effects of the pandemic. It is open to everyone who feels the need to find spiritual comfort in these trying times, especially active-duty military members, Veterans, First Responders and all of their spouses or family members. We also invite our Gold Star Mothers and Blue Star Mothers, who are just trying to cope.



Property Committee Updates:

Our church front doors were refinished recently. Solar pathway lights were added in the front landscaping.

Upcoming Projects:

Front and back parking space lines will be repainted. Sunday School wing heating will be addressed. Church front/steeple lighting will be completed soon. Basement ceiling lights will be replaced. Front entrance low wall repairs will be made in foyer.

Outside Spring work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th from 9AM to Noon. Projects: Weeding, mulching, general outdoor clean-up. Please bring gloves and small yard tools.

Easter Candy Making Profit: Was \$1315.96.

Thank you to the candy-makers and to those that purchased candy! The profits will be spent on the following:

New Advent Candles

New Baptismal Pitcher

New Communion Wine/Juice Cruet

Display case for church historical items.

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Radical Welcome Webinar Series.

The Office of Gender, Racial &

Intercultural Justice. We believe radical welcome is the entry point for talking about weightier issues. Next

Webinar: Wednesday, May 17th, 7PM EST.

Save the Pitch, Send to Philly: Lehigh Presbytery with PCUSA Historical Society. May 24th, 6:30 PM, ZOOM.

Deacon's Update:

The Deacons have decided to donate funds to the following:

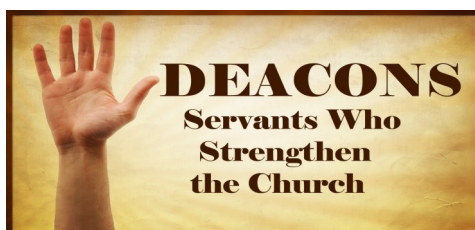
\$1000 to the Monts Mission Trip in Malawi Africa

\$500 to Presbyterian USA Disaster Relief

\$500 to Whitehall-Coplay Food Initiative

\$500 to 2nd Harvest Food Bank in Whitehall

The Deacons are also going to purchase stamps for Louise Juretus who sends out cards to members of our congregation



MALAWI

Follow the Monts on Facebook



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	5998 Coplay Rd. Apt. #1, Coplay, PA 18037
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	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

Larry Hein

Juliet Malay

Vance Woodley

Stephanie Baily

Louise Hein

Joy Messner

People suffering from depression.

Karen Becker

Pamela Henckel

Lois Messner

People who are suffering because of the virus.

Bedocs Family

David Hertzog

Todd Messner

Cory Borger

Matthew Hess

People in the Military

Elizabeth Connors

Nicky Hudack

Angie Pontician

Kathy Cutter

Bill Jodry

Jacob Rivera

Esther DeWalt

Joe Kanusky

Josie Sabella

Michael Dobry

Raymond Kern

Ben Sammak

Doreen

Barbara Knarr

Linda Schlosser

Dolly Dougherty

Linda Kramaranko

Joshua Scoble

Due Family

Rosemary Kravenko

Rowan Sharrar

Pat Frankenfield

Judy Kresley

Jim Shedlauskas

Peter Gilbert

Caroline Laudhorn

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Steve Glick

Jaden Leiby

Carol Steigerwalt

Raina Gomez

Marie Lychak

CSS Emily Thrasher

Maria Gontkosky

Richard Lychak

Jim Tremblay

Charlie Grim

Ivy Lynch

Donna Walck

Joey Groller

Charles McGarvey

Carol Wal

Glenn Harris

Joe Macrina

Mike Woodling



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National Day of Prayer

May 4th, 2023



REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR REDNER TAPES,

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

MAY 2023

SUN.

MON

TUE

WED

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FRI

SAT

	1 Book Club 10 AM	2	3 Choir 6:30 PM N.A. 6PM	4 National Day of Prayer	5 May Friendship Day. Fel- lowship	6
7 Fifth Sunday of Easter, Com- munion. Rev. Goudy. Food Bank	8 Book Club 10 AM	9 Pray- er Ser- vice 7PM	10 Choir 6:30 PM N.A. 6PM	11 Grief Workshop	12 Fel- lowship 2PM	13 FPCH In- door Yard Sale 8AM to 1PM
14 Sixth Sunday of Easter. Moth- er's Day. Rev. Bartha. Joyful Noise.	15 Book Club 10 AM	16	17 Choir 6:30 PM Session 7 PM N.A. 6 PM Session 7PM	18 Ascension of the Lord	19 Fel- lowship 2PM	20 Cleanup Day 9AM to Noon
21 Seventh Sunday of Easter. Rev. Goudy	22 Book Club 10 AM	23	24 Choir 6:30 PM. N.A. 6PM. Grief Workshop 6- 7:30PM	25	26 Fel- lowship 2PM	27
28 Day of Pentecost Rev. Goudy Deacon's Sunday	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31 Choir 6:30 PM N.A. 6PM			