



May 2025

THE LAMPLIGHTER
NEWSLETTER
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF HOKENDAUQUA

Elders Class of 2025

Gail Rhinehart
Scott Kramlich
John Faisetty
Jennifer Hartman

Elders Class of 2026

Sally Heffner
Carol Clancy
Eileen Tremblay

Elders Class of 2027

Kevin Justice
John Hrizuk
Phil Overby
MaryAnn Miller

Deacons Class of 2025

Melody Faisetty
Maddie Stettler
Gail Kramlich

Deacons Class of 2026

Louise Juretus
Deb Snyder
Lois Yudt

Deacons Class of 2027

Sue Hoke
Troy Guzenski
Karen Sentiwany
Connie Overby

Isaiah 43:19

“Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not per-
ceive it? I will make a way in the wil-
derness and rivers in the desert.”

This verse emphasizes God’s ability to create new opportuni-
ties and pathways in our lives. As May symbolizes new
growth, it encourages us to remain open to the transformative
work God is doing, even in seemingly barren situations.



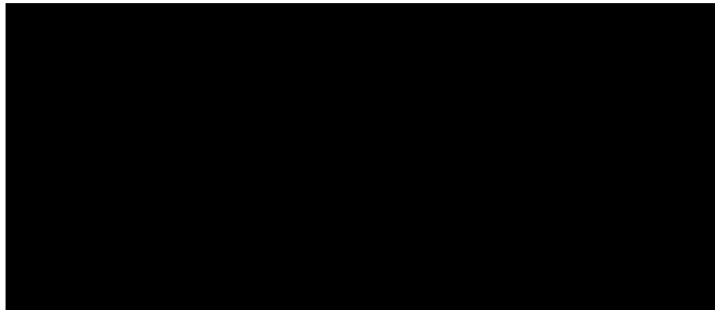
Financials - March 2025. Sue Butchinski , Treasurer

MTD:

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YTD:

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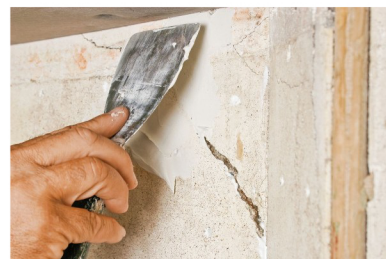


Please keep the family of A. James Shedlauskas in your prayers, Mr. Shedlauskas passed away on April 14, 2025. His service was held on 4-21-25 at the Gilbert Funeral Home.



Property Report from John Faisetty

March was a busy month for the Property Committee. A painting contractor was hired to scrap, patch and repaint the basement ceiling. He also repainted the west stairs adding a non-skid product. Dave Sentiwany addressed the attic access. He tightened and replaced all the nuts and bolts as needed. The pipe railing at the top was also tightened down and a short pegboard border was installed under the railing.



Sandy Moran would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, food, phone calls and most of all the prayers during her recent health problems.



The daffodils nod their heads as you enter the church.



A New Face at Our Church

The photo to the left is of Sherry Neff-Hulbert, our new custodian.



Dear First Presbyterian Members,

I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Sherry Neff-Hulbert and I am your new custodian. I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to clean your beautiful church.

I am a retired nurse practitioner. I am married to Paul Hulbert (who is a retired PA State Trooper). Together, we have 5 adult children (4 boys and one girl) and six grandchildren (4 boys, 2 girls). We live on Chestnut Street in Coplay (4 minutes drive to First Pres). We have 2 Mini golden doodles—Flyer & Flower. We are active members of First Baptist Church in Allentown. We are both blessed to still have our parents alive.

I will complete a report monthly. If there is anything that you would like me to clean or do differently, please let me know.

I wanted to thank Sue Butchinski & MaryAnn Miller for the ease of the hiring process and for being so welcoming!

Best Regards,

Sherry

May Birthdays: :

May 2: Phil Overby
May 7: Ryan Pontician
May 9: Joyce Wheeler
May 10: John Faisetty
May 11: Randy Cope
May 13: Andrew Smicker
May 16: Tim Snyder
May 17: Donand Heiney
May 18: Kimberly Bydlon
May 27: Brooke Petrasovits
May 28: Erin Petrasovits and Dahlia
Janis
May 29: Karen Bydlon,
May 30: Riley Buskirk, Sue Hoke

May Greeters/Ushers

May 4: Diane & Terry Michaels
Ma 11: Phil and Connie Overby
May 18: Jen Hartman & Daughter
May 25: Donna Fink & Donna Pontician
Communion Servers for May: Tom and Carol Steigerwalt
Communion Preparers/Clean Up for May: Tom and Sally
Heffner



What's Going On

Girl Scouts continue to meet here every Monday at 6:30PM.

Tuesday Fellowship meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. The first Tuesday is lunch out, the third Tuesday is meeting at the church for fellowship etc. 5-20-25 will be our last Fellowship until September.

Session meets the third Wednesday of each month.

Choir practice (Note: On hold right now) is held every Wednesday of the month except the third Wednesday due to Session meeting. The choir will sing on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

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

Adult Sunday School meets after church service on Sundays. They will begin a more in-depth study of Revelation following the Worship Service.



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.

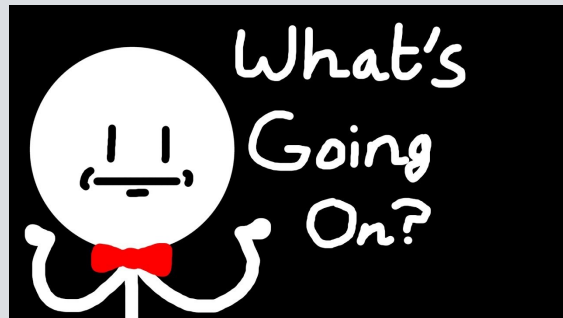
Shirley Adams	Sacred Heart Assisted Living by the Creek, 602 E. 21st Street, Apt. 318, Northampton, PA 18067
Janet Bloszinsky	5998 Coplay Rd. Apt. #1, Coplay, PA 18037
Donald DeWalt	276 Circle Drive, Catasauqua, PA 18032
Linda DeWalt	Cedarbrook, 350 S. Cedarbrook Rd., Room 322, Allentown, PA 18104
Dorothy Somers	3000 Fellowship Drive, Rm 102, Whitehall, PA 18052



<i>Stephanie Baily</i>	<i>Bill Jodry</i>	<i>Joanne Sienkiewicz</i>
<i>Karen Becker</i>	<i>Lois Jodry</i>	<i>Tristen Suloman</i>
<i>Elizabeth Connors</i>	<i>Joe Kanusky</i>	<i>Carol Steigerwalt</i>
<i>Kathy Cutter</i>	<i>Raymond Kern</i>	<i>Jane Tremblay</i>
<i>Michael Dobry</i>	<i>Barbara Knarr</i>	<i>Donna Walck</i>
<i>Dolly Dougherty</i>	<i>Linda Kramaranko</i>	<i>Carol Wal</i>
<i>Alisa Gashi</i>	<i>Tom Krause</i>	<i>Mike Woodling</i>
<i>Peter Gilbert</i>	<i>Rosemary Kravenko</i>	<i>Vance Woodley</i>
<i>Steve Glick</i>	<i>Caroline Laudhorn</i>	
<i>Raina Gomez</i>	<i>Jaden Leiby</i>	<i>People suffering from depression.</i>
<i>Maria Gontkosky</i>	<i>Ivy Lynch</i>	<i>People suffering because of war.</i>
<i>Charlie Grim</i>	<i>Todd Messner</i>	<i>People in the Military.</i>
<i>Larry Hein</i>	<i>Krista Overby & Family</i>	
<i>Louise Hein</i>	<i>Angie Pontician</i>	
<i>Pamela Henckel</i>	<i>Jacob Rivera</i>	
<i>Matthew Hess</i>	<i>Ben Sammak</i>	
<i>Nicky Hudack</i>	<i>Schoenenberger Family</i>	
<i>Shelly Hillpot</i>	<i>Rowan Sharrar</i>	



News from your Deacons:



A meeting was held on Sunday, April 6th and what follows is a report of any action taken.

Deacon's gave Chuck Monts a donation for Malawi as a going away present to him.

The profit from the Souperbowl Sunday Soup Sale of \$319 was announced.

The profit from the Flower Sale of \$57 was announced.

THANK YOU'S: The Deacons would like to thank Karen and Dave Sentiwany and John Faisetty for picking up the Ester Flowers and bringing them to church. The Alter looked lovely on Easter Sunday.

LOOKING FORWARD TO: The Deacons are planning a Mother's Day/Father's Day luncheon after the service on June 8th.

THE CARE TEAM is starting up again. Assignments were handing out by Deacon Chairman Melody Faisetty.

CONGREGATION Please let us know if you have a graduate in your family. Graduation Sunday will be held on the same day as the Mother's Day/Father's Day luncheon.

THE DEACONS HANDLE THE MEAL TRAIN: A "meal train" is when meals are made and delivered to a member who needs them, for instance, someone who is sick, someone who has been in hospital, etc.



Everyone needs a little Jesus!



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LIVE STREAM OP: Tammy Seidick



May 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUES.

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THURS.

FRI.

SAT.

				1 National Day of Prayer. NA	2 May Friendship Day	3
4 3rd Sunday of Easter	5 Book Club 10am. Girl Scouts 6:30pm	6 Tuesday Fellowship at Olive Garden 1PM Holocaust Remembrance	7	8 NA Meets 7pm	9	10 Fair Trade Day
11 4th Sunday of Easter MOTHER'S DAY	12 Book Club 10AM. Girl Scouts 6:30pm	13	14	15 NA Meets 7pm	16	17
18 5th Sunday of Easter	19 Book Club 10am. Girl Scouts 6:30pm	20 Tuesday 21 Fellowship (last meeting until Sept.)	21 Session	22 NA Meets 7pm	23	24
25 6th Sunday of Easter	26 MEMORIAL DAY Office closed	27	28	29 Ascension of the Lord. NA Meets 7pm.	30	31