



Nov. 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



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Scenes from the Spaghetti Dinner



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHUCK

Dear Church Family, November will certainly be a month of faithful thanks-giving! Giving thanks is such a privilege, such a gift God gives to us – that we have been given enough not just for our own personal needs but that God has given us enough with which to be humbly and gratefully generous in our giving back to God’s ongoing work of loving grace and service both within the Hokey congregation and to our neighbors outside our blessed church-home. So, let me begin giving thanks! Thank you all for extending to Deb and me a church home after returning from Malawi! God works in such wonderful ways. Before the Hokey church began giving us such generous donations for our year of service in Malawi, we had never heard of Whitehall, let alone Hokendauqua. Then, God multiplied the blessings as we were offered this opportunity to be of service to you this year. We have absolutely loved getting to know you, worship with you, serve with you, live in this beautiful region of Pa. You all have been so gracious and generous towards us and towards me, especially in your willingness to try new things or do things again that were done in years past – the Women’s Luncheons and Men’s Breakfasts and the meals at Zephyr. But, especially, how gracious and helpful so many were in making possible the Community Outreach Events, such as the Block Party and the Spaghetti Dinner. So much giving of time, energy and monetary donations. Thank you! Thank you! So, now, there are just a few more community outreach events planned: First, the Chili

Cook-Off Community Dinner, Tuesday, November 12th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. We are trying to get a group of young people to volunteer to help us with this event, either from the High School or a Scout Troop, but we will still need volunteers from the congregation to 1) mix together the ingredients for the chili that will serve the most guests (not the specialty chilis competing for prizes), which will happen Sunday, Nov. 10th, following worship, for about 30-45 minutes, and 2) help serve and clean up after the Chili event. The next week, Tuesday, Nov. 19, is our church’s turn to facilitate the Take-Out Community Meal. And, finally, a very special Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in which our church along with 5 other churches from the area are uniting our collective voices, prayers and reflections of thanks-giving to God; the service will be taking place at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Catey on Monday, Nov. 25th, beginning with Breads & Spreads at 6pm and the Thanksgiving service at 7pm. In Sunday worship this month, there will also be thanks-giving by Directors of three outstanding service organizations to which Session has faithfully and generously donated \$1000. And, Sunday, Nov. 24th, we will be giving thanks for one or two folks who wish to celebrate their connection to the Hokey Church by becoming new members of our family of faith.

What a month of Thanks-giving to God!

In thankful service to God and Neighbor, Chuck

Birthdays

Nov. 1: Colleen George.
Nov. 3: Brad Bloszinsky.
November 4: Shelby Fenstermaker.
Nov. 6: Kelly Rusnock.
Nov. 7: Jonathan Linton, Tom Waters. Nov. 8: Dorothy Somers.
Nov. 13: Rebecca Bilder.
Nov. 14: Carl Moran, Kyle Rusnock.
Nov. 18 June Linton, Kathleen Rowland and Krista Overby.
Nov. 21: Renae Schray.
Nov. 22: Tom Heffner.
Nov. 25: Laura Wheeler-Cassavell.
Nov. 26: Tim Faisetty.



Greeters/Ushers for November

Nov. 3: Carol Clancy/Sue Butchinski
Nov. 10: Scott and Gail Kramlich
Nov. 17: Tom and Sally Heffner
Nov. 24: Donna Fink/Donna Pontician
Nov. Communion Set-up/Clean-up: John and Melody Faisetty
Nov. Communion Servers: Kevin Justice/Tom Heffner

What's Going On

November 3: Allentown Rescue Mission participates in our service.

November 5th is election day. Our church is a polling place so the office will be closed that day.

November 10th: Big Brothers, Big Sisters of L.V. participates in our service.

November 10: Making regular chili Sunday, Nov. 10th following the service, Pastor Chuck and Volunteers from the congregation.

Chili Cook-Off Contest and Cornhole Tournament!!! Prizes! November 12 from 5:30 to 7:30!

Reservations encouraged, call 610-264-9693 or email church.secretary@hokeypres.org Please invite others! Everyone welcome! Sadly this will be the last special event before Christmas. High School kids will be helping.

November 19: Take-out Community Dinner 4pm to 6pm while supplies last. It is take out only.

There will be a hearty chicken noodle soup, salad, roll and dessert. We are asking for baked goods in the form of cookies, brownies or cupcakes. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for helpers.

November 24: New members will be taken into our church.

November 24th: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DURING OUR SERVICE.

November 25: Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church in Catasauqua. Breads & Spreads at 6PM, Service at 7PM. (Note: This service will replace our Thanksgiving Eve service.)

December 1: Family Promise participates in our service.

Note: Choir practice 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.

Tuesday Fellowship will meet on November 5th at the Olive Garden at 1PM. On November 9th they will meet at the church for crafts and fellowship. Contact Sandy Moran if you have questions at twinangels526@gmail.com

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
	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 18013

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

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 (continued)

Girl Scouts meet here every Monday at 6PM.

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

Senior Food Box Program is offered through the White-Coplay Hunger Initiative and works to improve the health of low-income seniors (60 and older) by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA foods. Questions call 610-351-6412.

In depth information about the Whitehall Food Pantry may be found on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall. This includes information about proof of residency (phone or gas or cable bill) and photo ID as well as an appointment needed for your first time visit. Call 484.246.5715 if you have additional questions after reading the info on the bulletin board.

Adult Sunday School meets after church service on Sundays. They will begin a more in-depth study of Revelation on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 11am in the Chapel, immediately following the Worship Service.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Repair/Replace Pastor Front Door – 12/11/23 - get estimates to replace old door with fiberglass (to match front double doors) or metal (painted blue). 1/18/24 –discussed project with Archie Myers. Can not use fiberglass door because not strong enough for push bar hardware use. The following options were discussed: Refinish existing door (very solid and can be reused) and jambs – patch where needed. Strip, refinish and seal all six sides. Paint with church blue paint. Replace automatic door closer and all weatherstripping.

Repair/Replace chapel exterior door – 2/6/24 – bottom left corner rotted.

Repair chapel entrance foyer – 1/19/24 – water damage on lower part of walls.

Get Dave Sentiwany or Richard Gregory (contractor who repaired similar damage on front double door foyer) to provide estimate to do work.

Carpenter Ant Issue in Secretary Office – 8/12/24 – sawdust-like debris in both east windows. Dave S. to remove plastic sheeting and wood trim to allow Ehrlich access. 10/2 – Dave S. started restoring window trim and plastic sheeting.

COMPLETED WORK : Church Front Lawn Repairs Needed – 9/9/24 – John F. noted the following lawn repairs needed along Front St. A.) – stump removal area needs to be reseeded. B.) flower urns / bench area – bench needs to be put on paver stones. Height of flower urns needs to be adjusted. Bare areas need to be reseeded. C.) Area around replaced church sign needs to be regraded and reseeded. 9/30 - Lawn repairs made by Dex Landscaping (cost donated by church member) -

Done Big Sunday School Room Minor Plaster Repair – North Wall – 8/12/24 – plaster flaking off on north wall, needs repair. 9/12 – Dave S. plans on completing repairs by flea market sale on 10/19. 10/8 –

Done Pastor Office Windows Need To Be Sealed – 9/9/24 – Sue B. told Ehrlich about box elder insect problem outside of pastor’s office. Technician recommends that all cracks/seams around windows be sealed. 10/11 – two east and one south window sealing completed - Done

CHURCH FINANCES: FINIANCIAL REPORT FOR September 2024: SUE BUTCHINSKI, TREASURER

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
MTD:			
Income:			Under
Expenses:			Over
YTD:			
Income:			Under
Expenses:			Under

Per capita apportionment for 2024 is \$48 per member



**Tuesday Fellowship Luncheon
at Miller's Ale House**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING





If you donated items, helped price them, set up, packed up and re-packed, publicized the event, spent the day, baked, cooked, washed dishes, helped clean up, hauled boxes outside, thank you so much! The flea market would not have been a success without all of you. Profit was \$1,962.44 and will be put to very good use toward mission endeavors. **Eileen,**

Another productive meeting of the Deacons was held October 20. We decided to adopt the Warming Station (a shelter at the Allentown YMCA) as a Christmas project this year. Their wish list includes: coffee, heavy cotton T-shirts (adults), adult underwear, hand warmers, razors, combs, lip balm, deodorant, instant oatmeal packages, granola bars, sugar and creamer packets. The Warming Station was suggested by Sue Hoke, who has worked with people who have stayed there and said it was “a lifesaver”. This project will be announced in early November during worship. Congregation members will be invited to purchase any items which can be placed in boxes in fellowship hall. (Monetary donations will be accepted for this as well). This will be announced in early November. Zephyr Apartments are also in our Christmas plans. The Mitten Tree will be in fellowship hall before Thanksgiving. These items will go to the Warming Station as well as schools in our area. Stay tuned for the Poinsettia sale. We will also be talking to Pastor Monts about any needs for the children in Malawi. As deacons would coordinate or accompany our pastor in the past, home communions were discussed. If you haven’t received a call, and would like to have home communion before the holidays, please call Connie to schedule. Whew! That was a lot accomplished in an hour! As always, your deacons are most grateful for any and all support given by church family members. These projects would not be possible without your generosity.

After Church Fellowship will start back up in November after pausing while the yard sale was happening. There is a sign-up sheet for Fellowship on the bulletin board.

Tuesday Fellowship for November: November 5th lunch at the Olive Garden at 1PM. November 19th crafts at the church in Fellowship Hall.

Book Club meets Mondays at 10am in Fellowship Hall. On Monday, Oct. 28 we will begin a Presbyterian Women study titled “Celebrating Sabbath.” Come join us!

Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9AM, right now we are studying the stories in the New Testament.

Keep feeding your fish, the children are looking forward to choosing the gift they want to give.

We are the pasta Church !!! We have set our goal each month a 100 boxes of pasta—your participation is greatly appreciated.

Haiku:

Sun shines through stained glass
As heads are bowed and prayers said
God listens to each



To the left, the angel work shop-

Poinsettia Orders: This year we will have red, pink, white or marble (5-7 blooms) for \$11.00 each. Orders will be due November 24. Order blanks will be placed on the ledge in the sanctuary. If you have questions please contact Melody Faisetty at melodyfaisetty@gmail.com



NOVEMBER 2024

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					1 All Saints Day	2
3 24th Sunday after Pentecost. Communion. Choir sings "Lord of all. Food Bank. Allentown Rescue Mission participates in our service. Adult Sunday School in the chapel after our service.	4 Book Club 10AM	5 ELECTION DAY Office closed Tuesday Fellowship Olive Garden 1pm	6 Choir 6:30 PM	7 NA	8	9
10 25th Sunday after Pentecost. Joyful Noise Veteran's Day. Big Brothers, Big Sisters of L.V. participates in our service. Pastor Chuck and volunteers will be making regular chili after service.	11 Book Club 10 AM Veteran's Day	12 Chili Cook Off 5:30 to 7:30	13 Choir 6:30 PM	14 NA	15	16
17 26th Sunday after Pentecost Mission. Adult Sunday School in the chapel after our service.	18 Book Club 10AM	19 Community Meal at our church 4pm to 6pm. Tuesday Fellowship at church at 1pm.	20 Choir 6:30 PM	21 NA Session	22	23
24 Christ the King/Reign of Christ. Congregational Meeting during our service. New Members. Deacons. Adult Sunday School in the Chapel after our service. Hunger and Homeless Sunday	25 Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Catty. Fellowship 6pm Service 7pm Our choir participates.	26	27	28 	29 Office closed.	30