



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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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

When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall

by Kathleen Higham

When autumn leaves begin to fall I think of Him most of all
Colors bursting with the sun
Rays shine down on everyone.

There is a leafy autumn smell I walk on softness where they fell
Floating gently to the ground
Touching down without a sound.

Animal are scurrying to and fro Instinctively the creatures know
The leaves scattered everywhere
Beautifies a place once bare.

Rising up to the bluest sky A tree looks down, creaks a sigh
Nestled in her hollowed place
Life will wait through winter's race.

When the trees at last have shed Sturdy branches though not dead
Beneath the earth roots hold tight
Tall and stately through the night.

When autumn leaves begin to fall The Father orchestrates it all
Blooms in waiting seem to say
He is coming back someday.

Again dressed in a formal gown Branches filled and hanging down
See the miracle of God once more
Birds leap from her branch to soar.

Here I stand in wonder of this A soft wind blows to me a kiss
My spirit tells my mind to hush
Peace abounds in Christ for us.

The seasons change, come and go But this is what I truly know
When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all.

CHURCH FINANCES: FINANCIAL REPORT-AUGUST, 2023



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

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday after our Church service.

Children's Sunday School: tba

Book Club: Meets every Monday at 10am.



Tuesday Fellowship: Starts **Tuesday, October 3rd at 1:00pm**, we will be meeting at the **Oasis**. The first Tuesday of each month we will meet for lunch at a local restaurant. Then, every other week we will be meeting at the church to work on any type of craft you would like to work on. Whether it be needlework, coloring, knitting, crocheting or they can just sit with us and catch up with friendly conversation. For more information about Tuesday Fellowship contact Sandy Moran [REDACTED]

Deacons: The Deacons are continuing with the care team to provide support for the members of our congregation. Please call the church if you need assistance with meals or would like a visit from a church member. We are also able to provide communion to any shut ins that are not able to make it to church. Future projects, we are organizing a Poinsettia flower sale in December, look for more information about this a little closer to Christmas. We will also be having a mitten tree at Christmas. Deacons have donated additional money to the foodbanks in Whitehall and Northampton. Additionally, they have donated underwear and sweatpants to local elementary schools and daycares

Pulpit Supply—October 2023

10/1/23 Rev. Lynn Shoemaker

10/8/23 Rev. Lynn Shoemaker

10/15/23 Rev. Doug Cronce

10/22/23 DaraSue Braun

10/29/23 Rev. Lynn Shoemaker



USHERS/GREETERS/COMMUNION September 2023

10/1: Donna Fink & Donna Pontician

10/8: Carol & Tom Steigerwalt

10/15: Tom & Sally Heffner

10/22: Rich & Gail Kramlich

10/29: Len Burkert & Leola Andrews

October Communion Set-up: The Falsettys

October Communion Servers: The Sentiwanys



Oct. 1: Shelly Fagan

Oct. 4: Malia Corsino

Oct. 7: Lois Yudt

Oct. 9: Melody Faisetty

Emily Joan Ducko

Oct. 13: George West

Oct. 23: Bruce Linton

Janelle Sentiwany

Oct. 24: Lauren Furrer



Please pray for everyone impacted by the horrific wildfires impacting Maui in Hawaii.

While there are no PC(USA) congregations on those islands, PDA has been in touch with a pastor on O'ahu and the Presbytery of the Pacific to discuss ways PDA can support those impacted by the devastating fires. More information will be available as details are worked out. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Gifts must be designated to DROO165

Help Us Go Green!!

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 Copley 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 where they are used to provide teens with life and work skills. Collection box in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Becoming the Pasta Church

Session has approved my request that we become the "pasta church" to benefit the Whitehall Copley Hunger Initiative, just as we do for the St. Stephens food bank for holiday meals. We are aiming at hitting at least 100 boxes per month of any kind of pasta that you would like to donate. For example, I ran into a sale at Giant where they offered 10 boxes of elbow macaroni for \$10, so I got elbow macaroni. In this way we can make a difference in a single item to stock the shelves instead of diluting all of the requested items and not having enough of a single item to make a difference. If we are successful in this endeavor, we may be able to persuade other churches and organizations to become the "soup church", or the "mac and cheese church", etc.. In addition to the holiday donations as the gravy church, etc., we have been providing the St. Stephens pantry with \$100.00 every month, at their request, so they can purchase what they need. So, I would like to see if we can match that donation, through the provision of a specific food item, for WCHI. I will keep you posted on the progress we make. The food pantry will thank you for your generosity.

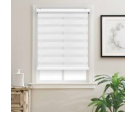
Sue Butchinski

Save the Date: October 21st, 2023 our church plans to participate in an event to commemorate the placement of the Hokendauqua Thomas Iron Company Town Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. As part of that celebration there will be a sign marker unveiled which marks the entering of the historic district along Front Street. Since our church is located within the historic district a sign will be placed along the church property. Stay tuned for more details.

Property: Basement stairwell window trim painting:
In progress.

Church Steeple Lighting: In progress

Window Shades in Office and Room 1, in progress.



MALAWI: The Rev. Chuck Monts and his wife Debbie will soon be returning to Pennsylvania from their extensive Malawi Mission Trip. They will be visiting our congregation during the worship service on Sunday, November 19 and sharing information from their trip. Chuck and Debbie say they are looking forward to meeting all of us.





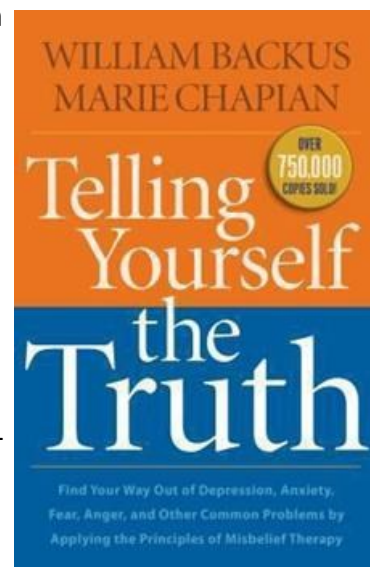
Choir is back!! They would love to have you join them!
Practice is Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Choir room.



Partnering with the Faith-Based Community and others the Whitehall Copley Hunger Initiative is proud to provide these free meals to low income Whitehall-Colony households. All are welcome to attend on the 1st Sunday and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. This year the First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua will be providing a take-out meal on Tuesday, November 21st. Volunteers will be needed. Watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.



The book we are featuring this month is ***Telling Yourself the Truth*** by William Backus and Marie Chapan. The book gives you ideas on how to find your way out of depression, anxiety, fear, anger, and other common problems by applying the principles of misbelief therapy. The book suggests that most of what happens in your life happens because of the way you think. Wrong thinking produces wrong emotions, wrong reactions, wrong behavior—and unhappiness! Learning to deal with your thoughts is the first step on the road to healthy thinking. How to handle one’s thoughts properly is what this book is all about. It explains the life-changing method the authors call Misbelief Therapy, and it can work for you—in your own home, in your own circumstances, in your own problems in your own adverse environment, in your own thinking. Based on the Bible, this book has helped hundreds of people for many years, and it can help you! Telling Yourself the Truth can show you how to identify your own misbeliefs and replace them with the truth. (Bethany House Publishers). You may find this book in our Paul Dyer Memorial Health Library, located in Fellowship Hall.



Tips to Support Your Grief Journey:

Seek solace in nature: spend time outdoors and find solace in the beauty of nature. Take peaceful walks on the beach, hike in the mountains, sit by a tranquil lake or in a beautiful garden. Connecting with the natural world can provide a sense of peace and renewal.



Compassionate friends. www.thecompassionateriends.org.





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

Lois Messner

People suffering from depression.

Stephanie Baily

Louise Hein

Todd Messner

Karen Becker

Pamela Henckel

People in the Military

People who are suffering because of the virus.

Bedocs Family

David Hertzog

Angie Pontician

Cory Borger

Matthew Hess

Jacob Rivera

Krista Champagne & Family

Nicky Hudack

Josie Sabella

Elizabeth Conners

Bill Jodry

Ben Sammak

Kathy Cutter

Joe Kanusky

Bert Schlossberg

Esther DeWalt

Raymond Kern

Linda Schlosser

Michael Dobry

Barbara Knarr

Joshua Scoble

Doreen

Linda Kramaranko

Rowan Sharrar

Dolly Dougherty

Rosemary Kravenko

Jim Shedlauskas

Due Family

Caroline Laudhorn

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Pat Frankenfield

Jaden Leiby

Carol Steigerwalt

Alisa Gashi

Marie Lychak

CSS Emily Thrasher

Peter Gilbert

Richard Lychak

Jane Tremblay

Steve Glick

Ivy Lynch

Donna Walck

Raina Gomez

Charles McGarvey

Carol Wal

Maria Gontkosky

Joe Macrina

Mike Woodling

Charlie Grim

Juliet Malay

Vance Woodley

Joey Groller

Joy Messner





**REMEMBER TO
SAVE YOUR
REDNER TAPES,**

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

OCT. 2023

SUN.	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 World Communion Sunday. Rev. Shoemaker. Food Bank Sunday.	2 Book Club 10AM	3 Tues. Fellowship meets at Oasis 1PM	4 N.A. 6PM Choir 6:30PM	5	6	7
8 Rev. Shoemaker. Joyful Noise Sunday. Anthem	9 Book Club 10AM	10	11 N.A. 6PM Choir 6:30PM	12	13	14
15 Rev. Cronce Children's Sabbath	16 Book Club 10AM	17 Fellowship at church 1PM	18 N.A. 6PM No Choir	19	20	21 Town Historic District event
22 DaraSue Braun Deacon's Sunday	23 Book Club 10Am	24	25 N.A. 6PM Choir 6:30PM	26	27	28
29 Rev. Shoemaker. Reformation Sunday. Anthem	30 Book Club 10Am	31 Fellowship at church 1PM			