



THE LAMPLIGHTER NEWSLETTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOKENDAUQUA

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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

Bittersweet

by Shannon Beck.

The apples are dropping in 6s and 7s, straight to the dirt by the roses

Too small, too sour for even the dog

who sniffs

and stares accusingly. The season is waning ...

It does every year

A tiny wedge south against the mountains

where I walk to the sunset and listen to children

drenched in their last bit of summer

Cartwheels and picnics and swims in the lake

One last trip to the zoo

Soccer camps and church camp and sleeping in late

All drawn into an untidy string

Will I like my Ms. Wilson? Will Julie sit beside me?

Will the work be too hard or too boring?

Back to school shopping and pics by the door

Marking the year's transformation. For all of the future

For all of the past

For all of the bittersweet changes

We bow to what is, and to what may be

And the apples that nourish the soil

CHURCH FINANCES: FINANCIAL REPORT-JULY 2023 *

MTD:
Income
Expenses

YTD:
Income
Expenses




*Report not yet approved by session
Per capita apportionment for 2023 is \$48 per member.

Adult Sunday School will begin on September 17, 2023. Leader, Deb Bartholomew tells us they will continue with the series "God Is". If you have questions please see Deb Bartholomew.

Children's Sunday School: There will be a "kick-off" Sunday for Sunday School on **Sept. 10th**.

Book Club: More information to come.

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 at 

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. We have made several donations to local food banks and to the Monts missionary trip in Malawi. We also provided rental assistance to a person in need in our local community. We are organizing a Poinsettia flower sale in December, look for more information about this a little closer to Christmas.

Choir: Practice begins **Wednesday, September 13th**. The choir will sing at the September 17th service.

Pulpit Supply—September 2023

9/3/23: DaraSue Braun

9/10/23: Rev. Sharon Solt Harfman

9/17/23: Rev. Mike McGowan

9/24/23: Brad Hackett



USHERS/GREETERS/COMMUNION September 2023



September 3: Karen and Dave Sentiwany

September 10: (Communion) Usher/Greeter: Carol Clancy and Joyce Wheeler. **Communion set-up/Clean-up:** Tammy Seidick. **Communion Servers:** Carol Clancy & Sally Heffner.

September 17: John and Melody Faisetty

September 24: Gail Rhinehart and Sue Butchinski

1st: Haley Linton	19th: Brady Pidgeon
5th: Matthew Snyder and Ella Guzinski	22nd: Sandy Moran
6th: Sue Butchinski	25th: Kevin Justice
7th: Jessica Filipovits	26th: Kathy Micio, Richard Woodling and Betty Cunningham
9th: Jeanine Snyder	28th: Amy Pidgeon
10th: Joanne Matthews	29th: Karen Cope and Julia Rowland
16th: JoAnn Mullikin	30th: Paige Linton
17th: Dawn Farber	

Birthdays



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

Multiple fires continue to burn in Hawai'i on the islands of Maui and Hawai'i (The Big Island). 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 DRO0165

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 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

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.

Many thanks to Sally Klingler who kindly donated quite a few hats for our mitten/hat tree in December; some really nice dolls and teddy bears, all handmade by her. There are also 3 "walker bags" which would be very helpful for anyone who uses a walker, or know of someone who might need one. Sally is very talented. Our church family is so lucky to have her and Frank, her husband, worship with us.

The "Prayer Warriors" prayer chain has been quite busy of late. If you are in need of prayer or knows someone who is, kindly call the church office and your message will be relayed to the team. The power of prayer is a powerful thing. God is always listening!

Melody Faisetty

There will be an unveiling of the historic Hokey Church Quilt after our service on September 17, 2023. The quilt will be laid out on the table for all to look closely and search for names. Then the quilt will be hung in Fellowship Hall by Dave Sentiwany and John Faisetty using a quilt hanger built by Dave Sentiwany. The quilt, made in 1940, includes the names of many families from the Hokendauqua area.

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.

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.

Property Work in Progress: Getting estimates to insulate drop ceilings in Sunday School Wing to improve heating issues. Getting estimates to install thermal drapes in Pastor's office and Nursery Room to improve heating issues. Installation of church front/steeple lighting scheduled to start in September. Basement stairwell window trim to be patched and painted.

More Information to Come:

On November 21st, 2023 our church is hosting the WCHI Take-Out community meal. There will be a sign-up sheet requesting help on the bulletin board in October.

Church Potluck: More info to come.



Property Committee: Portions of the west wall in the choir room have been patched and repainted. The front entrance foyer walls have been patched and repainted. The old ceiling lighting in the basement dining area has been replaced with LED fixtures. A large tree limb from one of our male trees fell across Front Street on August 8th and blocked traffic. Township forces cleared the street and put the debris on our front lawn. Mike's Tree Service was hired to remove the debris (completed August 11) and check the health of the remaining tree. Mike found it to be rotted and full of ants. Property hired him to remove the remaining tree (completed August 18). The stump will be removed later this year.



Tips to Support Your Grief Journey: Acknowledge your feelings. Create a summer remembrance ritual. Seek solace in nature. Modify summer traditions. Surround yourself with understanding company. Create new summer activities. Practice self-compassion. Join a grief support group. Seek professional help if needed. Remember there is no right or wrong way to grieve, and everyone's journey is unique, be patient with yourself and know that healing is a gradual process.



Halley's Bible Handbook by Henry H. Halley donated to the church by the Paul Hodes Family.

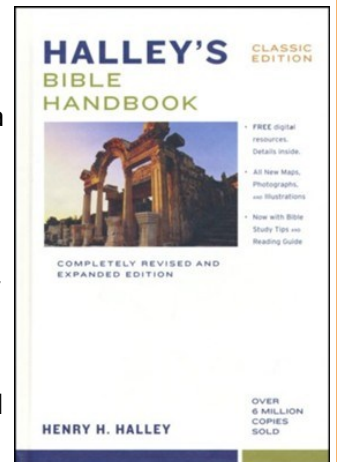
If you are interested in a reference book that helps you to study the Bible, the book by Henry H. Halley is very helpful. It is not designed as a textbook, but rather as a handy brief manual, of popular nature, for the average Bible reader who has few or no commentaries or reference works on the Bible. However, many Bible classes use it; and many accomplished Bible scholars, possessors of large libraries, have been most cordial in acknowledging its helpfulness. Its usefulness may be enhanced by looking through it a good deal, so as to become familiar in a general way with its contents.

It's filled with interesting facts, dates, maps and archaeological discoveries. Messianic predictions of the Messiah from the old testament from Genesis to Malachi, and much, much more!

Read and enjoy and when finished return the book to the church library so others can enjoy it too.

Also check out other interesting books in the Paul Dryer Library located in Fellowship Hall.

Halley was born in Kentucky in 1874, and graduated from Transylvania University and the College of the Bible in 1895. Halley's career as a preacher began in 1899.^[2] Halley began his Bible Handbook in 1924, at which point it was only a 16-page pamphlet of introductory material, called "Suggestions for Bible Study".



Family Rules: Always be honest - *Proverbs 12:22*. Count your blessings—*Psalms 34: 1-3*.

Forgive and forget—*Micah 7: 18*. Be supportive of one another—*Acts 20: 35*. Be kind and tenderhearted—*Ephesians 4: 32*. Keep your promises—*Romans 4: 21*. Comfort one another—*1 Thessalonians 4: 18* and above all.....**Love One Another—1 Peter 1: 22**



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

Glenn Harris

Juliet Malay

Mike Woodling

Stephanie Baily

Larry Hein

Joy Messner

Vance Woodley

Karen Becker

Louise Hein

Lois Messner

People suffering from depression.

Bedocs Family

Pamela Henckel

Todd Messner

People who are suffering because of the virus.

Cory Borger

David Hertzog

People in the Military

Elizabeth Connors

Matthew Hess

Angie Pontician

Kathy Cutter

Nicky Hudack

Jacob Rivera

Esther DeWalt

Bill Jodry

Josie Sabella

Michael Dobry

Joe Kanusky

Ben Sammak

Doreen

Raymond Kern

Linda Schlosser

Dolly Dougherty

Barbara Knarr

Joshua Scoble

Due Family

Linda Kramaranko

Rowan Sharrar

Pat Frankenfield

Rosemary Kravenko

Jim Shedlauskas

Alisa Gashi

Caroline Laudhorn

Joanne Sienkiewicz

Peter Gilbert

Jaden Leiby

Carol Steigerwalt

Steve Glick

Marie Lychak

CSS Emily Thrasher

Raina Gomez

Richard Lychak

Paul Transue Jr.

Maria Gontkosky

Ivy Lynch

Jim Tremblay

Charlie Grim

Charles McGarvey

Donna Walck

Joey Groller

Joe Macrina

Carol Wal





Carol Clancy and Sally Heffner slice pies during after church Fellowship.



**REMEMBER TO
SAVE YOUR
REDNER TAPES,**

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

SEPT. 2023

SUN.

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN.	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 DaraSue Braun Season of Peace Begins.	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	6 N.A. 6PM	7	8	9
10 Rev. Solt-Harfman Communion Childrens Sunday School Kick Off. Christian Formation Week	11 Book Club 10AM	12	13 Choir Practice 6:30 N.A. 6PM	14	15	16
17 Rev. McGowan. Adult S.S. begins. Quilt Unveiling. Evangelism Sunday. Lehigh/Lackawanna Pres. Gathering.	18 Book Club 10AM	19	20 Native American Day. N.A. 6PM. Choir Practice 6:30PM	21 International Day of Peace	22	23
24th Brad Hackett. Gifts of New Immigrants Sunday	25 Book Club 10AM	26	27 Choir Practice 6:30PM N.A. 6PM	28	29	30