

First Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls, NY

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Existing Conditions Building Study

Last year the Session retained the architectural firm of Flynn Battaglia to exam our Church building in order to develop a long-range plan for preserving and improving the structure. The building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, so there's quite a bit of history associated with the building.

The study is now completed and a final report of about 140 pages has been issued. The computer file of the report is available in PDF format, but it is too large to be emailed. If you would like to read the entire report you can get a physical copy of the report from Carl Slenk who will gladly loan you a CD with the information. Alternatively, a hard-copy, bound, report is available for you to borrow from the church office.

The Session is currently evaluating the recommendations made in the report.

Preaching Schedule for May and June

Below is the Preachers' schedule for May and June. The continuity of leadership in worship will benefit our congregation. Everyone is urged to attend worship, and support our Church.

May 6 - Rev. Stacy Otto

May 13 - Terry McIntyre

May 20 - Lee Weinsheimer

May 27 - Lee Weinsheimer

June 3 - Rev. Jon Rielly-Goddard

June 10 - Lee Weinsheimer

June 17 - Lee Weinsheimer

June 24 - Terry McIntyre

See you in Church, Carol Dashineau

We are sad to announce that Mel Dashineau, husband of Carol Dashineau and long-time member of First Pres, passed away Saturday, April 21. For many years Mel served on the Church Board of Trustees and the Church Investment committee. Funeral service for Mel was held Friday, April 27th. Mel will be greatly missed. Please remember Mel and his family in your prayers.



Spring is Here Pot Luck

We welcomed sunshine, warmer weather and Spring with the pot luck! Yummy food, kid crafts, flower power decorations and butterflies around the poles—yes, they were all there.

Demonte won the candy, Kayla the dog and Shyann the spring head band.

Thanks to all who came, brought food and helped cleanup.

Because of all of us, it was a special time.

See you on May 20 at the All-American pot luck. Its not too soon to start planning your all-American dish to share.

How May I Serve?

Choir? Prayer Partner? Lay Leader? Van Driver? Sunday School teacher? Kitchen Crew? Elder? Deacon? Usher? Jesus told His disciples "I came not be served, but to serve" We need to ask ourselves and our Lord how we may serve in His House—our Church. We each have special talents and abilities given to us by our Heavenly Father. Let us prayerfully consider how we can be used in His service.

Chris Jackson

Lewiston Choraleers Spring Concert Schedule

May 26—First Pres Church Lewiston, 2 p.m.

May 27—Youngstown Pres Church, 2 p.m.

June 2—St Peter's Catholic Church Lewiston,
1 p.m.

June 3—Messiah Lutheran Church Lewiston
2 p.m.



Please Pray for Those Who are Sick or Shut-in

Shut-Ins
Jean Hackenheimer

Prayer List

Mark Tarbell	Ralph Kullman
Bill Karches	Ed Van Valkinburgh
Monique Wilson	Antonino Thomas Family
Clary Wilson	Pearl Durham
Maureen Karches	Jamie Joseph Durham
Sara Stewart	



National Prayer day is May 3, 2018. There will be a community prayer service at noon, on the front steps of City Hall.

May Potluck will be Sunday, May 20, following Worship Service. If you are able please bring a dish to share and a place setting for everyone in your group. All are welcome

Mark your Calendar: Church Picnic is planned for Sunday, June 10th., Hyde Park, following Worship Service .

The office will be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 30Tth.



April Volunteer Schedule

Ushers

May 6 - John Goddard, Carl Slenk
 May 13 - Robert Smith, Bill Jackson
 May 20 - Carl Slenk, Robert MacNaughton
 May 27 - John Goddard, Kirk Parry

Lay Readers

May 6 - Lis Slenk
 May 13 - Carol Dashineau
 May 20 - John Goddard
 May 27 - Chris Jackson

Communion Servers

April 2 - Abe McLarahmore (intinction)

May Birthday

May 3 Demonte LaMorie
 6 Carolyn Goddard and Lis Slenk
 7 Ed Valkinburgh
 12 Dory Parry and Cholie Soto
 13 Miranda Durham
 24 Cameron Watts
 25 Jockline Pryor
 30 Kina Jackson



Budget Report for March 2018

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
Giving	3,999	9,321	8,853
Investment Income, Other	0	842	8,899
TOTAL INCOME	3,999	10,163	17,752
EXPENSES	10,161	28,071	24,360
NET (Deficit)	(6,162)	(17,908)	(6,608)

Expenses for March included \$3565 for church and van quarterly insurance premiums, and \$2229 for National Fuel

Adult Classes, Sundays, 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room

The unit for May "A Call to Holy Living" with Hope the value emphasized

May 6: "A Living Hope" (1 Peter 1:3-12)
 May 13: "Equipped with Hope" (2 Peter 1:3-14)
 May 20: "Hope through Stewardship" (1 Peter 4:1-11)
 May 27: "Hope in the Day of the Lord" (2 Peter 3:1-15)

Please join us for this exciting adventure into God's Word. All are welcome!



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 <i>F.A.C.T.</i> <i>9 am—noon</i>	2	3 <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i> <i>Nation day of Prayer</i>	4	5 <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>
6	7	8 <i>F.A.C.T.</i> <i>9 am—noon</i>	9	10 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>	11	12 <i>Breakfast Club 9:00 am</i>
13 <i>Deacon Meeting 10:30 am</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15 <i>F.A.C.T.</i> <i>9 am—noon</i> <i>Session 7 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>	18	19
20 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Wear Red</i> <i>Potluck</i>	21	22 <i>F.A.C.T.</i> <i>9 am—noon</i>	23	24 <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>	25	26 <i>Breakfast Club 9:00 am</i>
27 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	29 <i>F.A.C.T.</i> <i>9 am—noon</i>	30	31 <i>Bible Study 6:00 pm</i>		

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CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am -1 pm

Telephone: 285-3555

Sunday Worship	11:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Adult Education	10:00 a.m.
Communion	1st Sunday of each month
Thursday Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Men's Breakfast Club	9:00 a.m.—1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month

Food Pantry & Clothes Closet	Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.—12 noon
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BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons — 2nd Sunday of month—10:30 a.m.
Session — 3rd Tuesday of the month—7:00 p.m.

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