

Chimes

North Church

In Focus



JUNE 2025

Vacation Bible School – Camp North

Volunteers ages 12 – 100 are needed. Great way for teens to earn service hours! Spaces reserved for all Church members' children and grandchildren who sign up by May 15. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and campers are available in church parlor. Online submissions are available now at ntnorthchurch.org.

Do you have a special skill you would be willing to share with young VBS participants? We are looking at setting up stations such as:

- Snack prep with kids (no oven use)
- Music (we have percussion instruments avail for use)
- Exercise, dance, fitness
- Nature walks with spiritual/nature activities
- Games (tic tac toe, puzzles, etc.)
- Crafts
- “Campfire” Bible stories
- ???

VBS Donations

VBS will have a camp theme. If you have any camp related items to donate or to let us borrow, please contact April at church office 716.693.7030.

Items requested

- Easy set up tents
- Camp Decorations (lanterns, fake fire, etc)
- Bird Seed
- Used Altoids Tins (or similar empty tins)
- Karo Syrup

[Click Here for
Amazon Wish List](#)

Wheels For Workers

On June 29, our Mission Speaker will be John Alduino from Wheels for Workers 716. Their mission is to provide bicycles to people and/or families who wish to work, but lack basic transportation. This includes supporting the large number of re-settling families in Buffalo and surrounding areas.

Wheels for Workers is a non-profit and exist through the generosity of the time, talent, and treasure of our community.

Would you like to take part?

- Donate a bike and/or bike parts
- Spread the Word
- Volunteers and bike mechanics needed

Bring your old bike to the Church or contact Pete Somerville (694-8868) and we will make arrangements to pick up that bike at your house.

June Birthdays

As you grow another year older, may you also grow deeper in your faith and closer to God. May His wisdom guide you and His love comfort you.

Steven Kureczka	Tim Sylvester	Christian Mye	Lila Toczek
Matthew Parish	Matthew Harrington	Elizabeth Ruhlman	Page Flack
Martha Luchterhand	Virginia Mitchell	Emily Luchterhand	Linda Toczek

Please notify office if a birthday was mistakenly omitted or needs correction



If anyone wants weekly bulletin or chimes sent to home address, please contact the office (716) 693-7030.

If you would like to submit item to be placed in bulletin, please call or email office by Monday for submission to be added to Sunday's bulletin.

If you would like to submit information to added to Chimes, please submit to office by the 20th of the month before issue (ex. Submit by June 20th for July Chimes).

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2

May North Presbyterian



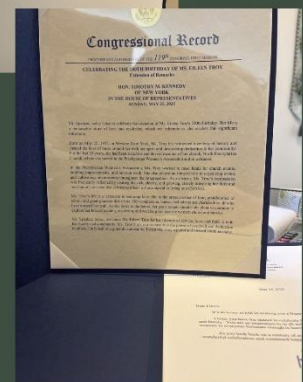
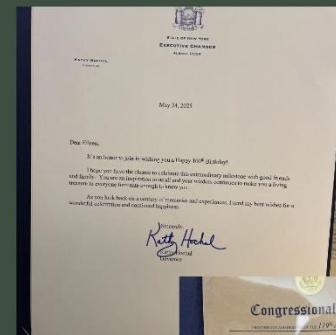
North Tonawanda Mayor, Austin Tylec, joins North Presbyterian Church in celebrating Eileen Troy on her 100th Birthday



HAPPY
Birthday
100th



Proclamations



Proclamations from Governor of New York, Kathy Hochul, Congressman Tim Kennedy and from the city of North Tonawanda

Presbyterian Womens Meeting Minutes

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Reading and approval of previous minutes

- Drum Circle – May 17, 2025 \$10 fee, sign up in narthex and online
- Pass cards and leave in back for shutins, birthdays, etc. Emily L will have card for Eileen for this Sunday.
- Park or boat ride – park was suggested due to increased cost of boat ride
 - West Canal Marina, weekday, probably would not need to reserve shelter
- Lancaster Noah's Ark and day trips, need more information
- Hot dog sale
 - During Garden Walk?
 - Contact to find out if we can participate in garden walk
- Lenten Fish Fry
 - Not happy with Budways, look into changing to Yubbs for next year
- Coffee Hours
 - Kids receiving bibles on May 18, cupcakes, sandwiches, coffee and juice
 - May 25 – Eileen Troy 100th birthday, coffee hour
 - Purchase cake
 - Flowers? Gifts?
 - Request for birthday proclamations have been made by April S, waiting for responses
- Summer Services will be indoors due to unstable ground outdoors
- Next Meeting June 8



Dearest Heavenly Father, we pray for our North Presbyterian Family. We lift up in prayer those who need special consideration including Judy L, Andrew, Patricia, Roger, David, Jessica, Jane, Elaine F, Michele, Terry R, Jean, Mary, Ruth, Justine, Michele, Deborah T, Lindsay, Tim, Jeff, Jim, Gloria, Alex V, David P, Virginia (Ginger)M, Kathy C, Brenda M., Jerry C., Phalguni. We ask that you bless and comfort the friends and family of Shawn Larson.

Session Summary For May

North Presbyterian Church
Session Meeting
May 4, 2025

Attending: Sara Franco, Donna Freiart, Rev. Bill Hennessey, Mike Kaegal, Martha Luchterhand & Karl Wende.

Prayer: Opened with prayer by Bill. 12:14 PM

Minutes: April 6, 2025 Approved

Treasurer: Discussed and approved.

PNC: Sarah reported if we approve of Minister Decernment Profile today she will send it to COM for Tuesdays meeting. If approved by COM we will then be ready for next step.

Old business: May 18th Karl will help Mark Armesto with awarding Bibles to Sunday School members. Matteo Graci, Alanna Graci & Edison Raynor. We will have fellowship following serv Karl is giving Key to owner of Dogology. They will meet Tuesday.
Discussed Jim Carpenter contract.

New business: Approved Church buying cake for Eileen Troy 100th b'day.
Approved hot dog sale in July 12 .

Respectfully Submitted

Donna L. Freiart Pro Tem

Dear Brothers & Sisters of North,

I was certainly surprised to come home and find a lovely floral arrangement had been delivered.

I really appreciated the thought. We enjoyed it through the whole Easter season and beyond.

Thank you, Cate, for the delivery.

*Love,
Donna & Wally*

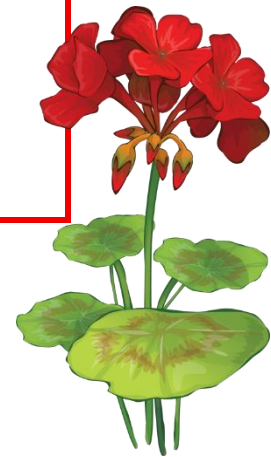
Upcoming Events...

- June 1 Niagara Gospel Mission
 - Session Meeting
- June 8 Mark Aquino
 - Presbyterian Women's Meeting
- June 15 Dorothy Pearman
 - VBS Sign up deadline
- June 22 Dorothy Pearman
- June 29 Wheels for Workers Mission
 - We will be collecting unused bikes, bike parts, and donations
- July 6 Mark Aquino



Pentecost Flowers for the Church

We are accepting geraniums for the church garden. If you wish to donate toward the garden, drop off flowers during church service, office hours (M-W 9-2) or leave outside in rear of church parking lot.



Children's Chat with Jim Sanford and Edison R

Pentecost Offering

Pentecost Special Offering
– April 21-June 8

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the offering will go to Camp Duffield. Special offering envelopes are available on offering tables.

First Presbyterian Church of Tonawanda

Invites you to our new community
programs, **FREE** and open to all

149 Broad Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Church Stretch

Exercise for Body & Soul

Mondays at 6pm

For adults of all fitness levels



God Loves Me Storytime

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am

for kids & caregivers

Friday Friendzee

Fridays 6-8pm

Rotating activities, including
game nights, karaoke,
pot luck dinners, etc.



Bible Study

THIRD PRESBYTERRAN CHURCH
NORTH TONAWANDA

1ST WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
5PM



Join Us...



VBS CAMP NORTH

North Church
168 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

JULY 7-11 9-12



Limit 20

Reserve your spot - \$20, no walk ins

Grade K-5

Sign up Online at

www.ntnorthchurch.org



Show Your
Solidarity.
Join our 1st
Annual
Presbytery-
Wide
Worship
before the
Pride
Parade*



JUNE
1ST
9:30AM

LAFAYETTE AVE PRESBYTERIAN

875 Elmwood Ave Ste 1,
Buffalo, NY 14222



*We are asking congregations to move their own services and
join together for this important community event.

North Presbyterian Drum Circle



On May 17, Carolyn Zimmerman from Drums 4 Health visited North Presbyterian. She brought her drums, knowledge and incredible enthusiasm. Members and visitors joined together to share in music and fellowship





Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara

4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, New York 14144
716 754-7376 * stellaniagararetreats.org



Let's Get Hooked Learn to Crochet a Prayer Shawl Retreat Day

Crocheters and Non-Crocheters Welcome

Saturday, July 12, 2025

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Come Enjoy a Retreat Day

That Can Spread Comfort, Hope & Love for Years to Come

Retreat Day Includes:

Instructions on How to Crochet

Prayer Shawl History, Prayers, Patterns

Inspirational Music

Lunch

Fellowship with Other Crocheters

CALL TODAY

to make your reservation

Reservation deadline - June 27, 2025

716-754-7376, Ext. 2

(MasterCard, Visa & Discover Cards Accepted)



Reservation Form

Mail with check to: The Center of Renewal, 4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, NY 14144

Let's Get Hooked - July 12, 2025 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Reservation Deadline - June 27, 2025



Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Medical Dietary Restrictions _____

☐ \$55.00 Includes Retreat, Lunch, Yarn & Needle

☐ \$45.00 Includes Retreat, Lunch - **Bring Your Own Yarn**

Memories



CONFIRMATION CLASS - June 16, 1968

Rev. Wright - Pastor

Arthur Cady	Spencer Gosch
Stewart Caldwell	Edward Duda
Dennis Miller	Jean Olson
Henry Pendleton	Jamie Ramsay
George Savovic	Paul Schoenfeldt
Martha Schweinsburg	Gary Whitcomb
Robert Sheppard	Mark Whitcomb



APRIL 21-JUNE 8, 2025

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A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

established during
childhood through
young adulthood
helps ensure lifelong
faith and service.
When you give to the
Pentecost Offering,
you are helping to
provide opportunities
for young people to
grow and share in
their faith in Christ.



WAYS TO GIVE —



Through your congregation



Text PENTECOST
to 91999 to support
these vital ministries



Give online at
pcusa.org/give/Pentecost



You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.



The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

*Transforming Spirit,
bless our children, youth,
and young adults with
a faith that grows their
whole lives long.*

*May these gifts we offer
shape the future of
your Church.*

Amen.



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

O God, may we follow the leading
of your Holy Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday.
Use our gifts inspire all children, youth, and young adults
to faith in your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray,
Amen.



La Escuelita Learning Hub serves some 30 children and youth from refugee and new immigrant families, offering them trauma informed care including homework help, enrichment activities, ESL assistance and family case management support. For some, it has been life-saving.

One mother walked with her children across six countries through dangerous jungles and across raging rivers to flee violent cartels who threatened her family. Her disabled teenage son was traumatized by their experience but La Escuelita is helping by bringing kids together in a loving setting.



PENTECOST CELEBRATES
THE RENEWAL OF THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN GOD AND THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH.
WITH OUR GIFTS TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING,
WE ARE THERE TO HELP BUILD A FOUNDATION OF FAITH
IN OUR YOUTH WHICH WILL LAST A LIFETIME.



40%

stays with our congregation
to support local ministries with
children, youth, and young adults.



25%

supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV),
serving in communities around the world,
and growing as leaders through
transformative Christian service.



25%

supports Ministries with Youth,
including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.



10%

is devoted to children at-risk
and supports efforts to improve education
and provide safe havens.

WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Please give generously...for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.