

October 2025

North Church Chimes



Mark Your Calendar

Reminder: Up to date event list can be found on North [website](#)

If you would like to add events to calendar, email church

ntnorthpres@yahoo.com

October 5 **World Communion Sunday**
Rev Drew Ludwig
Session Meeting

October 12 Mark Aquino
Coffee Hour

October 19 **Mission Speaker**
Jessica Jolley YWCA of the
Tonawandas
Presbyterian Women

October 26 James Sanford
Deacons Meeting

November 2 **Mission Speaker**
FeedMore WNY

In Focus

Mission Speakers

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

Many thanks to Pete Somerville who works tirelessly to schedule guest ministers and lay preachers each week. In addition, much thought and consideration are given to set up time for local missions who provide much needed support for our WNY brothers and sisters.

On October 19, we welcome Jessica Jolley from [YWCA of the Tonawandas](#). The YWCA provides housing and crisis services to assist victims of sexual and domestic violence and help them find hope and healing. Attend our October 19 church service to learn more about the YWCA and the services they provide. If you want to donate during service, please indicate on envelope that money is going to mission speaker.

If you prefer to donate items, Jessica said they get a lot of personal needs items donated and have enough in stock. They do have a need for cleaning supplies, trash bags, and paper products like toilet paper and paper towels.

In November, our mission speaker will be Catherine Shick from [FeedMore WNY](#). If you would like to donate to FeedMore, there is a list of healthy food items they would be happy to accept. More information about FeedMore will be in the November newsletter.

Thank you to Ellen Brock
and the Sunday School kids
for spreading joy with the
wonderful birthday cards
they send to church
members!



North Presbyterian

North Tonawanda

Family Picnic



PICNIC





We come before You to seek Your blessing of good health. Grant us the strength to lead vibrant, energetic lives and the peace to enjoy every moment You give us. May Your protective hand guide us away from illness and pain, and may Your healing touch restore those who are already suffering. Help us to nurture our bodies and spirits, and to live in a way that honors the life You have granted us. In Your loving care, we place our well-being, trusting in Your endless goodness.

Dearest Heavenly Father, we pray for our North Presbyterian Family. We lift in prayer those who need our special prayer including Judy L, Andrew, Patricia, Roger, David, Jessica, Jane, Elaine F, Michele, Terry R, Jean, Mary, Justine, Michele, Deborah T, Lindsay, Tim, Jeff, Gloria, Alex V, David P, Ginger M, Kathy C, Brenda M., Jerry C, Phalguni, Bev & Sam T, Bob G, Kristin L, Chrissy B and John C.



It is with sincerest appreciation that we acknowledge your generous contribution of \$250 to the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry.

As always, your contributions are invaluable in our continuing effort to distribute food and other necessary personal care items to the less fortunate citizens of our area.

Sincerely

Bonnie J Shaffer

NT Inter-Church Food Pantry

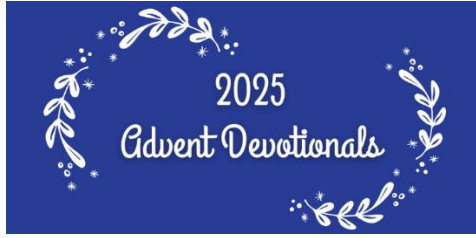
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donation of \$150 for the Matthew 25 Center. Donations like yours, helps to ensure we live out the gospel message, especially serving those in need of food, drink, clothing, and other basic needs.

The Family of Parishes takes serious the responsibility of being good stewards with your donation and all of the support you show. Be assured that your donation will be used for the desire which you have expressed in establishing the Mathhew 25 Center.

In Good Faith,

Father Michael LaMarca

2nd Annual Presbytery of WNY Advent Devotional



We're looking for folks to claim a day of Advent (November 30 to December 25) and share something meaningful. Right now all you need to do is pick your reading - you have until October 31 to get your devotional submitted!

*And here's the best part: **ANYONE** can participate.*

- You don't have to be clergy, an elder, or even a long-time church member.
- You can be young or old, or anywhere in between.
- You can join in as an individual—or gather your friends, family, or a group to create something together!

Groups are especially welcome! Maybe you'd like to participate as:

- Your youth group
- Your church knitting club
- Your Presbyterian Women circle
- Your choir
- A Bible study group
- Your session or committee
- Or any other group that's part of your faith community!

Your devotion can be anything that moves your spirit:

- ✦ A favorite photo you snapped
- 🎵 A song that stirs your soul – sing it yourself or link a YouTube video
- 📝 A short paragraph, a poem, or a story
- 🎥 A video message straight from the heart

Think of it as a choose-your-own-Advent-adventure!

[Check out the readings here](#) and then [click here to sign up for your Advent day](#). Need inspiration? [Take a look at last year's here](#).

Once you've picked your date, please send your contribution to [Monika](#) by **October 31** so we'll be all set for Advent's kickoff on November 30.

Let's make this Advent shine even brighter than last year!

[Monika Toney](#), Presbytery Administrative Coordinator

Torah Story

An Apprenticeship on the Pentateuch

Online Course

Tuesday Evenings 6:30–8:30pm

October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4

Open to anyone

For more information or to
register for this course,
please contact:
cfranks1128@aol.com

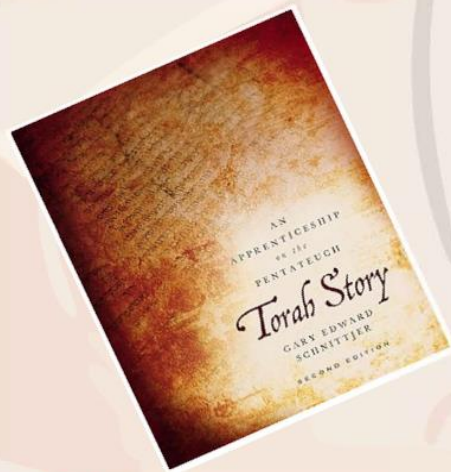
Required Text: Torah Story

2nd edition

An Apprenticeship on the Pentateuch
by Gary Edward Schnittjer

ISBN # 978–0310112778

An accompanying workbook is also available
for those interested in deeper study



This course counts as continuing education for CRE's in the Presbytery of Geneva

If you would like to make a donation toward the continuation of this ministry, please go to
www.presbyteryofgeneva.org to make a contribution to the general fund. Thank you for your generosity.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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.

Everett Kish 2
Glen Ziegler 3
Heather Schmidt 4
Troy Brosius 4
Gail Makmin 5
Isla Leanna Pfeiffer 6
Barbara Adamczyk 13

Veronica Obringer 6
Willow Parish 9
Bennett Dickinson 11
Ryan Harmes 11
Maximus Molina 11
Lynda Cox 12

Gloria Cruse 14
Jennifer Brock Adams 14
Kristine Dickinson 1
Stuart Buisch 26
Ellen Hall 27
Lucas Wells Mye 28

SESSION MEETING

Session Minutes North Presbyterian Church
September 7, 2025

Present: Rev William Hennessy, Moderator, Peter Somerville, Lynda Cox, Sarah Franco, Martha Luchterhand

Excused: Virginia Mitchell, Karl Wende, Mike Keagel

Quorum was met.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev Hennessy at 12:20pm

The minutes of June 3, 2025 meeting were approved on the motion of Martha and second of Sarah with the following correction. Lynda Cox was not absent as she was not yet on Session.

- A Treasurer's report from Karl was presented.
- An update from the Pastoral Nominating Committee from Sarah Franco was presented.
- Building and Grounds
 - Request from Dogology, Kristin Hanley to use the building on September 20 and additional Thursdays in September approved at on additional charge. Future usage on Thursday will be discussed. - Approved on motion of Lynda and second of Marta.
- Worship
 - By consensus Christmas Eve Service this year will be at 6pm
 - Approved Baptism Request of Ava Farfaglia, daughter of Emily and Brian Farfaglia, on the motion of Martha, second of Sarah.
- Stewardship Drive
 - Pete and Virginia will organize this year.
- Discussion of Committee Persons
 - **Worship** Martha L
 - **Finance** Karl W
 - **Mission** Pete S
 - **Building and Grounds** Mike K
 - **Personnel** Lynda C
 - **Christian Education** Ginger M

Next Meeting October 5, 2025

Motion to adjourn from Lynda and second from Pete moved at 1pm.

Meeting adjourned with prayer from Rev Hennessey

Peter W Somerville Jr
Clerk of Session



Remember
With Joy



Helen Mavis, Rilla Sparks, Jill Knezovich, Thomas Clasper

... To Teach Migrants

North Church Youth Engaged In Work Project

Four Senior High Fellowship members of North Presbyterian Church will leave Saturday for a two week "Youth Study and Service Tour" in Vineland, N. J.

They will be accompanied by their pastor, the Rev. Frank E. Wright, who will be with them during the first week.

Using the experience they have gained as staff members of the Vacation Church School now in its final week at North Church, Rilla Sparks, Helen Mavis, Jill Knezovich and Thomas Clasper will help to conduct a similar school for Spanish-American migrant children in Vineland.

They will be joined by seven senior high young people and four adults from Wayside Presbyterian Church, Hamburg, in the service and work project.

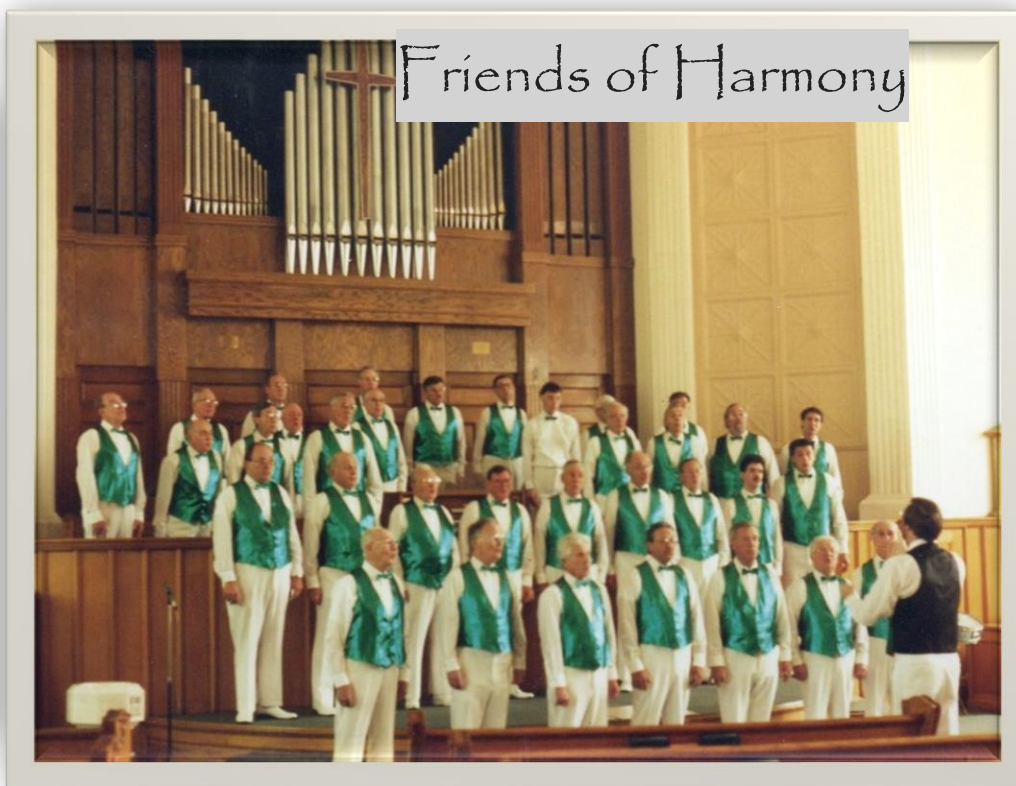
The North Church group has attended two weekend retreats at the Wayside Church in preparation for the tour experience. In Vineland they will be housed in the Methodist Church and the school will be held in the Presbyterian Church.

Side trips to points of local interest are planned and recreational time will include visits to the seaside beaches and swimming in the ocean. The trip to and from Vineland will be by chartered bus.





CONFIRMATION CLASS - June 1974
 Rev. Wright - Pastor
 L to R
 Nancy Whitcomb James Scott
 Barbara Martin Jan Heaps
 Pamela Kureczka Mr. Wright
 Jean Wactawski Michael Long
 Vickie Adams Lorinda Tooke





**Join us October 5th as we partake in
World Communion Sunday with
Reverend Drew Ludwig**

World Communion Sunday brings Christians worldwide together on the first Sunday of October. This day is a vivid celebration of unity among different Christian denominations.

Through a shared Communion service, it emphasizes global togetherness and the sharing of bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus Christ.

Started in 1936 by the Presbyterian Church in the USA and promoted globally by the National Council of Churches by 1940, this observance underscores the interconnectedness of Christian congregations irrespective of geographical and denominational boundaries.

As people partake in Communion, they remember that despite differences in practices and interpretations, they are all followers of Christ and members of a global family.



**PEACE AND GLOBAL
WITNESS
September 7 – October 5**

This fall season, if you would like to donate to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, place your offering in the Peace & Global Witness Offering Envelope. You can also place in normal offering envelope and write on the money should be dedicated to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. A portion is sent to Presbytery of WNY and a portion of the offering will go to Feed More WNY.



*Due to lack of expressed interest, the
CPR class scheduled for Oct. 10, has
been cancelled.*

OUR LITTLE ROSES

At our September meeting for Presbyterian women, Virginia Mitchell discussed her recent trip where she visited with Our Little Roses. With Ginger's assistance, our church generously donated money to help fund this amazing ministry which provides sanctuary and support for the girls of San Pedro, Honduras.

Because of **your** support, girls rescued from abject poverty, neglect and abusive conditions are:

- Provided essential nourishment, medical, and healthcare.
- Educated to their fullest ability, including high school, trade school, university, and professional education programs.
- Engaged in sports, art, dance, music, writing, and other extracurricular and creative activities.
- Prepared and encouraged to live independent lives.
- Grounded in the Christian faith and ecumenical values, respecting all and excluding none.

To show their appreciation, one of girls made a beautiful burned wood sign which is currently on display in our parlor.

These are the types of things that your donations go to, what a blessing you are to those in need and what a blessing Ginger Mitchell is to all who know her.



September 12, 2025

North Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Women
168 Payne Avenue
N Tonawanda, NY 14120

Attn: Virginia Mitchell

Dear Ginger,

On behalf of Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society, I would like to thank you and the congregation at the North Presbyterian Church for your generous donation of \$370.

Our Little Roses operates solely on the donations of people and groups like yours. We get no funding from any government or national church. Hence, you give us the opportunity to rescue and provide a future for 71+ girls who have endured unimaginable suffering in their short lives.

Whether abandoned, abused, trafficked, or forgotten, Our Little Roses provides sanctuary and support to the girl-child of San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

As you have seen firsthand, Our Little Roses shows that God is active in the world, comforting the most vulnerable. And you have now been part of God's plan for them.

If the congregation would ever like me join a service or come after service or for "coffee hour," I'd be delighted to share more about OLR. I can bring a brief PowerPoint presentation (I travel with a 19" monitor!) to show pictures of the residence and the girls.

Thank you again for your gift to Our Little Roses.

With much love and gratitude,

Larry Mazuchowski
Member, Board of Directors
Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society
716 228-8960



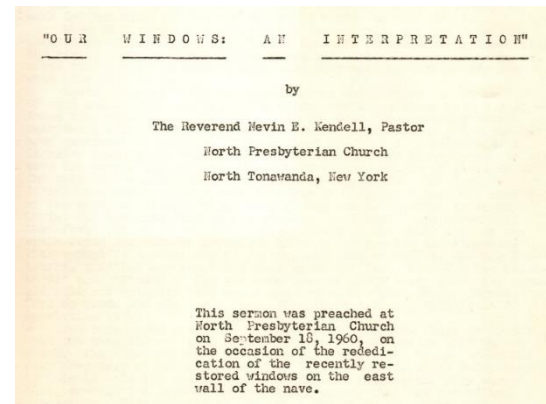
The girls of Our Little
Roses thank you for
supporting Let's Get Moving!

Vanessa Paz
Mildren Paz
Natalia R. Vojana
Karlas. Ferry
Gissel
Yanexi
monserrat Jim
Elena
Nancy R.
Cindy G
Jessica

Check out our History Page on the
North Church website.

Excerpts from
**OUR WINDOWS: AN
INTERPRETATION**

Sermon from September 10, 1960
by The Reverend Nevin E. Wendell

The poster features a decorative border of autumn leaves. At the top, it reads "REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "HARVEST FEST" are written in a very large, bold, black sans-serif font. On the left side, there is a light orange rectangular box containing the text "FOR AMANDA" in large, bold, black letters, followed by "SATURDAY, OCT. 11th:" and "11 am-3 pm" in a smaller font. To the right of this box is a photograph of a family of four (two women, a man, and a young child) standing outdoors in front of a green field and a yellow building. The overall design is festive and community-oriented.

- LUNCH • BAKE SALE • THEME BASKETS
- CHOWDER SALE!

MAKE YOUR CHOWDER RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 265 Falconer Street, N. Tonawanda, NY
(716-692-5734) For updates, check out www.rlcnt.com or
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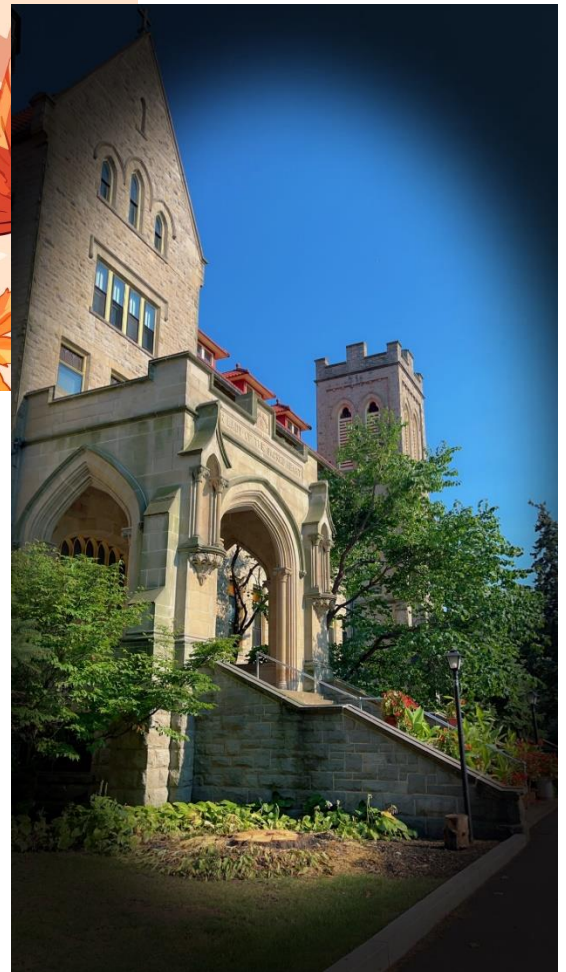
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(plus cost of meals)



FeedMore WNY deeply appreciates all donations to support our Food Bank program! It is our goal to provide nutritious food to help promote the health and wellness of those we serve. The following items are most requested by the clients of our partner hunger-relief agencies.

The Food Bank &
Meals on Wheels are now
FeedMore
wny (716) 852-1305
feedmorewny.org

Healthy Food Wish List



Fruits & Vegetables:

- Fresh Produce
- Canned Vegetables – Low or no salt added
- Canned Fruit – No sugar added, packed in 100% juice, extra light syrup
- Unsweetened apple sauce
- Dried Fruit – No sugar added
- 100% Fruit Juice

High Protein Foods:

- Canned/shelf-stable meat, poultry, fish (low sodium, packed in water)
- Canned beans (low sodium)
- Dried beans and peas
- Nuts and seeds (no added salt, sugar or oil)
- Nut Butters (no salt added)

Whole Grains:

- Brown, white or wild rice
- Whole wheat pasta
- Quinoa, barley, whole wheat couscous
- Hot Cereal – no sugar added; oatmeal, cream of wheat, grits
- Cold Cereal – low sugar, high fiber cereal
- Toasted oats, bran flakes, shredded wheat

Milk & Milk Substitutes:

- Low – Fat shelf stable, powdered or evaporated milk
- Soy Milk – unflavored
- Nut Milks – unflavored

Other:

- Cooking oils – olive, canola, avocado, safflower, grapeseed
- Canned pasta/tomato sauce or other tomato products (no salt added)
- Salsa
- Salt-free seasonings and spices

Non-food items:

- Toilet paper
- Diapers
- Personal hygiene products

Thank you for helping FeedMore WNY fight hunger!



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

WORD SEARCH

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| ☐ WITNESS | ☐ WAR | ☐ CHILDREN | ☐ SORRY |
| ☐ ACTIONS | ☐ SAFE | ☐ WORLD | ☐ ROMANS |
| ☐ HELP | ☐ YOUTH | ☐ ADULTS | ☐ JUSTICE |
| ☐ LOCAL | ☐ HANDS | ☐ PURSUE | ☐ WORDS |

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