



North Church



Giving to the Church

Per Capita

Per capita covers the expenses of the Presbyterian Church (USA) including local, regional, and overall government without reducing mission dollars. Each congregation is a part of a Presbytery, Synod, and the General Assembly and pays per capita based on the number of members reported in a previous year.

North Presbyterian pays \$44 per member whether you attend church regularly or not. Currently we have around 125 members, with weekly attendance averaging 40. We ask that you please consider donating your portion of per capita that is taken from the budget each year. To donate online visit ntnorthchurch.org/give - Under Fund, scroll to change General Fund to Per Capita

This year there will be three special offerings

One Great Hour of Sharing — Offering season Feb. 18–April 5, 2026

Traditionally received on Palm Sunday or Easter but can be received anytime during the Lenten season

Causes supported: disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, immigration, migration and refugees

World Communion Offering — Offering season Sept. 6–Oct. 4, 2026

Traditionally received on World Communion Sunday but can be received anytime during A Season of Preparation

Causes supported: racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, ecumenical and interfaith relations

As part of this Offering, a grant program is being created that allows any council of the PC(USA) — session, presbytery or synod regardless of participation in the World Communion Offering — to apply for funds to support their own efforts to do ministry around these cause areas.

Christmas Joy Offering — Offering season Nov. 29–Dec. 19, 2026

Traditionally received on the fourth Sunday of Advent or Christmas Eve but can be received anytime during the Advent season

Causes supported: children-at-risk, youth and young adults, leadership development for people of color, Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color, servants of the Church in need through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.

POINSETTIA

Given by

Matikosh/Michael Family
Kathleen Matikosh
Michael/Matikosh
Wally & Donna Freiert
Wally & Donna Freiert
Hayes Family
Margaret Linkowski
Ginger Mitchell
Kate and Marilyn Hartman
Kate and Marilyn Hartman
Sandra Sikora
Southwell Family
Southwell Family
Luchterhand Family
Judith Michael
Linda Soltis
DeMatteo Family
North Presbyterian Family

In memory of

Loved ones
Daniel Matikosh
Theodore (Teddy) Michael
Loved ones
Loved ones
Doddridge & Doris Hayes
James Gregory Bickelman
Loved ones
Paul Hartman
Florence Lally
Ronnie Sikora
Bill & Carol Mae Prichard
Carl & Margaret Payne
Oscar and Edna Schweinsburg
Eddie and John Michael
Major & Mrs. William J. Soltis
Glenn and Alice Knittle
James Cruse
James Kehrner
Susan Kehrner
Shawn Larson
Ruth Lozo
Barbara Zalewski



A special "Thank You" to
Martha Luchterhand for
organizing the poinsettia sale
this year.



CODE BLUE NEEDS

Recently we have begun our Code Blue programing for the winter. We have already been averaging an extra 20 people a night. This also means we are going through regular items that someone receives when they first come to NGM at a rapid rate. We could really use the following items if you are looking to make a physical donation

- Boxers/Boxer Briefs - Size (L, XL,XXL+)
- Socks
- Bar Soaps
- Toothpaste
- Razors

Colton Lackey will be our mission speaker January 18. Donations may be brought to the church that day, if so desired.

Please contact Colton Lackey at clackey@niagaragrm.org if you have further questions.



This new year, please pray for your North Presbyterian Family. We ask for your comforting presence to surround them. May they feel your love and peace in their hearts, reminding them that they are not alone in their struggles. We pray for our North Presbyterian Family as we also lift in prayer those who need our faithful prayers ~ 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, Bev & Sam T, Bob G, Kristin L, Chrissy B, John C., Debra D and Meredith R.

Dear North Presbyterian Family

Thank you very much for thinking of us with the lovely gift basket. We're wishing you all the very best during this holiday season. We look forward to the day when we can join you at church.

John and Candice Mye



Special thank you to Rose Mitchell for organizing the Friends of Harmony Concert. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all.

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 Jan 20th for Feb Chimes).

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2



SESSION SUMMARY

December 7, 2025

Present: Rev William Hennessy, Moderator, Peter Somerville, Karl Wende, Sarah Franco, Martha Luchterhand, Virginia Mitchell

Excused: Lynda Cox Quorum was met.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev Hennessy at 12:13pm

The minutes of November 2, 2025 meeting were approved on the motion of Ginger and second of Karl

Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Michael Keagel from

Session made by Peter, seconded by Martha approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report presented Karl Wende

2026 Budget approved unanimously on the motion of Ginger and second of Peter

An update from the Pastoral Nominating Committee from Sarah Franco was presented. The committee has posted on Indeed.com and is considering looking for a Bridge Pastor at this time
Building and Grounds Approved the following on motion of Karl and second of Martha.

New contract with Toshiba for copy machine

Building Usage for December 20, 2025 for Sasso Family

Building Usage for December 27, 2025 for Graci Family

Possible Meeting location for new Cub Scout Pack

Move of Dogology from Tuesday to Thursday nights

Personnel- Lynda has had satisfactory discussion with Jim Carpenter about final issues in his contract. By consensus approved paid vacation for April Sasso March 12-21, 2026

Worship- on request of Matikosh family will return to real candles used on Christmas Eve.

Stewardship- Peter reported that as of December 3 pledges totaled \$49,820

Old Business- Ginger would like to see us return to streaming Sunday

Services. She will explore options.

New Business- Congregational Meeting February 1, 2026

Motion to adjourn from Martha and second of Ginger at 12:55pm

Meeting adjourned with prayer from Rev Hennessey

Next Meeting January 4, 2026

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MEMORIES



January 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.

Erin Schmidt

Hanna Schmidt

Rebecca Klamut

Cassandra Cox

Kevin Cox

Alexandra Wende

Bonnie Somerville

Janet Taber

Leah Cox



Marjorie Blakeley

'Woman of the Year'



Marjorie Blakeley will be honored as "Woman of the Year" at a noon luncheon Sunday in the Packet Inn, North Tonawanda, by the Business and Professional Women's Club of the Tonawandas, concluding the observance of National Business Women's Week.



Mrs. Blakely, who has been a dance teacher for 25 years, is president of the Downtown Businessmen's Association in North Tonawanda. She also is on the board of directors of the Tonawanda-North Tonawanda Rehabilitation Corp. For the past five years, Mrs. Blakely has volunteered her services as choreographer for the North Tonawanda Summer Drama Workshop. She also has conducted mini-dance seminars in several high schools as part of their career counseling programs.

She and her husband, Harvey, reside at 767 Westbrook Drive, North Tonawanda. They have three children, Keith, 21, Lynda, 20, and Scott, 17.

Family members attending the luncheon will include her husband and their children and Keith's wife; also, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wilson of Cheektowaga, her brother and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wilson of

Angola, another brother and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blakeley Sr. of Buffalo, her husband's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, her sister and her husband.

A congratulatory telegram will be read from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wilson of Port Ritchie, Fla. Her minister, the Rev. Frank E. Wright of North Presbyterian Church, North Tonawanda, will be a speaker.

Mary Lou Rath, Republican-Conservative

Mrs. Blakely

...To be honored by BPW



British Lord Chancellor Henry Peter Brougham guzzled so much brandy during a marathon parliamentary speech in 1832 that he inspired the phrase, "Drunk as a lord."





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“God’s Mums” Retreat Day

for
Mothers with School Age Children
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Relax with
**Lunch, Devotions, Prayer Time and fellowship with
 other mothers who have school age children.**
Gain a new friend and a prayer partner.

Cost: \$30.00

Call 716 754-7376



Reservation Form

Mail with check to: The Center of Renewal, 4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, NY 14144
 God's Mums - February 4, 2026
 Reservation Deadline - January 21, 2026

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Medical Dietary Restrictions _____

_____ \$30 Children's Ages _____

(Fees & deposits are non-refundable, administration fees for transfers)

Thank you so deeply for the truly amazing Christmas Eve worship service. The candlelight was absolutely breathtaking, creating such an intimate and sacred atmosphere for us all to share. It was a beautiful reminder of the light and hope this season brings.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the readers and the entire congregation. You have a special gift for making everyone feel like family. Every time I step through your doors, I am moved by how consistently welcoming, loving, and friendly everyone is. Being part of your worship community is a true blessing.

May the peace of the season stay with you all. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

*With love and gratitude,
Mark Aquino*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support during my cancer and chemo journey. It's been a long two years but praise God – I am in recovery and regaining my strength and energy.

Thank you for all your prayers and for the lovely gift baskets at Christmas, the beautiful Easter arrangement and the Valentine's gift. Your gifts warm my heart and fill my spirit with joy.

You are all a special blessing from God! May God bless you always.

*Love,
Deb Tyler*



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Till Death Do Us Part

April 8, 2026
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Facing challenges you never envisioned before/after losing your husband?

This retreat is for you!

Testimonies, discussions, devotions, and encouragement through the Lord's help.

This is not a pity party but a fellowship and thinking outside the box on how to reach out to others.

Cost: \$10.00

Reservation Form
Till Death Do Us Part - April 8, 2026
Reservation Deadline - March 25, 2026

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Medical Dietary Restrictions _____

Cost: \$10.00 Fees & deposits are non-refundable, administration fees for transfers



Women's Christmas Dinner





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Let's Do Lunch

Breaking Bread & Bible Study with Bonnie

Finding Hope in "THIN PLACES"

January 22, 2026
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Celtic Christian spirituality defines a "thin place" as a physical location where the veil between our earthly world and the divine realm seems "thin" and porous. It's alleged to be a place where people have had an intense encounter with God. Bible theologians and scholars' debate whether so-called "thin places" are Scripturally based or merely our imaginations at work. Rather than rehash opposing theological debates, why not explore the possibility of "thin places" as it relates to HOPE and the profound possibility that such a place may create a personal and serendipitous appointment with God. **Romans 12:12 Rejoice in HOPE**

Cost: \$28.00
For Reservations Call 716 754-7376

Reservation Form

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

Let's Do Lunch - January 22, 2026 / **Reservation Deadline January 8, 2026**

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Medical Dietary Restrictions _____

_____ \$28.00

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