



North Church



In Focus

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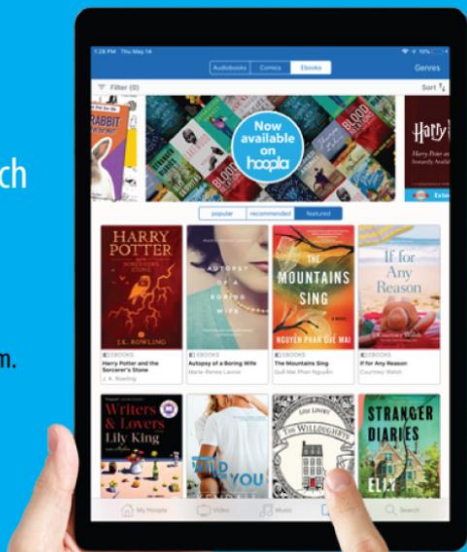
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Homebound Patron Services

If you are unable to get to the NT Library due to long-term illness or injury, library members will bring the books to you! You may request specific authors or topics or have the librarian choose for you. Books may be kept up to 3 months. Materials made available to homebound patrons are large and regular print books and books on CD (subject to availability). Delivery and pick up are provided by members of the Friends of the Library group.

Please talk to a Reference Librarian, or call (716) 693-4132, ext. 4 for more information. This service is for City of North Tonawanda, Wheatfield and Pendleton residents.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women are meeting February 9 immediately following Sunday service. Along with planning upcoming events, PW will be assembling Edna's Valentines.



SESSION SUMMARY

At the January 14 meeting, the Session:

- Continued to discuss the pastor search with Kris DeGuehery. The following people have volunteered to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee and will be voted on at the annual meeting: Melissa Graci, Sarah Franco, Andrea Parish, Rose Mitchell, Bob Flack, Judy Michael and Sandy Sikora
- Approved the 2025 budget
- Accepted with regret the transfer of membership of the Benn family to Zion UCC
- Considered two building use requests from dog training businesses
- Was informed of the Department of Health inspection and report on the kitchen

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

February 2

immediately following service

**Warm soup, bread
and desserts**

SIGN UP

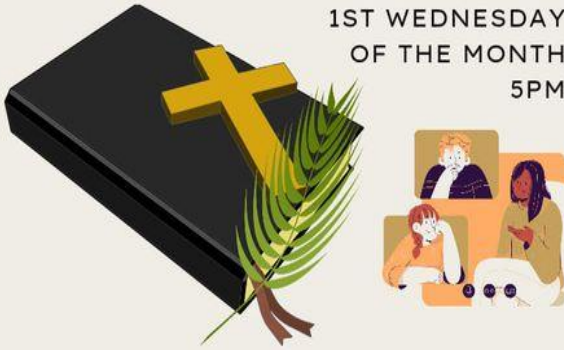
**Church Entrance or call
Church Office 716-693-
7030 & leave message**

**Please bring soup, bread, or
dessert to share**

Bible Study

THIRD PRESBYTERRAN CHURCH
NORTH TONAWANDA

1ST WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
5PM



February 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.

Wally Freiert

Bruce Schmidt

Kerri Hayes Pastwik

Jean Wende

Damien Knittle

Jeff Harrington

Natalie Dickinson

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 be added to Chimes, please submit to office by the 20th of the month before issue (ex. Submit by Feb 20th for Mar Chimes).

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2



“Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

[John 14:27]

Dearest Heavenly Father, we pray for our North Presbyterian Family. We also lift up in prayer those who need special prayers including Jean W, 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

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Melissa Graci
Sarah Franco
Rose Mitchell
Bob Flack
Andrea Parish Wincowski
Judith Michael
Sandra Sikora

A nominating committee has been formed to represent our congregation to study and put forth a nomination for a new minister.

May God bless and watch over them as they gather to find the person who will best lead our congregation in the years ahead.

THANK YOU

(Posted on Facebook)

A heartfelt Thank You to North Presbyterian Church at 168 Payne Ave. I was invited to speak there this morning about the Twin Cities Taskforce for the Homeless, and provide information on what we do, how we help, and what we hope to accomplish. To say I was blown away by the love, peace and generosity of this congregation is an understatement! They filled the sanctuary with kindness and joy! Again, Thank You for giving me the opportunity to experience North Presbyterian and share my message of Love and Kindness to those experiencing homelessness.

Dear Friends,

I was in the hospital the whole month of December. What a nice surprise it was to come home to the care basket you sent!

Your prayers and support have meant the most to me.

Thank you so much!

Candise Mye



Plan ahead...

Our annual rummage sale will be held in April (more information will be forthcoming).

If you would like to drop off items ahead of time, we are now accepting donations! As in the past, we are not accepting clothing donations. Please bring items to the church basement, under the stairs.

Office hours are M, T, W 9-2 or call the office if you need to make special arrangements.

Does anyone have an old color printer they would like to donate to the church?

If so, please contact April 693-7030 or text 716 909-5185. We are looking for a color printer to print letterhead, flyers, sign-up sheets etc.

To give: we have an old toner cartridge Konica DR510

MEAT RAFFLE

50/50, Basket Raffle
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21st, 2025

WHERE: GRATWICK HOSE FIRE CO. #6

110 Ward Road North Tonawanda, NY 14120

INFORMATION: -Doors open at 6pm, first spin at 7pm

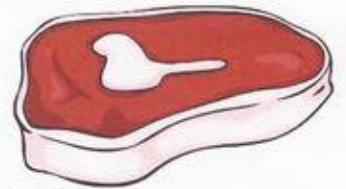
-Bring your own snacks

-Bring your one dollar bills

-Bring a cooler for winnings

-No outside beverages permitted

-Adults 21 and over only.



TICKETS: \$12 each or \$90 for a table of 8 AT DOOR: \$13 each

****Ticket price includes Beer, Wine, Pop & Door Prize entry****

Call or email for your tickets today!

716-692-5734 or email rlcntevents@gmail.com

It is with sincerest appreciation that we acknowledge your generous contributions to the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry. As always, your contributions are invaluable in our continuing effort to distribute food and personal care and toy items to the less fortunate in our area.

Sincerely,

Bonnie J. Shaffer, Coordinator

NT Inter-Church Food Pantry

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S
3RD ANNUAL

MEAT RAFFLE

BEER & POP
INCLUDED
BYO SNACKS

50/50, BASKET
RAFFLES
AND MORE!



FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM | FIRST SPIN AT 7PM
FRONTIER FIRE HALL | 2176 LIBERTY DR., NIAGARA FALLS

MEAT PROVIDED BY LATINAS

TICKETS



**\$12 INDIVIDUAL
\$80 TABLE OF 8**

**BRING PLENTY OF ONES
AND A COOLER FOR
YOUR WINNINGS!**

[HTTPS://TITHE.LY/EVENT-
REGISTRATION/#/9590939](https://tithel.ly/event-registration/#/9590939)

Our Family Bible Study

Grab a Bible and choose a verse to PLANT in your hearts.



Let's talk about _____ **TOPIC** _____. Put away distractions and pray, "God show us something new today."



Today's Bible verse is: _____



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



What truth can we learn from this verse?



How can we put this truth into action?



FEB

DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR

THEME: LOVE

FOCUS: 1 CORINTHIANS 13

VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

A NEW ANIMATED SERIES FROM
THE CO-CREATOR OF VEGGIETALES **MIKE NAWROCKI**
COMING FEB 14 ON MINNO!



1
CONNECT

2
REST

3
ENCOURAGING
1 THESSALONIANS 5:14

4
DOES NOT GIVE UP
GALATIANS 6:9

5
FULL OF PEACE
PROVERBS 15:18

6
HOPEFUL
ROMANS 12:12

7
STRONG IN HEART
PSALM 27:14

8
CONNECT

WEEK 1: LOVE IS PATIENT

9
REST

10
THE GOLDEN RULE
MATTHEW 7:12

11
ALWAYS
PROVERBS 3:3

12
TO EVERYONE
LUKE 6:35

13
DEVOTED
ROMANS 12:10

14
LIKE GOD
ISAIAH 63:7

15
DOWNLOAD



WEEK 2: LOVE IS KIND

16
REST

17
NOT JEALOUS
JAMES 3:16

18
DOES NOT WORRY
MATTHEW 6:25-26

19
IN EVERY SITUATION
PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13

20
DELIGHTS IN GOD
PSALM 37:3-4

21
FREE
HEBREWS 13:5

22
CONNECT

WEEK 3: LOVE IS CONTENT

23
REST

24
CLOTHED
COLOSSIANS 3:12

25
GENTLE
EPHESIANS 4:2

26
HONORED
1 PETER 5:6

27
WISE
PROVERBS 11:2

28
GENEROUS
2 CORINTHIANS 9:5-7

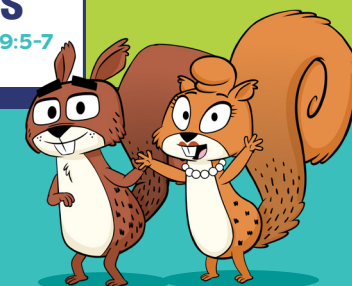
WEEK 4: LOVE IS HUMBLE

STEP 1: Pray together and ask God what He wants you to learn.

STEP 2: Read the prompt and Bible verse.

STEP 3: Talk about what the verse means to you.

Link to watch, download, and more: linktr.ee/gominno



Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara

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

Ash Wednesday Retreat Day

Facilitated by: Sr. Colleen Shanahan, OSF and Sr. Patricia McMahon, OSF

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

10:30 – 3:30 PM

Optional Mass with School & Sisters

9:00 AM in Sisters' Chapel

Our Lents are often experiences centered on our sinfulness. This particular Season we will concentrate with joy on the abiding and surrounding love of God in our lives and how that affects us. Our day will be a day of reflection and gratitude.

Sisters Colleen and Patricia have each spent years working in parish ministry and have led and facilitated many retreats and days of reflection.

They look forward to beginning their own Lenten journeys by sharing Ash Wednesday with those who gather for this experience.

Retreat includes lunch and Ashes

Call today to make your reservation

Reservation deadline - February 18th

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

Ash Wednesday Retreat - Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Reservation Deadline - February 18, 2025

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Medical Dietary Restrictions

- \$30 - Ash Wednesday Retreat (Make check payable to "The Center of Renewal")
 Free - Sisters on the Stella Niagara Meal Plan
(Sisters Only - Lunch in COR Dining Room Lunch in Health Center)