

NORTH STAR

November 2024 - Making Disciples...
Making a Difference.

Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am
North Presbyterian Church
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November, 2024
A Letter from Pastor Hansen

As I write this, it will soon be All Saints Day. Although All Saints Day is November 1, we tend to observe it on the Sunday closest to it in time. All Saints is one of my favorite services. Not only was our daughter baptized on All Saints, but it is also the day that we pause and remember.

When our daughter was an infant, we attended an Episcopal church in our town. The priest loved liturgical art. She had a gift. She could envision and bring to fruition ways of communicating and engaging people in worship with art.

For Lent, she placed a cross in the front in the sanctuary and piles of big and small rocks at the entrance to the sanctuary. The rocks symbolized our burdens. We could then take our burdens, our sins, our need for forgiveness and resolution and place them before the cross.

In some traditions, during Lent, they do not say “Hallelujah” or “Alleluia.” One year, she had slips of colored paper with “Alleluia” written across them with glitter. To prepare for Lent, we took our Alleluias and placed them in a box that would be opened on Easter morning.

The year our daughter was baptized, the priest placed outlines of people around the sanctuary. As I recall, the outlines were made of a gauzy, hazy type of material. The idea was that on All Saints, we are surrounded by the saints, the cloud of witnesses. Not only was our daughter (and the other infant being baptized) surrounded by parents, the priest, godparents, and the congregation, but there was a visible reminder that we are, as the writer of Hebrews tells us, “surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.” Hebrews 12:1.

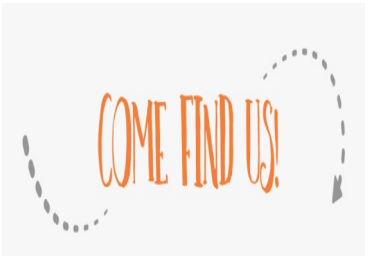
What I did not understand then, but have grown to appreciate, was her insistence that our faith could not be divorced from the material, physical world. She refused to let us intellectualize placing our burdens before the cross. The placing of the Alleluias in a box was a physical reminder of our entry into Lent. The hazy representations of the crowd of witnesses forced us to pause and remember and question.

It is in the pausing, the remembering, and the questioning that we often are able to catch our breath, reorient ourselves, and see God at work in our lives. It is in these moments in which we are able to ask ourselves how our faith informs our lives, not only internally, but externally. Because just as liturgical art engages us and communicates something about our collective faith back to us, how we act in the world and how we engage with one another communicates to others what we believe and in whom we have faith.

In a few short weeks, we will be at Thanksgiving, Christmas is not far away, and the New Year is only two months away. As we prepare for the busyness of the holidays and all the pressures that come with them, try not to rush. Instead, take time to remember, to pause, and to question, for it is in these moments, surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, we experience and recognize the lived out and very real grace of our God.

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Evan



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Visit Our Website

<https://www.northpres.church/>



Chancel Flower Orders

If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (suggested donation of \$42), please contact Lori Lee at 607-739-3176.

Available Sundays for November and December 2024 are:

November 17 & 24 and December 1, 8, 22 & 29.
Please take the flowers home to enjoy after the service.

If you are not in the sanctuary on your chosen date, we will be in touch with you to make a plan.



November Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

November 3 Steve Allison
November 10 Steve Allison
November 17 Bill Furnas
November 24 Bill Furnas

Ushers

November 3 Pat & Jeff Richards
November 10 Janice Williams, Phil Carpentier
November 17 Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea
November 24 Amanda Korfmann, Joe Rolls

Communion

November 3 Linda Palmer, Tim Allison, Nancy Isaacs, Ann Motley, Wendy Swatling
November 17 Suzie Hoskins, Wendy Swatling, Jim Mosher, Lori Lee, Vicki Balon

Greeters

November 3 Tim Allison
November 10 Tim Allison
November 17 Scott & Allie Sevey
November 24 Janice Williams

Youth Usher

November 3 David Hansen
November 10 Payton Hoskins-Thomas
November 17 Paityn Perry
November 24 Annalyse Ferriter

Counters

November 3 Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards
November 10 Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
November 17 Dolores Cummings, Janice Williams
November 24 Allison Sevey, Wendy Swatling

Wee Worship

November 3 Ann Motley, Payton Hoskins-Thomas
November 10 Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
November 17 Ann Motley, Becky Kowulich
November 24 Allie & Scott Sevey

Worship Assistant

November 3 Linda Palmer
November 10 Kurt Kalweit
November 17 Steve Allison
November 24 Wendy Swatling

Coffee Hour

November 3 Bobbi Furnas, Pat Richards
November 10 Wendy Swatling, Janice Williams
November 17 Ann Motley, Melanie Fitzpatrick
November 24 Karen Wilson, Liz Wilson

Youth Reader

November 10 Alexii Hoskins-Thomas

Gathering of Children

November 3 Linda Palmer
November 10 Kurt Kalweit
November 17 Evan Hansen
November 24 Barb Duryea

Together we make a Family



**Our
Love &
Prayers
Go Out
To...**

November 3:
Maxine Burroughs

November 10:
Liz Bush

November 17:
Pam & Bill Caroscio

November 24:
Maxine Carpentier

**Jesus tells us
to pray without ceasing
for the good of God's people.**

Our Homebound Friends

November 3:
Glen & Dorla Bolt
105 Morrow St,
Elmira, NY 14901

November 10:
Hope Dubois
8 Aspen Ridge Apartments
Elmira, NY 14904

November 17:
Betty Carney
74 Smith Rd.
Millport, NY 14864

November 24:
Wilma Padgett
3015 Lake St.
Elmira Heights, NY 14903

*Please send
a card to
our
Homebound
Friends*



Welcome

We would like to remind everyone that they are welcome to attend Session Meetings.

If you are interested in attending one, please contact the church office.



HOW
CAN WE
pray
FOR
YOU?

Weekly Prayer Chain Email

Did you know that you can pray or be prayed for? You are invited to let the church office know how you would like to be involved. We are stronger together.

Children & Youth Ministry



Children and Youth Ministry November 2024

Gobble, Gobble! Here we are in the month of November already. The last few months have been busy, and this month is proving to be just as crazy. We have so many fun and exciting things planned for this month. First up is our Harvest Dinner on November 9th from 4-6. We are only offering take-out and delivery. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help and to everyone who has donated turkeys and pies to complete our meals. Your help is much appreciated.

Next on our agenda is the stockings for the Food Pantry. We will be collecting donations until November 10th and then taking inventory of what is still needed. We will be stuffing stockings on November 30th. First Pres. will be joining us for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and then we will be stuffing stockings following breakfast. This is a big part of our ministry as the needs of our community continue to grow.

Please join us for "The Hanging of the Greens" following service on November 24th.

Our October Halloween activities were so fun with all the kids. We enjoyed playing "ghost bowling" and "pumpkin tic-tac-toe" along with disguising our Jr./Sr. kids as mummies and painting pumpkins. There was something for everyone! A big thank you to First Pres. for inviting us to their Trunk or Treat on October 27th. While last month was a busy month, we are looking forward to our upcoming events.

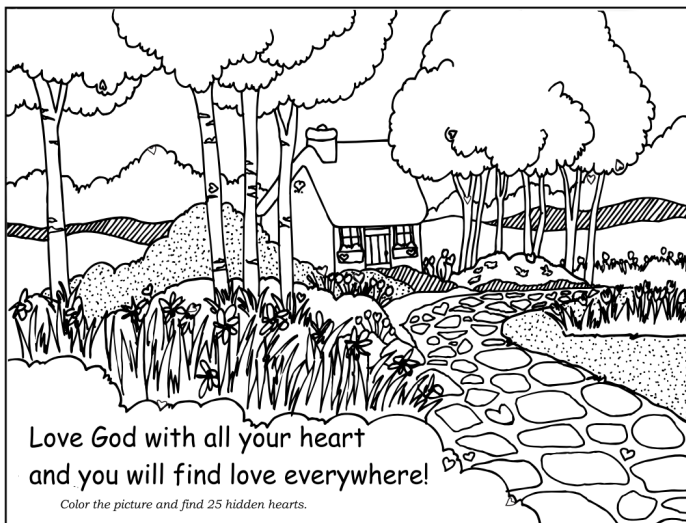
Here's to hoping for a great month filled with wonderful activities and memories made.

Warm Wishes,
Allie Sevey & Liz Wilson



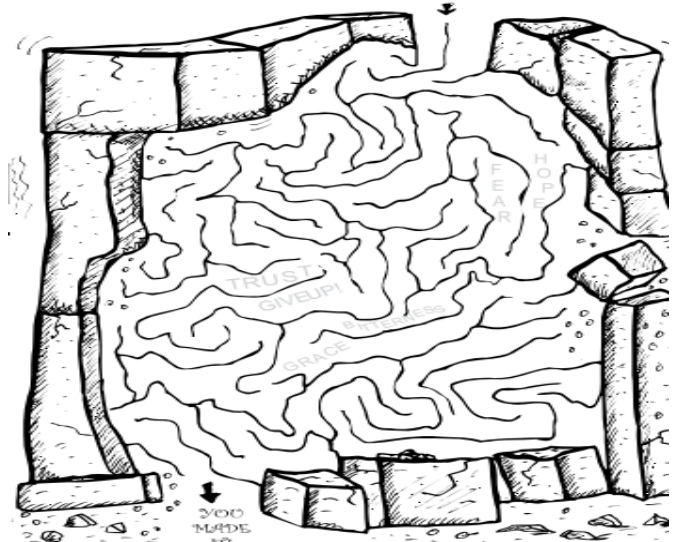
When bad things happen there are things we can do to help ourselves and others make it through.

Find your path through the rubble, using the good words to help you.



Love God with all your heart
and you will find love everywhere!

Color the picture and find 25 hidden hearts.



Worship INFORMATION

- If you would like to be prayed for or know someone who would like to be prayed for, please contact the church office. A prayer request will be sent to our prayer partners. If you would like someone to pray with you, a request can be sent to one of our prayer partners or Pastor Evan and someone will connect with you.
- Remember to check our bulletin board for NPC and Community Announcements/Information.
- Lost something? Be sure to check the lost-and-found bin in the church office.



Parking Lot Worship:

- Please use only the North Entrance (towards Roe Ave.)
- Please tune your radio to 1700AM.
- Please exit through the South Entrance (towards the college).



Weekly sermons are available on our website at

<https://www.northpres.church/sermon-details/>



Zoom Worship

- Zoom service link will be emailed each week for those who would like to participate via Zoom.

Sanctuary Worship:

Please join us for Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

Check out our facebook page or church website for special services throughout the year, including Monthly Wednesday evening services and weekly Lent and Advent services.



SHOPPING LIST

November Food Pantry

Shopping List:

The following items are needed this month for the Food Pantry:

Canned Cranberry Sauce

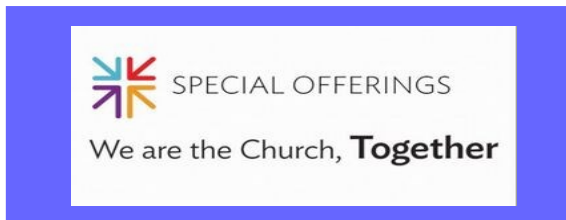
Canned Yams

Turkey Gravy

In addition, if your dentist gives you toothbrushes, floss, or toothpaste, and you don't need it, the pantry does! Monetary donations are also welcome.

Committee/Coordinator	Email Address
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Director of Youth Ministries	youth@northpres.church
Music Director	music@northpres.church
Organist	organist@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church



Special Offering for November:
Food Pantry



Meet the Staff

Pastor Evan Hansen Pastor
Open Door Office Hours: T & W 1:30-4pm

Paul Holland Music Director

Sharon Reynolds Organist

Randy Cornell Pianist

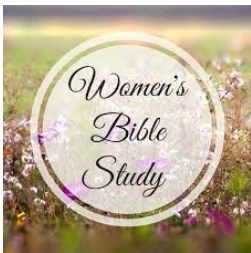
Deb Stamp Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Gretchen Duffy Office Administrator

Reminder

Important Reminders:

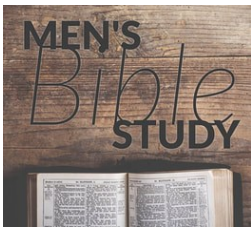
- The church office needs your contact information. Please let us know if anything has changed.
- If you need to contact the church office for any reason, please feel free to email office@northpres.church or call (607) 734-2977 Tues-Fri 9 am to 3:30 pm.



Women's Bible Study
meets Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm.
For more information, please contact
Suzie Hoskins or the church office.



Wednesday Noon Bible Study
is studying the
Book of Acts 13-28.
If you would like more
information or study materials,
please contact Bobbi Furnas or the
church office.



Men's Bible Study
meets Thursday afternoons at 4:00 pm
and is studying Ecclesiastes. If you would
like more info, please contact Kurt
Kalweit, Steve Allison or the church
office.



Sunday SCHOOL
ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together



Adult
Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages meets
at 11:00 am weekly.



**Praise
Band**

Praise Band rehearsals
are on Wednesdays at
7:00 pm.



**Music
MINISTRY**

Chancel Choir rehearsals are on
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.



**CHILDREN'S
CHOIR**

The Good News Singers'
practices are on Sundays
at 10:45 am.



Bell Choir rehearsals
are on Wednesdays at
6:15 pm.





November and December are busy months! With all of the events scheduled for the next couple of months - Harvest Dinner, Gateways dinner, Hanging of the Greens, etc. - our Fellowship and Buildings and Grounds chairs have decided not to hold the usual Saturday Breakfast/Work Day in November or December. Instead, they would appreciate volunteers to help with the Harvest Dinner and the Gateways Dinner. Sign up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk. **Thank you!**



As our Annual Harvest Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, there will be no Wednesday Fellowship Dinner in November.



Second Place East, Inc.



**November donation
Request:**

Deodorant



Sunday, November 24
following worship

Hangin' of the Greens

THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND MADE HIS HOME
AMONG US.

John 1:14

There will be a dish-to pass
luncheon coordinated by
Music & Worship,
Fellowship, and
Christian Ed.



Stocking Donations

It is that time of year again where we are starting to think about our stuffing stockings event for our food pantry families. We are in need of the following items and would be grateful for any and all donations we receive. Please see the list below as a guide:

- Toothbrushes (mostly children size)
- Trucks, boy toys (Lego geared or building and connecting)
- Colored Pencils
- Handheld pencil sharpeners
- Cap erasers or regular erasers
- Pens (any color)
- Playdoh
- Assorted Girl Items:
 - brushes, clips, bows, hair twisties, etc.
- Small stuffed animals (small enough to fit inside of a stocking)
- Markers
- Small notepads (party favor sections of Target, Walmart, Dollar Store, etc.)
- Clothing:
 - Children's socks (size 13-3; 4-6)
 - Girls hats & mittens
 - Boys Gloves or mittens
 - Scarves (boys & girls)
 - Adult gloves (any color)



We will be collecting donations from October 13th- November 10th.





**Harvest Dinner
North Presbyterian
Church
921 College Ave., Elmira
Saturday, November 9th
from 4-6 pm.**

**Please call 607-734-2977
by noon on November 7 to
reserve your dinner.**

**All dinners will be take out
or delivery only (Elmira or
Elmira Heights for deliveries)
and will include:**

- . Turkey . Gravy . Roll**
- . Stuffing . Mashed Potatoes**
- . Corn . Sweet Potatoes**
- . Choice of apple or pumpkin pie**

**All for just \$15 per person
or \$50 for a family of 4.**



Wednesday, December 4, at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18, at 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship Service, December 24 at 5:00 pm



Once again, the Food Pantry is planning to hand out Thanksgiving turkeys (donated through the Food Bank) to as many of our customers as possible. And again, we want folks to have the full holiday meal -- mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, yams, green beans and cranberry sauce.

As you shop over the next few months, please look for these items and, if possible, grab a few to donate to our Thanksgiving Dinner Bags.

As always, thank you for your generosity to the hungry living in our community.

Pat



SHOW TIME ELMIRA

PRESENTS

The CHOSEN

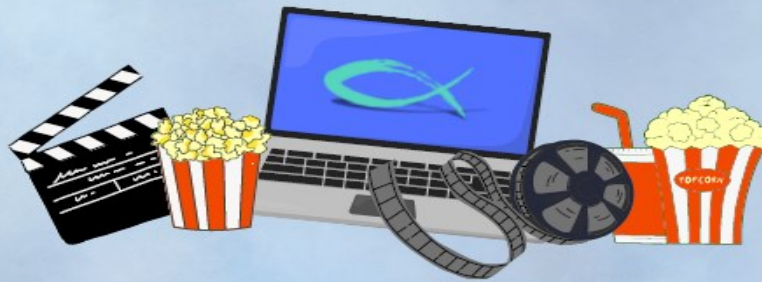
📍 **Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Elmira
1054 W. Clinton St. Elmira, NY 14905

📅 **Dates:** Saturday afternoons, Oct 5 - Nov 23

🕒 **Time:** 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Get ready to dive into the epic saga of "The Chosen" with our first screening on Saturday, October 5th at 4:30 PM! Join us every Saturday at this time to catch all of Season One, ending on November 23rd. That's 8 chances to get together to enjoy, explore and discuss this fantastic, ground-breaking series.

Gather your friends and family and mark your calendars for this unforgettable adventure of friendship and faith.
Can't wait to see you there!



**The First Presbyterian Church
North Presbyterian Church
And Elmira Community Leaders**

*are embarking on an exciting journey together,
and we'd love for you to join us!*

What?

We're diving into the acclaimed series "**The Chosen.**" This groundbreaking show beautifully portrays the life of Jesus and those around Him.

**But here's the best part:
it's not just for one faith—it's for everyone.**

Why?

Because we believe that stories have the power to unite us.

Whether you're a person of faith, curious about spirituality, or simply appreciate compelling narratives, "The Chosen" invites us all to explore universal themes like forgiveness, friendship, and transformation.

How?

Join us for weekly discussions, where we'll watch episodes together, share insights, and learn from each other. No pressure, —just an open-hearted exploration.

MATSIKO

WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR



Samuel ♡ Jessica ♡
Joanna ♡ Patricia ♡

Dear North Presbyterian Church,

Blessing ♡

We are forever grateful for your kindness and love. For it is the true foundation of this church. Thank you for your tireless efforts, taking us to different venues and to have performed.

Materine ♡

Mallay

Those early morning breakfasts were delicious and those comfortable beds we slept on were incredible. Thanks for all that you do. We love you all. And more over we love you Pastor Eben! Your kindness and love, and generosity have touched our hearts in a way you will never know.

Favor ♡

Annie ♡

Felix ♡
Arlene ♡

Allen

Shirley

The Matsiko choir love you all.

Josephine ♡ Faith C. Mercy ♡ Salome ♡
Faith V. Habakkuk ♡ Samuel ♡ Esther ♡
Precious ♡ Aldina ♡
Allen ♡ TERRY ♡ Gabriel ♡

Theresa ♡

Patricia ♡



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

In the coming weeks the Finance Committee will be sharing information with you about this year's stewardship campaign. In Henri Nouwen's book, *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, he says "we are declaring, we have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you - your energy, your prayers, and your money - in this work to which God has called us." This is exactly what we are asking of each of you. The many ways we as a congregation minister to not only our members but the community around us are many. Sharing all of our talents, time and treasures is how we accomplish all that we do. We ask that you spend time in prayer, specifically focusing on the role God has for you in spreading the gospel within our community.



1 Peter 4:9-10 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." AMEN

Special times abound this month –

Harvest Dinner November 9th to support our youth (pre-orders!)

Worshiping Christ the King, our Messiah, November 17th

Hanging of the Greens, November 24th following a dish-to-pass luncheon

Thanksgiving, November 28th praising God

November brings us into that time of year when we remember the One who brought us "out of darkness into his wonderful light." Share this message of hope with those you encounter. May all of God's people embrace 1 Peter 4:9-10 and bow in thankfulness to Jesus for saving us.

God's hope, God's peace, and God's blessings this month and in all the days to come.

Linda,

Communications & Technology Committee

From our friends at First Pres., Elmira...



**Elmira First Presbyterian Church
2024-2025 Concert Series**

David Peckham
Virtuoso Organist
Friday, November 8, 2024
7:30 P.M.

Corning Area Community Concert Band
Seasonal and Traditional Concert Repertoire
Friday, December 6, 2024
7:30 P.M.

Christmas Cantata
A contemporary cantata performance
combining vocalists and instrumentalists
Sunday, December 15, 2024
Time and location to be announced

Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers
Large choir performing African-American sacred music
Sunday, April 13, 2025
3:00 P.M.

Top Shelf
Highly Acclaimed Jazz/Pops Quartet
Sunday, June 8, 2025
3:00 P.M.

The public is cordially invited to all concerts.
A free-will offering will be taken for the concerts to help offset expenses.

All concerts will be held in the church sanctuary.
1054 West Clinton Street, Elmira, New York 14905
(607) 734-1614 www.firstpreselmira.org

COMMUNICATION

The multicultural beauty of raising Gen Alpha

Evangelism & Discipleship | October 24, 2024

Podcast addresses the mixed-race majority of the newest generation

by Beth Waltemath | Presbyterian News Service

“Gen Alpha and the children born after 2010 will really be the first generation with a majority of racially and ethnically identities,” said the Rev. Michelle Thomas Bush, co-host of the PC(USA)’s [Around the Table](#) podcast.

The podcast focuses on hard conversation in its second season. The [newest episode addresses mixed race families](#) with [Nicole Doyley](#), Doyley has been published in “The Witness: a Black Christian Collective” and “Huffington Post.” She authored three books and hosts her own podcast, “Let’s Talk: Conversations on Race with Nicole Doyley.” She has a new book for parents on fostering identity with mixed-race children. The book’s publication is possible through a partnership between the Around

the Table initiative and the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. [Around the Table](#) is a Lilly Endowment Inc. funded initiative in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that engages faith communities and parents and caregivers in innovative practices of sharing stories that grow intergenerational communities to support household faith formation.

The podcast episode and Doyley’s upcoming book focused on families and communities that support the social and spiritual formation of children from families made multiracial either through interracial marriage or transracial adoption. Doyley shared insights as a mother and as someone who grew up multiracial and discusses how the social landscape has and has not changed for children who span two or more cultural identities as they navigate homogenous spaces and build friendships with monocultural peers.

“When it comes to being a different race from your child,” Doyley said a parent can’t simply look back to their own childhood for answers. “We realize that our children are moving through life very differently, and so they’re experiencing life very differently from what we did,” said Doyley, who attributed the need to “reach out for wisdom and guidance” as a motivation for writing the book. Churches are communities where parents have reached out for wisdom in guiding a child through their search for identity, belonging and purpose, but according to Doyley, churches are behind the times on being multicultural.

“If you have transracially adopted kids or mixed-race kids, you’re more likely to want a church that is diverse,” said Doyley, who described the common scenario of going to a majority white church and realizing there is no one in the pews that looks like one’s spouse or no one in the youth group who looks like one’s kid. “Most churches, unfortunately in America, are homogeneous,” she said pointing out that to be multicultural churches



Editions of the second season of the “Around the Table” podcast are now available.

must be diverse in membership and in leadership. “Churches like that are very few and far between,” said Doyley, who urged churches to catch up the multicultural reality of the newest generations like Gen Z, which identifies as 49% mixed race or Gen Alpha, which registers as more than half claiming two or more racial identities. “Most families are really not one or the other,” said Doyley.

“We know in the church that that’s one of the biggest questions our young people ask, is, who am I?” said Thomas Bush as she opened a longer discussion on how communities of faith can help youth in their youth groups understand the beauty of multiple identities. For parents and adults who oversee identity formation, Doyley advised being brave in initiating conversation. She compared conversations about race to those about sex. “Kids will learn stuff, and they’ll talk about this on the streets and the streets aren’t as safe as home,” said Doyley, who warned that if you shy away from hard conversations, “kids will learn about race in ways that we don’t agree with” or ways that doesn’t honor the fullness of their heritages.

Each episode of the Around the Table podcast ends by asking their guest for practical advice to share when families or communities gather. As part of her advice, Doyley addressed the common scenario of a birthday party and how unconscious cultural racism is present for kids who look differently than the rest of the group. “Kids are not colorblind,” said Doyley, “so I think for parents to realize, to help their kids from toddler age on up, to see how the different is ‘different is not bad,’ and to be comfortable with different and not shy away with different.” Doyley encouraged getting library books featuring kids of many races and cultures written by authors of other races, and as parents read these with their kids, saying things like, “Wow, isn’t that cool? Isn’t she beautiful? Oh, I think she would make a great friend, don’t you? You know she’s so kind in this story.”

As a child’s maturity and reading level grows, Doyley suggested discussing more history and historical figures. She advised celebrating the strength and resiliency present in these stories like those of brilliant scientists and entrepreneurs from racial minorities that had thrice the obstacles to get to where they did. She gave the example of cornrows believed to offer a way of weaving maps into women’s hair to help slaves escape. She also recommended talking as a family when something happens that is racial and is covered in the media. Doyley advised being proactive about fostering empathy and combating racial stereotypes, because segregation is still very present in our neighborhoods and communities and most



Nicole Doyley

apparent in the social lives of parents and adults. “Our culture is very segregated. Statistically, 75% of white people will never have a close Black friend,” said Doyley, who suggested seeking out more diverse communities through schools, sports, clubs and thoughtful, authentic friendships.

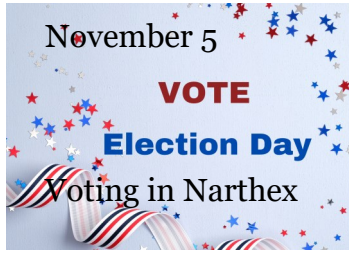
“I think we are all anemic,” said Doyley: “You become anemic if you eat only one kind of food, and I think we’re all anemic if we partake of only one culture.”

“Around the Table” podcast posts new episodes on Fridays. The next episode debuts on October 25. The hosts will talk with children and youth about this historic 2024 election and political discourse in the midst of many difficult national themes of war, poverty, natural disasters and issues of race.



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Events





Communications & Technology
Committee Meeting
November 12 at 10:00 am

SHOW TIME ELMIRA
PRESENTS
The CHOSEN
Saturdays at 4:30 pm at First Pres., Elmira



Finance Committee Meeting
November 13 at 9:30 am


There will be a
Wednesday Night
SERVICE
We look forward to seeing you there!
7:00 pm, November 6.



Buildings & Grounds
Comm Mtg
November 12 at 7:00 pm

THE THURSDAY MORNING
MUSICALES
OF ELMIRA, NEW YORK
November 21
10:15 am

DEACONS
Leading through Serving.
Deacons' Meeting
November 21 at
11:00 am



Information to be included
in the December North Star
Newsletter is due to the
Church Office by
Friday, November 22.

Staff Relations Meeting
November 5
at 9:00 am



**Community Meal at
Grace Episcopal
Church**
Wednesday, November 6
Set up at 3:00 pm
Dinner at 5:00 pm





Events

Hanging
of the
Greens

November 24

The Lyric Sounds of *Flute and Piano*

Nov. 1 5:30 pm

Michael Salmirs and Jeanine Sperber

Musicians' Choice Chamber Series

Orchestra
OF THE SOUTHERN FINGER LAKES

Double Anniversary Season

November 9

Annual
Harvest Dinner

4-6 pm

Music & Worship
Committee Meeting

November 14 at
3:00 pm.

Our local chapter of
TOPS meets on
Mondays at 5:30 in
Willits Hall. If you're
interested, please call
the church office for
information.

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Christian Ed Comm Mtg

November 12
at 5:45 pm.

**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

There will be a Red Cross Blood
Drive on November 7, starting at
2 pm. If you're interested in
signing up to give blood, please
visit redcrossblood.org or call
1-800 RED CROSS.

Board of Session
will meet on
November 17 at
6:00 pm.

Yoga meets Tuesday and
Thursday mornings at 8:45 in
Willits Hall. If you're interested,
please contact the church office
for more information.

There will be no church
workday in
November.

Kindermusik

Kindermusik meets on Tuesdays
at 3 pm and Thursdays at
10 am and 5:15 pm.
For information on how your
child can participate, please
contact the church office.

NPC Board of Session

Session Summary

October 20, 2024

Evening meeting

The meeting was opened with a devotional reading and prayer led by Steven Allison

Session approved “giving voice” to Jeff Richards to present a fundraising dinner proposal for Camp Whitman.

Session approved hosting a fundraising dinner for Camp Whitman on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Elder Linda Palmer requested an update on Camp Whitman. Pastor Hansen will invite the new Executive Director, Bryan Muecke to visit NPC and provide an update.

Session received the Treasurer’s Report and Financial Summary for September 2024. The Endowment Fund continues to perform well; it’s up more than \$70,000 for the year.

Elder LeFevre, Commissioner to Presbytery, reported that the Presbytery of Geneva has approved raising the annual Per Capita to \$57 per member.

Pastor Hansen reported that NPC’s role in helping to host the Matsiko Choir was a delightful experience that provided many new and renewed connections with local churches and organizations in our community, notably Elmira College. The Friday night performance in the Gibson Theater was very well attended. Pastor Hansen also reported that he continues to make in-person visits as well as phone calls to homebound members and friends of NPC. The funeral for Hal and Donna Wolfe will be held in the NPC sanctuary on Saturday, November 2nd.

Session approved the opening of a Custodial Account with Chemung Canal to invest certain funds currently sitting in the savings account as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Session approved the Treasurer to open the Custodial Account and to transfer funds into the account at her/his discretion in consultation with the Finance Committee as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Session approved the amended Sick Policy as recommended by the Staff Relations Committee.

Session approved participating in a joint worship service with FPC Horseheads, FPC Elmira, FPC Big Flats for the Christmas Cantata to be held at FPC Horseheads on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. No worship at NPC that day.

NPC Board of Session

Session approved the time of the Christmas Eve Service for 5:00 p.m. One service will be held which will include a Christmas pageant and Communion.

Session approved up to \$5,000 for the updating of the upstairs bathroom in the Manse (shower/tub).

Elder Jim Mosher reported that all open Session positions for 2025 have been filled.

Elder Steve Allison reported that the Gateways Dinner will be held on Friday, December 13th.

Elder Wendy Swatling reported that the Church Administrator will be on vacation November 12th-15th.

Elder Sevey and Elder Wilson reported that the Harvest Dinner (take out only) will be held on Saturday, November 9th. Volunteers are needed.

Elder Sevey and Elder Wilson reported that donations for stockings for pantry families will be accepted through November 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit,
Clerk of Session



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA 5:30 pm - Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes	2 11:00 am - Funeral for Hal & Donna Wolfe 4:30 pm - "The Chosen" at First Pres., Elmira
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:30 am -Worship Service 9:30 am - Communion 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School 	4 10:00 am - Food Pantry 5:30 pm -TOPS	5 Election Day 5:15 am - Voting in Narthex 8:45 am -Yoga 9:00 am - Staff Relations 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study 	6 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 pm - Bell Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Praise Band Practice 7:00 pm - Worship Service 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice	7 8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am -Kindermusik 2:00 pm - Blood Drive 4:00 pm - Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Kindermusik 	8 10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA	9 4-6 pm - Harvest Dinner 4:30 pm - "The Chosen" at First Pres., Elmira
10 9:30 am -Worship Service 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School	11 Veteran's Day 5:30 pm -TOPS 	12 8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am - Comm & Tech Mtg 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 5:45 pm - CE Meeting 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm - B & G	13 Bulletin Info Due 9:30 am - Fin. Comm Mtg 10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm - Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice	14 8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am -Kindermusik 3:00 pm - Worship & Music Mtg 4:00 pm - Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Kindermusik	15 10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA	16 4:30 pm - "The Chosen" at First Pres., Elmira
17 9:30 am -Worship Service 9:30 am - Communion 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School 6:00 pm - Board of Session 	18 10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:30 pm -TOPS	19 8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study	20 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm - Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice	21 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Catholic Charities Dinner 8:45 am -Yoga 9:00 am - Thursday Morning Musicales 10:00 am - Kindermusik 11:00 am - Deacons' Mtg 4:00 pm - Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Kindermusik	22 Newsletter Info Due 10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm - AA 	23 4:30 pm - "The Chosen" at First Pres., Elmira
24 Hanging of the Greens 9:30 am -Worship Service 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 	25 10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:30 pm -TOPS	26 8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 6:00 pm - Women's Bible Study	27 Bulletin Info Due 10:00 am -Food Pantry 12:00 pm - Bible Study 1:30-4:00 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 6:15 pm - Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice	28 Thanksgiving Day Offices closed 	29 Offices closed 5:15 pm - AA Meeting	30