

NORTH STAR

February 2025 - Making Disciples...
Making a Difference.



Worship: Sunday at 9:30 am
North Presbyterian Church
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February, 2025
A Letter from Pastor Hansen

We had our 130th Annual Meeting this past Sunday. That's a pretty big number. For 130 years, a chartered Presbyterian congregation has been at what is now 921 College Ave., Elmira, NY. If we include the YMCA mission that became North Presbyterian, we have been a part of Elmira since 1854. That's 171 years of being here and making a difference in our community.

Looking through the annual reports, there was and is a lot to celebrate. One of the reports that stood out to me was the food pantry report. In 2024, our food pantry gave away approximately 3 days' worth of food, 9,391 times. Each person gets enough food to cover breakfast, lunch, and dinner over those three days. That's the equivalent of around 84,500 meals. That's a lot of food. That was a 62% increase over what we gave away in 2023.

In 2020, the year I arrived, our food pantry served 4,000 people. In 2021, we served less people than 2020, around 2,357. In 2022, we fed 3,883 people. In 2023, we fed 5,773 people. In 2024, we fed 9,391 people. Last year, we served almost 2.5 times more people than we served in 2022. We did it at a cost of \$4.17 per person per three days' worth of food or \$0.46 per meal.

Hopefully this trend does not continue. However, chances are that 2025's numbers will be greater than 2024's.

I bring up our efforts as one example of our congregation along with our partners, including New Beginnings United Methodist Church, making a huge difference in the lives of people in our community. You and others contributed resources, time, energy, skills, talents, and prayer to one of the ways we shine forth the light of Christ in Elmira, NY. Every "loaf and fish" you and others contributed to the food pantry made a difference in feeding thousands.

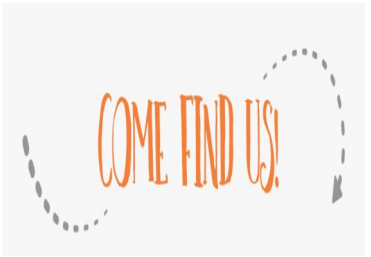
Our food pantry, as well as our other missions, are part of what it means to be followers of Christ. We are called to bring good news to those in need and one way of doing that is meeting the needs of those who need help in our community. While we do this in many ways, there are few things more tangible than giving someone who needs food, food. Ever increasing need in our community is not something to be celebrated; however, our ability to step up and to help is something to celebrate and to give thanks to God for.

Serving the equivalent of around 84,500 meals at the cost of \$0.46 per meal is a testament to our pantry's resourcefulness and the contributions of our community. It still means that we spent around \$39,000 last year on food even as we received approximately \$23,000 in donations. We could do what we did because of our reserves but reserves do not replenish themselves. Our reserves will eventually run out – even as we have more and more people in need of being fed.

In this coming year, pray that we can continue to serve our community as we do and that we are able to find funding sources to help us in our mission to feed the hungry. Because there are few things as important as giving people who need food, the good news of food.

Warmly in Christ,

Pastor Evan



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



Chancel Flower Orders

If you would like to donate Chancel flowers (suggested donation of \$45), please contact Lori Lee at 607-739-3176.

Available Sundays for February and March 2025 are:

February 2, 16 & 23 and March 9, 16, 23 & 30.

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.



February Worship Volunteers

Tech Booth

February 2	Bill Furnas
February 9	Bill Furnas
February 16	Steve Allison
February 23	Steve Allison

Ushers

February 2	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit
February 9	Pat & Jeff Richards
February 16	Janice Williams, Phil Carpentier
February 16	Wendy Swatling, Barb Duryea

Communion

February 2	Tim Allison, Lori Lee, Vicki Balon Linda Palmer, Steve Allison
February 16	Suzie Hoskins, Wendy Swatling, Jim Mosher, Cindy Kalweit, Kurt Kalweit

Greeters

February 2	Nancy Isaacs
February 9	Scott & Allie Sevey
February 16	Janice Williams
February 23	Linda Palmer

Youth Usher

February 9	Annalyse Ferriter
February 23	Hadley Perry

Counters

February 2	Annette Stevens, Jim Mosher
February 9	Allison Sevey, Wendy Swatling
February 16	Phil Carpentier, Jeff Richards
February 23	Cindy & Kurt Kalweit

Wee Worship

February 2	Karen Wilson, Barb Duryea
February 9	Liz Wilson, Wally Ferriter
February 16	Deb Stamp, Becky Kowulich
February 23	Allie & Scott Sevey

Worship Assistant

February 2	Wendy Swatling
February 9	Linda Palmer
February 16	Cindy Kalweit
February 23	TBD

Coffee Hour

February 2	Bobbi Furnas, Pat Richards
February 9	Cindy Kalweit, Annette Stevens
February 16	Karen Wilson, Liz Wilson
February 23	Barb Duryea, Cheryl Allison

Gathering of Children

February 2	TBD
February 9	TBD
February 16	TBD
February 23	TBD

Together we make a Family



February 2:
William & Bobbi Furnas

February 9:
Ted & Martha Grinnell

February 16:
Jim & Carol Guagliardo

February 23:
Evan, Kate, Eliana & David Hansen

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

Our Homebound Friends

February 2:
Margaret Densberger
Bethany Manor
Unit 3, Rm. #208
3005 Watkins Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845

February 9:
Marilyn Edwards
520 Harcourt Dr.
Elmira, NY 14904

February 16:
Karen & Chris Paul
136 Ridge Rd.
Horseheads, NY 14845

February 23:
Nancy Varnum
2111 Grand Central Ave.
Horseheads, NY 14845

*Please send
a card to
our
Homebound
Friends*



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.



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 February 2025

As we enter the month of February, we are grateful for the past and future activities over the next few months. We have added a couple of committee members that have brought new ideas and warmth to our group. We are also excited to welcome back (hopefully), Deb Stamp. Her presence and hard work have been missed greatly!

In the month of January, we gathered with First Pres. for a "Game Day". The children enjoyed the different games and the company of one another. In February we hope to volunteer with First Presbyterian for an opportunity at the Food Bank.

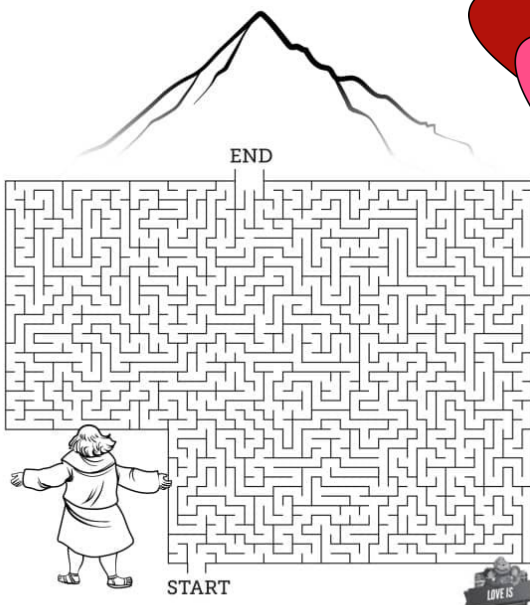
We have started the planning process for our upcoming VBS this summer. We will be joining with First Pres. again this year as it was such a great success last summer. More information will be passed along as we begin to finalize items such as: dates, times, themes, etc. We are looking forward to another fun VBS adventure.

As we begin this new year, we are excited and hopeful to grow our youth program and create more memories with one another.

Warm Wishes,
Allie Sevey & Liz Wilson

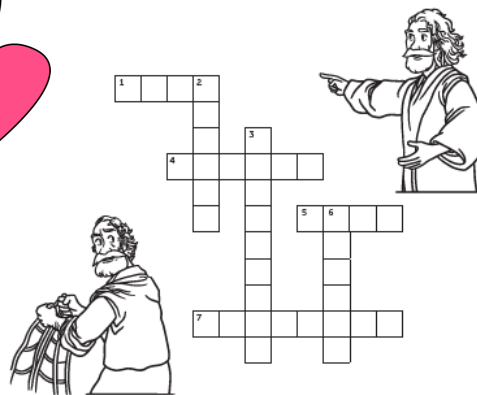
LOVE IS

Help the man of God face his challenge.



FISHERS OF MEN

Luke 5:1-11



Across

1. They caught so many fish that the _____ started to break.
4. Simon and his friends left everything _____ to follow Jesus.
5. Jesus asked Simon to take Him out on the _____ in his boat.
7. After Jesus finished _____, he told Simon to put his nets in the water.

Down

2. We should be willing to leave everything to _____ Jesus's message to others.
3. What was Simon? (fisherman)
6. Jesus told Simon to not be _____.

- ANSWER KEY**
- Across**
1. They caught so many fish that the (nets) started to break.
 4. Simon and his friends left everything (everything) to follow Jesus.
 5. Jesus asked Simon to take Him out on the (boat) in his boat.
 7. After Jesus finished (fishing), he told Simon to put his nets in the water.
- Down**
2. We should be willing to leave everything to (follow) Jesus's message to others.
 3. What was Simon? (fisherman)
 6. Jesus told Simon to not be (afraid).



FISHERS OF MEN

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/>

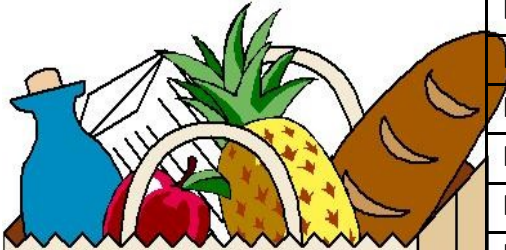


Zoom Worship

- 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

February Food Pantry

Shopping List:

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

Cereal/Oatmeal

Canned Pasta

Jelly (no glass jars, please)

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
Audit	audit@northpres.church
Buildings & Grounds	campus@northpres.church
Building Use	building_use@northpres.church
Clerk of Session	session@northpres.church
Deacons	deacons@northpres.church
Education	education@northpres.church
Fellowship	fellowship@northpres.church
Finance	finance@northpres.church
Mission & Outreach	mission_outreach@northpres.church
Nominating	nominating@northpres.church
Staff Relations	staff_relations@northpres.church
Tech & Communications	tech_com@northpres.church
Treasurer	Financial_sec@northpres.church
Worship & Music	worship@northpres.church

Staff	Email Address
Church Administrator	office@northpres.church
Director of Youth Ministries	youth@northpres.church
Music Director	music@northpres.church
Organist	organist@northpres.church
Pastor	pastor@northpres.church



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We are the Church, **Together**

Special Offering for February:
Building Fund



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

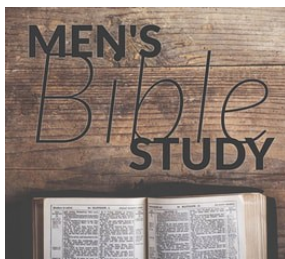
Office Administrator

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, Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.



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.



Wednesday Noon Bible Study

If you would like more information or study materials, please contact Bobbi Furnas or the church office.



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



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



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



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



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



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





We are having our monthly breakfast on February 8 at 8 am, followed by workday. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. Hope to see you all then.



During the workday, we will work on the walls in the black door room. The wallpaper needs to be removed and then the walls will need to be repainted.



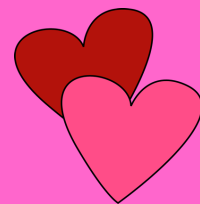
February 2025 Wednesday Night Dinner will be on the first Wednesday of the month, February 5, at 5:30 PM.

The meal will feature beef stew, handmade buttermilk biscuits, salad, coffee and dessert TBD.

A sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Desk for you to reserve your spot. Please make your reservation by noon on February 4. Hope to see you all then.



Second Place East, Inc.



**February donation
Request:**

Laundry Detergent

THE 2024 GATEWAYS CHRISTMAS DINNER RECAP

THE GATEWAYS PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

NPC BEGAN THIS MISSION IN 2003 AND HAS CONTINUED EACH YEAR SINCE TO HOST THIS DINNER.
[WITH THE EXCEPTION IN 2020 – DUE TO COVID].

THE DINNER WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 13TH 2024.

WE COOKED AND SERVED 65 STAFF MEMBERS AND THEIR CLIENTS.

IT TAKES MANY VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS DINNER HAPPEN.

VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE THE FOOD, TO SET UP TABLES, CHAIRS, DECORATE TABLES IN WILLITS HALL,
TO PREPARE AND SET UP THE DRINKS, CUT THE CAKE, MAKE FAVORS, TO SERVE THE FOOD, DRINKS,
CAKE, AND CLEAR TABLES, CLEAN UP THE KITCHEN AND WILLITS HALL.

TO THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE 2024 GATEWAYS DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS!

STEVE ALLISON, JEFF RICHARDS, PAT RICHARDS, WENDY SWATLING, CINDY KALWEIT,
TIM ALLISON, PAM CAROSCIO, BILL CAROSCIO, CAROL WHITE, VICKI BALON,
LORI LEE, MELANIE FITZPATRICK, DOLORES CUMMINGS, JIM CASSELBERRY,
KATE HANSEN, ANNETTE STEVENS, JOE ROLLS, KURT KALWEIT,
DEB STAMP, AMANDA KORFMAN, KAREN WILSON AND ED WILSON.





Presbyterian Youth & Triennium

The Office of Presbyterian Youth & Triennium celebrates, provides opportunities, and advocates for Presbyterian youth in the church and the world. In addition to the triennial gathering for high school age and young adult Presbyterians, we explore and give several ways to connect young people to the rich opportunities for discipleship and justice within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Faith is not only formed in the walls of the church building or the “youth room” but it is expanded and deepened in the daily life and dwelling places of the young person. This includes school, family, friendships, personal and private time, and extracurricular experiences such as music, hobbies, and pop culture. The Office of Presbyterian Youth & Triennium believes that providing resources and connection to the real-life rhythms experienced by youth, youth workers, families of youth, and church leaders is the way to serve God among young people.



Presbyterian Youth Triennium Event

In July 2025, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will welcome thousands of its high school age youth and their adult youth workers to Louisville for four days of worship, recreation, Bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme of “As If We Were Dreaming.” Most programming and meals will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center, with all participants housed at nearby Triennium hotels.

If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Evan!



From the Presbytery of Geneva

2024 PMA Peacemaker visits the Geneva Presbytery.

“The Frozen Chosen”? Historically, that is how some have viewed us as Presbyterians. A contradiction to that sentiment is Presbyterian Mission Agency’s 2024 Peacemaker, the Reverenda Doctora Marielis Barreto-Hernández, pastor of Iglesia Presbiteriana de Aguada, Puerto Rico who culminated her 4-week stateside visit in the Geneva Presbytery region. While the premise of a peacemaker visit is to foment seeds of peace, justice, and mercy, Marielis went far beyond a powerful sermon, local touring, and volunteering. She epitomized what it means to be a devoted servant of the Lord. During her stay, many had the opportunity to get to know her, to fellowship with her, to pray with her. For Marielis, exercising her faith was (is) not a spectator sport; it requires full-out participation. And she took that notion quite seriously, as evidenced by the bevy of activities undertaken. In one short week, Marielis visited the North Pres Food Pantry with Pat Richards, Christ the King in Spencer and salsa dancing in Ithaca with Pastor Sabrina Slater, a tour of Seneca Falls Church with pastor Leah Ntuala, apple-picking in Watkins, enjoying a piano concert at the Big Flats Church with Pastor Denise Stone, working on a project with third graders in the Corning-Painted Post Schools, touring the Corning Glass Museum, and enjoying the many culinary delights that our region has to offer, not the least of which was lunch in a Mexican café with Elder Kathy Menges and Pastor Lynn Rubier-Capron in Horseheads.

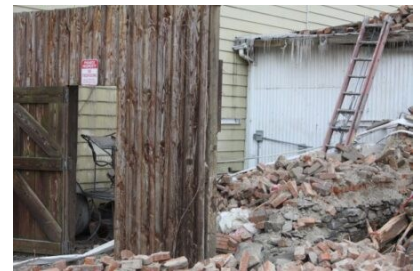
But most notable was her sermon, “We have never seen anything like this.” given on World Communion Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, Elmira. The service was combined with Elmira, Big Flats, Horseheads, North, and Spencer and was attended by over 150 congregants. Pastors Lynn, Evan, Denise, Aaron, and Sabrina all participated, and Pastor Jane Winters provided a lively Children’s Time. The choir was a combined effort of the churches, even singing a hymn in Spanish. The luncheon that followed was also well attended and offered an opportunity for guests to hear more from Marielis and to ask questions.

All-in-all, the week was a “gift” from PMA and Marielis has repeatedly expressed her gratitude for this incredible opportunity and experience.

Juana (Joanne Tunison) Chair, Mission and Witness



Ovid Fire Relief Fund



This information was sent to us by the Ovid Federated Church. Currently, the Ovid Federated Church does not have the ability to receive donations digitally. If they are able to obtain a digital method, that information will be shared.

Present situation:

A number of people locally (and some a great distance from Ovid) wish to donate financially to the relief of hardships caused by the fire. A local, transparent and trustable method to accomplish this is needed.

Proposal:

Community Bank, Ovid Branch in cooperation with the Village of Ovid, the Town of Ovid, and the Ovid Federated Church, will open an account under the Church's 501c 3 oversight.

Contributions can be made personally at the Community Bank, Main Street Ovid, by mail to the Bank at Community Bank, PO Box 389, Ovid NY 14521 or by mail to Ovid Federated Church PO Box 340, Ovid NY 14521. We do not have a method to receive digital transfers.

Disbursements will be made using prepaid VISA cards to victims burned out of their apartments and to employees of the lost businesses as fairly as possible. People who have lost apartments will be paid per-person no matter the age.

Those eligible will be determined and when they become available the prepaid VISA cards will be distributed by name directly from the Ovid Village office during its working hours.

Distributions will take place in late February. The last distribution will take place in early July or when the fund is closed.

Copies of bank statements will be provided to the Village of Ovid through the Mayor, to the Town of Ovid and be entered into Village, Town and Church minutes at their monthly meetings for the duration of the fund for transparency.

Advertising will be online and in the Community Shopper.

Advantages:

100% of funds donated will be distributed to victims, local known administration.

Transparency and publicly accessible to accounting, through Ovid Village, The Town of Ovid, and the Ovid Federated Church.

501c 3 support from the Ovid Federated Church.

No administrative or other deductions will be made by any participating organizations.

Disadvantages:

Assuring fairness only to employees out of work and the residents who lost their apartments will need to be based on official records from the agencies involved.



"God will cover you with their feathers, and under their wings you will find refuge; God's faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

Psalm 91:4

The beginning of this year has brought unprecedented challenges for our neighbors in California, who are now facing a devastating disaster. The harrowing images of wildfires consuming parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties have deeply impacted us all, stirring our hearts with sorrow and compassion. Authorities are reporting this as a historic and deadly wildfire event. More than 40,000 acres have burned, with over 12,300 structures destroyed, entire communities wiped out, and tens of thousands of residents displaced. Currently, 92,000 residents are under evacuation orders, and 89,000 more remain in evacuation warning zones, meaning they may need to leave their homes at a moment's notice. Tragically, at least 24 lives have been lost, and the numbers continue to rise as fires remain uncontained. This is an ongoing disaster, and the extent of damage and loss continues to evolve, with figures expected to change as the situation develops.

As part of the ongoing response and in consultation with the Presbyteries of the Pacific, San Fernando and San Gabriel, as well as the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and its leadership, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in communication with faith leaders in the affected communities. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate assistance. Though the final outcomes of these fires are yet to be known, we are clear that the magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Presbyterians in the region are participating in coordination calls with nonprofit and faith-based disaster organizations to ensure that no one is forgotten.

PDA affirms our commitment to accompany those affected by this disaster. As people of God, once again we are called to stand with our siblings in the "GAP" — Give, Act and Pray.

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE:

To donate financial support for relief efforts, you can visit pcusa.org.

ACT:

Gift of the Heart kits are needed — learn more at pcusa.org.

Stay informed and like us on [Facebook](#) and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY:

God, our refuge and our strength, you are an ever-present help in trouble.

You see the devastation caused by the California wildfires. You hear the cries of those suffering loss. You know the fear and anxiety and exhaustion of those waiting, hoping and helping as they watch the fires burn.

For those forced to abandon their homes and shelters in search of safety, we pray for your guidance to find places of rest. For those called to fight the fires, we pray for your strength to persevere. For those ministering to the injured, we pray for your wisdom and guidance to heal. For those mourning loss, we pray for your comfort. For those accompanying others, near or far, we pray for your upholding. For those still in danger's path, we pray for your protection.

Now and in the days and weeks to come, we trust that you are present. You have promised that even in the darkest of valleys, you will never leave nor forsake your children.

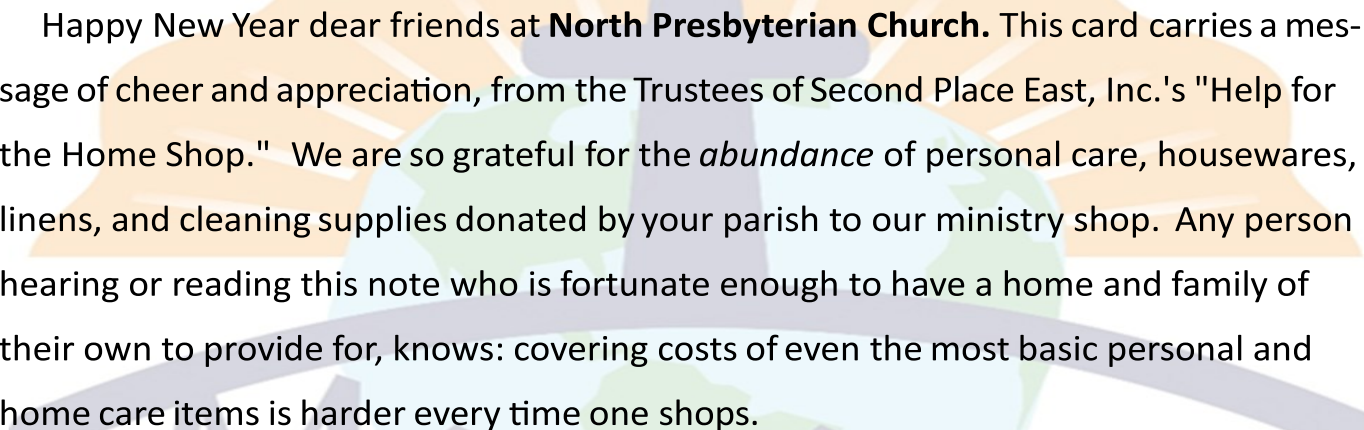
God, our refuge and our strength, you are an ever-present help in trouble. As your incarnate presence brought hope to those in need, may the Church, your body, be the presence of help and hope in Los Angeles County and beyond.

In the name of Christ Jesus,

Amen.

— Rev. Jihyun Oh, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and Executive Director of the Interim Unified Agency

Greetings!



Happy New Year dear friends at **North Presbyterian Church**. This card carries a message of cheer and appreciation, from the Trustees of Second Place East, Inc.'s "Help for the Home Shop." We are so grateful for the *abundance* of personal care, housewares, linens, and cleaning supplies donated by your parish to our ministry shop. Any person hearing or reading this note who is fortunate enough to have a home and family of their own to provide for, knows: covering costs of even the most basic personal and home care items is harder every time one shops.

When a member of your congregation arrives at our Shop, wrangling hags and boxes and buckets filled with detergents, toothpaste & brushes, new pots & pans, bath towels, toilet tissue, paper towels and more, we feel blessed! *Every item one among your membership buys and donates represents a lightened cost burden for Second Place East, Inc. Every item stocked at the Second Place East Home Shop will be given to individuals and families in Chemung County advancing beyond homelessness, moving into a new home for which they need the supplies we collect and distribute.*

Thank You, members of North Presbyterian Church. Generous giving from your's and other church communities enables the Help for the Home Shop continue the inspired work Second Place East was established to do. May the year ahead be filled with the blessings that bring to all good health, stability, friendship, caring and sharing.

In gratitude,

The Trustees of Second Place East, Inc., Help for the Home Shop

CAMP WHITMAN SUNDAY IS ALMOST HERE!!– February 9 th

The PCUSA sets aside certain Sundays for special emphasis and February 9 th is Camp Sunday! At Camp Whitman we appreciate your prayers for our ministry as we provide a safe space where people gather to experience mercy and grace. For worship resources to use on that morning, please click on the following link to find the resource sheet which provides a liturgy for this special service <https://pcusa.org/resource/2025-camp-and-retreat-sunday-resources> Camp Sunday is also a great opportunity to take up a special offering for Camp Whitman. Each year we have campers from underserved communities who need a scholarship to attend camp. Your generosity ensures that we never have to turn a camper away because of financial need! **SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!** Registration is open for summer 2025 and families are already signing up! To get started with your registration, click here: <https://www.campwhitman.org/dates-rates> We would love to see you this summer at one of the following sessions:

May 23-26 – Memorial Day Family and Community Weekend – the first of 3 family weekends (see more dates below) open to all for a family gathering, get away, camp alumni gathering...we will offer a continental breakfast, chicken bbq and recreational options

June 15-20 – Pathfinder 1 for our adult friends with special needs. We will house participants in common age groups and have a variety of activities to meet the interests and abilities of each camper.

June 22-27 – Pathfinder 2 – Trailblazer Mini-Camp for ages 6-10. This is a great introduction to camp in a shorter session. We will house campers in separate units for ages 6-8 and ages 8-10.

July 3-6 – Independence Day Family and Community Weekend

July 6-11 – Trailblazer 1 for ages 8-17 with campers housed in age-appropriate units with their peers. The Trailblazer weeks are a classic summer camp program that fosters new friendships and connections while having a wide variety of activity offerings that campers can choose from.

July 13-18 – Trailblazer 2 for ages 8-17

July 20-25 – Pathfinder 3 for our adult friends with special needs.

July 27-Aug 1 – Pathfinder 4 for our adult friends with special needs.

July 20 – Aug 1 – Counselor in Training (CIT) The Counselor-In-Training program is a two-week leadership program for campers entering their Junior or Senior year of high school. The first week of the program is focused on leadership development, learning to serve and making the transition from camper to leader. The second week of the program, CIT's will be working directly with our Pathfinder campers, assisting the camp counselors.

August 17-22 – Adventure Camp for middle and high school students in a fun, wilderness-based trip camp. We will be traveling to and out camp location in the Adirondack Park just outside of Lowville, NY. We will be staying at a wilderness outpost in platform tents and Adirondack style lean-tos. Meals will be provided, and we will have guides to lead us on canoe trips, hiking trips and a rock wall/high ropes experience!

August 29-September 1 – Labor Day Family and Community Weekend



CAMP WHITMAN ADDRESS UPDATE!!

We will no longer be using the P.O. Box in Rochester. Please send all USPS mail and deliveries directly to the camp at 150 Whitman Rd, Penn Yan, NY 14527

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at director@campwhitman.org or by calling (607)385-0375. We look forward to seeing you at Camp Whitman this summer!!

Grace and peace,
Bryan Muecke
Executive Director





FEBRUARY Events




Buildings & Grounds
Comm Mtg
February 11 at 7:00 pm



Finance Committee Meeting
February 12 at 9:30 am



Communications & Technology
Committee Meeting
February 11 at 10:00 am

NewsLetter

Information to be included
in the March North Star
Newsletter is due to the
Church Office by
Friday, February 24.



Church offices closed
February 17



Wednesday, February 12
Set up at 3:00 pm
Dinner at 5:00 pm



FEBRUARY Events

There will be a
Wednesday Night
SERVICE
We look forward to seeing you then!
7:00 pm, February 5.




SOUTHERN TIER
LANDLORD/TENANT
COALITION
EST. 2024

February 20 at 6:00 pm



CHEMUNG COUNTY
LANDLORD
ASSOCIATION
BUILDING BETTER
TOGETHER
EST. 2016

February 11 at 5:30 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.



February 8
SATURDAY
BREAKFAST
at 8:00 am



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Christian Ed Comm Mtg
February 11
at 5:45 pm.



FOOD
PANTRY

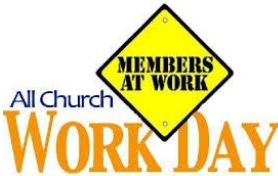
Closed February 17

Board of Session
will meet on
February 23 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 a church
work day on February 8,
following the 8:00 am
breakfast.



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

January 19, 2025

Evening meeting

The meeting was opened with a devotional reading and prayer led by Kurt & Cindy Kalweit.

The agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes of the December 15, 2024 stated Session meeting were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's Report, including Statement of Assets, and Profit & Loss Budget Performance through December 31, 2024 was reviewed and received as presented.

The Session approved the following actions:

Acceptance of a \$2,000 donation from the family of Hal Wolfe which was designated by the Wolfe family for the Memorial Fund.

Acceptance of a donation of \$500 from the estate of Adele Roberts and allocated the funds to the Food Pantry.

Approval of standard payments for 2025.

Session approved Pastor Hansen's request for Study Leave Monday, May 19 through Friday, May 23rd and his request to have Sunday, May 25th off as part of the Leave.

Approved any of the following dates for Installation of Elders: February 9th, 23rd, March 2nd. Pastor Hansen will contact the 4 Elders to be Installed to coordinate a date that works for all.

Approved one-year terms as recommended by the Nominating Committee:

Clerk of Session: Wendy Swatling, Treasurer: Pat Richards, Finance Secretary: Janice Williams, Commissioner to Presbytery: Annie LeFevre

Approved purchase of Pentecost paraments as recommended by the Worship and Music Committee at a cost not to exceed \$2,365.00

Approved using funds from the Dick Gawenus (unrestricted) bequest to pay for the Pentecost paraments.

NPC Board of Session

Approved NPC's participation in four PCUSA Special Offerings during 2025: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy.

Approved, with regret, and gratitude for their membership, the removal of the following persons from the active membership rolls: Alyssa Corsi, Matthew Dalrymple, Henry Dalrymple, Carl Gustafson, Davey Ostrander, Mary Ruth Ostrander, Edward Patno, Cheryl Patno, Eric Rolls, and Pol-Sik Swan (10).

The Session discussed the request of the family of Kathy Hansen to use the Sanctuary for her memorial service. The Session agreed to the request conditioned upon the following:

Pastor Hansen's participation in the worship service.

NPC accompanists have right of first refusal.

All copyright laws/restrictions for zooming must be adhered to.

Tech fee to be paid if tech support is needed.

Building Usage fee to be paid.

Pastor Hansen will contact the family to discuss the conditions and to determine a time and date for the service if the family would like to move forward.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kalweit, Clerk of Session

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<p>2</p> <p>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</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am -Worship Service 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 am - Food Pantry 5:30 pm -TOPS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>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 5:30 pm - Chemung Cty Landlord Assoc 5:45 pm - CE Mtg 7:00 pm - B & G Mtg</p>	<p>12 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>9:30 am - Finance 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</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm -AA</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>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</p>	<p>17 President's Day</p> <p>Church offices closed No Food Pantry 5:30 pm -TOPS</p>	<p>18 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>19 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>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 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Kindermusik 6:00 pm - Landlord/Tenant Coalition</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:15 pm - AA</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am -Worship Service 10:30 am - Coffee Hour 10:45 am - Good News Singers' Practice 11:00 am - Sunday School 6:00 pm - Board of Session</p>	<p>24 Newsletter Info Due</p> <p>10:00 am -Food Pantry 5:30 pm -TOPS</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 1:15 pm - Staff Mtg 1:30 pm -Pastor's Office Hours 3:00 pm - Kindermusik 3:30 pm - Woodbrook Svc.</p>	<p>26 Bulletin Info Due</p> <p>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</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:45 am -Yoga 10:00 am - Kindermusik 4:00 pm - Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Kindermusik</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 am - Food Pantry 5:15 pm - AA</p>	