



# North Church



## FREE PASSES for local attractions!

### Aquarium of Niagara

**North Tonawanda Public Library:** Each pass provides admission for 2 adults and up to 6 children under the age of 18, some restrictions may apply. \$1.00 per day late fee, with NO renewals. 7-day loan period

**Lewiston Public Library:** Each pass provides free admission, for up to 4 people, to the attraction, some restrictions may apply. Borrowers must be 18 years of age or older, a library cardholder in good standing.

**Royalton-Hartland Community Library:** Each pass provides free admission, for up to 4 people, to the attraction, some restrictions may apply. Borrowers must be 18 years of age or older, a library cardholder in good standing. The loan period is 7 days, no renewals.

**Niagara Falls Library/LaSalle Branch Library:** Borrowers must be 18 years of age or older, a library cardholder in good standing. The loan period is 3 days, no renewals.

### Old Fort Niagara

Each pass provides admission for 2 adults and all children in household. One pass per adult card can be checked out for one week and will have \$1.00 per day late fee with no renewals. At the attraction, 10% discount on souvenirs.

### Genesee Country Village and Museum pass

Unlimited admission to the museum for 2 adults and all dependent children/grandchildren. One pass per adult card can be checked out for one week and will have \$1.00 per day late fee with no renewals. At the museum, 10% off purchases at museum, shops and restaurants.

### Herschell Carrousel Factory (closed during winter)

Each pass provides free admission for 2 adults and up to 4 children to the attraction, some restrictions may apply. One pass per adult card can be checked out for one week and will have \$1.00 late fee with no renewals. At the attraction, a \$2.00 off Kiddieland add-on exhibits (rides outside) and 15% off inside the giftshop. Pass must be returned to North Tonawanda Public Library.

Note: Passes are checked out just like a book and there may be a waiting list. One pass per cardholder. Passes must be returned to the library from which it was borrowed. Check with individual libraries for more details. Also, check website for hours of operation, not all attractions have hours in the winter.



In the event of weather-related cancellations, call church office at 716.693.7030 and listen to message left on the church office phone, if no closing information is posted by 10 am, church will be open as usual.

We also report closing to Channel 2 WGRZ

**Note: Church closings are not always reported on TV often they just put it on their website.**

## 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.

**The Presbyterian Women are collecting items to assemble Edna's Valentine bags to go to shut-ins.**

**Please bring your items, marked as Edna's Valentine donations, to the church parlor this Sunday.**

**Suggestions for the bags include candy, hand sanitizer, hand cream, lip balm, greeting cards, puzzles, paperback books, small stuffed animals, etc.**

February 1	Congregational Meeting
February 8	Mary Whitcomb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deacons Meeting      RSVP for Lenten Fish Fry</li> </ul>
February 15	Mission – Niagara Hospice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presbyterian Women's Meeting following service</li> </ul>
February 18	Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm – Rev Drew Ludwig <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenten Fish Fry – 5:30 pm</li> </ul>
February 22	Mark Aquino
March 1	Rev Drew Ludwig <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session Meeting</li> <li>• Deacons Meeting</li> </ul>



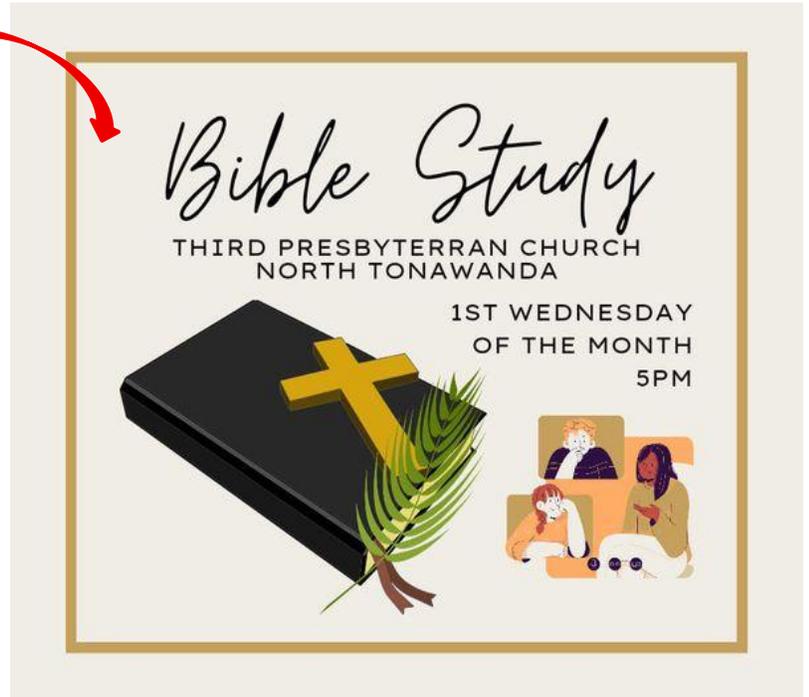
This new year, please pray for your North Presbyterian Family. We ask for your comforting presence to surround them. May they feel your love and peace in their hearts, reminding them that they are not alone in their struggles. We pray for our North Presbyterian Family as we also lift in prayer those 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, Seth and Meredith R.

*With Mark Aquino!*

*Dear North Presbyterian Family*

*John and I wish to thank you for our wonderful Christmas gift basket. Gods blessing to our North Presbyterian Church Family*

*John and Sheila Cox*



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 Feb 20<sup>th</sup> for March Chimes.

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2



# **SESSION SUMMARY**

**January 4, 2026**

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

Excused: Karl Wende

Quorum was met.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev Hennessy at 12:15pm

The minutes of December 7, 2025 meeting were approved on the motion of Lynda and second of Martha

Rev Hennessy thanked us for Christmas Card and Gift

Treasurer's Report none

Pastoral Nominating Committee-Sarah reported that Rev Drew Ludwig

Has agreed to become our Bridge Pastor. He will begin in March

Building and Grounds Approved the following on motion of Lynda and second of Ginger

Building Usage for January 17, 2026 for Sparks-Walck Family

Pete will contract possible handyman or services at Church

Worship- Approved the Baptism of Elliotte Starr Cielinski daughter of Starr

And Jonathan Cielinski on March 8, 2026 on the motion of Lynda

And second of Ginger

Old Business- Congregational Meeting February 1, 2026

Ginger expressed frustration with salting of parking lot. Peter to address

Motion to adjourn from Peter and second of Ginger at 12:37pm

Meeting adjourned with prayer from Rev Hennessey

**Next Meeting March 1, 2026**

Peter W Somerville Jr  
Clerk of Session



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## MEMORIES



CONFIRMATION CLASS - June 4, 1978  
 Rev. Wright - Pastor

Thomas Burnell	Terry Carter
Mary Clark	Dawn Felvus
Daniel Greene	Scott Maitland
LisaWendt	Scott LeBar

## 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.*

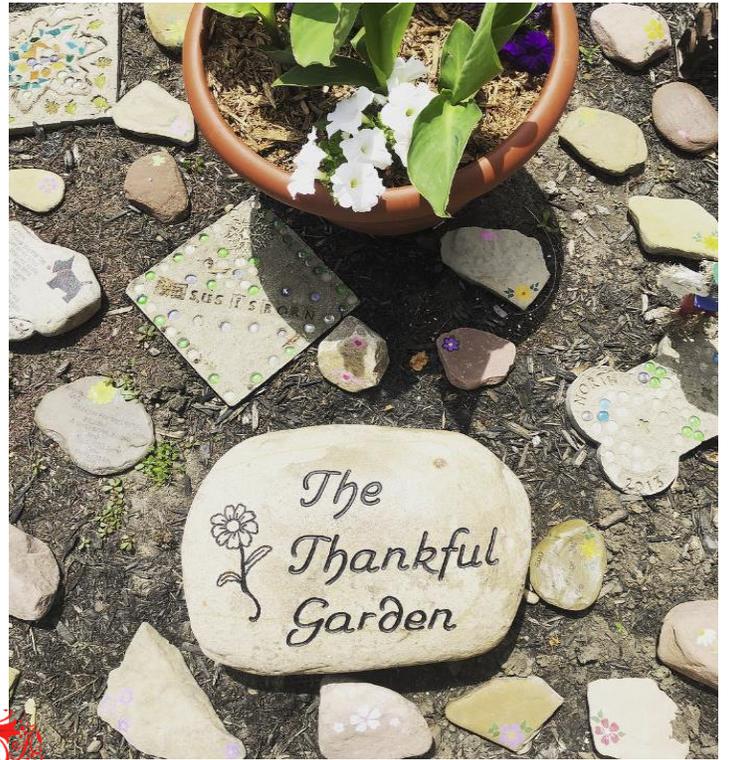
*Wally Freiert  
 Damien Knittle*

*Bruce Schmidt  
 Jeff Harrington*

*Kerri Hayes Pastwik  
 Natalie Dickinson*

*Jean Wende*





# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 1

Please bring soup, bread, or dessert to share

Not able to cook?

Bring a donation of nonperishable goods to be donated to local food pantry.

JOIN US FOR REDEEMER'S ANNUAL

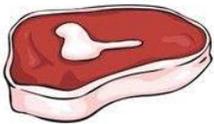
## MEAT RAFFLE

50/50, Basket Raffle

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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: \$15 each or \$100 for a table of 8

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

Any questions? Want tickets? Call church office at  
716-692-5734 or email [rlcntevents@gmail.com](mailto:rlcntevents@gmail.com)

## RUMMAGE SALE

Plan Ahead

Saturday, April 25

You may drop off items  
any time for now until  
April 23

Please no clothes

Leave items under stairs  
in basement

Office Hours  
M-W 9-2

February 18, 2026 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Reservation Deadline February 4, 2026



## Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Presented by:

Sr. Patricia McMahon, OSF

Cost: \$40.00

Includes Retreat & Lunch

We will spend our time together exploring ways in which we can use our Lenten journey to focus on our relationship with God and God's people.

As part of our prayer those who wish will receive ashes.

**Fish Fry Lent**  
**Wednesday, February 18**  
**5:30 pm**



Fish, baked potato, soup, salad, dessert  
 \$20 per person.

RSVP by February 8

Sign up in narthex or  
 call church office 716.693.7030  
 (leave message)

**A Special Message For All  
 Church Communities**  
**Retreat Accommodations Available**  
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**Call Today To Make Your Reservation 716-754-7376**

Youth Retreat      Men's Retreat      Women's Retreat

 **Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara**  
 4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, New York 14144  
 716-754-7376 \* [stellaniagararetreats.org](http://stellaniagararetreats.org) 

**Let's Do Lunch**  
 Breaking Bread & Bible Study with Bonnie  
**Your Garden of Life**  
 Thursday, March 19, 2026  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**QUESTION: HOW IS YOUR GARDEN GROWING?**

One of the worst feelings in life is to assume that your life really doesn't count for anything important. That sense of disappointment, which we all have experienced at some point in life, is like planting a garden in the Spring and after weeks of meticulous attention and loving care we end up growing a few scraggly looking flowers or some ugly deformed veggies. Uggh! Spiritual Life gardening can sometimes be as frustrating as dirt gardening, therefore, let's focus this day on creating a more bountiful, meaningful, God pleasing harvest in our Gardens of Life.

Cost: \$28.00  
 includes retreat and lunch  
 For Reservations Call - 716 754-7376

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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