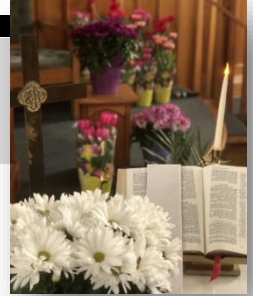


North Church



In Focus

Houseman Scholarship

The Houseman Scholarship was established in 1987 to honor the memory of long time North Presbyterian member, Charles Houseman. Charles was involved in several activities that helped benefit the members of our church. For many years, Charles worked with children through a drum corps in North Tonawanda. In addition, Mr. Houseman hosted spaghetti dinners to raise money to support medical/missionary trips to Honduras. Charles frequently held a corn roast for church members in his back yard and enjoyed fellowship activities. As a deacon, Charles would prepare bereavement lunches and dinners for church members.

The Houseman Scholarship is available to all young adults who have been confirmed at North Presbyterian and are current members. Scholarships assist members who are continuing their post-secondary schooling by attending college or trade school.

This year's recipients are Noah Franco and Olivia Sasso.

- Noah will be attending SUNY Cortland, Exercise Science
- Olivia will be attending University of Buffalo, English BA/Law JD

At our May 17 service, we will be presenting scholarships to this year's recipients. Please join us as we celebrate our young members.

The Houseman Scholarship Fund is primarily sustained through the collection of pop cans and memorial donations. Collection bins are available in narthex and near basement kitchen.

Any time you make a memorial donation, you are able to indicate where you wish those funds to be dedicated. You can dedicate donations for Building Fund, Presbyterian Women, Deacons, Hospitality, Houseman Scholarship, Christian Education (Sunday School and VBS), etc.



HONORING EILEEN TROY

It was just last year, May 25th, that we joined together to celebrate her 100th birthday. There were proclamations from several dignitaries as well as a visit from North Tonawanda's Mayor Tylec.

This year we again gathered to celebrate Eileen's life on April 22nd. Rev Stu Buisch led the memorial service after the passing of Eileen on April 15, 2026.

Eileen Troy (nee Rogers) was born in Buffalo on May 25, 1925. She lived in California for a time before settling in North Tonawanda, NY.

Eileen was a 25-year member of North Presbyterian Church in North Tonawanda where she belonged to the Presbyterian Women's Association and served as a Deacon. Eileen was known as a skilled hand quilter and a woman with a great sense of humor.

On May 24, there will be coffee hour in honor of Eileen, immediately following service. Contact any deacon member if you would like to help by donating refreshments or money toward purchasing refreshments. If you are not able to provide refreshments, please consider donating nonperishable goods to be given to our NT Food Pantry on behalf of North Presbyterian.



The Presbytery of Western New York
will convene for the
Annual Presbytery Meeting
on Saturday, May 16, 2026

at First PC East Aurora
9 Paine St, East Aurora, NY 14052



Highlights

- Installation of moderator and moderator-elect
- Worship with Communion
- Necrology
- ... and more to TBD

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so very much
for the beautiful Easter
lily and Easter basket.
John and I appreciate it
so much. Thank you for
always thinking of us.*

*God Bless,
John & Sheila Cox*

Chicken BBQ is Back!



Wednesday, May 20, 2026

3:00 PM – 6:00 pm*

*or until sold out

\$15.00 Advance Sale/at the Door

Dinner Includes:

½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Red Dill Potatoes, Roll & Butter

Drive Thru Pickup

Presale Tickets may be purchased from the Church Office
(Venmo & Credit Cards accepted)

THANK YOU!!!



North Presbyterian Church
300 North Forest Road
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 632-1330
n.church.npc@gmail.com

*We will be donating 30 dinners to Family Promise.
If you would like to donate a dinner, please purchase a ticket from Louise Cooper or the church office.*

Saturday, June 6, 2026 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



ENERGY CENTERS RETREAT (CHAKRAS)

Where we place our energy is self-revealing on our spiritual path. Chakra is a Sanskrit word that means disk or wheel, referring to energy centers in the body. The chakra system originated in India between 1500 and 500 BC, and can be thought of as our body's subtle energy system. The focus is on the Seven major energy centers. Each center has a unique meaning about our body, life, breath, mind, intellect, and overall sense of well-being. Explore connections between body and spirit, personal and societal, in this insightful retreat day.

COST: \$65.00 INCLUDES RETREAT, & LUNCH
(LIMITED RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE)

Reservation Deadline - May 23, 2026

“Second Friday”

with the Interfaith Collaboration Mission Team



TUSCARORA NATION SPIRITUALITY AND CULTURE

Speaker **Angela Jonathan**, a resident of the Tuscarora Reservation in Lewiston, is passionate about sharing her cultural history with others. For the past 36 years, she has worked in the Niagara Wheatfield School District, currently at Tuscarora School. She is a member of the Tuscarora Historical Society and Tuscarora Nation Council, where she serves as Beaver Clan mother. A picnic dinner will be served.

MAY 8 | 6-8 PM IN PARISH HALL

Westminster Presbyterian Church
724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

To RSVP, contact **Jamie Adamczyk** at
jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org or 716-884-9437

*The is a picture of the
Tuscarora Taken in Wampum
belt created in 1722 when the
Tuscarora were taken in as
the 6th nation of the
Haudenosaunee Confederacy.*

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

9:00AM TO 2:00PM

DON'T MISS IT!

BRING YOUR QUARTERS!!



**GET READY FOR SPRING/SUMMER CLOTHING,
HOUSEHOLD GOODS, GAMES, AND MUCH MORE!**

**EVERYTHING WILL BE 25¢ UNLESS MARKED
OTHERWISE**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ON THE CORNER OF PRENDERGAST AND 6TH STREETS

JAMESTOWN, NY

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 10 am Tuesday 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 May 20th for June Chimes.

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2

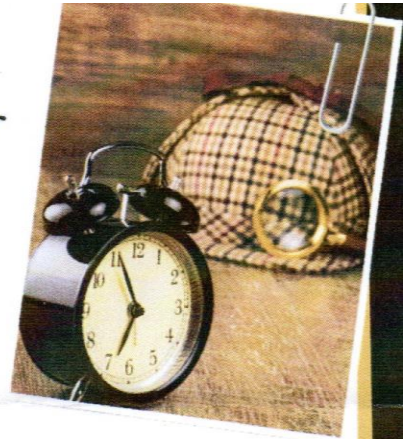
HELP WANTED

- We continue to collect empty bottles to help fund the **Houseman Scholarship**.
- We also collect nonperishable food items that we deliver to the **North Tonawanda Food Pantry** on regular basis.
- Volunteers for **Vacation Bible School** – more info will be forthcoming – see April Sasso for more information, tentative dates – July 13-17 from 9 am-12 pm – Theme: Fruit of the Spirit
- Help Needed for next year's **Sunday School** – not every Sunday is needed – See Ellen Brock

An Evening of Sherlock Holmes Mystery Radio Plays - Fundraiser

WHEN

- Friday May 1st - 7:00pm
- Friday May 2nd - 7:30pm
- \$15 for both the show & reception
- Tickets available at the door

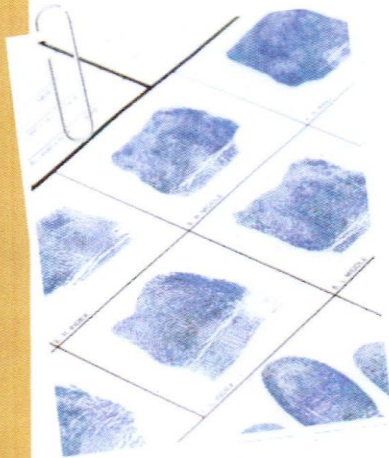


WHAT

IMC's Theatre of Imagination presents two radio-style Sherlock Holmes mysteries, with a reception to follow.

This is a fundraiser for GiGi's Playhouse.

GiGi's purpose and mission are "to change the way the world views Down syndrome & to send a global message of acceptance for all."



WHO

For any questions or more info please contact John Reich at:
(716) 692-0906

WHERE

Immanuel Lutheran
Church, 107 Scott
Street, Tonawanda,

SESSION SUMMARY for April

Session Minutes North Presbyterian Church
April 12, 2026

Present: Rev William Hennessy, Moderator, Peter Somerville, Lynda Cox, Sarah Franco, Martha Luchterhand, Virginia Mitchell, Karl Wende - Quorum was met.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev Hennessy at 12:02pm

The minutes of March 1, 2026, meeting were approved on the motion of Martha and second of Ginger

Treasurer's Report- Karl presented profit and loss statement

Pastoral Nominating Committee-committee had one match but no reply to their invitation to apply.

They have updated information with local college search engines and have engaged a Great Lakes Call Finder

Building and Grounds- Approved \$100 charter fee for Cub Scout 501 on the motion of Lynda and second of Ginger.

Discussed condition of the floor in the downstairs men's room

Worship- Approved worship to be held on August 23, 2026 at Five Senses Park on Ward Road, Wheatfield on the motion of Ginger and second of Lynda

On motion from Committee approved the following dates for communion:

- May 24, 2026
- August 2, 2026
- October 4, 2026
- December 6, 2026

Mission-nothing to report

Finance-Karl to prepare a list of duties for potential replacements

Christian Education-no report

Old Business

New Business

Motion to adjourn from Lynda and second of Ginger at 12:31pm

Meeting adjourned with prayer from Rev Hennessey

Next Meeting May 3, 2026

May 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.

Karen Bauer

Mary Brosius

Kaitlyn Pfeiffer

Ellen Brock

Jonathan Klamut

Cameron Zalewski

Alanna Graci

Matteo Graci

Jaxson Ciminelli

Marc Dickinson

Brooke Harms



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

Traditional Spiritual Story Telling Retreat
July 15, 2026 and July 22, 2026
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

A traditional spiritual story telling retreat transports participants to an era where oral traditions were the cornerstone of cultural and spiritual exchange. These retreats offer a unique opportunity to disconnect from the frenetic pace of modern life and reconnect with the ancient art of storytelling. Participants gather to hear a seasoned storyteller weave tales from folklore, legends, history, and his own experiences. From the beginning, story telling has often been paired with music. These stories often explore themes of morality, the human condition, and our connection to the natural world, providing introspective and enlightening experiences. These retreats are not only a journey into the past but also a profound spiritual odyssey that nurtures the soul and inspires personal growth.

Presented by
George Crafts
Assisted by singer-songwriter Dee Kysor

George and his wife Dee just moved to Western New York last November after over forty years in the Richmond Virginia area. They have been sharing stories and songs with a wide variety of audiences since 1995. In addition, George told stories for forty years at the elementary school in Charlottesville that their daughter once attended. Spiritual stories and songs have been an important part of George and Dee's repertoire from the very beginning.

Only \$15.00 each or 2/\$20.00
Enjoyment for all
Come and bring your children or grandchildren
(Recommended for adults & children 4th grade and up)

Registration Form



Heavenly Father, we lift in prayer those who are hurting and 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., Seth, Debra D. Meredith R, Hazel, Wally F. and the family and friends of Eileen Troy.



**The North Tonawanda
Inter-Church Food Pantry**

Faith in Action™

April 2026

North Presbyterian Women
168 Payne Avenue
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

It is with sincerest appreciation that we acknowledge your generous contribution to the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry.

As always, your contributions are invaluable in our continuing effort to distribute food and other necessary personal care items to the less fortunate citizens of our area.

January \$ 100.00

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February – 3 Boxes of Food

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Sincerely,

Bonnie J. Shaffer

Bonnie J. Shaffer: Co-Ordinator
NT Inter- Church Food Pantry



- May 2 Bike Wheels Bicycle Group – all welcome!
- May 3 Sunday 11 am Service
 - Session Meeting
 - Deacons Meeting
- May 10 Sunday 11 am Service Mother's Day
- May 17 Sunday 11 am Service
 - Last Day of Sunday School
 - Presbyterian Women's Meeting
 - Houseman Scholarship Awards
- May 24 Sunday Service with Communion
 - Coffee Hour
- May 31 Sunday 11 am Service

North Church

MEMORIES



CONFIRMATION CLASS - June 1981

Rev Wright – Pastor

Front Row
Andrea Theel
Shana Justice

Back Row
Peter Burnell
Mandy Buchinger
Michelle Streamer
Reverend Wright





Wally Friert redecorating
rooms in Parish House 3/13/91
Mal Brand + Ed. Yaw also
volunteered on the job

