

North Church

In Focus

Vacation Bible School – Fruit of the Spirit

Volunteers ages 12 – 100 are needed. It's a great way for teens to earn service hours! Spaces reserved for all Church members' children and grandchildren who sign up by June 15, open registration ends June 30. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and campers are available in church parlor. VBS will be FREE to all.

Online submissions are available now at ntnorthchurch.org.

Do you have a special skill you would be willing to share with young VBS participants? We are looking at setting up stations such as:

- Snack prep with kids (no oven use)
- Music (we have percussion instruments avail for use)
- Exercise, dance, fitness
- Nature walks with spiritual/nature activities to include trip to Farmer's Market
- Games (tic tac toe, puzzles, etc.)
- Crafts
- Bible stories
- ???



VBS Donations

VBS theme this year is Fruit of the Spirit. If you have any fruit related items to donate or to let us borrow, please contact April at church office 716.693.7030. There is also a wish list on Amazon if you would like to donate. If you order directly through the link, items will be delivered to VBS director home. Please don't have deliveries sent to church due to limited hours.

If you would like to donate to VBS, please consider

- Money or check (add note to put funds into Christian Education)
- Hobby Lobby gift cards
- Dollar Store gift card
- Walmart Gift card
- Amazon Wish List
- Fruit related decorations, especially decorations for lemonade stand

[Click Here for
Amazon Wish List](#)

Church Treasurer Needed

After several years of service, Karl Wende is stepping back from Church Treasurer duties so that he may be able to spend more time with his children and grandchildren who live out of state. We can't thank Karl enough for the outstanding job he did in service to our church and to God.

We are searching for a member who would be willing to step in and take over as Church Treasurer.

General duties of Treasurer:

1. Create and review financial statements i.e. Profit and Loss and Balance sheet and present to Session monthly (from online QuickBooks account).
 - a. Review spending, giving, and any changes or large expenditures.
2. Review financial situation to create a draft budget for Session annually in November each year.
3. Annually prepare:
 - a. CBE form (report of minister salary and benefits in January/ February based on budget and terms of call approved at annual congregational meeting)
 - b. Complete Worker's Compensation insurance forms (beginning of year)
4. Review endowment and other investment accounts (provide information about major increase/decreases and other considerations to Session).
5. Meet quarterly with Administrative Assistant to review any financial recording or reporting issues that need to be addressed.

June 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.

Steven Kureczka	Tim Sylvester	Christian Mye	Lila Toczek
Matthew Parish	Matthew Harrington	Elizabeth Ruhlman	Page Flack
Martha Luchterhand	Virginia Mitchell	Emily Westphal	Linda Toczek
Madeline Toczek			

Please notify office if a birthday was mistakenly omitted or needs correction



Session Minutes North Presbyterian Church

May 3, 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 12:01pm

The minutes of April 12,2026 meeting were approved on the motion of

Lynda and second of Karl

Treasurer's Report- Karl presented profit and loss statement

Duties of Treasurer and possible candidates discussed

Pastoral Nominating Committee-On the motion of Virginia and second of Lynda approved the call for the minister to be changed from part time to full time.

Building and Grounds- no report

Mission – no report

Finance-no report

Christian Education-On the motion of Virginia and second of Martha approved

Vacation Bible School July 13-17, 9am-noon

Worship- From committee approved change in summer worship start to 10:30am from June 7 until September 6, 2026

New Business-none

Motion to adjourn from Martha and second of Karl at 12:30pm

Meeting adjourned with prayer from Rev Hennessey

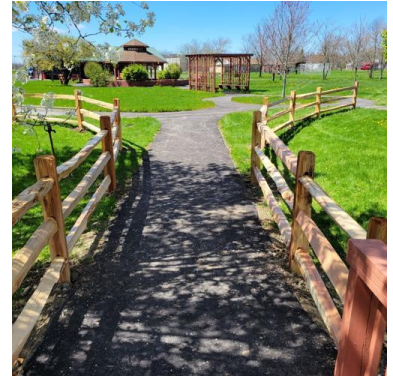
Next Meeting June 7, 2026

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

FAMILY PICNIC IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
OUTDOOR CHURCH SERVICE

**Lion's Club Five Senses Park
6535 Ward Rd
Sanborn, NY 14132**



**NORTH CHURCH
PRESENTS
VBS 2026**

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
JULY 13-17**

Vacation Bible School

**North Church
168 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda**

**July 13-17
9 am - 12 pm**

FREE

**Sign up is limited
www.ntnorthchurch.org**

Upcoming Events...

- Church Summer Hours 10:30 am June 7 – September 6
- Session Meeting June 7
- Vacation Bible School July 13-17
- Communion Service August 2
- Family Picnic and Outdoor Service August 23
Five Senses Park
- Rally Day September 13



Sunday School

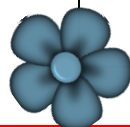
It was another great year of Sunday School thanks to our dedicated teacher, Ellen Brock. Last day of Sunday School was May 17, Sunday School will resume in September for Rally Day. September 13. Next year, Ellen would like some help with Sunday School. A teacher is needed for February, March, and April.



Sunday School Crafts with Alanna, Matteo and Edison

Thank you to the congregation & class for the appreciation gifts for teaching another year of Sunday school! Wishing everyone a safe summer and looking forward to another year of adventure in September!

Ellen Brock



Church Summer Hours

10:30 am
beginning June 7

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 June 20th for July Chimes).

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2

★ FOOTLIGHT PRODUCTIONS COMPANY ★

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AUDITIONS

June 25 & June 26
6:00pm-8:00pm

★ UPDATED LOCATION ★
1st Presbyterian Church
311 First Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14303
P Parking will be validated if you use the public lot.

PERFORMANCE DATES
August 27-29, 2026

★ NOW CASTING ★

- Annie
- Oliver Warbucks
- Grace Farrell
- Rooster Hannigan
- Lily St. Regis
- Star to Be
- Bert Healy
- Boylan Sisters
- Mr. Bundles
- Ensemble

NOTE: Miss Hannigan and Sandy have already been cast.

★ REGISTRATION FEE ★
\$15 per individual child
\$30 per household
★ Scholarships Available ★

Contact Shelby@footlightshows.com
Text: 716-807-7595

Join us as we bring this timeless musical to life! 🎵





Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara

4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, New York 14144

716 754-7376 * stellaniagararetreats.org



Spiritual Drumming Retreat

July 7th, August 4th & November 10th, 2026

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Each session will be unique as Ken will bring different instruments and set different intentions for each date

No Musical Experience Needed!

This is a fun way to meet like minded people, release some stress and learn something new!

The session will include a Drum Meditation to help with your intentions. Ken will conclude the session with Drum Offering where we will drum and have the opportunity to send Peace and Love to intended recipients.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY MEETING

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Present: 54, representing 28 WNY churches

- Ministers of Word and Sacrament – 22*
 - Ruling Elder Commissioners – 21*
 - Commissioned Pastors – 2*
 - Voting Member (Presbytery Officer, Committee Chair, Council Member) – 1*
 - Guests – 6
 - Staff – 2
- (*voting members)

Points of Interest:

- Election and Installation of Moderator, Rev. Jesse Larson, and Moderator-Elect, RE Kris deGuehery
- Approved motion to dissolve the congregation of Island United Presbyterian Church
- Approved motion from First Presbyterian Church Lockport to extended lease to the Keenan Center
- Approve motion to allow GA YAAD Commissioner Nora Hagel to be replaced with Raine Hagel
- Approved slate of committee nominees presented by the Nominations Committee
- Discussed motion to approve the creation of the validated position of Commissioned Pastor to the Presbytery of WNY, in accordance with the Book of Order.
 - Motion halted, with the Two Meeting Rule applied, to be brought before the body in July for second reading and vote.

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MEMORIES



CONFIRMATION CLASS - April 25, 1982
Rev. Wright - Pastor

David Anastasi II Gayle Bair
Gunner Cerda Linda Edwards
Gail Helwig Lisa Herman
Marcella Rosenthal Todd Schulz
Alice Wendt





Pam Schwartz

Jan. 7 '84 Installation
Pres. - Ann Kureczka; 1st Vice - Dorothy Wright
Sec. Barbara Parrish

