

North Church Chimes

AUGUST 2025



Summer Services

August services will be held the basement.

August 3 – Jim Sanford
August 10- Rev Trautmann
August 17- Mary Whitcomb
August 24 –
August 31 – Father Mike LaMarca,
Matthew 25 Center

Special consideration, time, and thought has been put forth to bring in guests for our summer services, if you are available, please join us!

Special thank you to everyone who donated to VBS this year, your donation made VBS free for all kids attending.

Special thanks to
Donna Freiart
Judy Michael
Sandy Sikora
Yvonne Southwell
Leslie Michael
Linda Soltis



Thank you to our volunteers:
Rose Mitchell
Olivia Sasso
Anthony Michael
Page Flack
Keimera Pitner

In Focus MATTHEW 25 CENTER

On August 31, Father LaMarca, will lead our Mission Service. Father LaMarca will discuss The Matthew 25 Center that will be located at the former church of St. Francis of Assisi at 150 Broad Street in Tonawanda.

MATTHEW 25 CENTER

Our outreach ministries from our Family of Parishes are coming together to form "Matthew 25 Ministries." In Matthew 25 we are reminded that what we do for our least brothers and sisters in need we do for our Lord. Matthew 25 Ministries will be housed at the former St. Francis of Assisi Church in the city of Tonawanda. This site was located because of the need of the city, as well as the logistics and statistics of walkers, lack of transportation and proximity, as well to those in North Tonawanda. The changes will be a difficult adjustment, but trusting in the Holy Spirit, everything will work out. We have incredible volunteers who always go above and beyond serving the needs of our brothers and sisters most in need. The Matthew 25 Center needs support, however, to make the facility changes and upgrades necessary in order for the project to be a success. At the entrances of our churches are green forms that you can take home to learn more and donate to help contribute to the changes. Thank you.

Donations may be made to:
St. Christopher Church
2660 Niagara Falls Blvd
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Memo: Matthew 25

Or during August 31 Service



We come before You to seek Your blessing of good health. Grant us the strength to lead vibrant, energetic lives and the peace to enjoy every moment You give us. May Your protective hand guide us away from illness and pain, and may Your healing touch restore those who are already suffering. Help us to nurture our bodies and spirits, and to live in a way that honors the life You have granted us. In Your loving care, we place our well-being, trusting in Your endless goodness.

Dearest Heavenly Father, we pray for our North Presbyterian Family. We lift up in prayer those who need special consideration including 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, Phalguni, Bev & Sam T, and John C. We ask that you bless and comfort the friends and family of Ruth Lozo and James Cruse.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

July 6, 2025

A quorum was determined and the meeting was called to order with prayer by Reverend William Hennessy at 12:04pm.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, the following were nominated for election to the Boards of Deacons: Margaret Linkowski, Judith Michael, Sandra Sikora, Gail Mackim, Anthony Michael, Rose Mitchell, and Ellen Hall.

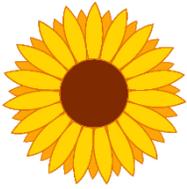
Nominations were closed and voted unanimously to elect the above.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, the following were nominated for election to the Session: Lynda Cox, Virginia Mitchell, Martha Luchterhand and Michael Keagel.

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Sarah Franco, chairperson of the Pastoral nominating committee reported on the progress of the committee. She reported that she had been approached by the nominating committee of Faith United Presbyterian Church about the possibility of sharing a Pastor with them. Sarah invited the Rev Abigail Trautman, Executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery to discuss the concept of sharing a pastor and answer questions.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev Hennessy at 12:24pm.



JOIN US
Monday, August 18

Church Family



Picnic

West Canal Marina
4070 Tonawanda Creek Rd

Shelter reserved all day, hot dogs will be served at 6 pm

**Sign up sheet at church or text April 716.909.5185 with
number coming and dish you will bring**

Please bring a dish to pass

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Let's Do Lunch

Breaking Bread & Bible Study with Bonnie Series

First Session

Fill My Cup Lord

Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Did anyone ever ask you...what's in your cup? Bonnie will be asking you that question but, "spoiler alert" we mean...what's in your spiritual cup of course. We will spend some time exploring both Psalms 23:5 where the Psalmist asks for an overflowing cup and John 4, the story of the "woman at the well". We will delve into those verses to get some cup content answers to our spiritual question... **What's in your cup?**

Presented by Bonnie C. Mazur, a member of our Center of Renewal Staff. Bonnie has an anointed vision to proclaim the Word of God from a sensitive reassuring non-denominational Christian perspective. Bonnie is a retired attorney as well as retired ordained pastor.

Only \$28.00

Reservation Deadline – September 11, 2025



Saturday, October 11, 2025

Don't Let Suffering Take You Down

Spiritual Transformation Retreat

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

This retreat deals with the spiritual awaking to the sufferings in our daily lives and will open new possibilities about how to deal with all areas of suffering.

Presenter: Sr. Marcella Kiesel, OSF, A Franciscan Sister of Penance and Christian Charity with experience in Spiritual Direction as well as teaching college.

Cost: \$75.00 includes retreat, lunch and book by Louis M. Savary and Patricia H. Berne, Teilhard de Chardin Seven Stages of Suffering: A Spiritual Path for Transformation.

Reservation Deadline: September 27, 2025

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Let's Do Lunch

Breaking Bread & Bible Study with Bonnie Series

Session 2

Did You Ever?

Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Did you ever make a promise to Jesus that you realized, very quickly, that it was probably not the smartest thing to do? Come to lunch and experience the hilarious journey of one woman's promise to **"Spend the Day with Jesus"** COME AND ENJOY LOVELY LUNCH IN OUR DINING ROOM AND LAUGH TILL YOUR SIDES HURT

Reservation deadline – October 2, 2025



Mark Your Calendar – Advent Retreats
November 22, 2025 & December 3, 2025

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is a ministry that has taken different forms over the years. It is becoming more widely known as Spiritual Companionship.

THE FOCUS

The focus is your experience of God and how communication occurs between you and God.

THE NEED

Many people seek spiritual direction when they are yearning for a deeper meaning in their relationship with God. Perhaps they have come to a crossroad, find prayer difficult, or are exploring new forms of prayer that may be more life-giving. Often people wish to have a companion to assist them on their spiritual journey by being present and listening.

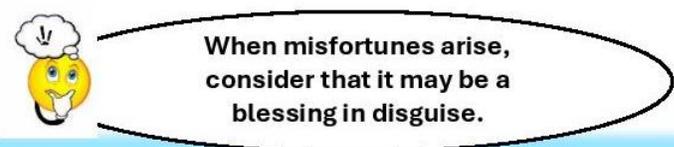
THE EXPECTATION

You can expect your spiritual director to keep the focus on your relationship with God. We believe that God is found in all things and is ever present. This reality enables us to find God's invitations, urgings and confirmations. The director can ask reflective questions, point out resources, and assist in breaking through spiritual roadblocks and various resistances.

THE DIRECTORS

Spiritual directors have special training and a background in ministry, communication skills, and personality dynamics, as well as resources in scripture, spirituality, and prayer.

NOTE: Cost handled through Spiritual Director. A Spiritual Direction Session is usually \$30.00 for a one-hour session.



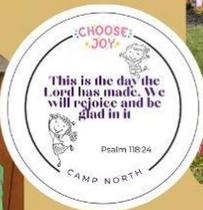
Call today to make your reservation - 716-754-7376, Ext. 2

North Presbyterian VBS

North Tonawanda Camp North



Camp North VBS was a great success this year. We went for daily mindful gratitude walks, told campfire bible stories, and made amazing crafts selected to reinforce scripture of the day. We also praised Jesus with music and prayer, played games and strengthened our faith and friendships



Starry Night Theatre, Inc. Presents

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber & Lyrics by Tim Rice
Directed by DJ Swartz Music Direction by Joann Mis

**July 24-
August 3, 2025**

The Ghostlight Theatre

Tickets: 170 Schenck Street
North Tonawanda, NY
14120
716-743-1614

Admission: \$19
\$17 for Seniors,
Students, & Veterans
Starrynighttheatre.com

Thursdays 7pm
Fridays & Saturdays 8pm
Sundays 2pm





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(Limited supply)

Call today to make your reservation - 716-754-7376, Ext. 2

Reservation deadlines – September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, & December 1st



GRIFFINS MILLS HERITAGE DAY

Saturday, August 2nd
11 AM – 5 PM

**Community Walking Tours
and Activities:**

- **Indigenous Spirit Dancers**
 - **Early Settlers, Blacksmith, Woodcarvers**
 - **Displays, Music, and Exhibits**
- Meet**
- Erie Canal Sal
 - Gen. Grant & Abe Lincoln
 - Major Gen. Bennet Riley
 - Aurora Town Historian
 - Kids Program
 - Hot Dogs & Snacks
 - Ice Cream Truck

**Free Parking at St. Paul's Church or
Griffins Mills Church**



KENMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS

Songs on **D** to Share DELAWARE

A JW PEPPER COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL
CHORAL READING SESSION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
7:00 – 8:30PM

Ice cream social reception to follow

KENMORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
576 DELAWARE ROAD, BUFFALO

Featuring works by
*Elaine Hagenberg
Lloyd Larson
Rollo Dilworth
Anne Herring and others*

Session facilitated by KPC Music Director
Patrick Towey

Scan the QR code to RSVP.
Contact the church office at 716-875-7600
or patrick@kenpres.org for more information.



AUGUST BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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.

Maddy Buisch 5

Quin Buisch 7

Chelsie Ciminelli 10

Jake Toczek 13

Daniel Kish 20

Barbara Mye 21

Barbara Lorango 27

Andrea Wincowski 27

Kristin Larson 28

H. John Mye 29

Robert Flack 30

Anthony Michael 1

Amelia Harms 10

Aubrey Mye 20

Chase Nowacki 25

Brynn Murphy 26



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BOOK CLUB 3

Spiritual Story Seekers

The Sea Keeper's Daughter

By

Lisa Wingate

Carolina Chronicles Series

Tuesday Afternoons

September 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th, 2025

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Presenter – Jan Czech

Jan is a former middle school English teacher, writing instructor and reporter. She is the author of six books for young children as well as Grace Happens, a middle school age novel. Her numerous articles have appeared in a variety of publications including "The Children's Writer" and "The Buffalo News". She lives in Western New York with her husband and two very spoiled dogs.

Cost: \$40.00

NOTE: Cost includes all Four Book Club Sessions for this book
BOOK NOT INCLUDED WITH COST OF RETREAT

Call 716-754-7376 Ext. 2 today to make your reservation

Reservation deadline -August 26, 2025

(MasterCard, Visa & Discover Cards Accepted)



Reservation Form

Mail with check to: The Center of Renewal, 4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, NY 14144

BOOK CLUB 3 - The Sea Keeper's Daughter

Reservation Deadline - August 26, 2025



Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ **Phone** _____

\$40.00 - Book Club 4:30 PM- 5:30 PM

(Make check payable to "The Center of Renewal")

NOTE: Cost does not include book

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WNY – July 22, 2025

Present: 51, representing 27 WNY churches

- Ministers of Word and Sacrament – 22
- Ruling Elders – 16
- Commissioned Pastors – 3
- Christian Educators – 1
- Guests – 7
- Staff – 2



Points of Interest:

- Installation of Rev. Abigail Trautmann as Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk
- Laid over approving May Presbytery Minutes until the October meeting
- Consent Agenda approved
- Luke Choi, Board of Pensions, reported about benefits
- Property Committee moved approving Kenmore Presbyterian Church to purchase the property they currently use from St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - The motion was seconded and approved
- CPM moved that Won Sam Yi be enrolled as an Inquirer
 - The motion was approved
- COM moved that Carly Beard be Examined for Ordination
 - The motion was approved

The delicious meal was provided by Beanie's On The Go, a women-, Indigenous-, and family-owned and operated catering and pop-up service based in Irving and Buffalo, NY. BOTG offers custom homestyle meals and traditional Native foods in the Western New York area.

SUMMER FEED THE FALLS

Saturday, August 2 from 11am to 3pm, we are taking Feed the Falls to the streets to feed our neighbors. We'll be grilling hot dogs and giving away **used clothing** for men, women and kids for **FREE!**

Here is how to get involved:

- Donate hot dogs and buns (**Need at least 1,200**)
- Donate condiments like mustard and ketchup
- Volunteer for set up, food prep, serving, and overseeing the clothes distribution



Contact Donna Stevens
at dstevens@niagaragrm.org to volunteer or donate.



CONFIRMATION CLASS - July 14, 1972

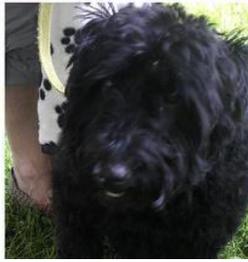
Rev. Wright - Pastor

Front Row - L to R
Craig Seih, Candy Reuther, Pam Carl, Catherine Duda, David Boorum, Middle -
Shaun Akin, Douglas Anderson, Cheryl Miller, Mr. Wright, Karen Irong, William Ramsay, III, Dean Adams, Back - Gary Wolanyk, Lynda Blakely, Danette Eimiller, Jeri Scott, Lori Lowmaster, Robert Burnfield





Memories



Blessing
of the
Pets

Our Family Bible Study

Grab a Bible and choose a verse to PLANT in your hearts.



Let's talk about _____ **TOPIC** _____. Put away distractions and pray, "God show us something new today."



Today's Bible verse is: _____



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



What truth can we learn from this verse?



How can we put this truth into action?

