



# North Church



## In Focus

## Camp Duffield

Camp Duffield is a 137-acre campground that serves as a camp, conference center and retreat space. Camp Duffield provides a supportive Christian environment where imaginations, life skills and community are fostered. Since 1950, Camp Duffield has been with campers of all ages and backgrounds, enabling them to enjoy the sights and sounds of God's beautiful creation!

During the summer, Duffield, Inc. conducts Christian camping programs for 1st graders & up.



Camp Address: 11740 Worden Road, Delavan, NY 14042

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 55, Kenmore, NY 14217

Phone: 716-440-9833

Website: [www.campduffield.net](http://www.campduffield.net)

Email: [contactus@campduffield.net](mailto:contactus@campduffield.net)

## GRADES 1ST - 2<sup>ND</sup> FIRST TIMERS

**July 13 - 16, 2025 - Science**

**July 20 - July 23, 2025 - Music**

For our younger campers, this is an opportunity to experience all camp has to offer in just three days. Bring your favorite relative (parent stay is required). Sleep away from home, meet new friends, eat in the dining hall, sing around the campfire, hike, swim, and make crafts while learning about God's love for us.

Camp Cost: \$220 (Early bird: \$200 Pay by May 1st )

Arrival: Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Departure: Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 PM

## **GRADES 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> SCIENCE**

**July 13 - July 19, 2025**

Explore nature through experiments & hands-on activities! Star gaze, create habitats, explore nature, learn about invasive species. Learn about God's amazing world through the eye of a scientist while also swimming, hiking, & singing around the campfire.

Camp Cost: \$320 (Early bird: \$300 Pay by May 1st )

Arrival: Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Departure: Families to arrive at 10:00am for Saturday closing ceremony

## **GRADES 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> MUSIC**

**July 20 - July 26, 2025**

Join us while we jump into the amazing world of music! We will sing, dance, play instruments and learn fun improv games. We will also dabble in the circus arts- juggling and walking on stilts. We will learn about God's love for us as we swim, hike, sing around the campfire and do the traditional camp activities.

Camp Cost: \$320 (Early bird: \$300 Pay by May 1st )

Arrival: Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Departure: Families to arrive at 10:00 AM for Saturday closing ceremony

## **GRADES 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> NIGHT OWLS**

**July 27 - August 2, 2025**

The ideal fit for the teenage schedule - stay up late and sleep in late! Enjoy all that camp has to offer. A relaxed day time schedule that is full of swimming, creek walks, crafts, and team building exercises that lead to discovering God's word, and when the sun sets, the Night Owls will kick start their night with games, hikes, and camp fires!

Camp Cost: \$320 (Early bird: \$300 Pay by May 1st )

Arrival: Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Departure: Saturday 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

## GRADES 1-8 IMPACT

**August 3 - August 9, 2025**

Swim, explore nature, make crafts, build friendships & play lots of games at overnight camp. Our mission is for youth to be impacted by Jesus & to impact the world for Jesus. Separate tracks for elementary kids & teens, with overlap for meals & camp-wide activities, let campers be near each other yet have their own unique experience!

Camp Cost: \$320 (Early bird: \$300 Pay by May 1st )

Arrival: Sunday 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Departure: Families to arrive on Saturday at 10:30 AM for closing ceremony.

## AGE 18 AND OLDER - CHALLENGE

**July 6 - 12, 2025**

For adults with developmental disabilities. Our experienced staff provides a unique vacation for special needs adults. Come to Duffield to experience the usual camp activities such as campfire sing-a-longs, swimming, fishing, bingo, theatre in the woods, crafts, camp Olympics, talent show and so much more.

Camp Cost: \$520

Arrival: Sunday 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Departure: Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 AM

### Camp Duffield Mission Statement

To provide camping and retreat experiences for campers within a natural setting of God's beautiful creation as we seek to nurture individual growth in faith and build communities of love, caring, and acceptance.

We serve as a resource to the broader community regardless of religious affiliation.

"Building communities of love, caring and acceptance."



## Camp Rental Information

Camp Duffield is open year-round renting to both individuals and groups. They can accommodate as few as two people to as many as 150 overnight and up to 500 for one day events.

Here is a partial list of the facilities:

- Keeler Lodge sleeps 25
- 6 Cabins each sleep 12
- Overton Cottage sleeps 10
- Janeway, Kitchen, Dining Hall and conference room
- Outpost with bath house
- Craft Cabin



Rental fees are dependent on many factors such as time of year, how many people and how many nights.

For individuals our guideline is approx. \$25 per person per night.

*Thank you to Pete Sommerville for donating a printer for the church office, it is much appreciated.*



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

We also report closing to Channel 2 WGRZ but church closings are not always put on TV just their website.

*Thank you so much for thinking of me with the very thoughtful Valentine's gift bag. It certainly was a wonderful surprise and brightened up my day! Thank you once again for all your kindness.*

*Marilyn Hartman*

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

North Presbyterian Church February 2, 2025

A quorum was met. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. William Hennessy at 12:35 pm.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the congregational meetings on January 28, 2024 and June 23, 2024.

Reports were reviewed and received.

There was a question about the warranty for the sound system as there is a problem with one of the microphones. Robert Mark will be contacted.

The following nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee were presented: Melissa Graci, Sarah Franco, Sandra Sikora, Rose Mitchell, Bob Flack, Andrea Wincowski and Judith Michael. There being no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded and carried to elect them. They were thanked for their willingness to serve.

Financial reports and the 2025 budget were reviewed.

The findings of a Health Department inspection of the kitchen required the draining of the dish sanitizer and having bleach in the kitchen.

April Sasso was recognized for her work as office manager.

A concern was raised about keeping confirmands and young adults in active participation in the church. This may be a consideration when choosing a pastor.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried and the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Hennessy at 1:01 pm.

**Financial Giving Statements** that were not picked up by Feb 23, were mailed out on Feb 24. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement, please call the church office 716.693.7030.



Updated **Membership Directory** is available on church table. Print out of **Chimes** is also available.

## SESSION SUMMARY

Session Minutes: February 11, 2025

- At the February meeting, Sarah Franco gave an update on the PNC. The first meeting will be February 17th.
- Building use requests from two dog-training services are being pursued.
- Communion will be served on Sunday March 2 and at the Ash Wednesday service on March 5.
- Vacation Bible School was discussed.
- Funding for Deacons was discussed.
- Ginger has resigned as clerk for health reasons. Pete will handle pulpit supply and preside at the March meeting.



*Thank you for the Valentines Card to Candise. It arrived today and made her day.*

*Candise continues her recovery and day-by-day the Lord is blessing her with improvements. We are optimistic and are so thankful that you folks continue to think of us.*

*Thank you again.*

*John*



*Sincerest thanks and gratitude to Ginger Mitchell for scheduling pastors and lay persons to lead our church services each week.*

*Thank you so much for church members such as Pete Sommerville, Emily Luchterhand and Larry Benn who volunteered to lead our worship services.*

*In the future, Pete S will be scheduling church service leaders, mission speakers, etc.*

## MISSION SPEAKER

On Sunday, March 23, North Church will welcome Patrick Gormley from Niagara County Complete Senior Care.

Complete Senior Care is a managed, long-term care organization that collaborates with older adults, their family caregivers and the community in an effort to maximize their health, dignity, quality of life and independence in the community.

For more information visit website <https://completeseniorcare.org/>

### Primary Contacts

 1302 Main Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

 Center Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8am - 4pm

 [info@completeseniorcare.org](mailto:info@completeseniorcare.org)

 (716) 285-8248

 1 (888) 303-4333

 1 (800) 662-1220

 (716) 285-8249



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 be added to Chimes, please submit to office by the 20th of the month before issue (ex. Submit by Feb 20th for Mar Chimes).

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2



“Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

**[John 14:27]**

Dearest Heavenly Father, we pray for our North Presbyterian Family. We also lift up in prayer those who need special prayers including Jean W, Judy L, Andrew, Patricia, Roger, David, Jessica, Jane, Elaine F, Michele, Terry R, Jean, Mary, Ruth, Justine, Michele, Deborah T, Lindsay, Tim, Jeff, Jim, Gloria, Alex V, David P, Ginger M.



## Service & Fish Fry

Fish Dinner  
5:30 pm

Fish, coleslaw, macaroni salad,  
rye bread  
BYO – place setting

**RSVP by Sun, March 2**

Sign up at church

Rose 743-1278

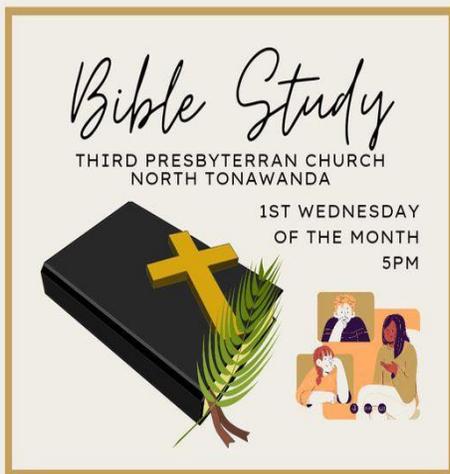
North Church Office 693-7030

\$15 Adults

\$10 Children Under 12

Service Time: 7 pm

Rev. Drew Ludwig



## March 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.*

*Lucas Keagel 9*

*Marilyn Ventry 22*

*Judy Michael 29*

*Catherine Hartman 13*

*Samantha DeMatteo 22*

*Everett Jacob Pastwik 29*

*Cynthia Kureczka 17*

*Sandra Sikora 28*

*Edison Raynor 31*



Please send my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the Valentine's gift. I can't believe all that was packed in the gift bag. It's wonderful.

You all are so special and my hope and prayer is that I can get back to see everyone soon.

I don't think leading Worship is going to happen again, but God willing, who knows?

Karen Bauer

Dear Members of  
North Presbyterian Church,



On behalf of the Salvation Army, please accept my sincerest appreciation for your generous contribution to our organization, as well as the beautiful hats and gloves. With grace and kindness, you have made a difference to someone else.

May this new year bring everyone joy, health, and fulfillment!

Sincerely,

The Salvation Army Buffalo Area  
Services



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Presbyterian Youth Triennium!**  
**JULY 28-31, 2025**



**The Presbytery of Western NY will be traveling by bus to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Louisville, KY in July 28-31, 2025. THIS IS A NEW LOCATION! The PYT will take place at the Kentucky International Convention Center. Participants will stay at nearby, PYT-designated hotels at special event rates**

**WHO CAN ATTEND: Rising 9th graders-graduated seniors; Young Adults:19-23 year olds & Adult Advisors. If you have a youth who like to attend, you are not required to have an adult advisor from your church--that's why we travel as a delegation!**

**COST: Currently, the cost is approximately \$425pp. However, we are looking into grants and sharing transportation costs with Genesee Presbytery**

**WHY: PYT is one of those life-shaping faith forming events that youth will never forget! The theme is: If We Were Dreaming. God has reminded us again and again that when our young people "dream dreams" and see visions, the church wakes up. Please consider helping your young people, your friends, and your churches join in making this great dream become a reality**

**DO YOU HAVE SOME YOUTH INTERESTED? OR QUESTIONS: Please contact PYT Registrar Monica Barner, Youngstown Presbyterian Church at 716-940-7582 or [monicabarn@yahoo.com](mailto:monicabarn@yahoo.com)**



# CHORAL EVENSONG

CLARENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
9675 MAIN STREET, CLARENCE, NY

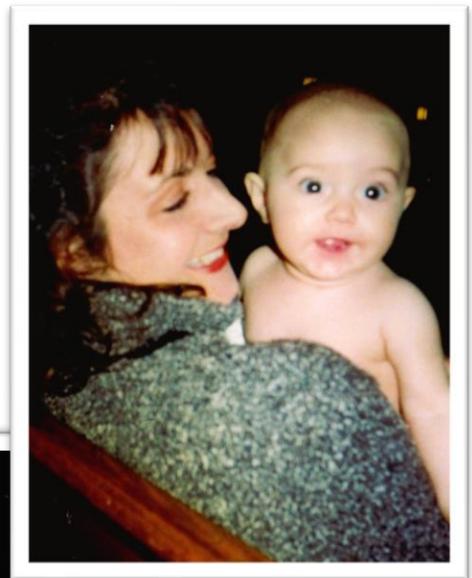
---

MARCH 2, 2025, 4 PM

CHOIR OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BUFFALO  
GARRETT F. MARTIN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

---

An offering will be received to benefit Buffalo String Works  
[buffalostringworks.org](http://buffalostringworks.org)



**CRAFTS, VENDORS,  
And BASKET RAFFLE**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

453 Old Falls Blvd., No. Tona

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025  
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
LUNCH SERVED AT 11:00 A.M.**



**SPRING INTO SPRING AT  
OUR CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW  
AND BASKET RAFFLE**

40+ crafters, vendors, metal art, baby clothes, botanical prints, handcrafted jewelry, wood art, primitives, Tastefully Simple, plants, water colors, dried flowers, Gnomes, crushed glass, Scones, Girl Scout Cookies, Paparazzi \$5 jewelry, and much more.

**HOMEMADE PIES,  
COOKIES, KUCHEN,  
MUFFINS, BREADS,  
AND MUCH MORE  
available for purchase**

**LUNCH MENU  
CHICKEN AND  
BISCUIT  
CHOWDER,  
SLOPPY JOE'S**

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN OF ST. PAUL

# Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara

4421 Lower River Road, Stella Niagara, New York 14144  
716 754-7376 \* stellaniagararetreats.org

## Ash Wednesday Retreat Day

Facilitated by: Sr. Colleen Shanahan, OSF and Sr. Patricia McMahon, OSF

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

10:30 – 3:30 PM

Optional Mass with School & Sisters

9:00 AM in Sisters' Chapel

Our Lents are often experiences centered on our sinfulness. This particular Season we will concentrate with joy on the abiding and surrounding love of God in our lives and how that affects us. Our day will be a day of reflection and gratitude.

Sisters Colleen and Patricia have each spent years working in parish ministry and have led and facilitated many retreats and days of reflection.

They look forward to beginning their own Lenten journeys by sharing Ash Wednesday with those who gather for this experience.

Retreat includes lunch and Ashes

**Call today to make your reservation**

*Reservation deadline - February 18<sup>th</sup>*

**716-754-7376, Ext. 2**

(MasterCard, Visa & Discover Cards Accepted)



### Reservation Form

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

Ash Wednesday Retreat - Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Reservation Deadline - February 18, 2025

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Medical Dietary Restrictions**

- \$30 - Ash Wednesday Retreat (Make check payable to "The Center of Renewal")  
 Free - Sisters on the Stella Niagara Meal Plan  
(Sisters Only -  Lunch in COR Dining Room  Lunch in Health Center)