

May 2019



First Pres. Press

On Easter Sunday I asked the congregation to keep their eyes and ears open for Jesus this week. I wish it was easier to see the resurrected Jesus. I mean, see Jesus like the disciples saw him...in the flesh. That's all that Thomas wanted...just to see and touch him like his friends had. Jesus does give Thomas this grace of touching him and seeing him. All these occurrences in the last couple chapters of John's gospel bring full circle how John's gospel began "God became flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus is still wrapped in human flesh. God and humanity are one....that's another of Jesus' promises; "you and I will be one just as the Father and I are one."

When we trust and commit ourselves to Jesus Christ, his ways of living, his ways of being in the world Christ is living through us and in us. This is the blessedness of believing and while not seeing Jesus. Maybe you have seen Jesus even in your own life but not been aware that it was him! But now that you know may you be unable to not see him in your life.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Garrett



Annual Friends in Faith Plant Sale

Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We will have beautiful hanging baskets and flats of flowers to brighten your yard and all of your days. Hanging baskets are once again \$18. **We will again be selling gift certificates ahead of the sale and then your special someone can come to our sale and pick out her/his own flowers! For more details call the church office, 315-457-3161 or see Pam Carges.



Robin Kerr-Wilson joined our congregation a couple years ago after moving here to be closer to her family. On April 17th, Robin unexpectedly and suddenly passed away from us and entered the church triumphant. She knew well this faith in Christ in which death has been tamed and is now just the entryway to the full light of God's love and life, may she rest in peace.

Chili Cook Off on Cinco de Mayo-Sunday May 5th

What: **Chili Cook-Off**

When: **Sunday May 5th starting at 11:30 a.m.**

Where: **Downstairs at Fellowship Hall**

Who: **All are invited and encouraged to bring family and friends to join in on the FUN.**

How: **A \$5 donation will allow you the opportunity to taste test and judge all of the pots of chili that have been entered in the Chili Cook-Off**

Why: **Your \$5 donation will help benefit “Operation Library Refresh”**

Please sign up on the list posted in the back of the church to enter in the Chili Cook-Off.



IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR GERANIUMS!

Every year the church orders geraniums to decorate the sanctuary in memory/honor of our loved ones or our veterans that show their loyalty and honor for our country. They are available for ordering starting May 5th and are in red and are \$10.00 each. Please fill out the tear-off in church and place it in the offering plate. (Print clearly when writing names!)

May Mission Report



Blessings in a Backpack Update

As part of the rotation among the partnering churches, for the months of May and June we are asked to change up our collected food item to be:

Chef Boyardee pasta (all varieties)

The rotation helps give us appreciation for the variety of foods they are trying to provide for the kids at Seymour Dual Language Academy in Syracuse. For more information or a refresher on the program see the direct link to the Liverpool chapter website: <https://blessingsinabackpackliverpoolny.org/>

SAVE THE DATE for Wednesday July 17 - Visit from Charles and Melissa Johnson

Save the date for Wednesday, July 17! Our supported mission co-workers in Lundazi, Zambia will be in the USA for an interpretation assignment this summer, and have chosen to visit us!

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Also Charles has identified another unmet need where we can come along side in partnership. He wrote:

“You may be away we are presently constructing an agricultural storage facility at Chasefu AIGA. We were fortunate to receive a large gift from First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, IL, which covers the majority of the construction costs, but we lack about \$10,000-15,000 to complete the construction and the construction of some smaller ancillary projects - security fencing around the warehouse area, a water harvesting system for both rainwater collection and groundwater recharge.

The mission of the Chasefu AIGA is to generate income through farming and related activities to support Chasefu Theological Seminary. When complete, the storage facility will provide secure storage for tools and equipment, farming inputs and harvested crops. We also hope to be able to use a small portion as a classroom area, for practical studies associated with the agricultural science courses being taught there. We are also hopeful that we might be able to provide fee storage to other parties.

We would be very appreciative if Liverpool FPC would consider contributing to the completion of this facility.”

We will collect for this special mission May, and June, leading up to their visit in July

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Santos

Womens' Association

Our Presbyterian Womens' Association/Elsie O'Neil meetings are in full swing. **We'll be meeting on every third Thursday of each Month @ 12:30 PM. Potato chips & dessert provided.**

In Christ,
Coleen Clapper



Floral Committee 2019

During the year the Floral Committee works with members of the congregation to beautify our sanctuary to the glory of God. Congregation members select a Sunday during the year to honor someone, celebrate a special occasion or person or to remember a family member with flowers. The sign up sheet is across from Heather's office, so please sign up for your special day. Someone from the committee will contact you the week prior to your date, to set it all up.

The Women's Association has been very supportive and provides financial assistance to renew and update supplies.

Committee members Coleen Clapper, Louise Pelotte, and Lynda Fauler.

Alzheimer's Association of CNY, has a lot of new, exciting volunteer positions that could give members of our congregation additional ways to get involved in the local community. Please see : <https://alz.org/centralnewyork/volunteer?set=1>



Attend an Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group

Join an Alzheimer's Association support group and learn how the power of your peers can help you navigate your journey. **We meet the 2nd Saturday at 11 a.m. at LFPC.** Facilitators: Allie Jardin. For more information, call (315) 472-4201.

May Birthdays

- 2 – Nancy Putman
- 5 – Kaleb Pfeffer
- 6 – Tim Fay
- 10 – Paul Ferguson
- 11 – Coleen Clapper, Karen Fay
- 18 – Ashley Gouger, Emily Campbell
- 19 – Eric Johnson
- 24 – Zachariah Johnson

(If anyone has been omitted from this list, please call the church office)



The birthday cake for the months of March, April & May, will be served at Coffee Hour on May 19th. EVERYONE IS INVITED!!



Friends in Faith Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year, call Tracie at 315-457-4090 to enroll in the 2, 3 or 4 year old programs.

The Church office will be CLOSED on Monday May 27th for Memorial Day. Our Friends in Faith Preschool children will be marching in the Liverpool Village parade!!



LFPC Church Groups

Monday

CNY Photographers-**Meets 6:30pm every third Monday of the Month** at LFPC in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday

-Pelotte's Bible Study meets **every other Wed. at 1:00** in the Library.

-Women's Bible Study-BFF's **meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. at 6:30 p.m.**

Thursday

-Presbyterian Women's Group, Ladies of the Church, **every third Thursday in the Library @ 12:30**. Bring a brown bag lunch & your Study Books. Refreshments, potato chips & great Fellowship will be provided.

-Choir has practice on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. In the Choir Room**. Please join us!

Friday

-Zentangle Craft Group meets **every Friday in the Green Classroom at 10:00 a.m.**

-Alpha meets every Friday **till May 31st** from 6:00 p.m. (includes dinner) till 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Kingdom Crafters meet the **1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m.**

Bottle Drive

We are still collecting returnable cans and bottles for the preschool. There is a bin downstairs outside of Fellowship Hall to place your donations. Please rinse the cans and bottles out first. Thanks!



Remember the Food Pantry

Just a gentle reminder that as you shop for the food pantry consider purchasing lots of fruits and vegetables. Foods with 7 grams of protein are considered "protein".

LFPC Food Pantry Shopping List:

-Canned Vegetables, -Canned Fruit in juice or water (not syrup), -100% juice

Protein rich foods 7 grams per serving: -Beans, -Canned meats, -Canned fish, -Peanut butter

Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse E-News

Our goal is to highlight things going on throughout the Church: within our Presbytery, in our congregations, as well as in the Synod of the Northeast and across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). To subscribe see: <http://cayugasyracuse.org/e-news>

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The June 2019 Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday May 21st by 12 noon. Please get all articles and pictures into the church office by 5/21. You may call Heather at 457-3161 or email lfirstpr@twcny.rr.com.