

June 2019



First Pres. Press

When you were a child did you ever think (or complain out loud) that you couldn't wait to grow up? Well now that you're no longer a child have you grown up? I love what G.K. Chesterton writes about God's "abounding vitality" which is like that of a child's, "It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we."

Jesus said that we need to be like children in order to really know God. But Paul said that we need to be mature and grow up. They are saying the same thing using different images. We are most open to God when we are in wonder and awe, when we are playful and laughing at ourselves, when we welcome without judgment, when we take turns and leave space for others. We have matured according to Paul when we stop dividing ourselves (a very "adult" thing to do) and have the greatest thing—love. (1 Corinthians 13 but also see Ephesians 4)

This summer we have two opportunities to truly grow up....to grow young again like the eternal One. **On June 16 the WHOLE church is gathering at 9 am** for an intergenerational spiritual formation time which will flow in our celebration Sunday worship. Adults, children, and youth will eat together, learn from one another, do a mission project together. Maybe adults and children and grandparents can all help one another grow young.

The second time will be our **Summer Spirit Event on July 13**. The deacons and others are beginning to plan this event which is open to the whole Liverpool community. It's an open table to all to have fun, eat, and be the church in community.

Peace and grace, Pastor Garrett

Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser



Thank you for making the Chili Cook-Off a Success!
Together we were able to raise \$351 that will help with refreshing the library.

Pastor Garrett **will be on vacation from June 17-24th**.
Heather will be **out of the Church office on Thursday June 27th** .



Once again, Senior Fun Day is happening at Vanderkamp

Tuesday, June 4, 10 am to 4 pm

An amazing day is in the offing for Seniors at Vanderkamp – June 4 from 10-4! You don't want to miss out on a day, planned with seniors in mind. Music, missions, crafts, games, morning watch and vespers, campfire and s'mores – why should kids have all the fun? Call or text 315-706-3564 or e-mail twohoops2@gmail.com and make your reservation – \$20/person covers activities. Reservations made, **after 5/27, please bring your own lunch.**

Loose Change!!!!

The Juniors are collecting loose change to buy a new bench and prayer box for across the street. The goal is \$800! The kids will collect the change in buckets during the offering! We are excited to update this ministry that provides prayers and hospitality for our community! Thank you for your coins!!!!

PW Trip to Auburn, NY

Presbyterian Women and Girls will be visiting the Harriet Tubman House in Auburn on June 8 – tour begins at 9:45 am. **Reservations to Rita Hooper by June 1** at twohoops2@gmail.com or 315-706-3564 or Susan Silliman-Smith 315-591-4623 or august13sss@gmail.com.

Out with the Old in with the New

Come be a part of our first “WE” event on **Celebration Sunday, June 16th**. What is WE? We is an inter-generational approach to spiritual formation where WE will eat together, WE will learn together, WE will serve together and WE will worship together. Join us for a continental breakfast followed by a study of scripture, applicable to all ages, and a mission project. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this new and exciting “WE” event.

Coming Soon!!! The Summer Spirit Event (Picnic)

Saturday July 13th from 3-6 pm. Food, Fellowship, Games, Songs and more!
Stay tuned for Details!



Special Music

The Choir is going on hiatus... Beginning on Sunday, June 23, we will be in need of Special Music to replace the Choral Anthem during services. Please consult with Steve and David and sign up for an opportunity to minister. The choir will return to Services on, or about September 15.

Hospitality Plus!

We have four global exchange partners coming from Korea to attend Triennium with our kids. There are two young adult males and two young adult females. Can you help offer hospitality for these young people? [Here are some ways you can help:](#)

- * Host two of the guests before, OR after Triennium. Dates: Host July 11-14, (Triennium July 12-20), Host July 22-24
- * Have guests over for a traditional American dinner
- * Transport guests to and from the mall or zoo
- * Offer students a special opportunity- boat ride, trip to Green Lakes, etc.
- * Transport guests early (4:00 a.m.) July 15 to Binghamton to catch bus with Susquehanna Valley Presbytery.
- * Transport guests back from Binghamton to host family on July 21, noonish
- * Create a welcome bag

Please talk to Leigh Anne about helping in any of these ways!



June Mission Report



Blessings in a Backpack Update

As part of the rotation among the partnering churches, for the month of June we are asked to collect:

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/>

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your generous giving to the PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This is the single largest denomination-wide mission.

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) released their 2018 Mission Mosaic annual report. See www.pda.pcusa.org. Check it out to see summaries of the vital mission projects supported through PDA in the USA and around the world in 2018:

In 2018, because of your generous support, PDA was able to grant more than \$5.6 million across the globe; support 9,146 work team volunteers who helped those affected by disaster; deploy 438 National Response Team members who spent 2,379 days in the field in 58 presbyteries; train 167 Presbyterian Women in disaster preparedness; screen PDA films for more than 11,000 people; and with Church World Service, aid in the collection and distribution of over 174,000 Gift of the Heart Kits and blankets.

Also in the report is an advert for a video production sponsored by PDA about the Flint, MI water crisis. If there is interest Rob will look into procuring the video as starting point for conversation around the issues it presents, as there are parallels for what we can do in response in Syracuse.

Another core mission from OGHS is the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#). If you have not ever read about it, try the link and learn about the many actions they are taking. Or consider, would LFPC stretch to covenant as a [Hunger Action Congregation?](#)

The third core mission is called [Self Development of People](#). An example supported mission close to us in Rochester, NY is a group called Allianza Agricola, with the goal is to work in collaboration with the statewide Green Light Driving Together campaign to attain access to driver's licenses for all NY residents regardless of their immigration status.

Vanderkamp Kampership Appeal

Vanderkamp has sent us an appeal for additional support for 2019 kamperships for all of the youth who are registered to attend. See: www.vk.org

Please Give... Act... Pray... as you are able.

PC USA Office of Public Witness

If you've ever wondered what the national PC USA church is doing for policy and issue advocacy, look to the [Office of Public Witness, http://capwiz.com/pcusa/home/](http://capwiz.com/pcusa/home/). There you can see many issues and starter text for letters you can write to representatives in government.

Charles and Melissa Johnson May 2019 Newsletter

[Our supported PCUSA mission co-workers posted a May newsletter with encouraging news.](#)

The headline summary:

In our last newsletter, Melissa wrote about the partnerships that have been developed to work on multiple projects that we have underway and how many of you have supported that work. April 10, 2019 was an important day for two of these projects — first, a handing over ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of the Egichikeni mother care shelter. The purpose of this ceremony was to officially hand over the completed facility to the community served by the clinic. ...

On the same day, just a few miles down the road in Chasefu, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to celebrate the construction of the new Chasefu Agricultural Income Generating Activity (AIGA) agricultural storage facility. Construction is going well, with the structural steel erected and the corrugated steel roof completed. The next step is the substructure, and then construction of the concrete block walls will begin.

This is where we can help out again, because...

On Wednesday July 17 Charles and Melissa Johnson VISIT LFPC on Interpretation Assignment

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 will visit us!

Respectfully submitted, Rob Santos

Elsie O'Neil/Woman's Association

Everyone is INVITED. We are more than a ladies group. We are a number of individuals who assemble together once a month, & have developed a unifying relationship. We bring our brown bagged lunches & share a delicious dessert. We discuss church business & our many church projects. We support each other in trials & joys. We also work together on a light Bible Study, which sometimes leads to deep, wonderful conversations. **Our last meeting & end of year party is June 20th.** We'll start up again in September. So, mark your calendars for the fun!

In Christ, Coleen Clapper, Chair

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.

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. For more information, call (315) 472-4201.

Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse E-News To subscribe see: <http://cayugasyracuse.org> 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.).

The July 2019 Newsletter Deadline is Monday June 24th by 12 noon. Please get all articles and pictures into the church office by 6/24. You may call Heather at 315-457-3161 or email lfirstpr@twcny.rr.com.

LFPC Church Groups

Monday

-CNY Photographers-Meets **6:30pm every third Monday of the Month** 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

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

-Presbyterian Women's Group **every 3rd Thursday in the Library @ 12:30.** Bring a brown bag lunch & your Study Books. Refreshments, potato chips & great Fellowship will be provided.

Friday

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

Saturday

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

June Birthdays

3- Debbie Copp
9 - Frank DeGroff
12 - Brian Everts, John Kline
14 - Marianne VanHoute
15 - Fletcher Smith
17 - Adam Herd
19 - Christina, Elizabeth and Julia
DeGroff, Brittany Holt
22 - Mirabella Beerman, David Rudari
26 - Ben Kittle
27 - Jessica Copp, Roberta Marks
28 - Linda Raitt
30 - Mary Anderson



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

Happy Belated birthday to Michael LaTuga, whose birthday was on 5/13!

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

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!

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.

A Rummage Sale Find

Hi everyone. I wanted to share with you about a lovely quilt I found at the Women's Circle most recent Rummage sale. I was helping out, refolding things, helping customers, etc. While doing these things I really had no conscious thought of buying anything until I saw the quilt and decided it would brighten my room. My first point is that I wasn't planning on buying anything. The other point is that this Five piece quilt set was priced at only \$10.

So, when the next rummage sale comes around in the Fall come and browse, you never know but something may pop up at you, and you don't have to worry about spending more money than you want. -Karen Judge