



# First Pres. Press

June 2020 Newsletter

## To Be or Not to Be Open

Governor Cuomo has placed the re-opening of church gatherings in Phase 4 which, if the benchmarks of decreasing new cases and hospitalizations are met, would mean that June 28 would be the earliest that we could hold worship services at Liverpool Presbyterian. Because there will not be a proven vaccine by that time it will mean that social distancing will need to be observed, face masks will need to be worn, and singing is strongly discouraged because droplets with potential viral content can be air borne in excess of 15 feet when singing. The drier the air the longer the droplet stay in the air so would that mean no air conditioner?

I don't mean to be a bummer in this message but I do want you to have reasonable expectations for what re-gathering in the near future would look like.

The decision of when and how we will re-open is a difficult one. I know that many have deeply missed the in-person fellowship on Sunday morning. Sermons and announcements can be effectively delivered through YouTube but not the sacred quiet of the space, the physical sense of being part of Christ's body, the give-and-take of prayer requests and sharing of the Lord's Supper. I also know that some will not and cannot return until there is a vaccine. So even if we were to re-gather, we will not feel complete as a body. Those we are "weakest" and "most honored" (1 Corinthians 12: 21-26) will likely not be among us.

The session will have the ultimate discernment of the Spirit for when we re-open and how. So, pray for these servants you have chosen to lead this congregation. Pray that the Spirit would give us the gifts needed to feed one and nurture one another, give evidence of the Kingdom to the world, and promote the welfare of all in our community.

Peace,  
Pastor Garrett

## A Time for Newness WE Worship

May 31, 2020

**YES**, we are having a WE worship event this Pentecost Sunday! The service will be done via Zoom and the link is in the bulletin Garrett will send on Saturday. Be sure to print out the WE service that includes study questions and a word puzzle we will be doing during the WE worship. This worship includes a family breakfast time, so be sure to prepare a meal to eat at 9:00.

The 8:45 time is going to be a time of setting your table for Pentecost, perhaps a tablecloth or napkins that are red, orange or yellow, balloons or bright flowers. You will also need a Bible and a candle that we will light together. We will all be online during this 8:45 time but muted, listening to music, as we wave to each other, set our tables and prepare for worship.

Promptly at 9:00, we will begin our worship together and eat breakfast while watching two short videos of Pentecost that will appeal to different ages and then do a word puzzle. After, Pastor Garrett will put us in break out rooms to do the study section of our WE time.

If you have never used Zoom, please contact Garrett, Leigh Anne or Tracie to walk you through. We look forward to SEEING you on Sunday!



### Donations Needed

During this pandemic, the food pantry is in need more than ever for donations to help our local community. Liverpool First Presbyterian Church is accepting donations with **no contact** drop-offs on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 11:00am. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Any questions or concerns please contact Lisa at [lfirstpr@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lfirstpr@twcny.rr.com)



**Blessings in a Backpack** All varieties of canned soups and pasta can be donated as 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/>

\*\*\*Donations are able to be dropped off just inside the door of LFPC on Wednesdays and Fridays 10AM-11AM \*\*\*

**May (Happy Belated Birthday!!)**



- 2 - Nancy Putnam
- 5 - Kaleb Pfeffer
- 6 - Tim Fay
- 10- Paul Ferguson
- 11 - Coleen Clapper, Karen Fay
- 13 - Michael LaTuga
- 18 - Ashely Gouger, Emily Campbell
- 19 - Eric Johnson

**June**



- 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 - David Rudari
- 26 - Ben Kittle
- 27 - Jessica Copp, Roberta Marks
- 28 - Linda Raitt
- 30 - Mary Anderson

If you are able please **continue make your regular financial offering** to the church by

1. Mailing your check to Treasurer, Liverpool First Presbyterian Church, 603 Tulip Street,  
Liverpool NY 13088

2. Donating electronically through our website. The site below will take you there. Donations  
given on a debit card have no service fee attached but those on a credit card do.

<https://liverpoolfirstpres.org/give>

**The July 2020 Newsletter Deadline is Monday, June 20 by 12 noon.**

Please get all articles and pictures into the church office by then.

You may email the church office at [lfirstpr@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lfirstpr@twcny.rr.com)

