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FROM THE PASTOR

The Gifts Lying Fallow



I am grateful for the gift of a sabbatical this fall. As you can see from Leigh Anne's article below and Linda Hook's bulletin board outside the fellowship hall, the leaders of the church are prepared to continue the ministry of the good news of Jesus Christ in all its forms. I am confident in their competence and in the Spirit of Christ which is at work in all of you.

The practice of sabbath and sabbatical time in our scriptures is to engage in a different pattern of living, what Rev. Eugene Peterson called "unforced rhythms of grace" (*The Message*, Matt 11:28). When ancient Israel was directed by God to engage in a sabbatical year, they were to let the fields lie fallow and to live off what they have saved for the previous six years and what the land produced on its own without human cultivation. They would discover new gifts of food, God's abundance in providing, and that life need not be manipulated but simply

received as a gift. In response to lying fallow the land would regenerate through natural cycles of death, decay, and renewal. A rhythm of life with grace.

In this sabbatical time look for the new gifts in others and yourself that you have not noticed or trusted until now: preaching and teaching, hearing God's direction, new forms and sources of leading, capacity and joy in caring for one another. I hope that you will have bigger expectations than just "keeping course" until the Pastor returns!

As for me, I will try to lie fallow and trust Jesus' new unforced rhythm of grace, too.

Pastor Garrett

WORSHIP

Dear Friends,

August 17 will be Reverend Anderson's last Sunday until mid-December as he goes on sabbatical to continue hours towards his Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling. We welcome the Reverend Scott Cupp who will preach many of the Sundays this fall. In addition, there will be four Sundays where an elder will give the message and four Sundays that are WE Sundays. These WE Sundays will have a consistent thread that will tie in with Advent services. If you haven't attended a WE gathering before, consider doing so this fall so that your worship during Advent will be even more meaningful.

To communicate what is happening each Sunday, we will give dates and information of the month ahead in this newsletter. Also listed below are your officers of Session and the Board of Deacons along with their ministries. If you have specific questions, please address them to the appropriate officer. We are blessed to continue to have Lisa Bricault, David Rudari, Steve Uhl, Ashley Gouger, Tracie Folley and Ken Pfeffer continue their work as LFPC staff.

We will all pray that Garrett's sabbatical is a time where he can earn the hours required for his degree but also find fulfillment in serving Christ through counseling directly to those in need. We pray too for Rev. Cupp's time with us that the Spirit will work through him in his moderating the Session and leading us in worship. As we all know, we are blessed as a church family and we can anticipate with expectation the Spirit leading us forward in unity through Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Leigh Anne Herd, Chair of Worship and Music

Church Officers

The Session

Rev. Scott Cupp – *Moderator*

Tim Bricault – *Fellowship*

Tim Fay – *Buildings and Grounds, Bookkeeper*

Lynda Fauler – *Stewardship and Finance*

Tracie Folley – *Mission, Director of FIFCPS*

Ashley Gouger – *Faith Formation Coordinator*

Leigh Anne Herd – *Clerk of Session pro tem, Worship, Prayer Ministry*

Linda Hook – *Personnel*

Bill Newell – *Christian Education, liaison with Presbytery*

Tom Ogden – *Treasurer, Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship*

Board of Deacons

Brittany Holt – *Moderator & Fellowship*

Linda Breckheimer – *Birthday Cards*

Karen Bloom – *Kitchen Ministry & Birthday Cards*

Ruth Crissman – *Missions & Fellowship*

Jessica Gorman – *Missions & Communion/Worship*

Diana Marocco – *Shut ins & Home Communion*

Pierre Nzuah – *Fellowship*

Bonnie Santos – *Communion/Worship*

Fletcher Smith – *Treasurer, Missions & Fellowship*

Marianne VanHoute – *Communion/Worship & Fellowship*

Sue Woodworth – *Fellowship & Note Taker*

John Woodworth –

August Worship Schedule

August 3, 2025	Rev. Garrett Anderson
August 10, 2025	Rev. Garrett Anderson
August 17, 2025	Rev. Garrett Anderson
August 24, 2025	Elder Ashley Gouger
August 31, 2025	Elder Tim Fay

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



Lyn Hart, a former member of our congregation passed away in late June in North Carolina. Lyn and her husband John were active members of our church family serving on Session and maintaining the gardens around the church. Lyn was a member of Elsie O'Neill Circle and taught for over ten years in our Nursery School. She was very active in the community as well. She will be missed.



Isaiah's Table Little Pantry

Urgent needs:

women's deodorant

sunscreen

hand sanitizer

nail clippers

*drop off in foyer of church Mon-Fri 9 am - 1 pm
or at Sunday worship*

FRIENDS IN FAITH CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

2025 - 2026

ENROLL
TODAY

2 Y.O. - 4 Y.O SPACES AVAILABLE

Classes meet 2-4 times a week, focused on social, emotional and educational development in a caring, small class environment.

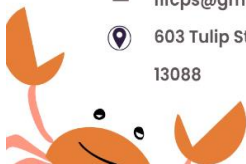
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From the Liverpool Catholic Community:

We are excited to invite you and your community to join us for 'Praise in the Park', a spirit-filled evening of uplifting Christian music held at Johnson Park in the village of Liverpool.

Date: **Friday, August 8th**

Time: **6:30 pm - 8 pm**

What to Expect: a Live performance featuring covers of popular Christian music - a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith, fellowship, and joy.

This event is open to all, and we would be grateful if you could help us spread the word within your own community

We look forward to seeing you there and praising God together in the heart of Liverpool.



NEWS FROM THE DEACONS



Prayer requests for the prayer chain?
Contact Leigh Anne Herd at laherd02@gmail.com or 315-727-0178



August 9, 2025
3:00 - 6:00 pm
*note date change

102 Alder Street, Liverpool (Herd home)
bring a chair and your favorite dish

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CLERK

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LFPC SESSION MEETING

Session did not meet in July; next meeting will be August 11

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE

Additional details about the meeting and other information about the presbytery can be found in the weekly presbytery e-newsletter *Presbytery Matters*. Go to their website cavugasyracuse.org and click on the Resources tab.

MISSIONS



Blessings in a Backpack

As part of the partnering rotation for the month of August we are asked to collect:

Pudding cups

The **Blessings in a Backpack** program is a national nonprofit program that works with local chapters to provide food during the school year to children in need.

The Liverpool Chapter of **Blessings in a Backpack** is now feeding students in all the elementary schools in the Liverpool School district! Every week during the school year, each of these students receive food for the week- end- two breakfast items, two lunch items and two snacks. A group from our church helps to pack the meals on the second Wednesday of the month during morning hours.

Those wishing to make monetary donations to support the program can write a check to “Blessings in a Backpack” and write “**Liverpool NY Chapter 1854**” on the memo line. Checks should be sent to Blessings in a Backpack, Liverpool Chapter 1854, PO Box 52, Liverpool, NY 13088. If you have any questions regarding the above, or would like to volunteer to help pack, please contact Karen Fay at fimtay@gmail.com or talk to me during Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings.

Isaiah’s Table Little Pantry	Needs include ready to eat items (pop-top cans or pouches), cereal, pasta, cereal bars, bar soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, or a monetary donation made out to: “Isaiah’s Table” Urgent need: women’s deodorant, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, nail clippers.
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The following items are being accepted for ongoing needs for families: (***most needed items**)



Hygiene Items: soap, shampoo & conditioner, children’s toothbrushes, toothpaste*, anti-per- spirant/deodorant*, feminine pads*, shaving cream.

Cleaning products: all-purpose cleaner*, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, tall kitchen garbage bags, laundry detergent (no pods), sponges ideally with scrubby side

Any questions, contact the church office (315) 457-3161 or office@liverpoolfirstpres.org
Donations can be dropped off in the foyer during office hours and on Sunday before worship services.

FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY GROUPS

Join a Fellowship/Study Group

Manuscript Study – 1:00 pm, 1 st & 3 rd Mondays	resumes in the fall
Craft & Chat Group – 6:30 pm. 1 st & 3 rd Mondays	resumes Sept 15
Fathers~Brothers~Sons – 6:30 pm, 1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	resumes Sept 16
Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) – 6:30 pm, 2 nd & 4 th Wed	resumes Sept 24
Choir – 7:00 pm, Thursdays	resumes Sept 4
Elsie O’Neil Circle, 12:30 pm. 2 nd Thursdays	resumes Sept 11

Contact church office for more information

Craft & Chat!



Join a group of friends to craft & chat together. We gather on Mondays on the 1st & 3rd week from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the LFPC library.

Whether you crochet, knit, make cards, draw, sew or any other craft you are welcome to join. Even if you don't craft, just come to chat. This is a casual gathering to share craft ideas, enjoy conversation with others and make new friends.

The gatherings will be paused for the summer, starting back on Sept 15. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend to the next gathering!!

Contact Lisa Bricault with any questions.



Fathers • Brothers • Sons
is a new kind of men's gathering for a new day
We will be paused for the summer,
Will meet next on Sept 16
6:30-8pm at LFPC.

Come and join the community!

together in faith • circle of trust • shoulder to shoulder • present in the moment

Becoming Faithful Followers
Trusting God's Presence, Purpose, Promises

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month
GREEN ROOM (2nd floor)
6:30-7:45 PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY TO
BECOMING FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS THROUGH
SCRIPTURE, DISCUSSION AND FRIENDSHIP**

Join us when you are able. Learning, conversation
and fellowship are available every time we meet.

Linda Hook,
Facilitator

**We're off for
July and August.
See you in the Fall!**

ELSIE O'NEIL/WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

We warmly invite all women of the church to join our Circle — a place where friendship, faith, and fellowship come together. We meet monthly on the **second Thursday at 12:30 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**. While we're currently on our summer break, we'll resume our regular meetings on **September 11, 2025**, and we hope to welcome back our faithful friends *and* many fabulous new faces!

Each month, we gather with brown-bag lunches and enjoy a delicious dessert provided by our members. Our time together includes updates on church life, meaningful service projects, and a light Bible study that often sparks rich and heartfelt conversation. Through laughter, learning, and shared prayer, we find strength and support in one another.

Whether you're looking for spiritual encouragement, new friendships, or simply a welcoming space to connect, the Elsie O'Neil Circle is here for you.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm summer wishes,
Coleen Clapper, Chair

FLORAL COMMITTEE



You are welcome to share your garden flowers for worship

Or order flowers for the sanctuary to honor someone, celebrate a special occasion or just to brighten someone's spirit. Contact a member of the floral committee and they will take care of your request, \$40.00.

LFPC LIBRARY

If you are looking for stories, DVD's or other information, remember to check our online church library website: librarycat.org/lib/firstpres1829_Type in any search phrase you like. An advanced search is available, just click on the arrow to the right of the search box.

*Please note: We do not have electronic sign outs. Therefore, each item will say available. The only way to check if an item is available is to look for it in the library. Each item has a sign out card. Please fill out and leave in the tray next to the first door to the library.

Any questions, please contact Sue Kline at slkline51@gmail.com

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

1 – Maryellen Hemstreet Smith, Amelia Paul	16 – Billy Shipman
4 – Lauren Gallagher	20 – Madison Folley, Louise Pelotte
5 – Grace Gouger	21 – David Byrne, Tracie Folley
6 – Jack Raitt, Shelli Carlisle	25 – Ben Miles
7 – Judy Alderman, Lindsey Sanborn	26 – Kerry Byrne
9 – Carol Jerosé	30 – Beth Calnon, Emma VanHoute
14 – Tom Paul	
15 – Doug VanHoute	



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

GIVE TO LFPC



If you are able, please **continue make your regular financial offering** to the church by mailing your check to Treasurer, Liverpool First Presbyterian Church, 603 Tulip Street, Liverpool NY 13088 or on our website at: <https://liverpoolfirstpres.org/give> or download the mobile app “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement”

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>

The **Sept 2025 Newsletter Deadline** is **Monday, Aug 25 by 12 noon**.
Please get all articles and pictures into the church office by the deadline. You may call the office at 315-457-3161 or email office@liverpoolfirstpres.org

