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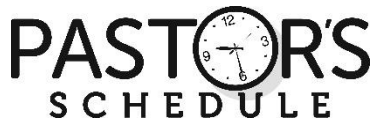
Do you feel intimidated by the Bible? Do you find yourself going to the same parts over and over? How do all those different parts fit together? I will be teaching a four-part series on Getting the Big Picture of the Bible. We will identify the major themes, put various events and writings in a timeline, connect the New Testament writings to the First Testament, and talk about how we read different kinds of writings. And we will try to answer YOUR questions.



Dates: May 17, 24, 31, and June 7. All the classes are Sunday 11:45 to 1 pm

If you are interested, please contact the church office to help in planning.

Pastor Garrett



Pastor Garrett is available in-person at the church Mon, Tue and Wed 9:30 - 12:30 or by appointment.

WORSHIP



Faith Class Reminder:

Due to Mother's Day and Memorial Day, Faith Classes will be held on May 17th and May 31st. The last Faith Class for the 2026-2026 year will be held on June 14th. Younger students will meet with Pierre and Jason during worship and older students will meet with Bill and Rich during fellowship hour.

New Playground

At the last CE meeting, we discussed creating a more intentional space for our children worshipping with us in the form of a playground in the back corner of the sanctuary. The playground has books for children and families to enjoy, coloring, and quiet activities. For families who would like to sit in a pew together, there are trays that children can put coloring supplies or activities in to bring them back to their seat.



Some common FAQs:

What is a playground?

The playground is a space where children can quietly engage in worship through soft play, movement, and hands-on activities while remaining part of the service. The playground is designed to balance inclusion with respect for the service, and we appreciate your grace as we welcome children into our shared space.

Why is the playground in the sanctuary?

We believe children are an important part of our worshiping family. This space allows them to participate in a way that meets their developmental needs while staying connected to the service.

Do adults need to stay with their children?

Yes. Children using the playground should always be supervised by an adult or caregiver.

What kind of behavior is expected?

We ask that children use quiet voices, gentle hands, and calm bodies so that everyone can worship without distraction.

What if my child becomes noisy or upset?

That's completely normal! If needed, we encourage caregivers to step out briefly and return when their child is ready.

How do we keep the space clean and ready for others?

Please help your child tidy up toys and materials before leaving so everyone can enjoy the space.



CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Welcome Everly Llenis & Nolan Alden Newell
Born April 12, 2026

Granddaughter & Grandson of Bill & Linda Newell





Welcome Timothy Jacob Woodard
Born April 26, 2026

Great Grandson of Nancy Putman

Sunday Nursery Care Update



The personnel committee is accepting applications and resumes to fill Sunday nursery care positions. A candidate has applied and is in the interview/hiring process now. Additional interest has been received and follow up is in process. We give a huge *THANK YOU* to the volunteers who have filled in, especially Fletcher and Julie Smith who have filled in for weeks.

We also remind our families to keep sick children home. We have a population of immunocompromised people and several have become ill after being exposed to sick children, especially in the nursery and fellowship.

Outreach Committee Update

The responses from the questionnaires completed at our WE event in February have been compiled, reviewed and discussed. As a result, here are some of the things currently in progress:

- Better and more timely communications
 - *Updating the website is in process*
 - *Posting information on social media is being done*
- Opening the church for public events i.e. movie nights followed by discussion, concerts, speakers, and faith-based events such as Vacation Bible School
 - *Committee is looking into –*
 - movies to show with discussion to follow
 - hosting concerts
- Help our community more
 - *Communications for volunteer opportunities will be provided via the church bulletins, announcements and the newsletter*
 - *Plans have begun to host a Mission Fair in the Fall to inform congregants about the opportunities available to us*



There is a lot of information gathered through the questionnaire responses that will be disseminated throughout the upcoming weeks.

Joint Presbytery Gathering – You’re Invited!

Members and friends of the Presbyteries of Cayuga-Syracuse and Susquehanna Valley are invited to a special joint gathering.

Date: Saturday, May 16

Time: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm

(Doors open at 10:30 am for registration and fellowship)

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia

Who Should Attend:

Everyone! All members, elders, deacons, pastors, and friends of both presbyteries are encouraged to come.

Why Attend:

Come to build new friendships, learn from one another, hear about the merger between the Lehigh & Lackawanna presbyteries, share your thoughts, ask questions, and enjoy a day of connection and community.

Lunch:

Lunch is included. A \$5 donation is welcomed.

Please email Lorrie Cooney: ljcooney1@gmail.com with your name, church, and number attending so we can plan for lunch.

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS



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

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CLERK

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LFPC SESSION MEETING

04/13/2026

- Celebration Sunday and Installation of Officers will be June 14th
- Joint Presbytery gathering will be May 16 in Cazenovia.

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 cayugasyracuse.org and click on the Resources tab.

MISSIONS

Blessings in a Backpack



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

Pudding Cups (any brand or variety)

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	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”
Little Pantry	

The following items are being accepted for ongoing needs for families:



Diapers (any size)
Baby wipes

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

Craft & Chat Group - 6:30pm	1st & 3rd Mondays
Fathers~Brothers~Sons - 6:30pm	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) - 6:30pm	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Manuscript Study -1:30pm	resumes in the fall
Elsie O'Neil Circle - 12:30pm	2nd Thursday
Choir - 7:00pm	Thursdays

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 May 4 & May 18. 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 meet on May 5 & May 19
6:30-8pm at LFPC.
Come and join the community!

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



2nd & 4th Wednesdays
6:30 – 7:45 pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us as we strive to become more faithful in following God's word and Jesus' teachings.

Women of the Bible

May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24

We're going to read about some of the women we already know and some who have not been prominent in previous studies.

There might even be a little trivia involved!

Manuscript Study

This study will resume in the fall



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

ELSIE O'NEILL/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**. We'll be meeting next on **May 14, 2026**, and we hope to welcome 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.

Spring Wishes,
Coleen Clapper, Chair



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

May

2 – Nancy Putman
5 – Kaleb Pfeffer
6 – Tim Fay
7 – Nikki Hart
9 – Jackie Bowen
11 – Coleen Clapper, Karen Fay
14 – Jessi Woodward
18 – Ashley Gouger
19 – Eric Johnson
23 – Ruth Crissman
24 – Zachariah Johnson

(if anyone has been omitted from this list, please contact the church office)
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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 **June 2026 Newsletter Deadline** is **Monday, May 26 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

