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FROM THE PASTOR

Faithful Listening, Silence, and Waiting

We like to be people of action and getting things done. Among other things it makes us feel valuable. In the book of James we are exhorted to demonstrate our trust in Christ by our deeds of love for our neighbor, "... faith by itself, if it is no accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17). Faith or action? Its like asking which airplane wing is more important.

A more fruitful question is "what is grounding our actions?" Actions by themselves can be a frantic fruit of our ego. Done from a sense of obligation, guilt, or mere habit. Actions become powered by the noise and tumult around us and maybe serve as distractions and ways we soothe our hearts. Especially in these days where there is lots of noise, news, and needs, we need firmer ground.

Grounding our deeds, words, and acts of love and justice in prayer and silence is crucial for our souls and for the long-term quality of our deeds that they might be Spirit-attuned and enlivened. Below you will see an opportunity to join together for listening and prayer around the fall elections and many opportunities to act. Each day we can enter into a God-filled silence which gives our words and actions more significance and support because we are in more contact with our heart and soul. Breathe in. Breathe out.

Peace,
Pastor Garrett

PASTOR'S
SCHEDULE

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

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



RAFFLE
Benefits Friends in Faith Preschool

BLESSINGS AND BARGAINS

RUMMAGE SALE + **BAKE SALE**

Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
603 Tulip St. • Liverpool, NY

Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17
9am – 3pm

SUPPORTS LOCAL MISSIONS

Clothing
Jewelry
Household
Holidays
Toys and Children's Books



HOSTED BY
Elsie O'Neill Circle / Presbyterian Women's Association

COMMUNITY TRUNK-r-TREAT!

Friday, October 23 • 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



 St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with St. Paul's ELCA 900 Vine St. Liverpool, NY  Pumpkin Painting Music Chili Sale for Mission	 Liverpool First Presbyterian Church and Friends in Faith Preschool 603 Tulip St. Liverpool, NY  Hot Cocoa Scavenger Hunt	 Liverpool First United Methodist Church 604 Oswego St. Liverpool, NY  Popcorn
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 **Trunks, Treats, Food, Activities • All are Welcome!** 

Prayer Vigil

*Scripture Lessons - Prayers
 Songs - Quiet Reflection*

Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
 603 Tulip Street, Liverpool

**Sunday, November 1, 2026
 5:00 p.m.**

We gather in prayer for our community, our nation,
 and our world, seeking God's guidance and grace.

Wisdom and Discernment	Peace and Reconciliation	Justice and Compassion	Hope and Faithfulness
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All are welcome.




A heartfelt thank-you to the Elsie O'Neill Women's Association for the beautiful rocking chair cushions. The two rocking chairs in the back of the sanctuary had needed them for quite some time. They fit perfectly and look absolutely beautiful! I especially love that they match the cushions on the sanctuary pews. What a thoughtful and lovely gift to our church!

Coleen Clapper
 Elsie O'Neill Chair



Join fellowship
committee for a
cookie bake-off
October 25, 2026
following worship

For anyone who wants to enter a cookie:

- Make 2 dozen of your **BEST** cookies!
- Bring them to fellowship hall the morning of October 25th
- You will be assigned a number so the voting is anonymous!
- The fellowship committee members will take it from there!



For everyone who wants to enjoy the cookies!

- Each cookie will be cut into 4 pieces so you can try all the entries without getting too full
- We will be handing out ballots to vote for your favorite cookie, you can only vote for one!!
- Put your ballot in the awesome ballot box and grab your "I Voted" sticker!

**The winner will be crowned
once all votes are in!**



Gingerbread Nativity Building Event
December 12, 2026

10:00 & 11:15 reservation times
* details coming soon

SYRACUSE ECUMENICAL FOR JR/SR HIGH YOUTH



Fall Gathering

October 18

6-8 PM

Where: Mysteriously TBD

Cooking up a fall-tastic or spooky shindig for our teens!

JOIN OUR STEERING TEAM

Calling all adults and teens! We need your flair to jazz our gatherings, pick the coolest spots, choose awesome service projects, and spread the word about our youth mission for CNY.

Teens, this is your golden ticket to a standout on resumes and college apps.
Help us champion the cause of a safe gathering for everyone.

Email: FAITHIMPACYOUTHONY@GMAIL.COM

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS



Prayer requests for the prayer chain?

Contact Leigh Anne Herd at laherd02@gmail.com or 315-727-0178

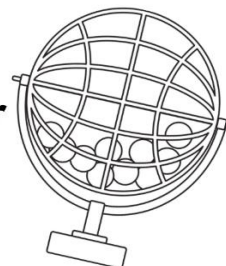


Join the Deacons

November 1st, after worship for



drinks and snacks will be provided



The LFPC Deacons will be doing Nametag Sundays on the first Sunday of each month.
See a Deacon upon arrival for your nametag.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CLERK

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LFPC SESSION MEETING

September 14, 2026

- Session completed the review of our investments to ensure they align more closely with actions taken by the General Assembly. To ensure ongoing compliance, the Investment Committee (Tom Ogden, Tim Fay, Rick Pelotte, Jack Raitt) will develop and present an Investment Policy for Session's review and approval by the December 2026 Session meeting.
- Rich Lash is no longer available to teach the older elementary/middle faith classes this fall. Bill Newell will be the primary teacher for this class. Members of our congregation will be asked to assist each month (two Sundays).

- Blessings in the Backpack summer challenge resulted in raising over \$10,272 and 2000 food items for the Liverpool community
- A Trunk or Treat community event will be held in the church parking lot on Friday, October 23, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., hosted by Friends in Faith Preschool, the Community Engagement Committee, and the Christian Education Committee.
- A community prayer vigil will be held on November 1, 2026 in the late afternoon to pray for wisdom, safety, peace, freedom and more (non-political).
- Buildings and Grounds received approval for funds to replace the manse roof.
- Part-time employees will receive information to participate, through the Presbytery, in 403B benefits (i.e. retirement savings plan, group insurance). This is at no cost to LFPC.

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



Wanted: Cooks, Bakers and Contributors

LFPC Mission Committee has offered to prepare a luncheon on Tuesday, November 3 for Interfaith volunteers who care and provide socialization for the homebound in the Syracuse community. There will be 65 very hungry people for us to feed! Can you help cook, bake or contribute to salads? If so, please let Leigh Anne know!

Blessings in a Backpack- Summer Challenge Success and Going Forward



School has started, and that means the Liverpool Blessings in a Backpack program (which is supported by our church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and Liverpool First United Methodist Church) is back to work providing weekend meals for elementary school students in the Liverpool Central School district that are food insecure. Each week of the school year, these students receive weekend food: two breakfast items, two lunch items, and two snacks. So far, 221 students have signed up for the program. We expect this number to go up as the school year unfolds.

Once again, thank you for your generosity in supporting the Blessings in a Backpack Summer Challenge and Jazz for a Cause benefit concert! Over \$10,000 was collected and 2000 food items donated!!

The annual Fill-a-Bus event took place on Saturday, September 12th at the Route 31 Walmart in Clay. Approximately 4000 food items were donated. Special thanks go to Ed & Lynda, Vicki & Jim, Tim & Karen, Linda, Nancy, Betsy and Tom for volunteering at this event.

On 9/13/26, John Meyer retired from his position as Liverpool Blessings in a Backpack Program Coordinator. Tim Fay and Don VanDusen (member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church) were selected as co-coordinators of the program. Future plans include increasing outreach efforts to area businesses and expanded fund raising. If you have questions about Blessings in a Backpack, please contact Tim or Karen Fay at fimtay@gmail.com (or talk to them during Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings). Thank you!

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK



Pudding cups
Fruit & Nut bars (NO NUTS)

Donations go to Liverpool Elementary Schools

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.

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 NY 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”
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The following items are being accepted:



Feminine Hygiene Items

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

Fathers~Brothers~Sons (early risers) – 8:00am	2 nd Sundays
Craft & Chat Group - 6:30pm	1 st & 3 rd Mondays
Enneagram – 6:30pm	Tuesdays
Becoming Faithful Followers (BFF) - 6:30pm	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays
Manuscript Study -1:30pm	1 st & 4 th Thursdays
Elsie O'Neil Circle - 12:30pm	2 nd Thursday
Book Club – 1:30pm	3 rd Thursdays
Choir - 7:00pm	Thursdays

Contact church office for more information



Fathers • Brothers • Sons
is a new kind of men's gathering for a new day
Early Risers will meet on 2nd Sundays at 8:00 am

Meeting on October 11
Come and join the community!

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



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 Oct 5 & Oct 19. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend to the next gathering!!

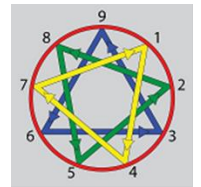
Contact Lisa Bricault with any questions.

Enneagram Class

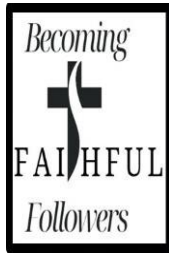
Tuesdays

6:30 – 8 pm

(Sept 15 - Oct 27, no class Oct 13)



- For beginner AND experienced enneagram students
- Understand your gifts and blind spots of personality and how you are more than just it
- Have more compassion and less judgement for others and yourself
- Recognize your habitual responses to life
- Grow in developing a richer knowledge of yourself as a child of God



2nd & 4th Wednesdays

6:30 – 7:45 pm

Fellowship Hall

September 9 – November 11, 2026

The Things That Make for Peace

This 5-session study of the things that make for peace has the goal for participants to compare and contrast cultural, political, and biblical definitions of peace. We will explore what is important to know, what this means for our lives and what we are called to do.

To sign up for this study, contact Linda Hook at hookdonzumba@gmail.com



Manuscript Study

Manuscript Study will meet the first and fourth THURSDAYS of the month at 1:15 - 2:30 in the church library.

Manuscript Study is a process of:

1. Reading Scripture without subheadings and verse separations
2. Observing repetitive themes and words, comparisons/contrasts, by highlighting, underlining, making notes and writing questions
3. Discussing observations and recognizing common themes in order to develop a central message
4. Praying for God's wisdom and guidance in applying this central message to our lives today

Our study this year will focus on the book of Acts. The only supplies needed are a pencil/pen and a Study Bible or a phone for research. If you have questions, please call Leigh Anne Herd.

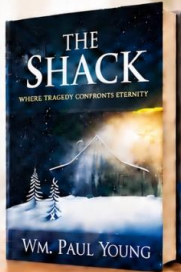
3rd Thursday BOOK CLUB

Books • Conversation • Fellowship

OCTOBER'S
BOOK

The Shack
Wm. Paul Young

October 21
1:30 pm
Church Library



All are welcome!

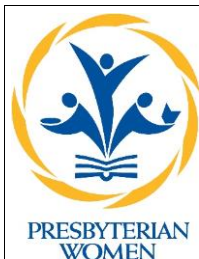
NOVEMBER 19

Return to the Shack
Wm. Paul Young

DECEMBER 17

The Christmas Candle
Max Lucado

Questions? Contact Liz Wavle-Brown, ewavlebrown@proton.me



ELSIE O'NEILL/WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The Elsie O'Neil Circle is having a Rummage Sale on October 16 & 17. We have a new name, Blessings & Bargains.

We need **"all hands on deck"** on **Sunday, October 11th, after worship**. We'll be setting up the **long tables for our Rummage Sale Blessings & Bargains** and placing signage to help keep all of the items organized and easy to find. Beginning **Tuesday, October 13th**, members of the congregation will be able to bring their items and place them on the appropriate table, under the correct signage, for the sale.

If you're able to lend a helping hand with setup, please let me know.

Thank you for helping make our Rummage Sale a success! We appreciate everyone who is willing to pitch in and help.

We will also need extra help on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026**, after the closing of the Rummage Sale. The long tables need to be taken down,, put away & the round tables need to be set up again. Fellowship Hall needs to be completely ready for us to use after Sunday worship services.

Anyone with a **truck**—small or large—is needed to help transport the remaining bagged items to the Rescue Mission, at the end of the sale 10/17 @ 3PM.

In addition to the above, we need **BAKERS**. There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen, where you can write what you'll be bringing & if it contains nuts. If you're planning to bake sweet breads, please make the smaller pans, b/c the larger breads don't sell well.

Many, many thanks for your help and generosity!

Coleen Clapper

Elsie O'Neill Women's Group Chair



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

THEO OF GOLDEN
Allen Levi / ©2025

**BEING PRESBYTERIAN IN A
DYSVANGELICAL AMERICA**
Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg / ©2025

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND HATE
John Fugelsang / ©2025

NEW MAGAZINES

HORIZONS:
THE MAGAZINE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PLOUGH QUARTERLY

PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

SOJOURNERS

NEW BOOKS

STORY TIME

BOOK CLUB

MAGAZINES

WORKSHOPS

For more information, please contact Liz:

✉ Email: ewavlebrown@proton.me | 📱 Text/Call: 607-882-0757

or, chat with Liz during Coffee Hour

 **GOOD BOOKS**

 **GREAT CONVERSATIONS**

 **GROWING IN FAITH**

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 Liz Wavle-Brown (ewavlebrown@proton.me)

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

1 – Lisa Bricault
 3 – Sandy Sanderson, Julie Smith
 4 – Rick Pelotte
 8 – Betsy Payer, Ed Fauler
 12 – Jon Woodworth
 16 – Sam Anderson
 17 – Ryan Sandborn
 20 – Bill Shipman
 25 – Samantha Gallagher
 31 – Kendall Hart

(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 **November 2026 Newsletter Deadline** is **Monday, Oct 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

