



OCTOBER 2026

Pastor's Corner



Nothing Gold Can Stay
Robert Frost
Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

It is the season of transition, isn't it always. Transitions are shifts from one state of being to another. Fall is this beautiful colorful transition from greens to reds, oranges, yellows, and browns. People come from all over the world to watch the beauty we see daily from our morning walks or front windows. However, the beautifully colored leaves don't remain on the trees, they fall off and transition into mulch, compost, jumping piles, habitats for small creatures, and nourishment for the soil.

As people, like the trees, we are always in transition. People may flock from all over to watch and admire our most colorful seasons but, like the trees' leaves, it does not remain. It doesn't lessen either; it becomes something else. It shifts. We shift. We shift all the time in our bodies, minds, and souls. What season do you find yourself in today?

Peace,
Pastor Leah

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October
News Articles
are due by
9/25



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Session

Session meets every

2nd Thursday at 10:30am

Presently serving

Ruling Elders:

David Hall, Jim Hinman,

Kae Hoyle, Ginny Konz,

Anne Millis, Carol Millis and

Susan Sholar

At its Thursday, September 10th Meeting, the Session discussed several issues. Below is a brief overview:

- Pastor Leah opened the meeting with a reading and a prayer. A quorum was present; the Agenda and the meeting minutes for June were approved.
- Clerk read several thank you notes for donations made and flowers sent. Update regarding Joy Novack was received.
- Treasurer Kay Hoyle reported that we are doing well; pledge payments were down during summer months. Outside painting work is being done and masonry work has started. Total Revenue \$13,652.05 and Total Expenditures \$21,472.68.
- Pastor Leah led communion services at Huntington, and at the Seneca County jail. Funeral held for Peter Snyder on August 15th. Various meetings attended. She will be away for two Sundays in October; Michele Edmondson will be asked to lead communion on October 4th. The GAPJC meeting will be held from October 15th-18th - there will be a trial. She made calls and visitations. The Hangout will now be set for the 2nd Friday of every month. Pastor Leah asked about fundraising by renting rooms in the church that are underused; discussion to continue. FPSF will help a senior student at Mynderse - a \$350.00 donation will be made with half going to the school for Homecoming and Prom tickets, Yearbook and graduation cap and gown. The other half will help with food costs for a family currently hosting the student.
- Christian Education - Youth Group will serve the monthly Neighbors Night Out on Sunday, September 27th.
- Outreach - need help with programs for Coffee Hour.
- Personnel Committee - had monthly meeting.
- Building and Property - reviewed changes and corrections to the Building Use Agreement for Creative Choices day care; all approved. Discussed parking lot flooding and rear door that's not locking properly. HVAC ceiling leak in kitchen to be repaired. Snow removal procedure talked about.
- Stewardship/Finance - Investments are doing well. Scout Troop 88 dissolved and new Cub Scout Pack 88 has requested Charter. Monies in church account for Troop to be split, with half to the new Pack and remainder to a scholarship program; details being determined. Donation of \$250.00 to Covenant Network of Presbyterian approved by all. Approved a one-time assistance cap of \$500.00 for individuals requesting financial help.
- Worship and Music - no report.
- Other Business - Pastor Leah made a motion to change Session monthly meeting time to 10:30am. Seconded by Jim Hinman and approved.

Submitted by Anne Millis, Clerk to the Session.



October Birthdays

Kris Lohr Witherspoon - 10/02

Peter Crego - 10/18

Bob Seem - 10/22

Kae Hoyle - 10/29

Matthew Walsh - 10/31

WOMEN'S CIRCLE



Members and Friends to Keep in Our Thoughts

Bea Jones
Living Center at Geneva -
North
75 Mason Street
Geneva, NY 14456
Room #233

Wayne Lohr
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369 E. Main Street
Waterloo, NY 13165
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3094 Andrews Road
Ransomville, NY 14131

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2878 Hopewell-Manchester
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Clifton Springs, NY 14432

Please remember
breakfast foods and pasta
as you shop

Also, HOC needs used
blankets, sheets, towels, and
silverware.



Will meet on Monday, October 5th in the Hawley Room

Kae offered an opening prayer at Circle's September meeting. We spent a happy lunchtime chatting. There were five of us; minus Ginny - who was off on a cruiss on the Great Lakes (since her return she's promised a Coffee Hour program and we'll get to hear about it!)

We began our discussion of which book or books, to take on for this year's study. Pastor Leah had given us the ones she began reading in the Spring and described in the summer Newsletter..."I wanted to share a few of the books I am reading, because the theological readings impact you via sermons, Lenten study, and newsletters."

Joyce read a paragraph or two from the Preface of *Nag Hammadi* and we came upon the word Gnostic, which Kae looked up and we learned that some early Christians claimed to have knowledge about God that was "esoteric" or special and not available to everyone. We agreed that none of us was Gnostic! Ginny has *The Other Gospels* and will give us her take, next week. Kae is looking at books in a Presbyterian Women list.

Barb's treasury remains plump. Concern was expressed that the check we mailed to Novacks in June has not posted yet to our account. (update: Joy and Paul moved to a different Florida place and we sent our card to them at the old address!) This week we mailed out another check.

For the October meeting Barb will offer the opening prayer and Ginny will supply a cultural "bridge" item.

HOUSE OF CONCERN special item for OCTOBER is CANNED SOUPS & STEWS

All packaged and canned food items are welcomed
year-round -- along with toddler diapers, cleaning
and personal Care products

THANKS! to everyone who answered the call
For Breakfast Cereals in September
And/or made a \$\$ donation for Circle work.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



- On the first Sunday in September, we celebrated our students' return to school with a Blessing of the Backpacks and gave a tasty farewell to summer with an Ice Cream Social.
- RE Kelley started the budgeted exterior work on the Church building at the beginning of this month - they are repointing brick to brick and stone to stone joints; doing brick replacement as needed; and rebuilding the south elevation entrance with stone base replacement. In addition, they will perform some miscellaneous concrete repair to the front steps.
- An ongoing drainage issue is also being corrected at the rear entrance to the Church, which will eliminate the standing water that gathers when it rains.



- The Youth Hangout is back in action and will meet every second Friday of the month - Middle Schoolers from 6pm to 8pm and High School from 8pm to 10pm. Come by and bring a friend for snacks and games.
- Coffee and Conversation: IT'S BACK! We'll meet at Café 19 on Tuesday, October at 10am, to chat about whatever is on our minds that day. We would love to have you join us.



WORSHIP

Join us online: www.fpressf.com on our YouTube Channel

October 4 - Exodus 16:1-18; John 6:51

October 11 - 1 Samuel 3:1-21; John 20:21-23

October 18 - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14 and John 7:24

October 25 - 1 Kings 5:1-5; Kings 8:1-13 and John 2:19-21

November 1 - 1 Kings 19:1-18; John 12:27-28



LITURGISTS

October 4 - Ginny Konz

October 11 - Dick Damaske

October 18 - Marion Crull

October 25 - Susan Sholar

November 1 - Michele Edmondson



GREETERS

October 4 - Ginny Konz and Anne Millis

October 11 - Mason Ntuala and Atticus Ntuala

October 18 - Penelope Guarino and Aurora Guarino

October 25 - Barb Van Kirk and Zoe Van Kirk

November 1 - Kae Hoyle and Carol Millis



NURSERY

October 4 - Susan Derr

October 11 - Anne Millis

October 18 - Ginny Konz

October 25 - To Be Announced

November 1 - To Be Announced



COFFEE HOURS



October 4 - Committee Meetings

October 11 - Trip to South Korea - Pastor Leah

October 18- Trip to the Great Lakes - Ginny Konz

October 25 - Pumpkin Sunday

November 1 - Committee Meetings

If you have any suggestions for Coffee Hour Programs, please contact Sue Derr

TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

Kathleen Albert; Reatha Bishop; Lori and Steve Clayton; Jennifer Colbert; Matthew Cramer's Dad; Peter Crego; Cindy Danielson; Six Anthony Davison; Joanie Duval; Carl Feltus; Rita Frankenfield; Joanna Fuller; Diane and Cal Goodman; Pat Gordon; Gerald Gray; Amy Guarino; Tori Guerina; Crystal Hanes; Cindy Hinman-Cosola; Shannon Hoyle; Bea Jones; Bob Lamphere; Josh Lenard; Stephanie Lesinski; the Lobdell family; Wayne and Joyce Lohr; the Lopez family; the Mack family; Kim Martin; Ken Mell; Kathy Minnier; Fred Morganti; Roger Morin; Timothy Mosher; Joy and Paul Novack; Linda Parker; Paula Paxton; Gene and Dean Potter; Susan Sholar; Nora Sibley; the Trivedi family; Shelley Vanderbogart; Lori Varallo; Robert Wagner; Linda Warner; Darryl Wells; Gretchen Whittacre; the Wilson family; and all those suffering in the world.

Know someone ill or hospitalized?
Please call Anne Millis 315-246-6264



Craft Show



WHEN:

Saturday,
October 3, 2026



TIME:

10am-3pm



WHERE:

Oaks Corners
Presbyterian Church
"Hitching Shed"
Pre-emption Road
County Rd #6



WHY:

Supporting the
"Sisters in Faith"
to help us
help our community
in need.

*Come see
all the crafty items
that talented people
have for you!*

We will have
**HOT DOGS &
BAKED GOODS!**

*Something for everyone!
See you there!*



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**A Happy Halloween to you, a fearfully and wonderfully
made child of God:**

