



1st Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls

July/August 2025

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September
News Articles Are
Due on August 26th

The First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls Pastor's Corner



How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

- 1 John 3:17-18

"God calls us to truth and action in a variety of ways. For instance, this is a compellation of work from the artist Kelly Latimore whose artistic style is icons. "I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge, and practice. I want it to be a 'holy pondering', meditation, and process that potentially brings about a new way of seeing for the viewer and me. What is the artwork in our churches and communities for? Who are the saints that are among us here and now? Where is Christ present right in our own backyards? My hope is that these icons can do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue. By transcending our biases, listening, and having inner silence about our convictions, our inherited traditions, or our favorite ideas we can become open to the patterns of work, knowledge and experience we may not have seen in the other or buried in ourselves. The other may have something to teach us about who God is, the world we live in, and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present." (<https://kellylatimoreicons.com/pages/about>)

How is God encouraging you to put your faith in action? Have you been doing some "holy pondering"? How does the painting series from Lattimore engage you in dialogue? How is God calling you to love in truth?

Peace, Pastor Leah

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Session

**Session meets every
3rd Thursday at 10am**

Presently serving

Ruling Elders:

Jim Clark, Marion Crull, Dick

Damaske, David Hall, Kae

Hoyle, Ginny Konz, Anne Millis

and Susan Sholar



Session

At its Thursday, June 26th Meeting, the Session discussed several issues. The following is a brief overview:

- Received thank you card from MA Project for donation to the Class of 2025; received donation in memory of Joanne Elysée from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Logan; discussed donation to the House of Concern for special fund raiser.
- Treasurer's report for May was given by Treasurer Kae H.; Total Revenue \$5,765.88 and Total Expenditures \$27,706.88.
- Judy Selover gave us the audit report for 2024.
- Pastor Leah served communion and conducted services at Huntington on June 3rd & 8th.
- Outreach Committee had someone from RTS Bus for discussion.
- Property – Windows were removed and are being repaired. Exterior painting will begin soon. Carpet in the sanctuary will be cleaned on July 1st.
- Stewardship/Finance – 50% deposit was paid for sanctuary window work.
- Worship & Music - ordered re-usable signs for Ice Cream Socials. Discussed getting more large print hymnals; need to decide how many are needed. Jen Braun will be away on Sunday, July 6th.
- Other Business – Summer Youth events will be held at the Hang-Out during the day.

Submitted by Anne Millis, Clerk of the Session

**The next Session meeting will be held on Thursday,
August 21st at 10am**



July and August Birthdays

Christina Lopez 7/20

Joyce Lohr 7/23

Marion Crull 8/10

Cherie Clark 8/24

Louis Lobdell 8/24

Mason Ntuala 8/28

Matt Crull 8/29



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to Keep in Our
Thoughts

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Please remember



(personal care
items, dish &
laundry detergents,
paper napkins,
bathroom paper,
cleaning supplies,
etc.)
as you shop

Women's Circle

Women's Circle does not meet as a group in July or August...

But we're always happy to see one another at the supermarket or the drug store, Walmart, Community Band concerts, Convention Days, strolling the Sculpture Trail, and at Sunday worship and various other places. Some of us share recipes, political news items or funny cat and other cartoons by email, text messages or social media. Ginny gives tours of The Becker Mansion for Seneca Falls Historical Society where we can take our summer visitors and families.

On the first Monday in June - a sunny, mild day with blue skies and puffy white clouds above - ten of us happily lunched on the deck at Wolffy's by Cayuga Lake on the Lower Lake Road.

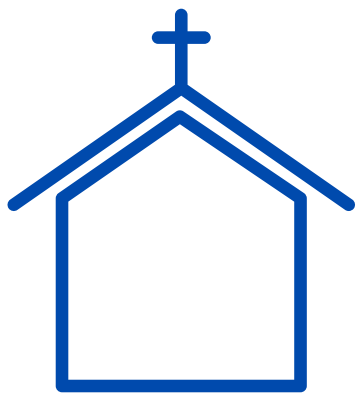


Don't forget our needy neighbors over the summer months...
House of Concern special item for JULY is **CONDIMENTS**
(catsup, mustard, relish, mayo, salad dressings, maybe some olives
and pickles)

AUGUST is **PEANUT BUTTER** and **JAMS, JELLIES**

Let's remember kids are home from school for two months. Try to
include **SNACK FOODS**: Chips, Popcorn, Pretzels, Cookies, Dried
Fruit, Drink Boxes or Mix during **JULY & AUGUST**

*May the Lord watch between Me and Thee While we are absent;
one from the other.*



Church Family News

- **Pastor Leah Graduation:** Pastor Leah officially became Rev. Dr. Leah Ntuala on Friday, May 30th! The congregation surprised her on Sunday, June 8th with a congratulatory cake party. We are so proud!



- **Father's Day Ice Cream Social:** on June 18th right after worship, we honored all of the dads with an ice cream social on their special day.



- **Youth Group:** on Friday, June 20th, the Youth Group got together at the Hang-Out to play games and have snacks. Pastor Leah and the committee are currently working on a schedule for the summer months, which may include times for the Group to get together during the day. Stay tuned!
- **Coffee and Conversation Get-Togethers:** our coffee hour meet-ups at Café 19 have been put on hold for July and August, but will begin again on Tuesday, September 23rd at 10am - be sure to stay in touch with church friends this summer!

4TH OF JULY



Worship Schedule

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

July 6 - Communion - John 14: 15-17; 1 John 4:7-21.

July 13 - John 14:18-19, 25-26; 1 John 5:1-6.

July 20 - John 3:16-17; 1 John 5:9-13.

July 27 - Daniel 2:24-49; Luke 21:20-28.

August 3 - Communion - Luke 6:22-23; Daniel 3:1, 2-7, 8-30.

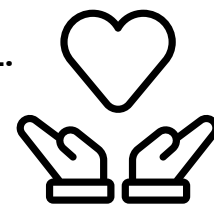
August 10 - Luke 23:1-5; Daniel 6:6-27.

August 17 - Hymn Sing.

August 24 - Luke 12:35-40; Daniel 7:1-18.

August 31st - Luke 17:20-21; Daniel 12:1-3, 5-13.

September 7 - Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8; Luke 11:4.



Liturgists

July 6 - Susan Sholar

July 13 - Barb Van Kirk

July 20 - Marion Crull

July 27 - Ginny Konz

August 3 - Carol Millis

August 10 - Michele Edmondson

August 17 - Dick Damaske

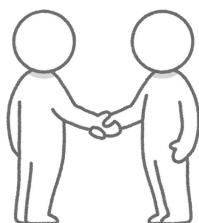
August 24 - Susan Sholar

August 31 - Barb Van Kirk

September 7 - Anne Millis



Greeters



July 6 - Laurie & Daryl Frankenfield

July 13 - Susan Derr

July 20 - Romona & Louis Lobdell

July 27 - Marion Crull

August 3 - Christina Lopez & Paul

August 10 - Zoe Van Kirk

August 17 - Susan Sholar

August 24 - Ginny Konz

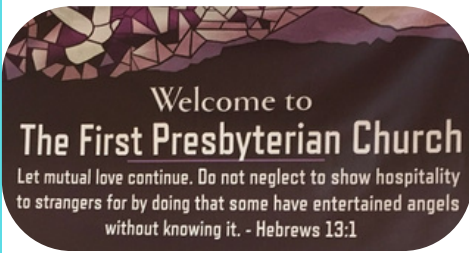
August 31 - Barb Van Kirk

September 7 - TBD

Nursery

Anne Millis will be volunteering in the
Nursery during the months of July and
August - thanks very much, Anne!





Coffee Hours

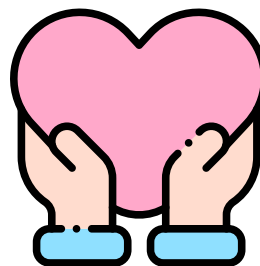
Our coffee hour series will be taking a break for the summer months. If you have any ideas for programs beginning in the Fall, please contact Sue Derr.



To Keep In Your Prayers:

All those impacted by the recent fire in Ovid; Kathleen Albert; Reatha Bishop; Robin Blundon; Jennifer Colbert; Peter Crego; Cindy Danielson; Dimmick; Joanie Duval; Carl Feltus; Joanna Fuller; Diane and Cal Goodman; Pat Gordon; Gerry Gray; Rev. Deborah Grohman; Amy Guarino; Tori Guerina; Crystal Hanes; Cindy Hinman-Cosola; Susan Horton; Walt Hoyle; Bea Jones; the family of Joe Jopek; our Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and EMTs; Bob Lamphere; Josh Lenard; Stephanie Lesinski; Ronnie Lobdell; Wayne Lohr; the Lopez family; the Mack family; Kim Martin; Ken Mell; Kathy Minnier; Tyler Morgan; Roger Morin; Timothy Mosher; Joy Novack; Paul Novack; Linda Parker; Paula Paxton; Gene and Dean Potter; Justine Saunders; Susan Sholar; Nora Sibley; Shelley Vanderbogart; Barb and Jack Wagener; Robert Wagner; Linda Warner; Gretchen Whittacre; the Wilson family; and all those suffering in the world.

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



Other News.....

Local Theater

Local Theater: as assorted costs rise, if you are able, please consider supporting a local theater production. They are struggling to pay show royalties, buy lumber to build and paint sets, buy fabric to create or buy pre-made appropriate costumes, and put out assorted kinds of advertisements. Groups are also still struggling to get the audience numbers we were enjoying before Covid and dearly want people in the seats to watch the performances. Theater is a wonderful distraction from the stresses we are all feeling in our everyday lives and for those of us in the productions, it is often our therapy as we laugh and cry together. Our area is lucky; we are surrounded by many groups who are in rehearsals for summer productions right now. Please look for their posters, Facebook/Instagram, and websites, radio and newspaper ads and go see a show! If you time a donation right - you can be listed in their show program as a Patron with even a small \$5 donation. Who doesn't like to see their name in print!

PS: I'll put up a poster for my production of *The Sound of Music* with the Phelps-Clifton Springs Community Theater by the back door soon. It will have a QR code to make donations and buy tickets. If you wish to give me a donation, I've left some forms on the table downstairs under. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ARTS!

Submitted by Carol Millis

Pentecost

I've had some questions come my way about Pentecost and the symbols we display. Here are some answers from our research for decorating ideas.

We usually celebrate only the Day of Pentecost (a single Sunday) and not as a season like Advent and Lent. Pentecost is most familiar as told to us in Acts 2:1-4, when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples seven weeks after Easter with a sound 'like the rush of a mighty wind' and with 'light in the form of tongues of fire' and each of them began to speak in their native tongue and understand and be understood by all. The liturgical color is Red.

Pentecost: occurs Seven Weeks after Easter.

Symbols: the descending *Dove* indicating the Holy Spirit and the power of God at work and *Seven Flames* indicating the separate flames on each disciple representing the divine appearance. These also symbolize the seven gifts of the Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, Fear and Piety.

Trinity Sunday (or The Sunday after Pentecost): There are various symbols representing the 'Three in One' of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The easiest to create for us was the *equilateral triangle*, but it could also be a Clover or Shamrock or some other form depicting a triad.

The next three Sunday symbols depict the three segments of the Holy Trinity.

The Second Sunday after Pentecost: God the Father. *The Hand of God the Father reaching down from a cloud* in blessing. It is one of the older symbols of God and is found in the scene of the Baptism of Christ.

The Third Sunday after Pentecost: God the Son, Jesus Christ. The *Cross* is the perfect symbol because of Jesus' death on the cross, but there are other symbols that are acceptable - The Fish (or ICHTHUS), the Lamb (of God), and the Rock.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost. This takes us back to the descending *Dove* used on Pentecost but could instead by an Eagle, or Fire (Flames). We sometimes skip revisiting this one and move on to the liturgical color Green.

The full season of Pentecost is 24 to 29 Sundays following the Day of Pentecost and ending with All Saints, and the liturgical color is Green. The number of Sundays after Pentecost is determined by when Easter is celebrated, as All Saints is a set time on the liturgical calendar. The ever-moving date for Easter is a whole different conversation! We have taken the liberty to extend the use of the Red scarves from just Pentecost Sunday to include the additional weeks of symbols - we use the red scarves so little otherwise.

Carol and Anne Millis





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Happy 4th of July to you, a fearfully and wonderfully made child of God:

