

# RIVERSIDE REPORTER

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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS....

Purpose is a curious word. Everyone has their own definition from experiences. We also judge what's the most important or respectful or worthy purpose. People spend years trying to figure out what it is for each of us.

Have you discovered your purpose for life? Does it include the words of Jesus Christ? Does it care for the least of God's children?

The following prayer is attributed to Bishop Oscar Romero but the Bishop Ken Untener is the author.

### *Prophets of a Future Not Our Own*

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.  
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision. . . .*

*This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow.*

*We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.*

*We lay foundations that will need further development.*

*We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.*

*We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.*

*This enables us to do something, and to do it well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and to do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.*

*We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.*

*We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.*

Blessings!

*Laura*



Rev. Laura Norris Buisch

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID THIS SUMMER!

The DeMarcos Peggy Geist The Zaffrans Patty Geist  
Lisa Granieri Fran Bailey  
James Cowe Kevin Kernin  
Sunday AM Ushers The Soos'  
Linda Hayes Sue Boyce  
Jean Westmoore Suzette Spagnolo  
The Fischers Kimberly Yung  
Barb Vollick Kristen Maggi  
Christine Stevenson  
Bob Kelly Cindy Willaims C J Tripi  
Deanna Rosinski Mike Roth Sherman Wallace  
Barbara Rodgers Dave Spagnolo Deedee Wilson  
Dawn Ralph Jill Kubiba  
Roberta Bradfield Cindy Cook Linda Hayes

We are *thankful*

...if we forgot anyone PLEASE let us know!

# September Flowers



If you would like to offer flowers for a loved one or for a special occasion, the 2025 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board.

You are welcome to BRING YOUR OWN.

If so, please specify when signing up otherwise they will be ordered thru Evergreen Florist.

Call the Church Office anytime with your request, your favorite flower/color & any questions you may have.

Finally, please let us know if you will be taking the flowers home or leaving them for a shut-in to enjoy.

**September 7th**  
(still available)

**September 14th**  
In loving memory of  
**Bob & Regina Rodgers**  
given by  
**the Rodgers, Garrett & Miller families**

**September 21st**  
(still available)

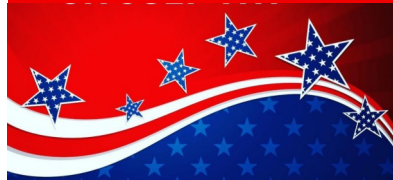
**September 28th**  
In loving memory of  
**Helen McKean**  
given by  
**Lisa Granieri**

## Dear Father -

As a new school year begins, we pray that You would protect and provide for each student and staff member physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally, and that You would allow us to be the answers to these prayers whenever possible.

In Jesus' name, Amen

**THE BUILDING WILL  
BE CLOSED MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 1ST**



**SEPTEMBER  
SESSION MEETING**  
**6:00PM**  
**Wednesday,  
September 17th**

**OCTOBER  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE IS...**

**SEPTEMBER 15th**



## Prayer Requests



**Our Shut-Ins:** Jean Aureli, Mary Bauer, Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocious, Sylvia Davis, Bettie LaMacchia, Jodi Masters, Jane Siever, Joan Swearengen, Dorothy Swick, Kay Vance

**Prayer List:** Mike Emmick, John, Chuck (family of Kristi Murawski), Bob Davis (Sylvia's son), Corinne Kernin, Cindy Ransom, Judy (friend of Jane Siever), Dawn Ralph, John Deeter, Chris Soos, Anita, Tim & Jeremy Heary, George (friend of Lynn Emmick), Linda Johnson & family, Carol (friend of Chris Soos), Jane Siever, Bettie LaMacchia, Barb Vollick, Adam (Kristin Bradiel's boyfriend), David Brodie (Bills's brother), Sara Sroufe (Pam & Mark's daughter in law), Kimberly Yung, Shirley Jones, the Maggi family, Kathy Doel, Bob Bull (friend of Barbara Rodgers), Ethan Westmoore and family, the Winker & Quarantillo families, friends and family of Lee Tweedie, Debbie Hansen

## Office Hours

**Rev. Laura Norris-Buisch**

**Cell ~ 716-713-6365 Church ~ 283-9752**

**Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays & Fridays  
9:30AM - 2:00PM**

Other times available. For an appointment, call to schedule.

**Church Office ~ Lynda Grozio**

**Mondays & Wednesdays  
8:30AM - 3:00PM**



# The Church Session

maintaining the spiritual government of the church

**We Thank Departing Elders:**  
**C J Tripi**  
**Cindy Williams**  
**Barbara Vollick**

## CLASS OF 2026

**David Spagnolo**  
**Christine Stevenson**  
**Jean Westmoore**

## CLASS OF 2027

**Robert Kelly**  
**Deedee Wilson**

## CLASS OF 2028

**Jake Fischer**  
**Diane Holt**  
**Deanna Rosinski**

## NONIMATING COMMITTEE

**Lisa Granieri**  
**Barbara Rodgers**  
**Session Member TBA**



# Tuesday talks

**Under the Tree  
HERE at Riverside**

**from 10:00AM - 11:00AM**  
**Every Tuesday**

& continuing weekly weather permitting

***Bring a chair & let's chat!***



## OUTDOOR MOVIE NITE!

## SERVICE OF *Ordination & Installation*

**Sunday, September 21st**



**6:00PM**

**Saturday September 20th**  
**HERE at Riverside**

**COMMUNITY  
PRAYER**



**2025-2026**

**the 2nd & 4th Sunday in September**

**September 14th**

**September 28th**

**ages 4 yrs & UP**

**The Nursery is available**  
**during the summer months**  
**for children ages birth thru 4 yrs.**

**WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

**Watch for your September Newsletter for more details.**

# RIVERSIDE WORKERS

Chris Soos, President

Welcome To Fall & Snowflake Bazaar Season!!

## SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR

Friday, November 7, 2025

10:00AM - 7:00PM

Saturday, November 8, 2025

10:00AM - 2:00PM

## FISH FRY ON FRIDAY

5:00PM - 7:00PM



Annual Bazaar preparations are underway...

### Trash & Treasures:

Please donate now! Call the office to make sure someone is here to accept your unused items. NO clothing or large electronics. Donations must be clean and in workable condition.

### Jewelry:

Always a popular area!

### Crafts/Christmas:

Now accepting handmade creations!

### Basket Auction:

Now accepting finished baskets containing NEW items! Gift cards or monetary donations welcome! Regular baskets should be valued at \$25.00 minimum. Big ticket items should be valued of \$60.00 minimum.

### Dining Room:

Pies will be needed!

### Bake Sale:

Start baking & freezing now for this popular area!

**WORKERS ALWAYS NEEDED! SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER!**

**Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 10:00AM.**

Please join us for dessert and lively discussion!  
We always welcome new ideas  
to make our Bazaar the 'Talk of the Town'



## SEPTEMBER Birthdays

September 6	Joanne Cowe ★
September 7	Kimberly Yung
September 10	Breanna Burke
	Adam Leffler
September 12	Wyatt Grady
September 13	Jill Kudiba
September 14	Lynn Emmick
September 15	Laurie Gee
September 16	John Deeter
September 17	Gerry Panza
September 19	Patty Geist
	Stephanie Fischer
	Declan Tweedie
September 21	Joe Spagnolo
September 26	Terry Hare
	Bob Sherwood
September 27	Andrea Wells

## Happy Anniversary

September 16	Taylor & James Grady	8 years
September 24	Kristina & Randy Zaffran	9 years



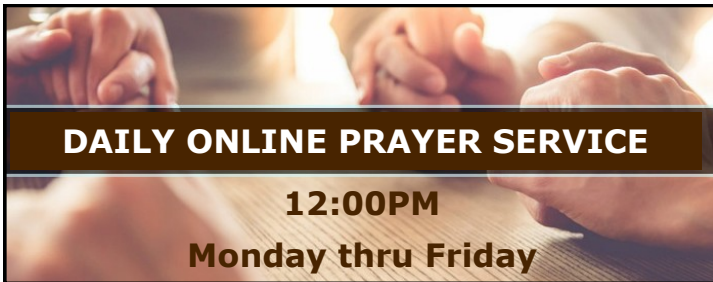
Happy Birthday  
to Joanne Cowe







**6:30PM Monday September 8th  
@ DeMarco's**



**DAILY ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE**

**12:00PM**

**Monday thru Friday**



**AT THE CHURCH**

**9:30AM  
Every Friday**

**Join us for coffee  
& conversation!**

## Saturday Night Service

**5:00PM  
September 13th**

**Join Us Outdoors  
(weather permitting)  
when we worship together**

## Volunteers Needed!

**If you would like to volunteer and  
JOIN OUR BAKER TEAM or LAY READ  
there's a sign up board at church!**

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

...you can send your offering  
to the church online  
through Tithely?

It's a site where you can pay with your  
credit card & even set up recurring  
payments weekly or monthly.

**GO TO:**

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1861124](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1861124)

## September Scripture Readings ...

### September 7, 2025

*13th Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 18:1-11

and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

and Psalm 1

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

### September 14, 2025

*14th Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

and Psalm 14

Exodus 32:7-14

and Psalm 51:1-10

1Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

### September 21, 2025

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

and Psalm 79:1-9

Amos 8:4-7

and Psalm 113

1Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

### September 28, 2025

*16th Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

and Psalm 146

1Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



**for September...**

**COMMUNITY MISSIONS**

**Thank you for your generosity**

## Financial Snapshot for June 2025

### WEEKLY GIVING:

6/01/2025: \$1,765.00

6/08/2025: \$1,475.00

6/26/2025: \$1,164.00

6/22/2025: \$1,241.00

6/29/2025: \$1,230.00

Int/Investment Income: \$309.35

Tithely: \$455.00

**TOTAL INCOME: \$7,639.35**

### MONTHLY EXPENSES:

Salaries/Benefits \$9,812.78

Utilities \$497.62

Other \$2,282.48

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$12,592.88**

Deficit -\$4,953.53

Mission: \$122.00



**2025 - 2026**

Offering Envelopes are available at the church  
**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD?**

**JOIN US** for our monthly **NAP Dinner**  
and **Fellowship** (Niagara Area Presbyterians)

**FELLOWSHIP  
DINNER**

**5:00PM**  
**Wednesday,**  
**September 3rd**  
**HERE @ Riverside**

when members of Bacon Memorial,  
First Pres Lewiston,  
First Pres N F, and Island Pres  
gather **TOGETHER**

No need to bring a dish,  
the hosts take care of that!  
A small donation is appreciated  
but not necessary



**MONDAY  
FUNDAY**

gives  
special thanks  
to Jill Kudiba!

*Happy Birthday!*



# RIVERSIDE'S SUPPER CLUB

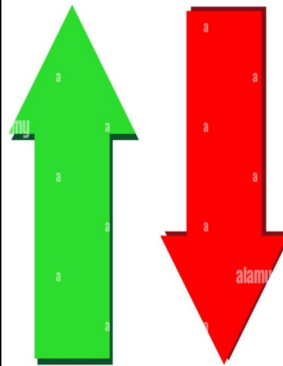
**JOIN US  
6:00PM**

**Tuesday, September 30th**

**Olympia Restaurant**

**3312 Niagara Falls Blvd  
North Tonawanda**

**...for a DUTCH TREAT MEAL TOGETHER  
EVERYONE'S INVITED!**



**Want to join us for  
SUPPER CLUB  
and/or LUNCH BUNCH?**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW**  
so the establishments can  
accommodate us!

**Patty Geist 716-417-3590**

**Rev. Laura 716-713-6365**

**NOT SURE? IT'S OK!**

**WALK Ins are welcome!!!**

# LUNCH

**12:00PM** **BUNCH**

**Tuesday, September 16th**

**Brick Oven Pizzeria & Pub**

**2457 Grand Island Blvd**

**Dutch Treat! Everyone is invited !**

# SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  Building closed	<b>2</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>3</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service  5:00PM NAP Dinner HERE!	<b>4</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>5</b> 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour  12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10AM Worship w/Communion	<b>8</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>9</b> 10AM R'Workers Business Mtg  12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>10</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>11</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>12</b> 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour  12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>13</b>  5:00PM Saturday Nite Worship
<b>14</b> 10AM Worship w/Sunday School  Flowers for Rodgers Garrett	<b>15</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service  October Deadline	<b>16</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service  12:00PM Lunch Bunch	<b>17</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service  6:30PM Session Meeting	<b>18</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>19</b> 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour  12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>20</b>  6:00PM Community Prayer & Worship
<b>21</b> 10AM Worship  Ordination & Installation of Officers	<b>22</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>23</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service  6:00PM Supper Club	<b>24</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>25</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>26</b> 9:30AM TGIF Coffee Hour  12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10AM Worship w/Sunday School  Flowers for Lisa Granieri	<b>29</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service	<b>30</b> 12PM Online Prayer Service				

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**Return Service Requested**



*The Riverside Reporter*  
*September 2025*

To every thing there  
is a season, and a  
time to every purpose  
under the heaven:

Ecclesiastes 3:1