

May-June



GOOD NEWS GAZETTE

# Leslie's Musings

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May ~ June 2018

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*

*"I Come with Joy," verse 2, #507 in The Presbyterian Hymnal*

In 2011, the Presbyterian Church (USA) adopted a new form of government, perhaps ironically known as "n-FOG." For some, it felt quite foggy! But the point was to clear up some of our practices which were "one size fits all," for churches of 20 or 2,000. This new form of government frees up sessions to adopt practices that work in that particular congregation.

Children have long been allowed to take communion in Presbyterian churches, and now even those people who have not yet been baptized are welcome at the Table. We try to keep communion as open and unfenced as we possibly can. But there was still the issue of who serves.

It used to be that only elders and deacons could serve, whether presently on a board or at rest. That occasionally created an issue on Sunday morning as someone scooted around looking for a body to serve. No more. Now Session may approve anyone they wish to serve.

Anyone! I'm delighted that we now have a policy that anyone 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up may serve communion! Of course, I'm not going to grab someone who's never served at the Table on Sunday morning. Later this summer, I'm going to hold a Saturday class for anyone who would like to take part. We'll make communion bread for the following day, and we'll learn all the particulars of how to serve. We'll partake that day, so everyone has a chance to practice what it feels like, and to get comfortable with the words. This is the bread of heaven. This is the cup of salvation. This is my body. This is my blood.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to see a group of kids serving communion on a Sunday morning? I continue to look for opportunities for our kids to be involved—as liturgists, ushers, water bearers, acolytes, dramatists, dancers... If I'm missing something, please let me know! And if you know a young person who would like to participate, also let me know. My hope is an "opener" communion table where all are welcome—as guests and hosts.

May you find rich blessings in the season of Easter, and may your spiritual life be filled with joy—even when the days feel hard. May you provide healing to one in need, or accept the hand of grace when offered to you. Meanwhile, I'll see you in church!

*Love,  
Leslie*

## Words from the Worship Ministry Team

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“For all who are  
led by the Spirit  
of God are sons  
of God.”

Romans 8:14

### WMT DATES:

#### May ~ Worship

- Sun, May 6 - 11am** - Worship with Pastor Leslie;  
Intinction Communion
- Sun, May 13 - 11am** - Worship with Pastor Leslie;  
Mother's Day
- Wed, May 16 - 6:30pm** - Healing Worship with Pastor Leslie
- Sun, May 20 - 11am** - Worship with Pastor Leslie;  
Intinction Communion;  
Pentecost Sunday - Wear RED;  
Sunday School Celebration;  
Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

#### SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10am starting:

- Sun, May 27 - 10am** - Worship with Pastor Leslie;  
"Memorial Day Weekend"

#### June ~ Worship at 10:00am

- Sun, June 3 - 10am** - Worship with Guest Pastor,  
Rev. Dave Smith; Intinction Communion
- Sun, June 10 - 10am** - Worship with Pastor Leslie;  
Installation/Ordination of Officers;  
Baptism of Charles Paul Erikson
- Sun, June 17- 10am** - Worship with Pastor Leslie;  
Father's Day;  
Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)
- Wed, June 20 - 6:30pm** - Healing Worship with Pastor Leslie
- Sun, June 24 - 10am** - Worship with Pastor Leslie

**WMT Co-Chairs: Elder Shirley Hagle and Elder Pat Loeswick**

**Members: Jane Crossan, Janet Haacker, Marla Maertin, Laura Marohn, Janet Schurr**

**Special Worship Coordinator: Peggy Brown**

**Spiritual Advisor: Pastor Leslie**



## Stay tuned!

**\*Communion classes for anyone wishing to take/serve communion: date/time TBA..**

**\*Special "old fashioned" band concert planned for July 29<sup>th</sup>! Save that date!**

All are welcome to be an ACOLYTE. Check with Janet Schurr for more information.

**Thank you to the 2017-2018 Acolytes!**

Shelby Bearfield, Kaitlyn Burns, John Faux, Daniel Liberti

Jessica Schurr, and Ryan Tasevski



## SHARE YOUR GIFT AS AN USHER

**If you are interested in being AN USHER, just once every 5 weeks, please talk to any Worship Team member or Nancy/Brian Burns.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR *Memory Lane* Respite Program

Our church is going to offer a respite program for family caregivers of people with memory impairment (i.e. dementia, Alzheimer's) to get a much needed break. Our program will run once a month, (the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:30am to 2:30pm beginning Aug 21), and we are looking for dedicated volunteers to help out in various ways:

- 1 on 1 companion for guests
  - setup/cleanup
    - crafts
- food prep, food serving
  - games
  - music
  - check-in
- making phone calls

You do not have to volunteer every month; we will have sign-up sheets ahead of time. There will be a 3-hour required training done at church by the Alzheimer's Association. More information is on the table in the Narthex and any questions can be directed to the team: Kathy Greenawalt, Marilee Mathias, Janet Haacker, Judy Winters, and Pastor Leslie Latham.

Why not consider helping out with this exciting ministry?



## **BLESSED.....**

is how you will feel when you choose to help out at  
a RESPITE PROGRAM....

A **RESPITE PROGRAM** provides family caregivers of someone with early to mid-stages memory impairment (e.g., dementia, Alzheimer's) a much needed break....time for them to do some personal "catching up" with errands, rest or activities.

Our program, **MEMORY LANE**, runs ONCE a month – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, year round from 10:30a-2:30p at **First Presbyterian Church**, 149 Broad Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150.

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to become a one-on-one BUDDY to a "guest" for those 4 hours. As a volunteer BUDDY you will participate with them in crafts, snacks, games, music, lunch & various activities.

- \*No previous experience necessary.
- \*You will be trained.
- \*You do NOT have to help out every month.
- \*There are a variety ways you can help – not just as a Buddy.

If interested, please contact us at 692-1319, or email at: [church@firstprestona.org](mailto:church@firstprestona.org)

# Music Notes ~ Marla Maertin

## May - June 2018

How wonderful that Spring is (almost) here! The cold will begin to dissipate, the flowers will start coming up out of the earth, and the sun will shine happily upon us again.

Our music people like the warmer weather, too. Which is why we begin to wind down, looking toward the Music 4 Meals concert in June as the final time we sing as a choir. Hearts 4 Worship will continue, but this time of year we have more small groups and duets or soloists. This gives us something different to listen to each Sunday.

All the musicians work so hard throughout the season that it's nice to have a little break, to enjoy what's outside, and to be grateful for the beautiful weather God sends us each season of the year.



### May

- 3 7:30p - Choir rehearsal
- 6 10:30a - Choir warm-up
- 10 6:30p - H4W rehearsal
- 7:30p - Choir rehearsal
- 17 6:30p - H4W rehearsal
- 7:30p - Choir rehearsal (cake)
- 20 8:30a - H4W warm-up
- 24 7:30p - Choir rehearsal
- 27 9:30a - Choir warm-up
- 31 No rehearsals

### June

- 7 6:30p - H4W rehearsal
- 7:30p - H4W & Choir
- 10 6pm - Music 4 Meals Concert at  
First Pres Church
- 24 Classical Sunday



"The Lord also will be a refuge....in times of trouble." Psalm 9:9

"Refuge.

A shelter from danger or trouble. A place to go for safety.

Run to the outstretched arms of the Lord.

For He will wrap you up in His love, surround you with His power, and protect you.

He is your refuge. And He is waiting to welcome you."

Peter Wallace



Do you need help in finding your **refuge**? Are you somewhat lost as to how to get there? A Stephen Minister has been trained to help you find the **refuge** waiting for you - **our Lord and Savior!**

Don't hesitate! For a confidential conversation & more information, please contact Pastor Leslie (692-1319) or Janet Haacker (694-4290).

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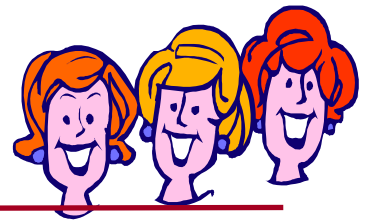
## Deacon's Notes



### **Tonawanda School Mission Project**

The Deacons are teamed up with the Tonawanda Elementary Schools to provide much needed clothing to needy children. Either a monetary donation or clothing donation is acceptable. A list of needed clothing items is posted in the Narthex. There is also a tote in the Narthex where you can drop off any donations. Please see Jane Crossan or Leslie Dugan with any questions you may have.

Thank You For Your Support!



## **"Month of May Sale"**

**May 2, 2018 - 10am-1:30pm**  
**Luncheon 11am to 1pm**  
**Chicken Salad Plate**  
**Fresh Baked Pie**  
**Coffee, Tea or Punch**

Please remember items you no longer need are still accepted. Please be sure they are in reusable and clean condition. Please no electronics.

## **"Joyful June Sale"**

**June 6, 2018 - 10am-1:30pm**  
**Luncheon 11am to 1pm**  
**Special Buffet Luncheon**  
**Fresh Baked Pie**  
**Coffee, Tea or Punch**

## **Church Women United of the Tonawandas**

**May Friendship Day - Friday, May 4, 2018 at 9:30am**

St. Paul's United Church of Christ - Shawnee

3921 Mapleton Road, N. Tonawanda

"Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God's Presence"

The Least Coin offering will be collected at this celebration.

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**June Social Awareness Day - Friday, June 1, 2018 at 1:00pm**

St. Paul's United Church of Christ - Wendleville

7416 Campbell Blvd., N. Tonawanda

Please See Donna Blinston for details.

## **Officer Training**

**All elders and deacons, both presently serving and incoming, are invited to Officer Training on May 23 from 6pm-8pm. The Book of Ordination mandates that officers are trained on a yearly basis. This year's topic will be conflict resolution. A light meal will be served. Please let the office know whether or not you will be attending by May 20. Thank you.**



# Glory Bee

## Celebration Sunday

May 20 at 11am

Everyone is invited!

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends,  
& Neighbors.

Come and celebrate with our Sunday School Kids!

Last day of Sunday School until

Rally Day: September 9, 2018



### Youth Ushers:

May 13

June 10

Happy Birthday to the members of our Church Family who celebrate their birthday in May and June.  
THANK GOD FOR YOU!

### May

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Jessica Schurr  | 17 Renée Tasevski   |
| 3 Diane Charsley  | 17 Daniel Liberti   |
| 5 Mary Bender     | 20 Bob Palfi        |
| 12 Kyle Bennett   | 21 Andy Auer        |
| 13 Lynette Ryan   | 22 Gracie Auer      |
| 14 Linda Apple    | 22 Kelsey Burns     |
| 16 Laura Grant    | 26 Meredith Anthony |
| 16 Betsy Crocker  | 27 Mary Zielke      |
| 16 Audrey Anthony | 29 Judy Geerkin     |
|                   | 29 Nancy Dietrich   |

### June

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| 5 Cassandra Martinelli |
| 7 Hillary Vecchio      |
| 21 Lynn Weber          |
| 22 Joya Palermo        |
| 29 Kaitlyn Burns       |





# Worship Assistants

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## Greeters: May

6 Nancy Dietrich  
13 John Faux  
20 Jackie Rexford & Jack Seager  
27 Steve & Joya Palermo

## Greeters: June

3 Laura & Alvin Marohn  
10 John Faux  
17 Bonnie Zimmer & Shirley Hagle  
24

## Ushers: May

6 Team 4  
13 Team 1 (Youth)  
20 Team 2  
27 Team 3

## Ushers: June

3 Team 4  
10 Team 1 (Youth)  
17 Team 2  
24 Team 3

## Usher Teams

### **-Team 1 (Youth)**

William Welch, Jessica Schurr, Kelsey Burns

### **-Team 2**

Mary Ferro, Tom Dugan, Leslie Dugan, John Faux,  
Linda Barry

### **-Team 3**

Randy Marohn, Bill Haley, Bonnie Zimmer, John  
Greth, Larry Rayner

### **-Team 4**

Brian Burns, Diane Charsley, Alvin Marohn,  
Laura Marohn

## Liturgists: May

6 Diane Charsley  
13 Mackintosh Barker  
20 Billy Welch  
27 Nathan Harrington

## Liturgists: June

3 Janet Haacker  
10 Alvin Marohn  
17 Lynn Weber  
24 Pat Loeswick

**Announcements for the weekly bulletin must be submitted to the office by Tuesday before Noon to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.**

Ministry Team Chairs, Deacons, Church School, Presbyterian Women & Circle groups – it is your responsibility to submit announcements and/or information on events or meetings to the office by the following date if you wish them to be included in the July/August Gazette: **Sunday, June 17.**

## May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Deacons 1p  Adult Bible Study 7p	<b>2</b> Circle II "Month of May Sale" 10a-1:30p	<b>3</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p  Choir rehearsal 7:30p	<b>4</b> UFO 7P	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Sunday School 9:30a Choir Warm-up 10:30a Worship/Communion 11a	<b>7</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>8</b>   Adult Bible Study 7p	<b>9</b> Circle II 9a	<b>10</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p  Worship Mtg 3p  H4W rehearsal 6:30p Choir rehearsal 7:30p	<b>11</b> UFO 7P	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a	<b>14</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>15</b>   Adult Bible Study 7p	<b>16</b> Circle II 9a  Healing Service 6:30p	<b>17</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p  H4W rehearsal 6:30p Choir rehearsal 7:30p	<b>18</b> UFO 7P	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> H4W warm-up 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a: Outdoors Celebration Sunday; Pentecost Sunday	<b>21</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p  CE Mtg Session 7p	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Circle II 9a  Officer Training 6p	<b>24</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p  Choir rehearsal 7:30p	<b>25</b> UFO 7P	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Choir warm-up 9:30a <u>Worship 10a</u>	<b>28 Memorial Day</b>  AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Circle II 9a	<b>31</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p  No Rehearsals		

June 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> UFO 7P	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Worship/Communion 10a Guest Pastor: Dave Smith	<b>4</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>5</b> Deacons 1p	<b>6</b> Circle II "Joyful June Sale" 10a-1:30p	<b>7</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p  H4W rehearsal 6:30p Choir rehearsal 7:30p	<b>8</b> UFO 7P	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship 10a Installation and Ordination of Officers Baptism of Charles Paul Erikson  Music for Meals Concert 6p at 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Church	<b>11</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Circle II 9a	<b>14</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p  Worship Mtg 3p	<b>15</b> UFO 7P	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship 10a Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)  "Happy Father's Day"	<b>18</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p  CE Mtg Session 7p	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Circle II 9a  Healing Service 6:30p	<b>21</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p	<b>22</b> UFO 7P	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship 10a  Classical Sunday	<b>25</b> AA 9a Girl Scouts 6p TOPS 6:30p	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Circle II 9a	<b>28</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p	<b>29</b> UFO 7P	<b>30</b>



**Elders**

**Class of 2018**

Nancy Rolando, Shirley Hagle, Sue Schurr, Laura Marohn

**Class of 2019**

Linda Barry, Diane Charsley, Pat Loeswick

**Class of 2020**

Betsy Crocker, Tom Dugan

**Deacons**

**Class of 2018**

J. William Haley, Theresa Rayner

**Class of 2019**

Donna Blinston, Jane Crossan, Leslie Dugan, Rod MacLeod, Lynette Ryan

**Class of 2020**

Judy Geerkin, Alvin Marohn, Marlene Tyrrell

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