

Leslie's Musings

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Above all, clothe yourselves in love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:14

You're invited to witness and celebrate the

Service of Marriage of

Leslie Elna Latham & Michael Kevin Donovan

Friday, October 11, 2019

Four o'clock in the afternoon

First Presbyterian Church

149 Broad St., Tonawanda, New York



A reception will follow worship on

Sunday, October 13 in the parlor

Please, no presents but your presence.

Mike and I are so grateful for the love and support you have shown us during our courtship, and know that you'll have forbearance while we're off honeymooning in Ireland! Love in your later years is a bit of a miracle—to me, anyhow—and we are eager to explore this new dimension of our life, as well as our faith journey together. How lucky we are to share it with our wonderful faith community.

Be faithful and loving and strong. Meanwhile, I'll see you in church.

Love, Leslie (& Mike)

GOOD NEWS GAZETTE

Words from the Worship Ministry Team

“Praise the lord, my soul, & forget not all His benefits.”

Psalm 103:2



SEPTEMBER Worship

Sun, Sept 1 - 10a – Worship with Pastor Leslie

Worship 11AM

Sun, Sept 8 - 11a - Worship with Pastor Leslie; Intinction Communion;
Sunday School Rally Day - 9:30am

Sun, Sept 15 - 11a - Worship with Pastor Leslie

Wed, Sept 18 - 6:30p - Healing Worship Service with Pastor Leslie

Sun, Sept 22 - 11a - Worship with Pastor Leslie

Sun, Sept 29 - 11a - Worship with Pastor Leslie; “Homecoming” celebration!
Pot Luck dinner

OCTOBER Worship 11AM

Sun, Oct 6 - 11a - Worship with Pastor Leslie; **WORLD Communion** by Intinction

Sun, Oct 13 - 11a - Worship with Guest at the pulpit

Wed, Oct 16 - 6:30p - Healing Worship service

Sun, Oct 20 - 11a - Worship with Elder Mark Aquino at the pulpit

Sun, Oct 27 - 11a - Worship with Elder Mark Aquino at the pulpit

Clerk On The Go Outreach—Sunday, September 22 at 12 noon

Our church is hosting this informative event. Staff from the Erie County Clerk’s Office will be here to present information about the Real ID Program, Enhanced Driver’s Licenses, passport application, etc. This event is free and open to the public, so tell your family and friends.

For more information, contact Tom Dugan or see the flyer in the Narthex.



****PLEASE come & join the Worship Ministry Team! A great way to use your gifts behind the scenes! We need your input. Informal. Usually the 1st or 2nd Thursday just before choir. Check the bulletin for the date!**



The WMT needs YOUR help! Please consider learning how to set up for COMMUNION. It's very easy. It takes only a short amount of time/effort. Contact Shirley Hagle, Jane Crossan, Pat Loeswick or Janet Haacker for the instructions/shadowing opportunity. Please help!

All AGES are welcome to become an **ACOLYTE**

Check with Janet Schurr for more information .



SHARE YOUR GIFT AS AN USHER

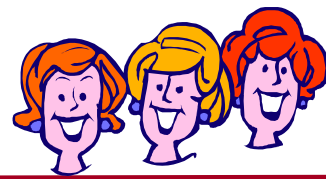
If you are interested in being AN USHER, just once every 5 weeks, please talk to any Worship Team member or Nancy/Brian Burns.

WMT Members:

Co-Chairs: Elders Mary Ferro and Pat Loeswick;

**Members: Jane Crossan, Kurt Ebsary, Janet Haacker,
Shirley Hagle, and Janet Schurr.**

Spiritual Advisor: Pastor Leslie Latham



"Early Autumn Sale"

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

10am-1:00pm

Lunch 11am-12:30pm

Chicken Salad Plate,

Fresh Baked Pie and Beverage

Cost: \$6.00 (Takeout \$6.50)

Church Women United

Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon

Friday, September 13, 2019 at 12pm

First Presbyterian Church

149 Broad Street, Tonawanda

"Octoberfest Sale"

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

10am-1:00pm

Lunch 11am-12:30pm

Ham Noodle Casserole

Fresh Baked Pie and Beverage

Cost: \$6.00 (Takeout \$6.50)

Come to the PW Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 21

1st Presbyterian Church—Springville

10:00am - Registration

**Topic: Wills, Advanced Directives,
Health Care Proxy, Funeral Planning**

Cost: \$7.00

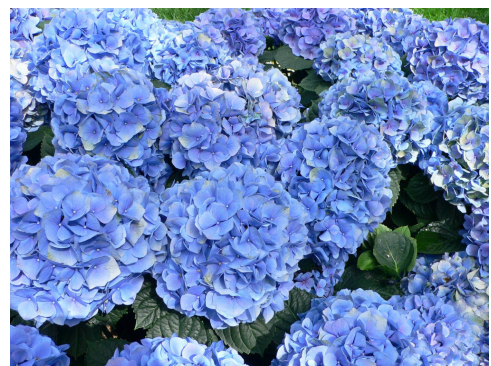
Please remember items you no longer need are still accepted. Please be sure they are reusable and in clean condition. Please no electronics.

Memorial Garden Fund

**The church has received two donations
to the Memorial Garden Fund
in memory of:**

Dorothy Marohn

Marla Maartin



Deacon's Notes

Hunger Sunday: September 15 and October 20

Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is **Hunger Sunday**. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Thank you for your support! Many thanks to Donna and Bruce Blinston for delivering the food to the food pantry every month.

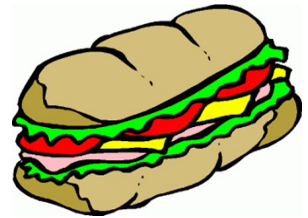


Tonawanda School Mission Project

Thank you for your continued support with this ongoing mission project. The Deacons are continuing to provide much needed clothing to needy children in the Tonawanda Schools. School is starting and the schools have expressed a need for the clothing items again this year. 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.

SUB SANDWICH LUNCHEON

On Sunday, October 6 at 12:15pm, the Deacons will be hosting a freewill Sub Sandwich Luncheon. Bring a can of tomato or chicken noodle soup or box of macaroni & cheese for donation to the Tonawanda School Holiday Party. Monetary donations are also welcome. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM

The Mission and Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who attended the Summer Concert and Ice Cream Social. It was a beautiful afternoon filled with music and memories of Marla. A big thank you to the volunteers who helped make this event happen.

A STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

by Janet Haacker



It's such an **AMAZING** God we have!

We are told many places in the Bible that each of us is given a gift(s) by the Holy Spirit when we become a member of God's family by believing in His Son, Jesus Christ. **GOD HAS DESIGNED THE CHURCH SO THAT THE ONLY WAY A CHRISTIAN CAN BE COMPLETE IS BY BEING TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST** - which means we **NEED** each other! Everyone has a special job, a different gift or a unique way of using that gift - and, we all **NEED** each other to be complete!

Now.... Think of our program, **MEMORY LANE!**

In this monthly program, there are many gifts being used by many people to share the Christian joy of serving others. There are gifts of organizing, encouraging, helping, cooking, "housekeeping", crafting, entertaining, physical activities, hospitality, patience, & most definitely, a compassionate Christ-like love - all demonstrated through the volunteers.

And so, God did prepare us the way for this program by "GIFTING" people with the ability for **SERVANTHOOD, MERCY, FAITH, HELPING, & ENCOURAGEMENT.**

1 Thessalonians 5:11: "*So encourage each other & build each other up, just as you are already doing.*"

Therefore, you can join the Stephen Ministers & truly fulfill God's plan. Let's use our gift(s) wisely & together for His **GLORY!**

If you should happen to need a confidential conversation regarding a special need, please contact Pastor Leslie (692-1319) or Janet Haacker (694-4290).





RALLY DAY - Sunday, September 8

Meet in the Parlor at 9:30am.

Reverend Nancy Bassett will have a Worship Circle with games and songs; we may visit our classrooms if time allows. Lots of fun activities are planned for this year. Hope to see you there!

A healthy snack will be available.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Regular Class will begin on September 22 at our usual time of 9:45am.

If you wish, feel free to join with the "younger classes" on Sept 8th at 9:30a in the parlor. Your "class leader" will be away on Sept 15th but is looking forward to another year of great discussions & spiritual insights! We welcome all "new adults" to our journey in understanding God's Word for us today!

Christian Education Meeting:

Monday, September 16 - 6pm

Monday, October 21 - 6pm

(Parents & Teachers are always welcome)

Adult Bible Study Class

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Contact Nancy Bassett if you have any questions. All are welcome.

September 26 - 6pm

October 24 - 6pm

HOMECOMING POT LUCK - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - 12:15PM

On our fifth Sundays, we like to do something a little different. On September 29, we'll celebrate Homecoming Sunday, a time to welcome (back) folks who have been part of our community for a long time, a little time, "haven't been here in a while but it's my home" time, "I've been meaning to stop back" time. We'll gather for worship with communion--like we do it on Christmas Eve--and after worship, we'll gather for a potluck dinner. If the weather's amenable, we hope we can worship in the courtyard one more time! So bring your favorite homey dish to share, your place settings, your friends and family, and let's celebrate Homecoming in God's Kingdom. See you there.



Music Notes - September and October

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30pm

September: 5, 12, 19, 26

October: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

As always, new members (or even sporadic drop-ins) are always most welcome!



Hearts4Worship Rehearsal: 6:30pm

September - 5, 12, 19, 26

October: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

MUSIC FOR MEALS/Marla Maertin Tribute Concert - Sunday, September 8 at 5pm

Both the choir and Hearts4Worship will be preparing material for this concert., as well as other local musical groups. This should be a wonderful event at 1st Pres Church and we're very excited to share our music. Hearts4Worship is especially excited to perform an original song, "He Came," written in a collaborative effort by H4W with special thanks to Diane Charsley for writing fantastic lyrics. Hope to see you there! Donations will benefit the North Tonawanda Inter-faith Food Panty and Good Shepherd Food Panty.

Happy Birthday to our Church Family who celebrate their birthday in September and October.
Thank GOD For You!

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Alvin Marohn
- 2 Georgia Anson
- 3 J. William Haley
- 4 Matthew Vittum
- 8 Kathleen Nolan
- 11 Johnathan Liberti
- 13 Pastor Leslie Latham
- 13 Cheryl Yurek
- 17 Bonnie Sibley
- 24 Peggy Hess
- 27 Melissa Erikson
- 28 Jane Crossan
- 29 Alice Hils

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

- 8 Kathy Greenawalt
- 14 Jacob Nolan
- 27 Tom Dugan
- 27 Judy Winters

Worship Assistants

Greeters: September

1 Diane Charsley
8 Janet & Sue Schurr
15 Jane Crossan
22 Laura & Alvin Marohn & Nathan Harrington
29 Yurek Family

Greeters: October

6 Marlene Tyrrell & Mary Bender
13 Tasevski Family
20 Yurek Family
27 Nancy Dietrich

Liturgists: September

1 Diane Charsley
8 Sue Schurr
15 Tom Dugan
22 Marilee Mathias
29 Alvin Marohn

Liturgists: October

6 Janet Haacker
13 Sue Schurr
20 Nancy Bassett
27 Nathan Harrington

Coffee Hour: September

8 Joya Palermo
15 Laura & Alvin Marohn & Nathan Harrington
22 Nancy Bassett
29 Homecoming Sunday Pot Luck

Coffee Hour: October

6 Deacon's Sub Sandwich Luncheon
13 Reception for Pastor Leslie & Mike
20 Cheryl Yurek
27 Joya Palermo

Communion Servers

September 8: 11am By Intinction
Diane Charsley, Linda Barry, Mary Ferro

Pew Server: Pat Loeswick

October 6: 11am By Intinction
Marilee Mathias, Linda Barry

Pew Server:

Ushers: September

1 Team 2
8 Team 3
15 Team 4
22 Team 1
29 Team 2

Ushers: October

6 Team 3
13 Team 4
20 Team 1
27 Team 2

Usher Teams

-Team 1

William Welch, Jessica Schurr, Alvin & Laura Marohn, Nathan Harrington, and Mary Ferro

-Team 2

Tom & Leslie Dugan, Jeremy Bearfield, Ryan Yurek, Shelby Bearfield, and Pat Loeswick

-Team 3

Randy Marohn, John Greth, J. William Haley, Linda Barry, Joya Palermo, and Ryan Tasevski

-Team 4

Brian Burns, Kelsey Burns, Kaitlyn Burns, Diane Charsley, John Faux, and Bonnie Zimmer

September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10a	2 Office Closed AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	3 Deacons 1p	4 "Early Autumn Sale" 10:00a-1:00p	5 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p Worship Team 6p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	6 UFO 7p	7
8 Rally Day Sunday School 9:30a Worship/Communion 11a Music for Meals 5p	9 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	10	11 Circle II 9a	12 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	13 Church Women United Annual Meeting & Lunch 12p Fellowship Hall UFO 7p	14
15 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a	16 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p CE Mtg 6p Session 7p	17 Memory Lane 10:30am-2:30pm	18 Circle II 9a Healing Service 6:30p	19 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	20 UFO 7p	21 PW Fall Gathering 10a 1st Pres Church - Springville
22 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 11a Clerk On The Go 12p	23 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	24	25 Circle II 9a	26 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p Bible Study 6p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	27 UFO 7p	28
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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 published.

November-December Newsletter Articles DUE: OCTOBER 20, 2019

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

October 2019

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Elders

Class of 2020

Tom Dugan, Elizabeth Crocker

Class of 2021

Laura Marohn, Mary Ferro

Class of 2022

Diane Charsley, Patricia Loeswick

Deacons

Class of 2020

Judy Geerkin, Alvin Marohn, Marlene Tyrrell

Class of 2021

Lynn Hyland

Class of 2022

Jane Crossan, Donna Blinston, Leslie Dugan

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