

GLAD TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Honeoye Falls

Sunday Worship At 9:30 AM



**IT'S TIME
FOR SUMMER
WORSHIP!**

**9:30AM on Sunday Morning
in the Sanctuary or at
www.facebook.com/fpchf**

Announcements will begin
at 9:20AM

**JULY 7th
Through
AUGUST
25th**

Our service will begin at 9:20AM for announcements, which will be followed by the worship service. You can join us in-person or stream the service on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FPCHF. All are welcome.

We ask that you please turn off your electronic devices like your smartphone or tablet during services in the sanctuary. Turning off these devices helps with our screencasting function - making it easier for those who worship via Facebook. Thank You!

On July 7th, we will take Communion by Intinction. Communion by Intinction simply means taking a piece of bread, dipping it into the cup, and eating them together. The prepackaged wafer and juice will be available for those who prefer. To those who will be joining us via livestream on Facebook, just a reminder to prepare your Communion elements prior to the service.

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Church Staff

Rev. Kirk Baker, Pastor
Cheryl Farnham, Office Manager
Adam Lewis, Christian Education Director
Michelle LaVarnway, Choir Director
Amy Morrow, Bell Choir Director
Nadie Miftari, Housekeeper



Please Check the Church Facebook Page for Updates

Please remember that crucial announcements and worship resources are all available via the church Facebook page. You don't need to have a Facebook account to access the church's page. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/FPCHF

Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday - 8AM - 1PM
Thursday - 11AM - 4PM



Cheryl On Vacation

Cheryl will be on vacation the week of July 8th and will return to the office on Monday, July 15th at 8AM. She will also be out of the office the last week of the month (July 29th and 30th as well as August 1st). There will be no formal office hours during Cheryl's vacation. Pastor Kirk will be available for any office assistance during that time.

Written by Pastor Kirk

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Matthew 25:22-23

There's a fascinating conversation taking place among Christians all over our nation today that I'm happy to hear and even happier to support. It seems the ancient Christian definition of STEWARDSHIP is growing in popularity. I suspect this is for a number of reasons - as we know all too well, many congregations are disbanding due to lack of support. This raises the question of stewardship of church leaders - how do we use what we have for God's glory? For congregations that are disbanding - from micro-churches to mega-churches to the huge outflux from the Southern Baptist Conference - there are questions about spiritual care of congregants as they go to new places, etc. These are weighty matters, and it's good so many Christian leaders consider them in depth.

Another major reason is the spread of what social researchers call "workism." This term is difficult for those over fifty to understand - it's based in a different reality, one where employers have unfettered access to your time with family. It's now considered normal to interrupt employees at home and on vacation (Jen always takes her laptop on vacation because no one else will approve certain financial reports in her department). All this happens in a context where the average workweek is sixty-three hours. For many professionals, that's a minimum, with weeks approaching or topping seventy hours the norm. Into this strange, unhealthy environment I hear grandparents say things like "Kids today don't know how to work hard!" and realize they have no idea what harm their words might do.

Workism isn't just long hours, it's a lifestyle where one's "career" consumes all thoughts and energy. Work isn't something that supports family, family is structured to support work. A willingness to work until 1 AM - and be sure you get credit for being such a loyal, little worker! - or all weekend marks this unbalanced approach. Researchers note that young professionals who ascribe to workism are more likely to remain single and divorce, spend much less time with children, and contribute nothing to their communities. It sure sounds like idolatry, doesn't it?

Many, many Christian leaders are responding to the idolatry of work with millennia-old Church teachings about stewardship. Sadly, too many Christians have been led to think of stewardship as money given or time spent at church. Certainly, giving money to God is a central part of stewardship - Jesus says if we don't give money to God then we're certainly not spiritual stewards, either (Luke 16:11-12). But focusing only on stewardship of money is grossly inaccurate; rather, money is part of all things God asks us to steward. When God said humanity has been "given dominion over" all living things in Genesis 1:28, God used the language of a King appointing a Steward over the King's household. God is the originator of all things. Therefore, we are God's stewards, or divinely-appointed representatives.

The one gift from God that we can never expand or manipulate is TIME. God gives each of us life, and we each have a certain number of days to

use that life we're given. We might think that we will work hard on our careers for a while, then relax and serve God more - but like the parable of the rich fool, life doesn't always go along with our plans (Luke 12:13-21). The point of stewardship is to start growing our Lord's resources now, not at some later day that might never come to pass. Learning to manage time so that God and family come first is an essential part of stewardship, one that great Christians have written about over thousands of years.

Perhaps there's a reason this has been a topic of conversation for these many years - perhaps it's one sign of our brokenness that we want to keep ourselves occupied with temporal things, rather than consider how our efforts can add to God's eternal projects. Perhaps we worry too much, looking down at our dinner bowls or bank statements instead of up to our Creator or around at God's children (Matthew 6:25). Perhaps we all just need to be reminded of Who is behind what we have, and Whose hands put all things within our reach. Whatever the reason, I find it helpful to remember that our God rules over all time, and each minute of every day is a precious gift I can choose to spend in Christian ministry. Then when I do steward time well, I'm all the happier for it.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Kirk

Coffee Convo **Now at Main Street Café!**

Join Pastor Kirk and members of the congregation for coffee and conversation at the Main Street Café (58 N. Main Street, Honeoye Falls) every Tuesday from 1PM until 2PM. This is a great way to get to know one another outside of the actual church building in a relaxing environment.

Tuesdays at 1PM



All Are Invited To...

Thursday **Evening** **BIBLE STUDY**

6:30PM - 8:00PM

Room #1

Come and dig deeper into the Sunday worship Scripture Readings.



HOLY
BIBLE

Worship In July

We're moving into the deeper passages of Revelation. The remaining passages are a balancing act - much of John's writings describe violence, torture, and death; yet the most revealing verses offer the sharp contrast of God's good intentions for us and for all Creation. Thus it makes sense to focus more on the Godly passages, even though they take up less space than the violent, disturbing images. Please know I'm not trying to downplay how harsh the imagery in Revelation can be, I'm simply trying to avoid repetitive messages. Please do send your questions and/or thoughts on Revelation my way. It's a tough read, though like every section of the Bible, I believe its message to us makes the effort more than worthwhile.



7/7/24	Love Thy Neighbor	Independence Day	Galatians 5:13-26
7/21/24	God of Life	WCC	Revelation 9
7/14/24	God's Answer to Suffering	WCC	Revelation 10, 11
7/28/24	The Beast Within	WCC	Revelation 13

Let's Make It to the Finish Line!



A constant refrain in our congregation is that "we have to do some things differently to reach people today" (at least, I keep repeating those words, which can become annoying...). I want to thank and praise many in our church who have begun taking more photos and videos of church life! Less than

one year ago, Cheryl had few photographs to include in newsletters and social media posts, and now the office is regularly awash in them. Of course, it helps that Yan is so adept with social media and shows us all when to take candid shots and how to frame them.

This is a big help because so many people use social media to check out churches today, especially younger, underserved adults. It's an easy, safe (dare I say fun?) way to share the Gospel with others.

It's also like completing half of a race in good time because the BANG our congregation can get from social media comes from members sharing posts. While it's better to have active, vibrant church social media accounts than to have no accounts at all, the power of these accounts relies on people sharing posts. The algorithms used by Meta (Facebook), X, and TikTok all use the number of SHARED posts to prioritize whether they will show up in peoples' timelines/tweets/stories.

Every day, several people "like" something on the church accounts. If you like it, please also share it. It only takes a fraction of a second! Even I, a curmudgeonly pastor in his late fifties, have gone back onto Facebook to share church posts. And I really dislike social media! Please take the extra half-second to click "share" when you see a church media post. You never know whose life will be made infinitely better through the friendship of our church family.

JULY 29TH 6PM-7PM

Sabbath Hour

The Sanctuary will be a place of **total quiet** where you can come and be alone with your thoughts and our God

NOW AVAILABLE THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Director's Dish

Written by Adam Lewis
Christian Education Director

Another Church School year is in the books! It was a very successful year and the CE Program was able to do some great things! We were able to build new relationships with the folks at Blessed Sacrament, Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha and Friends of Borgne. We built and sold Christmas Wreaths as well as planned and executed an extremely successful Pickleball Tournament, where we raised over \$5,000 for FOB. In addition to all of that, the youth partook in and led multiple services throughout the year. It was tremendously rewarding getting to lead the youth and the congregation in these activities! Being able to get the kids and adults involved, in such mission activities, is vital to the spiritual health of the church.

Thank you to everyone who came to Sharing Day/Graduation Sunday and helped us celebrate our program, our volunteers as well as our high school graduates! A special thank you goes to the Fellowship Team for helping put on the Coffee Hour that followed the service. We're already planning for September and the 2024-2025 year.

One of the innovative events we're planning for is a service in either late September or October, where we will induct past Puppeteers into the Puppet Hall of Fame, as well as recognize some of the unsung heroes in our congregation that are doing great things behind the scenes. If you would like to nominate someone for recognition, please email me at adamlewisced@yahoo.com with the person's name and a description as to why they're deserving. This will be a neat opportunity to get some of our young adults back to church, as well as honor those who are doing good in a world that can seem pretty bleak at times!

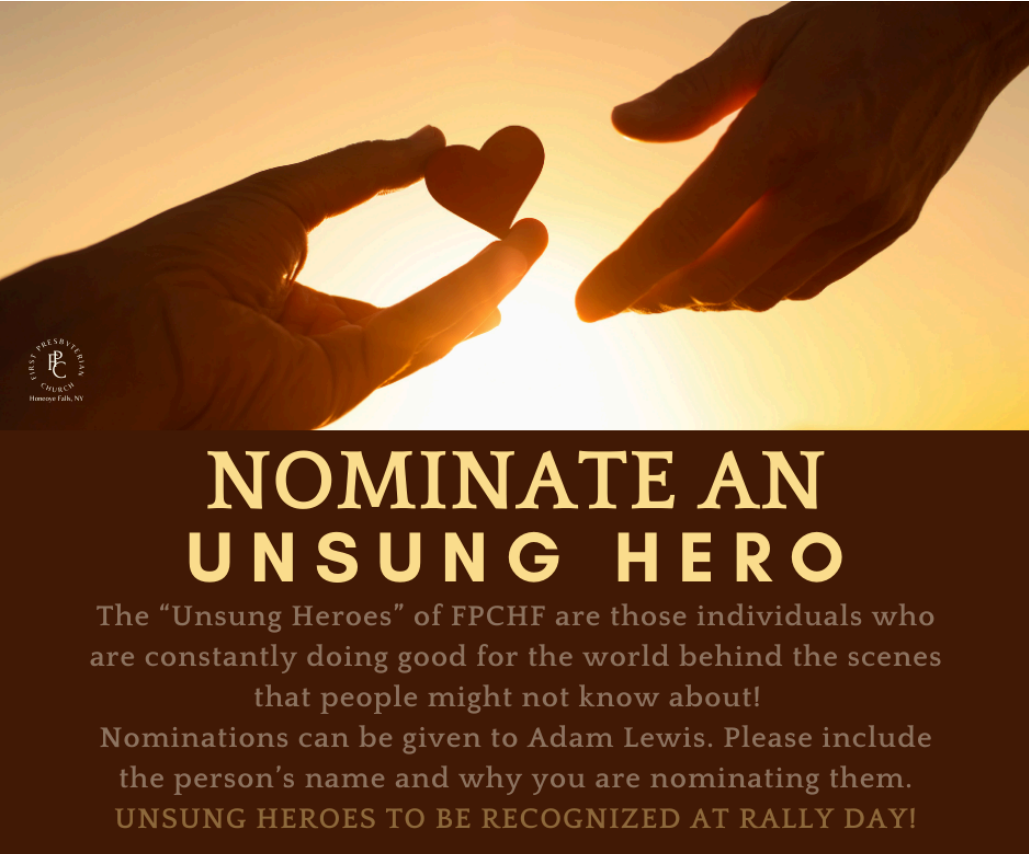
We will also be hosting the Ecumenical VBS again this year. It will run from August 12-16. Youth sign-ups are starting to increase and if you're interested in being an adult or teen volunteer, please let myself, Kirk or Barb Altonberg know by the end of June. This year's theme is camping and we have several fun and interactive stations planned!

Enjoy your Summer!



The poster features a cartoon bee character on the left, a cabin with a fire in the background, and a large sun. Text on the poster includes: "2024 FREE HFL VBS Ages 4-6th Grade", "August 12-16", "9AM - 12PM", "Register Today & Join in the Fun!", "First Presbyterian Church 27 N. Main Street", "Registration Open:", and a QR code. A URL is provided at the bottom: <https://fpchf.betterworld.org/events/2024VBS>. The background is a wood-grain texture.

VBS Volunteers Needed! Please speak with Adam Lewis if you are available to help. You do not need to commit to the entire week!



The poster shows two hands reaching towards each other against a sunset background. A small circular logo for the First Presbyterian Church of Homosassa Falls, FL is in the bottom left corner. The main text reads: "NOMINATE AN UNSUNG HERO". Below this, it says: "The 'Unsung Heroes' of FPCHF are those individuals who are constantly doing good for the world behind the scenes that people might not know about! Nominations can be given to Adam Lewis. Please include the person's name and why you are nominating them. UNSUNG HEROES TO BE RECOGNIZED AT RALLY DAY!"

Capital Campaign Team

Written by Anne Gravenstede, Secretary



Writing the
Next Chapter Together

“Sharing our stories, investing in the story, continuing the story.”

The Capital Campaign Committee has focused on projects emphasizing **Presence of Community and Ministry** in recent Glad Tidings updates, in July we will continue these updates, plus begin to focus on the second area of emphasis, **Safety and Compliance**. For each area of emphasis, we hope to outline its connection with our objectives and goals, the degree of its importance, and direct and indirect effects on the church and the community at large. In July we will also share a link to a web page where information on each project and its progress will be updated.

The Committee invites you to share your thoughts by either contacting any member of the committee, sending an e-mail to the church address, or by dropping a note in a folder that the Committee has established outside the church office. If you feel you can offer expertise or information on a particular need, that would also be most welcomed.

Capital Campaign Committee - Margaret Bailey, Kirk Baker, Phyllis Fritz, Linda Goodrum, Anne Gravenstede, Amy Morrow, Dick Mueller, Mark Rowe, Susan Richardson

**MANSE
SCRAPING &
Painting**

The Manse is in need of scraping and repainting. Quotes have come in at \$30,000! Help the church save money to use on different projects! Let's work together to get two sides painted this summer/fall!

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR KIRK IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED
VOLUNTEERS**

**Free
COMMUNITY
MEAL**

JULY 28TH AT 4:00PM

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
HONEOYE FALLS**
27 N. Main Street
Honeoye Falls, NY

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Deacons

Written by Eleanor Sexton, Community Meals

The Deacons would like to thank all who have hosted our Community meal, made a dish to pass or a dessert for one. We are very thankful to have such a generous congregation. We are still looking for hostesses for July, through December. We are available to share with anyone who might be interested in joining this worthwhile outreach program. Our guests are so grateful that we do this monthly.

They enjoy coming and the friendship we share with them!

Please think about it and reach out to any of us to ask questions.

Blessings on your day.

Eleanor Sexton

585-624-2549

**July Host for Community Meal
Needed!**

**Please contact Eleanor Sexton
(585)624-2549
if interested!**



First Presbyterian Church
**SATURDAY
 LINEN CLOSET
 DROP-OFF**
 At the Manse
**JULY 6TH
 10AM - 11AM**

All types of linens collected.
 Do not need to be matching sets. We
 also need new or slightly used pillows
 (not king size).

All linens to go towards Afghani refugees as part
 of our commitment to Keeping Our Promise

Please contact Jane Jezsu at
 jane.jezsu@gmail.com or Barb Mueller at
 barbmuller23@gmail.com with any
 questions.



Deacon's
**JULY BIRTHDAY
 CELEBRATION**
Coffee Hour
JULY 7TH



LEMONADE
*On the
 Lawn*

JULY 21ST
 After Worship
 Hosted By Fellowship Team

**Help us "Lick"
 Hunger**
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
AT DIPPER DAN'S 2 - 6 PM
 136 W Main St Honeoye Falls
PET PARADE
 from Presbyterian Church to Dipper Dan's

Music by Don Griffin and Friends Band



CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!
 We are asking local businesses to consider matching
 Dipper Dan's contribution..... Your donation could be the
 cherry on top!



FRIENDS OF BORGNE, INC.
 is a non-profit charitable
 organization whose goal is
 to help provide education
 to children and adults in
 Borgne, Haiti

**JULY
 BIRTHDAYS**

The Deacons will celebrate the
 July Birthdays during coffee hour
 in Guild Hall on
 Sunday, July 7th.

- 03rd: Kaleb Lewis
- 08th: Maggie Wallace
 Lisa Garvey
- 16th: Karen DeHond
- 21st: Theodore Szrama
- 22nd: Avery Clar
- 27th: Margaret Bailey
 Kirk Baker
- 28th: Elizabeth James
- 29th: Brian Schiedel

**If you don't see
 your birthday on
 this list - please let
 the church office
 know so we can
 update our records**



JULY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Coffee Convo 1PM Main St. Cafe	3	4 Independence Day! Office Closed 	5	6 Linen Drop-Off Manse 10AM - 11AM
7 Worship 9:30AM Deacon Coffee Hour After Worship 	8 B&G Team 9AM Room #1 Capital Campaign Team 12:30PM Room #1 Cheryl on Vacation	9 Coffee Convo 1PM Main St. Cafe Cheryl on Vacation	10 Pinehurst Service 6:15PM	11 Bible Study 6:30PM Room #1 Cheryl on Vacation	12	13
14 Worship 9:30AM	15	16 Coffee Convo 1PM Main St. Cafe	17 Membership Team 4PM Room #1	18 No Bible Study	19	20 Bailey/Conlon Wedding 3PM
21 Worship 9:30AM Lemonade On the Lawn After Worship	22 	23 Coffee Convo 1PM Main St. Cafe	24	25 Bible Study 6:30PM Room #1	26	27
28 Worship 9:30AM Friends of Borgne Ice Cream Fundraiser Dipper Dan's 2PM - 6PM Community Meal 4PM	29 Cheryl on Vacation	30 Coffee Convo 1PM Main St. Cafe Sabbath Hour 6PM - 7PM Sanctuary Cheryl on Vacation	31			

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Worship July 2024

Assisting Elder:

Barb Altonberg (Chris Hinds on 7/14)

Liturgists

7th - Martha Kumler

14th - Janis McCormack

21st - Pat Smith

28th - Jennifer Clar

Accompanists

7th - Laura Mueller

14th - Michelle LaMachia

21st - Laura Mueller

28th - Michelle LaMachia

Communion Server

Barb Altonberg

Technology Team

Patti Moehlmann, Brian Webster, Ginny Floss,
Amy Morrow, Eric Ludwig, Scott May, Adam
Bianchi, Ethan Ludwig, and Nolan Clar