


# First Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, NY June 2023 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

I cannot believe we are already at the beginning of June. I say this almost every year. The winter months sometimes seem to drag on, and suddenly June is here. It is time to plant flowers and vegetables. The festival and farmers' market season is upon us.

Every year I think about which festivals I want to attend and get them in my mind so I don't miss them. It works for me about half the time. We must be the festival capital of the world, here in WNY. I hope you are making plans for a fun-filled summer as well. I hope regular visits to church are part of your plans. It is easy to think about the nice weather and how a morning in the woods or on the golf course would be wonderful. It is easy to think that one or two people missing from our worshipping community won't be missed. In some ways I agree.

Mostly, I do not agree. We miss you when you are not here. Our community of faith shines less brightly when you are not here. We miss your voice in worship; we don't get to catch up with you and what is going on with you when you are not here. Our common worship is the time when the whole community gathers. There are other times during the week when a committee gathers or a team gets together to plan. Sundays are the day when the whole community is present. It is an opportunity for you to bring your visiting family, the child you hosted for a sleepover Saturday night, the neighbor who just moved in. Bring them to meet and know our community of faith. Bring them and let them see for themselves what our community of faith is like.

Psalm 122 reminds us of how important it is for us to invite others to join us as we worship God.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- 2 Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
- 4 To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- 5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."
- 8 For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."
- 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Let us be glad and rejoice as we work for peace, for justice, for love, for kindness as we build our community together.

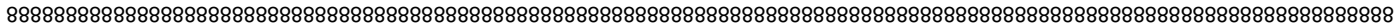
Blessings,

Cathy

NAP June Dinner  
Riverside Presbyterian will host the May  
NAP Dinner Wednesday, June 7, 5:00  
PM. Get to know your neighbors and  
enjoy fellowship and a meal.  
All are Welcome.



Niagara Pride is hosting an inter-faith worship service during their annual Pride Celebration. This year, the service will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (140 Rainbow Blvd, Niagara Falls, NY) on Saturday, June 24 at 11:00 AM. Following the service at noon Niagara Pride will be kicking off Rainbow City Pride on Old Falls Street...one block away. Everyone is welcome to attend.



The deCycles Group

The deCycles, a cross country cycling youth group based in Bloomington, Indiana, will pedal their bicycles 1500-miles in 23-days from Bloomington, Indiana to the Atlantic Coast in Maine. Most of the riders are new to cycling and have trained to prepare for this trip. They will cycle 600-miles through Indiana, Ohio, and New York along the shorelines of Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River. The remaining 900-miles will be through New England, Vermont, New Hampshire and all the way to the Atlantic coastline of Maine.

First Pres welcomes the sixteen student cyclists and adults Saturday June 24 and Sunday June 25.

**deCycles pedaling  
across America**  
*Doing all they can  
with what they have!*  
*visiting*  
**Sat-Sun June 24-25**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Niagara Falls, NY**



## Welcome Babies!

On May 13th some of us gathered in the fellowship hall to welcome Sam and June's twins, Jordan and Israel. We had great food and conversation. Everyone who wanted to hold a baby got to hold one. We gave them a double stroller that they put to use right away with a walk over to Niagara Falls. There were plenty of other gifts to help get the little ones started including books, diapers, bath toys, onesies and other fun things. Welcome to the world little friends!





**Please Pray for Those Who  
are Sick or Shut-in**



**Shut-Ins**

Dolores Coleman  
Abraham McLarahmore  
Dom DeFazio

**Prayer List**

Bill Karches      Mark Tarbell  
Christine King    Jillian Horner  
Micheline Bevacqua

**June Volunteer Schedule**

**Lay Readers**

June 4 - Carol Dashineau  
June 11 - John Goddard  
June 18 - Lis Slenk  
June 25 - Carol Dashineau

**Communion Servers**

June 4 - Jeanette Lamorie and  
Dori Parry



**June Birthdays**

June 7 Joyce Braham  
June 29 Jeanette Lamorie

Happy Birthday

**Sunday Worship on You Tube**

Each week the Sunday morning worship service is video-recorded. The video is uploaded to First Pres Niagara Falls early in the week. Check it out. The link to You Tube is [youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV\\_gWm7wigqyl-q03g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV8PmvV_gWm7wigqyl-q03g).

The Office will be closed Monday, June 12 and Tuesday June 13. The Secretary will be out of the office.



**FATHER'S DAY**

Sunday, June 18

Happy Father's Day




**Budget Report for April 2023**

	<u>Actual \$</u>	<u>Year to Date \$</u>	<u>Budget YTD \$</u>
GIVING	4,295	12,239	9,896
Investment Income, Other	6,471	7,345	10,916
TOTAL INCOME	10,766	19,584	20,812
EXPENSES	12,618	44,368	45,288
NET (Deficit)	(1,852)	(24,784)	(24,776)

Investment income was the first quarter earnings from the permanent endowment. Expenses included \$3288 for church and van insurance, \$669 for gas heat, and \$556 for fire extinguisher inspection and security alarm repair.

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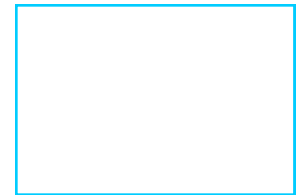
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4  Trinity Sunday	5	6	7 NAP Dinner Riverside 5:00 PM	8	9	10
11	12 Office Closed	13 Office Closed	14  Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Happy Father's Day	19 Juneteenth 	20	21  First Day of Summer	22	23	24 deCycles Bicycle Group
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**We're on the Web:**

[www.firstpresnfny.org](http://www.firstpresnfny.org)

**You Tube** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSk4U35pI2I>

**Face Book** <https://www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-Niagara-Falls-117888153453785/>

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM  
to 1:00 PM

Telephone: 716-285-3555

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM  
Communion First Sunday of Month

Rev. Cathy Rieley-Goddard office hours are Monday  
and Wednesday.

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Please Note: Starting May 7, Sunday  
Worship Service will be 10:00 AM

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