

**What does the  
resurrection of Jesus  
mean to you?**

# **WESTERN SPIRE**

## **MAY 2025**

How much do you know about Christianity? Why and how did it begin? What is the most important factor that makes Christianity unique and different from other religions, even from Judaism? A lot of people including many scholars simply explain that Christianity began as a movement within Second Temple Judaism during which various sects within Judaism such as the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes emerged, and Christians (followers of the Christ) were also formed in that period as a sect and they gradually diverged from Judaism for the first few centuries.

However, such an analysis does not do justice, especially to the Christians in the early Church Era, because, unlike Judaism and its various sects, Christians never dreamed of the restoration of the glory of King David for Israel as their primary vision. Of course, the followers of Jesus in the Gospels expected him to be a new Davidic ruler at first, as seen in Matthew 21:9, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" But after the ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the early church spread to Gentile territories primarily through missionary activities by the Apostles such as Peter, Philip, and Paul, which took a different direction from Judaism's core tenets. The Book of Acts is full of such stories for Christianity to extend beyond the ethnic and cultural boundaries.

For the early Christians as well as modern Christians, the only thing that made Christianity uniquely different has been the person and the work of Jesus Christ, who they believed is the Son of God and the Messiah. More specifically, what made Christianity exist was the resurrection of Jesus. Everything else in Christianity has been developed in the forms of doctrine, liturgy and mission to reflect his resurrection and its meaning for the world, which took for centuries, if not millenniums.

How could it happen? How do we make sense of it? What does it mean to us in understanding who God is and what God does in and for the world? How can we interpret his teaching and work in the light of his resurrection? What is the ultimate hope for Christians? How does his resurrection affect our everyday life and the ways we deal with critical issues of our time?

It sounds like an exaggeration, but I believe that anyone who claims to be a Christian must answer one question: "What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you?" It is not my question, but Apostle Paul said it in 1Corinthians 15: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins" (v17). "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men" (v19). "If the dead are not raised, (we will say) 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'" (v32).

For me, the most powerful tenet of Christianity is the belief that the risen Christ brings a new reality of the kingdom of God into the world beyond our comfort and ease. God's reign and presence came through difficult and challenging circumstances. For example, a Franciscan blessing prayer goes like this:

"May God bless you with discomfort  
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,  
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,  
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy."

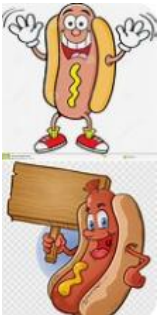
What the resurrection of Jesus teaches me is that where my discomfort is, that might be his truth. Where truth is, there is freedom. Freedom leads to liberation from bondage of control and domination, because his resurrection has the power to reverse the course of my current life and to break the chain of "sin-shame-fear-self-protection with pretext-to further aggression-destruction." Praise be to the Lord who gives us freedom through conquering the power of death. Amen.

Peace of Christ,  
Rev. Hodong Hwang

Save the date! Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>



Fellowship is holding the Church Picnic this year on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** following Worship in Fellowship Hall!



**Bring a dish to pass please**



The committee will be supplying hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts and beverages. **We will also be supplying table service.** (time to give the dishwasher a workout)

**Please** sign up so we get enough food.

Hope to see you there 😊

Fellowship Committee

WPC & Zion

SPRING

May 15,16,17,  
2025

RUMMAGE



- Sign-up to Help
- Clean out your storage spaces
- Drop-off donations ~ May 4

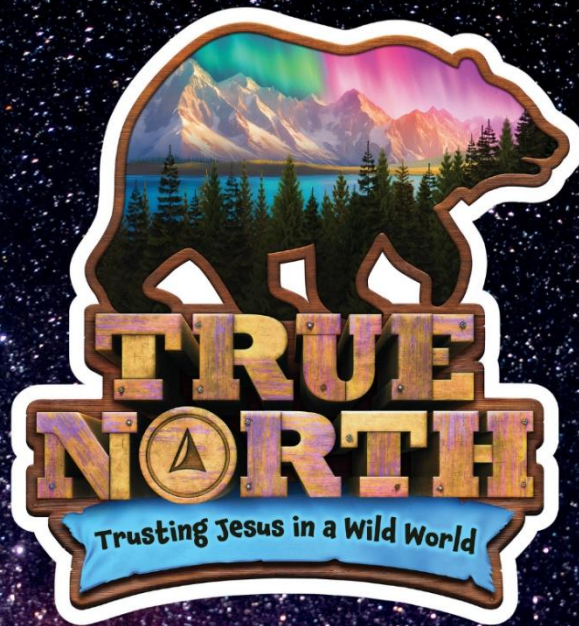
HELP Sign-ups will be in  
WPC Church Hallway

Many Hands Make Light Work 😊

Western Presbyterian Church needs **Your Help** to  
**Work** and Donate goods to the Spring Rummage Sale

- \* Please price Household Items, Toys, and such
- \* No need to price clothing or Books
- \* Please No large appliances or furniture.

Thank You ~ Women's Association



# Vacation Bible School

July 28-August 1 | 9AM-11:30AM

Ages 3 years old-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Free lunch provided every day

Sponsored by Western Presbyterian Church &  
Palmyra Reformed Church

[www.wpreschurch.org](http://www.wpreschurch.org) | 597-9171



Something we can do for those devastated by natural disasters.



Kits will be assembled  
Sat. May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.  
Lunch will be served.  
All are invited to join us.



Hygiene Kits  
Given by Church World  
Service to victims of Natural  
Disasters.



30,580

hygiene kits were  
given in 2024.

Ask Irene for more information. [faddenirene@gmail.com](mailto:faddenirene@gmail.com)

Several years ago Lois Daniels gave 1,000 boxes of cereal to the food pantry. She did it in one year. In honor and memory of Lois, the Missions and Social Concerns Team is challenging the congregation to bring in 1,000 boxes of cereal. In a month we have brought in 90 boxes. Please continue to keep this challenge in your mind and in your heart.

The boxes will be split between the food pantry and the food cupboard. Both locations are used by our neighbors in Palmyra and cereal is an important part of what we offer to families in need. I remember once at the grocery store my daughter looked at the woman behind us as she put 8 or 9 boxes of cereal on the belt. Patti didn't understand how anyone could eat that much cereal. I told her when my brother was a teenager he ate a full salad bowl of cereal after school, every day and sometimes twice a day. I hope the cereal that we bring in is going to feed kids who, like my grandma said, have a "hollow leg."



Thank you for the 90 boxes by April 15<sup>th</sup> and keep them coming. We've got a lot of hungry kids to feed and 910 boxes to make it to 1,000.

The CE Team would like to thank everyone who made this year's Easter Bunny Breakfast a success!

We had a full house and served A LOT of pancakes!

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered their time, came to eat pancakes, and a big thank you to our Easter Bunny.





*Worry and anxiety are  
sand in the machinery of  
life; faith is the oil*



How to switch from worry and anxiety to peace was the focus of the Women's Bible study this month. We discussed what brought us peace, such as listening to calming music or a space of quiet and even images of nature. We described the phrase "peace like a river" as a constant motion, seeing the water as a calming element, and that the constancy of the flow is like a sustaining presence of faith never ending, a flow that continues to nurture. Though water can have power, there is also a quiet about it.

We entered into the Biblical study by learning more about Paul and his faith journey. Did you know he had been imprisoned seven times, yes, 7 times! Can you imagine the filth, odors, rodents and disease in the prisons where only a hint of food was offered to sustain the prisoners? To be in this setting and retain the purpose of spreading the word of Jesus was humbling. It was a statement of the powerful faith Paul had. Paul needed to learn to control his anxiety and worries and rely on God. He lifted his cares to the Lord. The Pauline epistles were formal didactic writings intended for public reading and theological instruction. It is said that four of these, the prison epistles, were written by Paul while he was in prison; Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Through Paul's travels he threatened the status quo with his active ministry and faithfulness of God's call. Perhaps the imprisonments put strength to his word as he was unrelenting in his purpose. Did he find peace daily whether in prison or on his travels? We think so.

**Philippians 4:6-7** *"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

We focused on peace. How to define it, how to feel it and how it can sustain us at times of trouble. Peace is a place of safety, the knowledge that no harm will come to you, the ability to sleep. Peace is a place not warring or divisive. We seek peace in different ways such as by being out in nature, listening to how the wind moves around us. We find peace in the business of birds in the sky. Music and exercise can offer peace. Peace can come when we help others.

We feel at peace when rocking a baby or watching children joyfully play. We feel peace when someone sits beside us quietly when we need support, no words, just being present. We each feel peace in different ways. Entering into each day, some of us pray that we do no harm to others. The peace is that we rely on and trust in God's ever presence.

There is a hunger for peace when our bodies tend to be crumbling around us. The lack of control we have is such a feeling of helplessness. Peace is the only grace we may have. A grace that is offered to us when we rely on God to sustain us. At that time a quietness overcomes us. A calm. A peace.

Carrie Ten Boom says it simply, "Jesus is our radar through the fog." Amen

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*We plan to have a very meaningful conclusion to our Bible study next month, **May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm.** We hope all of you can join us then.*



*Also, plan to attend our picnic in the Aqueduct Park **Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.** We will all bring a dish to pass. Always a lovely gathering.*

# seeking Help for Child Care

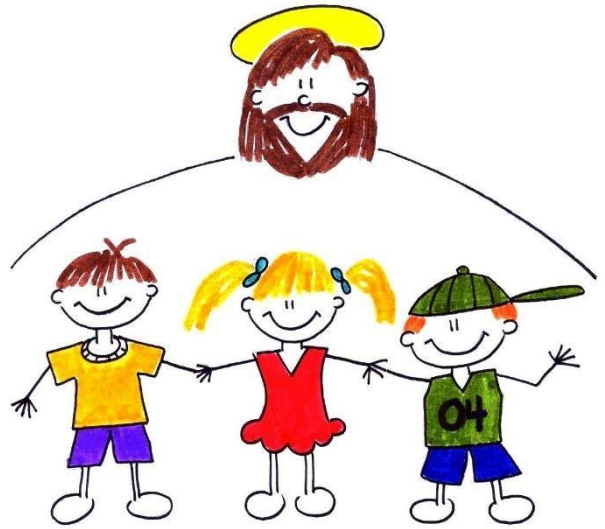
## During Worship

**Question:** Would you think about volunteering to help provide Child Care so a young family may attend worship?

There has been lots of discussion on having Child Care available for any visitors interested in coming to worship. It is thought that if WPC advertises a Place for Children that we may attract younger families.

The CE Committee has spent time rearranging rooms to help with this process, and the Property Committee has spent time working to provide TV screens for the worship to be watched live by the childcare providers.

Many ideas are being discussed. However, the first priority is to have volunteers and begin to have people to help.



SO, I am seeking **2 people each week** to help. Then I will advertise the coverage. I will make a rotating schedule with any willing volunteers.

**Please Contact:** Jody Pruitt 315-879-7225 or [jody.pruitt@gmail.com](mailto:jody.pruitt@gmail.com)

*Thank you* ♥

~ Jody



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	Courtney Marr
May 3	Emily McFarlane
May 8	James McFarlane
May 10	Cim McFarlane
May 15	Sue Moak
May 24	Philip Opdycke
May 31	John Dobson IV



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1	David & Patti Squier
May 5	Tom & Alicia Lynch
May 30	Peter & Irene Fadden

**If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!**

## **The team minutes received for May include:**

WPC Christian Education Team

Minutes April 8, 2025

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community, and global involvement: worshiping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Present: Jody Pruitt, Emily Hunt, Cim McFarlane, Pastor Hodong

In Spirit: Ellen Avery

### **Upcoming Events:**

April 12- Easter Bunny Breakfast

April 13- Palm Sunday Parade

April 20- No Sunday School (Easter weekend)

June 1- Spring Children's Service

July 28- August 1- VBS

### **Continuing and New Business**

**Easter Bunny Breakfast-** We had a successful Easter Bunny Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered their time, and came to eat pancakes. We were busy all morning and served a lot of pancakes.

**Camp Whitman Board-** Summer planning is going well. Clean-Up Day is set for May 3rd. Fundraising Dinner is May 10th. Chili received our donation.

**Toddler Time-** Cim shared that things are going well. Receipts were handed in to the Women's Association for supplies and end-of-school-year books. The last date will be May 6th.

**VBS-** The True North- we are going to join forces with the Mission team and run a cereal drive during VBS to honor Lois Daniel's birthday and her lifetime cereal donations. The arts and crafts projects have been planned. Lisa and Cim will meet over Spring Break. We discussed ordering one of those flag/feather signs for VBS but decided to wait and purchase if we have extra money this year. Jody reached out to Irene to ask if she would be willing to lead the Bible story center.

**Muscle Room renovation the nursery and daycare (bathroom included) -** Pastor Hodong brought up an urgent request to renovate the muscle room including the bathroom, so that parents with little kids can participate in worship. This is a must project if we ever want to invite new families to our church. Pastor HoDong has asked us to put a proposal together for a nursery: mainly the bathroom renovation and hiring a person for Sunday mornings. I think the bathroom reno is already on the property to-do list for the day care. We plan to write the proposal at our May meeting.

**Nursery-** We discussed hiring child-care volunteers for 2 hours on Sunday. We hope this can come out of staff funds because there isn't enough CE funds to support this. Pastor Hodong shared about his trip to Lewiston and how having childcare is needed to bring new families into church.

**June Youth Service-** June 1- Block Party is the title. Jacob is working on music, and Emily is working on the skit. Bibles will be presented to Finley Durfey, Maxwell McKinney and Desiree Trask. A senior gift will be presented to Sammie Teeter.

**High School Youth group-**Cim shared that the youth group is going very well. We've had many WPC monetary donations for dinner. We hope to go bowling soon.

**Next meeting:** May 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Emily Hunt

## Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Present:** Sandy McMenamin, Randy Kennard, Nancy Talma, Sandy Betts & Hodong Hwang

**In Support:** Patti Dlugosh, Muffie Beato, Linda Pulcini & Sara Bush

### Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle *This month's scripture and prayer*

- **Old Business:**

1. Approval of last month's minutes *corrections?* Motion: Sandy M. Second: Sandy B.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance & expense/donation Status– Sandy M. –

Mar-25	Deacons Checking Account
Initial balance	\$1,120.02
Additions	\$ 74.00
Deductions	\$ 68.12
Ending balance	\$1,125.90

a. Balances

3. Sharing Correspondence: letters/emails/cards - card from
4. Next Communion – on March 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Usually on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month
- a. Prepared 62 and served 39 on February 9<sup>th</sup>
- b. Verify that enough Pita, loaf and juice for this month? Currently have enough
- c. Who can assist in set-up– March 9<sup>th</sup> – Sandy M. and Sandy B. and Nancy T.
5. Review of Prayer List and adjust accordingly of needs
6. Prayer for those in need and beyond
7. Visits/ Calls/ cards counts - visits with special meaningful moments of faith

#### 2025

Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date
January	15	24	69	49	1/12/25
February	5	18	56	39	2/9/25
Year to Date	20	42	125	88	

8. Card FLOOD for Jacquie DeBrine – Announce on Sunday 3/16 – cards in fellowship hall... stamps
9. Special Needs Mailings – list managed by Sandy B.

Bible Verse: **James 5:7** ‘<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.’

- **New Business:**

- Session Information:
- Gluten intolerance food handling – Resolution due to learned awareness – Process:
  - Wash gluten free knife before use and use a clean paper plate as cutting surface
  - Process gluten free in an area away from another gluten pita
  - Package gluten free pita in single use bag
  - After communion, all unused bags are to be thrown away. (The outside of the bags could pick up gluten from offertory tray.)

Meeting closed with prayer

**Next meeting Tuesday 4/1/2025 @ 10:00 am**

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

## Fellowship Meeting

4/1/2025

**Present:** Roxanne Dobson, Terry Gendron, Val Gendron, Ray Marr, Norm Underwood and Sue Pringle

**Excused:** Jan Taylor

The Fellowship Team met to discuss the upcoming **Picnic** following worship on **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. As usual the Fellowship Team will supply hot dogs and hamburgers. We are supplying table service so all you need to do is bring a dish to pass. Sue has volunteered to pick up the iced tea and lemonade and Norm will bring ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Ray has volunteered his grills for cooking the meat.

Discussion continues about when we should plan our next progressive dinner. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall for the congregation's input. We are looking for what month you think best and if you are willing to host either Appetizers or Desserts. Main dish is planned to be a Baked Potato with all your favorite toppings and Salad Bar.

Choices are:

September	October	November	Name if willing to host
✓			

Please feel free to discuss this with the Fellowship Team.

They are:

Val and Terry Gendron

Sue Pringle

Norm Underwood

Ray Marr

Jan Taylor

Roxanne Dobson

Respectfully submitted, Roxanne Dobson

## **Mission and Social Concerns Minutes 4-10-2025**

Present in person: Ruth Dantz, Cassie Hughes, Sally Chase, Irene Fadden, Rena Haigh Present  
via Zoom: Edie Chapman

The meeting opened with the Lighting of the Christ Candle and opening prayer.

### **Foodlink report – Ruth**

Vince Hall was the speaker. He emphasized writing letters to Congress about SNAP benefits being very important. Advocacy for the Food Programs for those who are hungry.

Foodlink is still getting money from USDA and are able to continue to make weekly deliveries to support the Food Pantries.

In discussion, we hope to find ways to help people with hunger issues to move out of a need for SNAP, Pantry, and Cupboard. End Poverty – what can we do?

### **Food Cupboard –**

Irene bought **April's** budget amount for the food cupboard. **May-** Sally and Cassie Cupboard is being emptied and replenished daily.

### **Food Pantry -**

Ruth bought items for March and part of April. She will continue to get non-SNAP items for the pantry.

LDS church is giving the pantry \$10,000 for food. Ask Don for more information.

**Lions Food Cupboard Donations** – Probably a Saturday in June – WARM WEATHER!

**1,000 boxes of Cereal in Memory of Lois Daniels** – Lois's birthday – July 6, 1926

Cereal donations are being collected and counted in the sanctuary. Every Sunday, we will record the number of boxes brought in and then put half on Cupboard shelves and remaining half in the Pantry boxes across from the kitchen.

CE will collect cereal during VBS.

### **Stuffed Animals and Book –**

Leanna, Edie's granddaughter, collected the books and stuffed animals and will take them to Social Services in Lyons. Leanna works for Child Protective Services. She was very happy to get the books and knows they will be enjoyed by the children.

### **Good Neighbor Fund Update**

Irene spoke with the pastor of the Macedon Baptist Church. They do many projects similar to our missions. She and Hodong will keep bringing the Good Neighbor Fund to the Clergy Council. Suggested fundraising ideas included – Pie Auction, a community concert, a dinner.

We agree that the Good Neighbor Fund serves a mission that is done in no other way. We need to keep the Good Neighbor Fund.

### **Good Neighbor Fund as of April 1st**

Beginning Balance \$2,364.96

1 Deposit \$1,260 from WPC and individual

3 checks written \$1,640

2 Rent 1 security Deposit for 2 adults and 5 children

Ending Balance \$1,984.96

### **Weekend Wellness update as of April 1st**

Beginning and Ending Balance \$2,050.00

No Deposits or checks written

# of bags delivered in March – 476 bags

# of bags delivered 2024-25 school year – 2,760 bags

### **One Great Hour of Sharing – collection will be taken Easter Sunday.**

The weekly calendar is sent out each Thursday by Kathy. Cassie has seen that the OGHS flyers are in the bulletins. She will be at church Easter Sunday to make an announcement.

The Giving Calendar will be worked on to have more activities like a 2-cent donation for each electric outlet in our home.

### **Church World Service Hygiene Kits –**

Irene spoke at the Women's Circle. Party boxes hold all supplies needed for 24 kits at a cost of only \$7, as compared to the \$15 it costs if we buy the items needed. 5 party boxes have been ordered. I have received money from several people and hope to receive more. I will turn it all in to Val after the assembly gathering and she'll put it as a reimbursement to the Mission Budget. Information will be shared on Pal-Mac Neighbors and on the sign in front of the church.

- Hygiene Kits - Touchpoint Assembling kits **May 10, 10-12:30**
- Advertise on Pal-Mac Neighbors – Courtney Marr will make a Google Sheet – with name and email that will be attached to the invitation on Facebook.
- Lunch:
  - Soup in crock pot – Edie, Irene
  - Bread and butter – Ruth
  - Drink – Water, Coffee, Tea
  - Dessert – Cupcakes - Sally

**Summer Lunch at the library** – I'll send out the signup on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**“Comfort Cases”** – for Foster Kids moving into a new home. Backpack replaces garbage bag. The project, as seen in a newscast, is based in Rockville, Maryland. The website is [Comfortcases.org](http://Comfortcases.org). We will look into doing it here in Wayne County.

Each backpack will have age- and sex-appropriate pjs, hygiene kit, blanket, book, and stuffed animal.

Sally will contact Social Services to find out information needed for the project to go forward.

May be a project for clergy council churches. Buy a set number of backpacks, but have items packed by age and sex in a separate bag that can be put into the backpack for the child being moved to a new home.

Our next meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Fadden

The stated meeting of session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the moderator, Reverend HoDong Hwang at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall. The meeting was opened with prayer and lighting of The Christ Candle.

**8 Present:** Philip Opdycke, Courtney Marr, Emily Hunt, Alicia Lynch, Roxanne Dobson, Irene Fadden, Randy Kennard, Janet Manktelow

**0 Absent**

**0 Excused**

**A quorum was present.**

- Motion made by Phil Opdycke seconded and carried to approve the meeting agenda with 2 additions.

Devotions were shared by Alicia Lynch.

#### **Clerk's Report**

- Motion made by Phil Opdycke seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the February session meeting.

**Installation: Roxanne Dobson was installed on Sunday March 2, 2025, as a ruling elder on session for a 3-year term. She will lead the Fellowship Ministry Team.**

#### **Financial Secretary's Report**

		<b><u>January 2025</u></b>		
	<b>Current</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>YTD% of</b>
	<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$32,553</b>	<b>\$32,553</b>	<b>\$183,035</b>	<b>17.79%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$16,197</b>	<b>\$16,197</b>	<b>\$213,099</b>	<b>7.60%</b>
<b>Net Receipts/Expenditures</b>	<b>\$16,356</b>	<b>\$16,356</b>	<b>\$(30,064)</b>	

- Motion made by Finance Ministry Team, carried to approve Financial Secretary's report.
- Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to remove all financial information from the website including in the Spire, Annual Report and expunge from all of those for the past year.

## **Business of the Church**

**Day Care Update-** went upstairs to see what had already been done. There is an issue with communication. None of the work should have been done without session approval. There was a long discussion about where we go from here. We will ask the 2 women from the day care to attend the next meeting so we can ask questions before we can make any final decisions. We also have to check with Presbytery to see how this would affect our tax-exempt status.

We talked about the sound system upgrades needed. We need a little more information from James so we can decide what to do and where the money would come from.

Courtney talked about our copyright license through CCLI. She is looking into another company to see which would be better for us to have. We will talk about it at the next meeting.

Irene told us about the grant from Presbytery the mission team has asked for to help with the Good Neighbor Fund. The amount they are requesting is \$3,000.

- Motion made by Mission Ministry Team and carried to approve applying for a \$3,000 grant from Presbytery for the Good Neighbor Fund.

## **Ministry Team reports**

**Worship Ministry Team** – they will meet next week. Ash Wednesday is tomorrow and there will be a service.

**Fellowship Ministry Team-** no meeting this month. There will be a potluck lunch on the last Sunday of the month.

**Deacons Ministry Team** – Jackie DeBrine is turning 100 at the end of March. They are asking everyone to flood her with cards. They are setting up new strategies for gluten free communion items, asking for extra prayers for those on the confidential prayer list.

**Mission Ministry Team** – talked about new backpack kits, asking for hygiene items for April 5<sup>th</sup>. They want to celebrate Lois Daniels, a deceased member who donated 1,000 boxes of cereal. They will do a cereal drive in conjunction with Vacation Bible School to honor Lois.

**CE Ministry Team** – no report

**Property Ministry Team** -all the lights have been repaired.

- Motion made by Property Ministry Team and carried to allow The Finger Lakes Camerata to perform in the sanctuary on May 3, 2025.

**Presbytery** – held a Learning Day

Next meeting: April 1<sup>st</sup>

Devotions – Roxanne

Janet Manktelow  
Clerk

## Our Prayer Concerns (updated April 16, 2025)

### **Grieving:**

Family & Friends of Beverly Koeberle (requested by the Deacons)

Family & Friends of Jessica Locey (requested by the Deacons)

### **Serving in the Armed Forces:**

AJ Bliss, Josh Polle

### **Please pray for those of our congregation with immediate concerns:**

Ellen Avery, Joan Barnard, Bob Dardenne, Joan Durfey, Janet Manktelow, Bentley Matz, Tricia Owen, Jody Pruitt, Nancy Roets, Harry/Laurie Schraffenberger, Patti Squier

### **Congregation members needed continued prayers:**

Scott Bush, Irene Fadden, Pam Gnagy, Gary Hughes, Frank Lawrence, Cim McFarlane, Wilma Redman, Jan Semans, Fran Storm

### **Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:**

Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton, David Squier

### **Others for whom prayers have been requested:**

Doreen Alvito, Sarah Carone, Gary Culver, Melissa Dantz, Daphne DeMeyers, Ted & Nancy Elsenheimer, Glenn Groff, Janet Haigh, Russell Harris, Lucy Lannon, Jerry Locey, Iris McConnell, Luke Medina & family, Megan Melville, Deb/Bruce Merla, Steve Pakis, Kate Pfaff, Tane Robinson, the Stepnowski family, Jack Sweeney, Andy Umreiko, Vicki Wilkins

### **May your prayers go out to:**

All caregivers; All those affected by natural disasters; All those who have no one to pray for them; All victims of violence, hatred and hunger; Please pray for those that wish to remain anonymous

### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Linda Pulcini on the birth of her new great-granddaughter Kennedy born on 3/27 weighing 6 lbs. and 20 in. long. Proud parents are Amber Lee Johnson and Andy Gardner.

*Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless renewal has been requested.*

**Prayers of Intercession** are offered each day by our Deacons. To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenamin, or Kathy in the Church office.



# MAY 2025

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	Pastor Hodong is away until May 5 <sup>th</sup> .			1 National Day of Prayer  No Bible Study (pastor out of town)	2	3 3 pm Finger Lakes Camerata Concert
4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching Church Picnic	5	6 9:30-11 am Toddler Time 10:55 am Select Choir Rehearsal 1 pm Men's Group 3 pm Fellowship 7 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	7 7 pm Select Choir Recital	8 9:30 am Mission/Social Concerns 11 am Bible Study	9	10 10 am to 12:30 pm Assembly of hygiene kits & lunch
11 Communion & Cereal Sunday Mother's Day 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service 5-7 pm Youth Group	12 2-8 pm FH Set Up Rummage Sale	13 10 am Deacons 2-8 pm FH Set Up Rummage Sale 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	14 2-8 pm FH Set Up Rummage Sale 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	15 9 am to 3 pm FH Rummage Sale  No Bible Study	16 9 am to 3 pm FH Rummage Sale	17 9 to 11 am FH Rummage Sale 11 am to 2 pm Tear Down
18 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service	19  Pastor Hodong will be gone from May 19 until June 4.	20 SPIRE DEADLINE 9:30-11 am Toddler Time 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	21 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	22 No Bible Study (pastor out of town)	23	24
25 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 10 am worship service Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell preaching	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	28	29 No Bible Study (pastor out of town)	30	31



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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<b>1</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Last day of Sunday School 10 am youth led worship service	2	<b>3</b> <b>10 am Deacons</b> <b>1 pm Men's Group</b> <b>3 pm Fellowship</b> <b>7 pm Boy Scouts</b> <b>Muscle Room</b>	4	<b>5</b> <b>9:30 am Mission/ Social Concerns</b> <b>No bible study</b>	6	7
<b>8</b> <b>Day of Pentecost</b> <b>Communion &amp; Cereal</b> <b>Sunday</b> 10 am worship service 5-7 pm Youth Group	9	<b>10</b> <b>3:15 pm Worship</b> <b>7 pm Christian Ed.</b> <b>7 pm Boy Scouts</b> <b>Muscle Room</b> <b>7 pm Session</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7 pm FH Boy Scouts</b>	<b>12</b> <b>11 am Bible Study</b>	13	14
<b>15</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 10 am worship service 5-7 pm Youth Group	16	<b>17</b> <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b> <b>7 pm Boy Scouts</b> <b>Muscle Room</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Noon Circle Picnic</b> <b>Aqueduct Park</b> <b>6:30 pm Property</b>	<b>19</b> <b>11 am Bible Study</b>	20	21
<b>22</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 10 am worship service 5-7 pm Youth Group	23	<b>24</b> <b>7 pm Boy Scouts</b> <b>Muscle Room</b>	25	<b>26</b> <b>11 am Bible Study</b>	27	28
<b>29</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 10 am worship service <b>Potluck Luncheon</b> 5-7 pm Youth Group	30					