



First Presbyterian Church of Lockport
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September 21, 2026 News & Updates



EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER TO TAKE NOTE OF:

Yom Kippur - September 21st
Book Club - Begins Sept. 23rd (see more info. below)
Fall Equinox - September 22nd
Guitar Concert - September 25th
Native American Day - Sept. 25th

Pastor's Corner



Dear Church Family,

Well, here we are at the beginning of the Church year again, and the calendar is filling up with many activities and other special events - Concerts, Rally Day, Breakfasts, Bible and Book studies, Sunday School, Pet Blessings and so much more.

First Day of Sukkot - Sept. 26th
Congregational Meeting - Sept. 27th
at 9:15am
Handbell Rehearsals Begin -
September 30th

ON THE HORIZON:

Blessing of the Animals - Oct. 3rd
World Communion Sunday - Oct. 4th
Bible Study at 9:15am in Grigg
Parlor begins on October 4th
Ladies Soup Luncheon - Oct. 7th
Art Sunday - October 18th
Children's Sabbath - October 18th
Trunk or Treat - October 22nd
Reformation Sunday - October 25th
Crop Walk - October 25th
All Saint's Sunday - November 1st
Veteran's Sunday - November 8th
Veteran's Day - November 11th
Organ Concert - November 13th



If you'd like to give someone a little shoutout, please let us know. This could be anything; a birthday, an anniversary, a job well done, a thank you, anything works! Please help us share the good news.

You can email us at the office:
office@1stpreshockport.com

**A SHOUTOUT GOES TO:
EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN
RALLY DAY; IT WAS A GREAT
SUCCESS!!**

**Thank you to C. Hatton Humphrey
and the Sanborn Fire Company for**

We are hoping that members of the church will take this time to rededicate themselves to the church by attending these events and Worship, as there is so much going on.

This Fall, I will be getting caught up on visits to church members and be serving Communion to shut-ins. If you have been missed this summer, rest assured, I will be contacting you soon.

Blessing,

Jim

Contact the Pastor



**We're in need of
youth volunteers to
be Readers and/or
Acolytes for Sunday
Worship.**

**There is a sign-up
sheet in Arnold Hall.**

sharing their talents with us and putting on such a lovely concert on the 19th, it was truly enjoyable.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kelley Seekins on being named the NAIA Athletic Trainer of the Year, this is an amazing accomplishment!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, YOUR KINDNESS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



For the Fall, we will continue with services being held at 10am at least until the end of January.

There will no longer be an 8:15am service.

We will be hosting breakfast before Worship on Sundays at 9am.

There will be Bible Study in Grigg Parlor at 9:15am if you'd like to join



Coffee & Fellowship after Worship will be from 11am - 11:45am in Arnold Hall.

If you'd like to sign-up to host a Sunday, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Arnold Hall.

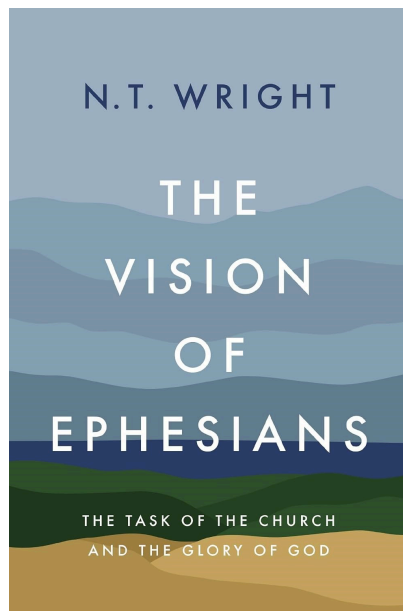


Please remember the following in your prayers;

Prayers to the thousands of people who lost their lives and their families on September 11th, Friend of Steve Cotten who just received a pacemaker, Friends of Sue Vasko; Katrina

in after you eat your breakfast beginning on October 4th.

Sunday School will begin at 9:15am.



Adult Forum Book Study begins on Wednesday, September 23rd at 8pm - details are below.



We will be hosting a **FREE** Concert in our sanctuary, featuring world renowned, Guitarist, Alan Liu on Friday, September 25th at 7pm. This event is open to the public, we hope you'll join us.

and Debbie, Doris Kovacs, Kenan Center and their new arena, Ken Coppings Friend, Melissa who lost her battle with cancer, Aidan Shay, Cindy Howard, Tiffany Miller, Victims of the wildfires and firefighters both domestic and international. The Family of Norm Pearson, The Family of Jim Currie, Terry and Stewart families on the passing of Uncle "Butch", Dave, Kathy Pease, Stephen Dempsey, Maria Goodrich's Brother in Law, Gary Sanner, The Family of Sunny Bloom, Patrick Lukes & Family, The Family of Lois Begley, Barb Youngberg, Family of Bob Kane, Geri May's daughter, Tony, Judy Kirchgraber, Mary Boyle's Husband, Elaine Stahlers' sister, Marsha, Elizabeth Kahler, June Covell, Geri May, Frances D'Angelo, Jay Ramsey, Johanna Ramsey, Sonia Walter, Darcy O'Brien, Alexandra, Joe Radosky & Family, Brayden & Jordan, Cliff Carlson,



Handbell Rehearsals will begin on September 30th.

**Celestial Bells will now be at 2pm.
New Beginnings will still be at 7pm.**

If you have any interest in learning the handbells, please speak with Jeff Seekins.



There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 27th at 9:15am in Arnold Hall, please plan to attend.



Damon Mrowka, Bonnie Narehood's Husband, Josh Penna, Vince Davis, Melissa Penna, Betty Campbell, Jeff Monroe, Chris, Chuck Covell, Richard Kibler, Maralyn Joslyn, Dave Shambach, Tom Keough, Jennifer Rhoney, Rick Maines, Carol Abramson, Chris Lindemuth, Derrick Rose, Kathy Legters, Arlene Shaw, Curt Coby, Stephanie Brinks, Barbara, Betty Wolcott, Myrna Addenbrooke, Kevin Wolcott, those who are sick & in nursing homes, Africa, Venezuela, Syria, Sudan, Palestine, Gaza, Israel, Iran, Russia and Ukraine. Our troops at home & abroad.



Just a reminder that we continuously need donations for our food

We will be hosting a Blessing of the Animals drive-thru on Saturday, October 3rd from 11am - 12pm in our back parking lot.

Anyone and their animal(s) are welcome to attend.

We will be taking donations for the Niagara County SPCA as well and will be visiting the shelter in the afternoon to bless the animals there.



We will be taking part in World Communion Sunday on October 4th, please make sure to join us for this moving Worship service.



Our After School Art Program with Ms. Robin will begin on October 7th and is a 10 week class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Wed and Thursdays 4:30 - 6pm
Friday - 6 - 7:30pm

Cost is \$50 per child for materials.

Please reach out to Robin Andrews for more information at

pantry; non-perishable food items are best.

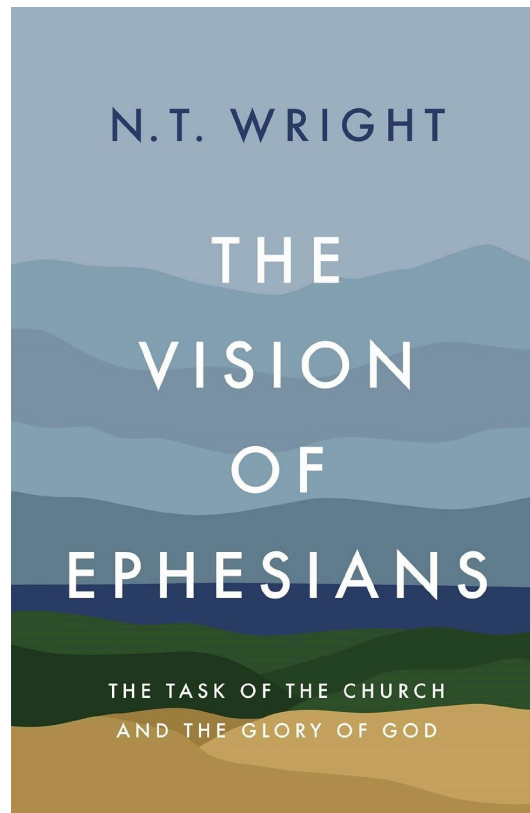
Thank you to Bob Kovacs for graciously volunteering his time to manage our pantry, we appreciate you!

We're getting low on items and could certainly use some additional support from our Congregants!



The first Women's Soup Luncheon for the Fall season will be on October 7th at 12:15pm in Arnold Hall.

Visit our Facebook Page



Our Fall Adult Book Forum will begin on September 23rd and will continue through December 9th and will be at 8pm (November 25th, excluded).

Weekly:

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Join Zoom Meeting

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An accessible introduction to the book of Ephesians from New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright. Ephesians presents a wide-ranging panorama of the Christian gospel and its implications. It looks backwards toward the creation of the world, and it looks forward to the time when God will be "all in all." It foregrounds the work of Jesus the Messiah and the work of the spirit, and it positions the church as central to the purposes of God--a small, working model of new creation. This understanding of the church is central to the New Testament, but nowhere is it clearer than in Ephesians. Paul's view of salvation is not about being rescued from the world, but about the coming together of heaven and earth in Jesus the Messiah. Against this backdrop, many of the most challenging parts of Ephesians --spiritual welfare, women in the church, powers and principalities, what Paul means by "salvation"-- come into sharper focus.

In "The Vision of Ephesians," well-known New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright offers an accessible introduction that opens the text in a way that helps what may seem seem dense and allusive become clear, fresh, challenging and encouraging. Wright works through the letter in nine sections, exploring both apocalyptic insights and bracing challenges for the church, whether in the first century or the twenty-first.



Growing in Faith Together

Please consider making a gift to your church. We are still working on several capital improvements; including improving the efficiency of the HVAC system, improving electrical and lighting in the church, updating and repairing the organ, cleaning and renovating some of the Tiffany windows, and other work. We thank you for those who have already contributed substantial gifts to these projects.

You can mail a gift to the church:

First Presbyterian Church
PO Box 373
Lockport, New York 14095

You can set up a text message account with our service provider, Vanco, by texting 716-265-6713, you can Venmo using @LockportJesus, you can use PayPal at info@1stpreslockport.org, or you can follow the link above! Thank you.



Please Donate



The Babcock Chapel will be open for private prayer from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. There are a few chairs and a private kneeler for your private prayer. Please feel free to close the door for privacy, leaving it open when you are finished.



The Girl Scouts also meet at the church at various times. Please speak with Susan Haley if you are interested in more information.



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