

# First Pres Outreach August 2026

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## Member Spotlight

Let us welcome Emilee Rodriguez, who joined our church in June along with her family. Emilee learned about our church by viewing our worship services on social media and was interested in finding out more about FPCL by attending Sunday services in person. Our Sunday School, nursery child care and a growing church were the reasons for joining us for worship and membership.

Emilee grew up in a northern NY State town, and participated in many youth ministry areas in her home town church. She moved to our area to attend Niagara University and was active in many campus events and student government. Emily graduated in May, and accepted a position as a pre-school teacher at the St. Mary's School for the Deaf. This fall she will attend RIT in the Masters Deaf Education program. She regularly practices sign language, tap dancing, baking, and playing with her dog, Nala.

Emilee will share her talents and time with us as a Sunday School teacher, Lay Reader, Greeter and Baker.

Please, take a few minutes and get to know Emilee. You will be happy to you did!



## From the Deacons



For the month of August, the Deacons will be collecting **gender-neutral backpacks and school supplies**. All items will be donated to Carolyn's House in Niagara Falls. If you have any questions, please contact Heather at [hsklaiber@yahoo.com](mailto:hsklaiber@yahoo.com).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as the Deacons help those in need!

Remember the words from 2 Corinthians 9:8 –  
*"And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others"*

## Christian Education

VBS Sunday Mornings got off to a great start! The first week, everyone had a blast playing 4 Square—a fast-paced game that kept kids and adults moving and having fun. Thanks to Velma, Sarah McBee, Emilee, and all the kids who joined in! The second week, the kids learned to play pickleball with Penny Schultz, Kristen Van Slyke, Ashley Yunke and Linda Clark. A different activity is scheduled each week. We can't wait! Our summer scripture is:  
*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* — Philippians 4:13  
Want to join us? See Pam for details

## Community

**Pickleball.** New faces are always welcome at pickleball. Join us Sunday or Monday (2-5 pm) (1:30-4:30 pm) or Wednesday (6:30-8:30 pm) for a friendly match. See Louise Cadwalader or Penny Schulz for more information.

**AA.** Lew-Port AA meets Tuesdays at 7 pm and provides critical support for recovery.

## Service

**Garden Team.** The Garden Team is looking for volunteers to assist with watering and maintaining our community garden this summer. If you are interested in getting involved, please see Ralph Barto.

**Little Free Food Pantry.** Help stock the Lewiston Little Free Pantry for one week this summer. To volunteer or learn more, see Terri Brown.

## Pastor's Corner

Dear friends and members of First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston,

It's hard to believe that we're in the last few weeks of summer! I hope you have been enjoying the warm weather and sunshine - maybe visiting family and friends, spending time in the garden, or relaxing by the pool. We are looking forward to many exciting events at First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston this month.

On Wednesday, August 5, we will host Niagara Area Presbyterians for a community dinner at 5PM. Join us for a lovely time of friendship and fellowship.

You are invited to join us for a three-week Bible study on Tuesday, August 11, 18, and 25 on "How to Read the Bible." Families and adults are welcome and participants are encouraged to bring their own Bible. Sign up today in the narthex.

On Saturday, August 22 from 12PM-1:30PM, we will host a "planning party" to look forward to events in the year ahead. All volunteers, members, and friends are welcome to join us for this exciting event. Lunch provided. Sign up today in the narthex.

On Sunday, August 30, we will celebrate our annual Jazz Sunday worship service during our 11:15AM worship. We hope you will join us for this much-loved tradition!

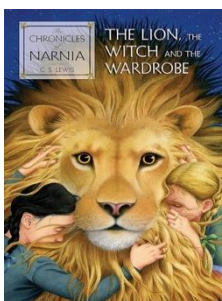
I hope that you have a joy-filled and restful August, and I look forward to seeing you at worship or a special event this month.

Best wishes,  
Carly Beard  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston



## Book Club

**August 2026. *The Way of the Wild Flower* by (insert author's name)** is a story about self-discovery, friendship, and finding the courage to step outside your comfort zone. A sample copy is available on the table in the foyer.



**Family Book Club.** Join us this summer as we journey to Narnia by reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Complimentary books and study guides are available in the narthex.

## August 2026 Calendar

| Date          | Event                                                                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun. Aug. 2   | 11:15AM – Communion<br>Worship and Coffee Hour                                                |
| Tue. Aug. 4   | 6:00PM- Session Meeting                                                                       |
| Wed. Aug. 5   | 5:00PM Niagara Area<br>Presbyterians for a community<br>dinner<br>6:00-8:00PM-Teach the Faith |
| Sun. Aug. 9   | 11:15AM –Worship and<br>Coffee Hour                                                           |
| Tue. Aug 11   | 5:00PM – CE Meeting<br>6:00 PM-Bible Study for Adults                                         |
| Sun. Aug. 16  | 11:15AM – Worship and<br>Coffee Hour                                                          |
| Tues. Aug. 18 | 6:00PM-Bible Study for Adults                                                                 |
| Wed. Aug. 19  | 6:00-8:00PM-Teach the Faith                                                                   |
| Sat. Aug. 22  | 12-1:30PM Planning Party                                                                      |
| Sun. Aug. 23  | 11:15AM – Worship and<br>Coffee Hour                                                          |
| Tue. Aug. 25  | 6:00PM-Bible Study for Adults                                                                 |
| Sun. Aug. 30  | 11:15AM – Jazz Sunday<br>Worship and Coffee Hour                                              |

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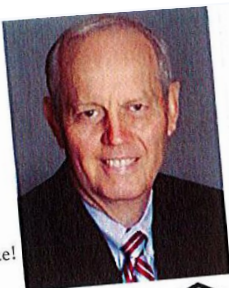
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