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# Outreach

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## June 2026

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### **Faith in Fellowship**

### **Welcome New Members**



Let us extend a generous welcome to George Crafts and Dee Kysor as new church family members. George and Dee joined us as members in December while moving from Goochland County Virginia to Lewiston.

Dee and George actively looked for their next church with online searches even before they moved. They required a vibrant church with a choir and close proximity to family. We are blessed they chose our church.

Their daughter (a college professor) and family live in the Buffalo area. Two grandchildren attend Park School and are gifted in multiple areas, will graduate in 2027, with interests in forestry, Lego design, and aeronautical history.

George retired after 41 years at University of Virginia, a subject librarian specializing in foreign languages, history, and religion. George shared his passion for story telling with K-5 students for 40 years.

Dee completed a Veterinary career as house call specialty veterinarian specializing in acupuncture, chiropractic, and herbal medicine. Dee shared, "put personal spiritual side into practice".



Both have continued passions as avid bird watchers, along with George's storytelling and Dee's music (song writer, guitar, piano)

into programs for youth and family audiences at a variety of venues. Look for them at Stella Niagara Retreat Center in July. We look forward to George and Dee sharing their talents with us soon.

Stop by at church and welcome George and Dee and connect with them for a rewarding relationship.

### **Rummage Sale Thanks**

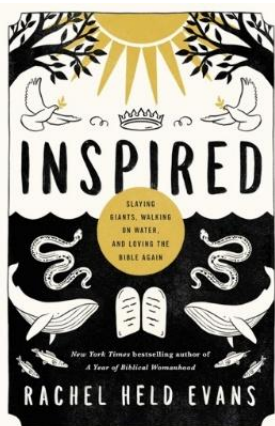
A heartfelt **Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Annual Rummage Sale! We raised almost \$3,000, and it 'takes a village' to make this happen.

If you're interested in joining Presbyterian Women, please see Louise Wasko.



**Consider volunteering** to restock the Little Free Food Pantry for one week this summer. Contact Terri Brown or Patty Berggren to sign up, or use the sign-up sheets available in the Narthex.

## Book Club



Join our congregation-wide book club. Our selection for June 2026 will be *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. This is an excellent book for those deconstructing their faith or seeking to reconcile faith and reason.

– Rev. Carly

## Youth Sunday

Join us on June 28th for a special combined worship service as we honor our Youth, celebrate scholarship recipients, and recognize our Sunday School children.

Look out...here we come! Our Sunday School classes will take part in Youth Sunday with inspiring speakers, Bible verse recitations, and a special handbell presentation by the children. You won't want to miss this joyful and uplifting service!

Please join us afterward in the Blue Room for a special celebration and fellowship following worship.

## Christian Ed.

### Mother's Day Breakfast

Mothers' and their families were provided with a full breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day. We enjoyed scrambled eggs, french toast



casserole, sausage, Tim Bits, and juice. Close to 25 people were served. The children also wrote out "I Love my mom because she \_\_\_\_\_."

They could only fill in one

word. Some answers were sweet and genuine, while others were silly. These Moms needed to be honored because they do so much for their families and make the commitment to bring their children to Sunday School each Sunday. BRAVO!!



## Looking Forward to Summer

We are going to try something new this year and instead of having VBS during the summer for a whole week, we have decided to try, "VBS on Sunday Mornings." Each Sunday, a different sports activity will be held either outside or in the Social Hall. For example, starting July 12<sup>th</sup> we will play "4 Square." July 19<sup>th</sup>, we will play Pickleball, July 26<sup>th</sup> it will be "Capture the Flag." etc. This will end on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

Our Bible concentration for June will be "*I can do all things through Jesus who strengthens me.*" - Phillipians 4:13.

There has also been a Summer Reading List for children and Jr's to read through the summer on those road trips for vacations, rainy days, or just during down time. The list is posted in the new "Outreach Jr," and/or outside the Sunday School classroom.

## Changing the name of Sunday School

Children go to school five days a week. Why can't we name Sunday School something different, so they don't feel like they must go to "school" on Sunday? We have four choices... "Kid's Zone," "Kid's Korner," "Lighthouse Kids," and "Lighthouse Jr's." The children have started voting for their favorite, and when all come to vote we will make a decision. What do you think?

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HELPERS AND TEACHERS!

PLEASE SEE Pam Kilmer if you can help. Blessings to you!

## New Employees

As we say farewell to Sioux in the office, we would also like to extend a very warm welcome to two new employees here at First Pres Lewiston.

Please join us in welcoming:

- Debra Sherman – Custodial
- Denise Enskine – Administrator



**Please pray for** ...Friends & family of Bob, Marge, Chris, family of William, Gwen, Nancy & family, Carol Mae, Ralph, Andon, Sherry, Kevin, Sheryl, Cathy, LeeAnn, Gary & family, David, Stormy, Rick & Bridge, Janice Bellingham and Lena, friends and family of Sally, the children in our community, Paul Andrzejewski

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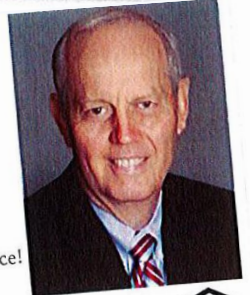
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