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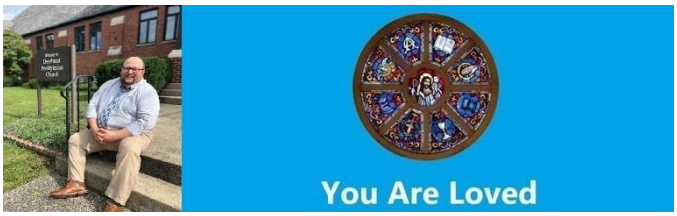
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First Presbyterian of Lewiston,
I am thrilled to have been named as the Committee on Ministry liaison to this wonderful church. This means it is our hope as part of your WNY Presbytery to better create communication pathways and healthy connections, provide resources, celebrate your church, pray with and for you, and help answer questions as they arise. Sometimes people think that COM is just disciplinary or is a committee associated with regulations. We're here to change that!
Yes, our committee does help churches in difficult situations, but the goal of COM is to connect with each and every church and pastor so we know all the amazing things you all are doing. We look forward to being there to help your church brainstorm, and to inspire one another in what God is doing all over. Let's connect!
A little about me, I am originally from Birmingham, Alabama. I absolutely love conversations involving theology, music, and sports, but most of all just an all-around people-person. A big fan of personal connection, so you can find me biking, playing music, or sharing a drink with folks. I live here in Buffalo on Grant Street with my incredible partner Katelyn and our cockapoo Teddy Compassion.
As you have now kicked-off with Rally Day and move into the Fall season, my prayer is that you can pay attention to the good around you. The crisp air, the hopeful sounds of children, scholarly preaching and gathered people in song. Just a few of the things you are blessed with in Lewiston. Continue to live into that gratitude!

You are Loved,
Micah
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On September 6, we celebrated Pastor Carly's one year Ordination anniversary! Who could forget her tears of joy when she became ordained in the Old Stone Church! Congratulations! We're very lucky to have you serve as our pastor!

New church website! Learn more about what's happening at First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston by visiting our new website, located at lewistonpres.org. You can find our recent Outreach newsletters, links to the livestream, and more online!

Beginning January 2027, the Outreach church newsletter will be available on our website, by email, and in limited print copies at church. Sign up for email delivery on the foyer sign-up sheet. If these options are not accessible to you, please contact the church office.

Presbyterian Women will once again be helping the Sunday school class in the fall with putting together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, which is collected in November.

If anyone would like to help with bringing in items to go into the shoeboxes (wash cloths,

bar soap, little toys, coloring books) it'd be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact Louise Wasko (716-417-7066 / 716-754-4641).

Pastor's Corner

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston,

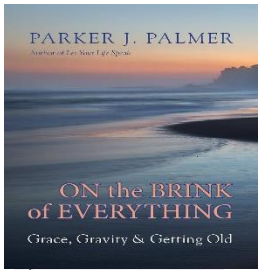
Have you ever wondered what a pastor does all week? As a part-time pastor, fitting all my responsibilities into 20 hours a week can be challenging. In addition to preparing and leading worship and writing sermons, I help with church administration, support staff and volunteers, and provide pastoral care to those in need.

Another responsibility of a pastor is participating in the life of the presbytery and the larger church - this is so important that we pledge to do it in our ordination vows. This includes attending presbytery meetings and serving in leadership at the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly levels.

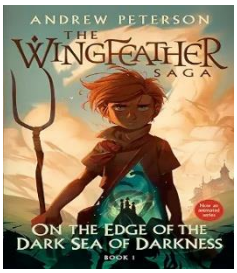
This year, I will serve as one of our presbytery's two ordination exam readers. Candidates for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) must pass four senior exams in Biblical Exegesis, Church Polity, Theology, and Worship and Sacraments. I will spend approximately 12–15 hours reading and grading these exams. While this is a significant commitment, it is a meaningful way for me to serve the presbytery and wider church.

Our church is a thriving Christian community because of the time, talent, and treasure we all invest in our beloved community. Thank you for all of the ways that you give of yourself - as a staff member, volunteer, or friend - to make our church so special!

All the best,
Rev. Carly Beard



October: On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old by Parker Palmer (2019) is a reflective, spiritual book about aging, meaning, mortality, and how to remain fully engaged with life as we grow older**.** A sample copy is available on the table in the foyer.



Family Fall Book Club- *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness: The Wingfeather Saga Book 1* by Andrew Peterson (2020) A sample copy is available on the table in the foyer.

October 2026 Calendar

Date	Event
Sun. Oct. 4	11:15AM – Communion,Worship and Coffee Hour
Tues. Oct. 6	6:00 PM- Session Meeting
Sat. Oct. 10	12:30 PM-Presbyterian Women Meeting-BR
Sun. Oct. 11	11:15AM – Worship and Coffee Hour
Tues. Oct. 13	6:00 PM-Property Team Meeting
Sun. Oct. 18	11:15AM – Harvest Worship in OSC and Coffee Hour
Sat. Oct. 24	10:00-1:00PM-Trunk or Treat
Sun. Oct. 25	11:15AM – Worship and Special Coffee Hour
Mon. Oct. 26	5:00-7:00PM- Youth Group

Community

Pickleball. Join us Sunday or Monday (3-5 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

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

On behalf of myself and the family of Carol Sandonato, thank you for your support, prayers, hugs, calls, cards, texts and just being there for us during our bereavement.

Blessings, Rita Welker

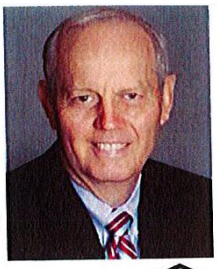
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Denise Erskine, Administrator
Robert Hull, Choir Director/Organist
Pam Kilmer, Sunday School Coordinator

Session Members: Patty Berggren, Terri Brown, Pam Kilmer, Bob Shoff, Sandy Wasko

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