



Niagara's Still Waters

Niagara Presbyterian Church



**The Lord Is My Shepherd; I Shall Not Want.
He Makes Me Lie Down in Green Pastures.
He Leads Me Beside Still Waters.”**
—Psalm 23:1-2 (ESV)

The Pastor's Green Pastures:

January 2012

Grace and Peace from Our Lord Jesus Christ!

How fitting is it that we get to worship on the last Sunday of December on Christmas Day and then we get to begin the new year on January 1, 2012 in worship? We have a new year coming and it is a year to leap for joy, as well as being a leap year on the calendar. Really every year is a year to leap for joy for our salvation in Jesus Christ!

The idea of leaping for joy is a theme that Luke emphasized in his writings (Luke and Acts). It began with the unborn child John the Baptist leaping in his mother's womb (Luke 1), Jesus tells us to “leap for joy” when people hate you, exclude you, revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man (Luke 6), and when the lame man is healed he leaps for joy (Acts 3). Perhaps it was the fact that Luke was a doctor that he especially likes this theme.

We have an awesome opportunity to start this year on the right foot...or with our feet off the ground! And without a doubt God has a plan for you for this year, plans for wholeness and peace, plans to give you a future and hope in Christ.

May you be blessed this year to grow in faith and grace to the glory of God.

In Christ,
Pastor Justin

Helpful Hints:

You can download a free Bible to your phone (assuming you have a phone that can do this) at <http://youversion.com/download>.

You can get devotions texted, called, or emailed to you with a weekly encouragement call from <https://isi.gotandem.com>.

Your standard phone rates apply.

	01/01/12	Psalm 59:1-9	Isaiah 42:10- 43:7	Apostles' Creed	Lord's Supper Choir: <i>All the Glory Belongs to Jesus</i>
Baptism of the Lord	01/08/12	Psalm 59:10-17	Isaiah 43:8- 44:5	Heidelberg Lord's Day 8	Choir: <i>I Will Bless Thee, O Lord</i>
	01/15/12	Psalm 60:1-5	Isaiah 44:6-22	Heidelberg Lord's Day 9	Annual Congregational Meeting after worship
	01/22/12	Psalm 60:6-12	Isaiah 44:23- 45:13	Heidelberg Lord's Day 10	Create a Hymn
	01/29/12	Psalm 61	Guest Preacher	Heidelberg Lord's Day 11	

Statements of Faith

"I believe God created the earth and everything on it. God is eternal and unchangeable. I have been saved from my sins because Jesus died on the cross for me and gives me grace. Baptized for the forgiveness of sins, I've been saved to Jesus to serve Him. The church is my second family. The Bible is the Word of God, it is how He speaks to me. I speak to Him through praying. I take the Lord's Supper to show my faith in Christ."

– Sarah Abbey

"My God is the creator of everything. I believe Jesus Christ, who was born through the Virgin Mary, is God's son. I believe that Jesus died for my sins in which I was saved to holiness. I believe that baptism is the process of becoming a member of God's church in which other people renew their vows to God.

I believe prayer is how I talk to God. I also believe that the Lord's Supper is another way to profess my faith to God's people. I believe that God's word gives me rules to live by. These rules are what I call the Ten Commandments. Lastly I believe Jesus rose for every living thing that believes in him."

– David Vander Does

Please remember to have your annual reports submitted to the Church Office, in the first few days of January 2012

Elders/Deacons Training Class January 14, 2012 10:00AM

Pastor's scripture class is moving to Wednesday 7:00PM

Prayer Group starting soon Monday afternoon, if you are interested call the church office 297-3585 for more information.

**Stated monthly meeting of the Niagara Presbyterian Church Session convened with prayer on November 15, 2011 at 6:55 pm with the following members in attendance: Paul Hazlett, Bill Davis, Steve Hazlett, Bill Farnham, Dawn Hendricks, Gary Strenkoski and Kerri Vander Does.
Excused: Gary Ashby and Shari Johnston**

Report of the Pastor: Rev. Marple made 8 (Mt. St Mary's, Women's and Children's and Millard Fillmore -Gates) hospital visits, 1 nursing home/assisted living visit, 4 home visits and officiated at 1 funeral. Since the last stated session meeting (10/25) He was on Ask the Pastor (11/2), hosted Evangelicals Together (11/7), attended the Iron Sharpens Iron conference (10/29), and went to Princeton Theological Seminary to help recruit interns for the congregations in our presbytery (11/10-11) As usual, Rev. Marple attended church ministries (like youth group, choir) committee meetings, our potluck for advent banners (11/12) and the presbytery's committee on preparation for ministry (11/15). Pastor Marple just finished teaching on Judges on Sunday evenings and next we are on to Samuel.

There is a presbytery meeting this Saturday at First Presbyterian in Lockport where they will vote on the overture from Colonial Village as well as one from Knox.

Rev. Marple will be on Ask the Pastor 11/23.

Pastor Marple will be attending the Fellowship of Presbyterians from January 18- Friday the 20th of January 2012 as continuing education time. He will also be attending Snow Camp with the youth group Friday January 27- Sunday the 29th. Session has approved the possibility of a continuing education retreat for Rev. Marple January 30-February 1, 2012

Report of the Clerk: Recently, the clerk of session was requested to bring the minutes to presbytery for the purpose of reading and checking said minutes. The 2010 minutes were approved by presbytery. Two members of presbytery attended the first half of the meeting for their triennial visit to our church.

The minutes for the October session meeting and the November annual meeting to elect officers were approved. Deacon and elder training will be held January 14, 2012 at 10 am.

Report of the Treasurer: The treasurer's report was received. A motion was passed to accept the report of the auditor. Session elected not to file a DB-135 form with NBL (insurance).

Report of the Deacons: The deacons' minutes were approved.

Worship and Evangelism: 63 people were served communion on November 6th. Advent banners are being made. Wednesday evening programs will be held during advent. A Thanksgiving service will be held at 10 am on November 24, 2011. The Living Nativity Scene will be put up on November 25th. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. The Living Nativity will run from December 17-25. An Advent candle holder has been purchased. Christmas Eve service will be held at 8 pm. There will only be one service. Christmas day service will be at the regular Sunday service time.

Christian Life: The Christian life committee is teaming with the Worship and Evangelism committee for advent activities including banner making which will continue on November 16th.

Crossroads continues to meet on Monday evenings with 5 faithful young people each week. Various activities are planned and sometimes the youth of this age group serve as ushers.

Tadpoles continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:00pm -7:00pm.

Bible study continues on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm. We are studying Samuel, with Pastor Justin.

Sunday school continues at 9:45 am with classes for the young and the young at heart.

Stewardship: The budget is complete.

Building and Grounds: Bids to repair the parking lot are being accepted. Faucets for the kitchen have been replaced and ceiling tiles are also being replaced. Signs to remind people to wipe their feet are being worked on. The windows will be done in the spring the funds for this are coming from the memorial fund. Curtains will be purchased for the choir. The parking lot repairs will come from the MCI fund. The air conditioning will come from both the MCI fund and a fund set aside specifically for the air conditioning.

Personnel and Nominating: Presented the names of members who are willing to serve on different committees for 2012. The nominations were approved.

With there being no further business, the meeting was closed in prayer at 8:40 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on December 11, 2011 following church service. New session members starting in January are requested to attend.

Kerri Vander Does

2011 Clerk of Session

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS FOR November 2011

DATE	CURRENT/ LOOSE	MISSION	MCI	MEMORIAL	GENTRY	TOTAL
11/6/2011 Crow n Castle	\$1,044.82	\$261.21		\$-	\$-	\$1,306.03
11/6/2011	\$1,695.02	\$87.00		\$91.00	\$25.00	\$1,898.02
11/13/2011	\$1,870.25	\$65.00		\$275.00	\$50.00	\$2,260.25
11/20/2011	\$2,077.00	\$20.00		\$20.00	\$35.00	\$2,152.00
11/27/2011	\$2,236.09	\$59.00		\$84.00	\$-	\$2,379.09
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TOTAL	\$8,923.18	\$492.21	\$470.00	\$110.00		\$9,995.39

DESCRIPTION

	CHECKING	MCI	MEMORIAL	MEMORIAL SCHOLAR	GENTRY CAMBERSHIP	
12/31/10 BALANCE	\$126.08	\$18,638.49	\$8,567.47	\$1,689.94	\$11,826.82	
Return Check and Charges	\$(10.00)					\$-
Interest		\$10.24		\$7.16	\$(273.62)	
Deposit	\$135,598.25	\$14,217.29	\$1,035.00			
Expenses	\$(135,646.34)	\$(19,854.12)	\$(3,038.93)			\$-
TOTAL	\$67.99	\$13,011.90	\$6,563.54	\$1,697.10	\$11,553.20	

EXPENDITURES FOR November 2011

National Fuel 9/9/11-10/7/11 E	Church	\$98.14		Manse \$42.82		Garage \$23.02	\$163.98
National Grid 9/15/11-10/17/11	Church	\$151.12		Manse \$54.44		Garage \$20.35	\$225.91
Tow n of Niag. Water & Sew er Dept.	Church&Manse						\$50.00
Time Warner Cable							\$90.10
Board of Pensions - Pastor's pension fund							\$1,168.70
Daw n Hendricks - Advent Banner Material							\$46.33
Orkins Pest Control							\$264.79
US Post Office-200 Stamp secretary&10-4 50 Stamps							\$102.50
Carol Sklarski – Faucet for Kitchen							\$138.00
Cintas Corporation #782							\$28.03
Guide One Insurance							\$1,054.00
HSBC Bank - Safe Deposit							\$60.00
Elite Janitorial Service							\$200.00
DFT Communications - Fire Alarm							\$65.85
Ken Young Paving - Contract Snow Plow ing							\$1,175.00
Salaries/expenses: Reverend Justin L. Marple	Salary						\$3,994.00
Reverend Justin L. Marple	Expenses:		Mileage&Tolls	\$210.25	Mting&CD	\$151.48	\$361.73
Elizabeth Eichelberger	Organist						\$207.57
Elizabeth Eichelberger	Choir Director						\$47.17
Jennifer Pauly	Organist						\$207.57
Jennifer Pauly	Choir Director						\$23.59
Patty Cramer	Secretary						\$359.12
Gary Ashby	Custodial						\$188.70

Total

\$10,222.64

Funds for Men's Good Friday Breakfast \$2,529.96

Funds Women's Breakfast \$109.74

Yours in Christ, Patty Cramer, Treasurer

Announcements

Congratulations to Marty & Jennifer Pauly on the birth of Emme Mae.

Congratulations to Tony & Tina Ross on their recent wedding.

Our Sympathy is with the family of Beverly Henschbarger

If there is any news that you would like to share please email niagarapres@gmail.com by the deadline.

If you have any prayer requests that you would like to share in the newsletter you may contact the church office by the Deadline.

Prayer family of the month

<p>1</p> <p>Bill & Penny Koehn 6178 Campbell Blvd. Lockport, NY 14094</p>	<p>8</p> <p>James & Christina Kramp 4718 Hermitage Rd. Niagara Falls, NY 14305</p>	<p><u>For our people ill at home or in hospitals or nursing homes:</u> Alta Rimer, Mildred Thompson, Dee Hescocx, Doug Smith, Delores Mere, Helen Delgrolice, Gerry Winters, Herb Bloomquist, Elsie Owens, Marjorie Merrill, Gladys Newton, Angie Micon, R.J. Zey, Dan Ross, Don Hahn, Michelle Ahlas, Liz Berge, Mildred Kline, Mary Moore, Esther Ferry, Corinne Payne, Karrie Neff, Red and Gina Hendricks</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Josephine Lengen 5962 Mayflower Rd. Niagara Falls, NY 14304</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Tom & Mabel Lewis 4777 Creekside Pkwy Niagara Falls, NY 14305</p>	<p><u>For our people in the Armed Forces</u> John Glyshaw (Amber's Husband) David Vendetti Robbi Cramer now stationed at Fort Hood Texas Richard Hinkle (Lucy Hinkle's Grandson) Shane Larson in Lackland Texas Airbase Christopher Poss in Iraq (Keith Poss's son) John Demler</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Richard & Margaret Lingenfelter 318 Willowbend Rd. Niagara Falls, NY 14150</p>		

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

<p>5-Melanie Jordan 10-David Haseley 11-Kerri Vander Does 12-Gary Ashby</p>	<p>19-Michelle Greene 20-Beth Boyles 23-Charlene Mitchell 23-Pat Bernier</p>	<p>24-Ken Pendergast Jr. 24-Zachary Nash 29-Amy Ross 30-Evelyn Lauer 30-Don Croisdale</p>	<p>1-Michael & Jennie Hazlett 3-Gary & Karen Strenkoski 22-William & Judy Johnston</p>
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	Visiting Deacon	Visiting Elder
1	Colleen Alexis	Serena Ross
8	Michelle Ahlas	Bill Davis
15	Rebecca Ashby	Kerri Vender Does
22	Marlene Cowling	Dawn Hendricks
29	Carol Sklarski	Danny Sklarski

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 6:00 Tadpoles(grades 1-5)	2 6:30 Crossroads (Grades 6-12)	3 6:30 Sunday School Meeting	4 7:00 Samuel Study	5 6:00 Church Choir	6 1:00 50+ Club	7
8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Session Meeting 6:00 Tadpoles(grades 1-5)	9 6:30 Crossroads (Grades 6-12)	10	11 7:00 Samuel Study	12 6:00 Church Choir	13	14 10:00 Elders/Deacons Training Class
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