



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:

November 2011

The secular holiday season keeps starting earlier and earlier each year. Now Halloween is considered part of the season and many people spend almost as much or more on Halloween than they do on Christmas. But I would encourage you to reflect on the theme of Reformation in November this year.

October 31 is not only Halloween but it is also Reformation Day. It was the day that Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses to the door. And so this November let me encourage you to think about one part of what it means when we say that we belong to the Reformed tradition of the Christian faith.

The part that I want to emphasize with you is that the oft quoted statement "reformed and always reforming [or more accurately, "to be reformed"] according to Scripture" is not only supposed to describe what we believe but even to describe who we are. To be Reformed is to have experienced revival, to be born again, to be converted to God. To be always reforming according to Scripture is to be increasingly transformed into the image of God. So Reformed describes not only what we believe but who we are in Christ. And one of the most important practical applications of this truth is to see that we are not to be driven to change by a sense of guilt (as many religious systems encourage), but because we are thankful that all of our guilt has been taken away in Christ. If God has changed you and is at work changing you, then give thanks to God!

It is for this reason that one of the themes of Reformed theology is thanksgiving. It is because our beliefs, our lifestyles, even our very selves, have been changed by the grace of God alone in Christ alone that we are to give thanks to God with everything that we do. And so as you reflect on things this month, I want to encourage you to spend time giving thanks to God for the many blessings that He has given to you – thanks for your salvation in Christ, thanks for the Spiritual blessings that are yours in the heavenly places even now, thanks for the many other blessings that all come from His hand and that we should never forget to count, and thanks for the blessings that He has promised will come in your future.

In Christ,

Pastor Justin

The November Worship Schedule

Date	Call to Worship	Sermon Theme or Text	Profession of Faith	Special Notes
11/06/11	Psalm 56	Giving Thanks	Apostles' Creed	The Lord's Supper
11/13/11	Psalm 57	Giving Thanks	Heidelberg Lord's Day 6	Create a Hymn (It is the Pastor's birthday, don't tell anyone.)
11/20/11 Reign of Christ	Psalm 58	Giving Thanks	Heidelberg Lord's Day 7	Jennifer Pauly on Violin
11/24/11 Thanksgiving Day		Giving Thanks		10:00:00 AM
11/27/11 First Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:26-38	Matt 24:36-51	Apostles' Creed	Listen for details about the First Wednesday in Advent

Save the date! November 12, 6:00 pm, Saturday for Potluck dinner and Advent Banner making.

Annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing Officers November 13, 2011 after worship.

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

From Gladys Newton: Church Women United In Niagara Falls & Vicinity (An ecumenical movement of Christian Women) Invite you to attend our World Community Day Celebration. "Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action" November 4, 2011 1:00PM at First Baptist Church, 554 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY 14301

**"As the seventieth birthday of its 1941 founding approaches, in this celebration CWU looks back to its past and forward too its future."
Childcare – call Betty at 297-5465.**

Stated monthly meeting of the Niagara Presbyterian Church Session convened with prayer on September 20, 2011 at 7:01pm with the following members in attendance: Paul Hazlett, Bill Davis, Shari Johnston and Kerri Vander Does.

Excused: Steve Hazlett, Gary Ashby, Bill Farnham, and Dawn Hendricks
Absent: Gary Strenkoski

Report of the Pastor: Rev. Marple made 5 (Mt. St Mary's, Memorial and Millard Fillmore -Gates) hospital visits, 1 nursing home/assisted living visit, 2 home visits,. He officiated at 2 weddings. Since the last stated session meeting (8/23): Pastor Marple has appeared on *Ask the Pastor* twice (8/24, 9/7). He attended Evangelicals Together (9/13). Rev. Marple served as the secretary of the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry (9/20). As usual Pastor Marple attended church ministries (like youth group, choir), and committee meetings. Pastor Marple did some sessions of counseling. He will continue teaching on Joshua for the next two Sunday evenings and will begin Judges in October. *The Layman Online* put up a link earlier this month to one of pastor Marple's blog posts (available at RevMarple.com) called "All Sins are Not 'Created' Equal."

Report of the Clerk: Michael Sovereign from Unison came out to speak with us regarding the cell tower space. We decided to request actual figures for comparison to what we have now. Questions for the Triennial visit in November will be passed out to session members at the October meeting.

Report of the Treasurer: The treasurer's report was received.

Worship and Evangelism: Approximately 80 people were served communion on September 4th. A dinner will be held on November 12 at 6pm, advent banners will be made. Wednesday evening programs will be held during advent.

Christian Life: Work is continuing on the 75th Anniversary Dinner. The congregation is encouraged to contribute the history of the church for the dinner. Sunday School and Children's Church is ready to go for this year.

CROSSROADS will meet on Monday nights for 6th-12th grade students at 6:30pm with Janice Farnham and the pastor as leaders.

Tadpoles will be starting for students in grades 1st-5th on Sunday, September 25th with the 6th-12th grade students helping. The time will be 6-7pm. They will use the FaithWeavers Friends curriculum.

Shepherding a Child's Heart will be offered this fall, facilitated by Charlene Sauer. *Instructing a Child's Heart*, which is next in the series, will be offered to those who have completed the first series on Sunday mornings at 9:30 led by Janice Farnham and on Monday evenings at 5:30 by the pastor.

Stewardship: Members of this committee are working on getting the donated property designated as tax free.

Building and Grounds: On September 4, 2011 approximately 15 people walked through the Mayle Court property.

The back porch steps of the Manse need to be repaired as well as the front sidewalk. Repairs will be made as soon as possible.

Personnel and Nominating: Chris Vander Does will stay on the Christian Life Committee as a member of the congregation.

With there being no further business, the meeting was closed in prayer at 8:11pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on October 25, 2011.

Kerri Vander Does
2011 Clerk of Session

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS FOR September 2011 DATE	CURRENT/ LOOSE	MISSION	MCI	MEMORIAL	GENTRY	TOTAL
9/4/2011 Crown Castle	\$ 1,044.82	\$ 261.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,306.03
9/4/2011	\$ 1,892.15	\$ 71.00	\$ 546.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,509.15
9/11/2011	\$ 2,271.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 55.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,361.00
9/18/2011	\$ 2,746.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 139.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,945.50
9/25/2011	\$ 1,430.50	\$ 75.50	\$ 47.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,553.50
				\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 9,384.97	\$ 502.71	\$ 787.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,675.18

DESCRIPTION	CHECKING	MCI	MEMORIAL	MEMORIAL SCHOLAR	GENTRY CAMBERSHIP	TOTAL
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	\$ 114,082.12	\$ 12,904.79	\$ 380.00			
Expenses	\$ (113,699.99)	\$ (18,854.12)	\$ (3,038.93)		\$ -	
TOTAL	\$ 498.21	\$ 12,699.40	\$ 5,908.54	\$ 1,697.10	\$ 11,553.20	

EXPENDITURES FOR September 2011

National Fuel	7/13/11-8/9/11 E	Church	\$30.39	Manse	\$27.27	Garage	\$15.84	\$ 73.50
National Grid	7/18/11-8/17/11	Church	\$132.70	Manse	\$40.34	Garage	\$24.31	\$ 197.35
Town of Niag. Water & Sewer Dept.		Church&Manse						\$ -
Time Warner Cable								\$ 90.03
Board of Pensions - Pastor's pension fund								\$ 1,168.70
Wycliffe Bible Translators								\$ 100.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators		Vacation Bible School						\$ 127.13
US Post Office - 200 Stamps		secretary						\$ 88.00
Office Max - Toner								\$ 99.99
Office Max - Drum								\$ 125.59
Office Max - 2-Cases Paper & Labels								\$ 55.20
Niagara Presbyterian Deacons - Donation Baskets								\$ 1,000.00
Elite Janitorial Service								\$ 200.00
Schlaak Builders Lawn Care								\$ 480.00
Carol Sklarski - Sign for Church Office								\$ 128.00
Church Interiors Inc. - Deposit Pew Cushions								\$ 1,460.00
Rev. Justin L. Marple - 5 Study Guides		Youth Group						\$ 44.76
Salaries/expenses: Reverend Justin L. Marple		Salary						\$ 3,994.00
Reverend Justin L. Marple		Expenses:		Mileage&Tolls	\$ 202.21	Mting&Books&	DVD \$ 136.85	\$ 339.06
Elizabeth Eichelberger		Organist						\$ 415.14
Elizabeth Eichelberger		Choir Director						\$ 117.94
Patty Cramer		Secretary						\$ 376.22
Gary Ashby		Custodial						\$ 188.70
Total								\$ 10,869.31

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

Funds Women's Breakfast \$109.74

Angel Food - \$274.50

Yours in Christ, Patty Cramer, Treasurer

***Life Support
Prayer calendar for
Presbyterians
Pro-Life
NOVEMBER***

October 30-November 5

1. Read Hosea 9
2. Pray God's blessing for those you know who have answered His call to adopt; pray that many Christian couples will accept God's call to ministry through adoption.
3. Pray for the leaders of our denomination that they will stop listening to themselves and wandering among the nations; and will turn back to God and His Word.

November 6-12

1. Read Hosea 10
2. Pray that our denomination will turn away from trusting in its own way and repent of the iniquity we have plowed, the injustice reaped, and the fruit of lies eaten.
3. Pray that we will turn and sow righteousness; reap steadfast love; seek the Lord; that He may come and rain righteousness upon us.

November 13-19

1. Read Hosea 11-12:1
2. Pray that our churches will encourage and provide assistance to those who care for children whose mothers are not able or ready to parent.
3. Pray and give glory to our Father in heaven who is God and not a man, the Holy One who works out the salvation of His people.

November 20-26

1. Read Hosea 12:2-14
2. Pray for those who have believed the false teaching in our churches; that they will, by the help of God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for their God.
3. Pray for teens in our churches; that they will love the Lord with all of their heart, soul, and mind.

November 27-December 3

1. Read Hosea 13
2. Pray that our nation will repent and turn away from the sin of human sacrifice and the worship of idols made with human hands.
3. Pray for Marie Bowen and PPL, that we will be faithful in calling the church to cherish each life as created in God's image.

COOKIE WALK

**PICK UP YOUR FAVORITE
COOKIES**

\$6.00 PER POUND

Date: DECEMBER 3, 2011

Time: 1PM-5PM
**Free drink with
purchase**

FOR INFORMATION

CALL 297-3585

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCKPORT/MILITARY ROADS

3712 Military Road

Niagara Falls, NY 14305



Announcements

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 style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Randy Johnston 4912 Townline Rd. Sanborn, NY 14132</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dylan Jonathan 1954 Mt. Hope Rd. Lewiston, NY 14092</p>	<p><u>For our people ill at home or in hospitals or nursing homes:</u> Alta Rimer, Mildred Thompson, Jim & Dee Hescoc, Doug Smith, Delores Mere, Bev. Henchbarger, Helen Delgrolice, Gerry Winters, Herb Bloomquist, Elsie Owens, Marjorie Merrill, Gladys Newton, Angie Micon, R.J. Zey, Dan Ross, Don Hahn, Michelle Alexis, Liz Berge, Mildred Kline, Mary Moore, Esther Ferry and Corinne Payne.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tab & Beverly Jordan 426-69th St. Niagara Falls, NY 14304</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Frederick Kaufmann 2010 Hyde Park Blvd. 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>

Happy Birthday			Happy Anniversary
1-Karen Strenkoski 3-David Scipione 4-Herb Bloomquist 5-Ron Wilson II 6-Michelle Stedje 6-Taylor Brooks 9-Gina Ross 12-Alta Rimer 13-Elle Pauly 13-Rev. Justin Marple	13-Garrett Glyshaw 16-Rachale Bradley 16-Neal VanderDoes 17-Judy Johnston 17-Elizabeth Eichelberger 17-Wendy Pendergast 18-Cody Weigel 19-Ronnie Greene 19-Conner Erckert	20-Barry Goodin 20-Russell House 22-Amber Larsen 22-Joe Jacob 23-Kristen Jacob 25-Amanda Brosseau 26-Chris Lippa 27-Dick Korman 27-Samantha O'Sullivan	8-Bill & Amanda Farnham 10-Bill & Diana Stedje 23-Bob & Kelly Hickok 26-Joe & Loretta Jacob

	Visiting Deacon	Visiting Elder
6	Carol Sklarski	Paul Hazlett
13	Pam Weigel	Gary Ashby
20	Marlene Cowling	Kerri Vander Does
27	Michelle Ahlas	Steve Hazlett

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 Sunday School Meeting 7:00 Christian Life	2	3 6:00 Church Choir 7:00 Worship & Evangelism	4 1:00 50+ Club	5
6 9:30 Instructing a Child's Heart 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 6:00 Tadpoles(grades 1-5) 6:30 Judges Study	7 5:30 Instructing a Child's Heart 6:30 Crossroads (Grades 6-12)	8 7:00 Stewardship	9	10 6:00 Church Choir 7:00 B & G Comm 7:00 P & N Comm.	11	12 6:00pm Potluck Dinner and Advent Banner making.
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