

RIVERSIDE REPORTER

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS....

Rev. Laura Norris Buisch

What is Faith? How do you define faith? How does faith act? At Bible & Brew, there were 12 different answers to these questions. All of our experiences are different, this helps us to understand faith differently.

Words that were tossed into the mix with faith: trust, hope, always, difficult, constant, journey.

The word Faith appears more than 336 times depending on the translation. Faith is confidence or/and trust or/and belief in God. There are other definitions as well.

I believe faith is a gift given to each of us. How we experience that gift is probably the big question for each of us. Can we see the gift of faith in our stressful lives? Do we see how God is at work in us & around us? Isn't that faith as well?

No matter how much faith you have it will sustain you! Even faith as small as a mustard seed can give you great wisdom & comfort. But you know when you have lost your faith there are people around that can offer you hope & faith. That's what a community of God is all about.

Supporting one another in joy & in struggle. May we be gifts to one another & God.

*Faith is the bird that feels the light
when the dawn is still dark.*

[*Rabindranath Tagore*](#)

Blessings!

Laura



FRIDAY, **\$15 FISH**
OCTOBER 21st **\$12 CHICKEN**

5PM - 7PM

**DINE IN
or
TAKE OUT**

Presale tickets
preferred and
available Sunday AM
or by calling
the church office

October Flowers



If you would like to offer flowers for a loved one or for a special occasion, the 2022 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board.

You may also call the Church Office anytime with your request and your favorite flower or color.

Please let us know if you will be taking the flowers home or leaving them for a shut-in to enjoy.

October 2nd

In loving memory of
Richard Hansen
given by
Jean & family

October 9th

(still available)

October 16th

(still available)

October 23rd

In loving memory of
Michael Johns
given by
Suzette & Joe Spagnolo

October 30th

(still available)

**NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS...**

October



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**SESSION MEETING
6:00PM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th**

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Recent Deaths:

Shut-Ins: Jessie Albright, Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocius, Harriet Casil, Frances Hann, Elaine Jelen, Flora O'Toole, Dorothy Raymond, Margaret Smith, Dorothy Swick, Eileen Tallerico

Prayer List: Mike Emmick, Roger Yung, Larry & Terry Sharts (Kimberly Yung's Uncle and Aunt), Bob Davis, Dawn Ralph, Judy Nixon Kruzich, Jimmie O'Toole, Regina Kernin, Florrie Evans, those grieving, Cassie (friend of Sheila Hare)

Office Hours

Rev. Laura Norris-Buisch
Cell ~ 716-713-6365 Church ~ 283-9752
Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays & Fridays
9:30AM - 2:00PM

Other times available.
For an appointment, call to schedule.

Church Office ~ Lynda Grozio
Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30AM - 3:00PM



...from Rev. Laura

We will continue to publish Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wichwire Lundquist's articles for the Presbyterian Newsletter on awareness of Racism in our world:

God Loves Diversity

Diversity is not just a term invented by social scientists with an agenda. Diversity was created by God. We see it in Genesis: "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind..." (Gen 1.24). Then, there is the Tower of Babel. At first, there was one people with one language. But, instead of exploring their world and caring for the creation, they only sought the power of God, believing it was theirs to claim. So, God brought diversity to them, different languages and customs, so that they would not spend their energy seeking God's power, but rather the rich diversity of life on earth that they were created to enjoy and serve.

Jesus' ministry also embodies God's love of diversity. He reached out beyond the barriers of his society. He ministered to Samaritans, women, lepers and Gentiles. Then, in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit brings together people from all over, with different languages and cultures, not to become the same, but to understand each other, and God, in their differences. Through Paul and others, Greeks, Romans, and Ethiopians are brought into the church.

Even today, the Presbyterian tradition lifts up the importance of different voices in our emphasis on working in governing bodies, committees and in our connectionalism. It is a recognition that only when diverse voices are brought together, can we discern God's will. Of course, we have work to do in achieving real diversity, but support for it is there in our system.

But is this just a nice concept that Christians might discuss at their Bible study or coffee hour? Recently Citi Group did a study of the racial-economic divides in business, education, income and wealth and determined that ignoring these issues has cost our national GDP 16 trillion dollars over the last 20 years. God's truths are not abstracts. They are of real importance for us with real world consequences for us all.

Have you encountered much diversity of people in your life? Is there diversity in where you live, work and whom you socialize with? Have you considered seeking ways of experiencing more diversity? What might you gain? Do you see it as God's will for you to explore this issue?

Watch for next month's newsletter, when there will be another one of Cynthia's articles.



- October 1 Lillias Rose
- October 2 Julie Kalita
- October 3 Emma Chapman
- October 4 Tyler Wells ★
- October 6 Anna Leffler
- October 8 Elaine Jelen
- October 11 Harriet Casil
- October 12 Julie Kephart
- Julie Spagnolo
- Mark Putaski
- October 13 Linda Hayes ★
- Hunter Weatherston
- October 14 Emilie Carrig ★
- Lori Winker
- October 15 Dominic Burke
- October 18 Tom Jelen
- October 19 Chris Loncto ★
- October 22 Florrie Evans
- October 24 Rachel Sherwood ★
- October 26 Stuart Buisch

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- October 6 Chris & Paul Soos 32 years
- October 13 Lori & Chris Winker 43 years
- October 15 Lynn & Mike Emmick 39 years
- October 20 ★ Steve & Chantel Hulsizer 10 years
- October 21 Dorothy & Dan Jones 33 years
- October 25 Sheila & Terry Hare 47 years
- Regina & Kevin Kernin 36 years
- October 28 ★ Mike & Kara Guariglia 5 years

Bazaar News...

WE NEED YOU!

We are working on our Snowflake Bazaar. Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Donations for the Bazaar are being accepted. The Church is open Monday & Wednesday till 3PM. **Please call to be sure someone is there before coming other days!**

Our Monthly Meetings are held the **second Tuesday of every month at 10AM.**

Our next Riverside Workers Meeting/Bazaar planning session will be held at church on October 11th at 10:00AM. Bring your lunch & dessert will be provided. Hope to see you there!

THE SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR
NOVEMBER 4TH - 10AM - 5PM
NOVEMBER 5TH - 10AM - 2PM

Donations always needed:

Trash & Treasures: Clean items in workable condition
No clothing or electronics
Donation Deadline - October 23rd

Jewelry: Clean & in good condition
Donation Deadline - October 30th

Used Books - Donation Deadline October 30th

Completed crafts: We can sell your donated creations
Donation Deadline - October 30th



Basket Auction needs: Donation Deadline - November 2nd

Completed baskets containing new items

Monetary donations accepted to purchase items for baskets

Gift cards are welcome

Can you or someone you know **donate higher priced** items for our auction?
tickets to events (Bills, Sabres, Bandits, Sheas, Buffalo Philharmonic, etc.),
small appliances, weekend get-a-ways

Kitchen : **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** - various shifts available

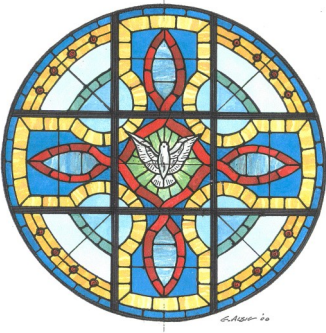
Bakers needed: Pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, candy, any sweet treat creations
Contact Kimberly Yung 716-418-3867 or via email at kayung1191@gmail.com

Bake Sale: Bakers needed Pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, candy, any sweet treat creations
(gluten free options too!)

If you can spare just an hour to work in any area, please call the church office at (716) 283-9752
or email christine_soos@msn.com

Sign-up sheets will be available before & after church on Sundays!

A DONATION LETTER TO PRESENT TO BUSINESSES FOR DONATIONS IS ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE (5)



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October 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Riverside Presbyterian Church is having their Annual Snowflake Bazaar on November 4 & 5, 2022. There will be a Basket Auction during this time.

We are seeking assistance from retailers through donations. In recognition and appreciation of your participation, we will advertise your company in our bulletin/newsletter as a sponsor.

Proceeds from this Bazaar benefit our work at local food missions and stocking our food cupboards for those in need in our church family and in the community. It also goes towards bereavement luncheons for those who have lost loved ones.

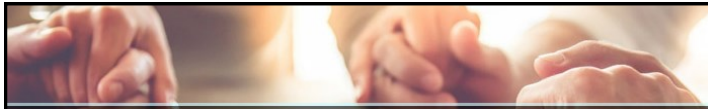
If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Debbie Hansen at 283-0954, Cheryl Toth at 283-7774 or the church office at the number listed above.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of donating items to our Basket Auction.



6:00PM

Thursday, October 27th
at the DeMarco's 1211 90th St
BYOB & an Appetizer!



DAILY ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE

12:00PM

Monday through Friday

T G I F Coffee Hour

AT THE CHURCH

Join us for coffee & conversation!

9:30AM
Every Friday



Songs & Monday, October 10th
at 6:00PM
SCRIPTURES

Saturday Night
Service

5:00PM
October 15th

ONLINE
GIVING



Download the app
on iOS or Android devices.

Just search the app store for
"tithe.ly giving"

October Scripture Readings ...

October 2, 2022

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Lamentations 1:1-6
and Lamentations 3:19-26
or Psalm 137
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
and Psalm 37:1-9
Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10



October 23, 2022

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Joel 2:23-32
and Psalm 65
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
and Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 9, 2022

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
and Psalm 66:1-12
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
and Psalm 111:2
Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
and Psalm 119:137-144
Isaiah 1:10-18
and Psalm 32:1-7; 2
Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 31:27-34
and Psalm 119:97-104
Genesis 32:22-31
and Psalm 121
Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
...will be held
Sunday, October 2nd

immediately following
the 10:00AM service

ALL SAINTS' SERVICE
of REMEMBRANCE
and CANDLELIGHTING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
at 7:00PM

Everyone is welcome to come
for an evening of reflection &
light a candle for your loved one.

*"Come to me,
all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."*



YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL



...WILL BE HELD
October 2nd and October 23rd

for children ages 4yrs to 14yrs

The Nursery is available
for children ages birth thru 4 yrs

We're always looking for volunteers!

Youth Fall Retreat @ Duffield

7:00PM Friday October 7th til
10:00AM Sunday October 9th

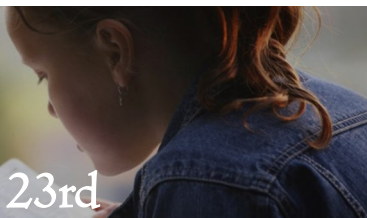
Join the youth from The Presbytery of WNY at beautiful, peaceful Camp Duffield for the first fall youth retreat since 2019! The retreat is open to all 6th - 12th graders. The theme is "ENOUGH" with sub-themes that will be discussed throughout the weekend.

The weekend will include outdoor activities, group games, hiking adventures, discussions, s'mores, singing, worship, & plenty of opportunities to enjoy fellowship with new and old friends amidst the beauty of Camp Duffield!



Cost: \$90 per person
Includes:
retreat t-shirt, lodging,
meals, snacks, activities

3RD GRADE
BIBLES
Sunday, October 23rd



VEGGIE VAN MOBILE FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday from
9:30AM-10:30AM
thru October!

St. John deLaSalle 8477 Buffalo Ave.

FRESH VEGETABLES FOR PURCHASE



EBT cards accepted - This is open to everyone

JOIN US at First Presbyterian

311 First St. Niagara Falls

5:00PM

Wednesday, October 5th

FELLOWSHIP
DINNER



when members of Bacon Memorial,
First Presbyterian,
Niagara Presbyterian & Riverside
gather TOGETHER



Daylight-Saving
Time Ends

November 6th



Volunteers
Needed!

We're looking for Sunday morning
LAY READERS!

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the
board in the entranceway
or let Rev. Laura or Barb Vollick know



Tyler Wells

who turns 20
on October 4th



Linda Hayes

who turns 70
on October 13th



**Hunter
Weatherston**

who turns 5
on October 13th



Emilie Carrig

who turns 16
on October 14th



Chris Loncto

who turns 40
on October 19th



**Rachel
Sherwood**

who turns 25
on October 24th

♥ *Happy Anniversary* ♥



**Chantel & Steve
Hulsizer**

who will celebrate their
10th Wedding Anniversary
on October 20th



**Cara & Mike
Guariglia**

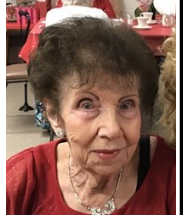
who will celebrate their
5th Wedding Anniversary
on October 28th



Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of
Lois Hiltz

who passed away September 2, 2022

We are grateful
for the time, talent and friendship
Lois shared at Riverside.



Special Thanks
to

everyone who came to the church to help
disassemble, move & reassemble
the church pews for our new carpet project



Thanks to **Paul Soos** for repairing & painting
the main floor bathroom & to **James Cowe,
Ken Gilliland & Babs DeMarco** for all their help!



**Have something to share?
Send it in! We want to know!!**

OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 <p>THANK YOU!</p> <p>Can you, your family or someone you know donate to this year's Basket Auction?</p> 						1	
<p>2 10:00AM Worship w/Communion ..following worship ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>3 12:00PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>4 12:00PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>5 12:00PM Online Prayer Service 5:00PM Dinner & Fellowship @ First Pres.</p>	<p>6 12:00PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>7 9:30AM TGIF Coffee 12:00PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p style="background-color: #004a5c; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Youth Fall Retreat til Sunday</p>	
<p>9 10:00AM Worship</p>	<p>10 6:00PM Song & Scripture Columbus Day</p>	<p>11 10:00AM R' Workers Business Mtg & Lunch</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30AM TGIF Coffee</p>	<p>15 5:00PM Saturday Nite Worship</p>	
<p>16 10:00AM Worship</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:30AM TGIF Coffee 5PM - 7PM FISH FRY & CHICKEN FUNDRAISER</p>	<p>22</p>	
<p>23 10:00AM Worship SUNDAY SCHOOL Last day for Donations! YG Mtg 5PM</p>	<p>24 12:00PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>25 12:00PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>26 12:00PM Online Prayer Service 6:00PM Session Meeting</p>	<p>27 12:00PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>28 9:30AM TGIF Coffee 12:00PM Online Prayer Service</p>	<p>29</p>	
<p>30 10:00AM Worship Kirkin' O' the Tartan Last day for Jewelry Books & Crafts</p>	<p>31 12:00PM Online Prayer Service </p>	<p>November 1st 7:00PM ALL SAINTS' SERVICE</p>	<p>November 2nd Last day for Basket Donations</p>	<p>RIVERSIDE WORKERS SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR & BASKET AUCTION</p> <p>10AM - 5PM Friday November 4th 10AM - 2PM Saturday November 5th Lunch 11AM - 1PM both days</p>			

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Return Service Requested



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October 2nd



Reformation
Sunday

October 30th