

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dryden, New York
NEWSLETTER
JUNE, 2022

*“Behold, I make all
things new” (Rev. 21:5)*



It's the season of the Spirit! On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, we celebrate the beginning of the church. We recall the rushing wind of God's Spirit and the fiery tongues of blessing which descended upon the early disciples. With such dramatic signs God initiated "Christendom," a community of faith which has endured for centuries and to this day encompasses believers in every country of the world.

On that same Sunday, June 5, we celebrate a new beginning at the First Presbyterian Church of Dryden. Not with wind or fire, but definitely with enthusiasm and excitement, we initiate the beginning of the ministry of the Rev. Nancy Didway. Please join us at church and see what God is doing in our midst!
-- Cordially, Jim Hicks

"For I know the plans I have for you." Jer. 29:11

After two years of dedicated and faithful service, the work of our PNC was completed when we elected Rev. Nancy Didway as our new pastor. Let us rejoice at our new beginning and thank God for guiding her to our enthusiastic and devoted congregation. We hope that she will be blessed in her ministry as she serves God's call in our lives. A transition team has been created to assist Nancy as she gets settled into the area in a home on South Street. We as individuals can ease her transition to her new church and congregation by wearing our name tags and repeating our names often as we gather to continue our work of spreading the faith in our community.

- - Jack Scott



We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves.



Church Contacts

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Nancy Didway, Pastor

Clerk of Session: John Scott (844-9206)
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Covid Policy

We are updating our Covid restrictions to conform with state and county regulations. The use of a mask for services is a personal choice. Adjustments will be made as conditions demand.



Go Green!

Sign up to receive the newsletter delivered electronically by e-mail. Simply e-mail the church at drydenpresoffice@gmail.com. Be sure to provide your name and the e-mail you want delivery made to.

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Do you have a special celebration coming up or one that took place recently that can be announced in a future newsletter? Please call (844-8321) or e-mail (drydenpresoffice@gmail.com) the church office, so your church family can share in the celebration.

Information for the **July/August newsletter** should be in the church office by Monday June 20, 2022.

Federal privacy regulations prevent hospitals from giving out the names of people who have been admitted. That means that the Pastor may not be aware that someone in our church family is in the hospital and would like a visit. Please call the church office (844-8321) and let us know if a church member or friend been hospitalized.

Welcome to
June

June 3 and 4

Rummage Sale

Friday 9-5 pm

Bag sale 9-noon



June 5

Day of Pentecost

Welcome! Pastor Nancy Didway

June 11

Dryden Dairy Day

Presbyterian Brownie Booth



June 12

Trinity Sunday

Communion

June 14

Flag Day



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

June 19

Father's Day

Christian Education

Church service will change to 10:00 a.m.



June 21

First Day of Summer

50 WAYS TO WELCOME A NEW PASTOR

Prepare to welcome your new pastor

1. Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
2. Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family.
3. Invite church members individually to send cards of welcome and encouragement to the incoming pastor.
4. Know that welcoming your new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the ground work for a healthy and vital relationship and the development of stable, long-term ministries together.
5. Plan for the transition. Occasionally important welcoming gestures are missed with everyone thinking someone else is handling these details.
6. Appoint a specific liaison person to whom the pastor can go for help and information during the transition.

Say goodbye to your current pastor in a healthy way

7. Show love, regard, and even grief, for your departing pastor. This is one of the best things you can do for the new pastor.
8. Acknowledge the change in public ways. Especially in the case of a much-beloved pastor, this allows the congregation better to let go and receive the new pastor.
9. Provide the congregation the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to the outgoing pastor, even if things have not always gone well.
10. Find appropriate occasions — in worship and at other times — to thank the outgoing pastor.
11. Express appreciation in ways that are consistent with what you have done in the past.
12. Consider giving the pastor the last two weeks off. This helps the pastor enter the new situation rested and gives an emotional buffer between one pastor's last Sunday and another pastor's first Sunday.
13. Plan goodbye celebrations prior to the beginning of the two weeks off.
14. Provide information to the local media about the outgoing pastor's accomplishments and future plans.
- *15. Do not invite the former pastor to return for weddings, funerals, or baptisms. This allows your former pastor to engage fully with his or her new congregation, and it establishes your new pastor as everyone's pastor from the beginning.

Make things move-in ready

16. Make sure the parsonage and pastor's office are clean and ready. Offer to provide help or a cleaning service if needed.
17. Determine if the parsonage is in need of repairs or painting. Consult the outgoing and incoming pastors about timing so as not to disrupt the lives of either party. Do not ask a new pastor to move into a parsonage "under construction."
18. Consult the new pastor on any paint, design, or furnishings issues.
19. Offer to have someone cut the parsonage grass.
20. Make sure the new pastor and church officials are clear on how moving expenses are paid and all matters related to compensation, benefits, and reimbursement policies.

Welcome your pastor on moving day

21. Stock the parsonage refrigerator and pantry with some staples.
22. Make sure there are kid-friendly foods and snacks in the refrigerator if children are arriving.
23. Have a small group on hand to greet the new pastor and family when they arrive and to help as needed.
24. Offer child care if there is an infant or toddler in the household.
25. Invite children in the household to do things with others of their same age.
26. Welcome any youth in the household by having church youth group members stop by and offer to show them around.

Continue the welcome during the entry period

27. Take food over for the first few days. Many churches continue the practice of having a "pounding" for the new pastor when persons bring food items.
28. Provide a map with directions to local dry cleaners, grocery store, drug store, veterinarian, etc., and information on local options for internet and cable television providers.
29. Give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.
30. Give the pastor and family a welcome reception on the first Sunday.
31. Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.
32. Invite the new pastor to any social events held by Sunday School classes or other groups in the early months.
33. Make sure the pastor's spouse and children, if applicable, are invited to Sunday School and other appropriate small groups.
34. Continue to remember your new pastor and family in your daily prayers.

Help the new pastor become familiar with the congregation

35. Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
36. Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.
37. Provide a current pictorial directory of all the church members, if available.
38. Provide an up-to-date list of all church committees and officers.
39. Provide the new pastor with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.
40. Orient the new pastor to information systems and the way records are kept.
41. Make sure the pastor has a list of home bound or nursing home members, a list of those struggling with long term illness, and a list of those still in grief over recent deaths in the family. Better yet, take the pastor for an introduction to each of these households.
42. Have an appropriate person offer to go with the pastor for introductions and support if there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).
43. Have a lay official offer to take the pastor to meet church members in their businesses or other work settings, if they are easily accessible.
44. Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.
45. Create a "church yellow pages" (a list of people in the church who have specific skills that a newcomer may find beneficial.... auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, book store, office supply, etc.).

Help the new pastor connect to the community

46. Provide local media with information about the new pastor.
47. Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes, and community service agencies.
48. Introduce your new pastor to other clergy in the community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or associations.
49. Introduce the new pastor to public and community leaders.
50. Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.

From <<http://www.churchleadership.com/50ways/NewPastor.html>>





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education Sunday

You won't want to miss Christian Education Sunday on June 19th! The youth have a special "Welcome" message for Pastor Nancy, and will then be performing (live, in church!) a selection of skits from the four different zoom plays they have presented. The service will be followed with a "Joseph's Coat of Many Colors Ice Cream Bar"! This will be a day of celebration and rejoicing - it will be a good day to be back IN CHURCH! Hope to see you there.

Flowers

Providing flowers for the sanctuary during the worship service is another way to celebrate happy times or to honor/remember a loved one. If your flowers mark a special occasion that you wish to share with your church family, be sure to note that down on the flower calendar. Artificial flowers are a nice choice that can be used for more than one Sunday.

Ushers

Please think about being an usher. June offers many opportunities to serve. These are important ministries in the life of the church. An usher may be the first person a newcomer meets and can do a great deal to make that newcomer feel welcome. Please sign up to help!

WEB (Weekend Back Pack)

The WEB program delivers approximately 50 bags of food to students in the Dryden School District who are food insufficient. Please donate **fruit cups (4 oz.)** for the month of June. There is a basket in the administrative wing that is labeled WEB for your donations.



The Dryden Clothing Shed

Please check your closets for those pants, blouses, and light jackets that you never wear. You can easily donate them here. The shed is open during the same time as the Kitchen Cupboard. If you would like to volunteer hanging and folding clothes, please contact Phyllis Byrn. 607-844-6139.

Dryden Kitchen Cupboard

If you know of anyone who needs food, please refer that person to the Dryden Kitchen Cupboard. The cupboard is open Monday and Friday 11am to noon, Wednesday 5-6 pm. The last Saturday of the month the cupboard is open 11 am to noon.



Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

Wear Red June 5th!!



Rummage Sale

The Next-to-New/Rummage Sale is quickly approaching. We will need help setting up the racks on Tuesday, May 31st. You may bring your donations and help put them on the sale tables, from 10 a.m.-1p.m. and 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, June 1st, and 2nd. The sale hours are Friday, 9 p.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon (bag sale). There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

Please contact Phyllis Byrn or Sue Bahny if you have questions.



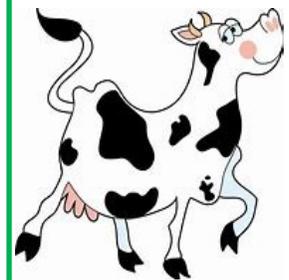
Dairy Day Brownie Booth Calling all bakers!

On June 11 Dryden Dairy Day will finally be able to return and so will our church's brownie booth. Please consider baking any kind of brownie, bar cookie, or other type of cookie to donate for this favorite community event. Bring your UN CUT goodies to the church kitchen from 4-5 p.m. on Friday, June 10th to be cut, packaged, and priced. Please sign up in the fellowship hall to bake and/or assist in some other way.



Dryden Garden Club

The Dryden Garden Club is sponsoring the Dryden Open Gate Garden and Art Tour on Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m.-2.p.m. Tour 4 beautiful gardens in the area for just \$5 and view artwork which will be for sale. Pre-sale tickets will be available at Dryden Agway, Arnolds, Dedrick's and Daisy Hollow Farm. On the day of the tour, tickets will be sold at the municipal parking lot on George Street, Dryden, and at each garden.



Hospice Join Us for Illuminations June 9, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

"Illuminations" is an annual community memorial event that is open to the public. All are welcome to attend this free event (donations are welcome but not required). Please join us to enjoy the Hospicare gardens, light a luminaria in memory of a loved one, and share in refreshments. There also will be a special program of remembrance featuring live music, poetry and candlelight on our pond. The memorial takes place at The Nina K Miller Hospicare Center, 172 E. King Road, Ithaca.





Thanks Pastor Jim!
We will miss you!



January through April Operating Results	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget
Pledge Receipts	\$ 25,114	\$ 35,671	\$ 33,683
Non-Pledge & Plate Contributions	2,829	4,245	2,667
Interest, Dividends & Misc Income	1,879	1,871	2,333
Expenses	(35,363)	(35,350)	(37,696)
To From Reserve Accounts	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)
From Reserve Accounts	-	-	-
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ (6,741)</u>	<u>\$ 5,238</u>	<u>\$ (213)</u>

() denotes reduction to Income.

Operating Results...

Year-to-date ("YTD") contributions are 43% above last year and 10% above the budget. As indicated last month, the major reason that pledge receipts through April are higher than expected is that some annual pledges were fulfilled early. Non-pledge contributions picked up in April and are now 24% above last year and 50% above the amount budgeted for Jan.- Apr. Plate is 80% above the budget. In total, expenses continue to be basically the same as last year and the budget. Net Operating Income is positive by \$5,238.

Spring Clean-up...

Spring Clean-up went very well. Weather was questionable a day or two before, but the actual clean-up day of May 7th turned out fine. We had a good crew and got a lot done quickly. Some members of the congregation also worked before the 7th to clear the lawn of branches and excessive leaves so that it could be mowed. A special thanks goes to Dottie Slocum for her delicious home-made goodies, to Peggy Parsons for making the coffee and to Dave Parsons for providing his loader and bins which made the work a lot lighter. Thanks, everyone.

Roof Leak...

During Spring Clean-up, Will Merrill inspected the roof near the chimney in an attempt to locate the source of a leak that was recently discovered in the storeroom behind the balcony. Will found that a ridge vent near there was completely loose and there is water-damaged wood below. We will contact Austin Construction to determine what needs to be done to address this situation.

Plaster Walls...

Last year we had the plaster wall along the stairs to the second floor from the Bell Tower entrance repaired. We planned to have the wall on the north side of the Library repaired at the same time but found that water was leaking in around the window lentels. Dave Parsons calked them and the walls appear to be staying dry. So we asked our contractor, Jim Pastorello, to complete the repairs. Work should be done this summer.

--Ernie Walker





Dave Gross
 Bob Sincerbeaux
 Christi LaPlant
 William Merrill
 Christopher DuPree
 Brenda Carpenter's father
 Margaret Weems-sister of
 Mary Hicks



Gale Conway	6th
Robert Slocum	7th
Kathy Barton	10th
Courtney Armitage	11th
Tim Parsons	11th
Steve White	11th
Millie Tull	13th
Matthew McHerron	15th
Joan Van Vranken	23rd
Jane Schenck	26th



A Summer Day

When the month of May is over
 And June has come our way,
 The sky is a softer blue
 Than on a springtime day.

The baby robins in the nest
 Are rocked by the gentle breeze,
 While happy, little children play
 Beneath the big shade trees.

Pretty roses climb the arbor
 'Mid drifts of sweet perfume;
 Dew-drenched little flower faces
 Can't help but chase our gloom.

The nearby farm's so picturesque
 With covered bridge close by—
 It bids us come and rest awhile
 Far from the city's cry.

A little stream meanders on,
 So peaceful and serene;
 The fishermen along the shore
 Have come to fish and dream.

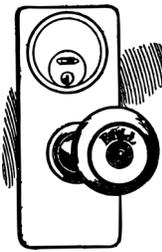
Oh, lovely, hazy Summer days-
 How we wish that you could stay,
 But when Autumn beckons,
 You must quietly slip away.

— Kay Hoffman

Celebrating Their Anniversaries

June 9, 1972:
 Bill and Julie Maddren

June 27, 1998:
 Steve and Darcy Riggs

Just a reminder to check doors at the church to be sure they are locked. A door was found unlocked after the spring cleanup. Thank you.
 Finance & Facilities Committee



Congratulations!

Cole Cooper is graduating from
 Dryden High School class of 2022!

Caden Cooper is graduating Dryden
 Elementary School and will be moving
 up to the middle school.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>Bulletin items due</p> <p>KC 5-6</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Choir 7:00</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Church office closed KC 11-12</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Bag Sale</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Pastor Nancy Didway Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom PENTECOST</p>	<p>6</p> <p>KC 11-12</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bulletin items due</p> <p>KC 5-6</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Choir 7:00</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>KC 11-12</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Parade 9:30 am</p> <p>Dryden Dairy Day</p> 
<p>12</p> <p>Worship 10:30 In-person and Zoom COMMUNION</p>  <p>Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>KC 11-12</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>14 JUNE FLAG DAY</p> <p>Finance 7:00</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bulletin items due</p> <p>KC 5-6</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Choir 7:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>KC 11-12</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Worship 10:00 In-person and Zoom Christian Education</p>  <p>HAPPY Father's DAY</p>	<p>20</p> <p>KC 11-12</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Deacons 6:15 Session 7:00</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bulletin items due</p> <p>KC 5-6</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Choir 7:00</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>KC 11-12</p>	<p>25</p> <p>KC 11-12</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Worship 10:00 In-person and Zoom</p>	<p>27</p> <p>KC 11-12</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bulletin items due</p> <p>KC 5-6</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Choir 7:00</p>	 <p>Happy Father's Day!</p>	

KC= Kitchen Cupboard



Worship Time Change June 19th -10:00 a.m.