



# North Church



*In Focus*

*Giving to the Church*

## What is Per Capita?

Per capita covers the expenses of the Presbyterian Church (USA) including local, regional, and overall government without reducing mission dollars. Each congregation is a part of a Presbytery, Synod, and the General Assembly and pays per capita based on the number of members reported in a previous year.

North Presbyterian pays \$40 per member whether you attend church regularly or not. Currently we have around 125 members, with weekly attendance averaging 50. We ask that you please consider donating your portion of per capita that is taken from the budget each year. To donate online visit [ntnorthchurch.org/give](http://ntnorthchurch.org/give) - *Under Fund, scroll to change General Fund to Per Capita*

## Other Ways to Give

If you are not able to give monetarily, perhaps you can give of your time and talents. There are several positions that need to be filled to help our church continue to grow.

- Presbyterian Women - Please consider attending the meeting this Sunday, Jan 5 immediately following worship. If you are a woman, you are already a member of the Presbyterian Women's organization. The PW organizes several events throughout the year including Edna's Valentines, Family Christmas Dinner, Lent Dinner, fund raising raffles, rummage sale and much more.
- Volunteers are also needed for the Pastoral Nominating Committee.
- There is always work that needs to be done to maintain our beautiful church, to service our homebound members and to contribute to Sunday services (greeters, ushers, and readers).

*Thank you for the beautiful Christmas Gift. What a surprise! – but not really because my Presbyterian friends are the best and at my age, I know.*

*Merry Christmas!*

*Eileen Troy*

*Thank You*

*A special "Thank You" to Martha Luchterhand for organizing the poinsettia sale this year.*

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you so very much for the absolutely beautiful Christmas basket you sent me! What a lovely surprise to find this on my porch-you made my day and warmed my heart! There are so many fun surprises in the basket and I can feel the love of everyone! It has been a very difficult year with quite a battle with chemo treatments. I could not have made it through without your prayers, cards, support and encouragement and now this lovely Christmas basket! With your prayers and God's strength, grace and mercy, I have finally finished my last treatment! I hope to see you soon! Again, thank you for your kind thoughtfulness and support!*

*Love, Deb Tyler*



*Thank you, Diane Wankowski, for the beautiful Christmas ornament favors for the Women's Presbyterian Christmas Dinner.*

*The time and talent that went into making these beautiful ornaments is much appreciated!*



*Special thank you to the North Presbyterian Women for providing funds for the Family Christmas Diner and especially to Rose Mitchel for organizing the event.*

## SESSION SUMMARY

At the December 10th meeting, the Session:

- Received treasurer's report showing total income from January 1-November 13 of \$83,321.70 and total expenses for the same period of \$81,812.702024 leaving a net operating income of \$1509.00
- Discussed contacting members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee
- Discussed hiring an interim pastor
- Approved a motion to cover any deficit from the family Christmas party with fellowship funds from the operating budget
- Discussed custodian duties
- Arranged to resolve a plumbing problem



# Bible Study

THIRD PRESBYTERRAN CHURCH  
NORTH TONAWANDA

1ST WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
5PM



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED For Pastoral Nominating Committee



Committee members will meet with the Committee on Ministry to provide guidance on selecting a pastor. We would like to have at least three members of the congregation as well as an elder and deacon.

## January Birthdays

*As you grow another year older, may you also grow deeper in your faith and closer to God. May His wisdom guide you and His love comfort you.*

*Erin Schmidt*

*Hanna Schmidt*

*Rebecca Klamut*

*Cassandra Cox*

*Kevin Cox*

*Susan Kehrer*

*Alexandra Wende*

*Bonnie Sommerville*

*Janet Taber*

*Leah Cox*

If anyone wants weekly bulletin or chimes sent to home address, please contact the office (716) 693-7030.

If you would like to submit item to be placed in bulletin, please call or email office by Monday for submission to be added to Sunday's bulletin.

If you would like to submit information to added to Chimes, please submit to office by the 20th of the month before issue (ex. Submit by Jan 20th for Feb Chimes).

Office Hours M, T, W 9-2

# First Presbyterian Church of Tonawanda

Invites you to our new community  
programs, **FREE** and open to all

149 Broad Street  
Tonawanda, NY 14150

## Church Stretch

Exercise for Body & Soul

Mondays at 6pm

For adults of all fitness levels



## God Loves Me Storytime

Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am

for kids & caregivers

## Friday Friendzee

Fridays 6-8pm

Rotating activities, including  
game nights, karaoke,  
pot luck dinners, etc.



# ROARING 20'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DEC 31ST - 8:30 PM TO 1 AM



CALLING ALL FLAPPERS,  
GANGSTERS AND BOOTLEGGERS

JOIN US FOR A ROARING GOOD TIME

DRESS CODE: 1920'S THEMED

\$30 INCLUDES MUSIC, HOT & COLD HORS D'OEUVRES,  
CHAMPAGNE TOAST & 2 COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS  
TO BE ADDED TO THE GUEST LIST - VISIT THE POST OR PAY  
ONLINE BY DECEMBER 22ND

@VFW 7545 110 ELGIN ST - CITY OF TONAWANDA

VISIT [WWW.VFW7545.ORG](http://WWW.VFW7545.ORG) FOR DETAILS



Webster Street in front of Frankie Primos, fireworks  
at midnight.

TWIN CITIES  
NEW YEARS EVE BASH

PRESENTED BY

MAYOR JOHN WHITE  MAYOR AUSTIN TYLEC 

# 2025 NYE Street Party

DEC 31, 2024  
TUESDAY 10PM -1AM

**BALL DROP & FIREWORKS**

LED FOAM LIGHT STICKS  
DONATED BY



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Shows, downloads, and more:  
[linktr.ee/gominno](http://linktr.ee/gominno)







# JAN

## DEVOTIONAL CALENDAR

THEME: ON MISSION

FOCUS: JOSHUA 24

VERSE: JOSHUA 24:15

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>READ: HOW TO WRITE A FAMILY MISSION STATEMENT</b>			1 <b>NEW YEAR</b> ISAIAH 43:19	2 <b>NEW YOU</b> 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17	3 <b>NEW HEART</b> PSALM 51:10	4 <b>CONNECT</b>
WEEK 1: FRESH START						
5 	6 <b>SEEK FIRST</b> MATTHEW 6:33	7 <b>FEEL EQUIPPED</b> HEBREWS 13:20-21	8 <b>TRUST</b> PROVERBS 3:5-6	9 <b>SUBMIT</b> PSALM 40:8	10 <b>BE CONFIDENT</b> PHILIPPIANS 1:6	11 
WEEK 2: FAMILY STORY						
12 	13 <b>GOD FIRST</b> MATTHEW 6:24	14 <b>ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE</b> COLOSSIANS 3:1-2	15 <b>KINDNESS</b> LUKE 6:31	16 <b>GENEROSITY</b> ACTS 20:35	17 <b>FOCUS</b> PHILIPPIANS 4:8	18 
WEEK 3: VALUES						
19 	20 <b>SEE IT</b> PROVERBS 29:18	21 <b>WRITE IT</b> HABAKKUK 2:2-3	22 <b>YIELD IT</b> PROVERBS 16:9	23 <b>FOLLOW IT</b> DEUTERONOMY 5:33	24 <b>SHARE IT</b> DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9	25 <b>DOWNLOAD NEW YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN</b>
WEEK 4: VISION						
26 	27 <b>CHOSEN</b> JOHN 15:16	28 <b>CALLED TO LOVE</b> JOHN 13:35	29 <b>CALLED TO BE LIGHT</b> MATTHEW 5:14-16	30 <b>LOVE IS</b> 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-7	31 <b>THE EXCELLENT WAY</b> 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13	<b>CONNECT</b>
WEEK 5: MISSION						

**STEP 1:** Pray together and ask God what He wants you to learn.

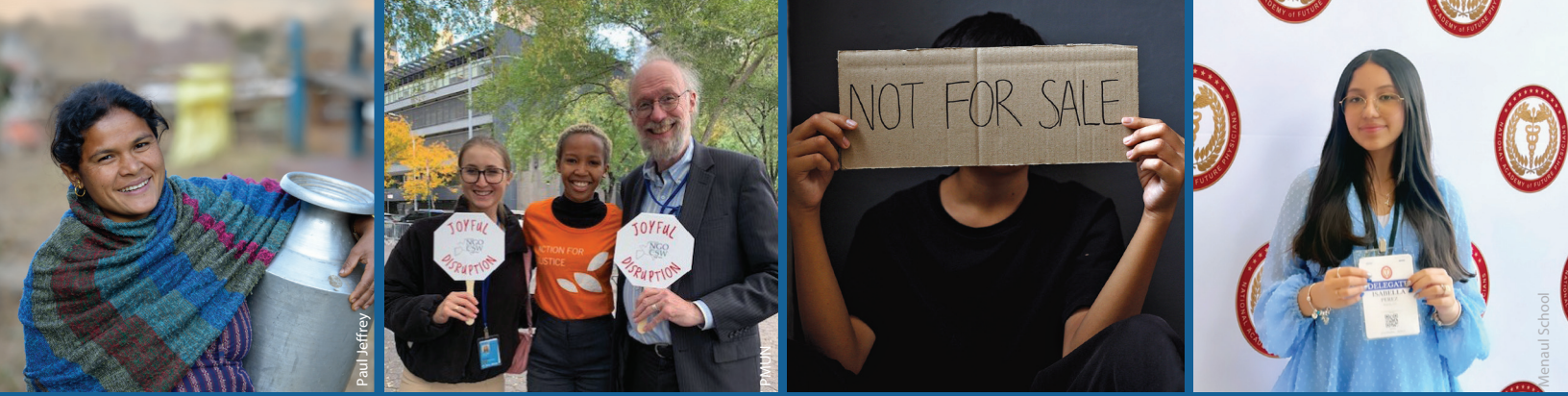
**STEP 2:** Read the prompt and Bible verse.

**STEP 3:** Talk about what the verse means to you.

Link to watch, download, and more: [linktr.ee/gominno](http://linktr.ee/gominno)



**WATCH THE LAUGH AND GROW BIBLE ON MINNO!**



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Special Offerings of the PC(USA) offer the whole Church a way to embody Jesus' words in Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts that place us in partnership with those who have least. For the church to be the Church it must be actively engaged in relationship with those in need — an understanding that can readily be drawn from Matthew 25. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we support ministries of compassion, justice, alleviation of hunger, Christian formation, education, peacemaking and global witness.

**Join other congregations in making an impact on the world.  
Let's be the church, together.**

### - Offering Seasons in 2025 -



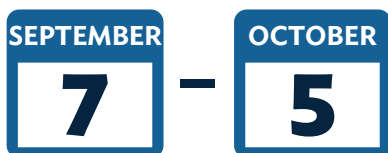
**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT  
[pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs)

RESOURCES  
DISTRIBUTED:  
**January**



**PENTECOST**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS  
[pcusa.org/pentecost](http://pcusa.org/pentecost)

RESOURCES  
DISTRIBUTED:  
**March**



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION  
[pcusa.org/peace-global](http://pcusa.org/peace-global)

RESOURCES  
DISTRIBUTED:  
**August**



**CHRISTMAS JOY**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE  
[pcusa.org/christmasjoy](http://pcusa.org/christmasjoy)

RESOURCES  
DISTRIBUTED:  
**October**



## One Great Hour of Sharing

OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

- 36%** Presbyterian Hunger Program
- 32%** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- 32%** Self-Development of People

[pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs)

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### RECEIVED:

During the season of Lent, especially on Palm Sunday, April 13, and Easter, April 20

### CONGREGATION REMITTANCE:

100% sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency

## Pentecost Offering

OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

- 40%** Congregational ministries with children at risk
- 60%** Presbyterian Mission Agency
  - > 50% ministries with youth and young adults
  - > 10% child advocacy/children at risk

[pcusa.org/pentecost](http://pcusa.org/pentecost)

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### RECEIVED:

During the season of Pentecost, especially on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, or any other youth-focused Sunday

### CONGREGATION REMITTANCE:

40% kept by congregation  
60% sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency

## Peace & Global Witness Offering

OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

- 25%** Congregational peace and witness efforts
- 25%** Presbytery and synod peace and witness efforts
- 50%** Presbyterian Mission Agency
  - > peacemaking, reconciliation and global witness

[pcusa.org/peace-global](http://pcusa.org/peace-global)

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### RECEIVED:

World Communion Sunday, October 5

### CONGREGATION REMITTANCE:

25% kept by congregation  
25% sent to mid council  
50% sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency

## Christmas Joy Offering

OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

- 50%** Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions
- 50%** Leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color

[pcusa.org/christmasjoy](http://pcusa.org/christmasjoy)

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### RECEIVED:

During the season of Advent, especially on the Sunday before Christmas, December 21

### CONGREGATION REMITTANCE:

100% sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency

## REMITTING FUNDS:

### Congregations

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh PA 15264-3700

### Mid Councils

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
PO Box 643751  
Pittsburgh PA 15264-3751

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