



The Vine

North Warren Presbyterian Church

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Sessions Corner

Fall 2025

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Trustees



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The Congregation
Ministers of
The Gospel

Fall Schedule
begins Sept 7

Sunday school 9:30

Worship 11:00

PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A team was elected for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), during the last Congregational Meeting. We are still awaiting a "Liaison" from The Presbytery of Lake Erie that will help us all along the way.

We are in need of a few more members to assist us with the PNC. This is a daunting task that we are working hard to accomplish, with deadlines to meet. But with few members, we are only able to do so much, and spread pretty thin. Without more help, we fear where this will lead us if you can help us, please reach out to an Elder and express your interest.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Thanks to the recently retired Rev. Robin Sharp, First Church of Waterford, we were able to have our August Communion service plus Ordination and Installation of the new Elders, Tricia Poston and Kyle Wilson, and Deacons Denny McClellan and Bill Gross (returning for an additional 3-year term). It was a very busy day but we can now start up the new year with everybody properly ordained and installed. They all need your continued support and prayers to continue keeping our little church serving the Lord for another 100 years.

COMMUNITY HOUSE COMMITTEE: Renovations are completed and we have listed the lease of the space with Joe Whipp with ERA. If you would like to view the listing and get a little information on the space, you can follow either of the links below.

<https://www.eracommercialrealestate.com/real-estate/warren-county-pa/property/13846-3-church-street-north-warren-pa-16365/>

<https://warrencounty.xposureapp.com/listing/North-Warren-PA/3-Church-Street/3016p?u=672158>

In addition, anyone who would like to actually have a tour of the space, you can arrange it with any of the elders.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Our committee is always looking for Elders and Deacons. We have several positions open and welcome anyone who feels God's calling. Please reach out to either Ivy Whilton or Celia Gross if you are interested, or would simply like more information. We are always in need of Committee members as well.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: We are currently in the process of getting bids to repair the furnace and getting quotes to seal the parking lot and manse driveway. We are still working continuously on cleaning out things.

NOTES FROM THE ACTING TREASURER OF NWPC: Please continue to pray for our church and leaders. God is present in our little community church and he will guide us through this process with his love.

Sessions Corner cont.

SOCIAL AND MISSIONAL OUTREACH: I am so excited to announce that the North Warren Presbyterian Church playground is up and running!!

This was an outreach that I felt near and dear to my heart. About a year and a half ago, I felt drawn to the playground, and to help eliminate some of the bad behavior going on within the neighborhood and hopefully provide a safe and fun environment for families to frequent again!!

What is Christian missional outreach? The meaning of a Christian missional outreach is the act of Christians actively sharing their faith and demonstrating God's love through actions and words, extending beyond the church walls to engage with the wider community. It encompasses both evangelism, sharing the Gospel, and acts of service, often meeting both spiritual and physical needs.

In essence, Christian missional outreach is about living out the Christian faith in a way that impacts the lives of others.

I personally wanted to extend my faith, serve the community, and build new relationships! In my eyes, a playground serves as a way for churches to reach out to the wider community and demonstrate our commitment to families.

We all have a calling to God. And he speaks to us in different ways. Some with prayer..some with missional outreach..some with missionary work! Everyone's calling is different! None wrong, we are all an important part!

At the NWPC we are going through a Pastoral Transition, and striving to do and be better each day. I am a younger member of the NWPC, born, raised and married within! During this time, we can use all the support we can get. Stop in! See us! Be a part of our missions! We love new members and new ideas. It's sad closing a chapter during a Pastoral Transition, but also so exciting. This is a time for new people to be present. Give ideas. And grow with us!

An ice cream social has held on August 3, where we had an incredible turn out from the community. We served nearly 100 kids. This is something we plan to do yearly to help with playground maintenance in the future.

Erie News, The Daily Local, and Warren Visitors Bureau stopped down and gave us some huge publicity and recognition. I also want to thank the families and organizations that stepped forward to help make this mission possible.

Amanda Slack

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Besides collecting for the Church World Service blanket fund, as we have traditionally done in the fall for many years, we will be making small contributions to Family Life Network, the Christian radio station in Bath, NY; the Blue Star Mothers for shipping costs for their Christmas care packages to the local servicemen and women; and the Warren Area Refugee Resettlement Network (housing support for 3 Ukrainian families living in downtown Warren).

Also of note, \$186 was collected in the baby bottles between Mother's Day and Father's Day which is one of the Deacon's annual projects.

Lastly, we were able to make a donation to the Presbyterian Denominations Mission fund of Lake Erie Presbytery.

Your fellow session members: Amanda Slack, Celia Gross, Ivy Whilton, Nancy Bullock, Dawn Thayer and Sara Nickerson. Tricia Poston and Kvie Wilson.



News from the Pews

Fall 2025



Sunday School

September 7 our Sunday school year will resume with classes for all ages from preschool through high school beginning at 9:30 am each Sunday.

Sheryl Ash & Nancy Bullock- Nursery Class; Marian Hartman & Sally Clark – (grades K-2); Sarah Nickerson & Beth Watts (grades 3-5); Ruth Morrison - middle & high school. At this time adult Sunday School is up in the air, and will be discussed at the next session meeting,

These classes are great opportunities to interact in a smaller group while learning more about the Bible and our faith. Consider inviting friends and/or family to these classes or attending yourself if you aren't currently involved.

Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

This group of women from the church meets at 12:30 on the second Thursday of each month for prayer, a meal and fellowship.

Luncheon will be on October 9 and November 13. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Please bring a sandwich.

All women are invited to join us.

Halloween in the Park

You are invited to join us at the Dave Clark Pavilion to help pass out hotdogs and candy on Friday, October 31 from 5:30-8 pm or whatever day/time Conewango Township has trick or treating.

Take this opportunity to reach out in person to community members and share Jesus' encouragement and love.

We invite you to decorate your vehicle and participate in our Trunk or Treat in the parking lot.

Donations of candy are appreciated, so plan now to bring candy to the church. Please consider coming out that evening, perhaps in costume to help share with our neighbors!

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

The Deacons will once again be providing boxes of food for Thanksgiving dinner to those in need. If you, or a family you know, would like to receive a Thanksgiving Food Box, please contact the church office or one of the Deacons. Donations of turkeys for the boxes will be greatly appreciated.





News from the Pews

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Ruling Elders & Deacons

On Sunday, August 17, the following were ordained or installed during our Worship Service.

This is a big job, especially during our Pastor Search, and we appreciate your willingness to commit your time, energy, and talents to lead us in our efforts to serve God.

Deacons

Denny McClellan

Bill Gross

Ruling Elders

Tricia Poston

Kyle Wilson

Turn Your Clocks Back

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 am. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.

Christmas Angel Gifts



The Angel gift ministry, coordinated by the Salvation Army, offers you the opportunity to help make a child's Christmas brighter. The names and gift requests will be available in November.

Church World Service

Enclosed in the newsletter is an envelope for the Church World Service Blanket Fund. We normally collect these funds in October but are giving all those who receive this newsletter a chance to contribute to this very worthwhile program that NWPC has supported for many years.

Just \$10.00 will purchase a blanket for someone in need, in the U.S. and around the world. Please consider supporting Church World Service in this important ministry.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will be offered again this Christmas season to be placed in the Sanctuary. These can be done in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost this year will be \$12.00 and an order form is included in this newsletter. Orders due December 7.



Sharing Place Bakers

September 5. Lynn Olsen, Lois Marshall, Susan Stout, Ellen Nelson, Mary Putnam & Sheryl Ash

October 24. Sheryl Ash, Susan Stout, Ellen Nelson, Donna Caito, Ruth Morrison & Lynn Collins



News from the Pews

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Update from Buddy & Anne!

Greetings to North Warren
Presbyterian Church from Suffolk, VA!
We think about you and pray for you
often!

Let us begin by saying that Buddy
will NEVER use email to ask for
anything! ☺

We can't believe it's been six months
since we moved to Virginia! We are
pretty well settled in although there are
still some boxes which are in need of
unpacking! We are getting
reacquainted with Hampton Roads
(and traffic!) Buddy is enjoying
retirement and keeping somewhat busy
with Deborah's "Daddy Do" list! Anne
is enjoying being close to family. Both
of us are continuing with our habit of
going to the YMCA every morning.
Buddy is even taking some classes
including aquasize and kick boxing! (As
is Anne!) We have met many nice folks
at the YMCA in the classes. It has been
a blessing to be able to see Anne's
Mom, Terry, often as well as Deborah
and Andrew in addition to siblings and
longtime friends. The summer has
been warm, but air conditioning is
wonderful! After visiting several
churches, we are now consistently

attending the First Presbyterian Church
of Norfolk. It is large, but we are
slowly getting to know more people.
There are several retired pastors that
attend also. We went on a church
mission trip to Massanetta Springs, a
Presbyterian camp and conference
center near Harrisonburg, Virginia.

We also want to express our deepest
appreciation for your loving support
and friendship over the years, especially
during our stressful and crazy last
couple of weeks up there! We were
blessed by the folks who came to help
us! People are amazed when we tell
them we were at the same church for
28 years! You have an open invitation
to visit if you are ever in the area or just
want to come down for a bit! Our
address is 6048 Mainsail Lane, Suffolk,
VA 23435. It's right off I 664 in North
Suffolk.

Again, we pray for God's grace and
peace upon you! Change is difficult as
is searching for a new pastor, but the
church is Jesus' bride and He loves and
cares for her! May the Holy Spirit
guide you as you continue to be light
for the gospel in this world!

In Christ,
Anne and Buddy

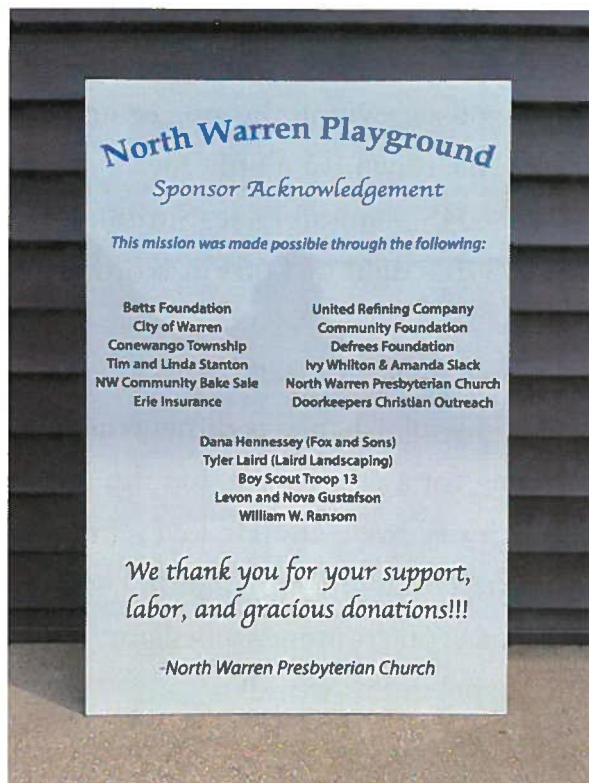


Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included in our email prayer chain, please provide your email address to the church office. We have found this to be an effective method of notifying our prayer warriors of those who are in need of prayer. We are happy to add you so that you can pray for those in need.



If you or someone you know would like the congregation to be praying for them, simply call the church office or email Donna Caito at librarylady1649@yahoo.com with your request and we will pass it on.



Ice Cream Social



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day 1 No School	2	3	4 6:00 PM Deacons 6:00 PM Community House	5	6
Regular Schedule 7 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	8 6:00 PM Christian Ed	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee 6:00 PM Session	First Day of Autumn 22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	29	30				

September 2025

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1	Sharing Place 2 6:00 PM Deacons	3	4
<i>World Wide Communion 5</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion Worship Service	6 6:00 PM Christian Ed	7	8	9 12:30 PM Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group	10	11
12 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	No School 13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	27	28	29	30	31 5:30-8:00 pm Halloween in the Park & Trunk or Treat	

October 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	3 6:00 PM Christian Ed	4 Election Day	5	6 6:00 PM Deacons 6:00 PM Community House	7	8
9 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship After Church Coffee	No School 10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 12:30 PM Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group	14	15
16 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Session	17	18	19	Sharing Place 20	21	22
Christ the King Sunday 23 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion Worship Service	24	25	No School 26	No School 27 Thanksgiving	No School 28	29
31 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship						

November 2025

September

October

November 2025

Birthdays

Sept	05	Roxy VanOrd
	07	Denise Bullock
	07	Charlene Swanson
	10	Daniel Jones
	11	Pete Engman
	13	Barb Cook
	14	Lynn Bricker
	15	Sandy Billman
	15	Natalie Lucks
	17	Audrey Bakewell
	18	Carol Hamilton
	19	Rachael Lucks
	20	Mark Ash
	24	Hobson McKown
	27	Tricia Poston
	27	Jean Swartz

Anniversaries

Sept	02	Matthew & Lisa Such (30)
	03	Rick & Teresa Blumquist
	03	Tim & Ashley Swanson (15)
	04	Kim & Kathy Wenzel
	08	Rob & Melissa Port
	24	Michael & Emma Jones
	24	Tim & Bonnie Reynolds
	28	Patrick & Emily Emmett
	30	Jared & Aldyn Charbonneau

Birthdays

Oct	02	Casey Ferry
	02	Kendra Fuller
	05	Nancy Grinnen
	07	Marcy Engman
	07	Andrew Jones
	08	Charles Dickson
	12	Amanda McElhatten
	12	Anne Ward
	13	Jordan Bullock
	15	Keziah Port
	19	Sally Clark
	19	Aldyn Poston Charbonneau
	20	Chris Case-Crocker
	22	Michael Fiscus
	22	Cole Johnson
	27	Lynn Collins
	27	Brea Poston
	29	Jim Swartz
	30	Kris Soderberg

Anniversaries

Oct	05	Ron & Cathy Davies
	22	Jim & Cindy Fiscus
	22	Cade & Brea Poston
	28	Jim & Ruth Morrison (30)

Birthdays

Nov	01	Joann Stevenson
	06	Karen Ashbaugh
	06	Kelley Wood
	07	Mary Mahan
	08	Jim Morrison
	09	John Dyke
	11	Melissa Turner Shaffer
	17	Anna Parkinson
	17	Melissa Port
	18	Linda Swanson
	19	Bryan Olsen
	20	Judy Rimer Sweet
	21	Brian Ferry
	25	Sarah Wilson
	25	Michelle Gray
	26	Sandy Lee
	26	Robert Swartz
	29	Judy Grosch-Rudolph

Anniversaries

Nov	03	Ian & Soojie Gustafson
	03	Kevin & Melissa Shaffer



POINSETTIAS



The Christmas season will be upon before we know it and the Flower committee will be busy decorating our church. We are asking for your help in any or all of the following areas:

Poinsettias will be \$12.00 each and will be of varying colors. All flowers are to be picked up following the Christmas Eve Service. Please bring a bag to cover your plant and protect it from the cold.

Donations to the Deacons Fund will assist them in providing for those in need in our community. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated again this year.

If you would like to make a donation of \$\$\$ to help defray the cost of renewing and/or replacing some of the decorations you may also do so through this form.

All flowers and donations may be placed in memory of or in honor of family, friends, loved ones, etc. Please indicate your choices and place in the offering plate or return this form along with your gift to the church office.

Deadline is December 7, 2025.

Thank you for your participation. The Flower Committee

Name _____ Phone _____

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|------------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 1. Poinsettia - \$12.00 each | \$_____ | (colors may vary) |
| 2. Deacons Fund | \$_____ | |
| 3. Church Decorating Fund | \$_____ | |
| TOTAL | \$_____ | |



In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Please indicate your choices and place in the offering plate or return this form along with your gift to the church office, ATTN: Flower Committee.

Deadline is December 7, 2025.

Make your checks to "NWPC" or North Warren Presbyterian Church



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Church Office Hours are Monday,
Wednesday, and Friday. 11 am to 1 pm

EVENING THANKS

*As I calmly reflect at the close of today,
I have more in my heart than I have words to say.
You helped me stand firm when I wanted to run and
You gave me strength 'til my projects were done.
When thoughts filled my mind that made me afraid,
You gently assured me Your grace would not fade.
The letters and phone calls from people who care
Were just what I needed. Your love is everywhere!
When I think of the ways, You carried me through
I've a rhyme and a reason to say "Thanks" to You!*