



The Bacon Visitor

August 2025

Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church

A loving, faith community since 1922

Weekly bulletin and Sermon available on the web:

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Worship & Sunday School:

Sundays at 10:30am

Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri, from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Worship is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

If you would like a copy of the sermon sent to you weekly,
please call the office (716-283-5744) to be added to our email or mailing list.

Pastor's Corner
Lisa Giacomazza, CRE
Our Fears Limit Us....

From his book, Centering Prayer, Sitting Quietly in God's Presence Can Change Your Life, Brian Russell says this about fear:

"Let's face it. We are all afraid of something. Most of us are afraid of many things. Psychology teaches us that fear drives us. We fear death. We fear being alone. We fear being bad parents. We fear not having enough money. We fear being found out. We fear letting others down. We fear that we are not enough. These fears limit us and shackle us from becoming the people God created us to be. In fact, our fears are a form of idolatry. That which we fear becomes a god to us."

It is easy to become absorbed in fear. There are many things we cannot control and times when we feel alone in our worries. Yet, when we open the Bible and read scripture, it centers us in a way little else can. It is truth, it is filled with hope and direction that can pull us out of our fearful thoughts. Russell continues, *"The Bible is a powerful book precisely in its ability to describe the human heart and condition. It reflects on our ambitions and dreams. It recognizes our potential for both greatness and failure. It does not sugarcoat life...it calls out our self-centered ambitions. **It challenges us to realign ourselves with the ethic and purposes of God's kingdom.**"*

To me, this is precisely why we come together as a people to reflect upon the words of God each week and share our thoughts with God and each other. It is a chance to adjust our thinking and come back to the love and light of Jesus.

What's on your heart today? What's weighing on your spirit?

Whether you're facing a challenge, walking through uncertainty, or simply feeling the heaviness of the unknown, take heart: God is already there. He meets us in every moment with something new—something unexpected and beautiful that our limited minds could never fully anticipate. Never underestimate the power of God's love for you. Never diminish your worth in His eyes. You are precious in His sight. And so are your loved ones. Let that truth settle deep in your soul today.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path. – Proverbs 3: 5-6
With all my love to you, Pastor Lisa

(excerpts taken from Centering Prayer by B. Russell, p.83 and p.84)

Session Highlights

- No Session meetings in June and July

Financial Results (\$):	June 2025	Year to date
Unrestricted Income	2,335	22,055
Unrestricted Expenses	1,091	32,602
Net	1,244	-10,547

LITURGISTS for August 2025

- August 3 – Lee Weinsheimer
- August 10 – Bill Springer
- August 17 – Norwood Chatmon
- August 24 – Jim Copia
- August 31 – Bill Springer



We need Liturgists. Everything is written out for you.
Call the church office 716-283-5744.

August 6th - NAP Dinner (Niagara Area Presbyterians)
5 pm at Riverside First Pres., 84th and Lindbergh.
Come and enjoy dinner with our friends from the Niagara Area Presbyterians.

The Crochet, knitting, tatting, quilting group meets most Sundays from 2 pm to 4 or 5 pm at the church. If you are a beginner, come and learn. You can work on your own project or learn a new stitch or technique.

The Lion’s Club is collecting your used eyeglasses, eyeglass cases and old hearing aids. There is a collection box on the table in the Narthex.

If you would like to order flowers for the re table, please call Ron Clements at 716-283-9411. You may want to honor someone’s memory with flowers in remembrance of a birthday or place a rose when a child is born.



PAY PAL QR code
The church now has a scannable QR code for our PayPal.
If you’d like to support the mission of Bacon Memorial,
please consider making a donation!

Third Sunday Lunch

Bacon's Third Sunday Lunches will be held in the odd months of the year due to a smaller congregation and those physically unable to help. We can always use help with coffee hours and lunches. The next Third Sunday Lunch will be Sept. 21st at Bacon, hosted by Worship & Music.

Coffee Hours - We need help with the coffee hours. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet for coffee hours on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Are you interested in becoming a member at Bacon?

Please let Pastor Lisa 716-816-9503 know.

We would love to have you be a part of our church family!

Like us on Facebook! Please like and follow the Bacon Memorial Facebook page. Pastor Lisa will be posting regularly including parts of the sermon each week. We also include information on events taking place at or through Bacon, so please join us today! Also invite your family members, friends and neighbors as well. Thank you!

Facebook Page

Bacon Memorial Food Cupboard: any non-perishable food you would like to donate is always welcome. Most needed are: Protein-rich foods such as tuna, canned chicken, beans or peanut butter. The food cupboard is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please check the expiration dates of donated food.

The Lion's Club is collecting your used eyeglasses, eyeglass cases and old hearing aids. There is a collection box on the table in the Narthex.

Operation Christmas Child

We collect year-round for the shoeboxes. This makes it easier on the pocketbook of the donors. Each month there will be a targeted item and ***the items for June are toys (cars, jump ropes, balls, frisbees, marbles, jacks) Or any small item that will fit in a shoebox. No bar soap or toothpaste.***

Bacon Memorial's Mission & Outreach committee gave a donation to **Presbyterian Giving catalog** - If you would like to help by donating, here is the web site: <https://www.pcusa.org/giving/giving-catalog/gifts>

2025 Fall Festival - We Need You!!!!

Donations and Volunteers are an essential piece of any successful fundraiser. There are many ways to help.

- 1. Volunteer your time.**
- 2. Donate a Basket or Gift card to the Basket Auction**
(Monetary donations are also accepted)
- 3. Bake Something for our Bake Sale.**
- 4. Promote the event. Tell your family and friends.**
- 5. Like and share our event on Facebook.** Each time you interact with the Fall festival event it pushes it out to more people ensuring a larger group of people will see our advertisement.

If you would like to Volunteer, Donate or need more info please call the church at 716 283 5744.

We sincerely thank you for your help in making our event a success.

Halloween Costume Give Away

We are collecting new or gently used Halloween Costumes. These costumes will then be distributed at our Fall festival to kids and teens who might need one. If you would like to donate please contact the church at 716 283 5744

Bacons Fall Recipe Cook Off

Do you think you have a prize winning recipe? Dust off those old family recipes or bring a new one to the table. It's free to enter. Your recipe will taste tested by a panel of judges and if you have the best recipe you will win a special prize. If you would like to enter please contact the church at 716-283-5744 so we can get your info.

Fall Festival Craft Show

Are you a Crafter? Then we need you. We are currently accepting registrations for our Fall Festival Craft Show on Saturday, October 4, 2025 – 10 am to 4 pm. Spaces are \$25. The spaces are 10x10 (You must bring your own table and chair)

For more information or a registration please call 716 283 5744

Please Pray for:

- *For those who are tired, lonely, homebound, addicted or have mental health issues.*
- *For our church members who can't get to church but want to stay connected.*
- *For those struggling with their relationships.*
- *People with stress in their lives.*
- *All Veterans who are struggling.*

Serving our country

James Bak	Joseph Bak
Cameron Gee	Andrew LaFave
Mathew Springer	Ryan Young
Andrew Wilson	Emily LaFave

Prayer Works



Homebound

Harold and Billie Cooper
Carol Ortt
Larry and Janet Downs
Graham Luskin – Northgate, room 34W
Terry Weinreber – Absolut Care of Gasport, room 219D

In July we prayed for:

Family and friends *of Dennis Lewis*
Family and friends *of Terry Weinreber and Tom Waterson*
Lorraine Chatmon Myles – cancer treatment
Robert Roush – Melanoma (Cheryl McInerney)
Baby Lenox – Down Syndrome, heart abnormality, surgery (Pastor Lisa)
Brett Wass and family – in Palliative Care (Sandy Quinn)
Chelsea Ellis – in ICU (friend of Elizabeth Springer)
Harold Cooper – in rehab
Linda Wassell - receiving treatment (chemo & radiation)
for stage four cancer (friend of Martha Baker)

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



Sunshine Corner – please send a card to:

Graham Luskin – Room 34W
Northgate Facility
7264 Nash Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Scripture Lessons for August 2025

Aug. 3 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Hos. 11:1-11 and Ps. 107:1-9, 43

Complementary: Eccl.1:2, 12-14, 2;18-23 and Ps. 49:1-12

Col. 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Aug. 10 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Isa. 1:1, 10-20 and Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23

Complementary: Gen. 15:1-6 and Ps. 33:12-22

Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

Aug. 17 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Isa. 5:1-7 and Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19

Complementary: Jer. 23:23-29 and Ps. 82

Heb. 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Aug. 24 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:1-6

Complementary: Isa. 58:9b-14 and Ps. 103:1-8

Heb. 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Aug. 31 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Jer. 2:4-13 and Ps. 81:1, 10-16

Complementary: Prov. 25:6-7 and Ps. 112

Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14



What's Happening at Bacon

August 2025

Aug. 3 Worship, Communion, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Mission meeting
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

Aug. 6 NAP (Niagara Area Presbyterians) **Dinner**.....5 pm
at Riverside, 84th and Lindbergh

Aug. 10 Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Pet Blessing
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm – 5 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

Aug. 13 Session meeting ...Zoom.....7 pm

Aug. 17 Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm – 5 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

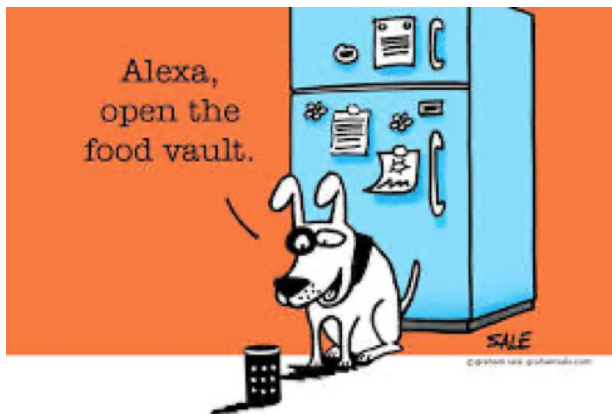
Aug. 19 Worship & Music meeting – by Zoom.....7:00 pm

Aug. 20 Deadline for July Bacon Visitor announcements.

Aug. 24 Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm – 5:00 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm

Aug. 27 Recital.....6:30 pm

Aug. 31 Worship, Sunday School.....10:30 am
Crochet, knitting group.....2 pm – 5:00 pm
AA meeting.....7:30 pm




Dog Days of Summer – Worship Sunday, August 10th *Pet Blessings*

We sure do love our pets and we know they are a true gift from God. On Sunday, August 10th Bacon Memorial will host the “Dog Days of Summer” and invite members and guests to bring their pets, photo of their pet or some representation thereof and Pastor Lisa will offer a pet blessing for your special pooch.

Cats are welcome as well but they need to be secured as we will be outside (weather permitting) and there will be dogs present – all pet owners are responsible for their pets at this event.

Please make sure your dog is secure on a leash.

If you are not attending worship but still wish to come for a pet blessing, please arrive at 11:30 am.



**Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church
166 59th Street, Niagara Falls, NY
2nd Annual**

Fall Festival
Craft Show & Basket Auction
Saturday, October 4, 2025
10:00am to 4:00-pm

Join us for a day full of fun and festivities.

Basket Auction
Local Craft/ Artisan and Vendor Booths
Fall Recipe Cook-Off
Homemade Chowder & Baked Goods
Community Outreach Vendors
Halloween Parade

Halloween Costume Give Away
[To donate new or gently used costumes please call 716 283 5744]

Live Entertainment by:
"The Witches of Moonlight"

"WNY Superheroes and Cos players"

***Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church Sincerely appreciates your
support and invites you to join us at 10:30am for our
Sunday Morning Services.***

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updates and more events.**