

First Presbyterian Church  
60 East Main Street  
Oyster Bay, NY 11771



*With doors wide open, we welcome all to come and discover how God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other, our community, the world and with God.*

*With arms wide open, we welcome all who are looking for something more, who have questions, who want to make a difference as they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.*

*With hearts wide open, we welcome you.*

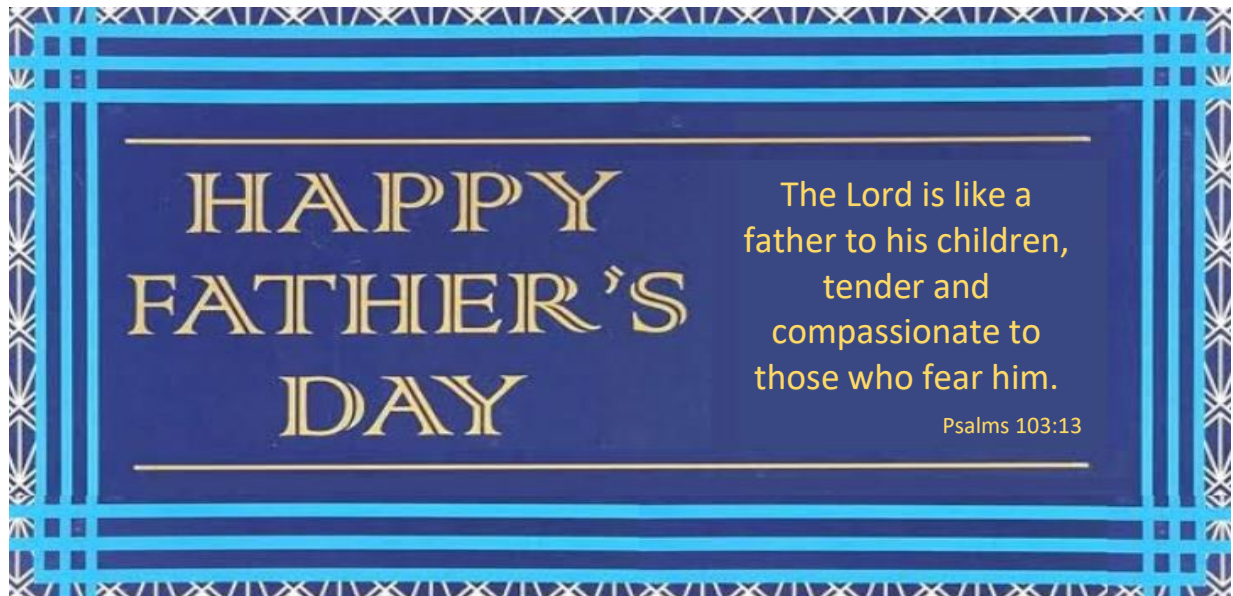
*~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~*

## *The Presbyterian Times*

60 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York 11771

The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey D. Prey, Pastor

*June 2026*



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Drew Prey
Administrator	Cristina Harrison
Organist/Choir Director	Jessica Chen
Custodian	Manuel Denegri

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Moderator, Board of Deacons	Catherine Berg
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Treasurer	Kristine Lalonde
Sunday School Superintendent	Cristina Harrison

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Jim Brundige	Church Support
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*Pastoral Care and Visiting* (Holy Communion, prayer, spiritual counsel...): Jeff wants you to know that he is available for you when needed. When you would like to share some time in Christian conversation and prayer with the pastor, please let him know. Jeff would welcome a visit with you.

*Church Membership:* If you are a newcomer to First Presbyterian Church, you are invited to consider church membership. Jeff welcomes the opportunity to receive you in Christian friendship. Please let him know when considering membership at the First Presbyterian.

*The Presbyterian Times* is a monthly publication (except in August) of the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay, New York. Items for inclusion should be received in the church office no later than the 20th of the month. All articles are welcome, but may be edited for length and content.

Editor & Publisher: Cristina Harrison

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# FROM JEFF'S DESK...

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"What Presbys Believe" recently took on the topic of "Immigration" (not that Presbyterians necessarily believe the same thing on this, but - we can at least discuss it civilly, as we did...). Below is my summary understanding (which may not be everyone's, but forms the outline of a letter I may send to my Congressman).

A Study Group at the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay considered the topic of Immigration recently. I offer these thoughts by way of encouragement to work towards a more just and humane approach.

We began with the premise that all human beings have dignity, and should be treated (as we would like ourselves to be treated) with kindness and respect.

We also affirmed, with U. S. Catholic Bishops, that "nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system."

Swinging from one extreme to another, neither of these understandings seem to be in play in our country's approach to immigration.

We considered, and endorsed a three-plank platform focusing on:

- Making it harder to immigrate illegally (with a focus on border security and visa enforcement, etc.), while -
- Making it easier to immigrate legally (by increasing the number of visas available, and "humanizing" the process, etc.), and -
- Creating a process whereby those already in the country illegally could admit their offense, and be guided through appropriate steps (payment of a fine, etc.) to achieve legal status.

We recognize that "the devil is in the details," but trust that enough individuals of good will can be found in Washington to work on this, after decades of frustration and futility.

We offer whatever support we can to see this through. With the missteps of the previous and current administrations, perhaps the time is right for a solution.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

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### APRIL 2026

#### GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

AMT. RECEIVED	AVG. MONTHLY EXPENSE	OVER/(UNDER)
\$24,931	\$27,645	(\$2,714)
YTD RECEIVED	YTD EXPENSE	OVER/(UNDER)
\$94,294	\$111,135	(\$16,841)

#### MISSION FUND SUMMARY

AMT. RECEIVED	AVG. MONTHLY PMT.	OVER/(UNDER)
\$1,429	\$1,800	(\$371)
YTD RECEIVED	YTD PMT.	OVER/(UNDER)
\$11,522	\$3,275	**

\*\* MISSION DISBURSEMENTS ARE MADE QUARTERLY.

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# STEWARDSHIP

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## *Finding Your Real Self?*

In the middle of Jesus' story about the Prodigal Son, the boy is down in the pigpen eating bean pods with the hogs. At this point, he realizes that he has made a serious misjudgment with the direction of his life, and Jesus describes his turning point like this: "But when he came to himself he said, 'I will get up and go to my father'" (Luke 15:17-18).

What does this mean – "when he came to himself"? Was he not already at himself? Yes, he was at one part of himself, but not his real self. As the boy leaves home in the first part of the story, he is full of resentment and bitterness and rebellion. But when he finally came to himself at the low point of his life down in the pigpen, we find that he decides to become an altogether different kind of person.

And we find our real selves in the same way – by a decision to return to God. That is a great part of what we are doing each week when we worship God by giving our money to help God's causes. We are saying, "By myself, I am not enough. By myself, I wander into pigpens. Here, take this and use it to help me, and other people like me, to find our way home again."]

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*Matthew 6:21*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### JUNE...

2	Deacons Meeting	7:00 p.m.
7	Communion Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	C.E./Sunday School Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	"Camelot"	2:00 p.m.
9	Bookies	6:30 p.m.
13	Community Dinner	5:00 p.m.
16	Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.
21	Happy Father's Day	
	Children's Day Worship	10:00 a.m.
	A Sunday School Celebration	
28	Guest Preacher	



### Coming Up ...

Oyster Bay Music Festival	6/27 - 7/4
Habitat "Faith Build"	July 11
Community Dinner	July 11
VBS Camp	July 20, 22 & 24
A Celebration of the Life of Richard Murcot	August 1
Community Dinner	August 8
O.B. Triathlon / Evening Worship & Picnic	August 23
L.I. Ducks	August 30
Rally Day	September 13
Blood Drive	September 22





## Community Meal

Meals are provided free of charge to guests of the Senior Center and People Loving People Food Pantry.

June 13th, 2026  
5:00 p.m.

Contact Jerry Lalonde  
Email galalonde@aol.com  
Text or Call (516) 297-7773

OR

Contact Selina Collier  
Email selinaacollier@gmail.com  
Call (516) 759-1168



*Congratulations to Mia Ramirez  
recipient of this year's Rene Harer Community Service Award presented by  
The Interreligious and Human Needs Council.*

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## SESSION NOTES

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### SESSION'S REPORT FROM THE MAY 19, 2026 MEETING

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay held a regular meeting on May 19, 2026.

**MODERATOR'S REPORT:** Communion was celebrated on Sunday, May 10, 2026, as authorized by standing resolution of December 16, 2025.

Session approved Jeff's vacation requests for June 22 - June 29 (including Sunday, June 28); July 30 - Aug. 18 (including Sundays August 2, 9, and 16); and a Study Leave request for Sunday, October 18 and surrounding days to be determined. Session also approved a request for a possible day off on Sunday, Sept. 27. Ken Pollitt should be able to cover the pulpit for these Sundays.

Jeff advised that the baptism to be held on May 17, 2026 of Preston Kenniff, son of members Tom and Emily Kenniff and approved at the March 17, 2026 Session meeting, will be rescheduled due to a family conflict.

Jeff advised that Jessica is looking for substitutes to provide music on those Sundays over the summer that she will not be here.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Jeff advised that the committee has interviewed one candidate for the custodian position and is advertising the position on Facebook to see if there is any other interest. He has a number of other interviews set up. The hope is to have someone in place by the end of June.

Jeff also reported on the conference he attended in Indianapolis, and the fact that they can provide some advice and networking for churches looking for a new minister. He suggested that given his framework for retirement is likely in 2029, we should consider forming an informal transition task force to investigate the process and become familiar with common pitfalls. This would not be the same group that ultimately become the search committee. He asked anyone interested to let him know. Jerry and Christopher volunteered. He will reach out to the broader congregation as well.

**ELDER TRAINING:** Jeff reviewed a number of topics raised by the Long Range Plan. He introduced a draft of a letter intended to be sent to new members of the community, introducing the church to them and inviting them to come and join us on any Sunday and get to know us. A few suggestions were to target young families and be more direct about mentioning our active Sunday School; perhaps mentioning some activities like Habitat or other church projects; having different versions of the letter to target different audiences; and posting the letter on social media with links to our website, as well as considering a direct mailing. Session agreed targeting early September to invite people to Rally Day would be good timing.

**THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO JOIN ALL MINISTRY TEAMS!**

Please contact one of the elders in charge if you are interested in joining that committee.

Ministry	Team
Christian Ed House	Elders – Chris Hogg & Mia Ramirez
Worship	Elders – George Baker, Heather Franciotti & Dan O’Hare
Church Support	Elders – Isa Gutierrez & Jen Newitt
Mission	Elders – George Baker, Jim Brundige, Richard Kveton & Jerry Lalonde
Membership & Outreach	Elders – Selina Collier, Catherine Thomas & Clerk, Cathy Hogg Elder – Isa Gutierrez & Deacon Deborah Hudak

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## DEACONS NOTES

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### DEACON’S REPORT FROM THE MAY 5, 2026 MEETING

We received a note from a person who wanted to volunteer to assist with helping hands. \$1,000 from the Silver Star Fund was sent to a family whose house was destroyed by fire. The mother was very appreciative. We reviewed out Deacon's lists and committee report.

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### Who Amongst Us Is Graduating?

*Class  
of 2026*



Is anyone in our church family graduating from *nursery school, grade school, middle school, high school, college, graduate school* or anywhere else, for that matter. Please tell us their name and school level (*nursery, middle, etc.*)

If they have graduated from college, please tell us the name of the college and the degree received. We will publish it in the bulletin on Children’s Day, June 21st.

The deadline is **June 14th**. Email: [officefpcob@optonline.net](mailto:officefpcob@optonline.net)

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name & level: (*i.e. middle, high school*) \_\_\_\_\_

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College Name, Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

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# VACATION BIBLE SUMMER CAMP (VBSC)

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**JULY 20, 22, 24**  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**  
**5:45 - 8:15 P.M.**  
**DINNER INCLUDED**

Vacation bible school program is open to all children who have completed Pre-K to Grade 6

**COST:**

1 child in family - \$40 (This is a volunteer program.)  
2 children in family - \$50 Fees cover materials and  
3 children in family - \$60 expenses.)

### REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE:

Call Cristina at (516) 922-5477 to pre-register  
Checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay

### ADULT VOLUNTEERS & STUDENT VOLUNTEERS IN LEVELS 7 AND UP ARE NEEDED

Contact: Isa Gutierrez - grammieluv@gmail.com

An Important Organizational Meeting for Volunteers will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at the First Presbyterian Church 60 East Main Street, Oyster Bay

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## BOOKIES

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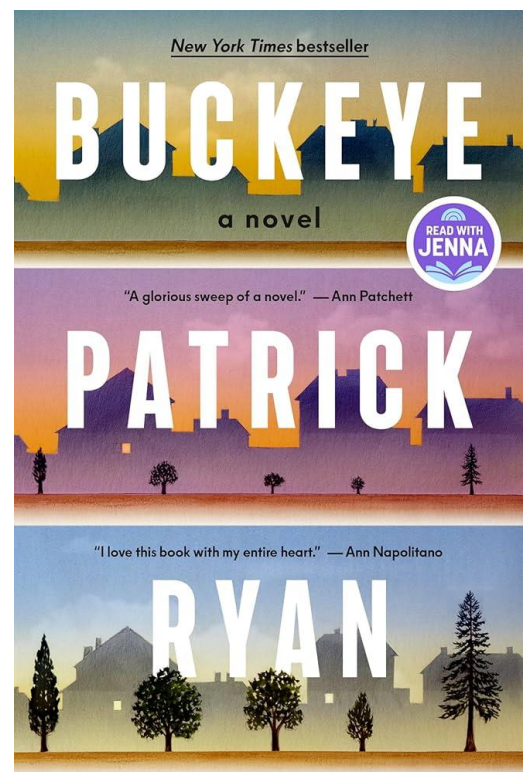
**Our next book is *Buckeye*, by Patrick Ryan**  
**Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 pm**

"A glorious sweep of a novel" (Ann Patchett) that weaves the intimate lives of two midwestern families across generations, from World War II to the late twentieth century.

"Sweeping yet intimate, resplendent with moments of deep emotion and unforgettable characters, *Buckeye* is a transporative story of love, loyalty, sacrifice, and forgiveness."

Even if you have not joined us for Bookies before, consider reading this book, and, if you can, join us for food and discussion on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30. It is something special.

See you then - Joan.



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# MISSION

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Here at the First Presbyterian Church  
Father's Day is Blanket Sunday!

June 21<sup>th</sup>



What better way to honor a father, grandfather, mentor, or friend than to give a gift of hope and comfort to someone who is vulnerable and in need. By the purchase of a blanket through this Church World Service (CWS) program, we can be present for neighbors we will never meet, offering them a tangible sign of God's goodness.

If you are wondering what to get for someone really important to you, this might indeed be just what they want! Blanket the world with love!

CWS works to meet the needs of the homeless in cities across the US as well as those seeking refuge from turmoil in their home countries. They also provide blankets to the victims of natural disasters, such as floods and hurricanes, A \$10 donation provides one blanket.

Our church bulletin on Father's Day will include an insert with the names of those we honor and remember through our donations.

Please fill out form bellow and place it in the offering place by **June 14th.**  
Thank you

Please write clearly

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

## **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected on the First Sunday each month.

### ***These are the most asked for items:***

Pasta, Pasta sauce, Diced Canned Tomatoes	Mac & Cheese 2 pound or smaller bags of Rice
Boxed rice mixes	Canned Vegetables - low sodium preferred
Canned Beans, Stews, Soups & Chili	Cereal & Oatmeal
Peanut Butter, Jelly or Jam	Kids' Snacks
Coffee & Tea	Gatorade Juice Boxes

### **The People's Pantry, 123 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771**

Accepting donations on Wednesdays from 12:00-6:00 and Fridays from 9:00-1:00

Shopping: Senior Wednesdays 2:30-3:00; Community Shopping

Wednesdays 3:00-6:00 & Fridays 10:00-12:00

To volunteer, go their website at <https://peoplelovingpeople.net/volunteer-form>

### **North Shore Community Church Food Pantry, 209 South St, Oyster Bay, NY 11771**

Accepting donations at church office (on the corner) on Thursday and Friday  
between 10:00-3:00,

or Saturday morning at the back door of the church between 9:00-10:00.

Shopping: The Pantry is open for shopping every Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00

### **NOSH Food Pantry/North Shore Soup Kitchen**

NOSH is currently accepting donations of non-perishable food at its new permanent home:

15 Hill Street, Glen Cove

weekdays between 9:00-1:00 (closed Wednesday and weekends)

North Shore Soup Kitchen has re-opened and is accepting donations for its food pantry at

First Baptist Church,

7 Continental Place, Glen Cove, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings

between 9:00 – 12:00

### **Mimi Mernin's Food Pantry, Village Church, Bayville, 9 Mountain Avenue, Bayville, NY**

Donations may be left in a bin at the back of the Church which is emptied daily.

516-628-2737

**Thanks for helping us to help our neighbors!  
The Mission Outreach Ministry Team**

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## *June...*

- 7 Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Worship  
Scriptures: Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 8:18-30  
Sermon: "All in This Together"
- 14 Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Scriptures: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 8:28-39  
Sermon: "All Things ..."
- 21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day/Children's Day
- 28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Guest Preacher

