



First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

June 2026 Newsletter

*Sunday Worship Service
meets at 10:00am*

From the Pastor's Desk...

*“God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.”
1 John 4:16*

Sermons:

*June 7, 2026
Communion Sunday
“Mi casa, su casa”
Matthew 10:40-42*

*June 14, 2026
“On the Road Again”
Matthew 9:35-10:15*

*June 21, 2026
Father's Day
“The Other Son”
Genesis 21:8-21*

*June 28, 2026
Guest Pastor
Rev. Dr. Joanne Weise*

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*Worship online with
Facebook Live:*

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresHawley>

One of the first things we learn about another person is their name. Usually, this information is offered when we introduce ourselves. We use names to identify a person, to sign on legal documents, and even for the seating chart at a wedding. However, when people get to know each other, their name gets attached to certain achievements, abilities, roles, family ties, and characteristics. In other words, our names have become more than just a name. For better or worse, we develop a reputation that is connected with our name: Sally is kind, George is grumpy, and Richard is wise.

The name of God is no different. **YHWH** is the most common name for God in the Bible occurring 6,800 plus times. YHWH was the most sacred, most significant, and most mysterious name in all of scripture. In fact, in much of the history of Judaism, the name was rarely spoken and often substituted with the words Adonai and Elohim. Those words mean **“Lord”** and **“God”** respectively.

But if we return to the original name for God, it doesn't actually mean **“Lord”**, as most English translators have it. YHWH really mean **I AM** or I am Being. The name is more of a verb than a noun. Yahweh is not one name among many names, it is **THE NAME**, the personal identity of the God who is self-existent, eternal, and defined by no one but God's self. God causes all creation to be. This changes our perception of God from a male dominating ruler to the God who is life itself.

The modern translations of 1 John do not use the word, **Lord**. Instead, the writer's focus is on God's chief being and attribute is Love. He believes love is the prime motivation, characteristic, and attribute of the divine. God acts in love and when we act in love, we are imitating God. We are, as 1 John declares, abiding in God and more importantly, God is abiding in us.

We know that no one image or name could fully capture every aspect of God, but love sure comes pretty close. If we desire to be like God, then choosing to love is a step in the that direction.

**By God's Wondrous Grace,
Pastor Mark Juengel**

COMMITTEE NEWS

Committee Chairs

Finance – Bill Rockafellow
Christian Ed – Jill Juengel
Co-Treasurers – Karen Lutz & Jim Brewington
Deacons – John Ehlers
Mission: Jim Mould
Music & Worship – Ann Marie Grillk
Music Director - Matthew Rupcich
Parish Life – Kika Dyson
Session – Rev. Mark Juengel
Personnel – Joe Jauss
Nominating & Clerk of Session – Chris Caruso



6/7: Parish Life Meeting
6/9: 12:15pm - Worship & Music Mtg.
6/11: 9am – Finance Mtg
6/14: Deacons Meeting
6/21: 5:30pm – Mission’s Committee Mtg.
6/23: 12:15pm – Personnel Committee
6/23: 6pm – Session Meeting (*Cancelled*)

Stewardship Corner

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”

We live in an amazing world that God created and then called it good, very good! Stewardship always begins with God’s generosity. If we begin with ourselves then our idea of stewardship is very small. We will tend to focus on our limitations and what we don’t have. But when we look at what God has done, and continues to do, then we will see with the eyes of profound abundance. We have a God whose giving knows no end because that is who God is. Let us rejoice in God’s goodness always and share that goodness with others.

Synod Leave

Pastor Mark will be on Synod leave from **June 16th – June 18th**.

Vacation Leave

Pastor Mark will be on vacation from **June 22nd – July 3rd**. *Rev. Dr. Joanne Weise will fill the pulpit and lead us in worship on **Sunday, June 28th**.*

WORSHIP INFORMATION



Sunday, June 21st

We will celebrate all the good men in our lives on **Sunday, June 21st**. Father's Day gives us a chance to remember, thank, and enjoy those men who have taught us faith, the value of a good character, and who have supported us through thick and thin. Come, and give God thanks for these precious men.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS - MAY

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer, please Sign-Up in the vestibule to be an **Usher** and to host **Coffee Hour**.
For Liturgists, see *Adele Harrison*, and to help with Communion, see *Ann Marie Grilk*.

June - Coffee Hour

6/07: TBD
6/14: TBD
6/21: TBD
(Father's Day)
6/28: TBD

June - Flower Donations

6/07: TBD
6/14: TBD
6/21: TBD (Father's Day)
6/28: Bill & Karen Rockafellow
(55th Year Anniversary) &
Bud & Adele Harrison
(61st Year Anniversary)

June - Good News Café

6/13: Phil Dux
6/27: TBD

June - Liturgists

6/07: Nancy Vignau
6/14: Grace Laird
6/21: John Ehlers
6/28: TBD

June - Ushers

6/07: Pat Gemeinhardt & Pat Schmidt
6/14: Sue Goldbach & Dave Smith
6/21: John & Sue Ehlers
6/28: TBD

June - Communion Servers (June 7th)

Set Up & Clean Up: Pat Bartleson
Servers: Pat Bartleson
Sue Goldbach
Joe Jauss
Jane Jauss
Kathleen Roberts

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bear Conservatory of Music - Recital

June 7th

1:30pm, 3:00pm & 4:30pm

On Sunday, **June 7th** the Black Bear Conservatory of Music will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church. This recital will feature the Conservatory's young people at three different times: **1:30pm, 3:00pm and 4:30pm**. All are welcome to come and support the young musicians of our community. If you have any questions about the recital, please contact *Stephen Faubel or Matt Rupcich*.

Parade Celebration

July 4th

First Presbyterian Church has been invited to march in this year's 250 Independence Day Anniversary Parade on **July 4th**. Further details will be forthcoming. Come and join us as we celebrate our nation's birth. **Marching in Parade – lineup is at 11am at Spring Street & Bingham Park.**



CHURCH LIFE

Books

There is a bookcase full of books in the Social Hall. *Please feel free to take them home.*

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Thursday Morning Bible Study Groups

We are *off for the Summer* and will begin again in **September**. Thank you for gathering each week to learn from one another and God's word.

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Joys & Concerns

For a most recent Prayer List, please go to the Church's website at <https://www.fpchawley.org/>

Good News Café

The Good News Café will be on **June 6th** and on **June 13th**. A seated lunch meal is provided. The Café is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 11:30am–1:00pm. Please direct questions concerning signing up to cook a meal or to help serve *Eileen Brewington, Pat Gemeinhardt or Karen Rockafellow*. Your help and support are much appreciated.

CHURCH LIFE - Cont'd.

Donate to FPCH

Thank you for your continued financial support. You may use the church's website:

(<https://www.fpchawley.org>)

or feel free to send a check directly to the church at *815 Church Street, Hawley, PA*. Your support is appreciated.

July Newsletter

Our next Newsletter will be in **July 2026**. Articles for our next monthly Newsletter need to be in the office by **Wednesday, June 17th**.

The Newsletter will go to print on the 26th of each month. Any articles submitted after the 26th will go on the following month's Newsletter.

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Monday Small Group Study

The Small Study Group meets **Monday's at 11:00am** at the home of *Betsy Yergey, 27 Lake Drive, Hawley*. For a curriculum see the Study Sheet from the previous Sunday sermon. All are welcome.

Office Hours

*Monday–Thursday
8:00am-1:00pm*

Home Communion

Pastor Mark is giving Home Communion on the first Sunday of each month. *If you are homebound and would like to receive communion please contact the church office the week before.* Communion will be received in the afternoon following worship.

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The Book Club meeting is on **Friday, June 19th**. The February Book is *My Friends by Fredrick Backman (BY)*. If you would like to know more about our Book Club, please contact *Melanie Tek-Visgilio*.

CHURCH LIFE - Cont'd.



- 6/4: Phil Dux & Pat Gemeinhardt
- 6/5: Betsy Yergey
- 6/7: Maddison Miller
- 6/10: Rachael Waszczak
- 6/11: Ava Bartleson
- 6/12: Janie Smith
- 6/14: Sue Goldbach



- 6/12: Gerald & Barbara Scofield
- 6/14: Nancy & Steve Vignau
- 6/26: Bud & Adele Harrison &
Bill & Karen Rockafellow
- 6/30: Chris & Heather Caruso



From Rod Warner:

Joseph DiGiacomo, grandson of Rod and Bette Warner. Joe graduated from SUNY Brockport with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education/Teacher Education, and is planning to work while pursuing a Masters in Health Education.

Erin DiGiacomo, granddaughter of Rod and Bette Warner. Erin graduated from Clarkstown North High School (Rockland County NY) and plans to attend SUNY Plattsburgh to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

From Dave & Kathy Smith:

Sienna Christine Prinzivalli – granddaughter of Dave & Kathy Smith. Sienna will be graduating from the University of Indiana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Media Advertising.

Congratulations Class of 2026

COMMUNITY EVENTS



For those in need of support the church hosts AA meetings, **every Monday and Wednesdays at 12:00pm.**



The Lion's Club

The Lion's Club will not be meeting **Thursday, June 11th and June 18th.** For more information, please contact **Pat Bartleson.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS - Cont'd.

The Wayne Highlands Quilt Guild



The Wayne Highlands Quilt Guild will meet in Blough Hall on **Monday, June 15th from 2-6pm**. There will be an open sew from 2 to 4PM for personal projects. Beginning at 4pm we will have a short business meeting followed by 'sew and tell', a small project to work on, and time to visit with one another. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to join us. For more information contact Deb Jacobson at debszoo@Gmail.com

"Come celebrate with us!"

The Wayne Choralaires invite you to any one of our summer concerts "A Tribute to American Music" to honor the 250th anniversary of our Great Nation. We will entertain you **on Saturday, June 13th at 2:30pm** in the bandshell in Bethany Park on Rt. 670 North (it's Bethany's Strawberry Festival) - **Sunday, June 21st at 2:30** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hawley and **Monday, June 22nd at 7:30pm** in Honesdale's Central Park as part of the Wayne County Creative Art's Council summer concert series. All concerts are free, but offerings will be accepted. Come and Enjoy". For additional information, please see *Kathy Smith*.

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	11:am: Small Grp. Monday 12pm: AA	Pastor Mark – Family/Bereavement Leave				
		10am: Handbell Choir 11am: Chancel Choir	12pm: AA 5-8pm: Cub Scouts 6:30pm: Prayer Grp. (Cancelled)			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Pastor Mark - Vacation	11:am: Small Grp. Monday 12pm: AA 2-6pm: WH Quilters	Pastor Mark - Synod			Juneteenth	
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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*If you have any changes to the Calendar, please contact Nancy at the office.
As of 5/29/2026*