



PAYNE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Elders Communion Schedule

<u>JULY 2026</u>	<u>Bread</u>	<u>Cup</u>
July 5:	Bob Link / Bill Wolcott	
July 12:	Ken Ozzimo / Brett Kofod	
July 19:	Barb Wilkersien / Bill Wolcott	
July 26:	Becky Wilson / Ross Benton	

Deaconess Schedule - July (4 Sundays)

Prepare – Nancy Golba Clean Up – **

*****Please see Sandy Lange to sign up or use the clipboard in the back of the church.***



Watercolor artwork, "Sunset Symphony" by Becky Wilson
The June 14 Bulletin was missing Title and Artist

Outreach and Mission

- Rainie's Foster Closet – Giving many thanks for the children's clothing and toys that were generously donated by **members** of our church.
- Also, we have a new outreach partner – **The Clothes Closet at Twin Cities Community Outreach**, 100 Ridge Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. They are located in the same building as Rainie's Closet and the Food Pantry. Main Number: 716-693-6010 or contact: Greg Lureman, rlureman@aol.com
 - Please consider donations of gently used baby and children's clothing, toys, and equipment for Rainie's Foster Closet and adult clothing, toiletries, and housewares to the Clothes Closet. These can be delivered to 100 Ridge Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, or you bring them to PACC and place at the donation table in the center of the church, or I can also provide transport service if necessary.

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Golba, Coordinator

FROM THE PASTOR

On May 9th, Pastor Hope officiated a full immersion baptism for Summer Cook, here is her insight from that day: **An Encounter with Christ that Saved My Life**

First, I would like to say thank you everyone who took time out of their day to celebrate my baptism with my family and I. It means so much to me.

I met Jesus about three years ago during the throws of an addiction to fentanyl and meth amongst other substances.

I've seen people die from drugs, including my own father..

And that wasn't even for me to get clean.

Looking at my beautiful son knowing he NEEDS his mother, was unfortunately not enough for me to get clean.

My grandmother who cried at night for me just hoping I would somehow get my life together, was not enough for me to get clean...

But God...

Little did I know the Lord, Jesus Christ, had His own plans for my life.

One day, high on drugs and out of my mind, in denial, the Holy Spirit visited me.

I dropped down to my knees and I asked that He save me and forgive me for the things I've done and the people I've hurt in the process of my addiction including Him.

Jesus is a faithful God.

He loves each one of us so much and I had no idea that all I had to do was call out to my Heavenly Father and He would be right there to save me.

Today, I remain sober.

I have a future and a hope.

I am able to set an example for Jaydon by achieving my goals perusing my nursing degree.

I am a supervisor at my job that I have been at for a year, when prior I couldn't keep a job for 2 months.

My family can trust me and rely on me. Something that I thought was impossible to gain back, and to think this is only the beginning of what God has planned for me....



Today, I surrender my heart and my life to Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior forever.



The Bible says in Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all His righteousness, and the rest will be added unto you."

I relate very much to this verse because when I truly started to pray to Jesus, seeking Him out, He heard me and He answered.

I am grateful where I am at in my life.

NONE of this would be possible without God.

Today is for HIM!

He has given me everything and deserves my best.

Help Wanted: Music Director

Payne Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Hours: Approximately 6 hours per week (varies with the season)

Salary: Negotiable based on experience

Duties: Performing keyboard/piano for Sunday worship, building our vocal and bell choirs, leading congregational singing, coordinating/planning with our leaders

Payne Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a warm and welcoming, nonjudgmental and mission-involved congregation where each person is celebrated and their gifts woven into Christ's work.

Though a small church, we have one of the largest bell choirs around! Our vocal choir needs to be expanded but is led by several people who are active in community choruses, including Becky Wilson, our Head Elder & Worship Chairperson. We have guitarists and a trumpeter. Our pastor, Rev. Hope Harle-Mould, writes original songs as well as new lyrics to traditional melodies.

Our sanctuary is equipped with a Chickering piano and a Yamaha keyboard, with full versatility of organ/piano/instruments sound. We have both traditional and contemporary hymnals, and the people enjoy a variety of musical styles: classical, praise, spirituals, jazz, and canons.

We need and seek someone who can bring a new spark of creativity and leadership to our music ministry: to build our choirs, to involve more of the congregation in creative worship and musical experiences, and to work with our leaders in strengthening the music-fabric of our worship, spiritual life, and community outreach.

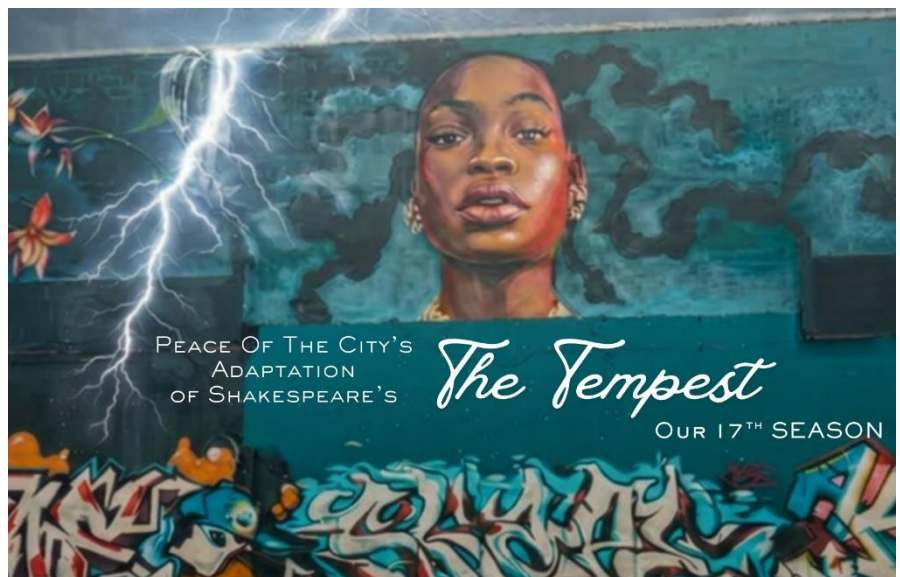
For more information or to express interest, call Pastor Hope Harle-Mould, (716) 868-5533, or Head Elder Becky Wilson, (716) 998-9052. For the full job description and details of how to apply, email our Church Secretary, Espy Altamar: payneavechurch@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest.

Peace Of The City (POTC) in Buffalo, NY, is putting on its summer youth production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* on August 6 & 7 at the D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre. The performance is the culmination of their annual ***Shakespeare Comes to (716)*** program, an arts and mentorship initiative. [1, 2]

What:

POTC's *Shakespeare Comes to (716)* presents *The Tempest*

- When: August 6 & 7 at 7:00 PM
- Where: D'Youville Kavinoky Theatre, 320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY [1]



"Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love."

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

July is a powerhouse month for American civil rights and equality milestones:

- **July 2, 1964:** President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the historic Civil Rights Act, with Title VII specifically prohibiting employment discrimination.
- **July 19–20, 1848:** Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott spearheaded the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, NY, igniting the organized women's suffrage movement.

For Bill Wolcott:

"AGE is MERELY the NUMBER of YEARS the WORLD HAS BEEN ENJOYING YOU."

... And the number of years the WORLD HAS BEEN BLESSED by the way you share Gods' messages of LOVE, FORGIVENESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE.

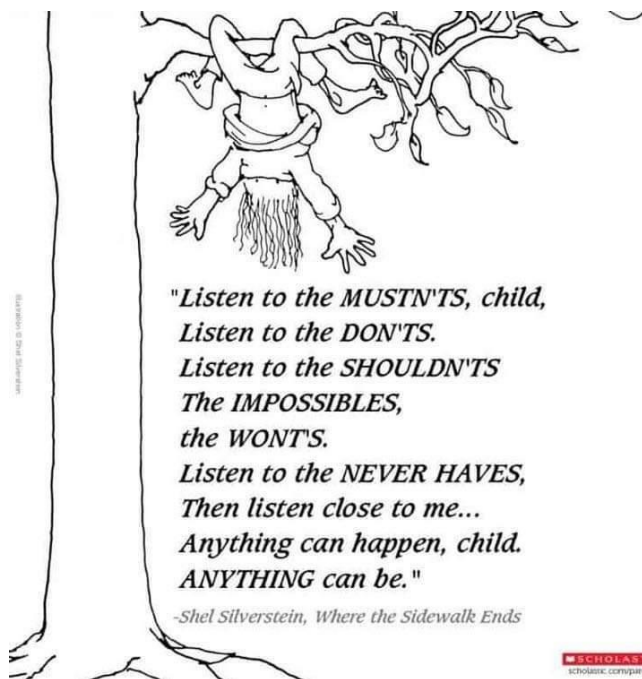
You are a shining example to all and the people who worship at PACC are glad that you choose to be with us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL!!

(a belated message, but with no shortage of gratitude and love)

May God continue to bless you in everything you do.

Nancy Golba, on behalf of all of us



OFFICE UPDATES: Thank you everyone for your contributions and giving to the Capital Campaign and to Phebian Abdulai, RN for her healthcare centers in Sierra Leon.

"Today, the clinic has expanded to teach farming to help families sustain themselves, has fed thousands of children through our malnutrition clinic by providing food and education, and has empowered girls and women to not only survive but thrive. The entire staff is made up of locals and has provided hundreds of jobs."

-Instagram: "jerichoroadglobal"

HELP: WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to make cookies or brownies.

Dessert bags will be assembled on the morning of July 9th

PLEASE BRING ANY DESSERTS TO THE CHURCH

BY 9:30AM ON THURSDAY, JULY 9TH.



CHIAVETTA'S BBQ dates for 2026:

July 11th, September 26th, and December 5th!



**Saturday
JULY 11TH**

12 - 4 PM

Tickets are only \$17 includes ½ chicken plus sides

& dessert treat!! Please call Brett @ 716-491-6205 or email:

payneavechurch@gmail.com for more info. We accept Cash and Venmo

Lord, Now what?

The Heartbeat of Our Church: Purpose and Mission

Have you ever paused to consider what truly drives your church? Have you read recently what your church's constitution defines as the purpose and mission? Have you "graded" how your church is living out that stated purpose or mission? Beyond the weekly services, the fellowship, and the programs, there's a profound purpose and a vital mission that defines who you are and what you do as a church, as a community of faith.

At its heart, the **purpose of the church** is to glorify God. Everything we do—from our worship and our prayers to our service and our outreach—is ultimately aimed at honoring God. We gather to learn more about God's love, will, and plan for our lives. We seek to grow in our faith, deepening our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This individual growth then naturally spills over into how we live our lives and interact with the world.

Flowing directly from this purpose is our **mission**. Our mission is to live out the Great Commission given to us by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."



What does this look like in our daily lives and as a church body?

- **Sharing the Good News:** We are called to share the transformative message of the Gospel with those around us, inviting others to experience the hope and peace that comes from a relationship with Christ.
- **Making Disciples:** This isn't just about initial conversion; it's about helping people grow in their faith, learn God's Word, and mature into devoted followers of Jesus.
- **Serving Our Community:** Demonstrating God's love through practical acts of service, compassion, and justice is a powerful way to fulfill our mission. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world.
- **Building Up the Body:** We are committed to fostering a strong, supportive, and loving church family where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and encouraged to use their gifts for God's glory.

Ultimately, our purpose and mission are intertwined. As we continue to grow together in faith and serve our community, let's remember the powerful reasons we gather and the vital work we are called to do.

What aspect of our church's purpose and mission resonates most with you? I'd love to hear your thoughts! Email me at jmahle54@gmail.com

Peace and all good things, Rev. Jan Mahle Moderator of NE Regional Board



Prayers of Healing and Caring:

Ross Benton and family
Kay (Sister of Mary Caldwell)
Devon Compton, (Nephew of
Paul White & Nancy Mueller)
Summer Cook
Rev. Dr. Arthur Davis,
Nita Doucette
Mary Dzik
AshLynn Dzik
Deborah Evans
Lisa Geraci
Don Golba
Linda Harle-Mould
Jaime Hodge
Shirley Jayne
Brandon Kofod
Karen Lawrence and her
daughter Ronda

Bob Link's Daughter Shelly
and Grandson William
Autumn Lee
Matt Lipinczyk (Nephew of
Paul White & Nancy Mueller)
Harry Madrid
Carol McBride
Burton Merriam
Ruth Misko, daughter of Leah
Benton
Diane Misner (Bob Link's
daughter)
David Misner (Son-in-law of
Bob Link)
Madeline Mock
Family of Heather Ozzimo –
Carter
Sherry Ostwald

Cynthia Pullman
Heather Raggi (Family of Bob
Link)
Joan Shamrock
Karen Smith (Friend of
Marcy's)
Linda Staiger (Family of Jim
Wokersien)
Janith Tookey's Sister-in-law
Ronni
Sharon Weiss (friend of Karen
Lawrence)
Bob and Becky Wilson and
nephew Billy Wilson
Bill Wolcott
Jim Wokersien

*There will be copies of this list printed and located on the Deacons tables. Please be sure to take one home to continue your prayers. *Please note, after a 6 week period names will be removed unless a special request is received in the office.

To add to the Prayer Chain call Sherry Ostwald 716-471-6842 (before 9pm). Thank you.

"IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT"

If anyone needs to be placed on the Communion to
Shut-Ins list - please be sure to contact
Becky Wilson at 716-998-9052



Thinking of You!

Please remember our members that are unable to be in their homes any longer...
send a card to help them know we care! Thank you!

Cynthia D. Pullman, (daughter of the DiBernardo's) Room 254, Comfort Care
at Our Lady of Peace Skilled Nursing, 5285 Lewiston Road, Lewiston, NY 14092
Also, some members cannot attend weekly, send a card and show they are remembered:
Karen Lawrence, Sherry Ostwald, and Janet Holt (all addresses in Church Directory).

MEMORIALS

Thank you for all the ways in which we honor and remember our loved ones. Here is a list of the wonderful and generous donations given in honor of our members since January 2026

Robert and April Lane	In honor of Nancy Golba
Brett Kofod	In memory of Leah Benton
Ed & Barb Wokersien	In memory of Leah Benton
Marcy DiPasquale	In memory of Leah Benton
Jill Buck - In memory of Aunt Leah	
Michael and Joan Shamrock	In memory of Leah Benton
Jack and Sandra Toth	In memory of Jan Tooke
Gift	In memory of Jan Tooke
Marilyn Blockus	In memory of Jan Tooke
Rola Pease	In memory of Jan Tooke
Michael and Joan Shamrock	In memory of Jan Tooke
Erie Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club	In memory of Jan Tooke
Joanne and William Guercio	In memory of Jan Tooke
David Licht and Debbie Abbott	In memory of Jan Tooke
Betty Lamb	In memory of Jan Tooke
Marcy DiPasquale	In memory of Jan Tooke
Robert and Brenda Sass	In memory of Jan Tooke
Gift	In memory of Jan Tooke
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Sue Gilbert	In memory of Jan Tooke
Marian Maziarz	In memory of Jan Tooke
Donna Summer - In honor of Summer	
Cook's Baptism	
Marian Maziarz	In memory of Aunt Jan
Howard and Emma Licht	In memory of Aunt Janith



A Memorial Service for Patricia Lange

is being held on Thursday, July 23rd
Visitation at 6:30 pm and Service 7:30pm
at Payne Avenue Christian Church

Led by Pastor Hope. Patricia was the sister of Sandy Lange, the mother of Maria Lange, the grandmother of Felicia Gane and Heather Perkins, and the aunt of Glenda Christian.

Please hold the entire family in your hearts and prayers in their time of mourning. If you cannot attend, please consider sending a card of remembrance to Sandy and Maria.

May the God of All Comfort bring to this family the peace that passes all understanding.

Let's Celebrate! Birthdays and Anniversaries:

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Marilyn Blockus	16	Lisa Geraci
5	PACC	22	Sherry Ostwald
7	Mary Caldwell	23	Gabe DiBernardo
8	James Evans	26	Bob Wilson
8	Sandy Lange	29	Autumn Lee



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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4	Adam Krull
5	Jim Wokersien
6	Shirley Jayne
8	Michael Scherirer
13	Kingston Altamar
13	Lily Kennedy

JULY BIRTHDAYS

15	Suzanne Krull
16	Janet Holt
16	Martha Scheda
18	KimMarie Brown
20	Nancy Golba

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

24	Ken and Heather Ozzimo	26	Vern and Jean Ortel
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**I would like to update the birthdays and anniversary dates so please be sure I have this information for all members of your family so they can be included each month.*

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

A quiet room is available for families with small children, in the back of the church.

WiFi is available in the church building and grounds

**This
Church
Affirms
You**



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Or <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BoXaPjG7/?mibextid=wwXtfr>