



*As I have loved you,
so you must*

Love one another.

*By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples.*

JOHN 13:34-35 (NIV®)

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August 3, 2025

Celebrating Communion

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
(pg 332 [412 LP] OT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Touch our hearts, O God. Reach out and catch the shadow of our lives.

People: For we go rushing by; coming and going with so much to do.

Leader: Reach out, O God. Touch our hearts. Interrupt our busy lives.

People: Speak our names. Speak to each one of us. Speak now, before we forget whose we are.

*HYMN #477

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

We come this morning, Dear God, drawn in the bond we hold in our hearts for You; for this place; for one another. And most often, we don't see ourselves needing any more than that, no more than this *comfort of home*. Come, stir our hearts to see the work of your Kingdom laying before us. Stir our lives, to hear your call. Stir our understanding and lead us in the ways we can share the goodness of your love. We are your people. Use us as you will. Hear us as we come in prayer with you...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 16 (pg 495 [610 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25
(pg 190 [232 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:51-62 (pg 70 [85 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Marilyn Hale

To Respond in Faith

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*HYMN #507

"I Come with Joy"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed (pg. 14 in *Hymnal*)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

(pg. 16 in *The Presb. Hymnal*)

(Continued on the back of the bulletin.)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Bread and juice/wine will be served, and we will partake together.

The bread is gluten free; wine is in the middle circle of the tray.

PRAYER (Unison)

**You bless us with the sufficiency of your grace, Dear God.
You feed our longing hearts with the fullness of your love.
May we go from sharing your Table, into this week as your
ready witnesses, as your willing servants, as your grateful
disciples filled with your peace and the power of your Spirit.
We pray in Christ's Name. Amen.**

HUNGER FUND OFFERING

*The Hunger Fund Offering is a special offering we gather after communion
and is dedicated to ministries carried out to aid food insecurities.*

To Serve in Love and Hope

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

(pg.592 in *The Presb. Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #426

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

*BLESSING

For the week beginning August 3, 2025

GREETER:	Coni [REDACTED]
PRAYER FAMILY:	Vicki and Dan [REDACTED]
ELDER for the Month:	Julie [REDACTED]

Tue	3:00 p.m.	PNC Meeting
Next		
Sun	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

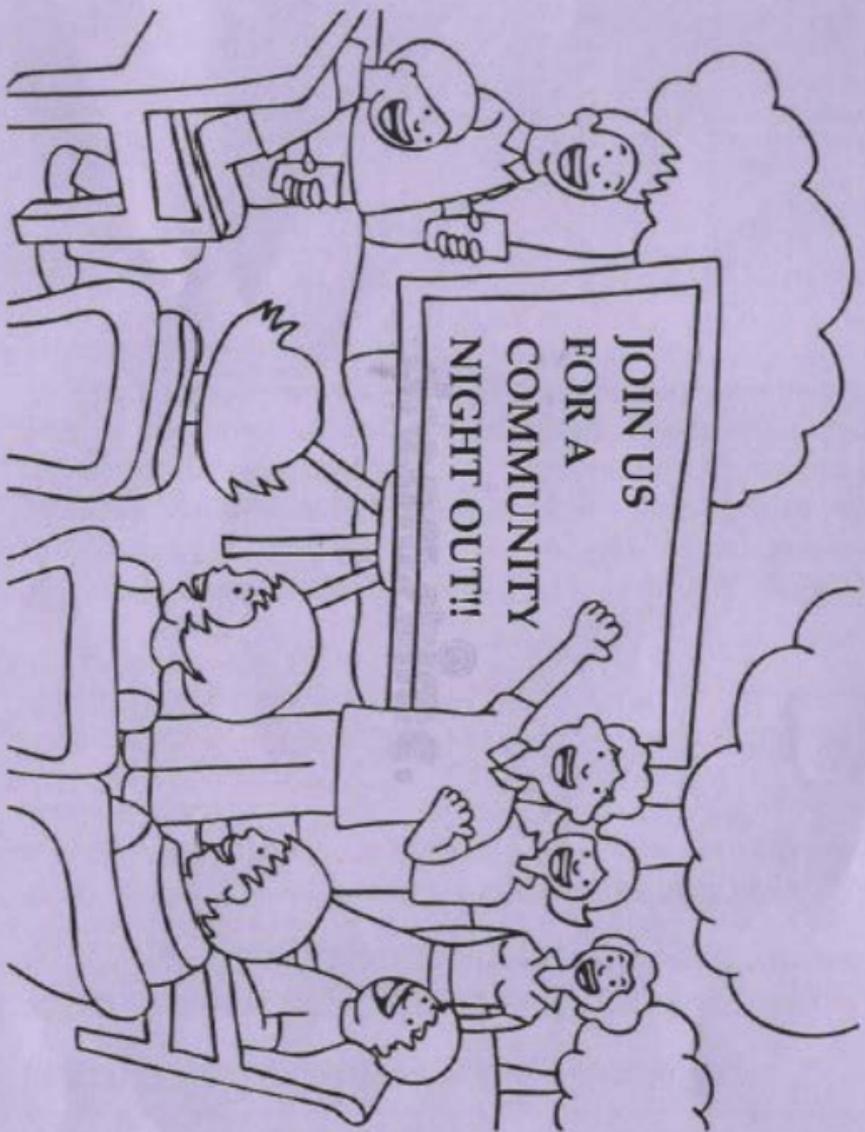
HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are collecting **EGG NOODLES** for the Portville Community Food Pantry. **REMINDER:** *Egg cartons are also being collected.*

There will be a brief **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** after worship **NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH** in the Adult Sunday School Room.

August's Mission Highlight of the Month is... **PCS PERSONAL CARE ITEMS**. Donations may be dropped off on the display rack in the Quilt Room. Thank you!

The Presbyterian Women of Western NY is offering a workshop showcasing *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* on Saturday, August 23rd from 9:30 – 11:30. Coffee, tea, water and snacks, as well as a study guide for each table to share will be provided. If you are interested, please register by **AUGUST 15TH** by calling Olga at (716) 310-6456 or email Melissa at machwojdak@gmail.com.



The Bethel Lutheran Church is hosting a **COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT** on Tuesday, August 5th from 6-8 p.m. at the Ted Scott Memorial Pavillion behind their church on Brooklyn Street in Portville. Come join the fun and visit with your neighbors! Games, music, snacks, and beverages will be provided.