



What do you know about Pentecost? It is a Sunday in spring where the Holy Spirit is mentioned and we wear red.

There is more. The name is derived from the Greek word "pentekoste" meaning fiftieth. In some churches Pentecost Sunday is called Whitsunday. It is celebrated in the Christian churches on the 50th day after Easter. In the year 2026 it will be on May 24th. Pentecost was originally linked to a Jewish Festival of Weeks or in Hebrew Shavuot, which celebrated the giving of the Torah and the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai and the completion of the spring grain harvest.

What is Pentecost? According to Acts chapter 2 it commemorates the birth of the Christian church.



On the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples with a mighty sound like rushing wind, a sound from heaven. Wind is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit. It is believed, but cannot be confirmed, that the room where the Holy Spirit descended is the same room where the Last Supper took place. The disciples having been filled with the Holy Spirit began speaking in "tongues of fire". This could be interpreted to mean they could speak in other languages. Thus the mission to spread the word of Christianity throughout the world was the beginning of the Christian church.

Peter explained to the crowd that this was the fulfillment of prophecy as stated in Joel 2: 28-32.

Why the color red?

Red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Red flowers placed around the church or on the altar symbolize renewal of life, coming of the warmth of summer, and growth of the church from the first Pentecost. In some churches the flowers are given by individuals in memory of a loved one or to honor a living person. Hymns used in celebration of Pentecost are Come Holy Spirit, Breathe on Me Breath of God, and Spirit of the Living God.

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In Christs' Service,

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May Birthdays

- May 2..... Bob Scherer
- May 6 Kristina Fiske
- May 10Carol Fuller
- May 11..... Ed Hauptfleisch
- May 13JP Tschang
- May 19..... Stacy Shaw
- May 27..... Betty Webster
- May 28 Ron Jackson
- May 29 Matt Torto
- May 30Betty Houghtalen
- May 31 Jean Fairbairn

May Anniversaries

- May 20Sherry & Kevin Brown
- May 27..... June & Mick Stasukevich

Healing Prayer

Kathy Schuster

- Young Adam
- Anderson Family
- Audra
- Doug Beck
- Kelly Bialy & Gerda Young
- Dot Brown
- Brett Campbell
- Barbara Carr
- Colleen
- Don Colpitts & Suzie Brant
- Pastor & LB Colton
- Jim & Noni Davern
- Betty Decker
- Reenie Dedrick
- Jacky & Bruce DeVoe
- Sara Whitney—Dorman
- Jason Dunkailo

- Paula & Fred Epply
- Family of Brett Estepa
- Jean Fairbairn
- Gary
- Family of Kenny Gill
- Mary Harris
- Bob Heinle
- Family of Howard Henderson
- Beth Lewis
- June Lewis
- Candi Lynch
- Gary Marsh
- Elva & Jim Martin
- Jill Miclon
- Betty Nocciolino
- Deedee Paino
- Nancy Rychlewski

- Kathy & George Schuster
- B Snopek
- June & Mick Stasukevich
- Sylvia
- Family of Victoria Taylor
- Marge Updyke
- Dan Vergason
- Mardelle Vest
- Bob Weyant
- Jeff Weyant
- Lynn Whitney

Donnelly Food Pantry

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May food donations for the Saber's Food Pantry are bread and cereal.



Prayer items are listed for one month unless an extension is requested.

Kathy Schuster may be contacted for prayer requests by:
Mobile: 607.624-4035
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Loved ones in Nursing Homes:
Carolyn Groupe Nancy Little
Ellen Mack Doris McWenien



Spring Clothing, Shoe & Furniture Sale

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Conklin Presbyterian Church's Clothing, Shoe, and Furniture Sale

Saturday, May 9th
 8 AM—3 PM
 1175 Conklin Road
 Conklin, NY 13748

Prayer Shawl Knitting

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Prayer shawl knitting will be Tuesday, May 12th in the library.



Day of Pentecost

Don't forget to wear **red** on Sunday, May 24th, for Day of Pentecost



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March Session Minutes

Carol Andrews

After determining we had a quorum of 1/3 (9 total members), the stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Conklin was held on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Clerk's Report:

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the stated Session meeting minutes of January 19, 2026.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Special Session Meeting minutes of March 1, 2026.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Congregational Meeting minutes of March 15, 2026.

Stewardship:

Motions: Motion to approve the March financial reports. Motion carried.

Mission/ Evangelism:

Motion: Motion made to move Door of Hope funds of \$690.00 to undesignated funds for now until another fund has been determined. Motion carried.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:38pm. Closing prayer by Rev. Martin adjourned the meeting.

Carol Andrews, Clerk of Session

Presbytery Meeting

I want to thank everyone for all the hard work to those who helped out on Saturday, April 18th for the Presbytery Assembly meeting. It went very well and the food was delicious.

Carol Andrews, Clerk of Session

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is currently meeting every 2 weeks. We are inspired to seek God's will for finding a new pastor and we will keep you up-to-date on the status of this important undertaking.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee,

Les Berry, John Colley, Paula Epply, Jackie Guillon, Elva Martin, Joe Toman, Pam Van Vorce, and alternates Sherry Brown and Bruce DeVoe

June Newsletter

Karla Toman



Your June Newsletter articles will be due on Sunday, May 17th and will be emailed/mailed on Wednesday, May 27th. Thank you for submitting your articles in a timely manner.



Stewardship Committee

JP Tschang

2026 March Financial Synopsis

March 2026 echoed the results of March 2025 in that there was a net income/profit! Net revenue over expenses for March 2026 was \$2,600 and this was without any transfers from Endowments. In 2025, net income was \$12,000 with a transfer of \$12,700 from Endowments.

Offerings in March 2026 was \$19k, surpassing the monthly budget of \$13.4k. May we continue to build on this positive trend and reduce the accumulated deficit which stood at \$16.2k on March 31st, 2026. We have a Special Offering line for a new fridge, so donations are encouraged so that we can purchase a new energy efficient fridge. Just mark your offerings “New Fridge” and it will go towards this collection.

There is also a new account in the balance sheet for “Mortgage Principal Repayment”. The purpose of this line is to accumulate funds to reach a \$10,000 goal before repaying the bank and having the monthly repayments recalculated to have a meaningful reduction in our monthly expense,

The bank balance stood at a comfortable \$33.2k at month end. Monthly expenses are estimated to be around \$18k without pastoral expenses so we should boost our reserves during this time.

Comparison of prior years’ results are as follows (dollars rounded to nearest \$100):

Endowments

	2024	2025	2026
LPL and NCF	\$480,000	\$478,000	\$488,000

Endowment balances were \$513,500 in Feb. 2026 and seem to follow the downward trend for March that occurred in 2025 as well. However, this year with the unrest overseas and uncertainty the market has dropped approx. 5% since Feb. The small silver lining for us is that the market drop overall was 5.3% for the Dow, but 4.9% for our own funds in New Covenant Fund and LPL Financials. We remain grateful for small blessings.

Balance Sheet

	2024	2025	2026
Tioga Checking balance	\$30,000	\$29,300	\$33,200
Unrestricted Funds	(\$25,600)	(\$33,900)	(\$44,000)

The checking account improved from February’s \$28k balance and unrestricted funds have decreased to a negative \$44k from February’s negative \$46.5k. We have yet to draw on Endowments, which has an approved \$45.5k transfer in the budget for the year. Hopefully we will not need to rely on this withdrawal.

Revenue and Expenses

	March			YTD			Budget	
	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	YTD	Annual
Revenue	\$17,700	\$39,500	\$21,200	\$162,200	\$ 77,300	\$ 52,800	\$55,700	\$232,781
Expense	\$24,700	\$27,500	\$18,600	\$184,000	\$ 88,200	\$ 69,000	\$57,000	\$232,781
Net	(\$7,000)	\$12,000	\$2,600	(\$21,800)	(\$10,900)	(\$16,200)	(\$1,300)	\$0

*Increased expenses of \$69k in 2026 were due mainly to repayment of principal of \$5k from donation of the same amount, increased snow removal expenses of \$3.6k more than budgeted and utilities expenses of \$2.3k more than budgeted.

E-giving at end of March 2026 was \$1,875.31, March 2025: \$2,130.10

In Christ’s service,

Bev, Jack, JP, Magen and Suzie

May 2026 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Harvest Fest Mtg 11am Worship Svc	27 Ofc Closed	28 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 4pm Deacons 6pm Scouts	29 NL Mailed/Emailed 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise	May 1 Ofc Closed	2
3 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	4 Ofc Closed	5 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 6pm Scouts	6 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise 7pm Cmte Mtgs	8 Ofc Closed	9 8am Clothing Sale
10 Mother's Day 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	11 Ofc Closed	12 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 10am Prayer Shawl Group 6pm Scouts	13 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	14 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise	15 Ofc Closed	16
17 NL Deadline 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	18 Ofc Closed	19 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 6pm Scouts	20 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	21 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise 7pm Session	22 Ofc Closed	23 12pm FR Rsvd
24 Day of Pentecost 9:45am No Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	25 Memorial Day Ofc Closed	26 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 4pm Deacons 6pm Scouts	27 NL Mailed/Emailed 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	28 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise	29 Ofc Closed	30
31 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	Jun 1 Ofc Closed	2 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 6pm Scouts	3 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise 7pm Cmte Mtgs	5 Ofc Closed	6



We're on the Web!

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May 2026



Day of Pentecost
May 24th

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on Saturday, May 8th
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