

PRAYER PROFILE: LIMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—a Valley Neighborhood Congregation

Did you know?

Lima Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 225th anniversary this year!

- ▶ The Church was organized in 1795 under the leadership of the Reverend Daniel Thatcher, a Presbyterian missionary then commissioned/supported by the Synod of Charleston, S.C.—this fact may explain why the village of Lima, N.Y. was first known as Charleston
- ▶ The congregation was named the Charleston Congregational Society until 1851 when it officially changed its name to Lima Presbyterian Church
- ▶ For several years, Sunday worship and Bible study took place in member's homes until a modest, white frame building was constructed in 1816, at the current location (intersection of N.Y. routes 15A and 20)
- ▶ In 1847, the congregation voted to allow abolitionists to use the church building for discussions and meetings about the then dominant social-political issue of the time: slavery and the future of the Union
- ▶ In 1873 the original church building was torn down to make way for the current imposing and spacious structure
- ▶ The powerful and inspiring organ was purchased from a church in Houghton, N.Y. and then carefully disassembled, transported, and reassembled, piece by piece, by church members under the guidance of organist Peter Geise—the project took 12 years to complete and the organ was dedicated in November 2018
- ▶ Visitors to Sunday worship services are encouraged to arrive a little early and enjoy the choir rehearsal and inspiring organ music



The congregation is actively involved in the social and spiritual life of the Lima community, through a variety of participatory ministries including:

- ▶ The Lima Farm Market, which takes place in the church's front lawn every weekend from May to October
- ▶ The Lima Crossroads Festival, an annual Village event that also takes place in the church grounds and adjacent streets
- ▶ The Lima Food Pantry by providing both food donations and volunteers
- ▶ The Lima Group Home through regular visits and social activities organized by church deacons
- ▶ Habitat for Humanity by raising funds and providing lunches for Habitat workers who were building a home in Lima in 2019



Prayers:

Please join the Presbytery of Genesee Valley and the congregation of Lima Presbyterian Church in prayers of thanksgiving and blessings for its continuing vitality and spiritual guidance to the community it serves.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 a.m.