

GLAD TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church Honeoye Falls

Sunday Worship at 10:30AM

JUNE WORSHIP

Come and Worship this Month!

June 1st

Communion & Baptism of Serena Leary
Baptism Reception & June Birthday Coffee Hour

June 8th

Pentecost

June 15th

Sharing Day & Graduate Sunday
Father's Day
Celebration Coffee Hour

June 22nd

Bible Trivia - Worship Led by Bruce Erway & Linda Goodrum

June 29th

Music Appreciation Sunday
Music Appreciation Coffee Hour

Our service will begin at 10:25AM for announcements, which will be followed by the worship service. You can join us in-person or stream the service on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FPCHF. The streaming of the service will begin at 10:15AM. All are welcome.

On June 1st, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper as a congregation. We will be serving the Communion elements. In celebration of Pentecost on June 8th, we will take Communion by Intinction. Communion by Intinction simply means taking a piece of bread, dipping it into the cup, and eating

them together. The prepacked wafer and juice will be available for those who prefer. To those who will be joining us via livestream on Facebook, just a reminder to prepare your Communion elements prior to the service.

We ask that you please turn off your electronic devices like your smartphone or tablet during services in the sanctuary. Turning off these devices helps with our screencasting function - making it easier for those who worship via Facebook

Thank You!

July Glad Tidings Deadline

The deadline for the July Glad Tidings Newsletter is Monday, June 23rd. Please send all submissions to Cheryl at officefpchf@gmail.com.



**JUNE
TEENTH**
Church Office Closed In
Observance of
Juneteenth
June 19th

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Michelle LaVarnway, Choir Director
Amy Morrow, Bell Choir Director
Nadie Miftari, Housekeeper



Please Check the Church Facebook Page for Updates

Please remember that crucial announcements and worship resources are all available via the church Facebook page. You don't need to have a Facebook account to access the church's page. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/FPCHF

Written by Pastor Kirk

"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money.' Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.'"

James 4:13-15

Recently I read a paper titled: "In the Future, China Will Be Dominant. The U.S. Will Be Irrelevant." by Kyle Chan, a global industry expert. The article explained in detail how the tariff wars and lack of planning for China's responses have seriously damaged U.S. trade, infrastructure, and defenses, contrasted against China's runaway leadership in technology, research, and renewables. It may have seriously bothered me if it weren't for one thing: I read a similarly convincing article about China's approaching dominance soon after the 2008 Great Recession. That article cited China's close adherence to U.S. economic methodologies at the same time that the G.W. Bush Administration largely abandoned them. However, the promised China dominance failed because no one could predict the technical know-how of the Obama administration would coincide with the ideology of Xin Jinping. The U.S. financial sector recovered quickly while many sources of Chinese economic growth were curtailed by a dictator who didn't seem to understand macroeconomics. In other words, in today's rapidly-changing world, current trajectories are poor predictors of future results. Predicting that current trends will continue unchanged is called "the straight line fallacy."

The article on China also reminded me of the many times ecclesiologists predicted that religion would decline until our culture went the way of Europe. It started in the 1970s when the Boomer Generation largely kept their children out of church; but then the 1980s saw the "youth revival" as unchurched children checked out congregations on their own (I was part of this). In the late 1980s megachurches predicted small, local churches would all shut down; instead, megachurch attendance peaked, then declined by 50%. Recently, the "rise of the nones," with younger generations increasingly calling themselves "spiritual but not religious," caused many to predict that the U.S. would become a post-Christian nation.

Once again, the doomsayers have fallen victim to the straight-line fallacy. Recent statistics show two trends among younger adults: 1) the number of "nones" has hit a ceiling and now seems to be receding; and 2) those who have tried to replace the benefits of church with other secular groups are returning to church (Burge, "The Plateau Is Real," 2025). Especially for adults with young children, there's a growing sense that spirituality is important enough to put time and energy into faith communities despite the pressure of time-stressed lives.

Of course, the straight-line fallacy means we don't know if these recent trends will continue; they may be temporary changes resulting from the uncertainties of COVID. However, the main takeaway is that more people are interested in joining churches and many are looking for invitations from persons they trust. Most reasons people provide for not inviting others to church stem from unfounded fears about negative responses. I've attended megachurches and spoken with their founders and staff, and one thing is clear: their members do not hesitate to invite people - even relative strangers - to attend church with them. This

difference is the largest difference between congregations that grow in size and those that do not.

The spiritual takeaway is even better: we never know what the Spirit of God will do. We can plan and worry and fret and build, but the wind blows where it will, we have no influence over it. In a time of rapid and uncertain change, there are always naysayers; however, it seems wisest to be ever-open to the joyful possibilities God presents.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Kirk

Thank You for Paying Per Capita; There's Still Time If You Haven't

This year our Generosity Team held a "Per Capita Day" on May 4 to highlight the importance of this special collection. Per Capita means literally "by the head" but is always used to stand for "per person." Like all denominations, the Presbyterian Church USA asks members to pay a set cost to support activities beyond the local church. This is a major part of our Reformed character of Connectedness, which stresses that we are one, small part of the larger, global Body of Christ. It's our connections that allow us to engage in larger ministries. For example, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is often one of the first aid groups on the ground after devastating storms. A national organization like PDA requires support, and that support comes partially from Per Capita payments.

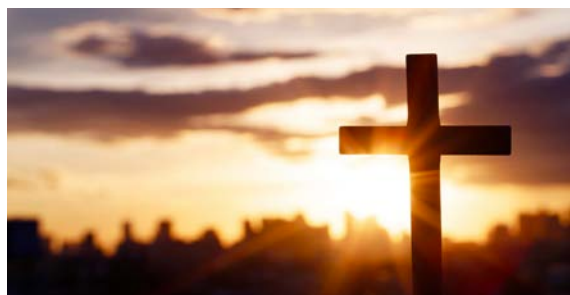
Payments can come back to support our local connections, too. Over the past two years, \$5,500 in grants have been awarded to Friends of Borgne through proposals submitted through our church. A small portion funds the infrastructure of our Presbytery - which helps congregations find pastors and address large issues - and our Synod, which offers resources for local churches. The main portion goes to the Office of the General Assembly and provides national and international infrastructure - including missions - and the General Assembly meetings held every two years.

The amount assessed per member is very small compared to most denominations due to our lack of hierarchy. Support staff is paid but all leadership (including national) is elected from local congregations, which means big cost savings relative to other denominations. The cost of \$38.50 per member is roughly 1/3 the cost to Methodists and 1/5 the cost to Episcopalians; even Baptists pay about the same or more for Association membership. While Per Capita applies specifically to members, anyone can pay \$38.50 per year and anyone can offer to cover the cost for others. Whether everyone contributes or not, the church pays for every active member. In 2024, members paid \$2,551.75 of the total cost of \$6,522.48; \$3,970.73 was paid out of pledges. That's why we're thankful for those who paid per capita already. If you weren't aware of the per capita cost or haven't had the opportunity to pay yet, payments can be made at any time. Again, the amount for 2025 is \$38.50 per member.



Worship In June

I'll see out the Easter Season with you and welcome Pentecost on June 8; then my sabbatical begins on June 15. Two services in June are standard for our congregation - Sharing Day and Appreciation Sunday. Between those services, Linda Goodrum is working with Bruce Erway to put together an interesting (and fun-sounding!) worship time.



6/01/25	Jesus' Farewell Prayer	Lectionary	John 17:20-26
6/08/25	Pentecost	Lectionary	Acts 2:1-21
6/15/25	Sharing Day	Special Day	CE Choice
6/22/25	Bible Trivia	Study Up!	Acts 16:9-15
6/29/25	Appreciation Sunday	Music Theme	Elder Choice

Pastor's Sabbatical Begins June 15

Thank you to those who have asked questions about church leadership and pastoral support while I'm on sabbatical. Please remember to check the weekly emails Cheryl sends, the monthly Glad Tidings, and Elders for specific names and contact information of supporters during the eight-week period. This information will also be posted on the bulletin board across from the Sanctuary. If people ask you about pastoral, worship, and other coverage, please encourage them to read the Glad Tidings and weekly email blasts. Arrangements have been made long in advance; the crucial step is for you to access the information you need.

The three main areas of leadership are worship, spiritual support, and crisis care. Current Elders are leading worship, except for July 27 when a Pulpit Supply Minister will lead the service and offer Communion. Deacons are pairing up each week to offer basic spiritual support. On-call pastors are available each week to ensure crisis care. In addition, Elders, Team Leaders, some Deacons, and Cheryl will touch base weekly via Zoom to ensure there is ongoing communication (communication is never perfect, but this should be a big help).

Here are the on-call pastors for that period:

June 15 - 21	Rev. Laurie Tiberi laurietiberi@gmail.com	Geneseo PC (585) 770 - 3074
June 22 - 28	Rev. Michelle Allen pastor@eastavonchurch.com	East Avon PC (716) 799 - 4321
June 29 - July 5	Rev. David Kilgore david.kilgore46@gmail.com	Lima PC (607) 590 - 1491
July 6 - 13	Rev. Brandi Wooten revbrandi@gmail.com	Chili PC (585) 490 - 8807
July 14 - 21	Fr. Jim Trimble jim.trimble@gmail.com	St. John's Episcopal Church (859) 309-6960
July 22 - 29	Rev. Natalie Bowerman natalie52111@gmail.com	Honeoye Falls UMC (708) 767-4181
July 30 - August 2	Rev. Kevin Hershey RevKevH@gmail.com	Union PC (Scottsville) (585) 310 - 2183
August 3 - August 10	Rev. David Kilgore david.kilgore46@gmail.com	Lima PC (607) 590 - 1491

Here are the Deacons covering those weeks:

June 15-21	Gail Richeson & Nancy Merritt
June 22-28	Gail Richeson & Brenda Allen
June 29 - July 5	Jane Jezsu & Scott May
July 6 - 13	Beverly Hillabrandt & Brenda Allen
July 14 - 21	JoAnne Tauriello & Brenda Allen
July 22 -29	Rodger Hinds & Beverly Hillabrandt
July 30 - August 2	Jan McCormack & JoAnne Tauriello
August 3 - 10	Mark Rowe & Nancy Merritt

We all owe a big "thank-you" to these capable leaders, and I owe a special one.

Blessings,
Pastor Kirk :)



Join in celebrating our Music Ministry during the worship service and at a special coffee hour following worship.

Director's Dish

Written by Adam Lewis
Christian Education Director

It's hard to believe that it's June already! Another year has flown by and we're getting ready to celebrate another successful year in Christian Education.

Looking back at May, we held our 3rd Annual Dick Haviland Pickleball Tournament and it was a tremendous success! As I write this, we have raised \$6,780 for the Friends of Borgne. We are already looking at ways to make next year's tournament bigger and better! Figuring out how we can host the event indoors is the main goal, I can only handle God's Ice Bucket Challenge every other year haha... if you know, you know. A huge thank you goes to all of our sponsors and church/community volunteers for their time and auction donations!

Looking ahead to June, this year, we are grouping Sharing Day and Graduation Sunday together on June 15th. Not only that, but the Middle School Youth will be leading the majority of the service, as a follow-up to the mission work we did at Blessed Sacrament and as part of the Confirmation process for Nolan Mueller, Alexis Ludwig and Lia Richardson. I invite everyone to come celebrate our church school year and recognize this year's High School Graduate, Avery Clar. In addition to celebrating our youth, we will recognize the volunteers who went above and beyond to help ensure the kids received the curriculum material each week. We will also be recognizing our outgoing 1st graders and be giving them their traditional study Bibles. It's going to be a great worship Service!

And looking even farther ahead, VBS will be August 18-22 and we are already looking for committed volunteers! If you are interested, please let me know, adamlewisced@yahoo.com.

Blessings to all!

Candle Lighters Needed

Candle lighters are needed through the end of August. If you are interested, please add your name to the list posted outside the Christian Education Office. For any questions, please contact Gail Worboys at (585) 624-4844.

Scholarship Fund Donations

Each June, the Scholarship Team recognizes the contributions to our congregation made by our graduating high school seniors who apply and qualify for the scholarship. These awards are made possible by generous donations from our church community. **The Scholarship Team hopes that you will prayerfully consider making a donation to the scholarship fund;** if you are so inclined to contribute, checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church Honeoye Falls, with "Scholarship Fund" written on the memo line, and may be dropped off at the church office or mailed directly to Leslie Rowe, 31 Brigham Cir, HF 14472. **We hope you will join us on Graduate Sunday, June 15th, to celebrate our outstanding youth members.**



FPCHF Graduates

High School



Avery Clar: Avery is graduating from Avon Central Schools and plans to attend Finger Lakes Community College to pursue a degree in Marketing. Over the past 15 years, Avery has actively enjoyed dancing and has been a dedicated youth member at FPCHF. During this time, Avery has contributed to community service projects, worked as a VBS aide, and served as a liturgist.

College



Abigail Garvey: Abigail Garvey graduated, summa cum laude, from Saint John Fisher University. She earned a Bachelors of Science degree in biology with a minor in chemistry. Abigail is currently a research technician at Strong Memorial Hospital, in the pediatrics department. She plans to attend graduate school to earn a PhD in genetics in the future.



Mia Schiedel: Mia is graduating with her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from SUNY Geneseo. She is pursuing employment in the Rochester area where she can apply her knowledge in a professional setting and grow with a company.



Presbytery Meeting Report

Martha Kumler, Elder Commissioner to Presbytery

May 3, 2025 at the Perinton Presbyterian Church

Our Presbytery Leader, John Odom sent out such concise and informative notes (see below) on the May 3rd Presbytery Meeting that I am using them as the report of this meeting. Especially so, as I needed to leave the meeting early in order to attend the Deacon's wonderful Senior Luncheon which began before the meeting ended. - Martha Kumler, Elder Commissioner to Presbytery.

Presbytery in Brief

by Rev. Dr. John Odom, Executive Presbyter

The presbytery gathered Saturday, May 3, or as Executive Presbyter, John Odom, reminded: "Kentucky Derby Day!"

This "holiday" gathering inaugurated a new era of hybrid presbytery meetings in spring, summer, and fall (Zoom-only in winter). Approximately 70 folks attended in person at Perinton Presbyterian Church with roughly 50 online. The following are some key actions and events:

Glorified God through an amazing worship service steeped in praise, prayer, and proclamation:

- Laura Fry preached a powerful sermon emphasizing the importance of listening to Jesus to overcome feelings of emptiness and ineffectiveness in ministry. She also extended a call for the church to be active in serving others and bringing hope to the world.
- Jerome Bell led a pickup choir of about 20 with an anthem of powerful praise and beauty.
- Heritage Munyakuri, pastor of El Shaddai Church, offered intercessory prayer, and the worship offering benefitted El Shaddai's work with the refugee population in the greater Rochester area.

Examined and advanced Craig Kunkle, member of the Batavia church, on his call, discernment, and continued preparation for ministry of Word and Sacrament. The presbytery voted to complete Craig's inquiry phase and begin his candidacy phase.

Examined and received into presbytery membership:

- Susan Frost, Transitional Pastor of Webster Presbyterian Church, transferred from the Presbytery of Geneva.

- Kristina Hansen, Pastor of the Covington Presbyterian Church, joined as a temporary member from the United Methodist Church.

Dissolved the Committee on Ministry and **adopted** two successor commissions:

- *Pastoral Transitions Commission* to accompany congregations from the moment a pastor announces that they are leaving until a new pastoral leader is on the field.
- *Congregational Relations Commission* to build strong relationships with sessions and pastors—encouraging faithfulness, assisting transformation, providing accountability, and mediating conflict.

Received for information and input a draft plan to dissolve the current Transitional Leadership Commission and replace it with a Mission Commission.

Encouraged the presbytery to join with the Synod of the Northeast and our indigenous Presbyterian congregations and register for Indigenous Mission Day, June 14, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Wright Memorial Church in Irving, NY, or the Jimersontown Church in Salamanca, NY.

Approved Constitutional amendment 24-C for inclusion in the Book of Order. (Note: This amendment pertains to the responsibilities of the presbytery for the ordination and installation of candidates for ministry and that standards should include the Historical Principles of Church Order, and the principles of participation and representation found in F-3.01 and F-1.0403 respectively in the Book of Order.)

Approved a 55-year, cell-tower easement on the property of Perinton Presbyterian Church. Invited the presbytery to support Camp Whitman's fundraising dinner, May 10, 6 pm.

Heard a verbal report from Carin Famer, chair of the Administrative Commission for Caledonia. She apologized for mistakes made in its handling of conflict between the congregation and its former pastor. The presbytery voted to issue a formal apology to Caledonia in writing.

Adjourned to continue Christ's work and mission through the presbytery.

Feasted like royalty at a lunch of African food provided by El Shaddai Church.

FPCHF YouTube Channel



Did you know that FPCHF has a YouTube channel? You can find us here: <https://youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchh0n2289?si=BHE0PdNm6WS0R4h>

We're working toward livestreaming our worship services on YouTube so everyone—including those with accessibility needs—can worship with us live or catch up later. YouTube allows us to archive videos indefinitely, unlike Facebook, which removes live streams after just 30 days.

We need at least 30 followers to unlock live streaming!

Please subscribe to our channel and help spread the word. Every follower brings us closer to sharing our services live with our extended community.

MANSE
SCRAPING & Painting

Time to Finish the Manse Painting!
No Experience Necessary!

Tuesday Evenings & Saturday Mornings
Beginning May 20th

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR KIRK OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEETS AT THE SANCTUARY ENTRANCES!

JOIN US FOR
SPRING
CLEAN UP DAY

Sign-Up on the B&G Bulletin Board.
Please see Jane Jezsu at jane.jezsu@gmail.com or 585-309-1841 with any questions.

June 7th
9:00AM - 12:00PM

HELPERS WELCOME!

Capital Campaign Team

Written by Anne Gravenstede
Secretary, Capital Campaign Team



Writing the
Next Chapter Together

The Capital Campaign Team has received requests to provide more detailed campaign information and updates for planned improvement projects. The Team has developed a section of the church website for up to date information on the Campaign, which can be found at <https://fpchf.betterworld.org/campaigns/capital-campaign-2023-2026>. Donations can be submitted via the website or by using an Intention of Giving Form.

Donations are accepted at different LEVELS -

- Bell Tower \$15,000+
- Balcony \$15,000 - \$7,000
- Sanctuary \$7,000 - \$4,000
- Ground Floor \$4,000 - \$1,000
- Foundation > \$1,000

Donations of different TYPES are accepted -

- Payment by check
- Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) from an IRA or investment account
- ACH Bank Transfer
- A bequest or provision as part of estate planning

Gifts can be given as a one-time donation or a donation over time

Finally, gifts can be given in honor of or in memory of a loved one

Intention of Giving forms are available at the Campaign Bulletin Board or Church Office, or can be mailed on request. Returned forms are processed confidentially by the Church Office and the Financial Team and added to the pledge total for the Campaign.

The Pentecost Offering supports children at risk and nurtures the faith of youth and young adults—encouraging them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

FPCHF Is Collecting for the Pentecost Special Offering
April 21st - June 8th

Please make checks payable to FPCHF and indicate Pentecost in the memo line.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE - IT ENDS UP TO A LOT!

East Bloomfield United Methodist Church

HEAVENLY TREASURES RUMMAGE SALE
Thur, June 5 from 9am-2pm
Fri, June 6 from 9am-2pm
Sat, June 7 from 9am-2pm
Youth bake sale; \$5 bag sale; 50% off larger items
2 Park Place at the corner of Rte 5 & 20
eastbloomfieldumc.org



Welcome Amy!

Amy Arner was baptized and received into membership on Sunday, May 25. She is the wife of Nate Arner and the daughter-in-law of Cheryl and Bob Johnston.

A reception celebrating Amy's baptism was held in Guild Hall following the worship service.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREE Community Meal

JUNE SUNDAY | 29th | 4:00PM







27 N. Main Street - Honeoye Falls
See you there!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01st: Claire Santucci
02nd: Gail Richeson
03rd: Mary Faulk
04th: Peggy Conklin
10th: Molly Russell
11th: Erin Ludwig
12th: Laura Mueller
16th: Henry Mueller
Addy Schiedel
19th: Cheryl Johnston
24th: Ethan Ludwig
25th: Eleanor Sexton
25th: Ed O'Brien
28th: Myra Roman
30th: Owen Dack

If you don't see your birthday on this list - please let the church office know so we can update our records

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Bell 8:30AM Vocal 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Deacons June Birthday Coffee Hour Guild Hall</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Coffee Convo 1PM Main Street Cafe</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Don Golden Double Room Piano Tuning</p> <p>Window Repairs Guild Hall</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Mission Team 4PM Double Room</p> <p>Bible Study 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Spring Clean-Up 9AM - 12PM</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>Bell 8:30AM Vocal 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Last Day of Sunday School</p> <p>Capital Campaign Church Leaders Lunch - 12PM Double Room</p> <p>Piano Recital - 1PM Guild Hall</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Building & Grounds 9AM Room #1</p> <p>Session 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Generosity Team 11AM Library</p> <p>Coffee Convo 1PM Main Street Cafe</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pinehurst Service 6:15PM Pinehurst Community Room</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fellowship Team 5PM Library</p> <p>Bible Study 6:30PM Room #1</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>Bell 8:30AM Vocal 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Hour</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>AV Installation Sanctuary</p>	<p>17</p> <p>AV Installation Sanctuary</p> <p>Worship & Spiritual Growth Team 3PM Double Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>AV Installation Sanctuary</p> <p>Membership Team 4PM Room #1</p>	<p>19</p> <p>AV Installation Sanctuary</p> <p>Deacons 5PM Guild Hall</p> <p>Church Office Closed for Juneteenth</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>AV Installation Sanctuary</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Bells 8:30AM Vocal 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>July Newsletter Articles Due By 8AM</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Bell 8:30AM Vocal 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Coffee Hour Community Meal 4PM</p> 	<p>30</p>					

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Worship June 2025

Assisting Elder: Stanley McCormack

Liturgists

1st - Beverly Hillabrandt
8th - Kelly Goodman
15th - Pat Smith
22nd - Brenda Allen
29th - Linda Goodrum

Accompanists

1st - Michelle LaMachia
8th - Michelle LaMachia
15th - Laura Mueller
22nd - Laura Mueller
29th - Michelle LaMachia

Greeters/Ushers

1st - Sue Ellen Roach & Judy Keenan
8th - Sue Ellen Roach & Beverly Hillabrandt
15th - Sunday School Youth
22nd - Sally Bloom & Shirley Peters
29th - Sue Ellen Roach & Beverly Hillabrandt

Communion Servers

Brenda Allen, Barb Altonberg, Sally Bloom, Chuck Goodman,
Beverly Hillabrandt, and Stan Worboys

Technology Team

Patti Moehlmann, Brian Webster, Ginny Floss, Amy Morrow, Eric Ludwig,
Scott May, and Ethan Ludwig