

# February 2017

February is named after the purification ritual Februa, which was a sort of early Roman spring cleaning festival.

<http://www.express.co.uk/life-style/top10facts/549736/Top-10-facts-about-February>



## The Vine



February 2017

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## Coming Events



<b>February 1</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>February 4</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>February 5</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Soup Sunday</b>
<b>February 7</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustee meeting</b>
<b>February 15</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>February 16</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Super Club</b>

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

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### **Remembering Our Leaders**

Presidents' Day is an important national holiday but how do people typically celebrate the day? For many people it has simply a day off from work or school. However, the holiday has important significance.

Presidents' Day was originally known as Washington's Birthday. The holiday falls on the third Monday of February. This places the date between February 15 and 21 so that it interestingly never falls on Washington's actual birthday of February 22.

Washington's Birthday was renamed Presidents' Day as an inclusive term to also celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday which is February 12. Lincoln's birthday has never been a separate federal holiday.

One way to celebrate the holiday is to consider some qualities that inspire you about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln or other Presidents?

One of the qualities that great Presidents like Lincoln and Washington shared was honesty. Teddy Roosevelt, whose image is carved on Mount Rushmore along with Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson, wrote this about honesty in government: "We can differ on the currency, the tariff, and foreign policy, but we cannot differ on the question of honesty if we expect our republic to endure."

When Solomon was about to become King the Lord appeared to him and said, "As for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my ordinances, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever." Integrity and uprightness are biblical models for leadership.

Another important quality that great Presidents exemplify is unity. Washington fought for our freedom and helped us become the United States. The very name of our country, "The United States of America," celebrates our purpose of being united. Lincoln helped to end slavery and held the states together during our most difficult time. When Lincoln accepted the Republican nomination for President he quoted the Scripture of Mark 3:25 "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Honesty, integrity, uprightness and unity are all key virtues that we appreciate in our leaders and seek to share with one another.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for February



February 5	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	Psalm 119:1-8	Matthew 5:21-37
February 19	Psalm 119:35-40	Matthew 5:38-48
February 26	Exodus 24:12-18	Matthew 17:1-9



## Ushers and Greeters for February



	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
February 5	Carol and Bob Worden	Bernie Spanneut and Char Gillespie
February 12	Judy and Jack Wilbert	Joy and Marv Pallischeck
February 19	Bill Turner and Connie McNamara	Sandy Carlson
February 26	Daisy Heller and Mary Foster	Beth and Carl Dickinson

The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers and greeters. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please let the office know so the correct names appear in the bulletin.

Since there are only two ushers named for each Sunday, the greeters need to help with passing the offering plates. We appreciate your willingness to participate in the service.

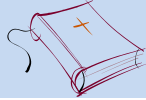
To save the cost of postage, the church office will not be mailing the usher and greeter schedule and duties to individuals. A copy of the duties can also be found on the church website. The schedule and duties are available from the church office upon request.



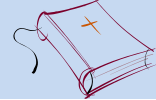
## Nursery and Communion Help for February



	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Communion</b>
February 5	Beth Dickinson	Linda Bracht, Mary Foster, Char Gillespie
February 12	Judy Wilbert	
February 19	Robyn Ballard	
February 26	Sandy Carlson	



## Bible Studies



During February, the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class speaks of:

February 1	Re-Created to Live in Harmony	Galatians 3
February 8	New Birth Brings Freedom	Galatians 4
February 15	Freedom in Christ	Galatians 5:1-17
February 22	Christ Creates Holy Living	Galatians 5:18-6:10

Thank you to Linda Malles for hosting Bible Study on February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to host a Bible Study in your home, please let the office know at 536-8235. Your hospitality is appreciated. Otherwise, please join us in the Pastor's Study at 10:00 AM – everyone is welcome.



## Prayer Line



Charlotte Gillespie  
Judy Wilbert

315-536-7185  
607-292-6958

Nancy Burt

315-536-8286

Please keep the following in your prayers: Art Alderman, Nellie Beecher, Ray Davison, Toni Gable, Connie Gibson, June Gnagy, Jim Matzat, the family of Ruth Soles, Gene Spanneut, Jennifer Stollery, Bill West, and Joan Wiley.



## Food For The Needy



Non-perishable goods such as pasta, pasta sauces, peanut butter, cereals, canned vegetables, and fruits are always needed. Thank you to everyone for contribution to this program to help feed the hungry in our area and other areas. Helpers are always welcomed. Please have your contributions here at the church, in the box in the entry hall, by Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for distribution on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## Let's Celebrate



The following have birthdays and anniversaries in February. Feel free to cut this portion out and pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are listed below:

Art and Phyllis Alderman Anniv.	February 1	Minda Hopkins	February 12
Shirley Whyman	February 1	Jack Lighthouse	February 12
Betty Peer	February 6	Allan Belcher	February 13
Jack Wilbert	February 8	Allan and Barbara Belcher Anniv	February 14
Pamela Ayers	February 8	Lyn and Taylor Fitch Anniv.	February 15
David Gates	February 9	Deb Snyder	February 16
Joan Wiley	February 10	Bill Schleigh	February 26
Teresa Ballard	February 11	Ed and Carol Seus Anniv.	February 28
Margaret DelBono	February 11		

### Congratulations To All!

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If so, we are very sorry – please let us know by filling out the form below and bringing it to the Church Office!

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Church /Local News



### Annual Meeting of Congregation and Corporation

On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, we had the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation. Following a call to order and an opening prayer, our congregational meeting began. The Pastor's Report, Clerk's report and committee reports were presented. The nominating committee noted that there is an opening for one more Deacon, and the Christian Education committee noted that a chairperson is needed – if you are interested in serving, please contact one of the committee members. The budget for 2017 was presented. The Pastor's Terms of Call was overwhelmingly approved – a special 'Thank you' to Pastor Paul and Linda for all that they do! The congregational meeting was adjourned, and then the corporation meeting was begun with a presentation of the Trustee's report. Following adjournment of the congregational meeting, a closing prayer was offered. If you would like the annual report, it is available from the church's website (please note that the on-line report does not include any financial information).

### News from Session

**Electronic statements** : With the computer input of our giving, the church is posed to send statements electronically by email – this will help decrease our spending for postage. The church office will continue to maintain manual record-keeping simultaneous with the computer record-keeping, so you may still request manual statements. The church office has emailed those with known email addresses to ask if you would like your statement emailed – we have had a number responded positively. If you have not seen the email from the church office and would like to

receive your statements through email, please contact Linda Bracht at [firstprespy211@yahoo.com](mailto:firstprespy211@yahoo.com)

**Penn Yan Area Council of Churches:** The minutes from the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches will be posted in the office hallway.

### **News from Trustees**

**Sound system training:** Wouldn't you like to learn about the church sound system??!!! Jon Burt will be doing training on the system so we can have others available when help is needed. Please see Jon if you are interested.

**Help on the church bus:** The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help during the transportation of disabled church goers to their churches. At least 2 volunteers are needed each Sunday of our defined month. The volunteers assist with the church goers getting on and off the bus at their residence and their desired church – you are not responsible for driving the bus!! Please see Jon Burt – a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

### **News from the Presbyterian Women**

**Lenten Lunch:** We are in charge of the first Lenten Luncheon on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Baptist Church. We will be serving and are responsible for providing the dessert. The lunch starts at noon so we should probably need to be there to help set up by 11:15. More information to follow.

**Valentines:** The Presbyterian Women are continuing the tradition of sending valentines to our young people in college and in the military. The project began many years ago when boxes of homemade cookies "from home" were sent to them. Unfortunately, the postage became too expensive. Recently, we've sent \$15 Walmart gift cards. If you would like to contribute, please give your donation to Carol Worden on or before February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Miracle Cloths:** The Presbyterian Women are selling streak-free microfiber Miracle Cloths as a fundraiser – a package of 2 is \$5.00. The cloth fiber is a special yarn that is strong and is virtually lint-free - it does not damage any surface. The fibers grab and hold dirt, dust and grime - tough on dirt and gentle on surface - these cloths are GREAT for cleaning windows and almost anything else. Please see Sandy Carlson.

### **News from the Worship and Music Committee**

**Gluten-free Communion elements:** We are happy to announce that we have gluten-free elements for Communion, starting with our Communion in February on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Both plates contain these elements so feel free to get in either line when Communion is performed by intinction.

**Layreaders:** We are in need of layreaders for our Sunday morning services – please sign-up on the sheet on the church bulletin board. Please note that the readings for each Sunday of the month are noted under 'Sunday Scriptures'.

**Communion List for 2017:** We are in the process of setting up the communion list for 2017. If you are interested in serving and have been ordained in any Presbyterian Church please let Jean

Constantine know (585-451-8741 or ladyseneca@aol.com). Also, if you have a date you would like to serve that would be helpful. Once the list is generated you will receive a copy and if you need to change your date you will be easily able to do that. Bread and grape juice are provided. We need 3 people each month to help Pastor Paul serve. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

### **News from the Outreach Committee**

**Superbowl Subs:** On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, please do not forget to pick up your pre-ordered subs – this is the annual fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Yates County. All proceeds from the sale of the subs will go to Habitat of Yates County to help build another home. See Joy Pallischeck.

### **News from the Christian Education Committee**

**Chair person:** Thank you so much to Rachel Dillon for volunteering to be the chair person for Christian Education!!!!

### **News from the Higher Education Gifts Committee**

The Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Gift fund is available for all members of the church who are going on for higher education. These gifts are given out twice a year, in September and in January. If you want to apply, you need to find an application form on the table in the back of the sanctuary, fill it out with as much information as possible, and mail it to Linda Jackson, 364 Rt. 54 East Lake Road, Penn Yan, NY 14527 or email the application to:

[jackson.linda1959@gmail.com](mailto:jackson.linda1959@gmail.com). The committee especially needs to know whether you are a full time or part time student, how many credit hours you will be taking if applicable, your major, and when you hope to complete your education. Later in the year you will be asked to provide the committee with a copy of your official registration for courses for the upcoming semester. An application needs to be filled out each year you are in school. You may also contact any member of the committee: Chairman - Charlotte Gillespie; Student Coordinator - Linda Jackson and Judith Wilbert. The students receiving higher ed gifts for the 2016-2017 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Amanda Pereira, Alexandra Rouin, Geoffrey Rouin and Derek Strickland.

In the 23 years that the gift fund has been used, the church as distributed \$451,791 – thank you so much to the higher ed committee and the Investment Committee for their support of our church members.

### **News from the Deacons**

**Usher/Greets List for 2017:** The Deacons are in the process of setting up the usher-greeter list for 2017. If you are interested in helping, please see Linda Malles. Once the list is generated you will receive a copy along with the usher and greeter duties. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

**Opening:** We have an opening on the Board of Deacons – if you are interested or want to find out more information, please contact any one of our Deacons.

### **News from Church Life**

**Supper Club:** Church Life is sponsoring a chili crock-pot cook-off for the Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Supper Club. We will need some chili cooks to bring their favorite recipe for all to try. We will need:

\*\*\*hot, medium heat, mild, white or ???chili\*\*\*

\*\*\*corn bread and other compliments to chili\*\*\*

\*\*\*and desserts of course!!!\*\*\*

## 2016 Stewardship Campaign: “Reaching in – Reaching out”

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued strong support of our Stewardship Program. As we recognize that the sharing of our stewardship gifts lasts through the year as the Reaching In and Reaching Out lists continues here, the committee can provide an update to this portion of the program.

With great thanks the committee can report that, at this time with ~65 cards returned, our total amount pledged is \$131,153. Of course, cards may be returned at any time to the church office or in the offering plate at your convenience.

With our campaign title, here are a few of the ‘Reaching In’ and ‘Reaching Out’ items listed by Robyn and Char:

### ‘Reaching In’

Making a cake for Birthday Sunday  
Stepping in to greet/usher when assigned person(s) have not yet arrived  
Helping someone take off and hang up their coat  
Giving someone a compliment  
Sharing a hymnal

### ‘Reaching Out’

Crop Walk  
Turkey Walk  
Lenten Luncheon  
Girls Club  
Yates County Bundle Up

Your Stewardship Team:

Pastor Paul Malles  
Phoebe Baker  
Phil Bracht  
Robert Gillespie  
Jennifer Rouin

the Rev. Anne Waasdorp  
Linda Bracht  
Charlotte Gillespie  
Marcia Kneeland  
Sonja Simpson

## Estimated Giving for 2016

	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	Surplus/Deficit
January	\$15,639.42	\$11,284.00	\$4,355.42
February	\$7,250.42	\$11,284.00	-\$4,033.58
March	\$9,013.42	\$11,284.00	-\$2,270.58
April	\$9,693.42	\$11,284.00	-\$1,590.58
May	\$9,811.42	\$11,284.00	-\$1,472.58
June	\$8,493.42	\$11,284.00	-\$2,790.58
July	\$11,772.42	\$11,284.00	\$488.42
August	\$12,135.42	\$11,284.00	\$851.42
September	\$8,531.42	\$11,284.00	-\$2,752.58
October	\$10,264.42	\$11,284.00	-\$1,019.58
November	\$13,458.42	\$11,284.00	\$2,174.42
December	\$9,408.42	\$11,284.00	-\$1,875.58
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$125,472.04</b>		<b>-\$9,935.96</b>
<b>Full Year</b>		<b>\$135,408.00</b>	



## **Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study typically meets at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday morning of each month in the church office. We usually meet for about an hour. We pray, read, and discuss how we can apply our faith in daily living. We study the Bible through the book, *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren.

## **Summer Mission Trip**

The youth will be participating jointly with Kirkwood Presbyterian Church on a summer mission trip again in 2017. This year we will be staying local and working with Camp Whitman. Camp Director Lea Kone has agreed to add a second "mission camp" week July 16-21 to accommodate the schedule of our group. We will be working with her to find projects in Penn Yan, Dundee, and surrounding areas that the group can tackle. Youth will be doing fundraising in coming months to help underwrite camp cost (\$175/youth) and to purchase some of the supplies needed for the projects. It is especially exciting that we will be able to help members of our extended community this year. We also look forward to sharing the beauty of our region with the volunteers from Virginia. More details will be shared as we finalize all of our plans.

## **Soup Sundays**

To build fellowship, and as one of their fundraising efforts, the youth and families will be hosting Soup Sundays on the first Sunday of the month in February, March, and April. Congregation members are encouraged to stay after church to enjoy soup, bread, desserts, and conversation. During these cold winter months it is a wonderful way to extend our time together. A sign-up to contribute items will be posted on the church bulletin board by the front doors. For more information please contact Jen Rouin (757-968-6880). We are very grateful for your continued support of our youth and their endeavors!

## **Sunday Hospitality**

### *Helping With Hospitality*

Sunday morning is for many the core of our congregational life, a special time of the week when we gather to reflect and contemplate, celebrate, and revere life's mysteries and things of ultimate concerns. During this time we are spending with each other and getting involved in each other's lives, deep fellowship is experienced. The relationships are the glue that hold the church together.

Sustaining each service is a group of volunteers who perform hospitality duties to make the service comfortable and pleasing for our congregation.

Many hands make light work. Everyone is encouraged to participate. As a congregation we all share the responsibility of welcoming each other and hosting our guests. Newcomers are also invited to participate. Helping with hospitality is a great way to get to know other newcomers and longtime members and feel more a part of the church family.

Each week it takes about seven volunteers and two additional volunteers are needed monthly to support our Sunday Service. When everyone volunteers a few times during the church year, every task can be comfortably covered.

*Ushers (2)* - Each Sunday one usher welcomes people at the church entrance; one distributes bulletins in the aisle. Ushers help collect offerings, light candles, restock pew racks, ring church bell, manage microphone during announcements and joys/concerns, etc.

*Greeters (2)* - Greeters welcome people as they enter the sanctuary, encourage people to wear name tags, help with collection of offering, host Coffee Hour and chooses to make it as

simple or as complex as wants (the quality of fellowship is more important than quality of the food).

*Nursery* - Volunteer provides adult supervision in the nursery after the Youth Message until church is over. The sermon can be heard in the nursery.

*Lay Reader* - Volunteer reads the Scriptures assigned by the pastor at the podium.

*Communion Server* - Volunteer helps serve Communion, usually the first Sunday of the month.

*Birthday Cake Maker* - Volunteer provides cake/cupcakes for the Coffee Hour the second Sunday of the month.

### *How Do I Sign Up?*

The easiest way to sign-up to volunteer as a Greeter, Usher, Lay Reader, helper in the nursery, server of Communion, birthday cake baker, etc. is to sign your name in a blank space on the scheduling sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. A complete list of duties for each task is also posted there. If you have not yet had the opportunity to volunteer at one of these tasks, feel free to ask for a coach.

It is suggested that each person volunteer for greeter and usher two times per year, once during January - June and once each July - December.

## **Sign Me Up! -- The Blessing of Greeting**

One of the foundations of any vibrant church community is fellowship. This is played out weekly in our church in the gathering before and after the service. The opportunity to greet our brothers and sisters in Christ is one that the Deacons would love to see you be blessed by. You will have the perfect opportunity to put new faces and names together, check in on old friends, and be the friendly face that welcomes a guest.

Providing snacks for the fellowship time after church can be a bit daunting, or maybe just a hassle. If hospitality happens to be a gift of yours and you look forward to baking and all the rest-have at it! If having to provide food is something that usually deters you from greeting, please know that the refreshments are the last thing you should worry about! There is no need to cook or even buy more than you feel led to or are able. We have simple tastes-and there is almost always something in the freezer that can be defrosted. Also, there are friends ready to give a coffee maker tutorial if needed.

The most important part of greeting is just that-greeting. Welcome your church family to a morning of worship and fellowship! Please keep this in mind when you are called upon to greet, and if you would like to volunteer, please let the deacons know!

## **Literacy Volunteers of Ontario-Yates**

Do you know an adult who can't read? Someone who would like to read better or earn a high school equivalency diploma? A non-English speaker who would like to communicate better or earn U.S. citizenship? Literacy Volunteers of Ontario-Yates can help. We also welcome new tutors and now have online tutor training available. For more information, please call us at (585) 396-1686 in Ontario County or (315) 536-6799 in Yates County.

## **Nursery Help**

We are working on setting up a nursery schedule in advance. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a Sunday. We have filled every Sunday through the end of the year (excluding Christmas Sunday). We will be looking for people to help again starting in January. If you are

not on the list yet and are willing to help, please contact Rachel Anderson at 315-481-9623 or Jean Constantine at 585-451-8741 or email Jean at [ladysebeca@aol.com](mailto:ladysebeca@aol.com).

### **Do you know???**

In a closet in the church office, there are wonderfully old, old Bibles and related books. Do you have any background information about them??? If you do, we would be so excited to learn about them!!!

### **Walking Can Be Fun!!!**

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 AM – 10 AM, we have an exercise group in Crosier Hall. It started with a group that used to go to Curves, then they were at the Owl's Nest, but the flooding stopped them. The group requested use of Crosier Hall until they can find another home. All are welcome – the group walks in place to a video which can be from 2-3 miles but is very low impact. This good exercise program is free but the walkers give a donation into a bucket – about once a month, they put names of local charitable organizations in a hat and choose one to give the donated money. Please come and join the fun!!!

### **Per Capita**

The Presbytery of Geneva has announced that for the first time in many years, they are needing to raise the Per Capita apportionment to \$50.00.

### **Have you considered electronic giving?**

Several of our members have chosen this newer way of giving – how about you? If you wish to make church contributions automatically via electronic transfer, please request an authorization form from Linda Bracht (315-279-1545 or [pjb29@cornell.edu](mailto:pjb29@cornell.edu)).

### **Presbytery of Geneva**

The Nominating Committee seeks your suggestions for presbytery committee positions. All suggestions will be gratefully received and reviewed by the Nominating Committee. You may even suggest yourself for a position. Special consideration will be given for persons in churches with members not currently serving on committees, and for persons who may increase Presbytery's diversity.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 informs us, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by Baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling; to be disciples and servants of our Lord. Within the community of the church, some people are called to particular service.

In an effort to make our Presbytery stronger, we need all the gifts of the people in the Presbytery, which includes Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, and parishioners of 60 churches in the Presbytery of Geneva. We are asking you to provide names of people to serve on the presbytery committees. Please give us a little information about the person you are suggesting, including some of the gifts you feel they possess. This will enable us to do our work as a committee to discern where best to ask people to serve.

Please send your list of names to Elder Phoebe Bakes, Chair of Nominating. You can email her at [phbbaker@gmail.com](mailto:phbbaker@gmail.com) or send a letter to Phoebe Baker, 3695 Bay View, Penn Yan, NY 14527. If the Nominating Committee does not hear from you, we will be calling you to ask for your suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The Nominating Committee – Elder Phoebe Baker, Elder Larry Bates, Sylvia Dorschel, the Rev. James Gerling, the Rev. Cynthia Huling Hummel, the Rev. Cheryl Peeples, Elder Paul Salisbury

If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbytery of Geneva, you are welcome to go on their website at [www.presbyteryofgeneva.org](http://www.presbyteryofgeneva.org). Click on ‘Meeting Info’ then enter the username ‘directory’ and the password ‘fingerlakes’.

### **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva:**

For news of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva, go to the presbytery website, then ‘Presbyterian Women’, and ‘The Link’ at the bottom of the page. Also, take a look at the Quarterly News – download the resource at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org); select ‘about PW’, then select ‘Quarterly Newsletter’.

### **From the Moderator’s Letters:**

**Organist Available** - If you are looking for a substitute (or full time) organist, you might want to contact Mark Brown from Lodi on the east side of Seneca Lake. Mark has just returned to his home town after spending the past 40 years teaching music in public schools as well as at the higher ed level. He also has extensive experience as a church organist. Contact info: (845) 399-4094 (cell); (607) 582-6466; [knodish1@mac.com](mailto:knodish1@mac.com)

**Contact the Moderator?** While you can always communicate with me through the Presbytery office, you may also contact me directly. Phone contact: (607) 583-7975 h (best choice); (607) 725-0785 c ; [moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org). Peace and blessings, Dick

**Help Wanted** - Quarter-time Administrative Assistant position available at the First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY. Annual salary is \$7000. Applicant must have strong PC, MS Office, and internet skills. Ability to maintain confidentiality and work with people are key to this position. Send cover letter and resume to the attention of Karen Rhodes, First Presbyterian Church, 520 N Decatur, Watkins Glen, NY, 14891.

**Message from Family Counseling Ministries** - The Family Counseling Ministry of the Susquehanna Association of the United Church of Christ wants to remind our church members that mental health is important for everyone. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to this 40-year old ministry. You, and/or your congregation, can do so by making your check out to: *Family Counseling Ministry* then send to: Phebe A. Gustafson, Business Manager, 201 Rachel Carson Way, Ithaca, NY 14850: Thank you.

**Travel Communion Set Available** - A retired pastor has offered a travel communion set to a church that might be in need of one. If you know of a church that could use such a resource, contact Alan Schenck at [schenck@rochester.rr.com](mailto:schenck@rochester.rr.com)

**Spring Mission Team to West Virginia** - Preparations are now ready to assemble the next mission work team to Ronceverte, West Virginia the week of April 23 – 29, 2017. The work trip will involve working on flood-damaged structures as determined by the WV Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps. A fee of \$250 is payable by each participant to “Presbytery of Geneva” by March 30. For more details contact trip coordinator Paul Salisbury at (315) 331-0442 or at [psalisb1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:psalisb1@rochester.rr.com)

**Got Four Wheels and a Motor?** - Stony Point Conference Center lost its transport vehicle in a recent crash (no one hurt but the Toyota)! If you have a vehicle to donate in good mechanical condition (newer or older), contact Rick at [\(845\) 608-4056](tel:8456084056) by text or phone or by email at [rickuffordchase@gmail.com](mailto:rickuffordchase@gmail.com).

**Young Adult Volunteer Applications Are Available** - The application process for the 2017-18 YAV year began October 1 and continues to be available. Please share this with young

adults you know who are interested in applying or who would benefit from a faith-based year of service. Contact Blake Collins at [blake.collins@pcusa.org](mailto:blake.collins@pcusa.org) or go to the program website at [www.youngadultvolunteers.org](http://www.youngadultvolunteers.org)

### **PCUSA – General Assembly news**

If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), you are welcome to go on their website at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). Click on ‘News & Announcements’ then ‘General Assembly News’.

# Kids Corner



## A MIRACLE



B T A S W W K N M N C F A I S C H K  
S U P E R N A T U R A L F R A K G N  
O T A N Y B K X L Y D N X B D K P W  
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E E R A S T O N I S H M E N T K W I  
C L V Q F R T S D N B H M D C I N I  
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F V C P N T U A H T R D C R J D O L  
L E W E E I E Y E W I E V B M Z Q S  
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H F N G Y Y N K E K Q H Q T Q X R X  
P Y E T A C I T N E H T U A V Y G A  
P U M D O G F O F O O R P R Z H W A

EVENT	AUTHENTICATE	PROOF OF GOD	SENSES
MIRACLE	SUPERNATURAL	PHYSICAL FORCES	TESTIMONY
HAPPENING	INTERVENTION	WONDERS	FACTS
DIVINE	POWER	ASTONISHMENT	BELIEVERS
COMMISSION	MESSAGE	CREDIBILITY	DEFY

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>Groundhog Day 2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			10AM Bible Study			8AM Men's Bkfst
				3-4:30PM Girls		9AM Men's Bible
			7PM Choir Rehear	Club		Study
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
10:30 Worship; Communion			10AM Bible Study			
Sunday school				3-4:30PM Girls		
Soup Sunday		7PM Trustee mtg		Club		
<b>Lincoln's B'day 12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Valentine's Day 14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
10:30 Worship;			10AM Bible Study	3-4:30PM Girls		
Sunday school				Club		
2¢ meal; birthdays			7PM Session mtg	6PM Super Club		
<b>19</b>	<b>President's Day 20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
10:30 Worship;						
Sunday school			10AM Bible Study	3-4:30PM Girls		
				Club		
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Mardi Gras 28</b>				
10:30 Worship;						
Sunday school						

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