

April 2018

Easter and the holidays that are related to it are *moveable feasts* which do not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian or Julian calendars which follow only the cycle of the sun; rather, its date is determined on a lunisolar calendar similar to the Hebrew calendar -it has come to be the first Sunday after the ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or soonest after 21 March, but calculations vary.



The Vine



April 2018

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM – Noon



Coming Events



April 1	7:00 AM	Sunrise service at Indian Pines
April 3	7:00 PM	Trustee's meeting
April 4	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
April 7	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
April 8	10:30 AM	2¢ a Meal; Birthdays
April 11	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman committee meeting
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
April 15	11:30 AM	Deacon's meeting following service
	3:00 – 4:00	Spring Organ Concert
April 17	6:00 PM	Supper Club
April 18	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Session meeting
April 19	4:00 PM	Investment Committee meeting
April 20	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Earth Day Recycling Event
April 22	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
	11:30 AM	Retirement party for Marilyn Fitch
April 25	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
April 28	10:30 AM – 3:00 PM	PW Chicken BBQ at Lyons Bank
April 29	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
		Blanket and Tool Sunday

Welcoming Hospitality

We are very grateful for the Memorial Committee reupholstering the furniture in the back of the sanctuary. The chairs, couch and love seat look and feel brand new.

The Memorial Committee is also looking into providing cushions for the pews. There is a sample of a cushion in the pulpit side back pew. Please give the cushion a try and let the church office know your thoughts.

I think having pew cushions is a great idea. We want people to feel welcomed. Providing comfortable seating in the back of the sanctuary is part of our ministry of hospitality.

Throughout most of Christian history people stood for worship. In many Orthodox traditions people still stand today. With the Protestant Reformation, people began sitting in church as there was a new emphasis on listening to long sermons.

Pews began to be installed in the late Middle Ages. By the 1840s Presbyterian churches and other denominations rented pews to support their ministries. Families would have their names inscribed on plaques placed in their own private pew. It was very serious business and church Elders enforced the rules that prohibited anyone from sitting in someone else's pew.

Such restrictive rules created a social divide between the wealthy and the poor. Instead of singing hymns together side by side, each family separated themselves with wooden partitions. This defeated the purpose of gathering together as welcoming family of faith in God's house.

I appreciate how our congregation welcomes people through the gift of hospitality. We greet people at the door with a friendly hello and smile. We have greeters who extend a handshake as people enter the sanctuary. We provide a loaf of homemade bread for first time visitors. We invite people to stay after worship for Coffee Hour in Crosier Hall.

Scripture inspires us toward hospitality as Titus 1:8 states, "be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled."

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



Sunday Scriptures for April



April 1	Isaiah 25:6-9	John 20:1-18
April 8	Psalm 133	John 20:19-31
April 15	Psalm 4	Acts 3:12-19
April 22	Psalm 23	John 10:11-18
April 29	Psalm 22:25-31	John 15:1-18



Ushers and Greeters for April



	Ushers	Greeters
April 1	Susan and Eric Baxter	Rachel and Alan Doan
April 8	Connie McNamara and Bill Turner	Rachel and Rob Anderson
April 15	Callie and Jordan Hopkins	Carol and Bob Worden
April 22	Phoebe Baker, Karen Miles	Robyn Ballard, Teresa Ballard
April 29	Hanna and Peter Martens	Judy and Jack Wilbert

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 April



	Nursery	Communion
April 1	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	Linda Malles, Mary-Howell and Klaas Martens, Char and Bob Gillespie, Hanna Martens
April 8	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	-----
April 15	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	-----
April 22	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	-----
April 29	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	-----



Bible Studies



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

April 4 – He Has Risen, Luke 24

April 11 – The Risen Lord Appears, John 21:1-14

April 18 – Follow Me, John 21:15-25

April 25 – The Lord God the Almighty, Revelation 4

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: The Alderman family, Jay Fadden, June Gnagy, Sue Goodrich, Alexander Martin, Bev Pickney, Sonja Simpson, Mike Snyder, Jennifer Stollery, Bill Turner, 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. Hours of operation for the Hope Center Keuka Food Pantry are Monday, 9AM-2PM, Tuesday, 11AM-4PM and Thursday, 10AM-2PM – clients can visit the pantry for your monthly distribution on a day/time that works best for them.



Let's Celebrate



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

Mike Ballard	April 2	Steve Matteson	April 10
Jon Burt	April 2	Kim Hansen	April 13
Peter Jackson	April 3	Hanna and Peter Martens Anniv	April 13
Sandy Learn	April 3	Chris Pallischeck	April 14
Anne Waasdorp	April 4	Paul Malles	April 16
Neena Hansen	April 5	Ruth Giles	April 21
Ada Anderson	April 5	Andrew Baxter	April 22
Sharon Hansen	April 6	Colin Pritchard	April 24
Jim Fairbrother	April 7	Lindsay Hansen	April 30
Kate Ballard	April 8		

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



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. If you currently do not receive your quarterly statement by email and wish to receive it through email, please contact Linda Bracht at firstprespy211@yahoo.com. Otherwise, the church office will distribute computer-generated quarterly statements during service for the first two Sundays after each quarter; those not distributed will then be mailed.

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.

Renovations: The Trustees will begin renovations to the nursery starting on Monday, April 23rd, lasting for 2 weeks. They are planning replacement of the drapes, repainting the walls excluding the mural, and replacement of the carpet. The existing furniture will be moved into the Sunday School room. The Trustees are also working to replace the ceiling tiles and ceiling light panels in the kitchen, and they are investigating a hearing loop for the Sanctuary.

News from the Presbyterian Women

Miracle Cloths: The Presbyterian Women are selling streak-free microfiber Miracle Cloths as a fundraiser – \$5.00 for each cloth. 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.

Chicken BBQ: The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the first chicken barbeque of the season at the Lyons Bank on April 28th. Catered by GayleWyn and available from 10:30 AM – 3 PM or until sold out. \$9.50 for a dinner and \$7.00 for chicken only.

Cinco de Mayo: Cinco de Mayo is only a month away – Saturday, May 5th from 5-7 PM. The Presbyterian Women are hosting a dinner to celebrate the day as a fundraiser. It is open to the public and tickets are now available in our church office, at Long's, and through several women in the church. Adults are \$10.00, children 7 years and under, \$5.00.

Blanket and Tool Sundays: Each year the Presbyterian Women collect donations for the Church World Services “Blankets and Tools Program” around Mother’s Day. This year we will have the collection at church on Sundays April 29th and May 6th. A card and envelope to honor either a mother or father will be given for each \$5 donation. This amount, \$5, supports the cost of a blanket or a tool which can be given to help someone in need. The churchworldservice.org web site reports some of the many places blankets, tools, health kits and other supplies are needed. The U.S., Syria, Serbia, and numerous countries in Africa are just a few of the locations where supplies are sent. Your gifts transform the lives of mothers, fathers, and children struggling to build a better life. And we get transformed in the process...hearts get bigger, lives are richer, and we are more connected to our world.

News from the Worship and Music Committee

Communion: I saw a Robin today out my window. We have so much to be grateful for in this world. Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve communion throughout the year. The full list is on the bulletin board and each month people serving are listed in the bulletin. If you are not sure when your month is or you need to change with someone please take a look there, once again thank you.

Layreaders: There is also a signup sheet on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to help in the service by reading the Bible verses. The verses are done in advance so you can practice them and if you prefer type them in larger print to be easier to read. Pastor Paul really enjoys hearing the readings done by people in the congregation, so please give this some thought. The first time is always the hardest. Please note that the readings for each Sunday of the month are noted in the Vine under ‘Sunday Scriptures’.

New Hymnals: We hope everyone is enjoying the new hymnal. It is interesting reading about the origin of the hymns each week. We are continuing to take orders for purchase of new hymnals for the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a special person - please see Beth Dickinson or Jean Constantine. Additional purchased hymnals:

Have you read the information below the hymns in the new hymnal?? Take a look – the information is very interesting and really adds to the message and significance of the hymn.

Choir: Our wonderful choir has a rehearsal the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room, and also a rehearsal every Sunday starting at 9:30 AM. All our invited to join our voices!!!

Gluten-free Communion elements: We are happy to announce that we have gluten-free elements for Communion. Both plates contain these elements so feel free to get in either line when Communion is performed by intinction.

News from the Personnel Committee

Party: On Sunday, April 22nd, following service, we are having a party for Marilyn Fitch to celebrate her retirement as our church secretary – 56 years!!! Please stay after service to thank Marilyn for all her wonderful years keeping us all in line!!!

News from Outreach

One Great Hour of Sharing: Thank you so much to everyone who donated to One Great Hour of Sharing – our wonderful church donated a little over \$1,115 to serve people in our community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression.

Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee

The committee has been formed and held meetings in both January and February. Thank you to the church members that have joined the committee, Karen Montgomery, Phoebe Parker, Sandy Carlson and Jen Rouin. The Committee also includes Peter Martens from Trustees, Robert Constantine from Session, and we await a representative from the Deacons. Pastor Paul will be the Moderator and Linda Bracht will attend the meeting as Church Treasure. If you have any thoughts to share for the committee please contact one of us at your convenience.

The committee is already evaluating areas that have need that the Hattie Tithe fund can support. This topic includes a Christian Ed. Director to work within our church, also with youth (6th grade through 12th grade) through the community and with other churches in the area. We are also looking to support the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Work Camps through PCUSA. During our next meeting we will be looking at local groups that need support that we can help.

We look forward in updating you with ways God's gifts will be used for God's work.

Robert Constantine, Chairperson

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. 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 2017-2018 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Elizabeth Martens, Ryan Marlowe, Amanda Pereira, Alexandra Rouin, and Geoffrey Rouin.

In the 23 years that the gift fund has been used, the church has 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 2018: The Deacons are in the process of setting up the usher-greeter list for 2018. 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 4 openings 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: We had a very inspiring supper club at our Maundy Thursday dinner on Thursday, March 29th – thank you to everyone who brought soap and bread, and the delicious dessert bread!!!

Our next Supper Club is Tuesday, April 17th at 6:00 PM when we will be blessed with hearing the voice of Val Fowler who is the stated clerk for the Presbytery of Geneva. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

2018 Stewardship Campaign: “Why We Give”

The current total amount pledged is \$136,688. We are pleased to continue to offer the choice of using an automated electronic procedure for pledged offerings. If you wish to take advantage of this method, please contact Linda Bracht, our church Treasurer and team member. She will need your bank account and routing numbers, the amount and frequency you desire for your offering. Of course, the usual method of presenting offerings continues to be available. Again, with our thanks,

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

Passing to God's Heavenly Kingdom

It is with sadness that we share that Art Alderman passed away peacefully the evening of March 16th. Art was a long-time member of the congregation. He and his wife Phyllis were married for over 70 years. He was a veteran who served his country, his family, and his congregation. A memorial reception was held at our church on Tuesday, March 20th. Cards may be sent to Phyllis Alderman, 9 Spruce Acres, Penn Yan, NY 14527. Thank you for your prayers of support.

Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir

The Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir will meet on Wednesday, April 18th, at 6:30 PM in Crosier Hall to reorganize. Steve Matteson, our director of many years, has retired. If you know someone who would be willing to direct a group of ding-a-lings, please invite them to the April 18th meeting. If you would like to join us and/or you are interested, but don't think you can play bells, please come to the meeting. We'll show you that you don't need to read music to play. Anyone of any age is invited. We are so fortunate to have handbells and we want to continue making Joyful Noise with them.

Name Tags

Is your name tag up-to-date, or do you need a name tag??? If so, please drop a note in the collection plate, or see an usher or greeter, or tell someone in the church office!!!

2nd Annual Yates Hunger Walk

The Penn Yan Area Council of Churches is happy to sponsor the 2nd annual Yates Hunger Walk on Sunday, May 6th starting at 1 PM from our church. Checks/donations can be made payable to PYACOC/Hunger Walk, PO Box 637, Penn Yan, NY 14527. There will also be a bake sale. 90% of proceeds will help to purchase food for our local food pantry and 10% will go to Church World Service. For additional information, please contact: Donna Johnston at 315-536-2683 or donna_johnston1@yahoo.com

Join in a Book Discussion

Sunday mornings, starting April 22nd from 9-10AM we will be meeting in the church office to discuss the book 'The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind – A New Perspective on Christ and His Message', by Cynthia Bourgeault. If you put aside what you think you know about Jesus and approach the Gospels as though for the first time, something remarkable happens: Jesus emerges as a teacher of the transformation of consciousness. Cynthia Bourgeault is a masterful guide to Jesus' vision and to the traditional contemplative practices you can use to experience the heart of his teachings for yourself. Please sign up on the bulletin board; secure your own copy of the book and read the first four chapters.

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.

Springtime – Swingtime

The Penn Yan Kiwanis Club Presents: Springtime – Swingtime, on Sunday, April 8th, from 2-5PM, at the Penn Yan Moose Lodge. The well-known Southern Tier All Star Jazz Band will provide entertainment. Light snacks and desserts will be served. Several raffles will be held. Donation is \$12. per person.

Memory Loss: A Call to Serve

Lifespan and NYSCRC (New York State Caregiving & Respite Coalition) are presenting a free workshop on Wednesday, April 11th – registration /coffee at 9:30AM, program 10 AM - 12 PM, working lunch 12 PM – 1 PM, and group sharing 1 PM – 2 PM. Join in this creative brainstorming workshop, as we hear from members of congregations who have developed ministries to caregivers, and imagine how your faith community might meet the needs of those within and beyond your walls. The workshop will be held at CareFirst, 3805 Meads Creek Road, Painted Post. A simple lunch will be provided. Please register by April 8 online at <http://bit.ly/memorylossacalltoserveapril11> or call 607-324-1138

"Touch in Church"

By Ann Weems, in Reading for Rainbows

What is all this touching in church?
It used to be a person could come to church and sit in the pew
and not be bothered by all this friendliness
and certainly not by touching.
I used to come to church and leave untouched.
Now I have to be nervous about what's expected of me.
I have to worry about responding to the person sitting next to me.
Oh, I wish it could be the way it used to be
I could just ask the person next to me: How are you?
And the person could answer: Oh, just fine,
And we'd both go home . . . strangers who have known each other
for twenty years.
But now the minister asks us to look at each other.
I'm worried about that hurt look I saw in that woman's eyes.
Now I'm concerned,
because when the minister asks us to pass the peace,
The man next to me held my hand so tightly
I wondered if he had been touched in years.
Now I'm upset because the lady next to me cried and then apologized
And said it was because I was so kind and that she needed
a friend right now.
Now I have to get involved.
Now I have to suffer when this community suffers.
Now I have to be more than a person coming to observe a service.
That man last week told me I'd never know how much I'd touched his life.
All I did was smile and tell him I understood what it was to be lonely.
Lord, I'm not big enough to touch and be touched!
The stretching scares me.
What if I disappoint somebody?

What if I'm too pushy?
What if I cling too much?
What if somebody ignores me?
"Pass the peace."
"The peace of God be with you." "And with you."
And mean it.
Lord, I can't resist meaning it!
I'm touched by it, I'm enveloped by it!
I find I do care about that person next to me!
I find I am involved!
And I'm scared.
O Lord, be here beside me.
You touch me, Lord, so that I can touch and be touched!
So that I can care and be cared for!
So that I can share my life with all those others that belong to you!
All this touching in church -- Lord, it's changing me!

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

Thank you to our Personnel Committee for hiring two nursery helpers. If you have a chance on Sunday, please stop by to welcome our two ladies in the Nursery, Rebeccalyn and Ryan!!!

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

What is Per Capita? In essence, per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that is paid to the Presbytery of Geneva, the Synod of the Northeast, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Just as a train cannot move without an engine, our church councils require a power source to enable them to provide basic services which support our mutual mission as the Body of Christ. Per capita covers the ecclesiastical expenses of the denomination: the coordination and evaluation of mission, and the performance of ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions. Per capita is an opportunity for all members of the Presbyterian church to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the organizational costs of the larger church.

What does the Book of Order say about Per Capita? “Each council above the session shall prepare a budget annually for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular churches within its bounds. Presbyteries are responsible for raising their own funds and for the timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and to General Assembly. Presbyteries may direct per capita apportionments to the sessions within their bounds but in no case, shall the authority of the session to direct its benevolences be comprised.” (G-3.0106)

How is per capita paid to the Synod and General Assembly in the Presbytery of Geneva? Different denominations have different ways of collecting revenue. Some receive a “head tax” of more than \$50 per member. Others receive a certain percentage of a congregation’s receipts (up to 25%). In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), per capita is an obligation of the Presbytery. The Presbytery of Geneva affirms the interdependent nature of our church by allocating funds in the annual operating budget for Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly per capita regardless of income from the churches.

What are the consequences if a Church does not contribute to the Presbytery? The majority of congregations in the Presbytery generously contribute funds every year. When particular churches do not contribute, a greater burden of responsibility is placed on sister churches in the Presbytery to fund our mutual mission including our partnership with Synod and General Assembly. Per capita establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our connectional church as the Body of Christ, strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians. It is a moral obligation we share with one another. Some sessions encourage each member to contribute per capita beyond regular giving to the church. For more information about per capita: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/frequently-asked-questions/>

The Presbytery of Geneva is grateful for your congregation’s partnership in mission and ministry!

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).

Camp Whitman Fundraising



Dear Friends of Camp Whitman, this past summer **we welcomed 321 campers** to Camp Whitman (29% more campers than in 2016!). Many of our camp families have limited finances and receive scholarships from their home churches, but for some families a direct scholarship from Camp Whitman is their only opportunity for support. This year we accepted each and every request for financial assistance that we received. These are families in sincere need of assistance and campers who benefit greatly from the loving and supportive community at Camp Whitman. Asking for support is never easy for a family. At Camp Whitman we seek to honor these requests as fully and compassionately as possible. **25 campers received assistance from Camp Whitman** this past summer, for a **total of \$3,235**. This is a 32% increase in campers requesting and receiving funding than the previous year. **Without the assistance of our generous donors to the campership fund, these campers would not have had the opportunity to attend camp.** Please consider a gift to Camp Whitman during this giving season to help ensure that any family, regardless of financial ability can allow their child a summer camp experience.

Presbytery of Geneva April 2018 Newsletter Camp Whitman



Camp Whitman is hiring: Camp Whitman is looking for a Maintenance Technician, Experienced Lifeguard and Kitchen Assistant – please see the April 2018 newsletter for more information but interested inquiries should email director@campwhitman.org.

Volunteer Work Day: Join fellow Camp Whitman staff, alumni, parents, campers and community members for a day of service on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10AM – 4 PM. Projects will include painting, gardening, tree trimming, trail maintenance, light construction and cleaning. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be included for all those who participate.

Family Fun Day: A full day of fun at camp for the whole family on Saturday, May 12th from 11AM -3PM!! Sample a bit of Camp Whitman with staff led activities like archery, gaga, arts & crafts, volleyball and ice cream making. Lunch is provided.

Spring Organ Concert: On Sunday, April 15th, at the United Church of Canandaigua (11 Gibson Street, Canandaigua), from 3-4 PM (with a reception following), the United Church of Canandaigua and Parson Pipe Organs in Dansville is presenting a spring organ concert. Come and hear an outstanding organist who has received standing ovations at concert halls and cathedrals around the world. You will hear classics from Bach and Schumann to more contemporary composers including Charles Ives, “Variations on America”, and Samuel Barber’s arrangement of the great hymn “Wonderous Love”. The concert is free and open to the community.

Save the Date: The First Presbyterian Church of Dundee will be open for individuals to come and look through the remaining items on Saturday, June 2. All items taken that day will be free of cost – more information to follow from the Presbytery.

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 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. 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; 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

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. 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

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 by text or phone or by email at 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 or go to the program website at www.youngadultvolunteers.org.

Hurricane Relief - Monetary Help: You can write a check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance directly or through your home church. Write the PDA or donate online, be sure to include your church's PIN. PDA channels 95% of all cash received directly to those affected by disasters. Grants are determined through PDA teams in consultation with presbytery teams and local PCUSA churches and their networks. Grants have been used to assist church reconstruction, and some churches have simply used grants to assist those who need food or clothing, or even those who have lost church jobs. And for the long-haul PDA is best known for regional home repair needs-housing, supervising, and resourcing volunteer work teams from across the US.

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. Click on 'News & Announcements' then 'General Assembly News'.

Kids Corner

The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



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CRYING	STRIPS	HEAD	DEAD	STONE
WEEK	ANGELS	FIRST	BURIAL	LORD
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BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7 sunrise serv.	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfast
9:30 Choir rehear	10:15-3:15 IAH	10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		9AM Men's Bible
10:30 Worship;			12PM WIC			Study
Sunday school		7PM Trustees mtg		3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
Communion						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 Choir rehear	9AM Exercise	9:30-3 Presbytery	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	
10:30 Worship;	10:15-3:15 IAH	Gen Counsel	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		
Sunday school		10:15-3:15 IAH	7PM Choir rehear			
2¢ meal; birthdays			7PM HH com mtg	3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 Choir rehear	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	8AM WIC	9AM Exercise	
10:30 Worship;	10:15-3:15 IAH	10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone	9AM Earth Day	
Sunday school				3:30-5PM Girl's Cl	Recycling Event	
Deacons mtg.		6PM Supper Club	7PM Session mtg	4PM Invest mtg		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	10:30AM-3PM PW
9:30 Choir rehear	10:15-3:15 IAH	10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		Chicken BBQ
10:30 Worship;						10AM Camp Vol
Sunday school	Nursery renov			3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		Day
Retirement party	start					
29	30					
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise					
9:30 Choir rehear	10:15-3:15 IAH					
10:30 Worship;						
Sunday school						
Blanket Sunday						

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