

June 2018

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul or Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is a liturgical feast in honor of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, which is observed on 29 June. The celebration is of ancient origin, the date selected being the anniversary of either their death or the translation of their relics.



The Vine



June 2018

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM – Noon



Coming Events



June 2	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
June 3	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
June 5	7:00 PM	Trustee's meeting
June 6	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM -8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
June 10	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Youth Sunday and Teacher Recognition Sunday
June 12	6:00 PM	Presbyterian Women's Picnic
June 13	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman Committee meeting
June 16	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Presbyterian Women's BBQ at Oak Hill
June 17	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Worship - 2¢ a Meal; Birthdays
	11:30 AM	Deacon's meeting following service
June 20	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Session meeting
June 24	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
June 27	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal

Pastor's Ponderings

Meeting People's Needs

Last month I had the opportunity to have a tour of the Hope Center Keuka Food Pantry with Bob Constantine and Phil Rouin. Bob came on behalf of the Hattie Hartman Fund Committee and Phil represented our congregation's Outreach Committee.

We were very impressed with how nice the center is, how hard working and creative the workers and volunteers are, and by how many people are served.

The Pantry is located at 202 East Elm Street in Penn Yan. It opened in September of 2017. The hours are Monday 9 am to 2 pm, Tuesday, 11 am to 4 pm, and Thursday 10 am to 2 pm. They now open in the evenings bi weekly on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm to make the center available for people who work during the day.

The number of people who benefit from the center is amazing. The average number of families served each month totals 330. The typical number of individuals served each month is 1,250. The numbers keep growing. Clearly our community has great needs related to poverty.

I was impressed by how the Food Pantry looks like a small grocery store. Shopping carts are available, food items are stacked neatly on shelves, and the refrigeration storage is exactly what you would see at a Wegmans, Topps, or ALDI store. This creates a very inviting and dignified atmosphere.

People receive a 5-day food supply which equals 15 meals based on the USDA recommendations. The food is distributed by a Choice Model. Clients make a choice in each of the 3 basic food groups: grains, vegetables, fruits and proteins. This approach encourages people to take only items they need and reduces food waste.

In Matthew Chapter 25, Jesus says, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

It is good to know that our community cares about each other in very helpful, practical, and necessary ways.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



Sunday Scriptures for June



June 3	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Mark 2:23-3:6
June 10	1 Samuel 8:10, 17-27	Mark 3:20-35
June 17	Psalm 20	Mark 4:26-34
June 24	1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23	Mark 4:35-41



Ushers and Greeters for June



	Ushers	Greeters
June 3	Sherry Borglum, Darlene Palmer	Beth Curtiss, Liliane Pereira
June 10	Mike and Deb Snyder	Linda Malles
June 17	Char and Bob Gillespie	Beth and Carl Dickinson
June 24	Janice Ogden	Nellie and Lyman Beecher

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 June



	Nursery	Communion
June 3	Rebeccalynn, Ryan	Beth and Carl Dickinson, Joy Pallischeck
June 10	Rebeccalynn, Ryan	-----
June 17	Rebeccalynn, Ryan	-----
June 24	Rebeccalynn, Ryan	-----



Bible Studies



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

- June 6 - Parables of God's Just Kingdom, Matthew 12:1-14
- June 13 - Jesus Teaches about Justice, Matthew 15:1-9
- June 20 - Reaping God's Justice, Luke 16:19-31
- June 27 - Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Matthew 18:21-35

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: Jay Fadden, June Gnagy, Sue Goodrich, Alexander Martin, Bev Pickney, The Simpson Family, Mike Snyder, Jennifer Stollery, Mary Tennies, 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 June. Feel free to cut this portion out and pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are listed below:

Bob Gillespie	June 2	Kerry Fitch	June 15
Josh Gillespie	June 5	Karla Matteson	June 15
Char and Bob Gillespie Anniv.	June 5	Paul and Linda Malles Anniv.	June 21
Amanda Pereira	June 9	Jeff Hansen	June 24
David Strickland	June 11	Donna Marshall	June 24
Mike Snyder	June 12	Jeanine Santelli	June 28
Linda Malles	June 13	Kyle Detwiler	June 30
Derek Strickland	June 13	Beverly Pinckney	June 30
Bob Worden	June 14		

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.

Honoring Sue Goodrich: On Saturday, May 19th, the Presbytery met at the First Presbyterian Church of Wolcott, and honored our Sue Goodrich for her 50years of service in the Geneva Presbytery. Congratulations Sue, and thank you so much for your service.

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 are working on the last finishing touches to the nursery. The walls excluding the mural have been repainted, the drapes and carpet were replaced, and the sliding doors cleaned and polished. We are awaiting new furniture – please stop in to see all the hard work they have done to help improve the church. The Trustees have also replaced the ceiling tiles and ceiling light panels in the kitchen. They are investigating a hearing loop for the Sanctuary, and they are working on replacing the ceiling fans in the sanctuary.

News from the Presbyterian Women

Cinco de Mayo: Thank you to all who worked on the Cinco de Mayo fundraiser, and to all who supported our fundraiser. It was a wonderful success with close to 100 attending.

Pork and Chicken BBQ at Oak Hill: Our next women's fundraiser will be selling pork and chicken BBQ at Oak Hill on June 16th from 10 AM – 4 PM. The money raised helps fund our mission projects. If you have not signed up yet to help, please see Char Gillespie.

Blanket and Tool Sundays: Thank you to all who supported the blanket and tool Sunday – about \$1,035 was donated to Church World Services to help those in need in countries such as the U.S., Syria, Serbia, and numerous countries in Africa. These 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.

Summer Picnic: Mark your calendars - it's that time of year again to relax by the lake, eat some delicious picnic fare, enjoy conversation with other women, and learn about upcoming happenings. Please come and bring a friend, and bring a dish to pass. ALL women of the church are welcome to the PW Picnic which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00 PM at Linda Jackson's home at 364 Route 54, Penn Yan. Come to enjoy the beauty of the lake and the camaraderie. Carpooling will be offered from the church parking lot.

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.

News from the Worship and Music Committee

Summer Worship: During the month of June we continue to worship at 10:30 AM. Our summer worship hour of 10:00 AM will begin on the first Sunday in July, when we worship at the Baptist Church.

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.

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 Church Life

Supper Club: On Thursday, May 10th, we had a wonderfully informative Supper Club with a speaker from the Friends of the Outlet Committee. It was so good to hear about all the support and fundraising events for our great local treasure, the Keuka Outlet Trail.

Church Picnics: Save the dates for our church picnics at Keuka Lake State Park – July 17th and August 16th at 6 PM. Please bring your won service, meat for the grill and a dish to pass.

News from the Christian Education Committee

Youth Sunday and Teacher Recognition Sunday: June 10th we celebrate Youth Sunday and Teacher Recognition Sunday, which recognizes all of our young graduating members and our Christian Education teachers. Congratulations to all our youth, and a BIG thank you to all our teachers for all their hard work.

Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee

The committee has been formed and is holding meetings. 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 Larry Edgington 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

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.

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 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

News from the Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee has been very busy with renovations for our church – they have re-upholstered the two blue chairs in the back of the Sanctuary and had the sofa and loveseat

construction strengthened with the cushions re-stuffed. The committee is also having pew cushions made which should be installed this summer.

Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir

The Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir will meet every Wednesday, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Crosier Hall. If you know someone who would be willing to direct a group of ding-a-lings, please invite them to join us on Wednesday evening. If you would like to join us and/or you are interested, but don't think you can play bells, please come too. We are so fortunate to have handbells and we want to continue making Joyful Noise with them.

Passing to God's Heavenly Kingdom

On May 20th, we had a memorial service for Sonja Simpson, who died on Tuesday, May 8th. Sonja was a kind and loving person who was very active in the congregation. Sonja helped many people through her volunteer work and while serving as a ruling elder for the church. She provided leadership with the Stewardship Committee and worked on the beautiful church garden.

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!!!

Join in a Book Discussion

Sunday mornings, starting May 6th 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

Keuka Lake Arts Festival

The annual Keuka Lake Arts Festival will be held at the Penn Yan Boat Launch the weekend of June 9th and 10th. All along the outlet you can find live music, food and vendors selling all types of arts and crafts. Take a walk, get a bite to eat, browse, do a little shopping or just enjoy the outlet and the outdoors.

Haiti Benefit Auction

June 15th and 16th, the Mennonite community holds their annual NY Haiti Benefit Auction at the Yates County Fairground. It begins at 4 PM on Friday, June 15th with a dinner and preview of items to be auctioned on Saturday. If you love quilts and quality handmade furniture, this event is not to be missed.

Bike the Bluff

Are you a biker . . . of the pedal variety? Test your stamina on June 16th, with a choice of four different routes, depending on ability. Registration begins at 7:30 AM, at the Keuka College Athletic Fields located at 141 Central Avenue, Keuka Park. The registration fee is \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child, under 15 years. The ride begins at 8:00 AM. A family picnic will follow. If you are a rider with sponsors, prizes will be awarded based on sponsorship amount. All proceeds help support St. Michael's School.

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, Rebecalynn 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 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. The camp has an Amazon wishlist at

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/16L3FFK1Q2AMZ/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_QVdbBb7F55EJF

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

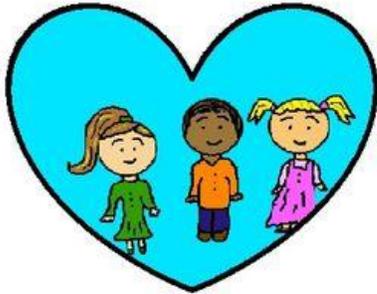
include your church's PIN. PDA channels 95% of all cash received directly to those affected by disasters. Grants are determined through PDA teams in consultation with presbytery teams and local PCUSA churches and their networks. Grants have been used to assist church reconstruction, and some churches 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

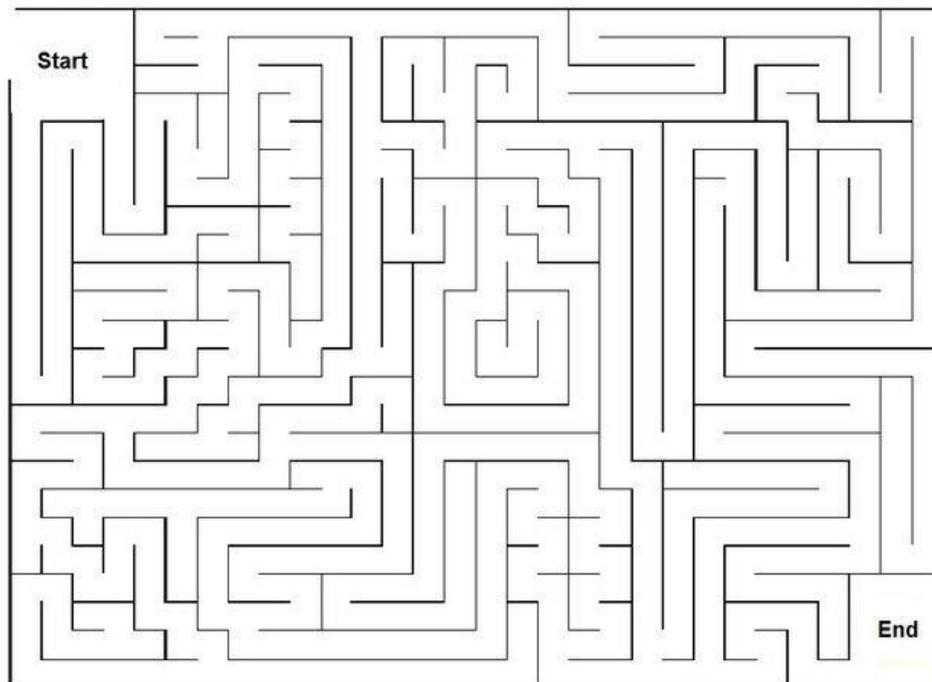
The 223rd General Assembly is meeting on June 16-23, 2018 in St. Louis, Missouri. If you are planning to attend, please let the Geneva Presbytery office know at 315-536-7753 (option 1) or by emailing officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva.org. There will be a Presbytery dinner on June 19th and they would love to have you meet and fellowship with them.

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



Jesus Loves The Little Children Maze



Mark 10:13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

Mark 10:14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfst 9AM Men's Bible Study
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	
9:30 Choir rehear	10:15-3:15 IAH	10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		
10:30 Worship;			12PM WIC	3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
Sunday school		7PM Trustees mtg	6PM Bell choir			
Communion			7PM Choir rehear			
Youth Sunday 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	10AM PW - Oak Hill
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10:30 Worship;			6PM Bell choir	3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
Sunday school		6PM PW Picnic	7PM HH mtg			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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