

September 2018

Holy Cross Day is a major feast observed on September 14th in honor of Christ's self-offering on the cross for our salvation. Historically, the feast has been associated with the dedication on September 14, 335, of buildings built by the Emperor Constantine in Jerusalem on the sites of the crucifixion and Christ's tomb. Constantine's mother, Helena, supervised the construction of the shrine, and a relic believed to be the cross was discovered during excavation. The pilgrim Egeria mentions a feast commemorating the discovery in the late-fourth-century - the feast is also associated with the exposition of the cross by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius who recovered it from the Persians who took it from Jerusalem in 614.



The Vine



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First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM – Noon



Coming Events



September 1	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
September 2	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship in Court House Park
September 5	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
September 9	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Worship
September 12	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman Committee meeting
September 13	6:00 PM	Supper Club
September 16	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Deacons meeting following service
September 19	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Session meeting
September 20	5:30 PM	Presbyterian Woman's picnic
September 23	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal

September 26	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
September 30	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Book discussion ‘The Wisdom Jesus’
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Worship

Time for Worship

This Fall we will begin having worship at 10:00 a.m. throughout the year. In past years, we had 10:00 a.m. worship only during the summer. It was always confusing knowing when the time change would occur during the summer. Now that we will have a consistent time for worship services, confusion will be a thing of the past.

Years ago, 11:00 a.m. was the sacred hour for worship especially in agrarian communities. Farmers needed time to do their chores before going to church. Sunday services were often followed by a potluck meal at church.

Times have changed. Fewer congregations gather for worship at 11:00 a.m. People are busier on Sundays with work or sports. When I was growing up, I went to church with my mother. From church, Dad drove us to have Sunday dinner with my grandparents. It was a quiet day of worship, rest, and family time. Nowadays, many sporting events take place on the Sabbath. I wish that school sports would not start until after 12:00 noon on Sundays so that children could go to Sunday school.

Sunday is always a special day. Having a day of rest is part of the Ten Commandments. Throughout history, God has wanted people enjoy a day to relax and worship. Generations of people have proven that the Sabbath is essential for a meaningful life. Without worship we can easily burnout.

The Sabbath is also meant to restore and maintain community. Family gatherings and sharing meals are an important part of life. We need a day to connect with one another whether it be our biological family or our church family. Sundays are for nurturing not only our faith but also our relationships.

Sundays are also for resting our bodies. God knows that our bodies need time to rejuvenate. God created our bodies and knows what is best for us. Our lives now are busier than ever. Observing the Sabbath restores our soul, our body, and our mind.

Psalm 90:12 states, "Teach me to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom." The best way to live with wisdom is to slow down and listen for what it is that God wants us to be doing.

Time is an investment that God gives you. Let's make our time meaningful by making time for God and each other. Sunday worship gives our life balance and perspective. The culture around us has too many distractions that deplete our energy. God, on the other hand, blesses us with peace and purpose.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



Sunday Scriptures for September



September 2	Ecumenical Worship in the Park	Ecumenical Worship in the Park
September 9	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23	James 2: 1-17
September 16	Proverbs 1: 20-33	James 3: 1-12
September 23	Psalm 1	Mark 9: 30-37
September 30	Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22	Mark 9: 38-50



Ushers and Greeters for September



	Ushers	Greeters
September 2	Ecumenical Worship in the Park	Ecumenical Worship in the Park
September 9	Deb and Mike Snyder	Joy and Marv Pallischeck
September 16	Need volunteers	Robyn and Theresa Ballard
September 23	Beth Curtiss and Volunteer	Need volunteers
September 30	Need volunteers	Need volunteers

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 September



	Nursery	Communion
September 2	Ecumenical Worship in the Park	Ecumenical Worship in the Park
September 9	Rebeccalynn	----
September 16	Rebeccalynn	----
September 23	Rebeccalynn	----
September 30	Rebeccalynn	



Bible Studies



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

- September 5 - God Created the Heavens and Earth, Genesis 1:1-13
- September 12 - God Created Plants and Animals, Genesis 1:14-25
- September 19 - God Created People, Genesis 1:26-2:7
- September 26 - God Created the Family, Genesis 2:18-24

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, David Gridley, Martha Lattin, Marilyn Malles, Alexander Martin, Bev Pickney, Phil Rouin, Joe Simpson, Mike and Deb Snyder, Jennifer Stollery, Mary Tennies, and Joan Wiley.



Keuka Food Pantry



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.

Letter from Daisy

The Keuka Food Pantry has been located in the Hope Center (formerly the VFW) since September 2017. These new facilities have enabled the Pantry to be open three days a week under the direction of two staff members and many dedicated volunteers. It is supported by Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc.

The Pantry is a source of supplemental food for many families and individuals who live with food insecurity. The increased access, from only once a month, and the opportunity to visit with expanded days and hours has resulted in more utilization of the Pantry. A monthly distribution to shut-ins is part of the volunteer contribution. In July 2018, over 1024 individuals received food. Included in this number were 300 families. This food is important to the Yates County community.

Our church, through the Hattie Hardman Fund, will soon be helping support a portion of the administrative costs. This is a five-year commitment.

In addition, we also support the Pantry with donations of food. The wooden box at the back of our sanctuary is emptied monthly and food is delivered. All donations are welcomed. When asked what food is especially needed, the reply is canned fruits and vegetables. An enhanced focus is on healthy eating, so low salt or sugar foods are encouraged.

The Pantry shelves are not only stocked by food donations. Much food is also purchased from FoodLink, Aldi's, and other stores. Cash gifts are appreciated too. Checks may be made payable to: Pro Action-Keuka Food Pantry and mailed to: 417 Liberty Street, Suite #1116, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

The Pro Action newsletter states "Whatever you contribute, you can be sure that it is going directly to those in need. Many Thanks!"



Let's Celebrate



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

Don and Carol Clarke's Anniversary	September 1	Bernice Spanneut	September 12
Marcia Kneeland	September 6	Jeff Johnson	September 14
Wava and Jim Anniversary	September 7	Michael Hansen	September 18
Sue Goodrich	September 8	Greg Doan	September 22
Eleanor Schoonover	September 8	Darlene Palmer	September 25
Kaitlyn Hamm	September 9	Christopher Johnson	September 26
Margaret Dilgard	September 11	Alyssa Wood Wicker	September 30

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 have installed part of the hearing loop for the Sanctuary, and replaced the ceiling fans in 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.

Fall Rummage Sale: Is it time to think about your 'fall house cleaning'? Our Fall Rummage Sale has setup on Thursday and Friday, October 4th and 5th from 9 AM – 1 PM. The sale is on Saturday, October 6th from 9 AM – 3 PM with the bag sale starting at 2 PM. If you need a pickup or have questions, please call Sandy Carlson (536-8453). There will be a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board for volunteers!!

Fall Picnic: The Presbyterian Women are having their fall picnic on Thursday, September 20th starting at 5:30 PM at Joy's cottage at 5985 East Bluff Drive. Please bring a dish to pass - table service is provided along with iced tea, water, and coffee; the grill will be available for anyone wanting to cook meats. Please consider carpooling from the church (about 5 PM).

News from the Worship and Music Committee

Hard to believe summer is winding down and we are looking forward to moving into our fall schedules.

We have had wonderful special music all summer and we would like to thank everyone who shared their talents with us at each service. It was a great variety of different music and each Sunday was a true joy. Thank you also to Connie for helping to organize these people and to play with them when needed.

Choir: Our wonderful choir will resume singing on Sunday, September 9th. We welcome back our current members and would like to encourage other new voices to join in. Perhaps each member could bring a friend? If you like to sing, you certainly know others who have music in their soul. Give singing to God's glory a try! Rehearsals are on the first Wednesday of each month, starting Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 PM, and then each Sunday morning, starting Sunday September 9th at 9:00 AM in the choir room.

Summer Worship: Please mark your calendars for Labor Day weekend – on Sunday, September 2nd - we are hoping for great weather as again we worship out in the courtyard with the community, and with the Baptist and Methodist Churches. Please bring a lawn chair and invite your friends to join us. This is a truly wonderful service.

Winter Worship: Worship and Music asked for Session to consider keeping Church at the 10:00 AM hour on Sundays throughout the year. It was approved. So please mark your calendars for 10:00 AM each Sunday.

Communion: 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: Pastor Paul has all of the scriptures chosen through December so that you do have time to practice the readings in advance. Please note that the readings for each Sunday of the month are noted in the Vine under ‘Sunday Scriptures’. If you would like to take part in a worship service and read the scripture on Sunday morning, please sign up on the bulletin board. It would be great to see this filled in for the remaining of the year. Thank you.

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 Outreach

Peace and Global Witness Offering: On Sunday, October 7th, we will have the Peace and Global Witness Offering. The theme this year is ‘Blessed are the Peacemakers’. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work together to share Christ’s peace with one another. We seek peace in a chaotic world, finding strength in knowing that God is always near. Please give generously to support those working to share the dream of peace around the world, as proclaimed by the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Giving can be done through our congregation, by texting PEACE to 20222 to give \$10, and through presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global.

News from Church Life

Church Picnic: Due to eminent rain, our last church picnic on Thursday, August 16th was held in Crosier Hall. It was so much fun to share delicious food and fellowship with our church family.

Supper Club: Our next Supper Club will be Thursday, September 13th at 6 PM. We will have a speaker talk about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Pie Sunday: Didn't we have SOooooo much fun on Pie Sunday all those delicious pies, and we got to sample them all. It was so nice to share the pies with are church family and friends, and the members of the Baptist church.

Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee

There is such good news to report for God's work near and far.

In August, this committee approved a five year program to support the Pro Action / Keuka Food Cupboard. This program will provide funding for a full time position at the food cupboard allowing new programs to be supported, including nutritional education and fresh produce and food on weekends.

We are sponsoring an adult mission trip to West Virginia to help those in Summersville that suffered floods last year.

This month Sandy Elbert, who grew up in this church, left on her mission trip to Tanzania Africa. We are so happy to be sponsoring her trip, and it is only the beginning. She works with Excel Education Foundation in schools with limited tools for education. This committee has agreed to supply books and study guides to students, tools they do not have today. This five year program will feed the minds of children in ways they did not have available before.

In September the committee will return to its regular schedule meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. We will continue to focus on special need topics such as Youth Ministry and Youth Mission Trips, Pre K for children and parents with English as a second language, Camp Whitman and breaking the cycle of poverty in our community. But this is not a task for this committee only, it is a task of all members of this church. If you have an idea that you would like to bring to the committee please let us know and we will put you on the agenda for a meeting.

Peace,

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	the Rev. Anne Waasdorp
	Phoebe Baker	Linda Bracht
	Phil Bracht	Charlotte Gillespie
	Robert Gillespie	Marcia Kneeland
	Jennifer Rouin	

West Virginia Mission Work Team

You are invited to join the West Virginia Mission Work Team on September 16-22, 2018 – Working to share God’s love. The September Work trip will involve working on flood damaged structures as determined by the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps, Inc (WVMAW). The Mission Team will be working with a WVMAW Site Supervisor. September 16th and 22nd are the travel dates to and from Summersville, WV. The work week is September 17-21, 2018. Participants must complete and sign a Liability and Assessment of Skills Form. Accommodations are in Summersville, WV – opportunity to visit Summersville Dam and Lake. Meals will be provided by the Presbytery of Geneva

Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir

The Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir will be rehearsing again starting on Wednesday, September 12th at 6:00 PM – 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.

Geneva Presbytery “Peacemaker Banquet”

Please save the date of Sunday, September 23rd on your calendars. The Geneva Presbytery is planning a “Peacemaker Banquet”, to be held from 5PM-7PM at the Presbyterian Church in Seneca Falls. We have reserved a table for those who are interested. More information will follow.

Shine a Light On Suicide and Walk To Save Lives

On Sunday, September 30th the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yates County will be sponsoring a walk of the Keuka Outlet Trail starting at 11:30 AM – 3 PM. Register today at afsp.org/yatesco.

Suicide prevention starts with everyday heroes like you. Join us as we walk to fight suicide and raise awareness about mental health. Be a part of the movement turning hope into action, and create a culture that's smart about mental health.

Each year, suicide claims 45,000 people, or an average of 123 people each day. Yet suicide prevention doesn't receive anywhere near the funding provided for other leading causes of death. It is up to Walkers like us to make a difference. Together, we can change the conversation about mental health and put a stop to this tragic loss of life.

Walk with us in Yates County to support each other while we raise funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). We're walking for increased funding for suicide research, educational programs, advocacy on Capital Hill, and to provide support for survivors of suicide loss.

Parkinson's Moving Day

Moving Day® is the National Parkinson Foundation Greater Rochester's annual fundraising walk event, held this year on Sunday, September 30th. It is a fun and inspiring fundraising event that unites families, friends and communities both large and small in the fight against Parkinson's disease. This celebration of movement will feature a family friendly walk course, a kid's area, a caregiver's relaxation tent and a special Movement Pavilion featuring yoga, dance, Tai Chi, Pilates, etc. all proven to help manage the symptoms of PD. Moving Day proceeds raised from the campaign help to improve the quality of care for people with Parkinson's disease through research, education and outreach. Moving Day raises awareness of Parkinson's both nationally and in the local community. Our own Robyn Ballard is a PWP (Person with Parkinson's) who was diagnosed in 2001 and has participated in Moving Day since it started. Thanks to the members of her support group (Southern Tier Parkinson's Disease Group - STPDG) and the doctors at URMC (University of Rochester Medical Center, her NPF Moving Day Tea, Montour Movers), and all her friends and family, she is doing well. She had DBS (deep brain surgery) in June 2017 that eliminated the dyskinesias - the uncontrollable movements caused by the carbo-levodopa that is the gold-standard medication for living with PD. Would you please consider sponsoring her team and her again this year?

Follow the link to find more information and to make a donation online.

http://www3.parkinson.org/site/TR/MovingDayEvent/TR/MovingDayEvent/NPFGreaterRochester?fr_id=2652&pg=entry

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 – **PLEASE note that due to the holiday weekend, there is NO men's Bible study the first Saturday of September.**

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, Rebeccalynn 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

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](tel:8456084056) 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

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
						8AM Men's Bkfast
	9					
2	Labor Day 3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Book discussion			9AM Exercise	10AM PathStone	9AM Exercise	
10AM Worship		10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study			
Courthouse Park			12:30-7:30 WIC			
			7PM Choir rehear.			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	10AM PathStone	9AM Exercise	
9 Choir rehearsal;		10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study			
10:00 Worship;						
Sunday school			6PM Bell Choir	6PM Supper Club		
2¢ meal; birthdays			7PM HH mtg			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	8-4 WIC	9AM Exercise	
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10:00 Worship;						
Sunday school			7PM Session	3:30-5 Girls Club		
Deacons mtg.				5:30M PW picnic		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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