

January 2020

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller



The Vine



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First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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Coming Events



January 1	Happy New Year	No Bible study class No Choir rehearsal
January 4	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant Men's Bible Study
January 5	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
January 6	10:00 AM	De-decorate church
January 7	7:00 PM	Trustees meeting
January 8	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Bible Study Hattie Hardman meeting Choir rehearsal
January 12	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal 2 cents a meal Soup and bread luncheon – HH Committee Deacon's meeting following service
January 15	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Bible Study Session meeting
January 18	9:30 AM -11:30 AM	Playdate for children
January 19	9:00 AM -10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal Presbyterian Women meeting
January 22	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
January 26	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal Congregational meeting
January 29	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study

Pastor's Ponderings

2020 is Here

Not only do we begin a new year, we are beginning a new decade. As I grow older, time seems to move more quickly. January is a good month to reflect on how God has blessed us in the past and how God is currently calling us to do important things in the future.

Colossians 3:23 states, "Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ."

Think of all the talents and opportunities God has given you to make a difference in the world. Your life and your unique gifts can make a lasting impact in people's lives.

There are two important questions to ask ourselves: Where is God at work in my life? How is God calling me to use my life to build the kingdom of God here on earth?

One of the first ways to answer these questions is to consider what you are passionate about in life. Our God given gifts usually match up with those things for which we are easily motivated toward doing.

God is a God of surprises. You might have gifts that you don't even know you have. To better know what you have to offer the world, try doing something new this year. Take at least one risk in 2020. Think of all the people in the Bible who never imagined what God had in store for them. They discovered God's life-changing plans by taking a prayerful risk.

Abraham took a risk to venture out toward the promised land. Joseph took a risk in speaking up and sharing his dreams. I remember meeting the author and speaker Robert Schuller at a Leadership Training Seminar at his Chrystal Cathedral Church in California. He wanted us as pastors when saying good-bye to people to not merely say, "Take care." He encouraged us to say, "Take a risk."

Have at least one God inspired dream for 2020. Open up space on your calendar for God to work something new in your life. God has invested gifts in you. Join God in creating something that will be a blessing.

Let us enter the New Year and new decade with Jeremiah 29:11, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



Sunday Scriptures for January



January 5	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12
January 12	Isaiah 42:1-9	Matthew 3:13-17
January 19	Isaiah 49:1-7	Matthew 1:29-42
January 26	Isaiah 9:1-4	Matthew 4:12-23



Ushers and Hospitality for January



	Ushers	Hospitality
January 5	Linda & Larry Perkins, Judy & Jack Wilbert	Linda Bracht
January 12	Rachel & Rob Anderson, Laura & Mile Seppala	Hanna Martens
January 19	Robyn and Teresa Ballard, Carol & Bob Worden	Bernie Spanneut
January 26	Beth Curtiss, Linda Malles, Bernie & Gene Spanneut	Jean Constantine

The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers. We appreciate your willingness to participate in the service.

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.



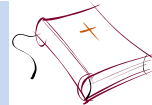
Nursery and Communion Help for January



	Nursery	Communion
January 5	Rebeccalynn, Sierra	Linda Malles, Judy & Jack Wilbert
January 12	Rebeccalynn, Sierra	----
January 19	Rebeccalynn, Sierra	----
January 26	Rebeccalynn, Sierra	----



Bible Studies



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

- January 1 – No Bible Study Class
- January 8 - A Place for the Ark, 1 Kings 8:1-13
- January 15 - Solomon's speech, 1 Kings 8:14-21
- January 22 - Solomon's Dedication Prayer, 1 Kings 8:22-53
- January 29 - Solomon's Blessing, 1 Kings 8:54-66

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: Larry Ayers, Jay Fadden, Sharon Fairbrother, Sue Goodrich, Callie Hopkins, Pat Johnson, Marilyn Malles, Bev Pinckney, James Rohr, Jennifer Stollery, Mary Tennes, 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.



Let's Celebrate



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

Debra Gates	January 1	Jack Snow	January 18
Otto Anderson	January 6	Eric Baxter	January 22
Lynn Fitch	January 6	Jack Tashchian	January 22
Klaas Martens	January 6	Marilyn Malles	January 24
Tim Hansen	January 7	Laura (Gillespie) Corey	January 24
Bill Turner	January 15	Rachel Anderson	January 25
Stephanie VanDelinder	January 16	Harrison Fitch	January 26
Idelle Dillon	January 17	Narina Schultz	January 26
Janice Ogden	January 17	Randy Ryder	January 29
Renee Burt	January 18	Ed Seus	January 30
Larry Edgington	January 18	Martha Lattin	January 31

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.

News from the Presbyterian Women

Planning Meeting: We are having a planning meeting for our fund raising for 2020 after church on January 19th. Char and Bernie are providing soup - if someone would like to bring bread that would be great – please let Bernie know! Bernie is be hostess that Sunday so dessert will be offered. Please mark your calendars and plan to come and have a say in our year.

Christmas Gathering: We had a wonderful Christmas women’s gathering on Tuesday, December 10th. About 50 women joined in fellowship for a delicious meal of beef and ham and cheese sliders as well as side dishes including different salads, and delightful desserts including different yule logs. A BIG ‘thank you’ to Megan Bailey for leading us in Christmas carols, to Janice Ogden for sharing a moving Christmas story, and to Char Gillespie for sending us out with prayer.

Valentines: The Presbyterian Women are continuing the tradition of sending valentines to our young people in college and in the military. The project began many years ago when boxes of homemade cookies "from home" were sent to them. Unfortunately, the postage became too expensive. Recently, we've sent \$15 Walmart gift cards. If you would like to contribute, please give your donation to Carol Worden on or before February 3rd.

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

Communion: The communion list for 2020 has been completed and is posted on the bulletin board, and each month people serving are listed in the bulletin – so please check to see when you are serving - if you need to change with someone please take a look there!! The grape juice and bread is provided including gluten free bread.

Choir: If you would like to join the choir, they are always looking for new voices to join them. Rehearsals are on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, and then each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM in the choir room.

Layreaders: Pastor Paul has all of the scriptures chosen through June 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.

News from Outreach

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Joy special offering – the theme this year was ‘God is With Us’. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The

Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.

Superbowl Subs: As a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Yates County, the Board of Missions of the First Baptist Church will be preparing subs for super Bowl Sunday on February 3rd. Please watch for details this month in the bulletin!!!!

Veterans Outreach: Our social work interns have now graduated from Keuka College, but the Yates County Veterans' Service Agency here for reaching out to area Veterans who may be home bound or isolated. Are you aware of any Veterans and their families who might benefit from the agency's support? Please contact our county Veterans' Service Agency office at (315) 536-5196, if you have any questions or want to refer a family/Veteran. Thank you – Phil Rouin.

News from Church Life

Supper Club: Instead of a Supper Club during the week, Church Life and the Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee are having a soup and bread luncheon on Sunday, January 12th after service. The Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee will lead a discussion on their disbursements and other related topics.

News from Christian Ed

Confirmation Classes: We are excited that confirmation classes have started!!!!

Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee

Happy New Year from the Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. This committee and the Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to bread and soup lunch following church service on January 12, 2020. In addition to a wonderful lunch, the group's sponsored by the HHTC will also be present as well with a quick recap of what has been accomplished by those groups.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US AND LEARN WHAT OUR CHURCH IS DOING FOR OTHERS TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

The Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee:

Jen Rouin, Sandy Carlson, Karen Montgomery, Phoebe Parker
Peter Martens, Larry Edgington, Robert Constantine

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 Char Gillespie, 2888 Sherman Hollow, Penn Yan, NY 14527 or call at 315-536-7185 or email the application to: charlottegillespie41@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 - Judith Wilbert. The students receiving higher ed gifts for the 2019-2020 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Lin Dickinson, Elizabeth Martens, Paul Periera, Alex 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 and Hospitality list for 2020: The list is posted on the bulletin board so please check for your name – thank you for helping. If the date does not work for you, please feel free to talk to others on the list to switch!!

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.

2020 Stewardship Campaign: “Share The Gift”

Our Stewardship Campaign theme for 2020 is ‘Share The Gift’. Our kick-off was on Sunday, October 13th when we celebrated with brownie sundaes!!! On that Sunday and the following two Sundays we had ‘minutes for mission’ as members shared the meaning of this form of giving in their lives.

On Consecration Sunday, October 27th, we had a time set aside for completion of pledge cards - this was when all members and attendees determined their commitment to our church and its mission. As in past years, this is a voluntary process carried out confidentially. Following service, we had a brunch with breakfast casseroles.

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.

We make no follow-up visits for completion of cards so we encourage your attendance and participation in our Stewardship events.

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!!!

Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir

The Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir has joined the chime and bell choir of the Methodist Church. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:15 PM -7:15 PM alternating between our church and the Methodist Church. We are planning to play on the 3rd Sunday of each month (but if the Buffalo Bills are playing at home on the 3rd Sunday, then we will play on the 4th Sunday!!!). If you know someone or if you are interested in playing with us, please join us on Wednesday evening. We are so fortunate to have handbells and we want to continue making Joyful Noise with them.

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.

Christmas Mitten Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas mitten tree this year. This is a VERY important mission for our church as it helps so many of our school-age children.

SERRV Table

Thank you to everyone who supported the SERRV table - 70 Years of Fair Trade (1949-2019) - Fighting global poverty through fair and ethical trade. One of the first fair trade organizations in the world, Serrv International began its mission by helping displaced European refugees trade their handcrafts for income after the Second World War. Since then, they have extended their reach to 25 countries worldwide, working to empower over 8,000 artisans and farmers every year by selling their beautiful handcrafts. They believe in:

- **Creating employment.** Serrv works to provide employment opportunities to all artisans, regardless of gender, race, or religion. They also work to prevent child labor, instead making sure artisans' children stay in school and have brighter futures.
- **Paying fair wages.** Artisans working with Serrv are paid fair wages in advance, to ensure they can support themselves and their families while they work.
- **Encouraging sustainable practices.** Serrv cares about the planet, and encourages artisans to use sustainable crafting methods and recycled materials in their handcrafts. Here at home, they also use recycled cardboard shreds to pack their products for safe shipping.
- **Supporting community development.** Serrv provides loans and donations to help build workshops, fund healthcare and education initiatives, recover from natural disasters, and additional community improvement projects as needed.
- **Preserving traditional crafting techniques.** Serrv employs artisans who utilize traditional crafting methods, patterns, and materials to create their handcrafts.

With your support, they can continue to combat global poverty and work to help artisans and farmers build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Christmas Flowers

Wasn't our altar gorgeous this year with all those Christmas flowers!!!! A wonderful tribute to the holiday season, and our family and friends that we did in honor and memory.

Yates Christmas Program

Thank you to everyone who helped with the processing, setup, distribution and clean-up for the Yates Christmas Program. At our church, we served a total of 259 families, which included 560 children and 493 adults; we had 106 volunteers through setup and distribution – this number does not include the many friends and family that came in just to help cleanup as well as the Penn Yan Academy Honor Society group of about 15 students – without all this help, we would not have been done and out the door by 2 PM when we closed the doors at 1 PM!!!!!!



Church Play Date

Our church is having a children's play date on Saturday, January 18th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. If you are interested in more information, please contact Linda Malles, Rachel Anderson or Hanna Martens.

'Paul's Place'

"Paul's Place", the Respite Care Program initiated by the Living Well, is held the third Thursday of each month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Penn Yan from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM. This program is geared to serve people living and dealing with dementia or early stage Alzheimer's. If someone you know, or care for, could benefit from this program, please contact Kim Lyons at the Living Well at (315) 536-0838 for information and arrangements to attend.

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 five 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/Greeters (4) - Each Sunday one greeter welcomes people at the church entrance; one usher distributes bulletins in the aisle and two greeters welcome people as they enter the sanctuary and encourage people to wear name tags. Ushers and greeters help collect offerings, light candles, restock pew racks, ring church bell, manage microphone during announcements and joys/concerns, etc.

Hospitality (1) – Hospitality volunteers host a simple Coffee Hour (the quality of fellowship is more important than quantity of the food), and cake/cupcakes for birthday Sunday which is the second Sunday of the month.

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.

How Do I Sign Up?

The easiest way to sign-up to volunteer for Hospitality, as an Usher/Greeter, Lay Reader, server of Communion, etc. is to put your name 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 hospitality and usher/greeter two times per year, once during January - June and once each July - December.

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 continuing the staffing of our nursery with Rebeccalynn and Sierra. Please stop in to say hello if you have not met them yet!!!

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 so they requested use of Crosier Hall. 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

Our Per Capita for 2020 is \$50 – if you give electronically, please tell Linda Bracht what is the amount and when you would like the church to take the per capita – she does not take it automatically.

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).

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

Camp Whitman Capital Campaign: Help us meet our \$250,000 match – ways to give (1) checks may be written to ‘Presbytery of Geneva’ with ‘Camp Whitman Capital Campaign’ in the memo line, mailed to 2472 Route 54A, Penn Yan, NY 14527; (2) donate online at www.campwhitman.org/donate; (3) make a gift of stock at www.presbyterianfoundation.org/make-a-contribution and designate the gift to Presbytery of Geneva and add “Camp Whitman Capital Campaign” in the notes.

Presbytery of Geneva Update on Presbytery of Geneva Committees

With our congregation enjoying the opportunity to meet the new Presbytery Leader, Ruling Elder Susan Orr, at our recent worship service, I would like to use this space to share some information regarding other changes at the Presbytery level.

The Presbytery of Geneva approved restructured Presbytery committees including the Committee on Nominations. The responsibilities of this committee are now included in the Committee on Representation.

Other committees formed during this restructuring work are:

- Committee on Operations
- Committee on Leader Care
- Committee on Vitality
- Committee on Mission and Witness
- Camp Whitman Committee

While not a new committee, the Committee on Ministry also underwent a change to include the responsibilities of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry - so there is the one committee rather than two separate committees.

Besides myself on the Committee on Representation, our congregation is represented by Pastor Paul on the Committee on Operations and Marvin Pallischeck on the Camp Whitman Committee. We are also well represented at the Presbytery leadership level by Ruling Elder Dr. Rob Anderson who serves as Moderator of the Presbytery of Geneva.

The committees listed above were formed to replace some former Presbytery committees to both include and expand their work to serve the Presbytery and the congregations of the Presbytery.

Phoebe Baker, Chairperson, Committee on Representation

More about the Presbytery of Geneva

While this is really old news as the following Statements of Purpose and Vision were developed and approved by the Presbytery some time ago, it seems worth reviewing them again as they speak to support all congregations and their leaders:

Purpose: *“The Presbytery of Geneva lives to support and equip congregations and leaders to be Christ in the Finger Lakes and the world.”*

Vision: *“Radiating the light of Christ, the Presbytery of Geneva thrives as a community of servants, lifting up every congregation and leader in ministering together.”*

Congregational Training for Disaster Preparedness: Are you ready? – the Presbyterian Women is partnering with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to promote disaster preparedness in local congregations. Virginia Champlin (Presbyterian Church of Geneva) and Linda Werts (Park Presbyterian Church in Newark) have received specialized training and are available to work with your congregation. You can contact them at danvirginia@aol.com or lwerts@aol.com. PDA also offers resources to assist congregations at this link <https://pda.pcua.org/page/disaster-preparedness/>.

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’.

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’.

Kid's Corner

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

Y W A Y L X P H C H H M Q D H
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PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Happy New Year	8AM LW breakfast 10-2 PathStone 12-8:30 PM WIC	9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfst 9AM Men's Bible Study
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise 10AM de-decorate	10:15-3:15 IAH 7PM Trustees mtg	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 7PM Choir rehear 7PM HH mtg	10-2 PathStone 3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school 2¢ meal; birthdays Deacons mtg HH Luncheon	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 7PM Session	8-4:30 WIC 10-2 PathStone 3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	9:30-11:30 Playdte
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school PW meeting 3-6 Girl Scouts	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH 6-8PM PYTCO	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study	10-2 PathStone 3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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