

February 2019

The Presentation of Jesus at (or in) the Temple is an early episode in the life of Jesus, describing his presentation at the Temple in Jerusalem in order to officially induct him into Judaism, that is celebrated by many Christian Churches on the holiday of Candlemas. This Feast-day is also known as the *Feast of the Purification of the Virgin* or the *Meeting of the Lord*. In the Church of England, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is a Principal Feast celebrated either on 2 February or on the Sunday between 28 January and 3 February. The event is described in the Gospel of Luke as when Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days (inclusive) after his birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn son.



The Vine



February 2019

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM – Noon



Coming Events



February 2	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
February 3		Presbyterian Women meeting following service
February 5	7:00 PM	Trustee's meeting
February 6	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:15 PM – 7:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
February 10		2 Cents a Meal
		Deacon's meeting following service
		Church Life meeting following service
February 13	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:15 PM – 7:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman Committee meeting
February 19	6:00 PM	Supper Club
February 20	7:00 PM	Session meeting
February 27	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:15 PM – 7:15 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal

Pastor's Ponderings

The Qualities of Kindness

February is the month for Valentine's Day. Most people view Valentine's Day as a time to express romantic love. Have you ever wondered how Adam tried to woo Eve? Perhaps he said, "You know, you're the only one for me."

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to express our love and appreciation for each other. It is wonderful to have an intentional time to share our gratitude for our loved ones but as followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to always reach out with the qualities of love.

We begin the month of February's Sunday worship with 1 Corinthians 13. It is known as the "Love Chapter." It is a timeless description of what love is and what it is not. Of all the passages in the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13 is read the most at weddings.

1 Corinthians 13:13 states that the greatest quality we can have is love. 1 Corinthians 13:4 says that love is patient and love is kind. Kindness is something we all need and that we can all give.

Kindness involves doing something. It isn't just a sentimental feeling. Sometimes we don't have warm feelings of wanting to help someone because our patience has grown thin. It is interesting that the Bible closely links patience with kindness. Kindness is about understanding. Perhaps the person who upsets us is having a horrible day. We might have even done the same thing at times.

In the New Testament book of James, it is written that if a person comes to us, lacking sufficient clothing or food, and we say with kindness, "Be warm, be filled, God loves you, go in peace," but we haven't done anything about the person's condition, what good have we done?

Scripture shows that kindness means we treat people better than the mere customs of the day. Jesus befriended everyone, including the outcasts and those normally excluded. Kindness treats each person as a child of God.

In Esther Chapter 6, King Xerxes could not sleep, so he had the chronicles of the court read to him. By hearing the chronicles read aloud, King Xerxes learned about all the good that Mordecai had accomplished. The King asked, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai?" No appreciation had been expressed. The King then honored Mordecai. Out of appreciation, King Xerxes thought of ways to be kind to him. We can also look for ways to show kindness, especially to those who have been kind to us. After all, kindness is contagious.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



Sunday Scriptures for February



February 3	Jeremiah 1:4-10	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
February 10	Psalm 138	Luke 5:1-11
February 17	Psalm 1	Luke 6:17-26
February 24	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Luke 6:27-38



Ushers and Greeters for February



	Ushers	Greeters
February 3	Mary Foster and Daisy Heller	Char Gillespie and Bernie Spanneut
February 10	Theresa and Robyn Ballard	Jean and Bob Constantine
February 17	Larry Matteson	Linda Malles and Sue Goodrich
February 24	Hanna and Peter Martens	Judy and Jack Wilbert

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

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

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



Nursery and Communion Help for February



	Nursery	Communion
February 3	Rebeccalynn, Kerri	Char and Bob Gillespie, Deb Snyder
February 10	Rebeccalynn, Kerri	-----
February 17	Rebeccalynn, Kerri	-----
February 24	Rebeccalynn, Kerri	-----



Bible Studies



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

- February 6 - Renounce Everything for Christ, Philippians 3:7-14
- February 13 - Pondering God's Steadfast Love, Psalm 48:1-14
- February 20 - Praising God's Mighty Works, Psalm 66:1-20
- February 27 - Living with God's Loving Assurance, Psalm 91:1-16

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: Judy Darling, Jay Fadden, June Gnagy, Sue Goodrich, David Gridley, Marilyn Malles, Alexander Martin, Bev Pinckney, Martha Rouin, Joe Simpson, Jennifer Stollery, Mary Tennes, 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 February. Feel free to cut this portion out and pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are listed below:

Art and Phyllis Alderman Anniv.	February 1	Jack Lighthouse	February 12
Matt Fitch	February 6	Allan Belcher	February 13
Betty Peer	February 6	Allan and Barbara Belcher Anniv	February 14
Jack Wilbert	February 8	Lyn and Taylor Fitch Anniv.	February 15
Pamela Ayers	February 8	Deb Snyder	February 16
David Gates	February 9	Jean Constantine	February 17
Joan Wiley	February 10	Phil Rouin	February 23
Teresa Ballard	February 11	Bill Schleigh	February 26
Margaret DelBono	February 11	Ed and Carol Seus Anniv.	February 28
Minda Hopkins	February 12	Beth Dickinson	February 29

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

Meeting February 3rd: Following service on Sunday, February 3rd, the Presbyterian Women are having a meeting. Bernie and Char are providing soup for lunch as we meet!!!

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.

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.

News from the Worship and Music Committee

Worship and Music Committee is wishing everyone a Happy New Year. With the busy holiday season behind us, it is time to focus on the New Year ahead of us. Please note below a few of the things that we will be working on in the following months.

Organist: Our search for an organist is continuing. Once again thank you to Idelle for helping us through this transition. Advent and Christmas music was just beautiful and loved by all.

Communion: Thank you to everyone who has served communion in the past. We will be calling and looking for people to serve for this year. The grape juice and bread are provided including gluten free bread. Please prayerfully consider saying yes when asked to serve communion for next year. The full list will be on the bulletin board and each month people serving are listed in the bulletin. If you need to change with someone please take a look there.

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 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.

News from Outreach

Superbowl Subs: Don't forget to pick-up your subs from the Habitat for Humanity of Yates County fundraiser on super Bowl Sunday - February 3rd.

News from Church Life

Supper Club: We will be gathering on Tuesday, February 19th starting at 6:00 PM for our monthly Supper Club – come and join us for a chili cook-off and a fun evening of bingo – we will have some chili and other food items that compliment chili, and we are also asking for Valentine themed desserts – just to stay with the season!!! Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee

So here we are with a fresh start on a new year. The Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee has already started to develop plans for new programs during 2019. In 2018 our focus was to support organizations that worked to break the cycle of poverty here in our community and other parts of the world. In 2019 we hope to extend that program to include an opportunity for Christian Education and shared fellowship for all youth within this community. This is a long-term program and will take time to get off the ground and we will keep you updated in these newsletters as events happen.

On January 13, 2019, following the worship service, there was a potluck luncheon to let the church family know what has been accomplished in 2018. During this luncheon we told about the groups supported by our church through the Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee.

In closing, I would like to thank the church for its confidence and support to this committee. We look forward to serving this church and community from the special gifts God has provided.

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 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 2018-2019 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Elizabeth Martens, Alexandra Rouin, Geoffrey Rouin, and Lin Dickinson.

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.

2019 Stewardship Campaign: “The Blessing of Giving”

The current total amount pledged is \$131,659. We are pleased to continue to offer the choice of using an automated electronic procedure for pledged offerings. If you wish to take advantage of this method, please contact Linda Bracht, our church Treasurer and team member. She will need your bank account and routing numbers, the amount and frequency you desire for your offering. Of course, the usual method of presenting offerings continues to be available.

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

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.

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!!!

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.

'Paul's Place'

"Paul's Place", the Respite Care Program initiated by the Living Well, welcomed its first group to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Penn Yan, on Thursday, November 15th, from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Thereafter, the program is held the third Thursday of each month at St. Paul's. 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 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 continuing the staffing of our nursery with Rebecalynn. Please stop in to say hello if you have not met her 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. 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).

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

Committee on Ministry: The Committee on Ministry is having a Small Church Network Gathering on Saturday, December 1st from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Junius Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, NY. The topic is ‘Peace in the Kitchen’ – they will be exploring parking lot discussions, building maintenance issues, finances/endowment/fundraising, mission funding, coffee hour food, worship format and music.

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/>.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019: The Presbytery needs a registrar in order to send a delegation from the Presbytery of Geneva. Office Administrator, Alicia Alvarez can provide the clerical support but we need a leader to shepherd this process. There is also a lot of support available through the excellent leadership of National Registrar, Molly Atkinson. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to provide this leadership on behalf of the youth of our Church. The reality is that without a registrar, the Presbytery cannot send a delegation. Contact leader@presbyteryofgeneva.org.

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:

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.

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

PCUSA – General Assembly news

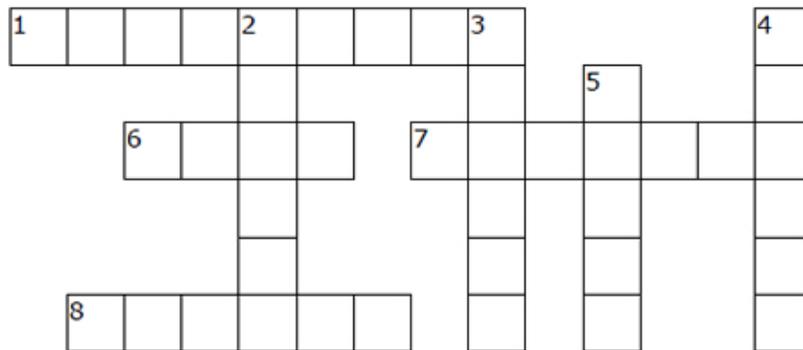
If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), you are welcome to go on their website at www.pcusa.org. Click on 'News & Announcements' then 'General Assembly News'.

Kids Corner

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 2:41-52



ACROSS

1. People related by kinship, common origin, or marriage.
6. A place where a person or family lives; a residence
7. A father and mother
8. Someone you know, like, and trust

DOWN

2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
3. To look carefully in order to find something
4. The ability to judge what is true or right
5. A large meal; A periodic religious festival

PARENTS	RELATIVES	TEMPLE	WISDOM
FRIEND	FEAST	HOME	SEARCH

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfast
						9AM Men's Bible Study
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship; Sunday school PW meeting	9AM Exercise 5:30PM Daisy Scouts	10:15-3:15 IAH 7PM Trustees mtg	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 6:15 Bell Choir 7PM Choir rehear	10AM PathStone 12-8:30PM WIC 3:30-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship; Sunday school 2¢ meal; birthdays Deacon/Church Life	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 6:15 Bell Choir 7PM HH mtg	10AM PathStone 3:30-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship; Sunday school	9AM Exercise Living Well 5:30PM Daisy Scouts	No IAH 6PM Supper Club	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 6:15 Bell Choir 7PM Session mtg	8-4:30PM WIC 10AM ARC worship 10AM PathStone 3:30-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
24	25	26	27	28		
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