

February 2020

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. They are but trifles, to be sure; but, scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable.

Joseph Addison



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



February 1	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
February 2	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
		Deacon Soup-Bowl Sunday
February 4	12:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Grandma's Kitchen
	7:00 PM	Trustees meeting
February 5	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
February 9	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	2 cents a meal
		Deacon's meeting following service
February 10	10:00 AM	PW – fix banners
February 12	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman meeting
February 15	9:30 AM -11:00 AM	Playdate for children
February 16	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
February 19	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Session
February 20	6:00 PM	Supper Club
February 23	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
February 26	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
February 27	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lenten Luncheon

Pastor's Ponderings

Lent Is a Time for Growing Closer to God

This year, Lent begins on February 26. Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday. It is the season of spiritual preparation for Easter which lasts for 40 days until Easter, excluding Sundays.

We will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 p.m. that will include the imposition of ashes. Ashes on a forehead mark a person's commitment to Jesus Christ. The ashes symbolize mourning and repentance.

The two special days near the end of Lent are Maundy Thursday, which marks the Jesus' last meal with the disciples, and Good Friday, the day of Christ's death on the cross. The reason it is called "Good" is because Jesus was the complete expression of all that is good. All the evil in the world could not defeat God's goodness.

People often decide to give something up for Lent. Frequently people refrain from eating a certain kind of food like desserts. What might be easy for one person to give up, for another person, it would be a great effort. If you would like to give something up for Lent but are having trouble deciding, consider this question. 'What will help me draw closer to God?'

If something is a struggle to give up then it might indicate that we are too closely attached to it. Making a sacrifice for Lent is a sincere way of saying, 'God, you are more important to me than this thing I am giving up.' Our sacrifice reminds us of the costly sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us.

Making the sacrifice of giving something up can bring us closer to God but so too can contentment. The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 4:11-13 "I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need."

Contentment is found in wanting the things that God wants for us. It is also experienced by handing over our desires to God. The Christian theologian Augustine said it so well, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in Thee."

Let's appreciate what we have. The most important thing we have is God's love.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



Sunday Scriptures for February



February 2	Micah 6:1-8	Matthew 5:1-12
February 9	Isaiah 58:1-9a,	Matthew 5:13-20
February 16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Matthew 5:21-37
February 23	Psalms 99	Matthew 17:1-9



Ushers and Hospitality for February



	Ushers	Hospitality
February 2	Linda and Phil Bracht, Connie McNamara, Bill Turner	Rachel Anderson
February 9	Phoebe Baker, Bob and Jean Constantine, Sue Irwin	Linda Bracht
February 16	March and Cathy Foerster, Marv and Joy Pallischeck	Judy Wilbert
February 23	Lyman and Nellie Beecher, Daisy Heller, Mary Foster	Carol Worden

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.



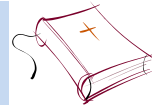
Nursery and Communion Help for February



	Nursery	Communion
February 2	Rebeccalynn, Sierra	Linda Bracht, Daisy Heller, Daniel Martens
February 9	Rebeccalynn, Sierra	----
February 16	Rebeccalynn, Sierra	----
February 23	Rebeccalynn, Sierra	----



Bible Studies



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

February 5 - Single-minded Obedience, Matthew 4:1-11

February 12 - Piety That Honors God, Ecclesiastes 5:1-6, Matthew 6:1-8

February 19 - The Prayer of Jesus, Matthew 6:9-15

February 26 - Perseverance in Prayer, Luke 11:1-13

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, 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 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

Planning Meeting: We had our planning meeting after church on January 19th. Char and Bernie provided soup!!! 17 ladies attended and set the calendar for 2020 with fund raisers and events.

January 26th: Finishing out January, Habitat for Humanity has their sub/donations orders until January 26th. Order forms at the back of the church. Joy is the contact person.

February:

- Deacons are having a fun project - Soup-bowl Sunday. Bring cans of soup and put in one of the two boxes identified with the teams playing in the Superbowl to see if your team wins. The soup will be donated to the Food Pantry.
- The Valentines project is under way - Carol Worden is collecting money for gift cards until **February 2nd**. 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 2nd.
- **February 4th** we will participate in Grandmother's Kitchen. Joy will chair; money for the food will come from Outreach Committee. However, we will need cookies_for 200 teens. Joy will have a sign-up sheet for workers and cookie bakers.
- **February 10th** will meet shortly after 10 AM to repair our banners. Char, Jean and Joy will look them over and we will put out an email to see if you have anything in your sewing notions for identified repair.
- **February 27th** we will participate in the Community Lenten Luncheon. Jean will chair and be asking for workers and again cookie_bakers for that day.

March 5th Joy will chair our second Grandmothers kitchen, once again looking for workers and cookie_bakers.

April 25th, we have a signed contract with Gale Wyn for Chicken BBQ at the Lyons Bank - at this time we have orders for 300 dinners (which will be tweaked that week). Bernie will chair this event – we will be looking for workers and once again bakers, this time brownies. Gale Wyn is now providing compostable containers; we have paper bags left from last year for the brownies - we are doing our part for the environment.

May 14th / May 15th: Spring Rummage sale will be held on May 15th, with a set up date May 14th. Keep that in mind as you Spring clean. Sandy will chair this event.

June 9th we are booked for our Spring picnic at the lodge at Keuka Lake State Park. Carol Worden and Mary Foster are setting up for the picnic – more details to follow.

Chicken BBQ at Oak Hill - Char will chair our summer event - date to be announced.

September:

- **September 8th** we will clean the kitchen.

- Joy will host our Fall Picnic at her cottage late in the month – date to be determined.

December 8th is the date for our Advent Evening with chairs Jean and Char.

Celebration of life chairs remain the same – the list is on the kitchen bulletin board. Committee chairs remain the same.

Replacement ornamental tree: A decision was made by the group to ask the Memorial Committee for money to purchase a replacement ornamental tree for the garden; also, a winter silk arrangement made for the communion table. Hanna and Sandy will visit the Flower Cart to ask them to make it. Bernie will contact the Memorial Committee chair.

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

January is almost over, hard to believe the days are getting longer and we can see it in the evening. Which also means Easter and springtime are not far behind.

Holiday planning ahead: Ash Wednesday is February 26th. A special service will be held Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm, which also includes the distribution of ashes. Everyone is welcome for this service as we start the Lenten Season.

Communion: The list of people who are serving Communion each month has been sent out. There are copies on the back table in the Sanctuary, it is printed in the bulletin each week and it is posted on the bulletin board. Please take a look to see if your name is on it. If you are not able to serve on your date please try to change with someone and let Mary-Ellen know. Thank you. The communion table is set up by Mary-Howell, so your responsibility is to be a server.

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: 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 2nd. Order forms are at the back of the church – see Joy if you have any questions.

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: Our next Supper Club will be on Thursday, February 20th at 6 PM, when we will enjoy chili and bingo. Please bring a dish to pass, a friend, and your own table service.

News from Christian Ed

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

Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee

Welcome 2020, another new year to continue the church's work to BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY. I hope all that attended the presentation on January 12, 2020 found the information to be heartwarming as well as the soup luncheon that also warmed us. It is wonderful to see the impact the grants established by this committee have had on the local community and beyond.

Presently, the committee is working on grant programs that started during 2019 and hope to bring them to closure in 2020. This includes the continuing work with Camp Whitman, Dan Wooten's mission work to bring clear vision to those in need of glasses, and working with other groups to establish a community youth leader. We are also looking at a long-term vision on how the committee will function in the future. Much to do in the New Year.

In closing the committee would like to thank the Church Life Committee for the wonderful soup luncheon. It was greatly appreciated by all.

Peace,

Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee

Jen Rouin, Sandy Carlson, Karen Montgomery, Phoebe Parker
Peter Martens, Larry Edgington, 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 2019-2020 school year are Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Lin Dickinson, Elizabeth Martens, and 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!!

Soup-Bowl Sunday: On Sunday, February 2, the Deacons are sponsoring a Soup-Bowl Sunday. You can root your favorite team (KC or SF) to victory with cans of soup! There will be two boxes in the back of the church one for the KC Chiefs and one for SF 49'rs. Let's just see if the team with the most cans of soup wins. Place your bets!!! The biggest winner will be the Hope Center Keuka Food Pantry, the recipient of all the soup!! Thank you!!!

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.

Church Play Date

Our church is having a children's play date on Saturday, February 15th from 9:30 AM to 11:00 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

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February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						8AM Men's Bkfast
						9AM Men's Bible Study
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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