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The Vine



March 2016

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM – Noon



Coming Events



March 1	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible study
March 2	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
March 3	12:00 PM	Lenten Luncheon
March 5	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
March 6	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion
		Feed a Pet Sunday
		Youth soup lunch
March 10	12:00 PM	Lenten Luncheon
March 10	2:20 PM	Grandma's Kitchen
March 13		Daylight Savings Time
March 16	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
March 17	12:00 PM	Lenten Luncheon
March 20	9:00 AM	Youth Pancake breakfast
	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday
March 25	7:00 PM	Good Friday service
March 27	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise service (Indian Pines Park)
	10:30 AM	Regular service

Celebrating Easter

Many symbols are used to celebrate Easter. When people think of Easter they might call to mind, decorated eggs, beautiful lilies or an Easter Bunny. Many of the most common symbols of Easter have an origin that goes back many years.

What does an Easter Bunny have to do with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ? (Nothing) The Easter Bunny began as a German symbol of fertility. Because Easter is in the spring, a season of rebirth, the bunny became associated with new life. The Easter Bunny didn't appear in America until the 1700's. Instead of an image of Jesus rising from the tomb, the most frequently used image to celebrate Easter is the Easter Bunny. Sadly, if people want to send an Easter card, it is becoming more difficult to find one with a spiritual message.

The egg has a much longer history of being associated with Easter and has important spiritual meaning. The egg represents new life. The egg's shell calls to mind Jesus' tomb from which he emerged on Easter morning. Originally, Easter eggs were painted with bright colors that represented sunlight and the colors of spring. Decorated eggs have also been given as gifts.

It wouldn't be Easter without beautiful, fragrant flowers. The Lily is often called the "white robed apostles of hope." On Easter Sunday, churches all over the world decorate their Communion Table with an array of Lilies. The Daffodil, narcissus, tulip and hyacinth are also Easter symbols because they also bloom in the spring.

As a spring blooming plant, the Dogwood is a symbol of Christ's crucifixion. The four petals of a Dogwood form the shape of a cross. The marks on the outer edge of the petals symbolize the nails. The center of the flower often resembles a crown. The red berries represent Christ's blood.

The chrysalis and butterfly are symbolic of the clothes found at the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection. Peter and John rushed to the tomb and discovered nothing but strips of linen. "He saw the strips of linen lying there as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head." (John 20:6-7) Like a caterpillar that emerges as a beautiful butterfly by leaving the remains of its empty chrysalis, Jesus rose from the dead.

One of the most inspiring Bible passages to celebrate Easter is John 14: 25-26, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



Article of the Month



Living Well

By Jeanine Santelli, PhD, APRN, AGPCNP-BC, FAAN

Silence

“The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him” (Habakkuk 2:20).

Sadly silence is rare in our world today, including our Christian culture, but it is an essential discipline for the spiritual life in Christ. In the discipline of silence we abstain from sound in order to make space for a deeper engagement with God and other people.

Silence is Strong Medicine

One way to think of the disciplines for the spiritual life in Christ is that they are like medicines to treat the afflictions of our soul. They're supposed to minister God's grace in a way that heals us and transforms us to be more like Jesus, more stable and loving.

The strongest medicine in our spiritual disciplines cabinet is silence. If we spend enough time before God in silence the Holy Spirit will evoke and bring up into our consciousness whatever sins, burdens, or hurts that we've repressed. This awareness may be troubling or painful, which is why so many people avoid quiet and stillness. But if we will let ourselves be opened by the Spirit in silence then the healing light of God can minister to us.

Ways to Practice Silence

Silence as a discipline that goes with solitude has two sides: not speaking and not listening to sounds, except perhaps the gentle sounds of nature. When we learn to keep silence the quiet moves from our environment into our soul and the absence of sound becomes a wonderful realization of the presence of God as we feel the refreshing wind of eternity blowing gently on our face.

We can also practice silent prayer with others in community and in this way those who are more mature spiritually can welcome others into being silent together in the presence of the risen Christ.

The other way to keep silence in community is by listening others speak. We do this by offering empathy and prayer in conversation or in a meeting we might refrain from speaking as a way of promoting the ideas of others.

Prayers to Go Deep with God in Silence

The Word of God is tremendous resource to help us enter into silent prayer and benefit from it. Meditation on Scripture helps us to be still in body and mind and quiet ourselves in God's presence. You can try one of these ways to praying Scripture to help you enter into silent prayer:

- Gently repeat Psalm 46:10 in this way: “Be still and know that I am God... Be still and know that I AM... Be still and know... Be still... Be...”
- Sit beside a lake or stream or imagine yourself there as you meditate on the story of Jesus calming the storm at sea with three words that come from his deep trust in the Father during the life-threatening storm: “Peace. Be Still.” (Mark 4:39)
- Picture in your mind the Gospel stories of Jesus blessing the children. Imagine yourself as one of the children as you pray.(Psalm 131)



Sunday Scriptures for March



March 6	Joshua 5:9-12	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 13	Isaiah 43:16-21	John 12:1-8
March 20	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Luke 19:28-40
March 27	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 20:1-18



Ushers and Greeters for March

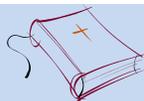


	Ushers	Greeters
March 6	Steven Matteson and Stuart Porter	Sandy Carlson and Daisy Heller
March 13	Jennifer and Tim Craver	Donna and Ray Marshall
March 20	Robyn Ballard and Teresa Ballard	Mary Howell and Klaas Martens
March 27	Bill Turner and Connie McNamara	Judy and Jack Wilbert

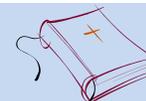
The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers and greeters. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please let the office know so the correct names appear in the bulletin.

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. Instead, the Vine for February will include the usher and greeter schedule for the year, and the duties of each. 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.



Bibles Studies



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

March 2	Powerful Faith, Mark 9:14-29
March 9	Simple Faith, Mark 10:17-31
March 16	Struggling Faith, Mark 14
March 23	Resurrection Faith, Mark 16:1-8
March 30	No Bible study

Please join us in the Pastor's Study at 10:00 AM – everyone is welcome.



Prayer Line



Charlotte Gillespie 536-7185
Judy Wilbert 607-292-6958

Nancy Burt 536-8286

Please keep the following in your prayers: Art Alderman, Ken Belanger, Toni Gable, Bruce LeClaire, Ruth Soles, and Gene Spanneut.



Food For The Needy



Non-perishable goods such as pasta, pasta sauces, peanut butter, cereals, canned vegetables, and fruits are always needed. Thank you to everyone for contribution to this program to help feed the hungry in our area and other areas. Helpers are always welcomed. Please have your contributions here at the church, in the box in the entry hall, by Tuesday, March 22nd for distribution on Friday, March 25th. Thank you!



Let's Celebrate



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

Janice Liebe	March 1	Gene Spanneut	March 18
Duane Ballard	March 4	Bill Gates	March 21
Lyman Beecher II	March 8	Art Alderman	March 28
Jordan Hopkins	March 9	Lyman Beecher III	March 29
Jean LeClaire	March 10	Charlotte Gillespie	March 30
Linda Jackson	March 14		

Congratulations To All!

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? If so, we are very sorry – please let us know by filling out the form below and bringing it to the Church Office!

Name _____



Church /Local News



News from Session

Congratulations Rob Anderson: The Presbytery met at Hammondsport Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 30, 2016, and elected Rob Anderson as a delegate from the Presbytery of Geneva to the next General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, June 18-25, 2016.

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. The church office will continue to maintain manual record-keeping simultaneous with the computer record-keeping, so you may still request manual statements. The church office has emailed those with known email addresses to ask if you would like your statement emailed – we have had a number responded positively. If you have not seen the email from the church office and would like to receive your statements through email, please contact Linda Bracht at firstprespy211@yahoo.com

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 Deacons

Board Book of Bible stories: The Deacons have ordered several copies of a cute board book of Bible stories to have on hand for new babies in our church. They decided to purchase a few extra copies that will be on sale at the Presbyterian Women's Advent program on December 15th. Mothers, grandparents, aunts, friends, etc. are welcome to buy one as a Christmas gift for a child they know.

News from the Presbyterian Women

Valentines: The Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone for their donations so they can continue the tradition of sending valentines to our young people in college and in the military.

News from the Worship and Music Committee

Gluten-free Communion elements: We are happy to announce that we have gluten-free elements for Communion, starting with our Communion in February on the 7th. Both plates contain these elements so feel free to get in either line when Communion is performed by intinction.

Good Friday Observance: The First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan is again holding our own Good Friday Observance at our church. The observance is March 25th at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend this special Holy Week observance.

Layreaders: We are in need of layreaders for our Sunday morning services – please sign-up on the sheet on the church bulletin board. Please note that the readings for each Sunday of the month are noted under 'Sunday Scriptures'.

News from the Christian Education Committee

Chair person needed: Christian Education is in great need of a chair person and possibly another teacher – if you are interested or want to find out more information, please contact Char.

News from Church Life

Supper Club:

We had a most inspiring talk on Tuesday, February 9th when Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling-Hummel spoke to us about "Living with a Diagnosis". She was diagnosed in 2011 with amnesic Mild Cognitive Impairment (a precursor to Alzheimer's Disease). She shared her perspective on how to deal with losses in life and living with a diagnosis which may change over time. Her faith is an important part of her response to loss.

There will be no Supper Club in March.

News from the Outreach Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing: We will be celebrating One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday, March 20th. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, you can serve people in your community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression – a few examples of the impact of your gifts:

- 220,000 people received food, water, shelter, and medical care in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquakes through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- over 308,000 people in over 30 countries now have increased food security and livelihoods through international development work through the Presbyterian Hunger Program
- more than 10,000 children and their families in five bateyes in the Dominican Republic have access to clean water, helping to prevent water-related diseases through Self-Development of People.

Outreach will also be offering the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, which is a unique way to make a difference in the world. Every gift, large or small, expands our witness to God's gracious and abundant work in the world.

Grandma's Kitchen: Grandma's Kitchen serves warm, home-cooked meals, served with a smile. It is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week from 2:20-3 PM in the Penn Yan Academy Cafeteria. 40-50% of Penn Yan Academy students rely on the school for 2 of their 3 daily meals. The goal is at least 15 churches will be involved so our church will only have to cook every 7 weeks. This has been initiated by the Penn Yan National Honor Society – leadership, character, scholarship and service. Thursday, March 10th is our church's second date to assist with this community project – please see Joy to sign-up to help with setup and serving. In February, our church served the students – what a wonderful experience – so many 'thank you' from the students!

Feed a Pet Sunday: Through Pet Partners Connections, please bring un-opened dog or cat food or litter when you come to church on Sunday, March 6th. This will help Yates County families keep their pets in their homes and not have to surrender or abandon them due to cost.

News from the Higher Education Gifts Committee

The Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Gift fund is available for all members of the church who are going on for higher education. These gifts are given out twice a year, in September and in January. If you want to apply, you need to find an application form on the table in the back of the sanctuary, fill it out with as much information as possible, and mail it to Linda Jackson, 364 Rt. 54 East Lake Road, Penn Yan, NY 14527 or email the application to:

jackson.linda1959@gmail.com. The committee especially needs to know whether you are a full time or part time student, how many credit hours you will be taking if applicable, your major, and when you hope to complete your education. Later in the year you will be asked to provide the committee with a copy of your official registration for courses for the upcoming semester. An application needs to be filled out each year you are in school. You may also contact any member of the committee: Chairman - Charlotte Gillespie; Student Coordinator - Linda Jackson and Judith Wilbert.

2016 Stewardship Campaign: "Reaching in – Reaching out"

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued strong support of our Stewardship Program. As we recognize that the sharing of our stewardship gifts lasts through the year as the Reaching In and Reaching Out lists continues here, the committee can provide an update to this portion of the program.

With great thanks the committee can report that, at this time with ~75 cards returned, our total amount pledged is \$135,408. Of course, cards may be returned at any time to the church office or in the offering plate at your convenience.

With our campaign title, here are a few of the 'Reaching In' and 'Reaching Out' items listed by Robyn and Char:

'Reaching In'

Invited visitors to stay for coffee hour
Saving bottles and cans
Hanging the 'greens'
Making brownies
PEO

'Reaching Out'

Preserving the Finger Lakes
Keuka Lake Association
NAMI Support Group
Parkinson's Support Group
Sharpening pencils for pew racks

Your Stewardship Team:

Pastor Paul Malles
Phoebe Baker
Phil Bracht
Robert Gillespie
Jennifer Rouin

the Rev. Anne Waasdorp
Linda Bracht
Charlotte Gillespie
Marcia Kneeland
Sonja Simpson

Lenten Lunches

The theme for the 2016 Lenten Luncheons is 'Fruits of the Spirit'. The lunches begin at noon at the First Baptist Church on Main Street, Penn Yan. The cost is \$6.00 per person. Meals are being provided through the Wagner Restaurant again this year with area churches serving and providing the desserts. The following is a schedule of the lunches

March 3: "Kindness and Goodness" by Pastor Jeff Childs
Beef Stew, tossed salad, roll and fruit cup
St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Bluff Point UMC serving

March 10: **“Faithfulness”** by Pastor Stephen Sanden
Ziti, tossed salad, Italian bread, fruited Jell-O
St. Michael’s Catholic Church serving

March 17: **“Gentleness and Self-Control”** by Anne Alderman, SSJ
Scalloped Potatoes with Ham, California blend veggies, roll and fruit cup
Penn Yan UMC and Benton UMC serving

Winter Soup Luncheons

With six soups to sample along with a variety of breads and desserts, the first Winter Soup luncheon was a resounding success. The youth wish to thank those who attended and especially those who provided the yummy food. Please mark your calendars for **March 6th** which will be the date for our next soup luncheon. It is too soon to know what variety of soups we will have but it is sure to be good and a great way to celebrate fellowship with other church members. Information forthcoming about our third and final luncheon in April.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Easter is coming early this year and another date to save is **Sunday, March 20th** for the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors to join us for a meal of pancakes, eggs, and fruits from 8 to 10 AM immediately prior to morning worship. All proceeds from both the soup luncheons and the pancake breakfast will support the youth mission trip to Massanetta Springs, VA in June. The youth group wants to thank the Beechers in advance for their ongoing support of this ministry! Any questions, please call Jen Rouin at (757) 968-6880.

Men’s Bible Study

The men's Bible study will meet at the Penn Yan First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM. They will review chapter 26 (Making It Real), recommended scripture, and have time for a healthy discussion.

Camp Whitman

Summer Camp 2016: Each summer we host two concurrent camp programs – Pine Camp (a residential recreation program for teens and adults ages 11-65 with developmental disabilities) and Tradition Camp (a residential summer camp program for school-age youth ages 6-17). Campers in each program have their own counselors, cabins and specially designed activities. The two programs join together each day for meals and evening programs. The camp is a small camp, hosting approximately 65 overnight campers per week. The campers are organized into ‘family groups’ designated by their ages. Family groups are co-ed, but cabins are separated by gender. Campers sleep in small four-bed cabins that are clustered together around a central campfire ring. Living in close quarters subtly encourages children to open up, share and explore their faith in a safe and protective environment. Counselors either sleep in the same cabin as campers or in a neighboring cabin, and are on duty chaperoning campers 24 hours/day.

Session 1 is July 3-8 with the topic ‘Anything Goes’

Session 2 is July 10-15 with the topic ‘Whitman Olympics’

Session 3 is July 17-23 with the topic ‘Water Fun’

Session 4 is July 24-29 with the topic ‘Outdoor Adventures’

Session 5 is July 31-August 5 with the topic ‘Night Owl’

Session 6 is August 7-12 with the topic ‘Helping Hands Week’

Mission Trip Base Camp: A new program at Camp Whitman especially for church youth groups. Each day youth and chaperones will volunteer at an area work site (projects may include painting, cleaning, gardening, etc.) and return to camp each afternoon for swimming, games, dinner and campfire worship time. All meals are included. Groups must provide their own chaperones (minimum 1 chaperone per 8 youth) and transportation to work sites. The dates are August 7-12. Youth, ages 13-18 are \$175; chaperones are free. For more information or to register, call 315-536-7753 or email camp@campwhitman.org.

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!

Easter Flowers

Sandy is working on the selection and prices for Easter flowers so please be on the lookout for the information and order form!!!

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.

Penn Yan Community Chorus

The Penn Yan Community Chorus will begin rehearsals for their Spring Concert on Monday, March 28th at 7 PM at the First Baptist Church in Penn Yan. The concert will be held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, June 5th at 2 PM. Under the direction of Jennifer Kraemer, the chorus will be singing spirituals and folk songs. Everyone is invited to join – there are no auditions. The only requirement is a love of singing. For more information, please contact the director at Jenniferwoodkraemer@gmail.com or at 607-346-5424.

Nursery Help

The church needs volunteers to help in the nursery during our Sunday service. Please see the Nursery Rotation Schedule on the bulletin board to sign-up. We greatly appreciate your help!!!!

Do you know???

In a closet in the church office, there are wonderfully old, old Bibles and related books. Do you have any background information about them??? If you do, we would be so excited to learn about them!!!

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

The Presbytery of Geneva has worked hard to keep the Per Capita apportionment at the same amount as last year - this year they are continuing this effort to keep the amount at \$44.00.

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

Have you ever considered serving on a committee of the Geneva Presbytery? There are many ways to serve. If you are interested or know of someone with wonderful gifts, the Presbytery's Nominating Committee would like to hear from you. Please contact Rev. Leah Ntuala, Chair of Nominating at nominating@presbyteryofgeneva.org. If you have any questions, please let our church office know.

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'.

Moderator's Letter: February 25, 2016

Help Wanted - First Presbyterian Church of Elmira is seeking a motivated and dedicated person to join our staff. We have a rewarding and exciting opportunity working with our congregation and community as an Outreach and Mission Specialist. This position is a full time position with benefits. Interested applicants can view the position requirements and job description on our website <http://www.firstpreselmira.org>. Please submit a cover letter and resume by April 1, 2016.

Organist Available - If you are looking for a substitute (or full time) organist, you might want to contact Mark Brown from Lodi on the east side of Seneca Lake. Mark has just returned

to his home town after spending the past 40 years teaching music in public schools as well as at the higher ed level. He also has extensive experience as a church organist. Contact info: (845) 399-4094 (cell); (607) 582-6466; knodish1@mac.com

Mark the Dates - Plans are in the works to celebrate the installation of Rev. Jeff Ugoretz as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Corning on April 10 at 3:00 pm, and the ordination of Cindy Weaver from First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca on April 24 at 3:00 pm. Cindy is beginning an assignment as Stated Supply at the Ovid Federated Church. Please consider joining Jeff and Cindy as they take up their roles as teaching elders in the Presbytery of Geneva.

Visitations Planned - As part of the Presbytery leadership's effort to enhance communications with local churches, several plans are underway that you will be hearing more about in the weeks ahead. These include:

Clerk training: Val Fowler, our stated clerk will be inviting clerks of session to attend one of several regional training days on Saturdays in April and early May. This will be especially of interest for newer clerks who may find navigating their duties under the Book of Order to be daunting.

Design Team Cluster Visits: The Design Team that was formed out of last year's Presbytery retreat is developing a list of local church clusters they will visit to elicit input on the future direction of the Presbytery of Geneva. These will be open to all who wish to make comments and suggestions about our future together.

Moderator's Outreach: Along the same lines as the Design Team clusters, I intend to visit throughout the Presbytery on a "listening tour." These visits will be open agendas to gather thoughts and concerns from the pulpits and the pews. These meetings will not necessarily use the same clustering as the Design Team, but the attempt will be made to assure that no church has to travel more than 30 minutes to attend a site. Sites will be arranged after the winter weather concerns have abated.

Temporary Transitional Leader Outreach: In the months ahead, Bronwen Boswell will be visiting clusters of pastors to acquaint herself with the pastoral leadership of the Presbytery.

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

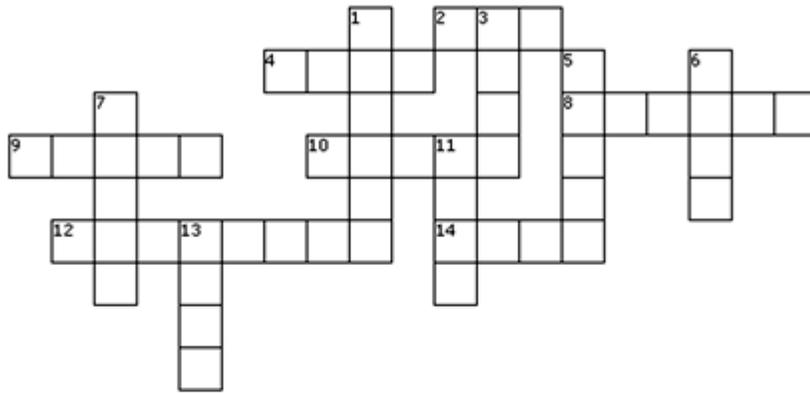
PCUSA – General Assembly news

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

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			10 Bible Study	12PM Lenten lunch		8 AM Mens Bkfast
		7 PM Trustee mtg	7 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 PM After School Group		9 AM Mens Bible study
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30 Worship Sunday School Communion Youth soup lunch			10 Bible Study	12PM Lenten lunch 2:20PM Grdma Kit 3 PM After School Group		9 AM Mens Bible Study
Daylight savings 13	14	15	16	St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19
10:30 Worship; Sunday School 2¢ meal; birthdays			10 Bible Study 7 PM Session mtg	12PM Lenten Luncheon 3 PM After School Group		9 AM Mens Bible Study
Palm Sunday 20	21	22	23	Maundy Thursday 24	Good Friday 25	26
10:30 Worship; Sunday School Youth pancake breakfast			10 Bible Study	3 PM After School Group	7pm Good Friday service	9 AM Mens Bible Study
27	28	29	30	31		
7AM Sunrise serv. 10:30 Worship; Sunday School			No Bible Study	3 PM After School Group		

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