

## March 2018

The Sundays in Lent carry Latin names - the first is called Invocabit, the second Reminiscere, the third Oculi.

- The fourth Sunday is referred to as Laetare Sunday, because of the traditional Entrance Antiphon of the Mass. Additionally, the fourth Lenten Sunday, Mothering Sunday, has its origin in a 16th-century celebration of the Mother Church.
- The fifth Sunday is referred to as Judica - also known in some denominations as Passion Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide.
- The sixth Sunday is referred to as Palm Sunday, and marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent immediately preceding Easter.
- Wednesday of Holy Week, Holy Wednesday (also sometimes known as Spy Wednesday) commemorates Judas Iscariot's bargain to betray Jesus.
- Thursday of Holy Week is known as Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday, and is a day Christians commemorate the Last Supper shared by Christ with his disciples.
- The next day is Good Friday, on which Christians remember Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial.



## The Vine



March 2018

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## Coming Events



<b>March 1</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Luncheon</b>
	<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>Grandma's Kitchen</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant</b>
	<b>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustee's meeting</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:00 PM – 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Luncheon</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>2¢ a Meal; Birthdays</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Luncheon</b>
<b>March 18</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Deacon's meeting following service</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>PW kitchen cleaning</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Session meeting</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Luncheon</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday dinner (Supper Club)</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Good Friday service</b>

### **Leaving A Legacy of Faith**

Last month, the famous Christian Evangelist and author Billy Graham died. He left behind a great legacy of faith.

Graham was the pastor to Presidents, to royalty, and leaders throughout the world. He spoke in person to over 100 million people. It is estimated that over 3 million people came forward to proclaim their faith in response to his inspiring messages.

Above all, Graham was a role model. He was never accused of any inappropriate behavior. At a meeting in Modesto, California, Graham and his organization created the Modesto Manifesto to avoid any scandals. There were 4 rules. Never be alone with another woman in a room other than his wife. Have complete transparent financial accountability. Always be honest about the crowd size at his events. Work with local churches, not against them.

Billy Graham was largely able to have far reaching influence because people trusted him and his message. His life matched his words. If we want to leave a legacy of faith it is important that we live out the values we believe.

Graham's life also inspires us on how to deal with difficulty. Graham made the most of every day even while dealing with Parkinson's Disease. He relied on God's strength for help.

“Out of defeat can come the best in human nature. As Christians face storms of adversity, they may rise with more beauty. They are like trees that grow on mountain ridges – battered by winds, yet trees in which we find the strongest wood.”

I especially like the quote from 2 Corinthians 4:8-12:

“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed, perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.”

Like Billy Graham, we too can inspire others by turning to our faith for help and guidance.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for March



March 4	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
March 11	Numbers 21:4-9	Ephesians 2:1-10
March 18	Psalm 51:1-12	John 12:20-33
March 25	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	John 12:12-16



## Ushers and Greeters for March



	Ushers	Greeters
March 4	Pam and Larry Ayers	Liliane, Paul and Amanda Pereira
March 11	Nellie and Lyman Beecher	Idelle and Rachel Dillon
March 18	Joy and Marv Pallishek	Beth and Carl Dickinson
March 25	<b>Need volunteers</b>	<b>Need volunteers</b>

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 March



	Nursery	Communion
March 4	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	Sandy Carlson, Mary Foster, Bob Constantine
March 11	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	-----
March 18	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	-----
March 25	Rebeccalyn, Ryan	-----



## Bible Studies



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

March 7 – The Lord Will Provide, Genesis 22

March 14 – There is No God Like You, 2 Chronicles 6:12-21

March 21 – The People Gave Thanks to God, 2 Chronicles 7:1-9

March 28 – Keep My Statues and Ordinances, 2 Chronicles 7:12-22

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: Art Alderman, Jay Fadden, Marilyn Fitch, June Gnagy, Sue Goodrich, Alexander Martin, Bev Pinckney, Sonja Simpson, Mike Snyder, Jennifer Stollery, Bill Turner and Joan Wiley.



## 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. 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 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	Rob Anderson	March 19
Hanna Martens	March 4	Art Alderman	March 28
Jordan Hopkins	March 8	Samuel Craver	March 28
Lyman Beecher II	March 9	Lyman Beecher III	March 29
Jean LeClaire	March 10	Charlotte Gillespie	March 30
Linda Jackson	March 14	Jen Rouin	March 30

### Congratulations To All!

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Church /Local News



### News from Session

**Electronic statements:** With the computer input of our giving, the church is posed to send statements electronically by email – this will help decrease our spending for postage. If you currently do not receive your quarterly statement by email and wish to receive it through email, please contact Linda Bracht at [firstprespy211@yahoo.com](mailto: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

**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 1st is our church's date to assist with this community project. Please see Bernie to sign-up to help with setup and serving. Last year, our church served the students – what a wonderful experience – so many 'thank you' from the students!

**Valentines:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Presbyterian Women's annual 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.

**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**

**Maundy Thursday and Easter Service:** The Lenten season is upon us. There are many activities happening in Church and in the community, they are listed many places. Our Church is having a Maundy Thursday service on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Soup and bread is provided. This is a wonderful service, Communion is served at the tables in Crosier Hall and the choir sings a beautiful anthem. A Good Friday, Tenebrae service will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. If you would like to be a reader for this service please let Pastor Paul know. We need seven readers for the service that is planned. Easter Sunday the Sanctuary will look beautiful with flowers to celebrate that Jesus Christ has risen. We hope you can join us for at least one of these services as we celebrate Holy Week.

**Communion:** I saw a Robin today out my window. We have so much to be grateful for in this world. Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve communion throughout the year. The full list is on the bulletin board and each month people serving are listed in the bulletin. If you are not sure when your month is or you need to change with someone please take a look there, once again thank you.

**Layreaders:** There is also a signup sheet on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to help in the service by reading the Bible verses. The verses are done in advance so you can practice them and if you prefer type them in larger print to be easier to read. Pastor Paul really enjoys hearing the readings done by people in the congregation, so please give this some thought. The first time is always the hardest. Please note that the readings for each Sunday of the month are noted in the Vine under 'Sunday Scriptures'.

**New Hymnals:** We hope everyone is enjoying the new hymnal. It is interesting reading about the origin of the hymns each week. We are continuing to take orders for purchase of new hymnals for the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a special person - please see Beth Dickinson or Jean Constantine. Additional purchased hymnals:

**Choir:** Our wonderful choir has a rehearsal the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room, and also a rehearsal every Sunday starting at 9:30 AM. All our invited to join our voices!!!

**Gluten-free Communion elements:** We are happy to announce that we have gluten-free elements for Communion. Both plates contain these elements so feel free to get in either line when Communion is performed by intinction.

### **News from Outreach**

**Superbowl Subs:** Thank you to everyone who purchased the Superbowl subs which is a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Yates County. All proceeds from the sale of the subs goes to Habitat of Yates County to help build another home.

### **Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee**

The committee has been formed and held meetings in both January and February. Thank you to the church members that have joined the committee, Karen Montgomery, Phoebe Parker, Sandy Carlson and Jen Rouin. The Committee also includes Peter Martens from Trustees, Robert Constantine from Session, and we await a representative from the Deacons. Pastor Paul will be the Moderator and Linda Bracht will attend the meeting as Church Treasure. If you have any thoughts to share for the committee please contact one of us at your convenience.

The committee is already evaluating areas that have need that the Hattie Tithe fund can support. This topic includes a Christian Ed. Director to work within our church, also with youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) through the community and with other churches in the area. We are also looking to support the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Work Camps through PCUSA. During our next meeting we will be looking at local groups that need support that we can help.

We look forward in updating you with ways God's gifts will be used for God's work.

Robert Constantine, Chairperson

### **News from the Higher Education Gifts Committee**

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

[jackson.linda1959@gmail.com](mailto:jackson.linda1959@gmail.com). The committee especially needs to know whether you are a full time or part time student, how many credit hours you will be taking if applicable, your major, and when you hope to complete your education. Later in the year you will be asked to provide the committee with a copy of your official registration for courses for the upcoming semester. An application needs to be filled out each year you are in school. You may also contact any member of the committee: Chairman - Charlotte Gillespie; Student Coordinator - Linda Jackson and Judith Wilbert. The students receiving higher ed gifts for the 2017-2018 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Elizabeth Martens, Ryan Marlowe, Amanda Pereira, Alexandra Rouin, and Geoffrey Rouin.

In the 23 years that the gift fund has been used, the church has distributed \$451,791 – thank you so much to the higher ed committee and the Investment Committee for their support of our church members.

## News from the Deacons

**Usher/Greets List for 2018:** The Deacons are in the process of setting up the usher-greeter list for 2018. If you are interested in helping, please see Linda Malles. Once the list is generated you will receive a copy along with the usher and greeter duties. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

**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.

## News from Church Life

**Supper Club:** We had such fun on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> with our Bingo Bash and ‘Appetizer-Palooza’ – so many delicious appetizers followed by a lot of laughs playing bingo – that was a winner!!!!

Our next Supper Club is going to be our Maundy Thursday dinner on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM – no need to bring your table service or a dish to pass.

## 2018 Stewardship Campaign: “Why We Give”

The current total amount pledged is \$136,688. We are pleased to continue to offer the choice of using an automated electronic procedure for pledged offerings. If you wish to take to take advantage of this method, please contact Linda Bracht, our church Treasurer and team member. She will need your bank account and routing numbers, the amount and frequency you desire for your offering. Of course, the usual method of presenting offerings continues to be available. Again, with our thanks,

Your Stewardship Team:	Pastor Paul Malles	the Rev. Anne Waasdorp
	Phoebe Baker	Linda Bracht
	Phil Bracht	Charlotte Gillespie
	Robert Gillespie	Marcia Kneeland
	Jennifer Rouin	Sonja Simpson

## Lenten Luncheons

**Theme for 2018 is “Growing Closer to God and Each Other”.** Lunches begin at 12:00 PM at the First Baptist Church, 224 Main Street. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Meals are being prepared by the Wagner Restaurant with the area churches serving and providing dessert.

Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, “Prayer and Devotion” by Rev. Dan Burner

Ziti, tossed salad, Italian bread, fruited Jell-O

St. Mark’s and St. Luke’s Episcopal Churches serving

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, “Peace and Justice” by Rev. Sandi Perl

Sloppy Joes, corn, tossed salad, fruit cup

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and Bluff Point UMC serving

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, “Service” by Re. Leo Reinhardt

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit cup

Our Lady of the Lakes (St. Michael’s) Catholic Church serving

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, “Evangelism” by Rev. Marilyn Wood

Beef stew, tossed salad, roll, fruit cup

Penn Yan UMC and Benton UMC serving

## **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. We usually meet for about an hour. We pray, read, and discuss how we can apply our faith in daily living. We study the Bible through the book, *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren.

## **Sunday Hospitality**

### *Helping With Hospitality*

Sunday morning is for many the core of our congregational life, a special time of the week when we gather to reflect and contemplate, celebrate, and revere life's mysteries and things of ultimate concerns. During this time, we are spending with each other and getting involved in each other's lives, deep fellowship is experienced. The relationships are the glue that hold the church together.

Sustaining each service is a group of volunteers who perform hospitality duties to make the service comfortable and pleasing for our congregation.

Many hands make light work. Everyone is encouraged to participate. As a congregation, we all share the responsibility of welcoming each other and hosting our guests. Newcomers are also invited to participate. Helping with hospitality is a great way to get to know other newcomers and longtime members and feel more a part of the church family.

Each week it takes about seven volunteers and two additional volunteers are needed monthly to support our Sunday Service. When everyone volunteers a few times during the church year, every task can be comfortably covered.

*Ushers (2)* - Each Sunday one usher welcomes people at the church entrance; one distributes bulletins in the aisle. Ushers help collect offerings, light candles, restock pew racks, ring church bell, manage microphone during announcements and joys/concerns, etc.

*Greeters (2)* - Greeters welcome people as they enter the sanctuary, encourage people to wear name tags, help with collection of offering, host Coffee Hour and chooses to make it as simple or as complex as wants (the quality of fellowship is more important than quality of the food).

*Nursery* - Volunteer provides adult supervision in the nursery after the Youth Message until church is over. The sermon can be heard in the nursery.

*Lay Reader* - Volunteer reads the Scriptures assigned by the pastor at the podium.

*Communion Server* - Volunteer helps serve Communion, usually the first Sunday of the month.

*Birthday Cake Maker* - Volunteer provides cake/cupcakes for the Coffee Hour the second Sunday of the month.

### *How Do I Sign Up?*

The easiest way to sign-up to volunteer as a Greeter, Usher, Lay Reader, helper in the nursery, server of Communion, birthday cake baker, etc. is to sign your name in a blank space on the scheduling sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. A complete list of duties for each task is also posted there. If you have not yet had the opportunity to volunteer at one of these tasks, feel free to ask for a coach.

It is suggested that each person volunteer for greeter and usher two times per year, once during January - June and once each July - December.

### **Sign Me Up! -- The Blessing of Greeting**

One of the foundations of any vibrant church community is fellowship. This is played out weekly in our church in the gathering before and after the service. The opportunity to greet our brothers and sisters in Christ is one that the Deacons would love to see you be blessed by. You will have the perfect opportunity to put new faces and names together, check in on old friends, and be the friendly face that welcomes a guest.

Providing snacks for the fellowship time after church can be a bit daunting, or maybe just a hassle. If hospitality happens to be a gift of yours and you look forward to baking and all the rest-have at it! If having to provide food is something that usually deters you from greeting, please know that the refreshments are the last thing you should worry about! There is no need to cook or even buy more than you feel led to or are able. We have simple tastes-and there is almost always something in the freezer that can be defrosted. Also, there are friends ready to give a coffee maker tutorial if needed.

The most important part of greeting is just that-greeting. Welcome your church family to a morning of worship and fellowship! Please keep this in mind when you are called upon to greet, and if you would like to volunteer, please let the deacons know!

### **Literacy Volunteers of Ontario-Yates**

Do you know an adult who can't read? Someone who would like to read better or earn a high school equivalency diploma? A non-English speaker who would like to communicate better or earn U.S. citizenship? Literacy Volunteers of Ontario-Yates can help. We also welcome new tutors and now have online tutor training available. For more information, please call us at (585) 396-1686 in Ontario County or (315) 536-6799 in Yates County.

### **Nursery Help**

Thank you to our Personnel Committee for hiring two nursery helpers. If you have a chance on Sunday, please stop by to welcome our two ladies in the Nursery, Rebecalyn and Ryan!!!

### **Walking Can Be Fun!!!**

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 AM – 10 AM, we have an exercise group in Crosier Hall. It started with a group that used to go to Curves, then they were at the Owl's Nest, but the flooding stopped them. The group requested use of Crosier Hall until they can find another home. All are welcome – the group walks in place to a video which can be from 2-3 miles but is very low impact. This good exercise program is free but the walkers give a donation into a bucket – about once a month, they put names of local charitable organizations in a hat and choose one to give the donated money. Please come and join the fun!!!!

### **Per Capita**

**What is Per Capita?** In essence, per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that is paid to the Presbytery of Geneva, the Synod of the Northeast, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Just as a train cannot move without an engine, our church councils require a power source to enable them to provide basic services which support our mutual mission as the Body of Christ. Per capita covers the ecclesiastical expenses of the denomination: the coordination and evaluation of mission, and the performance of ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions. Per capita is an opportunity for all members of

the Presbyterian church to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the organizational costs of the larger church.

**What does the Book of Order say about Per Capita?** “Each council above the session shall prepare a budget annually for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular churches within its bounds. Presbyteries are responsible for raising their own funds and for the timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and to General Assembly. Presbyteries may direct per capita apportionments to the sessions within their bounds but in no case, shall the authority of the session to direct its benevolences be comprised.” (G-3.0106)

**How is per capita paid to the Synod and General Assembly in the Presbytery of Geneva?** Different denominations have different ways of collecting revenue. Some receive a “head tax” of more than \$50 per member. Others receive a certain percentage of a congregation’s receipts (up to 25%). In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), per capita is an obligation of the Presbytery. The Presbytery of Geneva affirms the interdependent nature of our church by allocating funds in the annual operating budget for Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly per capita regardless of income from the churches.

**What are the consequences if a Church does not contribute to the Presbytery?** The majority of congregations in the Presbytery generously contribute funds every year. When particular churches do not contribute, a greater burden of responsibility is placed on sister churches in the Presbytery to fund our mutual mission including our partnership with Synod and General Assembly. Per capita establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our connectional church as the Body of Christ, strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians. It is a moral obligation we share with one another. Some sessions encourage each member to contribute per capita beyond regular giving to the church. For more information about per capita: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/frequently-asked-questions/>

The Presbytery of Geneva is grateful for your congregation’s partnership in mission and ministry!

### **Have you considered electronic giving?**

Several of our members have chosen this newer way of giving – how about you? If you wish to make church contributions automatically via electronic transfer, please request an authorization form from Linda Bracht (315-279-1545 or [pjb29@cornell.edu](mailto:pjb29@cornell.edu)).

### **Camp Whitman Fundraising**



Dear Friends of Camp Whitman, this past summer **we welcomed 321 campers** to Camp Whitman (29% more campers than in 2016!). Many of our camp families have limited finances and receive scholarships from their home churches, but for some families a direct scholarship from Camp Whitman is their only opportunity for support. This year we accepted each and every request for financial assistance that we received. These are families in sincere need of assistance and campers who benefit greatly from the loving and supportive community at Camp Whitman. Asking for support is never easy for a family. At Camp Whitman we seek to honor these requests as fully and compassionately as possible. **25 campers received assistance from Camp Whitman** this past summer, for a **total of \$3,235**. This is a 32% increase in campers

requesting and receiving funding than the previous year. **Without the assistance of our generous donors to the campership fund, these campers would not have had the opportunity to attend camp.** Please consider a gift to Camp Whitman during this giving season to help ensure that any family, regardless of financial ability can allow their child a summer camp experience.

## **Presbytery of Geneva**

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](mailto: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 Peoples, Elder Paul Salisbury

If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbytery of Geneva, you are welcome to go on their website at [www.presbyteryofgeneva.org](http://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](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org); select 'about PW', then select 'Quarterly Newsletter'.

### **From the Moderator's Letters:**

**Organist Available** - If you are looking for a substitute (or full time) organist, you might want to contact Mark Brown from Lodi on the east side of Seneca Lake. Mark has just returned to his home town after spending the past 40 years teaching music in public schools as well as at the higher ed level. He also has extensive experience as a church organist. Contact info: (845) 399-4094 (cell); (607) 582-6466; [knodish1@mac.com](mailto:knodish1@mac.com)

**Contact the Moderator?** While you can always communicate with me through the Presbytery office, you may also contact me directly. Phone contact: (607) 583-7975 h (best choice); (607) 725-0785 c; [moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 by text or phone or by email at [rickuffordchase@gmail.com](mailto:rickuffordchase@gmail.com).

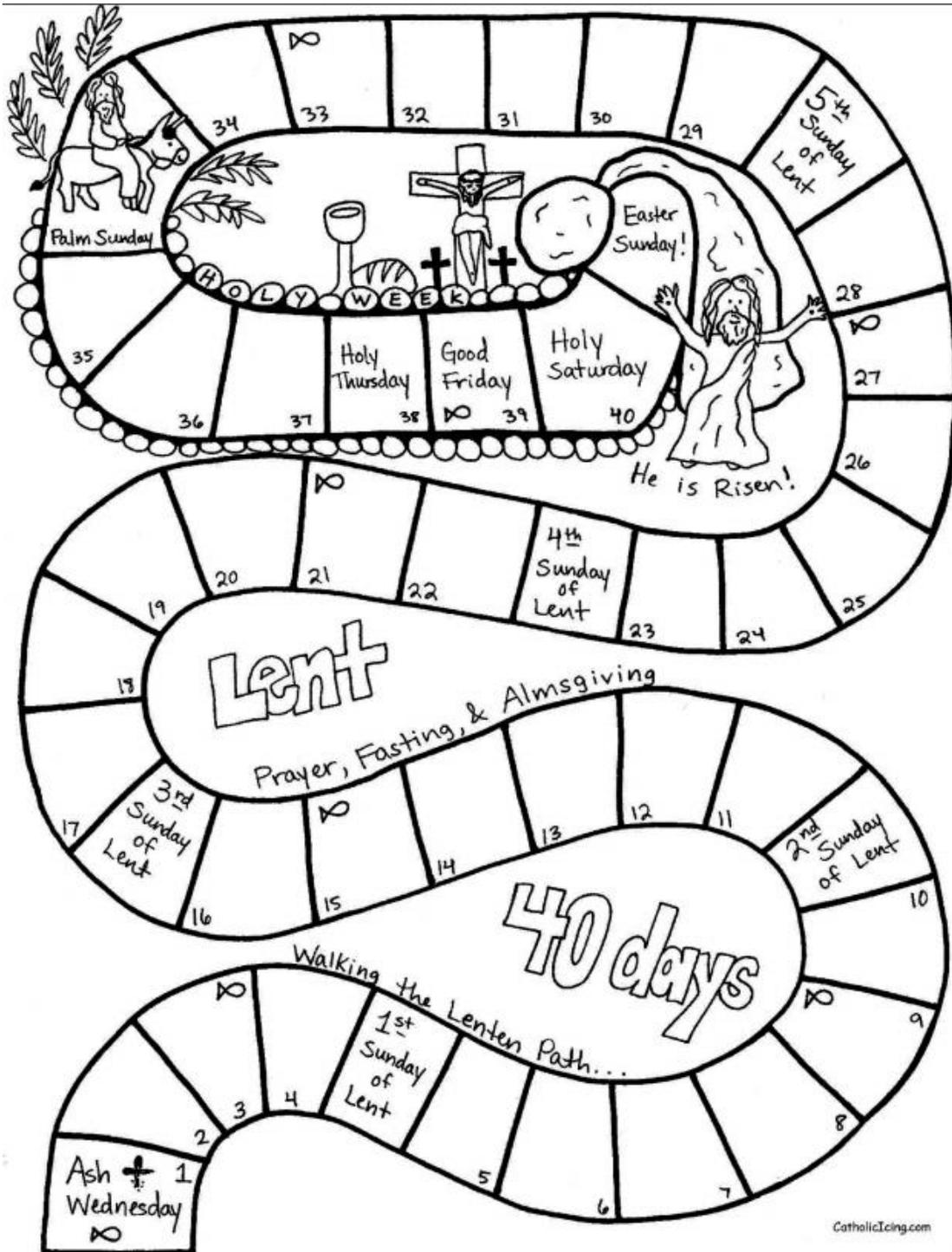
**Young Adult Volunteer Applications Are Available** - The application process for the 2017-18 YAV year began October 1 and continues to be available. Please share this with young adults you know who are interested in applying or who would benefit from a faith-based year of service. Contact Blake Collins at [blake.collins@pcusa.org](mailto:blake.collins@pcusa.org) or go to the program website at [www.youngadultvolunteers.org](http://www.youngadultvolunteers.org).

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

### **PCUSA – General Assembly news**

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

# Kids Corner



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
					9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfst
				10AM PathStone		9AM Men's Bible
				12PM Lenten lunch		Study
				3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
				5PM W&M mtg.		
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
9:30 Choir rehear	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	
10:30 Worship;	10:15-3:15 IAH	10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		
Sunday school			12PM WIC	12PM Lenten lunch		
Communion		7PM Trustees mtg	7PM Choir rehear	3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
9:30 Choir rehear	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	8AM WIC	9AM Exercise	
10:30 Worship;	10:15-3:15 IAH	9:30-3 Presbytery	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		
Sunday school		Gen Counsel		12PM Lenten lunch		
2¢ meal; birthdays				3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
9:30 Choir rehear	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	
10:30 Worship;		9AM PW kitchen	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		
Sunday school		cleaning		12PM Lenten lunch		
Deacons mtg.			7PM Session mtg	3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
<b>Palm Sunday 25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Maundy Thur 29</b>	<b>Good Friday 30</b>	<b>31</b>
9:30 Choir rehear	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise			
10:30 Worship;			10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone	9AM Exercise	
Sunday school				3:30-5PM Girl's Cl		
				6PM dinner/serv	7PM service	
				(Supper Club)		

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