

## March 2020

“Stay” is a charming word in a friend’s vocabulary.

*Louisa May Alcott*



# The Vine



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First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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## Coming Events



March 1	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
March 2	6:00 PM	Interfaith Women’s Bonding
March 3	7:00 PM	Trustees meeting
March 4	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
March 5	12:00 PM	Lenten luncheon
	12:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Grandma’s Kitchen
March 7	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Men’s Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study
March 8	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	2 cents a meal
		Deacon’s meeting following service
March 11	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman meeting
March 12	12:00 PM	Lenten luncheon
March 15	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
March 17	6:00 PM	Supper Club
March 18	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Session
March 19	10:00 AM	ARC Worship
	12:00 PM	Lenten luncheon
March 22	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
March 25	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
March 26	12:00 PM	Lenten luncheon
March 29	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal

# Pastor's Ponderings

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## Lenten Lunches

This year we will continue the tradition of the Lenten Lunches. Clergy members from six different congregations will speak on this year's theme, "Character Counts, Modeling the Character of Christ."

The luncheons are held every Thursday during Lent from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Penn Yan. Eleven different congregations will help serve the meals throughout the series of luncheons. It is a wonderful way for our community of faith to build friendships.

Our congregation will be serving first and I will be speaking about "Compassion." Everything Jesus did was motivated by compassion. One of his most famous acts of compassion was when he healed people and fed five thousand people. The parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son are also classic teachings about compassion.

Rev. Kim Lyons from the Branchport United Methodist Church will share her thoughts about "Forgiving." When Jesus hangs on the cross he says, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." We can all be thankful for Jesus' forgiving character. It has been said that the ground is level at the foot of the cross. This means that we are all equal when it comes to the need to receive Christ's forgiving love.

The third speaker will be Rev. Dan Burner from St. Mark's Episcopal. He will cover the character quality of "Service." Jesus did not just have compassionate feelings for people, he acted on those feelings. 1 Peter 4:10 states, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Rev. Lori Nickoloff from St. Paul's Lutheran will discuss "Patience." When we think of how patient God is with us, we are inspired to be more patient with each other.

"Meekness and Humility" will be presented by Father Leo Reinhardt from Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church. Part of meekness and humility involves being a peacemaker. Proverbs 15:1 affirms, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

The final speaker will be Rev. Sandi Perl from the Bluff Point Methodist Church. She will address "Self-Control." I especially like the Bible verse from 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." We especially see Christ's self-control as he is unjustly tried, punished, and nailed to the cross.

I hope you will be able to attend the Lenten Luncheons. Each message will be inspiring and an excellent way to prepare our hearts in Lent. We will also have the opportunity to better know our friends in faith.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for March



March 1	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Matthew 4:1-11
March 8	Genesis 12:1-4a	John 3:1-17
March 15	Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-42	Matthew 5:21-37
March 22	1 Samuel. 16:1-13	Ephesians 5:8-14
March 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14,	John 11:1-45



## Ushers and Hospitality for March



### Ushers

March 1	Janice Ogden, Sandy Learn, Sandy Carlson, Jon Burt
March 8	Rachel and Alan Doan, Mary-Howell and Klaas Martens
March 15	Larry Edgington, Phyllis Alderman, Char and Bob Gillespie
March 22	Linda and Larry Perkins, Judy and Jack Wilbert
March 29	Rachel and Rob Anderson, Laura and Mike Seppala

### Hospitality

Joy Pallischeck
Karen Montgomery
Robyn and Teresa Ballard
Nellie Beecher
Rachel Doan

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 March

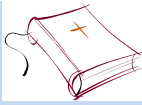


### Nursery

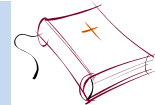
February 2	Rebeccalynn, Sierra
February 9	Rebeccalynn, Sierra
February 16	Rebeccalynn, Sierra
February 23	Rebeccalynn, Sierra

### Communion

Sandy Carlson, Bob and Jean Constantine
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## Bible Studies



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

- March 4 - Called to Accountability, Amos 5
- March 11 - A Prayer for Justice, Habakkuk 1
- March 18 - Consequences for Injustice, Habakkuk 2
- March 25 - Corrupt Leaders, Micah 3-6

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, the Fairbrother family, Sue Goodrich, Pat Johnson, Marilyn Malles, James Rohr, Jennifer Stollery, the Tennes family, 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 March. Feel free to cut this portion out and pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are listed below:

Duane Ballard	March 4	Scott Steele	March 18
Hanna Martens	March 4	Rob Anderson	March 19
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
Gene Spanneut	March 18		

### 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

**Renovations:** We are still working on renovations to our church – our latest is that we are having Crosier Hall painted!!! Please bear with us during this most recent work!!!

**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

**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.

**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. Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is our church's second date to assist with this community project. Once again we are looking for workers and cookie\_bakers - Joy will be putting up the volunteer sign-up sheets soon. 200 kids can consume a lot of cookies, so we hope to have several bakers on the list – what a wonderful experience – so many 'thank you' from the students!

**April 25<sup>th</sup>,** 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 14<sup>th</sup> / May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Rummage sale will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, with a set up date May 14<sup>th</sup>. Keep that in mind as you Spring clean. Sandy will chair this event.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** 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 8<sup>th</sup>** we will clean the kitchen.
- Joy will host our Fall Picnic at her cottage late in the month – date to be determined.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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**

Worship and Music Committee is looking forward to spring and planning our Lenten/Easter season.

- Ash Wednesday is February 26th and there will be a service at 5:30. This is a quiet service with the placing of ashes if you choose.
- Palm Sunday is April 5th and is the start of Holy week. There will be Palm Branches being waved and beautiful Palm Crosses for everyone.
- Maundy Thursday is April 9th. In coordination with Church Life there will be a “supper service” at 6:00. This is a beautiful service with the choir singing and Communion served in Crosier Hall. We are looking for 7 people who would be willing to do readings at this service. If you are interested please let Pastor Paul know.
- There will again be a community sunrise service on Easter morning. Please watch for details on the information for that.
- Easter Sunday service will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. The Sanctuary will be filled with beautiful flowers. There will be notices in the bulletin closer to Easter about purchasing them.

**Communion:** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve Communion for 2020. The list will be posted in the bulletin each week and a copy is on the bulletin board.

**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.

Worship and Music is pleased to have Mike Seppala join our committee. Welcome aboard.

### **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.

**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 Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, when Lea Kone, the Director for Camp Whitman will talk to us about the news from the camp!! 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

The committee continues the task of evaluating grant requests for the year 2020 that includes Camp Whitman, Dundee Our Town Rocks and Read, and Yates Community Center program titled Elevate Youth. We are also following up on the long-term grants for Milly's Pantry, Keuka Hope Kitchen, Living Well and Keuka College Alternate Spring Break Mission Program.

We are also supporting the Excel Education Foundation in Tanzania, Africa. Please take a moment and read their newsletter on the bulletin board in Crosier Hall. See how this church is helping over one hundred needy children and families to have an education and an appreciation for life.

Peace,

Hattie Hartman 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](mailto: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:** Thank you to everyone who donated soup for the Deacons Soup-Bowl Sunday. KC won with the greatest number of soup cans – and they also won the superbowl – what good prognosticators we are. All cans were sent to the Hope Center Keuka Food Pantry.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Passing to God’s Heavenly Kingdom**

**Beverly Pinckney:** We are so sorry to announce the passing of Beverly Pinckney on January 25<sup>th</sup>. She was a very talented artist who specialized in creating beautiful paintings of Ireland. In past years, Bev had served the congregation as Clerk of Session and as a Ruling Elder. A memorial service was held at our church on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Sharon Fairbrother:** We are so sorry also to announce the passing of Sharon Fairbrother on February 5<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service was held at our church on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2PM with a reception that followed. Cards may be sent to Jim Fairbrother at 43 Route 54, East Lake Road, Penn Yan, NY 14527. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Mary Tennies:** We are so sorry again to announce the passing of Mary Tennes on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Seneca No. 9 Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Seneca No. 9 Presbyterian Church 4400 Number 9 Rd., Stanley, NY 14561, or to the Bellona Memorial Presbyterian Church, 93 Pre-Emption Rd, Bellona, NY 14415. Please keep the family in your prayers.

### **Lenten Luncheons**

The community Lenten luncheons at the Baptist Church continue on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Theme for 2020 is “Character Counts – Modeling the Character of Christ”.** 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 5<sup>th</sup>, “Forgiving” by Rev. Kim Lyons, Branchport UMC

Chicken and biscuits, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, applesauce

Milo Center UMC, Dresden UMC and Second Milo Baptist Church serving

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, “Service” by Rev. Dan Burner, St. Mark’s Episcopal

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

St. Mark's and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches serving  
Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, "Patience" by Rev. Lori Nickoloff, St. Paul's Lutheran  
Sloppy Joes, corn, tossed salad, fruit cup  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Bluff Point UMC serving  
Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, "Meekness and Humility" by Father Leo Reinhardt, Our Lady of the  
Lakes  
Chicken and biscuits, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, applesauce  
Our Lady of the Lakes (St. Michael's) Catholic Church serving  
Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, "Self-Control" by Rev. Sandy Perl, Bluff Point UMC  
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and fruit cup  
Penn Yan UMC and Benton UMC serving

### **Interfaith Women's Bonding**

Our church will be hosting an event for our area women of faith, offered by the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches on Monday, March 2, from 6:30pm until 8pm. March is Women's History Month and March 8<sup>th</sup>, is International Women's Day. In celebration, the Women's Ecumenical Group thought it would be a great way for us to highlight women and discuss the role we play in our churches, the community, and in the world. There will be a Journey to Calvary worship service and a presentation by Rev. Sandi Perl and Rev. Lori Nickoloff to discuss how women can develop their strengths to better serve themselves and our communities. You can't host a group of church women without food, so it will end in Crosier Hall with light snacks and beverages and the opportunity to interact with one another. They request that you bring a light snack or appetizer to share with the group. Hope to see some of our Presbyterian Women there.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (but if the Buffalo Bills are playing at home on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, then we will play on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 will be having another children's play date in March – please stand by for details!!! 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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](http://www.campwhitman.org/donate); (3) make a gift of stock at [www.presbyterianfoundation.org/make-a-contribution](http://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](mailto:danvirginia@aol.com) or [lwerts@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.presbyteryofgeneva.org). Click on ‘Meeting Info’ then enter the username ‘directory’ and the password ‘fingerlakes’.

### **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva:**

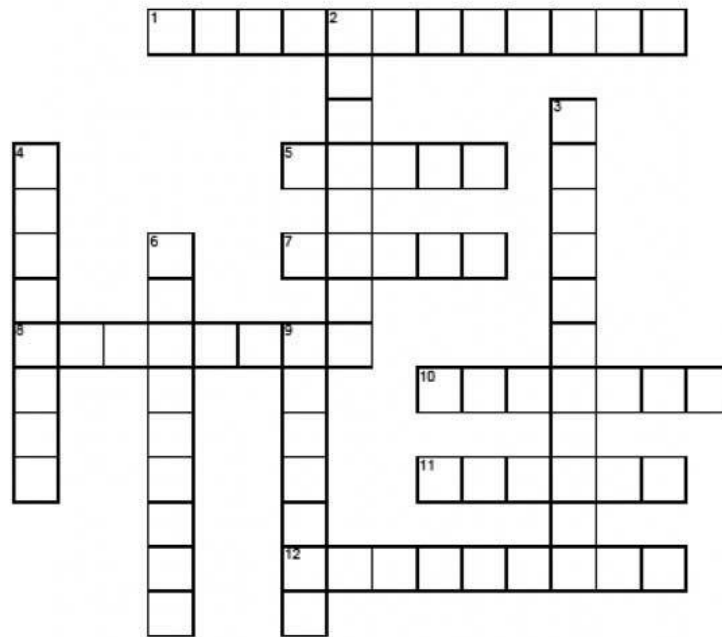
For news of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva, go to the presbytery website, then ‘Presbyterian Women’, and ‘The Link’ at the bottom of the page. Also, take a look at the Quarterly News – download the resource at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org); select ‘about PW’, then select ‘Quarterly Newsletter’.

### **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

## The Annunciation



### ACROSS

- 1 Catholics normally celebrate this feast on March 25.
- 5 Joseph was of the house of \_\_\_\_.
- 7 The angel said Mary was to call her Son this name.
- 8 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the \_\_\_\_." (two words)
- 10 "Of His \_\_\_\_ there will be no end."
- 11 The angel told Mary not to be \_\_\_\_.
- 12 Mary's cousin; the angel said that she had conceived a son.

### DOWN

- 2 Town in which the angel appeared to Mary
- 3 "Hail, \_\_\_\_, the Lord is with you." (three words)
- 4 Mary said, "Behold, I am the \_\_\_\_ of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."
- 6 Mary was \_\_\_\_ to a man named Joseph; means engaged to be married.
- 9 Name of the angel that appeared to Mary

## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise  6PM Interfaith Women Bonding	7PM Trustees mtg	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 7PM Choir rehear	10-2 PathStone 12-8:30 PM WIC 12-3:30 Grandma Kitchen 12 Lenten lunch 3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfst 9AM Men's Bible Study
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school 2¢ meal; birthdays Deacons mtg	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study  7PM HH mtg	10-2 PathStone 12 Lenten lunch  3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study	8-4:30 WIC 10-2 PathStone 10 ARC worship 12 Lenten lunch	9AM Exercise	
3-6 Girl Scouts		6PM Supper Club	7PM Session	3-5 Girls Club		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				<b>29</b>
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