

## May 2016

There is an uninhabited island in the Bahamas known as Pig Beach, which is populated entirely by swimming pigs.

<http://www.thefactsite.com/2015/04/100-mind-blowing-facts.html>



# The Vine



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## Coming Events



<b>May 1</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>CROP Walk</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Trustee Clean-Up Day</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Following service</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b>
		<b>Deacon Meeting</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Supper Club</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

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### **Thinking with the Hope of Faith**

Recently, June Gnagy attended the Wednesday Morning Bible Study and shared with us an interesting reading that inspired us to carefully consider the importance of thinking with positive faith. I invite you to read the statement and then at the end, read it again, but this time start with the last line and work your way back up.

“Today was the absolute worst day ever  
And don't try to convince me that  
There's something good in every day,  
Because when you take a closer look,  
This world is a pretty evil place  
Even if  
Some goodness does shine through once in a while.  
Satisfaction and happiness don't last  
And it's not true that  
It's all in the mind and heart  
Because  
True happiness can be obtained  
Only if one's surroundings are good  
It's not true that good exists,  
I'm sure you can agree that  
The reality  
Creates  
My attitude  
It's all beyond my control  
And you'll never in a million years hear me say  
Today was a good day.”

Did you read it back up from the last line? The point is well made. Our attitude can make all the difference. Our way of thinking can determine our happiness.

Philippians 4:8 is a wonderful reminder of how God wants to guide our thoughts in healthy ways. “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Article of the Month



**Living Well**

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

### Prescription price comparisons

As noted in church on April 10, 2016, providers are now required to submit prescriptions electronically, so you need to know the pharmacy that you would like to use prior to your appointment. It is strongly encouraged that you use the same pharmacy for all of your prescriptions as a safety double-check for potential allergies and contraindications. It is surprising to see how much variation there is among pharmacies for medication pricing. There also is a huge difference in the insurance coverage for prescriptions from plan to plan based on your deductible, the tier of medication, and if a generic is available.

If you are interested in comparing prices, and again I caution you to use the same pharmacy for all of your prescriptions, there are apps and websites that offer to do the comparisons for you. Most of the area insurance providers have comparison pricing available on their member websites. I also checked Consumer Reports and their report can be found here:

<http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/2012/05/can-a-phone-app-help-you-find-cheaper-drugs/index.htm>

Coming soon (hopefully) will be comparison pricing and outcomes for procedures in our region. Again, there is a wide variation in the cost of procedures, but it will be equally important to know the reported procedure outcomes.

Clearly this is not as much fun as shopping for shoes, but a penny saved....



## Sunday Scriptures for May



May 1	Psalms 47	Acts 1:1-11
May 8	Deuteronomy 4:5-14	John 19:25-30
May 15	Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21
May 22	Psalms 8	Romans 5:1-5
May 29	1 Kings 18:20-21	Galatians 1:1-12



## Ushers and Greeters for May

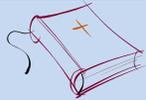


	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
May 1	Callie and Jordan Hopkins	Karen and Gary Montgomery
May 8	<b>Need volunteers</b>	Margaret Dilgard and Karen Miles
May 15	<b>Need volunteers</b>	Bernie and Gene Spanneut
May 22	Larry Edgington and Steve Matteson	Barbara and Allan Belcher
May 29	Charlotte and Bob Gillespie	<b>Need volunteers</b>

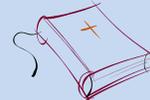
The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers and greeters. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please let the office know so the correct names appear in the bulletin.

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. 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 May, the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class speaks of:

May 4	Grateful Faith Luke 17:11-19
May 11	Humble Faith Luke 18:9-14
May 18	Childlike Faith Luke 18:15-17, Mark 10:16
May 25	Joyous Faith Luke 19:1-10

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



## Prayer Line



Charlotte Gillespie	536-7185	Nancy Burt	536-8286
Judy Wilbert	607-292-6958		

Please keep the following in your prayers: Art Alderman, Ken Belanger, Toni Gable, Bruce LeClaire, Ruth Soles, the Wicker family, Gary Montgomery, 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, May 24<sup>th</sup> for distribution on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## Let's Celebrate



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

Faith Craver	May 2	Justin Matteson	May 18
Karen Snow	May 2	Wava Matzat	May 20
Jennifer Craver	May 8	Jim Matzat	May 23
Teresa Jackson	May 9	Mary-Howell Martens	May 24
Katie Gates	May 10	Richard Liebe	May 26
Don Clarke	May 13	Kaden Steele	May 27
Christine Marshall	May 14	Elizabeth Martens	May 28
Kyle Pallischeck	May 14	Alan and Rachel Doan's Anniversary	May 28
Keegan Baxter	May 16	Karen Miles	May 30
Nancy Burt	May 17	Nellie Beecher	May 31
Isabelle D'Ingianni	May 18	Sonja Simpson	May 31

### 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. 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](mailto: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.

**Congregational Meeting:** We will have a congregational meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> to elect Paul Pereira as Youth Deacon. Paul will be installed on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the date of the next Deacon meeting.

**Presbytery and cluster meeting:** The next Presbytery meeting is at the Huron Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Presbytery has clustered churches together to promote communication and community within the Presbytery. Our congregation is in Cluster 5 with Bath, Pulteney, Hammonsport and Howard. The first host is Bath which is scheduled for Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM as the first shared luncheon.

### **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.

**Thank you Howard Sloan:** Again this year, Howard Sloan is offering the church free lawn service as his way to give back to the community. Please support us in thanking Howard for his wonderful work and generosity.

### **News from the Presbyterian Women**

**Blanket and Tool Sundays:** Each year the Presbyterian Women collect donations for the Church World Services “Blankets and Tools Program” on Mother’s Day and on the previous Sunday. This year we will have the collection at church on Sundays May 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. A card and envelope to honor either a mother or father will be given for each \$5 donation. This amount, \$5, supports the cost of a blanket or a tool which can be given to help someone in need. The churchworldservice.org web site reports some of the many places blankets, tools, health kits and other supplies are needed. The U.S., Syria, Serbia, and numerous countries in Africa are just a few of the locations where supplies are sent. Your gifts transform the lives of mothers, fathers, and children struggling to build a better life. And we get transformed in the process... hearts get bigger, lives are richer, and we are more connected to our world.

**Chicken BBQ:** A special thank you to all who made the Presbyterian Women’s annual chicken BBQ on April 30<sup>th</sup> such a HUGE success. From brownie bakers, to BBQ servers, to money managers and then to our church family who bought delicious chicken dinners – it was a GREAT day. We successfully made \$737.75

**‘Get To’:** The Presbyterian Women ‘Get To’ fundraiser is about to begin. Instead of thinking, “I have to” do so many things, this is a wonderful opportunity for the women of the church to ‘Get To’ spend time together, to forge new friendships or renew old ones. This is a time to share and appreciate our many talents. The sign-up to participate in ‘Get To’ will be during May and June in the church foyer. Then, at the summer picnic, those participating will draw another woman’s name so you will ‘Get To’ give to a person and also receive ‘Get To’ from another person. Will you help garden, give a knitting lesson or maybe enjoy a leisurely lunch together? The ideas are limitless!!! When your ‘Get To’ activity is completed, the fundraising part

happens as we ask you to pay \$10.00 for participating. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other women in our congregation.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>. Both plates contain these elements so feel free to get in either line when Communion is performed by intinction.

**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 such a wonderful Supper Club on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> when Teresa Jackson spoke to us about her love of horses, which took her recently on a learning and self-awareness journey. We were so surprised and excited to meet her new addition, Martin!!!!



Our next Supper Club is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The topic is “Prevention Education: Building Hope” Mike Ballard and Idelle Dillon will talk about the roles played by the Council on Alcoholism & Addictions of the Finger Lakes and the Yates Substance Abuse Coalition in our community. We are all aware of the Heroin Epidemic sweeping the nation. Many Yates County community members and organizations have come together and are working to make positive changes. "Together, We Can!" Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

### **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.

### **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’**

Hosting baby showers  
Donating items for the Red Wagon  
Delivering a Minute for Mission  
Making grape juice and bread for Communion  
Welcoming newcomers

#### **‘Reaching Out’**

Office of the Aging Tax Service  
Habitat for Humanity  
CROP Walk  
Turkey Walk  
Lenten Luncheon

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

## Current Estimated Giving

	<b>2016 Actual</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>
January	\$15,639.42	\$11,284.00	\$4,355.42
February	\$7,250.42	\$11,284.00	-\$4,033.58
March	\$9,013.42	\$11,284.00	-\$2,270.58
April		\$11,284.00	
May		\$11,284.00	
June		\$11,284.00	
July		\$11,284.00	
August		\$11,284.00	
September		\$11,284.00	
October		\$11,284.00	
November		\$11,284.00	
December		\$11,284.00	
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$31,903.26</b>		
<b>Full Year</b>		<b>\$135,408.00</b>	<b>-\$1,948.74</b>

### Soup and Bread Sunday

The youth would like to thank everyone who came to their Soup and Bread Sunday event on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds support the youth mission trip to Massanetta Springs, VA in June.

### Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study typically meets at 9:00 AM on Saturday mornings 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. We are now studying part 2, Alive in the Adventure of Jesus.

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Peter Martens on his marriage to Hanna on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – best wishes to the happy couple from your church family.

### New Arrival

We are so excited to announce the arrival of a new little grand-daughter to Mark and Edna Martin – welcome Madeline Marie at 7 lbs, 11 ounces!!!!

### 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](mailto: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!

### **Keuka Comfort Care Garage Sale**

The Keuka Comfort Care Home is having its famous annual garage sale on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM – 4 PM and Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 2 PM, at the Yates County Fairgrounds located on Old Route 14a, Penn Yan, New York. The take-in dates are Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 2 PM and Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM – 4 PM at the Yates County Fairgrounds. Please no electronics such as TVs, computers, printers, stoves or any exercise equipment, skis or Christmas trees, etc. If you have a questionable item, please call Keuka Comfort Care Home at 315-536-1690. You can find more information on their Facebook page: KCCH Big Barn Bonanza.

### **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 has begun rehearsals for their Spring Concert. Rehearsals are held each Monday at 7 PM at the First Baptist Church in Penn Yan. The concert will be held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:pjb29@cornell.edu)).

### **Celebrate Service, Celebrate Yates**

On Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>, a group from Keuka College came to our church to help with some early cleanup – you may have noticed some clean windows in the office and Sunday school room. Thank you to Jon Burt for organizing the workers!!!

### **CROP Hunger Walk - Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**

Sponsored by Church World Service, CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest hunger-fighting fundraising event in the U.S. It involves more than 1,600 communities each year – a mix of faiths, community groups, individuals and schools. Around 25 percent of the money raised

fights hunger in each of those communities, with the remainder supporting the life-saving work of Church World Service – helping people around the world have enough food to eat and clean water to drink – and allowing children to have the best start at life possible. Our local CROP Hunger Walk is a perfect introduction to the issue of world hunger and the most important lesson – that together we can work to end it. Please join us on May 1<sup>st</sup> to support the CROP Hunger Walk

### **VA Medical Center Welcome Home**

The Canandaigua VA Medical Center and Bath VA Medical Center cordially invite you to a ‘Welcome Home’ presented in partnership with the 7<sup>th</sup> District of New York Sons of the American Legion, on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM – 2 PM, rain or shine at the Johnson-Costello American Legion, 2001 Himrod Road, Penn Yan, NY. This major event is to honor and assist our Veterans of every age and era, including Post 911 service members and families. Events during the day include coffee and baked goods, lunch buffet and refreshments, music and crafts, children’s activities and games, restored vehicle display, motorcycle show and free raffles and prizes. Information/resources include VA benefits information, Telehealth and My Health Vet, Mobile Health units, veteran service officers, veteran service organization, employers and colleges and community resources. For questions, additional information and RSVP: Canandaigua VAMC – Emily Sennett, 585-393-7169 or [Emily.sennett@va.gov](mailto:Emily.sennett@va.gov); Bath VAMC – Dawn Smith, 607-664-4542 or [dawn.smith7@va.gov](mailto:dawn.smith7@va.gov); Sons of the American Legion – Gabe Cinquegrana, 585-474-3427 or [gabe.cinquegrana@va.gov](mailto:gabe.cinquegrana@va.gov)

### **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](mailto: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](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’.

### **Moderator’s Letter: February 25, 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](mailto:knodish1@mac.com)

**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.

### **Moderator's Letter: March 31, 2016**

**Book Study on Addiction Ministry** - Leaders of Dundee area churches will lead a study group on Jonathan Benz's book, *The Recovery Minded Church*. The book focuses on how faith communities can reach out in love to those who are either suffering from addiction or from loving someone with an addiction. The first meeting will be at Dundee Presbyterian Church on April 7 at 1:00 PM. The sessions are open to all and there is no fee to attend. The book is available on Amazon. Contact Rev. Ellen Donnan at (607) 243-8514 for more details.

**Grief Support Group** - Based upon the premise that "a grief shared is a grief halved," a grief support group will meet the second Tuesday of the next three months at Watkins Glen Presbyterian Church. Meeting dates are April 7, May 12 and June 9, all at 7:00 PM. The group is intended for mutual compassion, sharing and support. For more information contact Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao at (607) 535-2377 or at [revnemy@verizon.net](mailto:revnemy@verizon.net)

**Camp Whitman Clean-Up Day** - Join fellow Camp Whitman staff, alumni, parents, campers and community members on Saturday, May 7 for a day of service. Families, youth groups and adult groups are all welcome. Projects will include painting, gardening, tree trimming, trail maintenance, light construction and cleaning. Lunch, snacks and small gift will be included for all those who participate. Pre-registration is encouraged on the Camp Whitman website under the "Events" tab, [www.campwhitman.org](http://www.campwhitman.org).

**Cluster Group Reports** - As meetings of the church cluster groups organized by the Presbytery Design Team begin to happen, I encourage each cluster to choose someone to record the thoughts and ideas shared by the participants. This report should then be emailed to me to compare with other cluster reports. The email address is [moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org).

**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

### **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

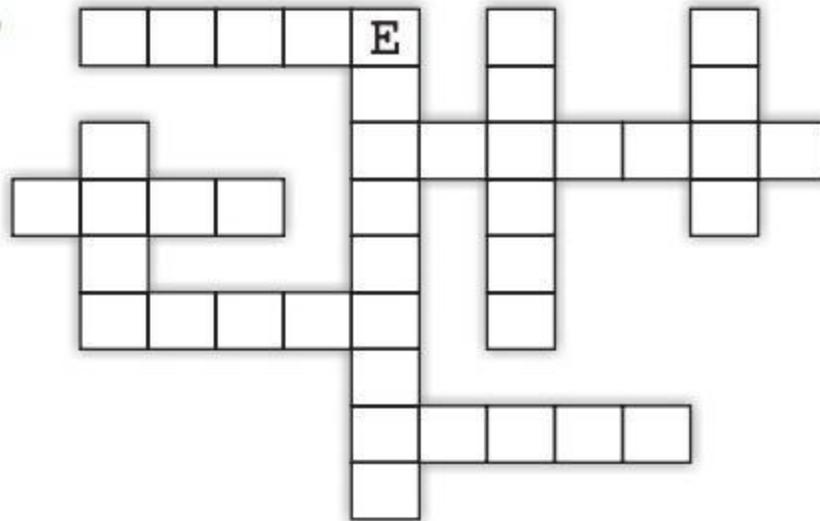


Even though we cannot see Him, God as the Holy Spirit lives inside every person who has been born again and made new on the inside.

**The words below remind us of the Holy Spirit.**

Can you find the right place for them in the crossword?

ENCOURAGE  
COMFORT  
REMIND  
POWER  
GUIDE  
WARN  
REAL  
HELP  
GIFTS



Ephesians 1:13-14, Acts 2:3-4, Romans 8:9

## May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Cinco de Mayo 5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
10:30 Worship						8AM Men's Bkfast
Sunday School			10AM Bible Study	3 PM After School		9AM Men's Bible
Communion		7 PM Trustee mtg	7 PM Choir	Group		Study
1PM CROP Walk			Rehearsal			
<b>Mother's Day 8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
10:30 Worship			10AM Bible Study	3 PM After School		9AM Men's Bible
Sunday School				Group		Study
2¢ meal; birthdays						
Congreg. mtg						
Blanket/Tool Sun.						
<b>Pentecost 15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Armed Forces Day 21</b>
10:30 Worship;			10AM Bible Study			9AM Men's Bible
Sunday School						Study
Deacon meeting		6 PM Supper Club	7 PM Session mtg	3 PM After School		
				Group		
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
10:30 Worship;			10AM Bible Study			9AM Men's Bible
Sunday School						Study
				3 PM After School		
				Group		
<b>29</b>	<b>Memorial Day 30</b>	<b>31</b>				
10:30 Worship;						
Sunday School						

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