

# June 2017

The Romans called June “Junius” or Junius, but it is unclear whether this was after Juno, goddess of marriage, or whether May and June were named for the old and young: ‘maiores’ and ‘juniores’..

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## The Vine



June 2017

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### Coming Events



<b>June 2</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Keuka Comfort Care Home Garage Sale</b>
<b>June 3</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 – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Keuka Comfort Care Home Garage Sale</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Youth Sunday and Teacher Recognition Sunday</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustee meeting</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Presbyterian Women’s Picnic</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Supper Club</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

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### **Appreciating the Outdoors**

One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 104 because it celebrates the beauty of God's creation. It mentions mountains, trees, birds, streams, and a variety of animals. Verse 24 states, "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."

Being outside and appreciating the magnificence of nature is a wonderful way of connecting with God. David, the author of Psalm 23, wrote one of the most popular passages in the Bible while he was working outdoors. The blue sky, the bright sunshine, the sounds of nature inspires us to praise God.

However, a recent study at the University of Michigan shows that children are spending less time outdoors than ever before. Being on the computer for hours or watching TV or playing video games means children are less involved in outdoor sports and activities. Behavioral problems, higher rates of obesity, and lower grades are being attributed to the sedentary recreational habits of today's youth.

Now that we are in June, the weather is nicer and there are more opportunities to spend time outside. We can plant flowers without worrying about a frost.

Pathstones, an organization that helps people find affordable housing, meets in our church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are collecting donations of outdoor toys for children. The donations are located in the Robert's Room. Sidewalk chalk, freebies, jump ropes and even bubbles are some of the toys for outdoor activities. Children who come to Pathstones are able to select a toy of their choice. The free toys will hopefully inspire children to play outside in the fresh air and be more physically active.

Playing outside as a child are some of my fondest memories of my childhood. I am grateful that Pathstones is helping create opportunities and interest for children to enjoy the outdoors.

Our enjoyment of the outdoors is a lifelong blessing. Make time this summer to thank God for the great outdoors.

As the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 96:11-12: "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it."

See you in church,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Paul".

Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for June



June 4	Numbers 11:24-30	Acts 2:1-21
June 11	Genesis 11-2-4a	Matthew 28:16-20
June 18	Genesis 18:1-15	Romans 5:1-8
June 25	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11



## Ushers and Greeters for June



	Ushers	Greeters
June 4	Joy and Marv Pallischek	Youth
June 11	Barbara and Allan Belcher	Joy and Marv Pallischek
June 18	Connie McNamara and Bill Turner	<b>Need Volunteers</b>
June 25	Phoebe Baker and Volunteer	<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.

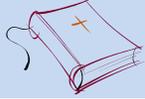
To save the cost of postage, the church office will not be mailing the usher and greeter schedule and duties to individuals. A copy of the duties can also be found on the church website. The schedule and duties are available from the church office upon request.



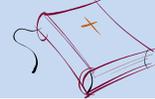
## Nursery and Communion Help for June



	Nursery	Communion
June 4	<b>See sign-up sheet</b>	Carol and Bob Worden, Idelle Dillon
June 11	<b>See sign-up sheet</b>	
June 18	<b>See sign-up sheet</b>	
June 25	<b>See sign-up sheet</b>	



## Bible Studies



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

- June 7 – Deborah and Barak, Judges 4-5
- June 14 – Gideon’s Call, Judges 6-8
- June 21 – Jephthah Answers, Judges 11
- June 28 – Samson’s Call, Judges 13-16

In May, thank you to Linda Malles for hosting one of the Wednesday morning Bible study classes and for the birthday cake for Nancy Burt!!

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: Toni Gable, June Gnagy, Sue Goodrich, Jay Fadden, Gene Spanneut, Jennifer Stollery, the family of Shirley Whyman, 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, by Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> for distribution on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Also, the mobile food pantry will be available on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Let's Celebrate



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

Bob Gillespie	June 2	Kerry Fitch	June 15
Josh Gillespie	June 5	Karla Matteson	June 15
Char and Bob Gillespie Anniv.	June 5	Paul and Linda's Anniversary	June 21
Amanda Pereira	June 9	Jeff Hansen	June 24
David Strickland	June 11	Donna Marshall	June 24
Mike Snyder	June 12	Jeanine Santelli	June 28
Linda Malles	June 13	Kyle Detwiler	June 30
Derek Strickland	June 13	Beverly Pinckney	June 30
Bob Worden	June 14		

### Congratulations To All!

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Church /Local News



### News from Session

**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.

**Cluster Luncheon:** There will be a cluster luncheon dish-to-pass on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Hammondsport Presbyterian Church.

### News from Trustees

**Spring clean-up:** The Trustee spring cleanup on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, went very well – trees were trimmed, the parking lot drains were cleaned, marble chips were placed under the south sanctuary hedge and drains that run under the church into the back yard were found and cleared. GREAT job by all those involved!!!

**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.

**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**

**Blanket and Tool Sundays:** A HUGE thank you to all who contributed to the Presbyterian Women collection for the Church World Services “Blankets and Tools Program” – donations amounted to \$1,356.00. It is wonderful to know that your generous donations have the power to transform the lives of mothers, fathers, and children struggling to build a better life. A special thank you to Mary Howell-Martens for her inspiring talk on behalf of the program.

**Summer Picnic:** It's that time of year again to relax by the lake. eat some delicious picnic fare, enjoy conversation with other women, and learn about upcoming happenings. Please come and bring a friend. ALL women of the church are welcome to the PW Picnic that is hosted by Linda Jackson and Mary Foster on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Linda's home at 364 Route 54, Penn Yan. Carpooling will be available from the church parking lot. Please bring a dish-to-pass; paper goods and beverages are provided.

**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**

**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’.

**Communion List for 2017:** We are in the process of setting up the communion list for 2017. If you are interested in serving and have been ordained in any Presbyterian Church please let Jean Constantine know (585-451-8741 or ladyseneca@aol.com). Also, if you have a date you would

like to serve that would be helpful. Once the list is generated you will receive a copy and if you need to change your date you will be easily able to do that. Bread and grape juice are provided. We need 3 people each month to help Pastor Paul serve. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

### **News from the Christian Education Committee**

**Chair person:** Thank you so much to Rachel Dillon for volunteering to be the chair person for Christian Education!!!!

### **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 2016-2017 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Amanda Pereira, Alexandra Rouin, Geoffrey Rouin and Derek Strickland.

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 2017:** The Deacons are in the process of setting up the usher-greeter list for 2017. 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 an opening 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:** What a wonderful evening on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> as we learned from Chris and Bri Hanson about their return to Penn Yan from Colorado and what it takes to start and continue to successfully run the Climbing Bines Craft Brewery. It was so inspiring to see such a young couple so devoted to family and their business. The brewery not only has beer and wine but also soda and a food truck with lots of fun things for families to do – and there is a huge covered pavilion for all types of celebrations!!

On Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy the inaugural concert of the Finger Lakes Chamber Singers – come and hear our fabulous local voices!!! The usual 6:00 PM – and bring a dish to pass and your own table setting.

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

On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, we had a memorial service for Shirley Whyman, who died on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. She was such a devoted wife, Mother, friend and member of our church. We will miss her smiles!!!

It is with much sadness that Walter (Mac) Johnson passed away on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We had a memorial service for him on Thursday, June 1 at 5:00 PM. We will miss him so much!!

## **2017 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 ~65 cards returned, our total amount pledged is \$132,228. 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'**

Participating in a study group  
Being a layreader  
Publishing the Vine  
Folding the newsletter  
Sharing the harvest bounty

### **'Reaching Out'**

Coaching Little League  
Coaching Soccer  
Soldiers & Sailors Peppermint Parlor  
Soldiers & Sailors Hospital Volunteers  
Finger Lakes Health Board

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

## **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.

## **Penn Yan Community Summer Happenings**

### **"Maker Fun Factory"**

This is a week –long FREE event hosted by the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches from June 26-30 at the First Baptist Church of Penn Yan (at 224 Main Street). Kids ages 4-11 years old are welcome. The fun starts at 8:30 AM with a lite breakfast and goes to noon. There will be arts and crafts, singing, and snacks. Registration forms are available at area churches – please fill out one form for each child and return the form by June 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the First Baptist Church at 315-536-9821 or the Penn Yan United Methodist Church at 315-536-6711. To volunteer, please contact Sue Willson at 585-526-1004 or Ryan Webb at 315-532-8720.

## **Penn Yan Community Chorus – Stage and Screen**

The Penn Yan Community Chorus is presenting 'Stage and Screen' on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the First Baptist Church (224 Main Street). Selections will include popular musical productions and movies such as 'Wicked', 'Skyfall', 'The Hobbit', 'Ragtime', 'My Fair Lady', a Disney movie medley and more. Free will offerings will be gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be served following the program.

## **Summer Mission Trip**

The youth will be participating jointly with Kirkwood Presbyterian Church on a summer mission trip again in 2017. This year we will be staying local and working with Camp Whitman. Camp Director Lea Kone has agreed to add a second "mission camp" week July 16-21 to accommodate the schedule of our group. We will be working with her to find projects in Penn Yan, Dundee, and surrounding areas that the group can tackle. Youth will be doing fundraising in coming months to help underwrite camp cost (\$175/youth) and to purchase some of the supplies needed for the projects. It is especially exciting that we will be able to help members of our extended community this year. We also look forward to sharing the beauty of our region with the volunteers from Virginia. More details will be shared as we finalize all of our plans.

## **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.

## **Yates Hunger Walk**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Yates Hunger Walk – the walk collected over \$9,600.00 to be used only in Yates County to purchase food for our local food pantry.

## **Keuka Comfort Care Garage Sale**

The Keuka Comfort Care Home is having its famous 12<sup>th</sup> annual garage sale on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 AM – 4 PM and Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</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 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 2 PM and Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</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.

## **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!

## **Reconnecting with Planet Earth**

This spring and summer, Jack Wilbert will be working on a garden in the church back yard – please stay tune for further information!!!!

## **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**

We are working on setting up a nursery schedule in advance. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a Sunday. We have filled every Sunday through the end of the year (excluding Christmas Sunday). We will be looking for people to help again starting in January. If you are not on the list yet and are willing to help, please contact Rachel Anderson at 315-481-9623 or Jean Constantine at 585-451-8741 or email Jean at [ladySeneca@aol.com](mailto:ladySeneca@aol.com).

## **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)).

### **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](tel:8456084056) 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)

### **PCUSA – General Assembly news**

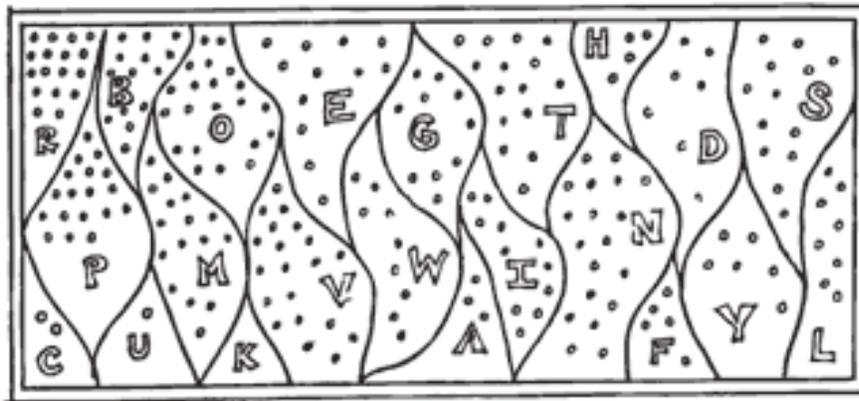
If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), you are welcome to go on their website at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). Click on 'News & Announcements' then 'General Assembly News'.

# Kids Corner

BibleWise

## What Happened at Pentecost?

Count the number of dots in each space. Then use the letters to decode the message below about what happened at Pentecost. Check your work with Acts 2:4.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				3-4:30PM Girls Club	9-4 KCCH Sale	8AM Men's Bkfast 9AM Men's Bible Study 9-2 KCCH Sale
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
10:30 Worship; Communion Sunday school		7PM Trustee mtg	10AM Bible Study 7PM Choir Rehear	3-4:30PM Girls Club		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
10:30 Worship; Sunday school 2¢ meal; birthdays		6 PM PW picnic	10AM Bible Study	3-4:30PM Girls Club		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
10:30 Worship; Sunday school		6PM Super Club	10AM Bible Study 7PM Session mtg	3-4:30PM Girls Club		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
10:30 Worship; Sunday school			10AM Bible Study			

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