

## June 2019

The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). In Christian tradition, this event represents the birth of the early Church. In Eastern Christianity, Pentecost can also refer to the entire fifty days of Easter through Pentecost inclusive; hence the book containing the liturgical texts is called the "*Pentecostarion*". Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast.



# The Vine



June 2019

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## Coming Events



<b>June 1</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant</b>
	<b>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Trustee's meeting</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM</b>	<b>Bell Choir rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>June 9</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Pentecost and Youth Sunday</b>
		<b>2 Cents a Meal</b>
		<b>Deacon's meeting following service</b>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>PW picnic – Keuka Lake State Park</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM</b>	<b>Bell Choir rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Hattie Hardman Committee meeting</b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM</b>	<b>Bell Choir rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Session meeting</b>
<b>June 20</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>ARC worship</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM</b>	<b>Bell Choir rehearsal</b>

# Pastor's Ponderings

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## Every Day Is Special

June is filled with important events. It is the most popular month in which to get married. Many graduations take place in June. Our congregation celebrates Youth Sunday in June. The longest day of the year happens either on June 21 or 22.

Many holidays take place in June. There is Flag Day and Father's Day and even Paul Bunyan Day. June is National Dairy Month, National Rose Month, National Ice Tea Month and National Candy Month.

Personally, in June, my wife and our daughter have a birthday and it is the month of our anniversary. Clearly, June is special.

But isn't every day special? One of my favorite Bible quotes is from Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

There is always something to appreciate about each day. June is a great month to appreciate all the beautiful colors of nature. Look up at the sky during the daylight and at night to see the stars. Pause to notice the beauty around you. Stop and smell the roses.

Appreciate how each day is unique. What happens today will never happen again the same way.

Rejoice in every day by seeing it as a new beginning. With God's grace, each day is a clean slate. Live each day as a new opportunity. Learn, explore, grow in your relationship with God and in your gifts for service.

Another way to rejoice in the gift of each day is to recognize that every day has a purpose. In Jeremiah 29:11 we read, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Our faith is strengthened, our resolve is refreshed as we appreciate how God has important gifts to share through you and me. Ephesians 2:10 inspires us. "For we are God's masterpiece created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared us in advance to do."

This is the day the Lord has made so that people will be blessed by your kindness. Truly, there are many reasons to rejoice in the gift of today.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for June



June 2	Psalm 97	John 17:20-26
June 9	Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21
June 16	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5
June 23	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a	Luke 8:26-39
June 30	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Luke 9:51-62



## Ushers and Greeters for June



	Ushers	Greeters
June 2	Sandy Learn, Janice Ogden	Robin and Teresa Ballard
June 9	Youth Ushers	Youth Greeters
June 16	Rachel and Alan Doan	Judy and Jack Wilbert
June 23	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
June 30	To Be Determined	To Be Determined

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 June



	Nursery	Communion
June 2	Rebeccalynn	Beth Curtiss, Linda Malles, Darlene Palmer
June 9	Rebeccalynn	-----
June 16	Rebeccalynn	-----
June 23	Rebeccalynn	-----
June 30	Rebeccalynn	



## Bible Studies



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

- June 5 - Jesus Institutes the New Covenant, Mark 14:12-31
- June 12 - Jesus Seals the New Covenant, Mark 14:32-50
- June 19 - The New Covenant's Sacrifice, Hebrews 9:11-28
- June 26 - Hearts United in Love, Colossians 2:1-15

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, Sharon Fairbrother, June Gnagy, Sue Goodrich, Callie Hopkins, Pat Johnson, Marilyn Malles, Alexander Martin, Bev Pinckney, James Rohr, Joe Simpson, Jennifer Stollery, Mary Tennes, 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 June. Feel free to cut this portion out and pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are listed below:

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

### Congratulations To All!

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Church /Local News



### News from Session

**Welcome Laura and Mike Seppala:** We are excited to welcome our new church members, Laura and Mike Seppala, who have moved to Penn Yan from the Penfield area.

**Electronic statements:** With the computer input of our giving, the church is posed to send statements electronically by email – this will help decrease our spending for postage. If you currently do not receive your quarterly statement by email and wish to receive it through email, please contact Linda Bracht at [firstprespy211@yahoo.com](mailto:firstprespy211@yahoo.com). Otherwise, the church office will distribute computer-generated quarterly statements during service for the first two Sundays after each quarter; those not distributed will then be mailed.

**Penn Yan Area Council of Churches:** The minutes from the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches will be posted in the office hallway.

### News from Trustees

**Sound system training:** Wouldn't you like to learn about the church sound system??!!! Jon Burt will be doing training on the system so we can have others available when help is needed. Please see Jon if you are interested.

**Help on the church bus:** The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help during the transportation of disabled church goers to their churches. At least 2 volunteers are needed each Sunday of our defined month. The volunteers assist with the church goers getting on and off the

bus at their residence and their desired church – you are not responsible for driving the bus!! Please see Jon Burt – a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

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

**Blanket and Tool Sundays:** Thank you to all who contributed to the Church World Services “Blankets and Tools Program”. Our church congregation collected over \$1000 - the Hattie Hardman Committee voted to make a contribution to the program so that our church family will totally contribute \$2000. Just think of our church family mission to help others throughout the world – think of how our gifts can 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.

**Summer Picnic:** Mark your calendars - 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 which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Keuka Lake State Park at 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. There is no plan to fire-up the grills. The Presbyterian Women will provide iced tea or lemonade along with a great evening to catch up with each other!!!!

**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**

Planning for summer has begun and we are still waiting for the weather to change. Please remember that Church will continue to be at 10:00 throughout the summer. June 9<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring our Senior Graduate from high school and recognizing our Sunday school teachers. It is also Pentecost so remember to wear red. Check out the bulletin covers our kids made.

**Choir – Summer Worship Music:** With summertime coming it means our choir gets a vacation. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to share their musical talents with the congregation on a Sunday morning. Anyone who plays an instrument or sings or does both is welcome. If you have a friend or relative who enjoys sharing their talents please let them know that we would love to hear them. It is wonderful that our Choir is able to take a break through the summer and we look forward to their return in the fall. If you would like to join the choir, they are always looking for new voices to sing with 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.

**Communion:** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve Communion for 2019. The list will be posted in the bulletin each week.

**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.

### **News from Outreach**

**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:** Were you as amazed as I was at the work that Lenses Crafters does around the world with their charity ‘Onesight’ – thank you so much to Dan Wooten to opening our eyes to their work, especially in the Amazon. Dan noted that 1.1 billion people worldwide suffer from poor vision which interferes with their ability to function daily. For more than half, a pair of glasses is life giving and provides economic and social opportunity. Yet, access is limited in much of the world either by location or cost. Onesight for 30 years has worked to bring vision to those who need it most.

Please note that we will not have a Supper Club in June, July or August!!! Catch up with them in September.

### **News from Christian Ed**

**Confirmation Classes:** We are excited that confirmation classes have started!!!!

**Youth Sunday:** Please mark your calendars for Youth Sunday on June 9<sup>th</sup> when we honor our graduating seniors!!!

### **Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee**

Now that we have enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend let’s hope we will have some summer weather to share with our families. The Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee was thinking of families in need at our May meeting and decided to make a contribution to the Blanket Sunday Program. A donation will be made, in conjunction with the church membership contribution, so that a total of \$2,000.00 will be sent to Blanket Sunday Program. Thanks to all that made a contribution and those that make this program possible.

If you have any ideas where we can help others please let us know.

Peace,

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 2018-2019 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Elizabeth Martens, Alexandra Rouin, Geoffrey Rouin, and Lin Dickinson.

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**

**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.

### **Hold the Date**

The Presbyterian Women are holding a church wide celebration of the wedding of Elizabeth Martens and Joige Fevrebone on July 20<sup>th</sup> in Crosier Hall from 2-4 p.m. A decorated gift box is available in Crosier Hall after services in June and up to July 20<sup>th</sup> if you wish to give them a card and/or donation toward their future life together!

### **2019 Stewardship Campaign: “The Blessing of Giving”**

The current total amount pledged is \$131,659. We are pleased to continue to offer the choice of using an automated electronic procedure for pledged offerings. If you wish 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.

### **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.



## NATIONAL PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION GREATER ROCHESTER *COME TOGETHER TO MOVE*

Sunday, September 29, 2019 starting at 11:00 a.m. at Monroe  
Community College

Moving Day is your chance to speak up about Parkinson's disease and move others to take action. It is a movement for change towards more awareness, more funding, and more understanding of a disease that affects so many of our family and friends. The Parkinson's Foundation Greater Rochester Chapter is dedicated to making life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. Robyn would like to invite you to support her efforts this year. She will be joining a few other people from the support group, the Montour Movers, to try again to stay in the top 10 Fundraisers (individual, and team). If you would like to make a contribution, you may choose one of these methods: mail a check to Parkinson's Foundation Greater Rochester Chapter, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 1600, Rochester, NY 14620 (on the memo-line write "Robyn Ballard/Montour Movers"), or donate online at [www.parkinson.org/greaterrochester](http://www.parkinson.org/greaterrochester) (click "Donate - Moving Day", find participant, "Robyn", and complete the form, or send Robyn a check/give cash at Robyn Ballard, 4763 Bath Road, Dundee, NY 14837

### **Finger Lakes Concert Band – 'Tunes We Like'**

Please join the Finger Lakes Concert Band for their concert, 'Tunes We Like', on Sunday, June 2 at 3 PM at the Canandaigua Academy. You will hear tunes such as Williams' The Sinfonians, Symphonic Suite and The Hermitage; The Typewriter by Anderson; Children's March by Grainger; Irish Ayre for Winds by Barker; and the Armed Forces Salute. General admission is \$5 with students and children under 18 free. The concert is sponsored by The Hochstein School.

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Keuka Comfort Care Garage Sale**

The Keuka Comfort Care annual Garage Sale is coming – mark your calendar for Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Save your nice furniture, antiques and collectibles for our sale! If you hear of someone cleaning out parents and/or neighbors estates refer them to us! At this time, we DO NOT ACCEPT garage sale leftovers!

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Haiti Benefit Auction**

June 14-15, at the Yates County Fairgrounds, the very popular 15<sup>th</sup> Annual N.Y. Haiti Benefit Auction will be held. This auction supports several Mennonite and Christian Aid missions. The preview, a dinner, and small farm auction begins on Friday at 4PM. Saturday morning's auction features the handmade furniture beginning at 9:30AM and the masterful quilts at 10AM. Breakfast and lunch will be available. For specifics visit the Facebook page of New York Haiti Benefit Auction

## **‘A Taste of Summer’ Dinner**

Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake is hosting “A Taste of Summer” dinner, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5PM until 8 PM. This event will pair Finger Lakes wines with “upscale” summer camp cuisine. FLX Wienery, Spotted Duck Creamery and Billsboro Winery will be participating. For more info or tickets go to [www.campwhitman.org/event-calendar/a-taste-of-summer](http://www.campwhitman.org/event-calendar/a-taste-of-summer)

## **Keuka Lake Music Festival**

The Third Annual Music Festival for which Dylan Kennedy is the Artistic Director, will be held June 7-August 17, 2019. On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Brothers Page will be performing at the Penn Yan Academy at 7 PM. On June 22, there will be a Happy Hour Concert at the Finger Lakes Boating Museum at 4:30 PM. For tickets, visit [www.keukamusic.org](http://www.keukamusic.org)

## **‘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 seven volunteers and two additional volunteers are needed monthly to support our Sunday Service. When everyone volunteers a few times during the church year, every task can be comfortably covered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *How Do I Sign Up?*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Nursery Help**

Thank you to our Personnel Committee for continuing the staffing of our nursery with Rebeccalynn and Kerri. Please stop in to say hello if you have not met her 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 2019 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

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 [pbbbaker@gmail.com](mailto:pbbbaker@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 Peeples, Elder Paul Salisbury

**The Presbytery of Geneva is seeking a Presbytery Leader:** for more information, go to the Presbytery of Geneva website.

**Small Church Network Gathering:** The Committee on Ministry is having a Small Church Network Gathering on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12:00 at the First Presbyterian Church of Bath, at 6 East Morris Street, Bath. The topic is ‘Facebook’. Please RSVP to the Office Administrator at the Presbytery office at [officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva.org) or call 315-536-7753.

**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/>.

**Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019:** The Presbytery needs a registrar in order to send a delegation from the Presbytery of Geneva. Office Administrator, Alicia Alvarez can provide the clerical support but we need a leader to shepherd this process. There is also a lot of support available through the excellent leadership of National Registrar, Molly Atkinson. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to provide this leadership on behalf of the youth of our Church. The reality is that without a registrar, the Presbytery cannot send a delegation. Contact [leader@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:leader@presbyteryofgeneva.org).

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’.

# Kid's Corner



## Pentecost

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## June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
						8AM Men's Bkfast
						9AM Men's Bible Study
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship; Sunday school	9AM Exercise  5:30PM Daisy Scouts	10:15-3:15 IAH  7PM Trustees mtg	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 6:15 Bell Choir 7PM Choir rehear	10AM PathStone 12-8:30PM WIC 3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	Camp Whitman fundraising dinner - 5-8PM
<b>Youth Sunday 9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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