

## June 2020

You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of Love.

*Henry Drummond*



# The Vine



June 2020

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## Coming Events



<b>June 3</b>	<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Distribution of old hymnals</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>Live streaming of service on Facebook</b> <b>Have your own communion elements available</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Abraham and Sarah promised a son</b> <b>Live streaming of service on Facebook</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Hagar and Ishmael</b> <b>Live streaming of service on Facebook</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Command to sacrifice Isaac</b> <b>Live streaming of service on Facebook</b>

# **Pastor's Ponderings**

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## **Worshipping Together**

For the first time in the history of our congregation we will have a live worship service shared on our computers. I will be preaching to an almost completely empty sanctuary.

Giving a sermon is not the same thing as giving a lecture. A sermon is a conversation between the congregation and the minister. John Calvin said that a proper sermon is one that is rightly spoken and rightly heard. He added that both have to take place for true worship to occur.

Granted, the minister does most of the communicating but the congregation also communicates through body language. Ministers clue into the feedback they receive from the congregation. A preacher might notice confused looks, people taking notes, heads nodding in agreement or heads nodding off. Preachers will notice people nudging each other in the pew to communicate, 'hey, did you hear that?'

As Presbyterians we are nicknamed the frozen chosen. We aren't as animated in our worship as other denominations, such as Pentecostal Christians. When I lived in Chicago, I enjoyed attending worship at a few African American Churches. I heard a lot of enthusiastic proclamations of Amen! And Praise the Lord!

I once preached at one of the churches. My father was a principal of a school in inner city Chicago near the Abling Housing Projects by Maxwell Street. He and I were attending a funeral service for one of his teachers. Somehow, someone knew I was a seminary student. From the pulpit, the head pastor introduced me to the congregation by telling everyone that I was a minister. To my surprise, he called me forward to say some words. I hadn't had any preaching classes yet or any experience preaching. I silently said a prayer while I walked forward to the pulpit. Trusting in the Holy Spirit, I just spoke from the heart. The congregation responded as I spoke. Their communication helped guide my thoughts and inspire my message.

You have a role in sharing the Good News on Sunday mornings. Our congregation is very engaged during worship. People want to be there. I notice how you absorb God's presence.

For the moment, I will be preaching to an almost empty church but I will see you in my mind. I know where everyone typically sits. I know who sits in the back, the middle and up closer either on the pulpit side or on the choir side. I know who sits closer to the window or near the center isle of the pew. I'll see specific individual faces in the pews, right where you belong on Sunday mornings.

I miss our gatherings for Sunday worship. I miss seeing your faces, hearing your voices, joining with you in our singing, and listening to your prayers of joy or concerns and later gathering for coffee hour. When it is safe, we will return. Until then, stay safe, faithful, and healthy.

With God's blessings,

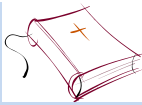




## Sunday Scriptures for June



June 7	Genesis 1:1-24a	Matthew 28:16-20
June 14	Genesis 18:1-15	Romans 5:1-8
June 21	Genesis 21:8-21	Romans 6:1b-11
June 28	Genesis 22:1-14	Matthew 10:40-42



## Bible Studies



During June, the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Classes have been canceled until further notice.



## Prayer Line



Charlotte Gillespie	315-536-7185	Nancy Burt	315-536-9204
Judy Wilbert	607-292-6958		

Please keep the following in your prayers: the family of Phyllis Alderman, Larry Ayers, Jay Fadden, Sue Goodrich, Pat Johnson, Marilyn Malles, James Rohr, the family of Eleanor Schoonover, Jennifer Stollery, and Joan Wiley. And especially our healthcare workers, first responders, police, and firemen; and our store clerks and military.



## 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 typically 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. Please call ahead to ensure they are not on pause!!



## 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		

### Congratulations To All!

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Church /Local News



### News from Session

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

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

### News from Trustees

**Renovations:** Yes, we are still working on renovations to our church – we cannot wait for you to see that we have a new banner holder in Crosier Hall, and that excavation work has been done on the slope near the back driveway!!!

### News from the Presbyterian Women

We canceled our Spring picnic at the lodge at Keuka Lake State Park which was scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> – thank you Carol Worden and Mary Foster for all your hard work – hoping we can reschedule!!!!

We have also canceled our Spring Rummage sale which was rescheduled to June 12<sup>th</sup> – the new date is now May/June 2021. Sandy will chair this event.

**Chicken BBQ** at Oak Hill – is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>. Char will chair our summer event.

**September:**

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

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** is the date for our Advent Evening with chairs Jean and Char.

**Celebration of life** chairs remain the same – the list is on the kitchen bulletin board. Committee chairs remain the same.

**Blanket and Tool Sundays:** Each year the Presbyterian Women collect donations for the Church World Services “Blankets and Tools Program” around Mother’s Day. This year the collection was scheduled for Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to have that donation still when we can gather together again. So please keep in mind that a card and envelope to honor either a mother or father can 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.

**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**

As we have the current ‘pause’ in our church services, we will stay in touch for when we resume regular worship services. In the meanwhile, we hope you get comfort from Pastor Paul’s online church service and accompanying music.

**Live streaming of service on Facebook** – Starting on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> we will have live streaming of our service on Facebook. In anticipation of this live service, on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> you can pickup an old hymnal at our church from 1-3 PM so you can sing along from home – this is a drive by event – so come into the church’s parking lot and a hymnal will be passed to you through your car window. Also on June 7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Paul will be performing communion – so you are welcome to have your own elements at home to follow along.

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

**Choir:** Rehearsals on the first Wednesday of each month are canceled until further notice.

## News from Outreach



Since we could not gather during the time of this special offering, we are hoping to have this offering take place when we are able to gather again. Please remember that during this time of crisis, the most vulnerable in our midst suffer first, most and longest. One Great Hour of Sharing has, for over 70 years, supported the most vulnerable among us. Because of our support, the Church is able to deepen its commitment to serve. The staff of Self-Development of People, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance have been working with presbyteries to identify and support essential congregational ministries, especially in anti-poverty work. The Church's response to the present crisis began with the most at-risk communities across the country and around the world, as well as those facing spikes of racism in response to this disease.

Let us continue to pray: Draw all people together, gracious God, and make us your house. Let our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing create a home and a wholeness for people in need, especially those suffering from the impacts of the current crisis, so that the whole human family will know your love. Amen.

### News from Church Life

**Supper Club:** Our Supper Club for June has been canceled. Stay tuned for July!!!!

### News from Christian Ed

**Confirmation Classes:** All classes have been canceled until further notice.

### Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee

While we are all missing our church services and the church family, the Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee continues to reach out and help those in need. The committee has noted three separate events that our church family strongly supports. These are One Great Hour of Sharing, Two Cent Sunday, and Blanket Sunday. Each of these programs supports our community as well as others in need, a need that grows in these times with the COVID-19 virus.

While we are not in church service the donations for these functions are not being collected and therefore would not be provided to those services. This committee has approved funding for these programs based on the donations provided in 2020. In addition, these funds will be sent to the sponsoring program, as normally scheduled, to ensure these important programs can continue their work.

We wish you all good health and look forward to being together again and sharing the Peace of Christ with each other. In the meantime, if you see a need or you have a need please let one of the committee members know.

Peace,

Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee

Jen Rouin, Sandy Carlson, Karen Montgomery, Phoebe Parker

Peter Martens, Larry Edgington, Robert Constantine Chairperson

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

The Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Gift fund is available for all members of the church who are going on for higher education. These gifts are given out twice a year, in September and in January. If you want to apply, you need to find an application form on the table in the back of the sanctuary, fill it out with as much information as possible, and mail it to Char Gillespie, 2888 Sherman Hollow, Penn Yan, NY 14527 or call at 315-536-7185 or email the application to: [charlottegillespie41@gmail.com](mailto:charlottegillespie41@gmail.com). The committee especially needs to know whether you are a full time or part time student, how many credit hours you will be taking if applicable, your major, and when you hope to complete your education. Later in the year you will be asked to provide the committee with a copy of your official registration for courses for the upcoming semester. An application needs to be filled out each year you are in school. You may also contact any member of the committee: Chairman - Charlotte Gillespie; Student Coordinator - Judith Wilbert. The students receiving higher ed gifts for the 2019-2020 school year are Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Lin Dickinson, Elizabeth Martens, and Alex Rouin.

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

## **News from the Deacons**

**Usher and Hospitality list for 2020:** Even though our services have been canceled until further notice, we still have our usher/hospitality list which shall be active, hopefully sooner rather than later!!!

**Opening:** We have 4 openings on the Board of Deacons – if you are interested or want to find out more information, please contact any one of our Deacons.

## **2020 Stewardship Campaign: “Share the Gift”**

Our Stewardship Campaign theme for 2020 is ‘Share the Gift’. Our kick-off was on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> when we celebrated with brownie sundaes!!! On that Sunday and the following two Sundays we had ‘minutes for mission’ as members shared the meaning of this form of giving in their lives.

On Consecration Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, we had a time set aside for completion of pledge cards - this was when all members and attendees determined their commitment to our church and its mission. As in past years, this is a voluntary process carried out confidentially. Following service, we had a brunch with breakfast casseroles.

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

We make no follow-up visits for completion of cards so we encourage your attendance and participation in our Stewardship events.

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

It is with great sadness that we share that Eleanor Schoonover passed on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eleanor was a very active member of our congregation, regularly attending worship, participating in Bible and book studies, and always volunteering. Her family, her faith, and her friends meant everything

to her. Eleanor was also deeply appreciated and admired by her friends in the Mennonite community. Her passing was not related to the Corona Virus. Cards of condolences may be sent to Robyn Ballard, 4763 Bath Road, Dundee, NY 14837 and Jill Vince, 2762 Sherman Hollow Road, Penn Yan, NY 14527

We are also saddened at the passing of Phyllis Alderman on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Phyllis loved her church family and was one of the first people to arrive to church on Sunday morning. Last fall, she gave an inspiring Stewardship talk during worship. She shared her faith with generosity, kindness, and humor. There will be no public memorial service at this time. However, in the future we will celebrate Phyllis' life with a public service. Her passing, also, was not related to the Corona Virus. Cards of condolences may be sent to 9 Spruce Acres, Penn Yan, NY 14527

### **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 usually rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:15 PM -7:15 PM alternating between our church and the Methodist Church; we typically 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!!!) – all is also on pause until further notice. 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 which typically meets at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday morning of each month in the church office, is also on pause until further notice.

### **Church Play Date**

Our church children's play dates have been canceled until further notice – we will keep you updated!!! When they start up again, if you are interested in more information, please contact Linda Malles, Rachel Anderson or Hanna Martens.

### **'Paul's Place'**

"Paul's Place", the Respite Care Program initiated by the Living Well, has been canceled until further notice. This program was 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.

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

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



## **Nursery Help**

Thank you to our Personnel Committee for continuing the staffing of our nursery with Rebeccalynn and Sierra. Please stop in to say hello if you have not met them yet when our services resume!!!

## **Coronavirus Anxiety Workbook**

Phil Rouin has introduced us to a Coronavirus Anxiety Workbook – A Tool to Help You Build Resilience During Difficult Times – if you have not seen and it when Pastor Paul emailed it to the congregation, and you wish to have a copy, please let the office know and we can print a copy for you.

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

The walking classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 AM – 10 AM have been canceled until further notice – we will keep you informed when we resume!!!

## **Per Capita**

Our Per Capita for 2020 is \$50 – if you give electronically, please tell Linda Bracht what is the amount and when you would like the church to take the per capita – she does not take it automatically.

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

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

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

**What are the consequences if a Church does not contribute to the Presbytery?** The majority of congregations in the Presbytery generously contribute funds every year. When particular churches do not contribute, a greater burden of responsibility is placed on sister churches in the Presbytery to fund our mutual mission including our partnership with Synod and General Assembly. Per capita establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our connectional church as the Body of Christ, strengthening the sense of community

among all Presbyterians. It is a moral obligation we share with one another. Some sessions encourage each member to contribute per capita beyond regular giving to the church. For more information about per capita: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/frequently-asked-questions/>

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

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

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

### **Presbytery of Geneva Camp Whitman**



**Camp Whitman is hiring:** Camp Whitman is looking for a Maintenance Technician, Experienced Lifeguard and Kitchen Assistant – please see the April 2018 newsletter for more information but interested inquiries should email [director@campwhitman.org](mailto:director@campwhitman.org). The camp has an Amazon wishlist at

[https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/16L3FFK1Q2AMZ/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ep\\_ws\\_QVdbBb7F55EJF](https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/16L3FFK1Q2AMZ/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_QVdbBb7F55EJF)

**Camp Whitman Capital Campaign:** Help us meet our \$250,000 match – ways to give (1) checks may be written to 'Presbytery of Geneva' with 'Camp Whitman Capital Campaign' in the memo line, mailed to 2472 Route 54A, Penn Yan, NY 14527; (2) donate online at [www.campwhitman.org/donate](http://www.campwhitman.org/donate); (3) make a gift of stock at [www.presbyterianfoundation.org/make-a-contribution](http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/make-a-contribution) and designate the gift to Presbytery of Geneva and add "Camp Whitman Capital Campaign" in the notes.

### **Presbytery of Geneva Letter from our Leadership Team from May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Presbytery Friends,

Following the announcement on Friday, May 22nd from the White House about reopening our churches, your Presbytery Leadership has received a great many questions about what this means for congregations and other ministry groups in the Presbytery of Geneva. While our buildings may be closed, the Church is not closed. Our many ministries are not closed. The Church is not the building; the Church is the people.

Here is what was shared with CBS News from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of the Stated Clerk on May 22, 2020: *"The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is committed to the health and safety of all people as we face this worldwide pandemic. Over the last few months, we have seen COVID-19 cripple the economy, cause suffering and death in our families, and force churches to find new ways to be the church. The church is, and has always been, more than a building. Congregations are using new and creative ways to share the gospel and minister to those in need. We are not for rushing people back into the pews when this virus is still claiming victims. When people can go to church without fear of infection, we will be ready."*

The members of the Leadership Team have been amazed at the energy, intelligence, imagination and love that sessions and churches have poured into their ministries during this time. Many of our churches are conducting worship services online. Congregations are finding creative ways to stay connected and support one another, even as they remain physically distant. Ministries that provide food, basic necessities, prayer, and comfort have continued to serve as Christ's hands and feet here in the Finger Lakes, even in the midst of this global pandemic. Even with our buildings closed, the essential work of the People of God has continued.

Please do not feel pressured to reopen your buildings. We must continue to discern what it means to be the Body of Christ. We must continue to consider who comprises the members of the Body and the value of all we bring when we gather -- including our age, health, and ability. What does it mean to the Body if we choose to move forward knowing that many members of it have to opt out? What does choosing to do so say to the world?

We commend to you the guidance from the Wisconsin Council of Churches on phased reopening, the practical and theological guidance from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as well as the list of 24 questions for Sessions to consider as they begin to plan. All of these documents can be found on the Presbytery's COVID-19 resources page. We also commend to you the recent statement on Church Music and COVID-19 from the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, which contains many helpful links about music as well as broader concerns surrounding reopening safely. As of this letter the CDC hasn't officially offered any new guidance to faith communities.

As RE Dr. Rob Anderson, Chair of our General Council, said in his most recent letter: *"We must be patient with this. We are all eager to see loved ones, both family and church family. However, rushing back will make transmission much easier. Asymptomatic spread remains a major concern, and the long incubation period makes it easy to transmit. This is the reason that we continue to encourage that even as the phases progress, congregations use caution. Presbytery Leadership is recommending that church buildings remain closed and communities refrain from holding in-person worship and other group gatherings until Phase 4."*

Let us be reminded of these words from the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity which begin our Book of Order and ground us firmly in the Reformed tradition of faith:

**F-3.0101 God Is Lord of the Conscience**

a. That "God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship."

b. Therefore we consider the rights of private judgment, in all matters that respect religion, as universal and unalienable: We do not even wish to see any religious constitution aided by the civil power, further than may be necessary for protection and security, and at the same time, be equal and common to all others.

It is our Sessions -- made up of elected Ruling Elders, together with the Ministers of Word and Sacrament -- who make decisions regarding the life and worship of congregations as well as the ministries and mission engagement with the world. The Session is responsible to do this in ways that measure the congregation's fidelity to the Word of God, as well as to promote its safety and well being.

Please continue to pray for your Presbytery -- for our congregations, our sessions, our pastors -- as well as for our communities, our state, and our nation. We invite you to participate in the Presbytery Meeting on May 26th (happening on Zoom; register for the meeting here), where RE Dr. Rob Anderson will be offering an update informed by his medical experience and expertise. With the Spirit of God working through us and watching over us, we will continue to study the Word, worship, pray, and serve others.

Holding God's people in my heart,  
Rev. Amy E. Loving Austin, Stated Clerk  
Members of the Presbytery Leadership Team:  
Rev. Glenn Kennedy, Moderator  
Elder Virginia Champlin, Vice-Moderator  
Elder Rob Anderson, Chair of General Council  
Rev. Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk  
Elder Tom Bailey, Treasurer  
Elder Susan Orr, Presbytery Leader

**Please Note:**

- We have created a new sub-folder to the COVID-19 Resources tab labeled “**Re-Opening Resources**”. This is growing everyday so be sure to check back often.
- A reminder that our next stated Presbytery meeting will be held via zoom on **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **1pm**. A call for the meeting will be distributed in early May.
- Have you heard? An abbreviated version of the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be held virtually in June 2020. For more details, read this article titled Pressing on Toward the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

**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

## June Saints and Feast Days Word Search

B	A	P	T	I	S	T	N	Y	K	L	K	L	P
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Find all of the words or phrases in the puzzle that are in **BOLD** in the word bank below.

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|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| St. Justin                      | St. Barnabas                            | St. Cyril of Alexandria             |
| <b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>    | St. Anthony of Padua                    | St. Peter                           |
| <b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> | St. Aloysius Gonzaga                    | St. Paul                            |
| St. Norbert                     | <b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> | First Martyrs of the Church of Rome |
| St. Ephrem                      |   |                                     |

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	No exercise until further notice	No Trustees mtg until further notice	1-3 hymnal distri No exercise, Bible study, or choir rehearsal until further notice	No PathStone, WIC, or Girls Club until further Notice	No exercise until further notice	No men's Bkfast Or Men's Bible study until further notice
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	notice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
10-11 Live-streaming worship No Deacon's mtg until further notice	No exercise until further notice		No exercise, or Bible study, or HH mtg until further notice	No PathStone, or Girls Club until further Notice	No exercise until further notice	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
10-11 Live-streaming worship No Girls Scouts until further notice	No exercise until further notice		No exercise, Bible study, or Session until further notice No exercise,	No PathStone, WIC, or Girls Club until further Notice	No exercise until further notice	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
10-11 Live-streaming worship	No exercise until further notice		No exercise, or Bible study Session until further notice	No PathStone, or Girls Club until further Notice	No exercise until further notice	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
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