

## July 2016

American college, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, deems certain students who take courses in Pistol Marksmanship, Archery, Sailing and Fencing as certified 'Pirates'

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



# The Vine



July 2016

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## Coming Events



<b>July 2</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>July 3</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship at the First Baptist Church</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Summer Picnic at Keuka Lake State Park</b>
<b>July 20</b>		<b>No Session Meeting</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Krossin Keuka</b>
	<b>10:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Pork and Chicken BBQ at Oak Hill</b>

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

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### **Living an Abundant Life**

Jesus said, "I came that you might have life and have it abundantly."

God gives us the wonderful gift of life so that we might make the most of every day. Each day is precious and to be treasured.

At last month's Supper Club, Bob and Char Gillespie shared their interesting experiences while visiting Paris. Bob commented that it was inspiring for him to see works of art up close and in person. All of his life as an Art teacher and as an art enthusiast he only saw specific works in a book or on video. By seeing the masterworks closely, he could better appreciate how the artists went about creating the art. "You don't get that from a book," Bob commented.

There are many blessings in life that we don't just get from a book. That is also true for our faith. Following Jesus Christ involves action and experiences. We are not only believers we are doers.

I was especially impressed with the Statements of Faith by our Confirmation Class graduates. Their statements are on display in Crosier Hall for viewing. I am particularly inspired by how our young people shared what they are committed to doing for others as a result of their deep faith in God.

The book of James says, "Be doers of the word and not merely hearers." We are meant to experience God by doing work for and with God.

Bob's comment "You can't get that from a book," also applies to how God relates to us. God didn't merely send us a creed to read. God sent the person of our Lord Jesus. People could experience God's presence face to face.

The Bible is an inspired collection of other people's experiences with God. We are called to also have our own experiences. God's activity didn't stop with the Bible.

How do you experience God? Is it through Sunday worship, through music, or being in nature, or through helping others in meaningful ways? This summer let us especially be aware of enjoying the abundant life of experiencing God's love.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Article of the Month



### Living Well

#### **ANA-NY Appoints Jeanine Santelli as Executive Director**

##### *Santelli to take over from Karen Ballard in September*

**Albany, NY, June 15, 2016** –The American Nurses Association – New York (ANA-NY) has appointed Jeanine Santelli, PhD, RN, AGPCNP-BC, FAAN, as its first full-time executive director. Santelli will serve as executive director designee until she takes over from Karen A. Ballard, MA, RN, FAAN, at the Association’s annual membership meeting on September 24, 2016.

Santelli is a founding member of ANA-NY and was chosen for her leadership and the nuts-and-bolts skills she brings to continue the Association’s growth and ensure it remains an important voice in nursing and healthcare practice and policy issues. Since launching in 2012, the Association has grown its membership to nearly 4,000 and is a strong advocate for nursing autonomy and professionalism.

“I am excited to welcome Dr. Jeanine Santelli to ANA-NY. Over the course of her career, she has demonstrated the expertise we need in our next organizational leader, including experience in administration, finance and budget management, strategic business initiatives, communications strategies and familiarity with nonprofit organizations. I am confident ANA-NY and Dr. Santelli will have a challenging and productive future together!” said Elizabeth “Betty” Mahoney, EdD, RN, president of ANA-NY.

Santelli has earned degrees in nursing from Keuka College, in Keuka Park, NY; Syracuse University; and Widener University, in Chester, PA. She has most recently served as chair of nursing at Nazareth College, in Rochester, NY, where she led the faculty in a 30 percent improvement of the first-time NCLEX-RN pass rate and participated in a \$3.5 million renovation of the nursing department’s facilities.

She has also served as executive director of the Genetic Nurses Credentialing Commission (GNCC), the first national nursing organization to award professional credentials using a portfolio model. During her tenure with the GNCC, she facilitated the transfer of the genetic nurse credentialing process to the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

She previously held the position of associate vice president for academic programs at Keuka College and was a member of the college’s nursing faculty for 17 years. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing; a member of Omicron, Upsilon Upsilon, and Pi Psi chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society; a Margretta Madden Styles Credentialing Scholar; the 2007 recipient of the Keuka College Alumni Association’s Professional Achievement Award; and the 2011 recipient of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics Founders Award for Service. She serves on the board of the Susan B. Anthony House, in Rochester, NY, and was the only nurse member of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Health Care Planning Team. Santelli and her family plan to relocate from Keuka Park to the Capital Region.

“This is a great opportunity to take this young organization to the next level,” Santelli said. “As health care rapidly evolves, professional registered nurses will continue to play critical roles as caregivers, patient advocates and policy makers. ANA-NY works to support our members’

professional development and communicate the value the nursing profession brings to the provision of quality health care.”

Karen Ballard served as the Association’s first executive director. The Association planned from the beginning to have its first, part-time executive director hand over the reins after three years. Though Ballard will remain an active member of the Association, she plans to relocate from New York City to the Pittsburgh, PA-area after the transition in order to be closer to family.

“It is important for nurses in NYS to have a vibrant professional nursing association that is part of the American Nurses Association. After knowing Dr. Santelli and her professional skills for more than 25 years, I am confident that she has the unique abilities to guide ANA-NY in leading the nursing profession,” Ballard said.

*ANA-New York is the professional association for registered nurses in the state. Launched in December 2012, ANA-New York is dedicated to promoting excellence in nursing practice, seeks to improve the quality of health care services, and promotes professional and leadership development of registered nurses. Learn more at <http://ana-newyork.org>*



## Sunday Scriptures for July



July 3	at First Baptist Church	at First Baptist Church
July 10	Amos 7:7-17	Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Amos 8:1-12	Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Psalms 85	Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
July 31	Psalms 107:1-9, 43	Luke 12:13-21



## Ushers and Greeters for July

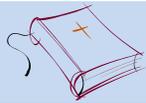


	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
July 3	at First Baptist Church	at First Baptist Church
July 10	Phoebe Baker and Karen Miles	Sharon and Jim Fairbrother
July 17	Mary-Howell and Klaas Martens	Lauren and Nate Gonzalez
July 24	Peter and Hanna Martens	Linda and Peter Jackson
July 31	Jean and Bob Constantine	Carol and Ed Seus

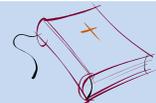
The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers and greeters. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please let the office know so the correct names appear in the bulletin.

Since there are only two ushers named for each Sunday, the greeters need to help with passing the offering plates. We appreciate your willingness to participate in the service.

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



## Bible Studies



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

- July 6      Following God's Truth, Romans 1
- July 13     Overcoming Sin's Power, Romans 3:9-20
- July 20     God Sets Things Right, Romans 3:21-31
- July 27     Living With Hope, Romans 5:1-11

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: Art Alderman, Ken Belanger, Toni Gable, Bruce LeClaire, Gary Montgomery, Ruth Soles, and Gene Spanneut.



## Food For The Needy



Non-perishable goods such as pasta, pasta sauces, peanut butter, cereals, canned vegetables, and fruits are always needed. Thank you to everyone for contribution to this program to help feed the hungry in our area and other areas. Helpers are always welcomed. Please have your contributions here at the church, in the box in the entry hall, by Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> for distribution on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## Let's Celebrate



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

Barbara Beeler	July 1	Linda and Phil Bracht anniv	July 13
Wendy Pritchard	July 1	Julie Kneeland	July 13
Judy Wilbert	July 3	Taylor Fitch	July 15
Ed Layton	July 4	Beth Curtiss	July 18
Dan Marshall	July 4	Marilyn Fitch	July 27
Ryan Marlowe	July 6	Mary Foster	July 28
Joy Pallischeck	July 10	Rachel Doan	July 29
Alan Doan	July 12		

## 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.

### News from Trustees

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

**Help on the church bus:** The Trustees are looking for volunteers to help during the transportation of disabled church goers to their churches. At least 2 volunteers are needed each Sunday of our defined month. The volunteers assist with the church goers getting on and off the bus at their residence and their desired church – you are not responsible for driving the bus!! Please see Jon Burt – a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

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

### News from the Presbyterian Women

**Pork and Chicken BBQ at Oak Hill:** Our next women's fundraiser will be selling pork and chicken BBQ at Oak Hill on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 4 PM. The money raised helps fund our mission projects. A sign-up for 2 hours shifts will be posted on the church bulletin board after June 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Char Gillespie.

**'Get To':** The Presbyterian Women 'Get To' fundraiser began in June with our annual summer picnic. Instead of thinking, "I have to" do so many things, this is a wonderful opportunity for the women of the church to 'Get To' spend time together, to forge new friendships or renew old ones. This is a time to share and appreciate our many talents. At the summer picnic, those participating drew another woman's name so you will 'Get To' give to a person and also receive

‘Get To’ from another person. Will you help garden, give a knitting lesson or maybe enjoy a leisurely lunch together? The ideas are limitless!!! When your ‘Get To’ activity is completed, the fundraising part happens as we ask you to pay \$10.00 for participating. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with other women in our congregation.

### **News from the Worship and Music Committee**

**Gluten-free Communion elements:** We are happy to announce that we have gluten-free elements for Communion, starting with our Communion in February on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Both plates contain these elements so feel free to get in either line when Communion is performed by intinction.

**Layreaders:** We are in need of layreaders for our Sunday morning services – please sign-up on the sheet on the church bulletin board. Please note that the readings for each Sunday of the month are noted under ‘Sunday Scriptures’.

#### **Summer service time:**

- On Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we begin our summer service time of 10 AM. We are worshipping at the First Baptist Church.
- On Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the members of the First Baptist Church will be joining us, with communion served at the pews. This will also be our Pie Sunday.
- On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> we will return to our winter hours of 10:30 AM.

**Summer Music:** Since our choir takes the summer off, we would love for you to share your musical talents with us!!! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so ‘ink’ your name in!!! Thank you!!!

**Thank you:** We would like to thank those who shared their talents and time to provide such great music for our congregation:

#### Bell Choir members

Robyn Ballard	Marcia Kneeland
Teresa Ballard	Janice Ogden
Linda Bracht	Joy Pallischeck
Phil Bracht	Paul Pereira
Beth Dickinson	Alexandra Rouin
Lin Dickinson	Jennifer Rouin
David Hartney	Steve Matteson, Director

#### Senior Choir

Rob Anderson	Katie Hamm
Phoebe Baker	Ryan Marlowe
Phil Bracht	Ron Norris
Beth Curtiss	Darlene Palmer
Anna Detar	Amanda Pereira
Eric Detar	Liliane Pereira
Noah Detar	Paul Pereira
Rachel Dillon	Jeanine Santelli
Abbey Duncan	Carol Seus
Bob Gillespie	Ed Seus (retired)

### Instrumentalists

Carolyn Baer - flute  
Phil Bracht - trumpet  
Anna, Noah and Eric Detar - guitar, drums and piano  
Lin Dickinson - piano  
Steve Ketcham - trumpet

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

**Chair person needed:** Christian Education is in great need of a chair person and possibly another teacher – if you are interested or want to find out more information, please contact Char.

### **News from Church Life**

**Supper Club:** We had a fun and informative Supper Club on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> with Char and Bob Gillespie sharing their exciting trip to Paris – weren't those pictures breathtaking!!!! Thank you so much Char and Bob!!!!

**Church Picnic:** Church Life Committee has set the summer picnics at Keuka Lake State Park – Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We will provide the fire and the drinks. Please bring your table service, meat you want cook and a dish to pass.

**Pie Sunday:** August 7<sup>th</sup> is Pie Sunday after the service. All are invited to enjoy. A sign-up sheet will be posted for pies in the foyer.

### **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.

### **2016 Stewardship Campaign: “Reaching in – Reaching out”**

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued strong support of our Stewardship Program. As we recognize that the sharing of our stewardship gifts lasts through the year as the Reaching In and Reaching Out lists continues here, the committee can provide an update to this portion of the program.

With great thanks the committee can report that, at this time with ~75 cards returned, our total amount pledged is \$135,408. Of course, cards may be returned at any time to the church office or in the offering plate at your convenience.

With our campaign title, here are a few of the ‘Reaching In’ and ‘Reaching Out’ items listed by Robyn and Char:

### ‘Reaching In’

Collecting items that can be used in the community  
– toiletries, coats, food, etc.  
Attending the Men’s Breakfast  
Working to support the PW mission projects  
Picking up neighbors  
Sponsoring members for various fundraisers

### ‘Reaching Out’

Medical Reserve Corps  
St. Mark’s Terrace  
Historical Preservation Board  
Yates County Council of Churches  
Yates Christmas Program

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 Saturday mornings in the church office. We usually meet for about an hour. We pray, read, and discuss how we can apply our faith in daily living. We study the Bible through the book, *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. We are now studying part 2, *Alive in the Adventure of Jesus*.

## Camp Whitman

**Summer Camp 2016:** Each summer we host two concurrent camp programs – Pine Camp (a residential recreation program for teens and adults ages 11-65 with developmental disabilities) and Tradition Camp (a residential summer camp program for school-age youth ages 6-17). Campers in each program have their own counselors, cabins and specially designed activities. The two programs join together each day for meals and evening programs. The camp is a small camp, hosting approximately 65 overnight campers per week. The campers are organized into ‘family groups’ designated by their ages. Family groups are co-ed, but cabins are separated by gender. Campers sleep in small four-bed cabins that are clustered together around a central campfire ring. Living in close quarters subtly encourages children to open up, share and explore their faith in a safe and protective environment. Counselors either sleep in the same cabin as campers or in a neighboring cabin, and are on duty chaperoning campers 24 hours/day.

Session 1 is July 3-8 with the topic ‘Anything Goes’

Session 2 is July 10-15 with the topic ‘Whitman Olympics’

Session 3 is July 17-23 with the topic ‘Water Fun’

Session 4 is July 24-29 with the topic ‘Outdoor Adventures’

Session 5 is July 31-August 5 with the topic ‘Night Owl’

Session 6 is August 7-12 with the topic ‘Helping Hands Week’

**Mission Trip Base Camp:** A new program at Camp Whitman especially for church youth groups. Each day youth and chaperones will volunteer at an area work site (projects may include painting, cleaning, gardening, etc.) and return to camp each afternoon for swimming, games, dinner and campfire worship time. All meals are included. Groups must provide their own chaperones (minimum 1 chaperone per 8 youth) and transportation to work sites. The dates are August 7-12. Youth, ages 13-18 are \$175; chaperones are free. For more information or to register, call 315-536-7753 or email [camp@campwhitman.org](mailto:camp@campwhitman.org).

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

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

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

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

## **Krossin' Keuka**

The annual Krossin' Keuka event will be held again this year on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds benefit the Keuka Comfort Care Home here in Penn Yan. Swimmers come together to complete a 0.67 mile course across Keuka Lake in order to raise money to support our local home for the terminally ill. Your donation supports the Keuka Comfort Care Home's mission of providing a facility and staff to ensure compassionate care in a peaceful, home-like environment for our community's terminally ill residents and their families, at no cost to these residents or families. Donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made on-line through the secure website [www.krossinkeuka.org](http://www.krossinkeuka.org) or checks can be made payable to Keuka Comfort Care Home and mailed directly to Krossin' Keuka, C/O KCCH, PO Box 107, Penn Yan, NY 14527. If you would like to learn more about Keuka Comfort Care Home and this event, please visit [www.keukacomfortcarehome.org](http://www.keukacomfortcarehome.org).

## **Hope Walk of Yates County**

As an Outreach Mission of the United Methodist Church-The Living Well, a 'Hope Walk of Yates County' will be held on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon – 12:00 midnight. 'Community – Cancer – Courage, We Walk As One' is the theme for the event that is being held at the YCRR – Stork Fields, 467 North Main Street, Penn Yan. All funds raised will stay in Yates County to help support those going through cancer treatment. For information, call (607)-283-HOPE (4673); to register for the walk go to [www.Facebook.com/HopeWalkOfYatesCounty](http://www.Facebook.com/HopeWalkOfYatesCounty); to donate go to [www.UMCTheLivingWell](http://www.UMCTheLivingWell).

## **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**

The church needs volunteers to help in the nursery during our Sunday service. Please see the Nursery Rotation Schedule on the bulletin board to sign-up. We greatly appreciate your help!!!!

## **Do you know???**

In a closet in the church office, there are wonderfully old, old Bibles and related books. Do you have any background information about them??? If you do, we would be so excited to learn about them!!!

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

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 AM – 10 AM, we have an exercise group in Crosier Hall. It started with a group that used to go to Curves, then they were at the Owl's Nest, but the flooding stopped them. The group requested use of Crosier Hall until they can find another home. All are welcome – the group walks in place to a video which can be from 2-3 miles but is very low impact. This good exercise program is free but the walkers give a donation into a bucket – about once a month, they put names of local charitable organizations in a hat and choose one to give the donated money. Please come and join the fun!!!!

## **Per Capita**

The Presbytery of Geneva has worked hard to keep the Per Capita apportionment at the same amount as last year - this year they are continuing this effort to keep the amount at \$44.00.

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

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

## **Presbytery of Geneva**

Have you ever considered serving on a committee of the Geneva Presbytery? There are many ways to serve. If you are interested or know of someone with wonderful gifts, the Presbytery's Nominating Committee would like to hear from you. Please contact Rev. Leah Ntuala, Chair of Nominating at [nominating@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:nominating@presbyteryofgeneva.org). If you have any questions, please let our church office know.

If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbytery of Geneva, you are welcome to go on their website at [www.presbyteryofgeneva.org](http://www.presbyteryofgeneva.org). Click on 'Meeting Info' then enter the username 'directory' and the password 'fingerlakes'. The next Presbytery meeting is at Camp Whitman on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Moderator's Letter: February 25, 2016**

**Organist Available** - If you are looking for a substitute (or full time) organist, you might want to contact Mark Brown from Lodi on the east side of Seneca Lake. Mark has just returned to his home town after spending the past 40 years teaching music in public schools as well as at

the higher ed level. He also has extensive experience as a church organist. Contact info: (845) 399-4094 (cell); (607) 582-6466; [knodish1@mac.com](mailto:knodish1@mac.com)

**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  
**Moderator's Letter: May 20, 2016**

**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** - As you might know, the month of May is dedicated to Mental Health Awareness. You may also be aware that faith and community leaders have a significant role to play in helping educate people about mental health, and also in making it easier for people to seek help when they need it. With that said, the Family Counseling Ministry of the Susquehanna Association of the United Church of Christ believes this May is a great opportunity 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.

**Cluster Meetings Begin** - Meetings of the geographic church clusters throughout the Presbytery have begun to take place. Formats for these get-togethers have ranged from simple social "get-to-know-one-another" events in Romulus, to picnics in Hornell, to soup-and-a-movie in Newark, and probably many others that have not yet hit my radar. The Design Team has asked that after each event, a *brief* report be sent to me at either [Moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:Moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org) or at [schied1@roadrunner.com](mailto:schied1@roadrunner.com). Please indicate approximate numbers, a short account of the event, and a sense of any outcomes or future plans.

**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)

**POAMN Offers Conference Scholarships** - If you are attending the POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network) Conference in Richmond, October 11-14, 2016, for the first time, or attend a Small Church (defined as 500 or less in worship on average), you are eligible for partial scholarships to help defer some of the cost to attend. Applications for each scholarship are attached and can also be found at [www.poamn.org](http://www.poamn.org). Hurry and apply, as scholarships are awarded on a first come first serve basis and are limited to 4 First Timers and 12 Small Church Scholarships.

**Moderator Visits** - As I have previously stated, I intend to travel as Moderator throughout the Presbytery this summer, to listen to thoughts and concerns as well as to hear ideas about our Presbytery's future direction. These "listening" sessions will be open to everyone from the pulpit to the pews. There is no agenda other than for conversation, questions, thoughts generated by the participants, *not* designed by me. Future dates and sites are:

July 6 – Ovid Federated Church – 6:00 PM

July 20 – Newark Park Church – 6:00 PM

August 3 – Hornell Presbyterian Church – 6:00 PM

August 17 – Horseheads Presbyterian Church – 6:00 PM

The format will be the same for each visit, and anyone may attend any of the sessions, or more than one if so desired. Walk, run, ride a horse if you want. I want to meet you and hear what you have to say. Hopefully no one will have to travel more than a half hour or so to get to a site.

**Weekend Work Camps** - A while ago a flyer went out announcing two work camp opportunities to assist two of our smaller churches with some necessary repairs and improvements. One is at Prattsburgh the last weekend in July - help build a room for the Community Food Pantry (we need to build an interior wall, run an electrical circuit, clean up bathrooms, and install new windows, plus several other small projects that will help to spruce up the building. Projected cost – under \$2,000; projected date – Friday, July 29 – Sunday, July 31). The other is at Romulus during the second week of August - replace electrical fuse box with circuit breakers, scrape and paint exterior of building, replace awning over fire escape. The Romulus Church runs a community garden - their garden shed was destroyed in a wind storm; if possible we would like to replace the shed for gardening tools (Projected cost – under \$2,000; projected date – Monday, August 8 – Wednesday, August 10). While there has been some volunteer interest expressed, there have been no commitments, and without some firm volunteers there will not be enough time to order the supplies needed for the jobs. While the camps run for 3 days each, you do **not** have to commit to all 3 days. If your church has volunteers who can commit to help, please contact one of the people listed here: David Kilgore [david.kilgore46@gmail.com](mailto:david.kilgore46@gmail.com) home: 585-438-3052 cell: 607-590-1491; Paul Salisbury [psalis14513@gmail.com](mailto:psalis14513@gmail.com) home: 315-331-0442 or John Domm [johnrdomm@gmail.com](mailto:johnrdomm@gmail.com) cell: 315-524-5311.

### **PCUSA – General Assembly news**

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 172 presbyteries – Dr. Rob Anderson will be representing our presbytery – congratulations and thank you so much!!! The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements. The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries. The 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly will be held in Portland, Oregon - June 18 - 25, 2016.

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



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8AM Men's Bkfast 9AM Men's Bible Study
<b>3</b> 10:00 Worship at First Baptist Church	<b>Independence 4</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>5</b> 8-3 Kids Advent	<b>6</b> 8-3 Kids Advent 10AM Bible Study	<b>7</b> 8-3 Kids Advent	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9AM Men's Bible Study
<b>10</b> 10:00 Worship; 2¢ meal; birthdays	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8-3 Kids Advent 6 PM Picnic	<b>13</b> 8-3 Kids Advent 10AM Bible Study <b>No</b> Session mtg	<b>14</b> 8-3 Kids Advent	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9AM Men's Bible Study
<b>17</b> 10:00 Worship;	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8-3 Kids Advent	<b>20</b> 8-3 Kids Advent 10AM Bible Study	<b>21</b> 8-3 Kids Advent	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9AM Men's Bible Study
<b>24</b> 10:00 Worship;	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8-3 Kids Advent	<b>27</b> 8-3 Kids Advent 10AM Bible Study	<b>28</b> 8-3 Kids Advent	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 Krossin Keuka 9AM Men's Bible Study 10 AM Oak Hill
<b>31</b> 10:00 Worship;						

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