

## July 2018

Many people in Spain celebrate the life and deeds of James, son of Zebedee, on Saint James' Day (Santiago Apostol), which is on July 25. Saint James was one of Jesus' first disciples. Some Christians believe that his remains are buried in Santiago de Compostela in Spain.



# The Vine



July 2018

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

Rev. Paul E. Malles, Pastor

211 Main Street, P.O. Box 639, Penn Yan 14527

Telephone 315-536-8235

[www.pennyanpresbyterian.org](http://www.pennyanpresbyterian.org)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM – Noon



## Coming Events



<b>July 1</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Service at Baptist Church</b>
<b>July 4</b>		<b>No Bible Study</b>
<b>July 7</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>July 8</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'</b>
	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship at our church</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'</b>
	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship at our church</b>
<b>July 18</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>July 22</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'</b>
	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship at our church</b>
<b>July 25</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>July 29</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Book discussion 'The Wisdom Jesus'</b>
	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship at our church</b>

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

---

### **General Assembly 2018**

The 223 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met in St. Louis, Missouri from June 16 through June 23, 2018.

The General Assembly is the highest governing body in the Presbyterian denomination. It represents synods, presbyteries, sessions and congregations. It has an equal number of ruling elders and teaching elders who are elected by presbyteries throughout the country.

This year's General Assembly voted on positions that related to contemporary issues and concerns. They discussed national and international issues.

The assembly approved a resolution calling for an end to the separation of parents from children at the U.S.-Mexico border. The resolution calls for federal authorities to reunite parents and children who have been separated and to place families "under the care of the community," instead of in detention.

The General Assembly also dealt with concerns about the environment. The assembly voted in favor of continuing corporate engagement with oil and natural gas companies, instead of divesting the denominations holdings in fossil fuel companies. Those in attendance said that this was one of the most debated issues. 40 presbyteries supported an overture for fossil fuel divestment, saying that the church has waited long enough to act on protecting the earth, while others contended that it is better to stay at the table and use the investments as leverage to advocate for environmental improvements.

The governing body addressed international issues, especially in Yemen, Korea, South Sudan and Nicaragua. The GA approved a partnership with a Salvadoran church to work together to reduce gang-related violence in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

The actions taken by the General Assembly allocate resources throughout our country and the world. The positions taken serve as guidelines for our lives of reflective faith. It is not mandatory that all Presbyterians hold the exact same policy positions.

As Christians it is good for us to be informed about what is going on in the world and prayerfully reflect what God is calling us to do. We are reminded of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for July



July 1	<b>Worship at the Baptist Church</b>	<b>Worship at the Baptist Church</b>
July 8	Genesis 1:1-5	Mark 1:4-11
July 15	1 Samuel 3:1-20	John 1:43-51
July 22	Jonah 3:1-5	Mark 1:14-20
July 29	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 8:1-13



## Ushers and Greeters for July



	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
July 1	<b>Worship at the Baptist Church</b>	<b>Worship at the Baptist Church</b>
July 8	Connie McNamara and Bill Turner	Rachel and Alan Doan
July 15	Hanna Martens and Steve Matteson	Phoebe Baker and Sandy Learn
July 22	Carol and Bob Worden	Robyn Ballard and Carol Conlon
July 29	Rachel and Rob Anderson	Judy and Jack Wilbert

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

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

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



## Nursery and Communion Help for July



	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Communion</b>
July 1	Rebeccalynn	Worship at Baptist Church
July 8	Rebeccalynn	-----
July 15	Rebeccalynn	-----
July 22	Rebeccalynn	-----
July 29	<b>Need Volunteers</b>	-----



## Bible Studies



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

July 4 – No Bible Study

July 11 - Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders, Matthew 23

July 18 - The Widow and the Unjust Judge, Luke 18:1-8

July 25 - Entering God's Kingdom, Luke 13:22-30

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: Jay Fadden, June Gnagy, Sue Goodrich, Alexander Martin, Bev Pickney, The Simpson Family, Mike Snyder, Jennifer Stollery, Mary Tennes, Bill Turner, and Joan Wiley.



## Food For The Needy



Non-perishable goods such as pasta, pasta sauces, peanut butter, cereals, canned vegetables, and fruits are always needed. Thank you to everyone for contribution to this program to help feed the hungry in our area and other areas. Helpers are always welcomed. Please have your contributions here at the church, in the box in the entry hall. 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 July. Feel free to cut this portion out and pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are listed below:

Judy Wilbert	July 3	Julie Kneeland	July 13
Ed Layton	July 4	Taylor Fitch	July 15
Dan Marshall	July 4	Beth Curtiss	July 18
Ryan Marlowe	July 6	Klaas and Mary-Howell Martens Anniv	July 26
Alex Rouin	July 7	Marilyn Fitch	July 27
Joy Pallischeck	July 10	Mary Foster	July 28
Alan Doan	July 12	Rachel Doan	July 29
Linda and Phil Bracht Anniv	July 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.

**Honoring Sue Goodrich:** On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Presbytery met at the First Presbyterian Church of Wolcott, and honored our Sue Goodrich for her 50years of service in the Geneva Presbytery. Congratulations Sue, and thank you so much for your service.

### 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.

**Renovations:** The Trustees have finished their work to the nursery - the walls excluding the mural have been repainted, the drapes and carpet were replaced, the sliding doors cleaned and polished, and a new chair and loveseat are in place – please stop in to see all the hard work they have done to help improve the church. The Trustees have also replaced the ceiling tiles and ceiling light panels in the kitchen. They are investigating a hearing loop for the Sanctuary, and they are working on replacing the ceiling fans in the sanctuary.

**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:** Thank you to all who volunteered to work and to all who supported our fundraiser by buying pork and chicken BBQ at Oak Hill on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Picnic:** We had such a wonderful gathering for our PW summer picnic on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at Linda Jackson's home. The food was delicious and the fellowship was just marvelous. Thank you to Linda Jackson for hosting and thank you to all who came and enjoyed the great evening.

**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**

**Summer Worship:** After a long winter it is so good to be into the summer months. We enjoyed the Memorial Day service with the Baptist and Methodist Churches. The rain moved us inside, but it was a great service. We appreciated Rev. Anne Waasdorp filling in for Paul on June 16<sup>th</sup>. On July 1<sup>st</sup> we will be worshipping at the Baptist Church. The service is at 10:00. Starting on July 8<sup>th</sup> we will begin our summer hours. Church will begin every Sunday at 10:00. Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> is Pie Sunday. The Baptist Church will be joining us for Worship and Communion. We will share fellowship time and delicious pies after Church. Please mark your calendars for Labor Day weekend. We will again worship in the courtyard with the Baptist and Methodist Churches.

**Summer Music:** The Choir does not sing in the summer so if you would like to be a part of the service by providing special music please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for openings. If you have already signed up or will be signing up thank you so much.

**Communion:** I saw a Robin today out my window. We have so much to be grateful for in this world. Thank you to everyone who signed up to serve communion throughout the year. The full

list is on the bulletin board and each month people serving are listed in the bulletin. If you are not sure when your month is or you need to change with someone please take a look there, once again thank you.

**Layreaders:** If you are interested in being a Lay Reader please look at the Bulletin Board for openings. Pastor Paul has the readings done in advance 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’.

**New Hymnals:** We hope everyone is enjoying the new hymnal. It is interesting reading about the origin of the hymns each week. We are continuing to take orders for purchase of new hymnals for the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a special person - please see Beth Dickinson or Jean Constantine. Additional purchased hymnals:

**Have you read the information below the hymns in the new hymnal?? Take a look – the information is very interesting and really adds to the message and significance of the hymn.**

**Gluten-free Communion elements:** We are happy to announce that we have gluten-free elements for Communion. Both plates contain these elements so feel free to get in either line when Communion is performed by intinction.

### **News from Church Life**

**Supper Club:** On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderfully informative Supper Club with a speaker from the Friends of the Outlet Committee. It was so good to hear about all the support and fundraising events for our great local treasure, the Keuka Outlet Trail.

**Church Picnics:** Save the dates for our church picnics at Keuka Lake State Park – July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Please bring your own service, meat for the grill and a dish to pass.

**Pie Sunday:** August 5<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.

### **Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee**

It has been a quick six months since the committee started their work but progress has been made to support both local missions and children across oceans. We have provided funds to Presbytery and Camp Whitman for evaluations of the Camp and plans for its future; support to the Living Well for the Need N Things Pantry and Perishable Food Pantry over the next five years; and a donation to the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps for buying building supplies, as well as scholarship funds for those that want to go on the September mission trip. We have also set funds aside for buying supplies and other needs for local youth mission trips.

In addition, the committee is in discussions with Sandy Elbert who volunteers with The Excel Education Foundation in Tanzania, Africa. This is a school(s) that have no text books for the Primary (high school) grades and the students receive one meal a day of either rice or beans. We have asked for a proposal to buy the needed books over a five year period and feed the children two to three meals a day.

Locally, we are in conversations with Pro Action / Hope Center and also with Literacy Volunteers. Work on a Community Youth Leader is on-going. We look forward to updating you on the progress of these items and new opportunities as they arise.

Enjoy each day,

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 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 2017-2018 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Elizabeth Martens, Ryan Marlowe, Amanda Pereira, Alexandra Rouin, and Geoffrey 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**

**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.

### **2018 Stewardship Campaign: “Why We Give”**

The current total amount pledged is \$136,688. 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. Again, with our thanks,

Your Stewardship Team:

Pastor Paul Malles  
Phoebe Baker  
Phil Bracht  
Robert Gillespie  
Jennifer Rouin

the Rev. Anne Waasdorp  
Linda Bracht  
Charlotte Gillespie  
Marcia Kneeland

### **News from the Memorial Committee**

The Memorial Committee has been very busy with renovations for our church – they have re-upholstered the two blue chairs in the back of the Sanctuary and had the sofa and loveseat

construction strengthened with the cushions re-stuffed. The committee is also having new cushions made which should be installed this summer.

### **Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir**

The Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir will be taking the summer off – but please keep us in mind for September, when we will meet again every Wednesday, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Crosier Hall. If you know someone who would be willing to direct a group of ding-a-lings, please invite them to join us on Wednesday evening. If you would like to join us and/or you are interested, but don't think you can play bells, please come too. We are so fortunate to have handbells and we want to continue making Joyful Noise with them.

### **New Arrival**

We are so excited to announce the arrival of a new little boy to Alyssa and Brett Wicker – welcome Bennett Wicker on June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8 lbs!!!! Congratulations and all our best to everyone.

### **Dundee Scottish Festival**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dundee Scottish Festival is on Saturday, July 14, 2018, from 10 AM – 5 PM at the VFW Post #8649 at 125 Seneca Street Extension, Dundee – on the corner of Seneca Street, Dundee and Jessop Road. Tickets are \$10. There will be a variety of events - Scottish pipes and drums, entertainment in the Main Tent, Highland Games, games, blow-ups and animals for kids, Clan Avenue, Scottish food and chicken barbeque in the Food Court and entertainment, the crowning of the Highlander and Lady Scot, massed band performance on game field. Please come and bring your family and friends.

### **Parkinson's Moving Day**

Moving Day® is the National Parkinson Foundation Greater Rochester's annual fundraising walk event, held this year on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. It is a fun and inspiring fundraising event that unites families, friends and communities both large and small in the fight against Parkinson's disease. This celebration of movement will feature a family friendly walk course, a kid's area, a caregiver's relaxation tent and a special Movement Pavilion featuring yoga, dance, Tai Chi, Pilates, etc. all proven to help manage the symptoms of PD. Moving Day proceeds raised from the campaign help to improve the quality of care for people with Parkinson's disease through research, education and outreach. Moving Day raises awareness of Parkinson's both nationally and in the local community. Our own Robyn Ballard is a PWP (Person with Parkinson's) who was diagnosed in 2001 and has participated in Moving Day since it started. Thanks to the members of her support group (Southern Tier Parkinson's Disease Group - STPDGS) and the doctors at URMC (University of Rochester Medical Center, her NPF Moving Day Tea, Montour Movers), and all her friends and family, she is doing well. She had DBS (deep brain surgery) in June 2017 that eliminated the dyskinesias - the uncontrollable movements caused by the carbo-levodopa that is the gold-standard medication for living with PD. Would you please consider sponsoring her team and her again this year?

Follow the link to find more information and to make a donation online.

[http://www3.parkinson.org/site/TR/MovingDayEvent/TR/MovingDayEvent/NPFGreaterRochester?fr\\_id=2652&pg=entry](http://www3.parkinson.org/site/TR/MovingDayEvent/TR/MovingDayEvent/NPFGreaterRochester?fr_id=2652&pg=entry)

### **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!!!

### **Live Music on the Bluff**

Join us on the Garrett Memorial Chapel grounds for two fabulous concerts – the first on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM, featuring The Ampersand Project – Twin Tiers’ biggest acoustic duo with a great sound and unique twist to the ordinary, covering music from the rock, pop and country genres. The second, on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> featuring Men Behaving Badly – Brian Witz and Mike Murphy cover a variety of your favorite classic from Crosby, Stills and Nash to the Doobie Brothers, Beatles and beyond. Admission is free. Bring a chair, refreshments and enjoy the sounds of summer on Keuka Lake!

### **Join in a Book Discussion**

Sunday mornings, starting May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-10AM we will be meeting in the church office to discuss the book ‘The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind – A New Perspective on Christ and His Message’, by Cynthia Bourgeault. If you put aside what you think you know about Jesus and approach the Gospels as though for the first time, something remarkable happens: Jesus emerges as a teacher of the transformation of consciousness. Cynthia Bourgeault is a masterful guide to Jesus’ vision and to the traditional contemplative practices you can use to experience the heart of his teachings for yourself. Please sign up on the bulletin board; secure your own copy of the book and read the first four chapters.

### **Hope Walk of Yates County**

The third annual ‘Hope Walk of Yates County’ will be held on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM. This grassroots group of community members, formerly members of the Yates County Relay for Life committee, passionate about cancer support services have come together to raise money and awareness for people in our community. The event 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.hopewalkofyatescounty.com](http://www.hopewalkofyatescounty.com).

### **Krossin’ Keuka**

The annual Krossin' Keuka event will be held again this year on Saturday, July 28<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).

### **Men’s Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study typically meets at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday morning of each month in the church office. We usually meet for about an hour. We pray, read, and discuss how we can apply our faith in daily living. We study the Bible through the book, *We Make the Road by*

## **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 hiring two nursery helpers. If you have a chance on Sunday, please stop by to welcome our two ladies in the Nursery, Rebecalynn and Ryan!!!

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

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

### **Per Capita**

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

**What does the Book of Order say about Per Capita?** “Each council above the session shall prepare a budget annually for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular churches within its bounds.

Presbyteries are responsible for raising their own funds and for the timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and to General Assembly. Presbyteries may direct per capita apportionments to the sessions within their bounds but in no case, shall the authority of the session to direct its benevolences be comprised.” (G-3.0106)

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

**What are the consequences if a Church does not contribute to the Presbytery?** The majority of congregations in the Presbytery generously contribute funds every year. When particular churches do not contribute, a greater burden of responsibility is placed on sister churches in the Presbytery to fund our mutual mission including our partnership with Synod and General Assembly. Per capita establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our connectional church as the Body of Christ, strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians. It is a moral obligation we share with one another. Some sessions encourage each member to contribute per capita beyond regular giving to the church. For more information about per capita: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/frequently-asked-questions/>

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

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

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

### **Camp Whitman Fundraising**



Dear Friends of Camp Whitman, this past summer **we welcomed 321 campers** to Camp Whitman (29% more campers than in 2016!). Many of our camp families have limited finances and receive scholarships from their home churches, but for some families a direct scholarship from Camp Whitman is their only opportunity for support. This year we accepted each and every request for financial assistance that we received. These are families in sincere need of assistance and campers who benefit greatly from the loving and supportive community at Camp Whitman. Asking for support is never easy for a family. At Camp Whitman we seek to honor these requests as fully and compassionately as possible. **25 campers received assistance from Camp Whitman** this past summer, for a **total of \$3,235**. This is a 32% increase in campers requesting and receiving funding than the previous year. **Without the assistance of our generous donors to the campership fund, these campers would not have had the opportunity to attend camp.** Please consider a gift to Camp Whitman during this giving season

to help ensure that any family, regardless of financial ability can allow their child a summer camp experience.

## 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)

## Presbytery of Geneva

The Nominating Committee seeks your suggestions for presbytery committee positions. All suggestions will be gratefully received and reviewed by the Nominating Committee. You may even suggest yourself for a position. Special consideration will be given for persons in churches with members not currently serving on committees, and for persons who may increase Presbytery's diversity.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 informs us, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by Baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling; to be disciples and servants of our Lord. Within the community of the church, some people are called to particular service.

In an effort to make our Presbytery stronger, we need all the gifts of the people in the Presbytery, which includes Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, and parishioners of 60 churches in the Presbytery of Geneva. We are asking you to provide names of people to serve on the presbytery committees. Please give us a little information about the person you are suggesting, including some of the gifts you feel they possess. This will enable us to do our work as a committee to discern where best to ask people to serve.

Please send your list of names to Elder Phoebe Bakes, Chair of Nominating. You can email her at [phbbaker@gmail.com](mailto:phbbaker@gmail.com) or send a letter to Phoebe Baker, 3695 Bay View, Penn Yan, NY 14527. If the Nominating Committee does not hear from you, we will be calling you to ask for your suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The Nominating Committee – Elder Phoebe Baker, Elder Larry Bates, Sylvia Dorschel, the Rev. James Gerling, the Rev. Cynthia Huling Hummel, the Rev. Cheryl Peeples, Elder Paul Salisbury

If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbytery of Geneva, you are welcome to go on their website at [www.presbyteryofgeneva.org](http://www.presbyteryofgeneva.org). Click on 'Meeting Info' then enter the username 'directory' and the password 'fingerlakes'.

## Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva:

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

### **From the Moderator's Letters:**

**Organist Available** - If you are looking for a substitute (or full time) organist, you might want to contact Mark Brown from Lodi on the east side of Seneca Lake. Mark has just returned to his home town after spending the past 40 years teaching music in public schools as well as at the higher ed level. He also has extensive experience as a church organist. Contact info: (845) 399-4094 (cell); (607) 582-6466; [knodish1@mac.com](mailto:knodish1@mac.com)

**Contact the Moderator?** While you can always communicate with me through the Presbytery office, you may also contact me directly. Phone contact: (607) 583-7975 h (best choice); (607) 725-0785 c; [moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:moderator@presbyteryofgeneva.org). Peace and blessings, Dick

**Help Wanted** - Quarter-time Administrative Assistant position available at the First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY. Annual salary is \$7000. Applicant must have strong PC, MS Office, and internet skills. Ability to maintain confidentiality and work with people are key to this position. Send cover letter and resume to the attention of Karen Rhodes, First Presbyterian Church, 520 N Decatur, Watkins Glen, NY, 14891.

**Message from Family Counseling Ministries** - The Family Counseling Ministry of the Susquehanna Association of the United Church of Christ wants to remind our church members that mental health is important for everyone. We ask you to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to this 40-year old ministry. You, and/or your congregation, can do so by making your check out to: *Family Counseling Ministry* then send to: Phebe A. Gustafson, Business Manager, 201 Rachel Carson Way, Ithaca, NY 14850: Thank you.

**Travel Communion Set Available** - A retired pastor has offered a travel communion set to a church that might be in need of one. If you know of a church that could use such a resource, contact Alan Schenck at [schenck@rochester.rr.com](mailto:schenck@rochester.rr.com)

**Got Four Wheels and a Motor?** - Stony Point Conference Center lost its transport vehicle in a recent crash (no one hurt but the Toyota)! If you have a vehicle to donate in good mechanical condition (newer or older), contact Rick at [\(845\) 608-4056](tel:8456084056) by text or phone or by email at [rickuffordchase@gmail.com](mailto:rickuffordchase@gmail.com).

**Young Adult Volunteer Applications Are Available** - The application process for the 2017-18 YAV year began October 1 and continues to be available. Please share this with young adults you know who are interested in applying or who would benefit from a faith-based year of service. Contact Blake Collins at [blake.collins@pcusa.org](mailto:blake.collins@pcusa.org) or go to the program website at [www.youngadultvolunteers.org](http://www.youngadultvolunteers.org).

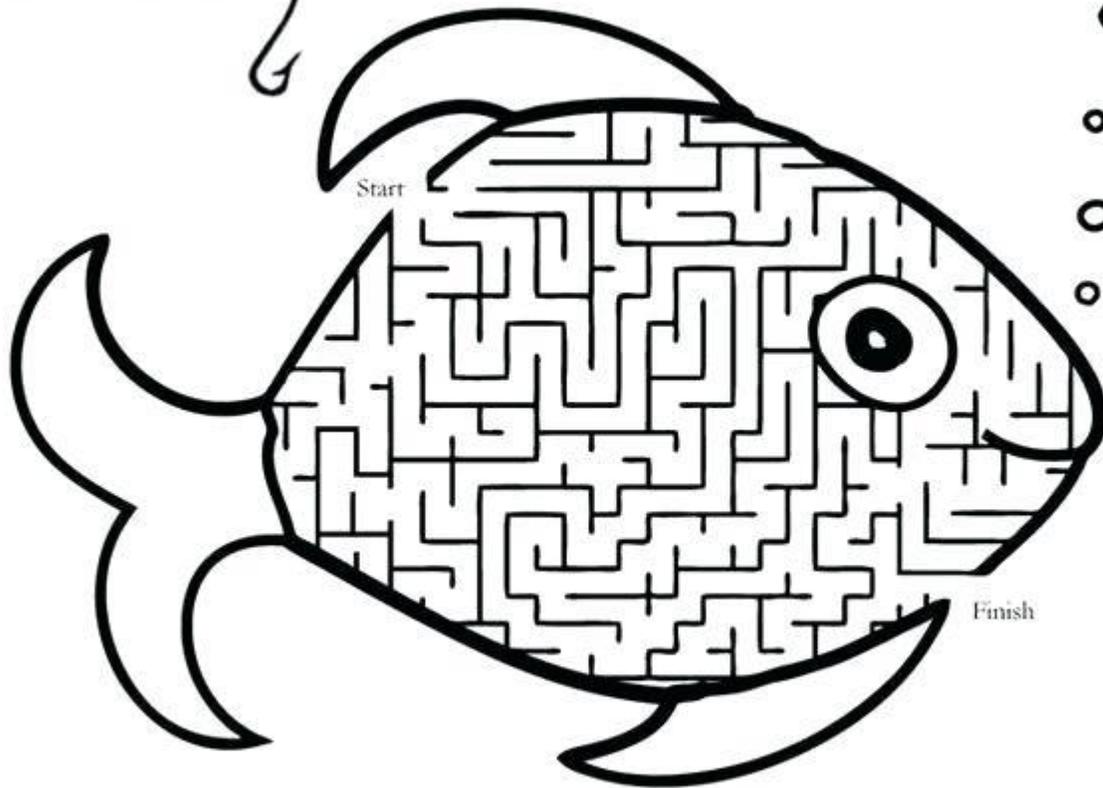
**Hurricane Relief - Monetary Help:** You can write a check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance directly or through your home church. Write the PDA or donate online, be sure to include your church's PIN. PDA channels 95% of all cash received directly to those affected by disasters. Grants are determined through PDA teams in consultation with presbytery teams and local PCUSA churches and their networks. Grants have been used to assist church reconstruction, and some churches have simply used grants to assist those who need food or clothing, or even those who have lost church jobs. And for the long-haul PDA is best known for regional home repair needs-housing, supervising, and resourcing volunteer work teams from across the US.

The 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly is meeting on June 16-23, 2018 in St. Louis, Missouri. If you are planning to attend, please let the Geneva Presbytery office know at 315-536-7753 (option 1) or by emailing [officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva.org). There will be a Presbytery dinner on June 19<sup>th</sup> and they would love to have you meet and fellowship with them.

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

## FISHERS of MEN



And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." **Mark 1:17**

© Crafting The Word Of God

## July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Independence 4 Day</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
10:00 Worship at Baptist Church	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH 9AM Exercise	<b>No Bible Study</b>	10AM PathStone 12:30-7:30 WIC	9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfst 9AM Men's Bible Study
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
9 Book discussion 10:00 Worship; Sunday school 2¢ meal; birthdays	9AM Exercise	8-4 KAT 9AM Exercise 10:15-3:15 IAH	8-4 KAT 10AM Bible Study	8-4 KAT 10AM PathStone	9AM Exercise	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
9 Book discussion 10:00 Worship; Sunday school Deacons mtg.	9AM Exercise	8-4 KAT 9AM Exercise 10:15-3:15 IAH 6PM Church Picnic	8-4 KAT 10AM Bible Study	8-4 KAT 10AM PathStone	8-4 WIC 9AM Exercise (walk the block)	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
9 Book discussion 10:00 Worship; Sunday school	9AM Exercise	8-4 KAT 9AM Exercise 10:15-3:15 IAH	8-4 KAT 10AM Bible Study	8-4 KAT 10AM PathStone	9AM Exercise	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
9 Book discussion 10:00 Worship; Sunday school	9AM Exercise	8-4 KAT 9AM Exercise 10:15-3:15 IAH				

First Presbyterian Church  
211 Main Street, PO Box 639  
Penn Yan, NY 14527

**JULY 2018**

*Faith*

*Hope*

*Love*