

## July – August 2019

The transfiguration of Jesus is an event reported in the New Testament when Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. By all accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James, and John, go to a mountain to pray. On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice in the sky, assumed to be God the Father. Many Christian traditions, commemorate the event in the Feast of the Transfiguration.



# The Vine



July-August 2019

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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## Coming Events



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|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>July 3</b>    | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b> | <b>Bible Study</b>                           |
| <b>July 6</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 7</b>    | <b>10:00 PM</b>            | <b>Worship at Baptist Church</b>             |
| <b>July 10</b>   | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b> | <b>Bible Study</b>                           |
| <b>July 14</b>   | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b> | <b>2 Cents a Meal</b>                        |
| <b>July 17</b>   | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00</b>    | <b>Bible Study</b>                           |
| <b>July 18</b>   | <b>6:00 PM</b>             | <b>Church picnic – Keuka Lake State Park</b> |
| <b>July 20</b>   | <b>2:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b>   | <b>Celebration for Elizabeth and Jorge</b>   |
| <b>July 24</b>   | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b> | <b>Bible Study</b>                           |
| <b>July 31</b>   | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b> | <b>Bible Study</b>                           |
| <b>August 3</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>August 4</b>  | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b> | <b>Pie Sunday</b>                            |
| <b>August 7</b>  | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00</b>    | <b>Bible Study</b>                           |
| <b>August 11</b> | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b> | <b>2 Cents a Meal</b>                        |
|                  |                            | <b>Deacon's meeting following service</b>    |
| <b>August 14</b> | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00</b>    | <b>Bible Study</b>                           |
| <b>August 20</b> | <b>6:00 PM</b>             | <b>Church picnic – Keuka Lake State Park</b> |
| <b>August 21</b> | <b>10:00 AM – 11:00</b>    | <b>Bible Study</b>                           |
|                  | <b>7:00 PM</b>             | <b>Session meeting</b>                       |



## Coming Events continued



**August 26-30**

**Renovation of floors in Crosier Hall, the  
kitchen and the front of the Sanctuary**

**August 28**

**10:00 AM – 11:00**

**Bible Study**

# Pastor's Ponderings

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## Making Time for Reading

Summer is a great time for reading. I especially enjoy reading outside in the shade on our patio in the backyard. Feeling a gentle breeze, hearing birds chirping, and being surrounded by beautiful flowers is a great setting to enjoy a good book. I came across an interesting article by columnist Dave Astor entitled, "8 Things You Didn't Know About Famous Authors".

I learned that Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick" in 1851 was trashed by critics and did not even sellout its first printing of 3,000 copies. Melville fell into obscurity writing poetry that didn't sell very well. Melville eventually became a customs inspector for New York City.

Louisa May Alcott, author of "Little Women" died less than 48 hours after her father died. She and her father also shared the same birthday, November 29.

Theodor Seuss Geisel, popularly known as Dr. Seuss, worked briefly as a political cartoonist. Some commentators say that the hatted cat's physical appearance in his children's books resembles his Uncle Sam cartoon.

What do you know about the New Testament author Luke? He not only wrote a Gospel but also the book of Acts. Luke was a doctor. His gospel especially mentions Jesus' miraculous healings as well as angels.

Luke was a friend of the Apostle Paul. He most likely wrote during the latter decade of the first century. Luke was very knowledgeable about Hellenistic literature, science and culture. Luke deals with how Christians are to live as faithful disciples and as Roman Citizens. He also emphasizes Jesus' teachings and his examples of compassion and forgiveness.

Luke was commissioned by a benefactor to write Luke/Acts. He is careful to give historical details. Some scholars compare his writing style to that of an historical novel.

If you were to read a chapter a day of Luke's writings, Monday through Saturday, during July and August, you would have read his complete works.

My favorite verse from Luke's Gospel is Chapter 8:10 where Jesus says, "Do not fear, only believe."

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for July-August



|           |                               |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| July 7    | Worship at the Baptist Church | Worship at the Baptist Church |
| July 14   | Amos 7:7-17                   | Luke 10:25-37                 |
| July 21   | Amos 8:1-12                   | Luke 10:38-42                 |
| July 28   | Psalm 85                      | Luke 11:1-13                  |
| August 4  | Hosea 11: 1-11                | Luke 12:13-21                 |
| August 11 | Isaiah 1:1, 10-20             | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16          |
| August 18 | Isaiah 5:1-7                  | Hebrews 11:29-12:             |
| August 25 | Jeremiah 1:4-10               | Luke 13:10-17                 |



## Ushers and Hospitality for July-August



|           | <b>Ushers</b>   | <b>Hospitality</b>            |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|
| July 7    | Worship at the Baptist Church                             | Worship at the Baptist Church |
| July 14   | Barbara and Alan Belcher<br>Linda and Larry Perkins       | Linda Bracht                  |
| July 21   | Carolyn and Jim Baer<br>Daniel Martens and Jon Burt       | Wedding committee             |
| July 28   | Janice Ogden and Sandy Learn<br>Deb and Mike Snyder       | Robyn Ballard                 |
| August 4  | Char and Bob Gillespie<br>Jean and Bob Constantine        | Pie Sunday                    |
| August 11 | Beth Curtiss and Bill Turner<br>Bernie and Gene Spanneut  | Linda Jackson                 |
| August 18 | Rachel and Rob Anderson<br>Barbara and Alan Belcher       | Carol Seus                    |
| August 25 | Carolyn and Jim Baer<br>Sherri Borglum and Darlene Palmer | Linda Malles                  |

The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers. We appreciate your willingness to participate in the service.

A copy of the duties can also be found on the church website. The schedule and duties are available from the church office upon request.



## Nursery and Communion Help for July-August



|           | <b>Nursery</b>                | <b>Communion</b>                       |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
| July 7    | Worship at the Baptist Church | Worship at the Baptist Church          |
| July 14   | Rebeccalynn                   | -----                                  |
| July 21   | Rebeccalynn                   | -----                                  |
| July 28   | Rebeccalynn                   | -----                                  |
| August 4  | Rebeccalynn                   | Jean and Bob Constantine, Linda Bracht |
| August 11 | Rebeccalynn                   | -----                                  |
| August 18 | Rebeccalynn                   | -----                                  |
| August 25 | Rebeccalynn                   | -----                                  |



## Bible Studies



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

July 3 - Jesus Teaches about Right Attitudes, Matthew 5:1-12  
 July 10 - Jesus Teaches about Fulfilling the Law, Matthew 5:13-20  
 July 17 - Jesus Teaches Us to Love One Another, Matthew 5:21-32  
 July 24 - Jesus Teaches about Transforming Love, Matthew 5:38-48  
 July 31 - Jesus Teaches about Spiritual Discernment, Matthew 7:1-23

August 7 - A Covenant between Friends, 1 Samuel 18-20  
 August 14 - A Mother-Daughter Covenant, Ruth 1:1-18  
 August 21 - A Covenant to Marry, Ruth 1:6-18  
 August 28 - Marriage: A Covenant of Mutual Love, Ephesians 5:21-6:4

If you would like to host a Bible Study in your home, please let the office know at 536-8235. Your hospitality is appreciated. Otherwise, please join us in the Pastor's Study at 10:00 AM – everyone is welcome.



## Prayer Line



Charlotte Gillespie  
Judy Wilbert

315-536-7185  
607-292-6958

Nancy Burt

315-536-8286

Please keep the following in your prayers: Larry Ayers, Jay Fadden, Sharon Fairbrother, June Gnagy, Sue Goodrich, Callie Hopkins, Pat Johnson, Marilyn Malles, Alexander Martin, Marcia Kneeland, Bev Pinckney, James Rohr, Joe Simpson, Jennifer Stollery, Mary Tennes, and Joan Wiley.



# Keuka Food Pantry



Non-perishable goods such as pasta, pasta sauces, peanut butter, cereals, canned vegetables, and fruits are always needed. Thank you to everyone for contribution to this program to help feed the hungry in our area and other areas. Helpers are always welcomed. Please have your contributions here at the church, in the box in the entry hall. Hours of operation for the Hope Center Keuka Food Pantry are Monday, 9AM-2PM, Tuesday, 11AM-4PM and Thursday, 10AM-2PM – clients can visit the pantry for your monthly distribution on a day/time that works best for them.



## Let's Celebrate



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

### July

|                             |         |                                     |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Judy Wilbert                | July 3  | Julie Kneeland                      | July 13 |
| Ed Layton                   | July 4  | Taylor Fitch                        | July 15 |
| Dan Marshall                | July 4  | Rob and Rachel Anderson Anniv.      | July 16 |
| Ryan Marlowe                | July 6  | Beth Curtiss                        | July 18 |
| Alex Rouin                  | July 7  | Klaas and Mary-Howell Martens Anniv | July 26 |
| Joy Pallischeck             | July 10 | Marilyn Fitch                       | July 27 |
| Alan Doan                   | July 12 | Mary Foster                         | July 28 |
| Linda and Phil Bracht Anniv | July 13 | Rachel Doan                         | July 29 |

### August

|                                  |           |                               |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Matt and Kerry Fitch Anniv       | August 2  | Sharon Fairbrother            | August 21 |
| Joy and Marvin Pallischeck Anniv | August 3  | Geoffrey Rouin                | August 21 |
| Sally Schleigh                   | August 7  | Mark Detwiler                 | August 22 |
| Kittie Kneeland                  | August 10 | Jen and Phil Rouin Anniv      | August 24 |
| Dick Gillespie                   | August 14 | Joshua Doan                   | August 25 |
| Joshua Baxter                    | August 14 | Joan and Dave Wiley Anniv.    | August 25 |
| Bob Constantine                  | August 15 | Kiki Seago                    | August 29 |
| Carolyn Hopkins                  | August 16 | Robyn and Duane Ballard Anniv | August 30 |
| Meghan Doan Bevins               | August 18 |                               |           |

### 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

**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:** Our Trustees have climbed up on our flat roof and resealed it – so hopefully that pesky leak that has been dripping outside near the south door is in the past!! Also, the problem with our organ not coming on when the power button was pushed has been discovered – a part had to be ordered – it should be installed within a few days of this publication!!!

### News from the Presbyterian Women

**Summer Picnic:** We had a marvelous Presbyterian Women's picnic on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Keuka Lake State Park. What a wonderful time to meet new women, catch up with others and relax by the lake, while eating such delicious food. We had a brief meeting to catch up on current and future events!! Thank you to all who attended and brought such delicious food, and a special thank you to Bernie for bringing us up to date on happenings!!

**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:** It is so exciting to see the sun – this must really mean that summer is here!!! We enjoyed the Memorial Day service with the Baptist and Methodist Churches - what a great service. On July 7<sup>th</sup> we will be worshipping at the Baptist Church – just a reminder that the service is at 10:00. Sunday, August 4<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.

**Choir – Summer Worship Music:** With summertime coming it means our choir gets a vacation. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to share their musical talents with the congregation on a Sunday morning. Anyone who plays an instrument or sings or does both is welcome. If you have a friend or relative who enjoys sharing their talents please let them know that we would love to hear them. It is wonderful that our Choir is able to take a break through the summer and we look forward to their return in the fall. If you would like to join the choir, they are always looking for new voices to sing with them. In the fall, rehearsals will be on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, and then each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM in the choir room.

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

**Layreaders:** Pastor Paul has all of the scriptures chosen through December so that you do have time to practice the readings in advance. Please note that the readings for each Sunday of the month are noted in the Vine under “Sunday Scriptures”. If you would like to take part in a worship service and read the scripture on Sunday morning, please sign up on the bulletin board.

## News from Outreach

**Veterans Outreach:** Our social work interns have now graduated from Keuka College, but the Yates County Veterans' Service Agency here for reaching out to area Veterans who may be home bound or isolated. Are you aware of any Veterans and their families who might benefit from the agency's support? Please contact our county Veterans' Service Agency office at (315) 536-5196, if you have any questions or want to refer a family/Veteran. Thank you – Phil Rouin.

**Volunteer Fair:** A Volunteer Fair will be held in Crosier Hall on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. A variety of volunteer organizations will be available to provide information about their services and opportunities to help.

## News from Church Life

**Church Picnics:** Save the dates for our church picnics at Keuka Lake State Park – July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Please bring your own service, meat for the grill and a dish to pass.

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

**Pie Sunday:** August 4<sup>th</sup> is Pie Sunday after the service. All are invited to enjoy. A sign-up sheet will be posted for pies on the bulletin board in the foyer.

## **News from Christian Ed**

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

### **Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee**

During the summer months, the committee will connect with the ongoing outreach projects that are being funded and also look for additional projects.

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

Peace,

Robert Constantine, Chairperson

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

The Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Gift fund is available for all members of the church who are going on for higher education. These gifts are given out twice a year, in September and in January. If you want to apply, you need to find an application form on the table in the back of the sanctuary, fill it out with as much information as possible, and mail it to Char Gillespie, 2888 Sherman Hollow, Penn Yan, NY 14527 or call at 315-536-7185 or email the application to: [charlottegillespie41@gmail.com](mailto:charlottegillespie41@gmail.com). The committee especially needs to know whether you are a full time or part time student, how many credit hours you will be taking if applicable, your major, and when you hope to complete your education. Later in the year you will be asked to provide the committee with a copy of your official registration for courses for the upcoming semester. An application needs to be filled out each year you are in school. You may also contact any member of the committee: Chairman - Charlotte Gillespie; Student Coordinator - Judith Wilbert. The students receiving higher ed gifts for the 2018-2019 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Elizabeth Martens, Alexandra Rouin, Geoffrey Rouin, and Lin Dickinson.

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

### **News from the Deacons**

**Usher and Hospitality list for 2019:** The Usher and Hospitality list through December 2019 is posted on the bulletin board. If the date does not work for you, please feel free to talk to others on the list to switch!!

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

### **Hold the Date**

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

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

The current total amount pledged is \$131,659. We are pleased to continue to offer the choice of using an automated electronic procedure for pledged offerings. If you wish to take to take advantage of this method, please contact Linda Bracht, our church Treasurer and team member. She will need your bank account and routing numbers, the amount and frequency you desire for your offering. Of course, the usual method of presenting offerings continues to be available.

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

### **Name Tags**

Is your name tag up-to-date, or do you need a name tag??? If so, please drop a note in the collection plate, or see an usher or greeter, or tell someone in the church office!!!

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

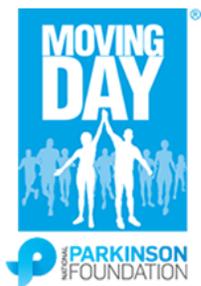
The Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir has joined the chime and bell choir of the Methodist Church. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:15 PM -7:15 PM alternating between our church and the Methodist Church. We are planning to play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (but if the Buffalo Bills are playing at home on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, then we will play on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday!!!). If you know someone or if you are interested in playing with us, please join us on Wednesday evening. We are so fortunate to have handbells and we want to continue making Joyful Noise with them.

### **Men’s Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study typically meets at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday morning of each month in the church office.

### **Dundee Scottish Festival**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dundee Scottish Festival is on Saturday, September 7, 2019, 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.



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

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

Moving Day is your chance to speak up about Parkinson’s disease and move others to take action. It is a movement for change towards more awareness, more funding, and more understanding of a disease that affects so many of our family and friends. The Parkinson’s

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

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

The fourth annual 'Hope Walk of Yates County' will be held on Saturday, August 24<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 and/or to donate go to [www.hopewalkofyatescounty.org](http://www.hopewalkofyatescounty.org).

### **Krossin' Keuka**

The annual Krossin' Keuka event will be held again this year on Saturday, July 27<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).

### **Keuka Lake Music Festival**

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

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

"Paul's Place", the Respite Care Program initiated by the Living Well, is held the third Thursday of each month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Penn Yan from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM. This program is geared to serve people living and dealing with dementia or early stage Alzheimer's. If someone you know, or care for, could benefit from this program, please contact Kim Lyons at the Living Well at (315) 536-0838 for information and arrangements to attend.

## **Sunday Hospitality**

### *Helping With Hospitality*

Sunday morning is for many the core of our congregational life, a special time of the week when we gather to reflect and contemplate, celebrate, and revere life's mysteries and things of ultimate concerns. During this time, we are spending with each other and getting involved in each other's lives, deep fellowship is experienced. The relationships are the glue that hold the church together.

Sustaining each service is a group of volunteers who perform hospitality duties to make the service comfortable and pleasing for our congregation.

Many hands make light work. Everyone is encouraged to participate. As a congregation, we all share the responsibility of welcoming each other and hosting our guests. Newcomers are also invited to participate. Helping with hospitality is a great way to get to know other newcomers and longtime members and feel more a part of the church family.

Each week it takes about seven volunteers and two additional volunteers are needed monthly to support our Sunday Service. When everyone volunteers a few times during the church year, every task can be comfortably covered.

*Ushers (4)* - Each Sunday one usher welcomes people at the church entrance; one distributes bulletins in the aisle and two others welcome people as they enter the sanctuary and encourage people to wear name tags. Ushers help collect offerings, light candles, restock pew racks, ring church bell, manage microphone during announcements and joys/concerns, etc.

*Hospitality (1)* – Hospitality volunteers host a simple Coffee Hour (the quality of fellowship is more important than quantity of the food), and cake/cupcakes for birthday Sunday which is the second Sunday of the month.

*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.

### *How Do I Sign Up?*

The easiest way to sign-up to volunteer for Hospitality, as an Usher, Lay Reader, helper in the nursery, server of Communion, 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 hospitality and usher two times per year, once during January - June and once each July - December.

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

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

Providing snacks for the fellowship time after church can be a bit daunting, or maybe just a hassle. If hospitality happens to be a gift of yours and you look forward to baking and all the rest-have at it! If having to provide food is something that usually deters you from greeting,

please know that the refreshments are the last thing you should worry about! There is no need to cook or even buy more than you feel led to or are able. We have simple tastes-and there is almost always something in the freezer that can be defrosted. Also, there are friends ready to give a coffee maker tutorial if needed.

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

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

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

### **Nursery Help**

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

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

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

### **Per Capita**

**Our Per Capita for 2019 is \$50 – if you give electronically, please tell Linda Bracht what is the amount and when you would like the church to take the per capita – she does not take it automatically.**

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

**What does the Book of Order say about Per Capita?** “Each council above the session shall prepare a budget annually for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular churches within its bounds. Presbyteries are responsible for raising their own funds and for the timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and to General Assembly. Presbyteries may direct per

capita apportionments to the sessions within their bounds but in no case, shall the authority of the session to direct its benevolences be comprised.” (G-3.0106)

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

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

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

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

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

## **Presbytery of Geneva Camp Whitman**



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

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

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

## Presbytery of Geneva

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Congregational Training for Disaster Preparedness: Are you ready?** – the Presbyterian Women is partnering with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to promote disaster preparedness in local congregations. Virginia Champlin (Presbyterian Church of Geneva) and Linda Werts (Park Presbyterian Church in Newark) have received specialized training and are available to work with your congregation. You can contact them at [danvirginia@aol.com](mailto:danvirginia@aol.com) or [lwerts@aol.com](mailto:lwerts@aol.com). PDA also offers resources to assist congregations at this link <https://pda.pcua.org/page/disasster-preparedness/>.

**Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019:** The Presbytery needs a registrar in order to send a delegation from the Presbytery of Geneva. Office Administrator, Alicia Alvarez can provide the clerical support but we need a leader to shepherd this process. There is also a lot of support available through the excellent leadership of National Registrar, Molly Atkinson. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to provide this leadership on behalf of the youth of our

Church. The reality is that without a registrar, the Presbytery cannot send a delegation. Contact [leader@presbyteryofgeneva.org](mailto:leader@presbyteryofgeneva.org).

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

**Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva:**

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

**PCUSA – General Assembly news**

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

# Kids Corner

## The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



D Y G M S T A L K I N G I M J  
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B E K E H M N L L W A G M P N  
J R S J A A P T G F C U J P I  
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C C L O T H E S H R E E C X N  
C D H N P Y E L I J A H E J F

FLASH  
CLOUD  
JAMES  
TALKING

LIGHTNING  
PETER  
PRAY  
FACE

MOSES  
CHANGED  
CHOSEN  
BRIGHT

JOHN  
VOICE  
CLOTHES  
APPEARED

MOUNTAIN  
JESUS  
ELIJAH  
DISCIPLES

## July 2019

| Sun                                     | Mon                                | Tues   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                | Sat   |
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|   | <b>1</b>                           | <b>2</b>                                     | <b>3</b>                                       | <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> 4</b>  | <b>5</b>           | <b>6</b>                                      |
|   | 9AM Exercise                       | 10:15-3:15 IAH                               | 9AM Exercise<br>10AM Bible Study               |  | <b>No exercise</b> | 8AM Men's Bkfast<br><br>9AM Men's Bible Study |
| <b>7</b>                                | <b>8</b>                           | <b>9</b>                                     | <b>10</b>                                      | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b>          | <b>13</b>                                     |
| 10:00 Worship at Baptist Church         | 9AM Exercise                       | 8-10 Living Well breakfast<br>10:15-3:15 IAH | 9AM Exercise<br>10AM Bible Study               | 8-10 Living Well breakfast<br>10-2 PathStone   | 9AM Exercise       |   |
| <b>14</b>                               | <b>15</b>                          | <b>16</b>                                    | <b>17</b>                                      | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>          | <b>20</b>                                     |
| 10:00 Worship<br><br>2¢ meal; birthdays | 9AM Exercise<br><br>10:15-3:15 IAH | 8-10 Living Well breakfast<br>9-2:30 KAT     | 8AM Exercise<br>9-2:30 KAT<br>10AM Bible Study | 8-10 Living Well breakfast<br>9-2:30 KAT<br>10 ARC Worship<br>10-2 PathStone<br>6PM Picnic | 9AM Exercise       | 2-4 Elizabeth/Jorge celebration               |
| <b>21</b>                               | <b>22</b>                          | <b>23</b>                                    | <b>24</b>                                      | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>          | <b>27</b>                                     |
| 10:00 Worship                           | 9AM Exercise<br>10:15-3:15 IAH     | 8-10 Living Well breakfast<br>9-2:30 KAT     | 8AM Exercise<br>9-2:30 KAT<br>10AM Bible Study | 8-10 Living Well breakfast<br>9-2:30 KAT<br>10-2 PathStone                                 | 9AM Exercise       |   |
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| 10:00 Worship                           | 9AM Exercise<br>10:15-3:15 IAH     | 8-10 Living Well breakfast<br>9-2:30 KAT     | 8AM Exercise<br>9-2:30 KAT<br>10AM Bible Study |  |                    |   |

## August 2019

| Sun                               | Mon                            | Tues                          | Wed                              | Thu                           | Fri   | Sat                      |
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|                                   |                                |                               |                                  | 8-10 Living Well<br>breakfast | 9AM Exercise  | 8AM Men's Bkfst          |
|                                   |                                |                               |                                  | 9-2:30 KAT                    |   | 9AM Men's Bible<br>Study |
|                                   |                                |                               |                                  | 10-2 PathStone                |   |                          |
|                                   |                                |                               |                                  | 12-8:30 WIC                   |   |                          |
| <b>Pie Sunday 4</b>               | <b>5</b>                       | <b>6</b>                      | <b>7</b>                         | <b>8</b>                      | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                |
| 10:00 Worship                     | 9AM Exercise<br>10:15-3:15 IAH | 8-10 Living Well<br>breakfast | 8AM Exercise<br>9-2:30 KAT       | 8-10 Living Well<br>breakfast | 9AM Exercise  |                          |
|                                   |                                | 9-2:30 KAT                    | 10AM Bible Study                 | 9-2:30 KAT                    |   |                          |
|                                   |                                |                               |                                  | 10-2 PathStone                |   |                          |
| <b>11</b>                         | <b>12</b>                      | <b>13</b>                     | <b>14</b>                        | <b>15</b>                     | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>                |
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|                                   |                                | 6PM Picnic                    | 7PM Session                      |                               |   |                          |
| <b>25</b>                         | <b>26</b>                      | <b>27</b>                     | <b>28</b>                        | <b>29</b>                     | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>                |
| 10:00 Worship                     | Work on floors in              | Crosier Hall,                 | kitchen, and front               | of Sanctuary                  |  |                          |
|                                   |                                | 8-10 Living Well<br>breakfast | 10AM Bible Study                 | 10-2 PathStone                |   |                          |
|                                   |                                | 10:15-3:15 IAH                |                                  |                               |   |                          |

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