

## August 2018

The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots *trans-* ("across") and *figura* ("form, shape"). It thus signifies a change of form or appearance. This is what happened to Jesus in the event known as the Transfiguration: His appearance changed and became glorious. The three who are privileged to witness the event are Peter, James, and John, the three core disciples. Luke states that Jesus took the three "on the mountain to pray." This mountain is often thought to be Mt. Tabor in Israel, but none of the gospels identify it precisely.



## The Vine



August 2018

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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### Coming Events



<b>August 1</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>August 4</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 5</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 – Pie Sunday</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>August 12</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</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Church Picnic at Keuka Lake State Park</b>
<b>August 19</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</b>
	<b>11:15</b>	<b>Deacons meeting following service</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>August 26</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</b>
<b>August 29</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

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### **Joyfulness**

It's August, but we still have some Christmas decorations up. I can explain.

Our grandson loves to play with our Christmas train set. The train tracks and cars belonged to my wife's mother, Betty Paris. She had her own Christmas room in the attic of her home in Belville, Michigan.

It is a family tradition that we put up the train set each year. It is also a tradition that we put the set away in January along with all the other Christmas decorations. However, when our grandson Dexter, was born, things changed.

Dexter has always been fascinated with the family Christmas train. The train cars are large and they light up. It's a large track that takes up a good part of the room. Santa waves, a smiling elf pops out of a box, elves make candy and Mrs. Clause bakes Christmas cookies. There are buttons you can press for Santa to say "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas!" "All Aboard!" There is also a train whistle and clanging bells. It's fascinating for a 4-year-old boy. It's also fun for grandpa.

One year when Dexter came to visit us in the Spring, he quickly went right up to the room hoping to find the train. It wasn't there. I had put it away with all the other decorations.

When Dexter returned for a visit this summer, I had the train ready and waiting. I also had the small artificial Christmas Tree up that he enjoys decorating.

Sure enough, just like before, when Dexter arrived in July, he ran to the upstairs room to see if the train was there. This time it was! It was just like he remembered it.

Dexter was so excited and happy. We immediately played with the train and decorated the small tree. He is coming for a visit this month. I have kept everything the same, just as he likes it.

Each day think of ways you can bring joy to someone's life. Through your thoughtfulness, kindness, and enthusiasm you can brighten someone's day. As Jesus said in John 15:11, "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." Together, let us spread Christ's joy and love.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for August



August 5	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Ephesians 4:1-16
August 12	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
August 19	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	Ephesians 5:15-20
August 26	Psalm 84	Ephesians 6:10-20



## Ushers and Greeters for August



	Ushers	Greeters
August 5	Rachel and Rob Anderson	Rachel and Alan Doan
August 12	Karen Miles	<b>Need volunteers</b>
August 19	Linda and Phil Bracht	<b>Need volunteers</b>
August 26	Callie and Jordan Hopkins	<b>Need volunteers</b>

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 August



	Nursery	Communion
August 5	<b>Need Volunteers</b>	Robyn Ballard, Rob and Rachel Anderson
August 12	<b>Need Volunteers</b>	-----
August 19	<b>Need Volunteers</b>	-----
August 26	<b>Need Volunteers</b>	-----



## Bible Studies



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

- August 1 - Parable of the Great Dinner, Luke 14:15-24
- August 8 - God's Justice, Romans 2:1-12
- August 15 - Global Economic Justice, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
- August 22 - Loving and Just Behavior, Romans 12:9-21
- August 29 - Practicing Justice, Colossians 3:5-17

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, Joe Simpson, Mike and Deb Snyder, Jennifer Stollery, Mary Tennies, 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 August. Feel free to cut this portion out and pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are listed below:

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
Carolyn Hopkins	August 16	Robyn and Duane Ballard Anniv	August 30
Meghan Doan Bevins	August 21		

### 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:** 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. Recently, they installed part of the hearing loop for the Sanctuary, and replaced 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**

**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:** We appreciated Rev. Beckie Laumeier filling in for Paul on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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:** 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**

**Church Picnic:** We have our last church picnic at Keuka Lake State Park on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Please bring your own service, meat for the grill and a dish to pass. We had so much fun at our first picnic on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – the weather was delightfully cooler and the food, as usual, was just delicious!!!! We do know how to bring food to share!!!!

**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**

While the committee has agreed to take some time off for the summer, we are still working to support opportunities for the communities near and far. Locally we are still working to support Pro Action through the Hope Center, in West Virginia sponsoring a Presbytery mission trip and in Tanzania, Africa we have received information on a grant request to support children in the Excel Education Foundation. Also, the Session held a day retreat at Camp Whitman. This offered an opportunity to see the facilities and gain an appreciation of the work needed at the camp. We will continue to work on these opportunities as the summer continues.

If you have any thoughts on programs, organizations or other opportunities you feel this committee should be aware of please let us know.

Have a safe and happy summer,  
Robert Constantine, Chair Person

### **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	the Rev. Anne Waasdorp
	Phoebe Baker	Linda Bracht
	Phil Bracht	Charlotte Gillespie
	Robert Gillespie	Marcia Kneeland
	Jennifer Rouin	

### Current Estimated Giving

	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	Surplus/Deficit
January	\$27,027.15	\$11,399.00	\$15,628.15
February	\$8,062.15	\$11,399.00	-\$3,336.85
March	\$7,435.15	\$11,399.00	-\$3,963.85
April	\$9,247.15	\$11,399.00	-\$2,151.85
May	\$6,949.15	\$11,399.00	-\$4,449.85
June		\$11,399.00	
July		\$11,399.00	
August		\$11,399.00	
September		\$11,399.00	
October		\$11,399.00	
November		\$11,399.00	
December		\$11,399.00	
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$58,720.75</b>		<b>\$1,725.75</b>
<b>Full Year</b>		<b>\$136,788.00</b>	

### 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 also had pew cushions made – they are so nice and very comfortable.

### West Virginia Mission Work Team

You are invited to join the West Virginia Mission Work Team on September 16-22, 2018 – Working to share God’s love. The September Work trip will involve working on flood damaged structures as determined by the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps, Inc (WVMAW). The Mission Team will be working with a WVMAW Site Supervisor. September 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> are the travel dates to and from Summersville, WV. The work week is September 17-21, 2018. Participants must complete and sign a Liability and Assessment of Skills Form.

Accommodations are in Summersville, WV – opportunity to visit Summersville Dam and Lake. Meals will be provided by the Presbytery of Geneva

### **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.

### **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 - STPDSDG) 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 the last of two fabulous concerts on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM 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).

### **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, Rebeccalynn 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 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).

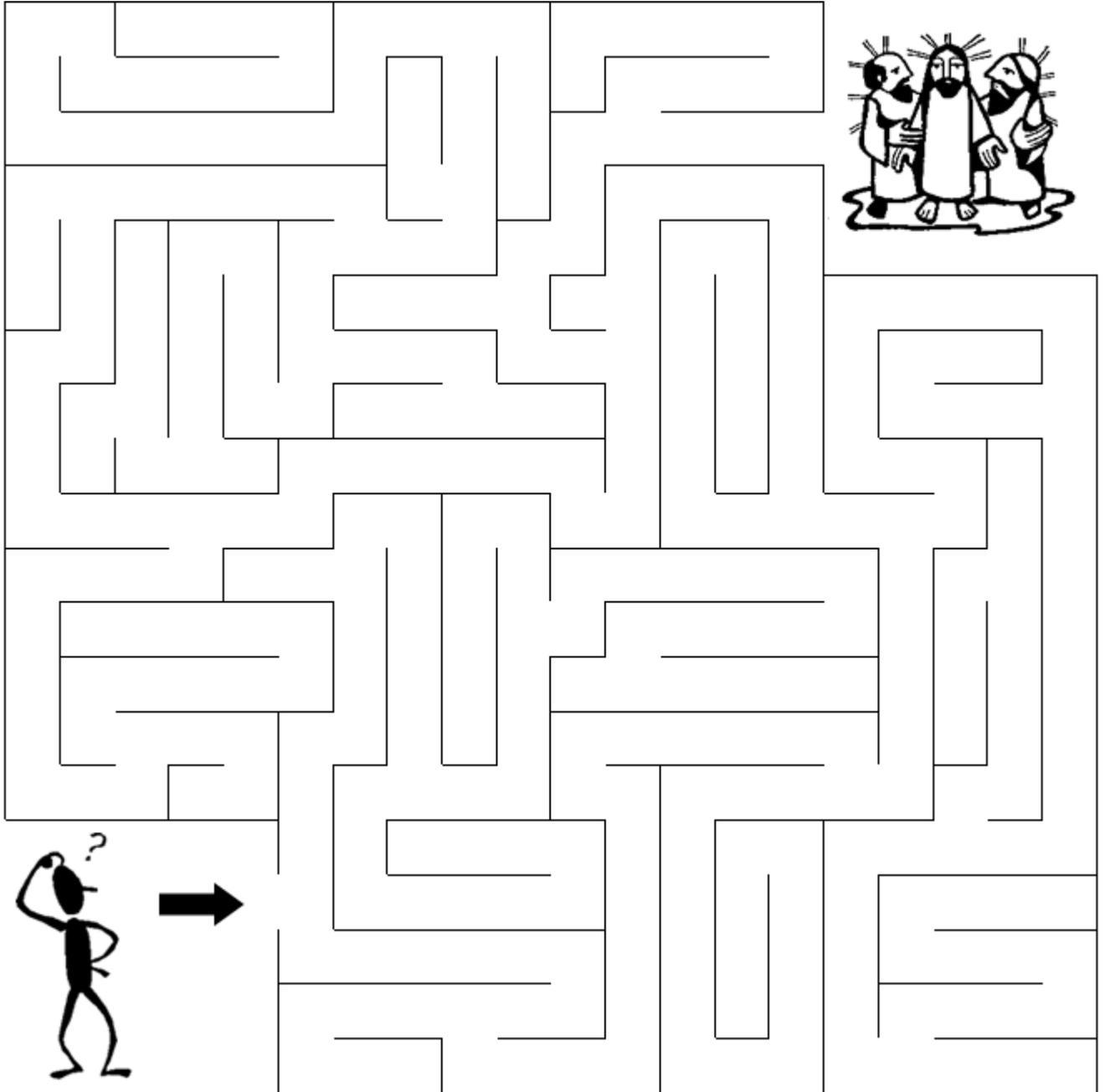
**Hurricane Relief - Monetary Help:** You can write a check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance directly or through your home church. Write the PDA or donate online, be sure to include your church's PIN. PDA channels 95% of all cash received directly to those affected by disasters. Grants are determined 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.

### **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

## Transfiguration Maze



## August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			8-4 KAT	8-4 KAT	9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfst
	9		10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		9AM Men's Bible
			12:30-7:30 WIC			Study
<b>Pie Sunday 5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise	8-4 KAT	8-4 KAT	8-4 KAT	9AM Exercise	
10:00 Worship;		9AM Exercise	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		
Sunday school		10:15-3:15 IAH				
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH	9AM Exercise	8-4 WIC	9AM Exercise	
10:00 Worship;			10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		
Sunday school						
2¢ meal; birthdays			7PM Session	6PM Church Picnic		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
9 Book discussion	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	
10:00 Worship;		10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10AM PathStone		
Sunday school						
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
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