

## September 2019

In the Christian liturgical calendar, there are several different Feasts of the Cross, all of which commemorate the cross used in the crucifixion of Jesus. The most common day of commemoration is September 14. In English, it is called The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; the celebration is also sometimes called Holy Cross Day or Holy Rood Day. According to Christian tradition, the True Cross was discovered in 326 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. The church was dedicated nine years later, with a portion of the cross - one-third remained in Jerusalem, one-third was brought to Rome and deposited in the Sessorian basilica Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Holy Cross in Jerusalem), and one-third was taken to Constantinople to make the city impregnable. The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 - the cross itself was brought outside the church on September 14 so that the clergy and faithful could pray before the True Cross, and all could come forward to venerate it.



## The Vine



September 2019

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## Coming Events



September 1	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship in Court House Park
September 3	7:00 PM	Trustees meeting
September 4	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
September 7	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
September 8	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	2 Cents a Meal
		Deacon's meeting following service
September 11	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman Committee meeting
September 15	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
September 18	10:00 AM – 11:00	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Session meeting
September 19	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	ARC Worship
	6:00 PM	Supper Club



## Coming Events continued



<b>September 22</b>	<b>9:00 AM -10:00 AM</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>September 25</b>	<b>10:00 AM – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>September 29</b>	<b>9:00 AM -10:00 AM</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>

# Pastor's Ponderings

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## Compassion

The Fourteenth Annual Pig Roast will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Valley Inn on Guyanoga Road in Branchport. One of the highlights of the event is the Pie Wheel. People pick a number on a spinning wheel and if their number lands, they get to choose a delicious homemade pie. Seeing all the pies displayed is quite a sight. Last year there were over 50 pies from which to choose.

What is your favorite fresh, homemade, pie? I'm sure it will be there.

The Pig Roast is an important fundraiser for the Keuka Comfort Care Home which provides end of life care at no costs to the individuals or their families. Staff and volunteers show great compassion while taking care of residents so that family members and friends can spend quality time together.

Residents are cared for in a homelike setting with beautiful views overlooking Keuka Lake. The volunteers and staff do their best to meet any wishes residents might have. For instance, if a resident has a favorite food, every effort is made to provide it.

The whole motivation for creating the Keuka Comfort Care Home was compassion. Everyone who cares for the residents and who helps with fundraising campaigns does so because they have the spirit of compassion.

As followers of Jesus Christ, compassion is one of the greatest gifts we can share. Every miracle Jesus performed, he did so because he felt compassion for what people were dealing with in life.

Sometime we can be so busy with all the things going on in our own life that we fail to notice what is going on in someone else's life. Jesus calls us to always be aware of ways we can be caring and supportive of people in practical ways.

I especially like 1 Peter 3:8 which states, "Finally, all of you, be like minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give of yourself and express your compassion. Listening is also important. Listen not only to people's words, but also to their feelings.

Think of all the ways God is compassionate towards you. Let's share that kindness with others.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for September



September 1	Worship in the Park	Worship in the Park
September 8	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Luke 14:25-33
September 15	Psalms 14	Luke 15:1-10
September 22	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Timothy 2:1-7
September 29	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Luke 16:19-31



## Ushers and Hospitality for September



	Ushers	Hospitality
September 1	Worship in the park	Worship in the park
September 8	Connie McNamara and Bill Turner Linda and Larry Perkins	Jean Constantine
September 15	Carolynn and Jim Baer Nellie and Lyman Beecher	Carol Worden
September 22	Joy and Marv Pallischeck Judy and Jack Wilbert	Linda Brach
September 29	Rachel and Alan Doan Linda Malles and Phyllis Alderman	Karen Montgomery

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 September



	Nursery	Communion
September 1	Worship at the Baptist Church	Worship at the Baptist Church
September 8	Rebeccalynn	----
September 15	Rebeccalynn	----
September 22	Rebeccalynn	----
September 29	Rebeccalynn	



## Bible Studies



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

- September 4 - Marriage: A Covenant of Mutual Love, Ephesians 5:21-33
- September 11 - God is Faithful, Genesis 18:16-19
- September 18 - God Answers Prayer, 1 Samuel 1:1-2:10
- September 25 - Bread from Heaven, Exodus 16

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: Phyllis Alderman, Larry Ayers, Jay Fadden, Sharon Fairbrother, Sue Goodrich, Callie Hopkins, Pat Johnson, Marilyn Malles, Alexander Martin, Marcia Kneeland, Bev Pinckney, James Rohr, the family of 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 September. Feel free to cut this portion out and pray for those whose birthdays and anniversaries are listed below:

Mary and Herb Tennies' Anniv	September 1	Jeff Johnson	September 14
Marcia Kneeland	September 6	Michael Hansen	September 18
Wava and Jim Anniversary	September 7	Cole Wicker	September 20
Sue Goodrich	September 8	Greg Doan	September 22
Eleanor Schoonover	September 8	Darlene Palmer	September 25
Mary Tennies	September 8	Christopher Johnson	September 26
Kaitlyn Hamm	September 9	Deb and Mike Snyder Anniv	September 26
Margaret Dilgard	September 11	Alyssa Wood Wicker	September 30
Bernice Spanneut	September 12		

### Congratulations To All!

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Church /Local News



### News from Session

**Electronic statements:** With the computer input of our giving, the church is posed to send statements electronically by email – this will help decrease our spending for postage. 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 are excited for our new flooring in the kitchen, Crosier Hall and the adjoining closet and the front of the sanctuary.

### **News from the Presbyterian Women**

**Fall Rummage Sale:** Is it time to think about your ‘fall house cleaning’? Our Fall Rummage Sale has setup on Wednesday and Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 1 PM. The sale is on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 3 PM with the bag sale starting at 2 PM. If you need a pickup or have questions, please call Sandy Carlson (536-8453). There will be a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board for volunteers!!

**Fall Picnic:** The Presbyterian Women are having their fall picnic on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:30 PM at Joy’s cottage at 5985 East Bluff Drive. Please bring a dish to pass - table service is provided along with iced tea, water, and coffee; the grill will be available for anyone wanting to cook meats. Please consider carpooling from the church (about 5 PM).

**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**

Hard to believe summer is winding down and we are looking forward to moving into our fall schedules. Worship and Music will be meeting in early September to plan our fall and winter schedules with World Wide Communion right around the corner in October.

**Summer Music:** We have had wonderful special music all summer and we would like to thank everyone who shared their talents with us at each service. It was a great variety of different music and each Sunday was a true joy.

**Choir:** Choir will be starting up in the next couple weeks, if you would like to join them please let Megan know. She would love to have anyone interested in singing to join them.

**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. 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. It would be great to see this filled in for the remaining of the year. Thank you.

### **News from Outreach**

**Peace and Global Witness Offering:** On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Peace and Global Witness Offering. The theme this year is ‘Opening Doors to Peace’. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Let us offer the peace of Christ in all times and all ways. Please give generously to support those working to share the dream of peace around the world, as proclaimed

by the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Giving can be done through our congregation, by texting PEACE to 20222 to give \$10, and through [presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global](http://presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global).

**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> from 10 AM – 2 PM. A variety of volunteer organizations will be available to provide information about their services and opportunities to help.

### **News from Church Life**

**Church Picnics:** We had wonderful church picnics at Keuka Lake State Park on July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> – the weather was GREAT and so was the food and fellowship!!!

**Supper Club:** We are going to have a Supper Club on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM. Connie Glover and Cheryl Davis from the Hope Center will speak to us. The Hope Center is a local charity that the Hattie Hardman Fund has helped and is helping financially. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass; we will provide drinks for everyone.

**Pie Sunday:** August 4<sup>th</sup> was Pie Sunday after the service, and what delicious pies we shared with each other and our guests from the Baptist church. Thank you to all our terrific bakers!!!

### **News from Christian Ed**

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

### **Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee**

The committee has enjoyed the summer off to connect with the ongoing outreach projects that are being funded and also look for additional projects. We look forward to our meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> to continue our church's ministry of helping those in our community and the world beyond.

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 list is posted on the bulletin board so please check for your name – thank you for helping. 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.

### **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 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.

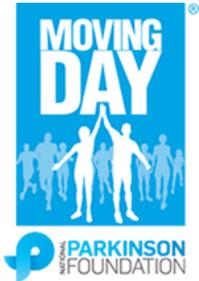
### **Men’s Bible Study**

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' was held on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. 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. All funds raised will stay in Yates County to help support those going through cancer treatment. For information, call (607) 283-HOPE (4673) or if you still wish to donate go to [www.hopewalkofyatescounty.org](http://www.hopewalkofyatescounty.org).

**Krossin' Keuka**

The annual Krossin' Keuka event was 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. If you still wish to donate, 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).

### **‘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 Rebeccalynn 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**

### **Update on Presbytery of Geneva Committees**

With our congregation enjoying the opportunity to meet the new Presbytery Leader, Ruling Elder Susan Orr, at our recent worship service, I would like to use this space to share some information regarding other changes at the Presbytery level.

The Presbytery of Geneva approved restructured Presbytery committees including the Committee on Nominations. The responsibilities of this committee are now included in the Committee on Representation.

Other committees formed during this restructuring work are:

- Committee on Operations
- Committee on Leader Care
- Committee on Vitality
- Committee on Mission and Witness
- Camp Whitman Committee

While not a new committee, the Committee on Ministry also underwent a change to include the responsibilities of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry - so there is the one committee rather than two separate committees.

Besides myself on the Committee on Representation, our congregation is represented by Pastor Paul on the Committee on Operations and Marvin Pallischeck on the Camp Whitman Committee. We are also well represented at the Presbytery leadership level by Ruling Elder Dr. Rob Anderson who serves as Moderator of the Presbytery of Geneva.

The committees listed above were formed to replace some former Presbytery committees to both include and expand their work to serve the Presbytery and the congregations of the Presbytery.

Phoebe Baker, Chairperson, Committee on Representation

**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/disaster-preparedness/>.

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:**

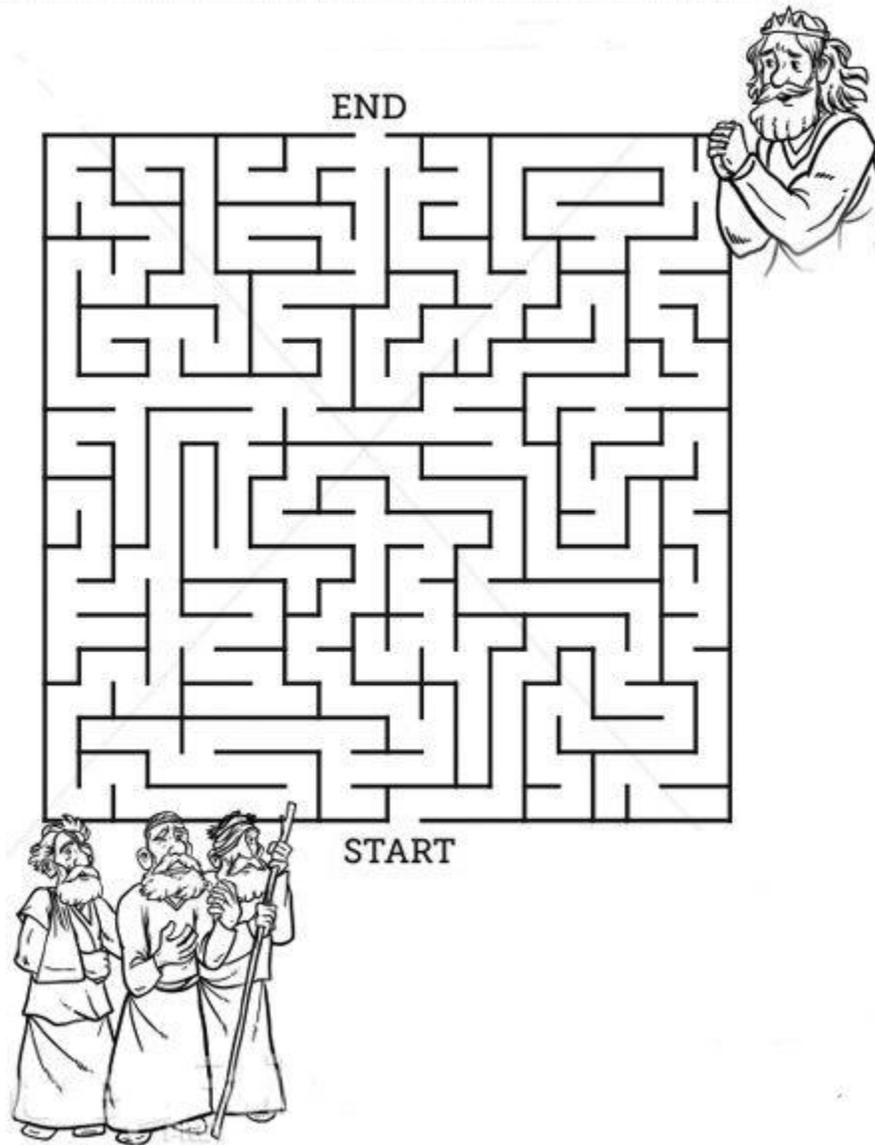
For news of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva, go to the presbytery website, then 'Presbyterian Women', and 'The Link' at the bottom of the page. Also, take a look at the Quarterly News – download the resource at [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org); select 'about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

## GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>Labor Day 2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10AM Worship Courthouse Park</b>	<b>No exercise</b>		9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study	10-2 PathStone 12-8:30 WIC	9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfast 9AM Men's Bible Study
		7PM Trustees	6:30 Bell choir 7PM Choir rehear			
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school 2¢ meal; birthdays Deacons mtg	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 7PM HH mtg	10-2 PathStone 3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study 7PM Session	8-4:30 WIC 10-2 PathStone 10 ARC Worship 3-5 Girls Club 6PM Supper Club	9AM Exercise	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study	10-2 PathStone 3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	10-2 Volunteer Fair
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise					

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