

# October 2016

In the UK, it is illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day!

<http://www.thefactsite.com/2011/07/top-100-random-funny-facts.html>



## The Vine



October 2016

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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### Coming Events



October 1	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
October 4	7:00 PM	Trustee meeting
October 5	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
October 6	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Set-up for Yates Bundle-Up
October 7	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Yates Bundle-Up
October 9	1130 AM	Deacons meeting
October 14	7:00 PM	Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
October 15	7:00 PM	Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
October 18	6:00 PM	Supper Club
October 19	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
October 30	1:00 PM	Turkey Hunger Walk

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

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### **Our Active and Inspiring Church**

During the month of October, many good things are happening at church.

Special events are taking place that will provide assistance to people in our community. The Yates Bundle Up program will be held in Crosier Hall on Friday, October 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Children who are Yates County residents will receive a coat, hat, and gloves as inventory supplies last. Warm clothes for winter will be provided free of charge for newborns up to grade 12.

A Mystery Dinner Fundraiser for the Living Well will be held on Friday, October 14 and Saturday October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Music from the 1920s and 1930s will be featured as people solve a who-dun-nit mystery while eating a delicious meal. The Living Well is a ministry sponsored by the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches and the United Methodist area churches. The Living Well's latest outreach program will help families and individuals with cancer support services.

PathStone meets with clients each Thursday in the Robert's Room to provide resources for people looking for affordable housing. PathStone's mission is to strengthen farm workers, along with rural and urban communities through economic and social resources.

The church also hosts Girls Club, an after school program that meets in Crosier Hall on Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Idelle Dillon leads this important program for adolescents.

The Exercise Group meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in Crosier Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Not only is The Exercise Group a fun and healthy bunch, they are also very generous. Each month they take a free will offering that has provided hundreds of dollars to local charities.

The church is also a place for inspiration and worship. Every Wednesday the Bible Study group meets for prayer, reading and discussion. In October we are studying the New Testament book of Hebrews which emphasizes the importance of Jesus' humanity and his divinity. There will also be an Adult Study Group meeting in Crosier Hall before worship on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Additionally, Choir rehearsal, which is the first Wednesday of the month is also an important part of our worship life together. The Bell Choir also practices various Wednesday evenings during the month.

It is good to know that our church is a place where people are welcomed, helped, and inspired. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for October



October 2	Lamentations 3:19-26	Luke 17:5-10
October 9	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Luke 17:11-19
October 16	Psalms 119:97-104	Luke 18:1-8
October 23	Joel 2:23-32	Luke 18:9-14
October 30	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Luke 19:1-10



## Ushers and Greeters for October



### Ushers

October 2	Sandy Learn and Nancy Burt
October 9	Janice Ogden and Margaret Dilgard
October 16	Callie and Jordan Hopkins
October 23	Marcia Kneeland and Ed Layton
October 30	Karen and Gary Montgomery

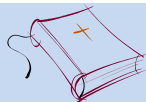
### Greeters

Sonja and Joe Simpson
Deb and Mike Snyder
Barbara Cummings and Earl Hoover
Pam and Larry Ayers
Jill Dereza and Phyllis Alderman

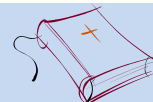
The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers and greeters. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please let the office know so the correct names appear in the bulletin.

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

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



## Bible Studies



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

October 5	The Imprint of God, Hebrews 1:1-9
October 12	Builder of the House, Hebrews 3:1-6
October 19	Great High Priest, Hebrews 4:14-5:10
October 26	High Priest Forever, Hebrews 7:1-3, 19b-28

Please join us in the Pastor's Study at 10:00 AM – everyone is welcome.



## Prayer Line



Charlotte Gillespie  
Judy Wilbert

315-536-7185  
607-292-6958

Nancy Burt

315-536-8286

Please keep the following in your prayers: Art Alderman, Ray Davison, Toni Gable, Gary Montgomery, Ruth Soles, Gene Spanneut 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, by Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for distribution on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## Let's Celebrate



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

Caitlin Pallischeck  
Carol Clarke  
Jennifer Burt  
Daisy Heller  
Liliane Pereira

October 6  
October 9  
October 11  
October 11  
October 11

Andrea Lighthouse  
Ian Pritchard  
Rachel Dillon  
David Wiley  
Joe Simpson

October 16  
October 19  
October 22  
October 22  
October 26

### **Congratulations To All!**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Church /Local News



### News from Session

**Electronic statements:** With the computer input of our giving, the church is posed to send statements electronically by email – this will help decrease our spending for postage. The church office will continue to maintain manual record-keeping simultaneous with the computer record-keeping, so you may still request manual statements. The church office has emailed those with known email addresses to ask if you would like your statement emailed – we have had a number responded positively. If you have not seen the email from the church office and would like to receive your statements through email, please contact Linda Bracht at [firstprespy211@yahoo.com](mailto:firstprespy211@yahoo.com)

**Penn Yan Area Council of Churches:** The minutes from the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches will be posted in the office hallway.

**‘Feed a Pet’ Sunday:** Thank you to everyone who donated unopened dog and cat food on our ‘Feed a Pet Sunday’ to help families avoid surrendering or abandoning beloved pets due to financial hardship.

### 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.

### News from the Presbyterian Women

**Fall Rummage Sale:** Is it time for your ‘fall house cleaning’? Our Fall Rummage Sale has setup on Wednesday and Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM – 1 PM. The sale is on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 3 PM with the bag sale starting at 2 PM. If you need a pick-up or have questions, please call Sandy Carlson (536-8453). There will be a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board for volunteers!!

### News from the Worship and Music Committee

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

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

**Joint Community Service:** On Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we had a joint worship service with the United Methodist Church and the Baptist Church. The offerings that were not ear-marked for our churches, went to The Living Well – the offering was \$885!!! Thank you to all who attended and donated to The Living Well.

**Winter service time:** Just a reminder that on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we returned to our winter hours of 10:30 AM.

**Choir:** Our wonderful choir started again on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Choir has a rehearsal the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room, and also a rehearsal every Sunday starting at 9:30 AM. All our invited to join our voices!!!

### **News from the Outreach Committee**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering has a great global reach, bringing peace to people through Christ. The offering is received during the Season of Peace, on October 4, 2016. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries. Listen for Minutes for Mission about this special offering.

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

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

**Sunday School:** On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School began!!!!

### **News from Church Life**

#### **Supper Club:**

Thank you again to Jerry and Nancy Huffman for bringing ‘Rene’ for us to see on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – what a gorgeous restored car!!!!

On Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, Jack Wilbert will present ‘Sharing a Fun Industrial Design Career (1965-2004)’. Jack was fortunate to have worked for 7 large diverse companies designing products for the Consumer, Biomedical Field Instrumentation, Naval military aircraft cockpits R&D, Market Street Restoration, National flooring product surveys, Ophthalmology products and seating, Contract office furniture and Exhibit design. Also probation officer for 2 years and downsized 4 times. Employers included Syracuse University Research Corporation, Corning Glass, Market Street Restoration Agency, GAF Corporation, Knoll International, Topcon Instrumentation Corp., and Mercury Aircraft Co. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

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

The Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Gift fund is available for all members of the church who are going on for higher education. These gifts are given out twice a year, in September and in January. If you want to apply, you need to find an application form on the table in the back of

the sanctuary, fill it out with as much information as possible, and mail it to Linda Jackson, 364 Rt. 54 East Lake Road, Penn Yan, NY 14527 or email the application to: [jackson.linda1959@gmail.com](mailto:jackson.linda1959@gmail.com). The committee especially needs to know whether you are a full time or part time student, how many credit hours you will be taking if applicable, your major, and when you hope to complete your education. Later in the year you will be asked to provide the committee with a copy of your official registration for courses for the upcoming semester. An application needs to be filled out each year you are in school. You may also contact any member of the committee: Chairman - Charlotte Gillespie; Student Coordinator - Linda Jackson and Judith Wilbert. The students receiving higher ed gifts for the 2016-2017 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Abbey Duncan, Megan Fenton, Amanda Pereira, Alexandra Rouin, Geoffrey Rouin and Derek Strickland.

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

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

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

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

#### **‘Reaching In’**

Actively ‘hearing’ Paul’s words and sharing  
 Purchasing a blanket/tool  
 Praying to God  
 Serving on a committee  
 Working on flowers in the front of the church

#### **‘Reaching Out’**

Soldier & Sailors hospital volunteers  
 Finger Lakes Health Board  
 Once Again Shop  
 Once Again Shop board  
 Safe Harbors board

Your Stewardship Team:

Pastor Paul Malles  
 Phoebe Baker  
 Phil Bracht  
 Robert Gillespie  
 Jennifer Rouin

the Rev. Anne Waasdorp  
 Linda Bracht  
 Charlotte Gillespie  
 Marcia Kneeland  
 Sonja Simpson

### **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater**

A murder mystery dinner theater in a roarin’ 20’s atmosphere (speakeasy) will be held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church – the show is the Chicago Caper “Rat-a-tat-tat”. Sponsor a table of up to 10 for \$250 – enjoy this time with staff, friends, customers and family. This is presented as a fundraiser of The Living Well. Please respond by October 1<sup>st</sup>, indicating the chosen date and “Caper”. Make checks payable to The Living Well.

### **Lunch and Learn at Keuka Comfort Care Home**

Have you considered becoming a volunteer caregiver at Keuka Comfort Care Home? It is a wonderful opportunity to follow Jesus' words: "For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me

in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me...." Keuka Comfort Care Home offers end of life care for members of our community and surrounding communities. Our volunteers are the very core of our compassionate care-giving. Come see what it's all about while you enjoy a "Lunch and Learn" session. The session consists of a short presentation during lunch on us, where you learn about the volunteer care-giving program as well as the history of the Home. You will also tour the facility, have your questions answered and meet current volunteers. The next session is Thursday October 27, 2016 from noon to 1:30 pm at Keuka Comfort Care Home. We would love to see you there! Our location is 35 Rt. 54 East Lake Rd., Penn Yan. For planning purposes, please call Rose at 315 536-1690 to leave your name and phone number, or email the information to [volcoord@keukacomfortcarehome.org](mailto:volcoord@keukacomfortcarehome.org).

### **Turkey Hunger Walk**

The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church starting at 1 PM. Checks and donations can be made payable to Penn Yan Area Council of Churches (PYCoC)/Turkey Walk. Proceeds help purchase meat for holiday meals. For additional information, please contact Donna Johnston at 315-536-2683 or [donna\\_johnston1@yahoo.com](mailto:donna_johnston1@yahoo.com).

### **Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study typically meets at 9:00 AM on Saturday mornings in the church office. We usually meet for about an hour. We pray, read, and discuss how we can apply our faith in daily living. We study the Bible through the book, *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren. We are now studying part 2, *Alive in the Adventure of Jesus*.

### **Book Discussion Group**

Is there interest in forming a discussion group focusing on the book, *Without Buddha I Could Not Be a Christian*, by Paul Knitter. Please see information about the book below. If you, too, would like to be a part of the discussion group, please contact Robyn Ballard. We will have to decide whether we will read the book chapter-by-chapter and discuss OR read the entire book and get together for a couple of sessions to discuss it.

*Being a Christian isn't easy. Sustaining belief without any doubts for one's entire life is a very rare accomplishment. Indeed, many would say that examining one's faith at least once is a central part of the Christian condition. In this landmark work, esteemed theologian Paul F. Knitter explains the unique path that he took to overcome his doubts, becoming a stronger Christian in the process.*

*Honest and unflinching, 'Without Buddha I Could not be a Christian' narrates each spiritual dilemma that Knitter has struggled with and explains how a Buddhist worldview has allowed him to resolve each one. From the 'petitioning' nature of Christian prayer to how Christianity views life after death, Knitter argues that a Buddhist standpoint can help inspire a more person-centered conception of Christianity, where individual religious experience comes first, and liturgy and tradition second. Moving and revolutionary, this edition comes with a new postscript in which Professor Knitter reflects on and re-evaluates his position as a double-belonger.*



## **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**

We are working on setting up a nursery schedule in advance. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a Sunday. We have filled every Sunday through the end of the year (excluding Christmas Sunday). We will be looking for people to help again starting in January. If you are not on the list yet and are willing to help, please contact Rachel Anderson at 315-481-9623 or Jean Constantine at 585-451-8741 or email Jean at [ladyseneca@aol.com](mailto:ladyseneca@aol.com).

October 2 - Rachel Anderson  
October 9 - Marcia Kneeland  
October 16 - Beth Curtis  
October 23 - Joy Pallischeck  
October 30 - Char Gillespie  
November 6 - Beth Dickinson  
November 13 - Paula Detar  
November 20 - Robyn Ballard  
November 27 - Jean Constantine  
December 4 - Rachel Doan  
December 11 - Judy Wilbert  
December 18 - Sue Irwin

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

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

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

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

## **Per Capita**

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

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

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

## **Presbytery of Geneva**

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 which 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)

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

**Presbytery Work Camps** - Work crews at two of our smallest churches did big things last month. Twenty-four volunteers representing 15 churches from two Presbyteries and Camp Whitman staff from three different states spent 3+ days at the Romulus and Prattsburgh Presbyterian churches. We painted, hammered, wired, repaired, caulked, taped, spackled, sanded, trimmed, and just about any other handyman job you could imagine. To house a new food pantry in Prattsburgh we even had to build a wall. Both churches graciously provided food and refreshments, and proved once again what a "connectional" group can do. Thanks to David Kilgore for arranging the event.

**West Virginia** - Please keep in prayer the POG volunteers who will spend next week in West Virginia as they continue to minister to the physical needs of those who have suffered flood losses and continue to try to rebuild their lives.

**Moderator's Listening Sessions** - The five "listening sessions" held throughout the Presbytery this summer drew 55 pastors, church leaders and congregants from 18 POG churches to share their thoughts and experience fellowship. A formal written report will be given at the November Presbytery meeting in Corning.

**Attention Pastoral Counselors** - Please read this invitation from Dr. Wayne Gustafson:

I am writing to you as Chair of the Eastern Region,

The American Association of Pastoral Counselors (New York, New Jersey, and Ontario) is not just to support those doing some form of pastoral psychotherapy. It is for all who integrate the spiritual and social sciences in their clinical or pastoral work. The Regional conference, held jointly with the Northeast Region of AAPC will be held in Williamstown, MA on October 21-22, 2106. The topic, "Living, Caring, and Ministering in a Culture of Fear," will be presented by Dr. Nancy Kehoe, Licensed Psychologist, Assistant Professor of Psychology, and a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. For more information and to register go to [aapceast.org](http://aapceast.org)

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

**Urgent Need for PDA Help in Louisiana** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in urgent need of help for the people affected by recent flooding in the Gulf area, especially Louisiana. They need monetary donations, volunteer help, and lots of prayer to help those whose lives have been devastated. For more information, visit [www.presbyterianmission.org/pda](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/pda).

### **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

Complete John 3:16, which tells us of God's great love and His wonderful plan to save us.

world

God

loved

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For \_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that  
he \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ and only Son, that  
whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in him shall not  
perish but have \_\_\_\_\_ life.

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## October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
						8AM Men's Bkfast
						9AM Men's Bible Study
<b>2</b>	<b>Rosh Hashana 3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	<b>begins</b>		10AM Bible Study	8-4 Set-up for Bundle-Up	8-4 Bundle-Up	9AM Men's Bible Study
10:30 Worship; Sunday school		7PM Trustee mtg	7PM Choir rehearsal	3-4:30PM Girls Club		
<b>9</b>	<b>Columbus Day 10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Yom Kipper 12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
10:30 Worship; Sunday school			<b>begins</b>			9AM Men's Bible Study
2¢ meal; birthdays Deacon mtg			10AM Bible Study	3-4:30PM Girls Club	7PM dinner theater	7PM dinner theater
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
10:30 Worship; Sunday school 'Brownie' Sunday				3-4:30PM Girls Club		9AM Men's Bible Study
		6PM Supper Club	10AM Bible Study			
			7 PM Session mtg			
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Consecration Sunday</b>						9AM Men's Bible Study
10:30 Worship; Sunday school			10AM Bible Study	3-4:30PM Girls Club		Study
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
<b>Reformation Sunday</b>						
10:30 Worship; Sunday school						

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