

October 2019

Stewardship is an indispensable part of being a follower of Jesus Christ. It is a faith-based lifestyle which recognizes God's ownership of all things – including our time, abilities and financial resources. As the Psalmist says, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it..." (Psalm 24:1). By supporting a church's ministry with a percentage of their income and time, persons share in Christ's ongoing work of spreading a gospel of faith, love and hope.



The Vine



October 2019

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM – Noon



Coming Events



October 2	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
October 5	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
October 6	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Peace and Global Witness Offering
	5:00 PM	Peace Making Banquet
October 8	7:00 PM	Trustee meeting
October 9	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Rummage Sale Setup
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman meeting
October 10	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Rummage Sale Setup
October 11	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Rummage Sale
October 13	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	2 cents a meal; Stewardship Kick-Off
		Deacon's meeting following service
October 15	6:00 PM	Supper Club
October 16	10:00 AM – 11:00	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Session meeting
October 17	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	ARC Worship
October 20	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
October 23	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study



Coming Events continued



October 27	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Consecration Sunday
October 30	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study

Pastor's Ponderings

Peacemakers

The Second Annual Geneva Presbytery Peacemaking Banquet will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m. at the Geneva Presbyterian Church. The cost for the dinner is \$15. The featured speaker will be Lucy Awate Dabi, from South Sudan. She has an inspiring story to share about how she works for peace in a country marred by civil war. She will talk about building trust, healing wounds of trauma, and transforming conflict into reconciliation. We will also learn about how the Presbyterian Church USA supports many peace-building initiatives through an organization called RECONCILE.

This year, our congregation lifts up Phoebe Baker as our Peacemaker. She has advocated for social and economic justice as an elder and through her work on various committees. Phoebe has also kept us informed about the Mission and Witness projects in our denomination and in the Geneva Presbytery. Her passion for peace is inspiring.

Jesus Christ inspires all of us to be peacemakers. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

One of the best ways of promoting peace is to live out Jesus' teaching that is also in the Sermon on the Mount. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This is known as the Golden Rule. Similar expression of this teaching also exists in other religions.

We live in a broken and divided world that desperately needs more people of peace. Your voice can lift up the values of dignity, truth, compassion, respect, and safety.

Ephesians 4:31-32 guide us toward a life-style of peace. "Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

As peacemakers we recognize that every story has more than one side. Be cautious about believing negative things about someone else. In situations of conflict it is best to go to the person directly and listen to the other person's perspective. Communicating face to face is much better than sending someone a text or an email. Speaking to each other instead of speaking about each other is a good habit of peacemakers.

The pathway to peace begins with you and me.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



Sunday Scriptures for October



October 6	Psalm 85	Luke 17:5-10
October 13	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Luke 17:11-19
October 20	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Luke 18:1-8
October 27	Psalm 65	Luke 18:9-14



Ushers and Hospitality for October



	Ushers	Hospitality
October 6	Bob and Carol Worden, TBA	Mary-Howell Martens
October 13	Phyllis Alderman, Sandy Learn, Janice Ogden, Betty Peer	Marcia Kneeland
October 20	Bob & Jean Constantine, Mary Foster, Daisy Heller	Robyn Ballard
October 27	Phil and Linda Bracht, Ed Layton and Marcia Kneeland	Rachel Anderson

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 October



	Nursery	Communion
October 6	Rebeccalynn	Mary Foster, Daisy Heller
October 13	Rebeccalynn	-----
October 20	Rebeccalynn	-----
October 27	Rebeccalynn	-----



Bible Studies



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

- October 2 - God Hears Our Cry, Numbers 13
- October 9 - God Forgives, Numbers 14:10-23
- October 16 - Obedient Faith, Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 5:1-21
- October 23 - Blessed for Faithfulness, 1 Kings 17:1-24
- October 30 - Faith Can Heal, Luke 7:1-10

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

Liam Doan	October 5	Judy and Jack Wilbert Anniv	October 13
Caitlin Pallischeck	October 6	Bob and Jean Constantine Anniv	October 13
Carol Clarke	October 9	Andrea (Gillespie) Lighthouse	October 16
Jennifer Burt	October 11	Herb Tennies	October 17
Daisy Heller	October 11	Jordan and Callie Hopkins Anniv	October 17
Liliane Pereira	October 11	Ian Pritchard	October 19
Edna Martin	October 11	Rachel Dillon	October 22
Mark and Edna Anniv	October 12	David Wiley	October 22

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. 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.

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 9th and 10th from 10 AM – 1 PM. The sale is on Friday, October 11th 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 had a wonderful fall picnic on Tuesday, September 24th at Joy's cottage. What a beautiful evening to spend in fellowship. Thank you to all who came and brought all that delicious food, and to Joy for sharing the cottage!!

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

Welcome Fall.

World Wide Communion is October 6th. This is such a special day to be sharing communion on the same day as everyone in the world. Let us all pray for peace as we share with the different Countries. A special thank you to Mary-Howell, for providing the many different kinds of bread that may be being served on this special day.

Communion List for 2019 and 2020: The list for serving communion the remainder of the year is on the bulletin board and printed in the bulletin each week. 2020 is right around the corner so we again will be asking for volunteers to serve each month. Our goal is to have a completed list by December. Thank you in advance for helping with this special part of our service each month.

Lay Readers: 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.

Choir has started - if you would like to join them please let Megan know. She would love to have anyone interested in singing to join them. The choir meets the first Wednesday of each month and then on Sunday mornings at 9:00. Megan is used to working around people's schedules, so it is not a requirement to have to sing each week. Please talk to Megan if you are interested.

News from Outreach

Peace and Global Witness Offering: On Sunday, October 6th, 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.

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.

News from Church Life

Supper Club: We had a delicious Supper Club on Thursday, September 19th when Connie Glover and Cheryl Davis, from the Hope Center spoke to us about the work they do to feed and help our community. The Hope Center is a local charity that the Hattie Hardman Fund has helped and is helping financially.

Our next Supper Club is on Tuesday, October 15 starting at 6 PM. Our speaker is Brenda Archer, a friend of Theresa Jackson who's topic is "Inside/Out Living' Life Beyond the Surface". Brenda, a cancer survivor, will share her journey of how she embraces life and its challenges. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass; we will provide drinks for everyone.

News from Christian Ed

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

Hattie Hartman Tithe Committee

The Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee is back to work on a program requested by this church, **BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY**. After a summer break (with homework tasks) we are reaching out near and far in our September meeting.

Our first outreach was the second year of a five year program with Excel Education Foundation in Tanzania, Africa, to provide books to the secondary school. This year beyond books we will also be providing funding for solar lights so the students can study in homes with no electricity. This year the school will also have dictionaries. What wonderful gifts to sponsor one of the wonderful gifts of God, the ability to think, learn and make choices.

We also approved a grant for Sandy Elbert's airfare to Tanzania, Africa. Sandy wears many hats on her mission trip and one of them is called Woman Helping Woman. This program is training woman to make beaded clothing, purses, back bags and other items that they sell. The monies that are received are split between the woman, after material expenses. These funds are what allow their children to go to school and have food to eat. This year we are providing funds to pay for the materials used so more can go to the families and others can join the program. These skills could be a long term opportunity.

Locally we are looking forward to continue supporting Habitat for Humanity, Literacy Volunteers, Dundee Our Town Rocks and Reads, Camp Whitman, Keuka College Spring Break, Milly's Pantry, Living Well and others. You will hear more about these next month.

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. 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 2019-2020 school year are Joshua Baxter, Keegan Baxter, Anna Detar, Lin Dickinson, Elizabeth Martens, Paul Periera, Alex 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

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!! Here are the ushers/greeters and hospitality for the rest of 2019

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.

2020 Stewardship Campaign: “Share The Gift”

Our Stewardship Campaign theme for 2020 is ‘Share The Gift’. Our kick-off will be on Sunday, October 13th when we will celebrate with brownie sundaes!!! On that Sunday and the following two Sundays we will have the opportunity to consider this act of spiritual discipline as members share the meaning of this form of giving in their lives.

On Consecration Sunday, October 27th, a time will be set aside for you to complete your pledge cards - this is when all members and attendees determine their commitment to our church and its mission. Pastor Paul will guide you with instructions. As in past years, this is a voluntary process carried out confidentially. Following service, we will have a brunch with breakfast casseroles.

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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 3rd Sunday of each month (but if the Buffalo Bills are playing at home on the 3rd Sunday, then we will play on the 4th 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.

'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/Greeters (4) - Each Sunday one greeter welcomes people at the church entrance; one usher distributes bulletins in the aisle and two greeters welcome people as they enter the sanctuary and encourage people to wear name tags. Ushers and greeters 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/Greeter, 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/greeter two times per year, once during January - June and once each July - December.

Sign Me Up! -- The Blessing of Greeting

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

Providing snacks for the fellowship time after church can be a bit daunting, or maybe just a hassle. If hospitality happens to be a gift of yours and you look forward to baking and all the rest-have at it! If having to provide food is something that usually deters you from greeting, please know that the refreshments are the last thing you should worry about! There is no need to cook or even buy more than you feel led to or are able. We have simple tastes-and there is almost always something in the freezer that can be defrosted. Also, there are friends ready to give a coffee maker tutorial if needed.

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

Literacy Volunteers of Ontario-Yates

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

Nursery Help

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

Walking Can Be Fun!!!

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

Per Capita

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

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

ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions. Per capita is an opportunity for all members of the Presbyterian church to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the organizational costs of the larger church.

What does the Book of Order say about Per Capita? “Each council above the session shall prepare a budget annually for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular churches within its bounds. Presbyteries are responsible for raising their own funds and for the timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and to General Assembly. Presbyteries may direct per capita apportionments to the sessions within their bounds but in no case, shall the authority of the session to direct its benevolences be comprised.” (G-3.0106)

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

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

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

Have you considered electronic giving?

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

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. The camp has an Amazon wishlist at

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; (3) make a gift of stock at 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

More about the Presbytery of Geneva

While this is really old news as the following Statements of Purpose and Vision were developed and approved by the Presbytery some time ago, it seems worth reviewing them again as they speak to support all congregations and their leaders:

Purpose: “The Presbytery of Geneva lives to support and equip congregations and leaders to be Christ in the Finger Lakes and the world.”

Vision: “Radiating the light of Christ, the Presbytery of Geneva thrives as a community of servants, lifting up every congregation and leader in ministering together.”

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 or

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. Click on 'Meeting Info' then enter the username 'directory' and the password 'fingerlakes'.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva:

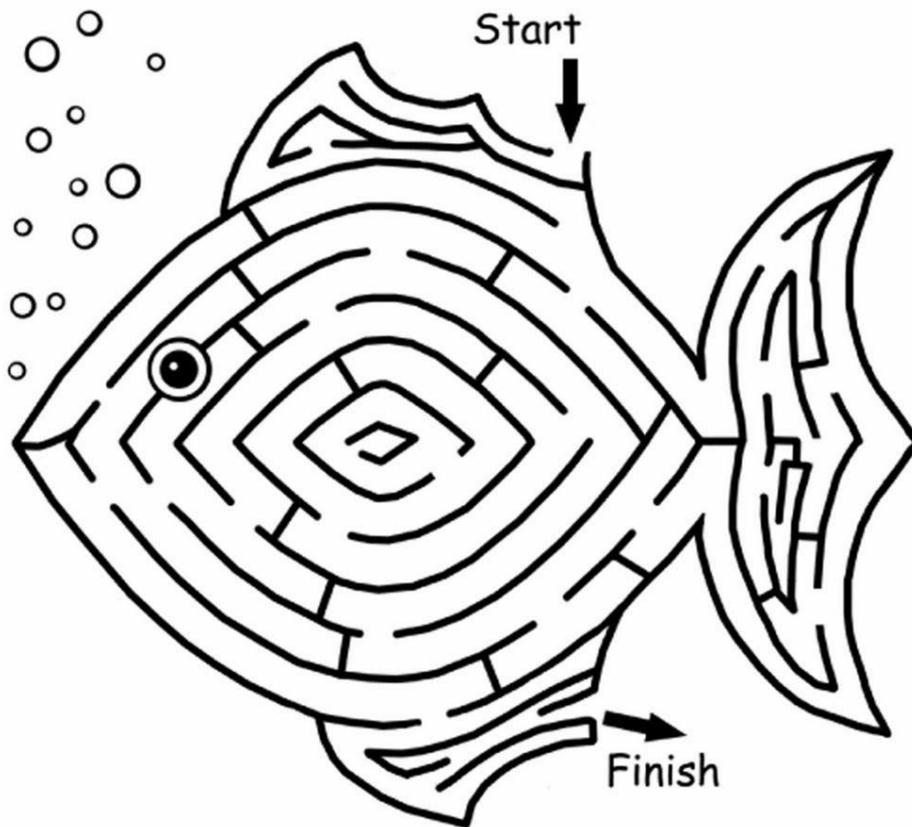
For news of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva, go to the presbytery website, then 'Presbyterian Women', and 'The Link' at the bottom of the page. Also, take a look at the Quarterly News – download the resource at www.presbyterianwomen.org; select 'about PW', then select 'Quarterly Newsletter'.

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. Click on 'News & Announcements' then 'General Assembly News'.

Kids Corner

I like to follow Jesus!



**From now on, you will fish for people.
Luke 5:10b**

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	8AM Men's Bkfast
		10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10-2 PathStone		9AM Men's Bible Study
				12-8:30 WIC		
				3-5 Girls Club		
			7PM Choir rehear			
Peace offering 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	10-2 PathStone	9-3 Rummage Sale	
		10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10-1 Rummage setup		
		7PM Trustees	10-1 Rummage setup	3-5 Girls Club		
5PM Peace Banqu			7PM HH mtg			
Kick-Off 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	8-4:30 WIC	9AM Exercise	
2¢ meal; birthdays Deacons mtg		10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10-2 PathStone		
		6PM Supper Club	7PM Session	10 ARC Worship		
				3-5 Girls Club		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	
		10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	10-2 PathStone		
				3-5 Girls Club		
Consecration Sun 27	28	29	30	31		
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school	9AM Exercise		9AM Exercise	10-2 PathStone		
		10:15-3:15 IAH	10AM Bible Study	3-5 Girls Club		

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