

November 2016

When written down, the word 'almost' is the longest word in the English language to have all of its letters in alphabetical order

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



The Vine



November 2016

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM - Noon



Coming Events



November 1	7:00 PM	Trustee meeting
November 2	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
November 2-3	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Rummage Sale - setup
November 4	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Rummage Sale
November 5	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
November 6		Daylight Savings Time
November 16	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
November 20	3:00 PM	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's Lutheran
November 27		Advent begins

Pastor's Ponderings

The Season of Advent

Advent will begin this year on November 27. During advent we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord.

The traditional color for Advent is purple. Purple is the color symbolizing repentance as it is also the color for Lent. Purple is also the color for royalty and it symbolizes that Christ is our King, Lord of Lords. Kings wore purple as a symbol of their royal status because in ancient times purple was the most expensive dye. In Advent we repent of our sin and seek the life giving forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

This year we will continue the tradition of lighting the Advent wreath. In keeping with the season's color, the wreath has three purple candles and one joyfully colored pink candle. Each candle has a particular significance about Christ's coming: November 27, Hope, December 4, Peace, December 11, Joy, December 18, Love. The white candle in the center of the wreath is called the Christ Candle and is lit on Christmas Eve.

The wreath for Advent also has significance. The evergreen branches around the circular wreath stands for the eternal life that Christ has won through his victory over sin and death. The round shape of the wreath reminds us of the never ending love God has for us.

I especially like the season of Advent because it helps me to not get overly caught up in all the shopping, parties, and decorations. Advent gives us a time to pause and reflect on the amazing love that God has for each one of us. Knowing that the creator of the universe loved us enough to become one of us for the purpose of saving us is beyond remarkable.

One of my favorite Advent readings is from Isaiah 40:31. "Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

This year, you might consider having an Advent wreath for your home. An Advent calendar is also nice to have as you count the days until Christmas. We will continue the tradition of having an Advent calendar in the church office.

See you in church,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Paul".

Pastor Paul



Sunday Scriptures for November



November 6 Haggai 1:15b-2:9
 November 13 Isaiah 65:17-25
 November 20 Jeremiah 23:1-6
 November 27 Isaiah 2:1-5

Luke 20:27-38
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
 Luke 23:33-43
 Matthew 24:36-44



Ushers and Greeters for November



Ushers

November 6 Bernie and Gene Spanneut
 November 13 Sandy Carlson and Jan Ogden
 November 20 Sharon and Jim Fair brother
 November 27 Donnie and Bob Jansen

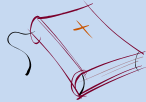
Greeters

Sandy and Jon Burt
 Jennifer and Tim Craver
 Robyn and Teresa Ballard
 Rachel and Alan Doan

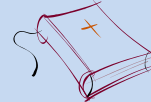
The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers and greeters. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please let the office know so the correct names appear in the bulletin.

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 November, the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class speaks of:

November 3	Everything is Brand New	Rev. 21:1-8
November 10	I See a New Jerusalem	Rev. 21
November 16	Living Waters	Rev. 22:1-7
November 23	No Class	
November 30	Alpha and Omega	Rev. 22:11-21

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, the family of Jill Dereza, Toni Gable, Connie Gibson, the family of Dick Liebe, Gary Montgomery, Ruth Soles, Gene Spanneut, Judy and Jack Wilbert, 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, November 22nd for distribution on Friday, November 25th. Thank you!



Let's Celebrate



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

Tom Ballard	November 1	Bob and Carol Worden	November 16
Rachel Craver	November 4	Daniel Martens	November 18
Barbara Belcher	November 5	Sandy Carlson	November 20
Meg Schleigh	November 5	Ron Norris	November 21
Sandy Burt	November 7	Paul Pereira	November 21
Luan Ryder	November 11	Mike Foster	November 24
Anita Tashchian	November 11	Carol Worden	November 24
Ethan VanDelinder	November 11	Scott Dillon	November 25
William Steele	November 13	Carolyn Johnson	November 25
Carol Seus	November 16	Peter Martens	November 27

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

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.

New furnace: Have you heard – we have a new furnace!!! Bring on that cold winter weather – we are ready for it now!!!!!!

Repaved parking lot: Our parking lot looks WONDERFUL!!!!!! It is amazing what they can do in the middle of such a rain storm!!!!

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 2nd and 3rd from 9 AM – 1 PM. The sale is on Friday, November 4th 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!!

Presbyterian Women Christmas: Save the date – on Tuesday, December 13th, we will be gathering at the church for dessert, beverages and fellowship. Please mark your calendars for an enjoyable evening out. More details to follow.

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 7th. 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’.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: On Sunday, November 20th, there is an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 135 Hamilton Street, Penn Yan, starting at 3:00 PM.

Choir: Our wonderful choir started again on Sunday, September 11th. 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 final count for the Peace & Global Witness Offering (formerly the Peacemaking Offering) is \$656.00. A resounding thank you to the congregation of our church. A component of this offering allows our church to use 25% of this offering for local peacemaking efforts. Again, your participation in this offering is greatly appreciated.

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.

News from Church Life

Supper Club: Thank you to Jack Wilbert and his lovely assistant Judy, for his presentation of ‘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. 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.



News from the Deacons

Please help the Deacons fill the Red Wagon to provide Thanksgiving boxes for ARC families. Please bring items on November 6, 13, or 20.

Money is also needed to help pay for apples, potatoes and turkeys.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Boxes of stuffing
- Jars of gravy
- Cans of vegetables
- Cans of sweet potatoes
- Cans of cranberry sauce
- Roasting pans

Sign-up on the list on the church bulletin board for

Cookies and Quick Breads

Thank you for your generosity in helping others in our community have a Thanksgiving feast.

Christmas Mitten Tree: For the Christmas mitten tree this year, the Deacon's are asking for donations of sweatpants for children, sizes S (4-6) through L (14-16), preferably with elastic openings. Also insulated and waterproof gloves are needed. This is a VERY important mission for the Deacons as it helps so many of our school-age children – please be as generous as you can!! Thank you for your continued support of all Deacons' activities.

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’

Making a pledge
Taking part in the church service
Taking care of our church building
Making cookies for receptions
Sending cards and letters

‘Reaching Out’

Lyons Club
Keuka Comfort Care Home volunteer
Keuka Comfort Care Home board
Preserving the Finger Lakes
Keuka Lake Association

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

Passing to God’s Heavenly Kingdom

It is with sadness that we share that Jill Dereza passed away Thursday, October 6th. Jill was a kind, generous, friendly and sincere person. She was a retired home economics teacher who enjoyed living in the Finger Lakes with her many dogs. A wonderful memorial service was held on Saturday, October 15th. Please keep the Dereza family in your prayers.

It is also with great sadness that we share that Dick Liebe has passed away. Dick had been very active in the congregation, especially with the Choir. He loved his family, enjoyed nature, traveling and hiking, and had taught geology at the college level. Cards may be sent to Jan Liebe, 39 Yale Lane, Brevard, NC 28712. Please keep the Liebe family in your prayers.

Men’s Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study typically meets at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday morning 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

A book study is being held Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM, 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 book study, please contact Robyn Ballard.

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.

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

9th Annual Holiday Cookie Walk

The 9th Annual Holiday Cookie walk will be held at the Penn Yan Presbyterian Church on December 17th (Cookie drop off will take place the day before). The event doors will open at 10 AM.

Bakers: What we're looking for –

- 6 dozen of your very best, fanciest, most Martha Stewart-esqe Holiday cookies (or about 5 pounds, or 3-4 batches)

- We need all of your cookies to be the same type/variety (not an assortment)
- Old-fashioned favorites
- Your most-requested recipe, perhaps?
- Sophisticated or Whimsical
- Traditional, Ethnic, or Hard-To-Find
- They don't have to be Christmas cookies... any Winter Holiday will do!

We have LOTS of ideas and LOTS of really great recipes, so let us know if you need either. If you'd rather just make dough, please do so! And we'll make sure the cookies are baked and finished to completion! If you'd rather not bake, but just want to decorate, you're more than welcome! Let us know! Contact: Maureen Wise (315) 536-1690 or email cookie@keukacomfortcarehome.org

Yates Christmas Program

The Yates Christmas Program volunteer meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1st at 4 PM, at our church. Distribution at the Armory is Wednesday, December 7th and Thursday, December 8th by appointment only; distribution at our church is from Wednesday, December 7th from 9 AM-3 PM and Thursday, December 8th from 9 AM-1 PM with shopping open to anyone starting at 12 PM. Setup at our church is scheduled for Monday, December 5th and Tuesday, December 6th starting at 9 AM. All help is gratefully appreciated.

The Yates Christmas Program is looking for a person to organize volunteers from our church to ring the bell at the donation collection 'house' on either Friday or Saturday in December at Tops. It would involve a 4-6 hour shift – as the organizer, you can decide how many people would participate and how long each person would work. If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Clouser at 315-536-8689.

Starshine

Starshine will be held on December 2nd from 5-9 PM. The event will return to Main Street this year and will certainly be a great community celebration! Activities begin at 5PM along the historic shopping district of downtown Penn Yan. Main Street is closed to vehicular traffic from 4PM–9PM and the entire two blocks of downtown become a holiday wonderland. So come and start out your holiday with an eventful night!

Benefit Concert for Mission and Ministry

"I KNOW THAT GOD IS ON THIS TRAIN" (from "Dulcimer," by David Mallett)

The First Presbyterian Church in Dundee (31 Main Street, Dundee) will host Val Fowler, who will provide a concert of acoustic music benefitting the mission of First Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, November 12th at 7 PM in the sanctuary. "The title of the concert comes from a song by Maine singer/songwriter David Mallett," Val said, "and I believe that God is present in every part of our lives." Through the gift of music, we will celebrate God's grace and love . . . and presence.

Val will offer his music to assist the congregation in continuing and expanding its ministry, and in reaching out to the world through mission. A finger-style guitarist, Val has been collecting and learning songs for 47 years. He is a song-finder, often remarking that, "If I don't find them and sing them, most people will never hear them." Love for our world and love for one another are themes of his life and his music. All are invited, and you are encouraged to invite your friends. There is no charge for the concert, but you will be asked to be generous. And refreshments will be provided during the intermission.

From 1997, Val began a personal project of helping churches and helping agencies with benefit concerts. During that time he raised an aggregate of \$19,000 for such projects. Most recently, he provided a concert at Garret Chapel on Keuka Lake. Comments about Val's concerts include:

"I was able to hear every word you sang."

"I found myself drawn into your songs. Just sitting there, I felt like I was a part of what you sang."

"I left with a huge smile, a warm heart, and wishing that the concert was longer."

"You sound remarkably like Burl Ives."

There will be no charge for the concert, other than the invitation to be generous. Wonderful goodies will be provided during the intermission.

It is the heart that gives. The fingers simply let go.

[Nigerian Ibo proverb, and one of Val's favorites.]

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).

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 pbbbaker@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. 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'.

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

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. 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

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. 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.

Spring Mission Team to West Virginia - Preparations are now ready to assemble the next mission work team to Ronceverte, West Virginia the week of April 23 – 29, 2017. The work trip will involve working on flood-damaged structures as determined by the WV Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps. A fee of \$250 is payable by each participant to “Presbytery of Geneva” by March 30. For more details contact trip coordinator Paul Salisbury at (315) 331-0442 or at psalisb1@rochester.rr.com

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 aapeast.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 by text or phone or by email at 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.

PDA After Hurricane Matthew - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is reaching out for donations to help fund relief work following the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. A designated account (Fund: DR000193) has been established to supplement the One Great Hour

of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for relief and recovery from Hurricane Matthew which in October 2016 caused widespread destruction in Haiti, Cuba, and the United States. For more information go to www.presbyterianmission.org

Weston-connected Teen Leads Card Drive for Soldiers - Sophie Kartzman, a Horseheads middle school student connected to Weston Pres. through her grandmother, Marion Nicastro, is leading her fourth annual "card drive" to send holiday greetings to soldiers overseas and veterans at home. Last year more than 25,000 (this year's goal is 30,000) store-bought and homemade cards were delivered to active and retired military members. Any Presbytery member or congregation who would like to help Sophie achieve her "Big Dream" can send un-enveloped cards with a personal message to Weston Presbyterian Church, 510 County Road 23, Dundee, NY 14837 by Thanksgiving, or may give them personally to Moderator Dick Schied at the Presbytery meeting in Corning on November 12.

Young Adult Volunteer Applications Are Available - The application process for the 2017-18 YAV year began October 1 and continues to be available. Please share this with young adults you know who are interested in applying or who would benefit from a faith-based year of service. Contact Blake Collins at blake.collins@pcusa.org or go to the program website at www.youngadultvolunteers.org

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'.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			9AM Rummage Sale setup	9AM Rummage Sale setup	9-3 Rummage Sale	8AM Men's Bkfast 9AM Men's Bible Study
		7PM Trustee mtg	10AM Bible Study 7PM Choir Rehear	3-4:30PM Girls Club		
Daylight Savings Time 6	7	Election Day 8	9	10	11	12
10:30 Worship; Sunday school			10AM Bible Study	3-4:30PM Girls Club		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:30 Worship; Sunday school 2¢ meal; birthdays Deacons mtg			10AM Bible Study 7PM Session mtg	3-4:30PM Girls Club		
20	21	22	23	Thanksgiving 24	25	26
10:30 Worship; Sunday school 3PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving serv			No Bible Study			
Advent begins 27	28	29	30			
10:30 Worship; Sunday school			10AM Bible Study			

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