

## November 2019

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, Halloween, the Feast of All Saints, or Solemnity of All Saints, is a Christian festival celebrated in honor of all the saints, known and unknown. The liturgical celebration begins at Vespers on the evening of 31 October, All Hallows' Eve (All Saints' Eve), and ends at the close of 1 November. It is thus the day before All Souls' Day, which commemorates the faithful departed.



# The Vine



November 2019

First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan

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## Coming Events



November 2	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Wagner Restaurant
	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Trustee cleanup
		Daylight Savings Time
November 3	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
		PW meeting following service
November 5	7:00 PM	Trustee meeting
November 6	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
November 10	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	2 cents a meal
		Deacon's meeting following service
November 13	10:00 AM – 11:00	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Hattie Hardman meeting
November 17	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	11:30 AM	Worship and Music Committee meeting
November 20	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Session meeting
November 21	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	ARC Worship
	6:00 PM	Supper Club
November 24	9:00 AM -10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	2:00 PM	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
November 27	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Bible Study

# Pastor's Ponderings

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## Thankful Living

This year the Penn Yan Area Council of Churches will continue the tradition of holding a community wide Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 24, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. People from throughout the area will gather for worship. I especially appreciate the opportunity of coming together as a community. It is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the spirit of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a special holiday because it brings people together to share a delicious feast. Turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie are just some of our favorite foods we will enjoy. More importantly, the holiday is an opportunity to spend time with family and friends we might not have seen in a long time.

Thanksgiving is a pause in our regular routine to stop and reflect on our many blessings. Giving thanks can be more than a once a year event. The importance of thankfulness goes beyond tradition. Gratitude is a way of thinking about life and the people with whom we share our life experiences.

Giving thanks is a healthy habit. Philippians 4:6-7 states, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

This passage teaches us that one of the antidotes for worry is gratitude. Whenever we consider destructive thoughts, we can substitute them with life affirming affirmations. Giving thanks takes us away from our worries into a life of strong faith.

The Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians when he was in a dark and dreary prison. Most of us would consider that under his circumstances he had plenty to worry about. However, instead of wasting his energy complaining and fretting, he directs his thoughts toward prayer and thanksgiving.

God is at the top of our list for giving thanks. No one loves you more than God does. No one believes in you more than God does. Gratitude always begins with our Creator.

Also on our gratitude list are the people God has placed in our lives who love and care about us. Thanksgiving reminds us to never take anyone or anything for granted. Life is a special gift from God, a gift worthy of thankfulness.

See you in church,



Pastor Paul



## Sunday Scriptures for November



November 3	Psalm 119:137-144	Luke 19:1-10
November 10	Psalm 98	Luke 20:27-38
November 17	Isiah 65:17-25	Luke 21:5-19
November 24	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 23:33-43



## Ushers and Hospitality for November



	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
November 3	Judy and Jack Wilbert, Beth Curtiss, Karen Montgomery	Bernie Spanneut
November 10	Mary-Howell and Klaas Martens, Robyn Ballard, Teresa Ballard	Joy Pallischeck
November 17	Char Gillespie, Bernie Spanneut, Linda Malles, Daniel Martens	Sandy Carlson
November 24	Rachel and Alan Doan, Sandy Carlson, Jon Burt	Linda Bracht

The Deacons thank everyone for serving as ushers. We appreciate your willingness to participate in the service.

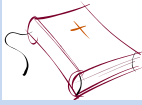
A copy of the duties can also be found on the church website. The schedule and duties are available from the church office upon request.



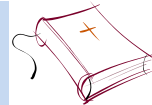
## Nursery and Communion Help for November



	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Communion</b>
November 3	Rebeccalynn	Rob Anderson, Judy and Jack Wilbert
November 10	Rebeccalynn	-----
November 17	Rebeccalynn	-----
November 24	Rebeccalynn	-----



## Bible Studies



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

- November 6 - Faith Saves, Luke 7:36-50
- November 13 - Self-Examination, 2 Corinthians 13:1-11
- November 20 - Be an Example of Faith, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
- November 27 - Live Holy Lives, Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Peter 1

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

Tom Ballard	November 1	Carol Seus	November 16
Karen Montgomery	November 2	Bob and Carol Worden Anniv.	November 16
Rachel Craver	November 4	Daniel Martens	November 18
Barbara Belcher	November 5	Sandy Carlson	November 20
Meg Schleigh	November 5	Paul Pereira	November 21
Sandy Burt	November 7	Mike Foster	November 24
Luan Ryder	November 11	Carol Worden	November 24
Anita Tashchian	November 11	Scott Dillon	November 25
Ethan VanDelinder	November 11	Carolyn Johnson	November 25
William Steele	November 13	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. If you currently do not receive your quarterly statement by email and wish to receive it through email, please contact Linda Bracht at [firstprespy211@yahoo.com](mailto:firstprespy211@yahoo.com). Otherwise, the church office will distribute computer-generated quarterly statements during service for the first two Sundays after each quarter; those not distributed will then be mailed.

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

**Daylight Savings Time:** Remember before you retire on Saturday night, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, to set your clocks back one hour. Otherwise, you'll be the "early" Ushers at church on Sunday morning!!!

### 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**

**Annual meeting:** The Presbyterian women will have a meeting after church on November 3rd. There will be soup and bread luncheon served. At the meeting we will divide up the money we intend to gift in the community. Bernie will also have her daughter, Rochelle's, jewelry on display for sale - she is having an inventory reduction sale, so all the pieces will be reduced in price.

**Christmas Gathering:** On Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM we will be gathering at the church for our wonderful Presbyterian Women's Christmas Gathering. Meat will be provided so we are requesting side dishes and appetizers. Please keep in touch for further details!!!

**Fall Rummage Sale:** Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual rummage sale, and to all who help support the sale by buying!!! We made about \$1,200 for our local charities.

**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**

**New Organ:** Our new organ is in. What a beautiful instrument. It was so much fun listening to the many different tunes and voices that it has. This piano is such a great addition to our musical program in our Church.

**Choir:** Choir has started. Megan 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.

**Remembrances:** November is a special time of the year. Let's remember All Saints Day and our many Veterans who have and continue to keep us safe. Thanksgiving Day is not only a day of good foods, but a day to celebrate friends and family. Also, a day to reflect on our lives and think of all the things we have to be thankful for.

**Ecumenical Service:** A community wide Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 24, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

**Christmas:** We will be starting our Christmas planning in the next few weeks. If anyone out there would like to be a part of the planning or a part of the Christmas program please let Pastor Paul know.

**Communion:** 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.

**Layreaders:** Pastor Paul has all of the scriptures chosen through December. If you would like to take part in a worship service and read the scripture on Sunday morning please sign up on the bulletin board. It would be great to see this filled in for the remaining of the year. Thank you.

### **News from Outreach**

**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 an inspiring Supper Club on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> when Brenda Archer, a friend of Theresa Jackson, shared with us her journey from a diagnosis of ovarian cancer, from which she founded a website and a speaking engagement named "Inside/Out Living' Life Beyond the Surface". It was heartwarming to hear of how she embraces life and its challenges.

Our next Supper Club is on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 6 PM. Our speaker is Emily Warfle, Emergency Preparedness Program Coordinator for Yates County Public Health. Emily will be speaking about emergency preparedness!!! 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**

During the October meeting of the Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee our focus returned to support for the community. The grant started in 2019 for Literacy Volunteer's was continued for 2020. This provides funding to support staffing and office expense for their Yates County office in Penn Yan. A grant was also approved for the Living Well. This program is new and will combine services from the Living Well and Habitat for Humanity by assisting local residences with repairs to their homes. When a repair is needed the Living Well will support the purchase of materials and Habitat for Humanity will provide assistance in making the repair, and the homeowner will also work on the repair and learn how to do the tasks. A grant was also approved for Habitat for Humanity to cover additional costs to the new house on Lincoln Ave. due to the handicap needs of the children.

Our commitment to Camp Whitman was also discussed and once again confirmed. There have been many changes made to the existing camp and plans for the future are being made and also being implemented. By years end the Hattie Hardman Tithe Committee will finalize a grant proposal to support the camps capital program and 2020 camper scholarship program.



What a gift this church has received to help so many have a healthier, safer life. Both near a far we share this gift and spread the Love of God.

Peace,  
Robert Constantine, Chairperson

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

The Edward L. Scherer Higher Education Gift fund is available for all members of the church who are going on for higher education. These gifts are given out twice a year, in September and in January. If you want to apply, you need to find an application form on the table in the back of the sanctuary, fill it out with as much information as possible, and mail it to Char Gillespie, 2888 Sherman Hollow, Penn Yan, NY 14527 or call at 315-536-7185 or email the application to: [charlottegillespie41@gmail.com](mailto:charlottegillespie41@gmail.com). The committee especially needs to know whether you are a full time or part time student, how many credit hours you will be taking if applicable, your major, and when you hope to complete your education. Later in the year you will be asked to provide the committee with a copy of your official registration for courses for the upcoming semester. An application needs to be filled out each year you are in school. You may also contact any member of the committee: Chairman - Charlotte Gillespie; Student Coordinator - Judith Wilbert. The students receiving higher ed gifts for the 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**

Please help the Deacons fill the Red Wagon to provide Thanksgiving boxes for **32** ARC families – yes that is correct – in the past we have served 14 families, but this year, we have been asked to serve 32!! Please bring items on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Baskets will be assembled after church on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

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.



**Usher and Hospitality list for 2019:** The list is posted on the bulletin board so please check for your name – thank you for helping. If the date does not work for you, please feel free to talk to others on the list to switch!!

**Opening:** We have 4 openings on the Board of Deacons – if you are interested or want to find out more information, please contact any one of our Deacons.

### **2019 Stewardship Campaign: “The Blessing of Giving”**

The current total amount pledged is \$131,659. We are pleased to continue to offer the choice of using an automated electronic procedure for pledged offerings. If you wish to take 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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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## Current Estimated Giving

	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	Surplus/Deficit
January	\$17,178.00	\$10,971.58	\$6,206.42
February	\$11,936.00	\$10,971.58	\$694.42
March	\$6,736.00	\$10,971.58	-\$4,235.58
April	\$10,352.00	\$10,971.58	-\$619.58
May	\$7,322.00	\$10,971.58	-\$3,649.58
June	\$13,226.00	\$10,971.58	\$2,254.42
July	\$10,197.00	\$10,971.58	\$774.58
August	\$6,861.00	\$10,971.58	-\$4,110.58
September	\$7,622.00	\$10,971.58	-\$3,349.58
October		\$10,971.58	
November		\$10,971.58	
December		\$10,971.58	
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$91,430.00</b>		<b>-\$7,314.22</b>
<b>Full Year</b>		<b>\$131,659.00</b>	

### Name Tags

Is your name tag up-to-date, or do you need a name tag??? If so, please drop a note in the collection plate, or see an usher or greeter, or tell someone in the church office!!!

### Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir



The Joyful Noise Memorial Bell Choir has joined the chime and bell choir of the Methodist Church. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:15 PM -7:15 PM alternating between our church

and the Methodist Church. We are planning to play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (but if the Buffalo Bills are playing at home on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, then we will play on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday!!!). If you know someone or if you are interested in playing with us, please join us on Wednesday evening. We are so fortunate to have handbells and we want to continue making Joyful Noise with them.

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

The Men's Bible Study typically meets at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday morning of each month in the church office.

### **Christmas Mitten Tree**

For the Christmas mitten tree this year, we are asking for donations of sweatpants [sizes S (4-6) through L (14-16), preferably with elastic openings], undies, socks, and hats and gloves/mittens (insulated and waterproof) for children. This is a VERY important mission for our church as it helps so many of our school-age children – please be as generous as you can!! Thank you for your continued support.

### **SERRV Sale – Starting December 10<sup>th</sup> in Crosier Hall**

70 Years of Fair Trade (1949-2019) - Fighting global poverty through fair and ethical trade. One of the first fair trade organizations in the world, Serrv International began its mission by helping displaced European refugees trade their handcrafts for income after the Second World War. Since then, they have extended their reach to 25 countries worldwide, working to empower over 8,000 artisans and farmers every year by selling their beautiful handcrafts.

They believe in:

- **Creating employment.** Serrv works to provide employment opportunities to all artisans, regardless of gender, race, or religion. They also work to prevent child labor, instead making sure artisans' children stay in school and have brighter futures.
- **Paying fair wages.** Artisans working with Serrv are paid fair wages in advance, to ensure they can support themselves and their families while they work.
- **Encouraging sustainable practices.** Serrv cares about the planet, and encourages artisans to use sustainable crafting methods and recycled materials in their handcrafts. Here at home, they also use recycled cardboard shreds to pack their products for safe shipping.
- **Supporting community development.** Serrv provides loans and donations to help build workshops, fund healthcare and education initiatives, recover from natural disasters, and additional community improvement projects as needed.
- **Preserving traditional crafting techniques.** Serrv employs artisans who utilize traditional crafting methods, patterns, and materials to create their handcrafts.

With your support, they can continue to combat global poverty and work to help artisans and farmers build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities.

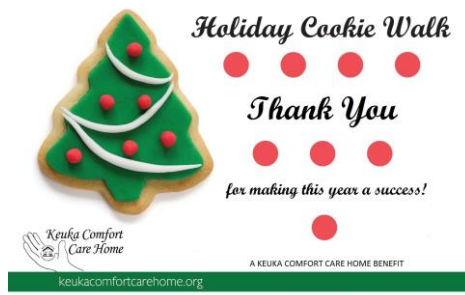
### **Christmas Flowers**

Just a quick reminder that we will have flowers available this year for decorating the church then decorating your home!!! More details to follow!!!

## Starshine

Starshine will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 PM. Main Street is closed just after dark (starting about 4 PM) and the area is transformed into a giant party. Activity stretches from Chapel Street to the Main Street bridge. Music is a traditional part of the festival and several groups will contribute songs of the season. For more than 20 years, the Miss Penn Yan program has been part of the StarShine. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be available through the evening.

## 12th Annual Holiday Cookie Walk



The 12th Annual Holiday Cookie walk will be held at the Penn Yan Presbyterian Church on December 14<sup>th</sup> (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-esque Holiday cookies (or about 5 pounds, or 2-3 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](mailto:cookie@keukacomfortcarehome.org)

## Yates Christmas Program

The Yates Christmas Program volunteer meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 PM for escort guides and 4 PM for other volunteers, at our church. Distribution at the Armory is Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> by appointment only; distribution at our church is from Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-3 PM and Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-1 PM with shopping open to anyone starting at 12 PM. Setup at our church is scheduled for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9 AM. All help is gratefully appreciated.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Michael School Turkey Trot 5K 2019

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual St. Michael School Turkey Trot 5K will be held on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 7 AM with the race starting at 8:30 AM at 214 Keuka Street, Penn Yan. You

can register online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/PennYan/StMichaelSchool6thAnnual5KTurkeyTrot>

### **‘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](mailto:pjb29@cornell.edu)).

### **Presbytery of Geneva Camp Whitman**



**Camp Whitman is hiring:** Camp Whitman is looking for a Maintenance Technician, Experienced Lifeguard and Kitchen Assistant – please see the April 2018 newsletter for more information but interested inquiries should email [director@campwhitman.org](mailto:director@campwhitman.org). The camp has an Amazon wishlist at



[https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/16L3FFK1Q2AMZ/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ep\\_ws\\_QVdbBb7F55EJF](https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/16L3FFK1Q2AMZ/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_QVdbBb7F55EJF)

**Camp Whitman Capital Campaign:** Help us meet our \$250,000 match – ways to give (1) checks may be written to ‘Presbytery of Geneva’ with ‘Camp Whitman Capital Campaign’ in the memo line, mailed to 2472 Route 54A, Penn Yan, NY 14527; (2) donate online at [www.campwhitman.org/donate](http://www.campwhitman.org/donate); (3) make a gift of stock at [www.presbyterianfoundation.org/make-a-contribution](http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/make-a-contribution) and designate the gift to Presbytery of Geneva and add “Camp Whitman Capital Campaign” in the notes.

## **Presbytery of Geneva**

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

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

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

Other committees formed during this restructuring work are:

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

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

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

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

Phoebe Baker, Chairperson, Committee on Representation

### **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](mailto:danvirginia@aol.com) or [lwerts@aol.com](mailto:lwerts@aol.com). PDA also offers resources to assist congregations at this link <https://pda.pcua.org/page/disaster-preparedness/>.

If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbytery of Geneva, you are welcome to go on their website at [www.presbyteryofgeneva.org](http://www.presbyteryofgeneva.org). Click on 'Meeting Info' then enter the username 'directory' and the password 'fingerlakes'.

### **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Geneva:**

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

### **PCUSA – General Assembly news**

If you are interested in learning about what is happening at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), you are welcome to go on their website at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). Click on 'News & Announcements' then 'General Assembly News'.

# Kids Corner

## All Saints Day



Saint Blaise



Saint Matilda

Find all ten  
saint names:

Mary  
Joseph  
Francis  
Zita  
Agnes  
Leo  
Anthony  
Patrick  
Peter  
Monica

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My favorite saint is:

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>All Saints Day 1</b> 9AM Exercise	<b>Daylight Savings 2</b> 8AM Men's Bkfst 9AM Men's Bible Study 9AM Trustee cleanup
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school PW meeting	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH  7PM Trustees	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study  7PM Choir rehear	10-2 PathStone 12-8:30 WIC  3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school 2¢ meal; birthdays Deacons mtg	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study  7PM HH mtg	10-2 PathStone  3-5 Girls Club	9AM Exercise	
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school W&M mtg. 3:30 Daisy scouts	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study  7PM Session	8-4:30 WIC 10 ARC worship 10-2 PathStone 3-5 Girls Club 4-5 YCP vol mtg 6PM Supper Club	9AM Exercise	
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving 28</b>	<b>29</b>	
9 Choir rehearsal; 10:00 Worship Sunday school 2 Thanks service	9AM Exercise	10:15-3:15 IAH 12-8:30 WIC	9AM Exercise 10AM Bible Study		9AM Exercise	

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