



The 221st meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Convenes in Detroit, Michigan, June 14-21.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements.

The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries.

Please prayer for these delegates.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GROW IN FAITH?

Every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm in the Junior High Lounge a community gathers to nurture one another through spiritual formation, prayer, and Biblical exploration. Whether you have been reading the Bible your whole life or this is your first time, you are welcome!

You don't have to but if you would like to read ahead for that week, here is a look at what the scripture text will be. A great website to find the scripture texts in different versions:

www.biblegateway.com

During June we will reflect on the following texts:

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| June 4 | Acts 2:1-21 |
| June 11 | Matthew 28 |

GPC RED WINGS EVENT

The 2014 GPC Red wings event is Saturday July 26th at 6:05pm. The Red Wings will be playing the Indianapolis Indians. Highlights of the evening are the "RPO" and "Fireworks". The per ticket cost is \$6.00 and we will begin taking ticket reservations and collecting money on Sunday June 15th after worship. Sunday July 13th will be the last day to purchase tickets. We will pass out the tickets on Sunday July 20th. See Gary Dykes or Todd Pimm for further information.



From your retiring Associate Pastor.....

I usually love to write; however, today I feel totally inadequate. How do I say "thank you" to people with whom I have shared so much?

Do you remember my ordination service? What a glorious day it was for me! I can still hear the final hymn "Amen" in my head. We sang it with such joy! You believed that I would not always be a rookie straight out of seminary.....and, thus, I have known God's grace through you. Thank you!

You invited me into your lives and shared yourselves with me. We have planned and plotted, celebrated and moaned, laughed and cried together.....and, thus, I have known God's presence through you. Thank you!

You wrapped me with care when I needed it most. When Bob died, your comfort put me on my feet again. When my parents were ill, your flexibility made long-distance care giving possible. You welcomed my family into your church family. You shared my life with me.....and, thus, I have known God's love through you. Thank you!

You partnered in God's work with me. You enthusiastically (well at least most of the time) said "yes" to my many, many "opportunities." Together, we have explored God's vision of peace and justice in so many ways.....and, thus, I have known God's call through you. Thank you!

You and I have been in covenant with each other for almost a quarter of a century....wow! What a blessing those years have been to me! Although in a different way, we will continue to be in covenant with each other through the Separation Ethics Boundaries Covenant that we have both signed. The following is excerpted from my statement of faith, written for ordination so many years ago:

I believe that I am on a journey:

- A dynamic journey, dynamic in that it contains unlimited possibilities given to us by God.
- A mysterious journey, in that I do not have the whole picture but must move forward in faith knowing that the darkness of the unknown will be illuminated through God's Spirit.

My experiences at GPC have convinced me that a journey with God is, indeed, beautifully "dynamic" and "mysterious". Our new covenant provides us with a path through which we continue to experience both. It stipulates that I will not be present in the life of Gates Presbyterian Church for one year. I will miss you! However, this covenant offers us a hard, but wise opportunity to explore God's call for the next steps of our sacred journeys. I will pray for you and ask that you will do the same for me.....and, thus, we will experience God's guiding light.

THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!

Carol Anne

SWEM is in need of a few volunteers (or small group) that could help with the following:
3rd Thursday of the month (late afternoon) - help purchase produce from the public market & return it to SWEM (SWEM funds used for purchases)

3rd Friday of the month (during the day) - packing bags of food for delivery to seniors

3rd Sat of the month (mornings) - deliver bags to various seniors

Jody LaRose at SWEM is in charge of these 3 opportunities & can be reached at 247-5932.

SWEM now has a volunteer coordinator as well who can be reached at 235-4494 or 235-4491.

There are always opportunities at any time to unpack/sort donated food & prepare bags for donations to families/weekend lunch backpack program (just received a grant) should folks have availability or desire to help out.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Each month Budget Stewardship, along with Session reviews the budget.

As of April 30, our 2014 budget, in its simplest form, looks like this:

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| Total Income Projection | \$ 326,682 |
| Total Expense Projection | <u>\$ 365,185</u> |
| Total Income Less Expenses | <u>\$ (38,503)</u> |

In anticipation of a continued deficit of almost \$40,000 for 2014, Budget & Stewardship, along with Session is inviting you to prayerfully consider responding to a "Second Mile" giving opportunity. Your faith commitment of financial giving supports so many amazing ministries here at GPC including mission, the spiritual growth of our youth, worship and dynamic pastoral leadership.

Respond as your heart and the Holy Spirit leads you. Any questions don't hesitate to contact Jim Meddaugh (Chair of Budget & Stewardship) or our Pastor Melissa DeRosia (247-5292).

PLANTS! PLANTS! PLANTS!

We need LOTS of plants for the Garden Area of the Yard sale on June 21st.

Now that we can finally see our gardens – can you dig up some of your spore plants for us to sell? Plants should be potted at least 1 week prior to the sale. All pots need to be labeled what plant it is and does it need sun or shade or any information you can provide about the plant.



Thanks for any plants you can donate!!

Tis the season of outdoor picnics . . . and empty bottles and cans!

As you enjoy your summer celebrations, please remember GPC seniors who are collecting bottles and cans to defray their trip expenses for the February Jamaica Mission Trip. The collection barrels are in the area next to the Fellowship Hall where the trash cans are stored.

NEW INFORMATION TO THOSE BRINGING IN BOTTLES AND CANS

Unfortunately we have had someone pilfering our bottles and cans for their own purposes. Locks have been put on the collection barrels. If you come to drop off bottles and cans during regular work hours see Kay or Vicki for a key to the barrels. If you come after hours, just leave the bottles and cans next to the barrels and Vicki or Kay will check the next morning. Also, carefully bagging bottles and cans helps us when moving them around. Thank You!

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE:

Monday – June 2 - GPC vs Orchard Community Church at GPC – 6:30 p.m.

Monday – June 9 – GPC vs Victory Church at GPC – 6:30 p.m.

Monday – June 16 – Make up game, if needed

Monday – June 23 – GPC vs Open Door III at GPC – 6:30 p.m.

Monday – June 30 – GPC vs Grace Church at GPC – 6:30 p.m.



MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE:

Tuesday – June 3 – BYE Week

Tuesday – June 10 – GPC vs Hilton Baptist at GPC – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday – June 17 – GPC vs Park Ridge at GPC – Double header – 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday – June 24 – GPC vs Tabernacle of Worship at GPC – Double header – 6:15 p.m.

GPC YARD SALE – Your help is needed

The GPC yard sale is on June 21st and the yard sale food booth needs help. I need a couple of Senior high youth, and 3-4 Junior high youth to help.

Morning shift 9:15 -12:30 for set up and serving

Afternoon shift 12:15 - 2:45ish for serving and break down.

All profits go to our youth group program.

Please contact me if you can help, or have questions.

Thank you in advance for considering. Bill Dassero 328-6084

CONFIRMANDS

8:30 – On June 1st – **a party honoring you!** Bring your families and your sponsor to breakfast at GPC.

10:00 - During worship on June 1st, you will be introduced to the congregation. It's sure to be an awesome service!!!

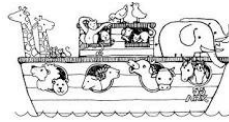
NEWS FROM THE YOUNG CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Children's Sunday – June 8th

As our 2013/2014 Sunday School year draws to a close our teachers and children are busy preparing for Children's Sunday on June 8th. Our Preschoolers through Sixth Graders will participate in worship as we celebrate the birthday of the church. We hope that you can join the festivities!

Summer Family Fun Event – Noah's Ark Theme

Our Summer event this year will be held at Springdale Farm on Sunday, July 20th from 12:30 – 3:00pm. Please plan to bring a picnic lunch and join us in the Pavilion for fun and fellowship. Guided tours are not available on Sundays, but you are welcome to explore the farm during your visit. There is no cost to attend this event. Please watch your bulletins for more information. A signup sheet will be on the kiosk starting June 22nd. We hope to see you there!



Sunday School Teachers

We are planning for the 2014/2015 Sunday School year and ask that you consider supporting the program as a teacher. We will gladly work with you to arrange a team teaching partnership if necessary. Our marvelous, energetic, inquisitive children thank you for your consideration!

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

| Date | Lay Reader | Front Door Greeter | Usher Team | Deacon Team |
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| June 1 | Confirmation Class | Eric Vail | 1 | 4 |
| June 8 | Children | Bob Binko | 2 | 5 |
| June 15 | Tami Pignone | Carrie Dykes | 3 | 6 |
| June 22 | Barb Snaith | Gordon Chapman | 4 | 7 |
| June 29 | Jessica Burkovich | Jim Meddaugh | 5 | |

Communion Team E:

Left: 1. Carrie Dykes
2. Mary Hadley
3. Bob Fehnel
4. Barb Walence

Right: 1. Cheryl Fehnel
2. Ann Haag
3. Christine Arcara
4. Barb Snaith



GPC Lockup for June: Bill Dassero

PENTECOST OFFERING

On June 8th we will receive the Pentecost Offering. This is a denominational second mile giving opportunity. It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth and young adults. We, at GPC, will keep forty percent of what is received to support our ministries benefiting these age groups. The General Assembly's portion (remaining 60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults. It also supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$8 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. At GPC we have used our portion of the offering in various ways through the years. Some of those are: work project scholarships, Basic School project, school supplies for children in Jamaica.

Are weeds taking over your garden? Do you need a babysitter? How about someone to spread mulch? The Youth Committee has a solution for you -----Work Project Bound!

Work Project Bound is a program created to help defray the personal expenses of youth going on mission work projects. Here is how it works:

1. The Youth Committee creates a list of young people who are interested in being part of Work Project Bound
2. You call or text Keith Hadley with your need – 698-8619.
3. He gives you a name of a youth. He calls the youth and tells him/her that you will be contacting him/her. You connect with the youth and make arrangements.
4. You pay \$8.00 an hour for the work done. Rather than paying the youth, you put the money in the box in the office marked "Work Project Bound" with the youth's name attached.
5. The youth is then given credit toward his/her Work Project fee.

A win/win to be sure! Thanks!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

In the midst of all of your celebrations don't forget GPC. We want to celebrate YOU, too!!!

June 8 – Youth Group Year-end Picnic – You are the guests of honor!

June 15 – Worship – You are, yet again, the guests of honor. Yes, you are very special folks and we will even verify that on the screen!



Meet our newest GPC members, the 2014 Confirmation Class

Brian Bullis: I am currently a freshman at Gates Chili High School. I love school, especially my math and science classes. I'm a self-proclaimed nerd, but outside of church and school, I love to play baseball with my friends. I probably spend too much time playing computer games. I love spending time outdoors, whether a hike in the Adirondacks or riding bikes with a friend.

Samantha Dykes. I am a freshman at Gates-Chili. My grades this year have been in the 90's. I am on high honor roll. I love being creative and unique with both art and music. I love to draw, sculpt, and paint, as well as play my flute in band. My favorite sport is swimming, as well as synchronized swimming. I like hanging out with friends. I enjoy spending time with my church family, as well as my own family. I like participating on youth work projects, other youth activities, playing the church bells, and Youth Choir. I have so many friends at church, as well as school. Coming to church every Sunday feels like a fresh start to begin my week.

Valerie Fong: I am a freshman at Gates Chili, home of the Spartans. I love math, social studies, and English the most. Confirmation class is fun because I have learned about my religion and beliefs. I play basketball in the fall. On the team, I am a shooting guard. In the spring, I play softball as a catcher and am in the outfield. I also recently got a job...yahoo!!! Outside of school, I like to sleep and eat as much as I can. I also like going to church.

Sean Frisch: I as a freshman at Vanguard Collegiate High School. I play sports all year - JV football in the fall, JV basketball in the winter, and varsity track in the spring. I'm an honor roll student with a GPA of 3.50. I love to do after school activities like tutoring at a Hillside program. I also love to shoot hoops with my brother Jacob. I love spending time with my family and friends. My main goal is to keep my head held high, maintain a good GPA, and stay active with sports! I never give up, so I won't give up on what's best for me and my future!

Scott Lewis: I am fifteen years old and currently attend Churchville-Chili Central School District. I play the banjo and piano. I do karate. I am in the play, Godspell. In my free time, I play 4-square with the neighborhood kids. I love science and technology. I despise geometry and world history. I love to sing. I plan on being a scientist or an engineer in the future.

Matthew Thornton: I am a member of the robotics team (3015), swim team, band, boy scouts. I am going into my seventh year on stage crew at my school.

Ian Unson: I've attended GPC my entire life. I am fifteen years old and attend Gates Chili High School. I enjoy math and science. I'm a goalie on the soccer team during the fall. In the winter I bowl. In the spring I'm a catcher on the baseball team. My family includes my sis Abigail, and my parents, John and Andrea.

DEACONS' PAGE

Thoughts and prayers to:

Paul Brown recovering from knee surgery

Evelyn Ortman recuperating after surgery on a broken leg

Ric Bazer recovering from a concussion

Hannah Walker's family dealing with family issues

Irene Derry's family in Scotland

Linda Sidore's family dealing with a family member's mental health issues

Dottie Meddaugh dealing with health issues

Congratulations to:

Mike Allen who is engaged

Dan Charcholla who was named "Practitioner of the Year"

Nathan Stang on receiving his Masters Degree from Eastman School of Music

Roy and Julie Smith on expecting their second child

Our Sympathy to:

The **Stiles** family on the recent death of **Howard Stiles**

Whit and Bonnie Beckett and family on the death of Whit's brother, **Tom**

Sue and Mark Cortellini on the death of Sue's brother-in-law

The **Keagle** family on the recent death of **Marion Keagle**

Margaret Belt and family on the death of her uncle

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and expressed their condolences after the death of Whit's brother, Tom.

Whit and Bonnie Beckett and family

REMINDER TO DEACONS

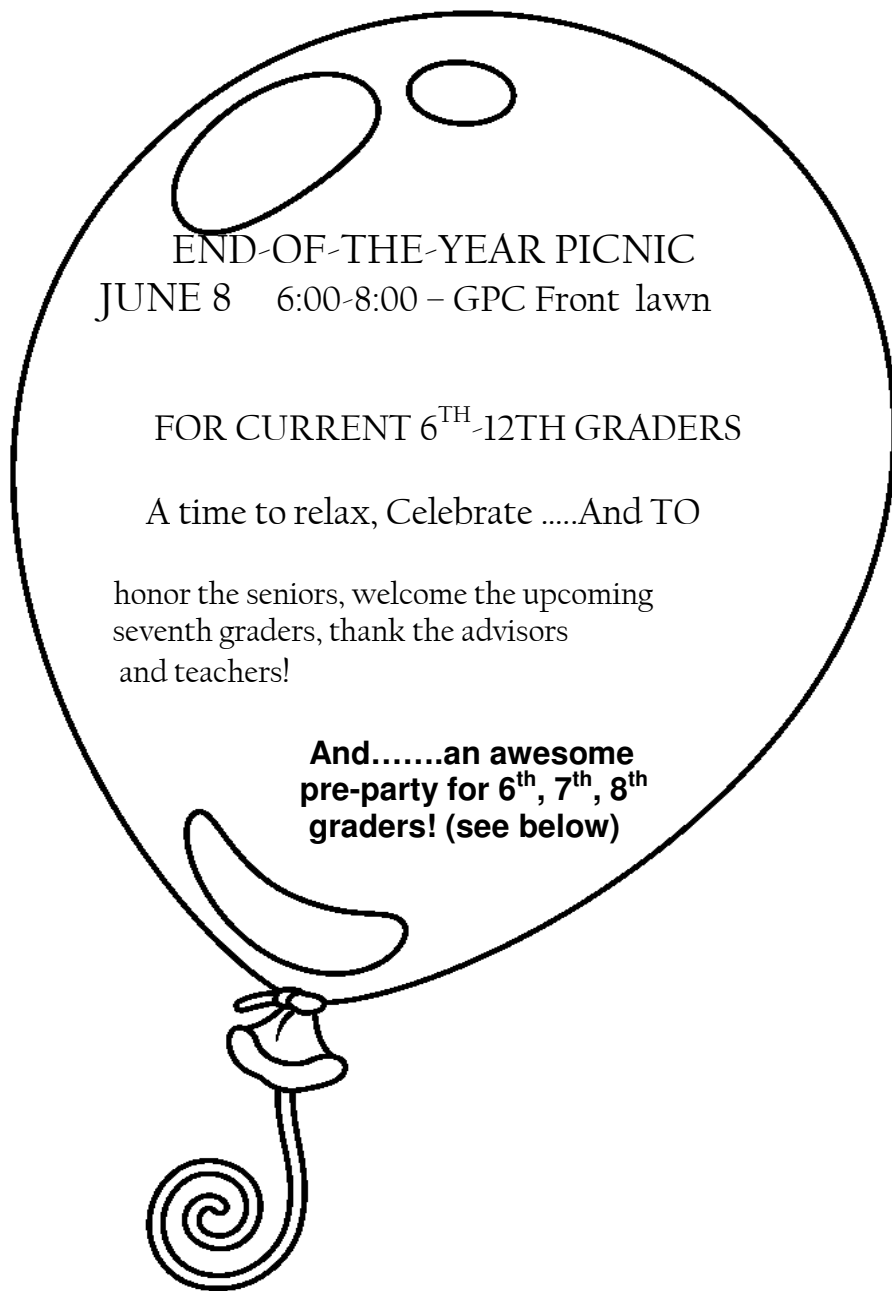
The next Deacons' meeting is Monday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet on Tuesday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 16.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet Monday, June 30th, 11:30 a.m. at Carol Balsley's.


TABITHA CIRCLE picnic on June 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Janice Bilohlavek's.

Please call JoAnn Vander with your dish to bring to picnic.



Pre-party to the End-of-the-Year Youth Picnic for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders! Meet at GPC at 4:00. We will go to the Clubhouse Fun Center for go-karting, golfing and mostly lots of fun! Returning to GPC at 6:00, we will be ready for the next party - year-end-party! No money needed.

YOUTH CALENDAR IN JUNE

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| June 1- | 8:30 – Confirmation breakfast 9:00 – Youth choir 10:00 - Worship - Confirmands will be introduced to the congregation Deposit due for Senior High Mission Work Project - \$100.00 Payment due for Jamaica Mission Trip - \$150.00 |
| June 8 – | 9:00 – Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship – Celebration of Our Young People 4:00 – Pre-party for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders 6:00 – End-of-the-Year Picnic – 6-12 th graders |
| June 15 – | 9:00 – Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship – High School seniors honored - Youth Choir sings 11:15 - Parent Work Project Meeting for Senior High Mission Trip - In the Worship Center |
| June 21 – | Junior Highs help with Food Booth at Yard Sale 4:00-6:00 – Senior High Work Project participants clean-up Yard Sale |
| June 22 – | 10:00 – Worship |
| June 29 – | 10:00 – Worship Following Worship - Carol Anne's retirement celebration – be there! ☺ |

SENIOR HIGH MISSION WORK PROJECT

Where: New York City!!!

When: August 3-9

Who: Upcoming 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders

To register: Put the forms you received in the mail with your \$150.00 deposit in the box marked Senior High Work Project in the main office. If you did not receive a letter contact Kay Harder Parent's Work Project Meeting – after worship on June 15 – come with your questions.

Required Yard Sale clean-up of all work project participants: June 21st – 4-6

(GPC Mission/Peacemaking Committee donates to the work project. This helps to defray personal cost for the trip – in exchange we clean-up the Yard Sale)

JUNIOR HIGH MISSION WORK PROJECT

Where: All around Rochester!

When: July 21-25

Who: Upcoming 7th and 8th graders

Watch the snail mail for registration form – coming soon!