

THE GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR will be held on **Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.** We are currently accepting applications from crafters. Applications are available in the rack outside the sanctuary or you can contact Debbie Lamphron (594-4390), Kay Harder (429-5119), or Barb Snaith (247-9066). It's filling up FAST, so get your application in as soon as possible. See you in November!!



SUMMER FOOD COLLECTION FOR SWEM

Food collection for SWEM continues through July and August. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the swimming pool in the narthex. Your food donations are much appreciated!

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER

Date	Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher Team	Deacon Team
July 6	Gladstone Crosdale	Barb Walence	6	1
July 13	Tammy Tackling	Whit Beckett	1	2
July 20	Sheri MacFarlane	Helen Priestley	2	3
July 27	Linda Beattie	Brian Bullis	3	4
August 3	Cheryl Fehnel	Dick Stewart	4	5
August 10	Bob Binko	Senior High Youth	5	6
August 17	Tami Pignone	Jan Beutner	6	7
August 24	Gladstone Crosdale	Gordon Chapman	1	2
August 31	Jim Meddaugh	Melina Endulovski	2	1

LOCK UP SCHEDULE FOR JULY: J.C. Rouchon

LOCK UP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST: Jan Beutner

FROM THE PUBLIC WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Our worship services in the summer time become a bit more casual and we are looking for some volunteers to help lead the time with our children during worship in July and August. If you would like to read a story from a book, tell a story from the Bible, or share how God has touched your life and relate this in a way that our younger disciples will understand, then please let us know that you are able to help out this summer. If you would please contact a member of the Public Worship committee, place a note in the Hospitality Register, call the GPC office at 247-5292 or Email: office@gatespres.org Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR:

“The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.” - Psalm 50:1

The summer season in western New York brings with it the opportunity to enjoy long sunny days in the garden, on ball fields, around campfires, and at the lake. I love it when someone shares with me how they experience God's presence in nature (usually it is a sunset). Nodding my head in agreement, I am reminded of the Psalms praising God in the beauty of natural creation (sunsets included) ☺

Author Barbara Brown Taylor in her book, *An Altar in the World*, writes how people seem willing to look all over the place for the opportunity to grow closer to God. "They will spend hours launching prayers into the heavens. They will travel halfway around the world to visit a monastery in India or to take part in a mission trip to Belize. The last place most people look is right under their feet, in the everyday activities, accidents and encounters of their lives."

In *An Altar in the World*, Taylor examines the everyday practices, walking, working, nature, to reveal small windows into heaven and feeling God's presence. Each chapter takes simple customs, like encountering people, getting lost and daily chores, and provides an alternate view to these mundane tasks. Through her unique, thought-provoking style, she teaches through her own life experiences. Taylor teaches us to slow down, take off our sandals and realize where we tread is holy ground.

In worship this summer we will use *An Alter in the World*, and scripture, as our guide to exploring the ways we experience God in the everyday. You are invited (though by no means required) to purchase a copy from your favorite book seller or contact the office and we can order a copy for you for \$9.00. Selections of the book will be referenced in worship, but I assure you reading ahead is not necessary.

Here is a peek at the summer worship schedule:

July 6th The Practicing of Waking Up to God: Vision
Special Music – Rick Howe

July 13th Guest Preacher David Fish
Special Music – Gail Knowles and Gordon Chapman

July 20th The Practice of Paying Attention: Reverence
Special Music – Beth and Katie Ohman

July 27th The Practice of Getting Lost: Wilderness
Special Music – Amy Merica

August 3rd The Practice of Wearing Skin: Incarnation
Special Music

August 10th Sr. High Work Project Participants Leading Worship
Special Music – Paula Sousa

August 17th The Practice of Feeling Pain: Breakthrough
Special Music – Kathy Wakeman and Gordon Chapman

August 24th Guest Preacher:
Special Music – Amanda Hart

August 31st The Practice of Saying No: Sabbath
Special Music – Kathy Wakeman

September 7th The Practice of Pronouncing Blessings: Benediction
Special Music – Gail Knowles



Wherever you find yourself enjoying the beauty of summer, I pray you will notice the holiness of it.

Peace,
Melissa

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 23 – June 27 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

June 30 – August 29 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The church office is closed Friday, July 4th and Monday, September 1st.

Pastoral Care Concerns

Over the summer we will have one pastor on staff. Melissa takes Friday as her day off, and when possible she spends Saturdays with her family. In order to encourage this Sabbath time, this means she is not in the office, does not check email, and only returns phone calls when it is a pastoral emergency. When Melissa is on vacation the Board of Deacons will provide pastoral care to those in the hospital and we will have a local pastor on call for emergencies.

Raising Up Leaders at GPC

It is with great joy we welcome Dave Fish to the pulpit on July 13th. Many folks at GPC know Dave from his time serving as a ruling elder on session, chair of the mission committee, Sunday School teacher, an advisor to the Sr. Highs, and an advisor on Summer Work Projects. Did you also know Dave is participating in the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program with the Presbytery of Genesee Valley? Commissioned Ruling Elders, or CRE's for short, are commissioned and assigned to particular pastoral service in a congregation of the presbytery (not the one they are a member of).

Dave is taking classes at Northeastern Seminary (on the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College). He is enrolled in the Certificate in Christian Ministry, a two- year program. When these courses are completed he will work with the presbytery Committee on Ministry for placement in a church. Please keep Dave in your prayers and support him as leads worship on July 13th.

GPC Mission Statement

The Mission Statement Committee was tasked by Session to collect feedback from the congregation about the mission of Gates Presbyterian Church. We held two open table conversations and dedicated a fusion Sunday to collecting this information. We would like to thank everyone that contributed their thoughts and ideas to this effort. The new mission statement shown below was created and approved by Session on June 19, 2014. We believe it encompasses everything that is GPC. We look forward to hearing your thoughts about this statement.

As a joyful community empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God, follow Jesus and love our neighbors.

Carrie Dykes, Cheryl Fehnel, Bill Walence, Keith Hadley

DEACONS' PAGE



Thoughts and prayers to:

Evelyn Ortman recovering from a broken leg, now at home.

Carolyn Thornton recovering from surgery.

Lynn Smythe in Strong Hospital recovering from surgery and an infection.

John Harder recovering from knee surgery.

Mary Horne in Strong Hospital.

Our sympathy to:

Marge Westfall and family on the recent death of her sister.

Congratulations to:

Natalie Walence and Patrick McMichael on their wedding June 14th.

Robb Christensen and Katherine Rouse on their wedding June 28th.

Erica Strawbridge and Jonathan Trotto on their wedding July 26th.

Brian and Janette Dassero on the birth of their daughter, **Emily Lorraine**.

I would like to thank everyone so very much for all the cards, phone calls, hugs, and love extended to me during this sad time of losing my dear sister. What a warm, loving church I have belonged to for 63 years! Thank you all!
- Marge Westfall

DUE DATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER HARBINGER IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH BY NOON.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2014 Yard Sale a success! Your time, energy, donations, and purchases are all much appreciated!

GPC RED WINGS EVENT

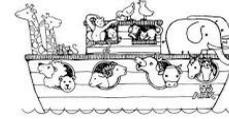


Ticket sales are under way for our 2014 GPC Red Wings event. The event is Saturday, July 26th at 6:05 p.m., and the Red Wings will be playing the Indianapolis Indians. Highlights of the evening are a **"Baseball Game"**, performance by the **"RPO"** and **"Fireworks."** The per ticket cost to us is \$6.00. We are taking ticket reservations and collecting money until Sunday,

July 13th. We will pass out the tickets on Sunday, July 20th. See Gary Dykes or Todd Pimm for further information.

SUMMER FAMILY FUN EVENT

NOAH'S ARK THEME
AT SPRINGDALE FARM
SUNDAY, JULY 20TH
12:30 – 3:00 P.M.



Our Summer Family Fun Night Event this year will be held at Springdale Farm, 700 Colby Street, Spencerport 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. Please sign up by July 13th so we will know how many to plan for.

We hope to see you there!

SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROJECTS:

Senior High Mission Work Project

Place: New York City, NY

Dates: July 1 – Second payment due and forms

July 27 – Commissioned in worship

August 1 – Third payment due

August 3 – Meet at church at 8:00am

Bus leaves around 9:00am

August 4 – 7 – Work with YSOP in NYC

August 8 – Free Day

August 9 – Return in the afternoon

August 10 – Lead worship

Junior High Work Project

Place: Rochester, NY

Dates: July 20 – Jr. High Work Team

commissioned in worship

July 21 – Serve lunch at Salem

Soup Kitchen

July 22 – Grace House

July 23 – Run carnival at the

Episcopal Home

July 24 – Gardening for GPC

members

July 25 - Seabreeze

FALL YOUTH DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

September 14 – Kick-off Sunday for Church School and Youth Group

October 5 – Wheel-a-thon



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!

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!

Church Mouse Bazaar

Planning has started for the 2014 Church Mouse Bazaar held in November. Session is currently looking for leadership for the 2015 Church Mouse Bazaar. If you feel called to lead this important event next year, now is the perfect time to shadow the current leaders and “learn the ropes”. Please contact the church office or talk to a member of Session for more information.

SUMMER YOUTH NEWS

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| July 1 | – Second payment due for NYC work project and forms |
| July 1 | – Payment for 2015 Jamaica Mission Trip – (\$150) |
| July 20 | – Worship – Commission for Junior High Work Project |
| July 20 | – Family Fun Day at Springdale Farm 12:30-3:00 |
| July 21 | – Junior High Work Project (9:30-3:00) Salem Soup Kitchen |
| July 22 | – Junior High Work Project (9:30-3:00) Grace House |
| July 23 | – Junior High Work Project (9:30-4:00) Episcopal Home |
| July 24 | – Junior High Work Project (9:30-3:00) Gardening for GPC members |
| July 25 | – Junior High Work Project Fun Day (10:00-4:00) Seabreeze |
| July 27 | – Worship – Commission for Senior High Work Project |
| August 1 | – Payment for 2015 Jamaica Mission Trip – (\$150) |
| August 3 | – Senior Highs meet at GPC at 8:00 a.m. for mission trip |
| August 3 | – 9 Senior High Mission Trip |
| August 9 | – Senior High Mission Trip participants return in the afternoon |
| August 10 | – Worship – Senior High Mission Team leads worship |
| August 17 | – Worship |
| August 24 | – Worship |
| August 31 | – Worship |
| September 1 | – Payment for 2015 Jamaica Mission Trip – (\$150) |

