

DEACONS' PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Joe Costrino, recovering from surgery

Don Bernhart, recovering from hospital stay

Randy Mosher, recovering from surgery

Dave Rich, recovering from hip surgery

Clarene Cress, recovering from surgery

Sharon Call, recovering after hospital stay

Bob Kaiser, recovering from triple bypass surgery

Mary DiGennaro, in transitional care at Unity Hospital



Our sympathy to:

Ken and Sue Birkbeck and family on the recent death of Ken's father.

Tom and Chris Arcara and family on the recent death of Tom's father.

Susan Orr and family on the recent death of Susan's mother. Susan is the Presbyter for Mission and Education for the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

REMINDER TO DEACONS:

The next Deacons' meeting is Monday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Lounge.

FROM THE DEACONS

Gates Presbyterian Church offers a free service to anyone needing a ride to church on Sunday mornings and special services times. All one needs to do is call the church office, and a cheerful person will give you a call to arrange a time and pick you up, no charge! People are standing by and truly want to help!

REBECCA CIRCLE meets on Monday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

TABITHA CIRCLE'S next meeting is Wednesday, April 8th at the church at 1:00 p.m.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP meets Tuesday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m. in Room 16.

SNOWBIRDS: Don't forget to let the church office know when you have returned to Rochester so that we can make sure your newsletter goes to the correct address.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Easter morning begins in the darkness. It begins with a group of people (mostly women...) who set out into the wilderness of not knowing what they may or may not find. Yet out of the dark, out of the wilderness, out of the empty tomb, Jesus comes to life. When we experience this story something comes to life in each one of us. Part of what makes Easter so powerful for us is this story is about more than just one person rising from the dead. Easter is about a community called to share the story of new life. The women share the story with the disciples. Depending on the Gospel account you read, one or more of the disciples race around to tell the stories to the other disciples about what they have seen. The story continues to spread and the community of believers begin to grow and flourish after Jesus' resurrection.

Easter is about new life and how that life and love grows. A few days before the ashes marked our foreheads and the journey into the wilderness of Lent began, a group of six greeted the darkness of the early morning for a flight headed to Jamaica. The mission partnership between Gates Presbyterian Church and the Negril Charge of the United Church of Jamaica began fourteen years ago. This trip marked the first year the relationship "changed hands" to the new pastor at the Negril Charge (the Rev. Kimberly Hines) and myself. There were many "wilderness" moments on the trip!

- What exactly are we painting?
- What hymn are we singing?
- What do you mean the bank doesn't have any money?
- Do you think those kids are our age?
- How long is the power going to be out this time?
- Melissa, do we have to walk to dinner **AGAIN??!!**

The most significant "wilderness" moment going into the trip was wondering if our mission relationship would experience resurrection and be filled with new life in spite of leadership changes. The mission team from GPC celebrated the moment we felt new life springing forth. As we heard the stories of our faith shared in worship, as we shared the stories of our lives with new friends, as we imagined the new stories that will come from our churches living the good news of God's love together, the story of Easter lived on in each of us. Thank you GPC, for hearing the stories of new life in our mission partnership in Jamaica.

May all the stories of Easter happening at GPC live on and be shared!

~ Melissa

Connecting in Community through Bible Study

Every Wednesday evening 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 April we will reflect on the following texts:

Wednesday, April 1st John 13; 17- 19

Wednesday, April 8th John 20:19-31

Wednesday, April 15th Luke 24:36b-48

Wednesday, April 22nd 1 John 3:16-24

Wednesday, April 29th John 15:1-8

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Easter Services:

6:30 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. – Easter Worship Service



FUS!ON SUNDAY (April 26): Kirkin' O' the Tartan

Celebrating our Scottish Heritage and the ways in which God weaves us together in a unique way here at GPC. Dust off the kilt and wear your plaid to represent our diverse and inclusive heritage.

PARENTS OF 2015 HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR GRADUATE SCHOOL

STUDENTS: Please call the church office (247-5292) or email us at office@gatespres.org to let us know of your son's or daughter's graduation!

FROM PUBLIC WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Did you know?

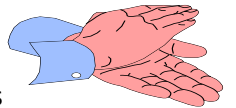
Church services at GPC are recorded weekly and then made available for future listening on our website! Go to www.gatespres.org, select the "Recorded Services" link on the main page, click on the service you want to hear and experience yet another way we can be "church together". The recorded services are mp3 files and are listed by date (year/month/day). To access the complete listing—dating back to October 2011—click on the "Click Here" link at the bottom of the Recorded Services page. Please see Tom Ward if you have any questions.

Did you also know?

There are earphones available for the hearing impaired. If you are having difficulty hearing the service, stop and talk to Tom at the sound booth on Sundays and he will provide you with a set of headphones to wear that pick up the service and allow you to control the volume.

MEMBERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

The Membership and Hospitality Committee would like to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped out with the parking lot valet service this past winter and early spring. This winter was one for the record books and seemed like it would never end. We sure had our share of snow and wind and way too many cold days. Once again, it was very pleasing to hear so many thankful comments about this service. Coming to Church early on a cold, windy and snowy Sunday is not something everyone looks forward to, but the volunteers braved the elements and never hesitated when asked to help out. This extra effort offered on Sundays, some of which were very, very cold shows just how willing people of GPC are to step right in and lend a helping hand. This is truly a caring Church family and we should all be very proud of the willingness these volunteers have shown to help others out. Thank You To All Of You!



MEN 2 MEN

Men 2 Men will have breakfast April 26th at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22 and the theme for April is **faithfulness**. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$5.00. Please sign up on the Kiosk.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

On Saturday, April 18th, GPC will be serving lunch at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. We need food donations, cooks and servers.

Food donations: See sign-up on the Kiosk. Please put donations in the GPC kitchen by noon 4/17

Cooks: The meal will be prepared on April 17th, 6:30 p.m. in the GPC kitchen

Sign-up on the Kiosk.

Servers: Meet at St. Joseph's at 10:30 a.m. Prepare to stay until 1:30 p.m. Sign-up on the Kiosk. St. Joseph's is located at 402 South Avenue.



Triple Play Mission Day

(formerly known as Mission Madness):

Saturday, April 25th, 8:30-2:00.

This presbytery-wide event is for **EVERYBODY** (All ages invited!). Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at GPC. We will head out to do mission work at places like Cameron Community Ministries, Focus on the Children, People's Ministry in Christ, The Garden's Edge, The Main Street Store, El Agua es Vida, and Judicial Process Commission. Then around 12:30 we will head back to GPC for lunch

and reflection and to wrap up the day. Bring \$10 for food and equipment, and get ready to serve! RSVP by April 17th. Any questions, call Katie at 247-5292.

YOUTH NEWS

Summer Youth Work Projects!!!!!!

Junior High – July 20-24

Senior High – August 2-8 at MINC! We'll be working near Watertown, NY.



Senior High Overnight:

It's time for the Senior Highs to have some overnight fun! Meet at GPC on Friday, April 10th at 8:30pm, we'll be done at 9:30am. Bring \$10 for pizza and treats, comfy clothes/toothbrush/sleeping bag/etc, and games or snacks to share!

Junior High Overnight:

We can't let the Senior Highs have all the fun - time for another overnight! Meet at GPC from Friday, April 17th at 7:30pm to Saturday at 9:30am. Bring \$10 for treats, whatever you need to spend the night, and a snack to share!

Senior High Laser Quest:

Sunday, April 19th from 12:30-3:00. Meet up after Sunday School, and bring \$15 for lunch and lasers. See you there!

Confirmation class:

Our April meeting will be on the 26th from 11:30 to 1:30 (we will provide a delicious lunch). We'll be talking about worship and sacraments and planning our worship service for May. Want some points? Come serve lunch at St. Joe's on April 18th, from 10:00-2:00. Sign up at the Kiosk!

Youth Calendar

Sunday, April 5

- o Easter Sunday
- o 6:30am Sunrise Worship
- o 10:00am Worship

Friday, April 10

- o 8:30pm - Sat April 11, 9:30am: Senior High Overnight

Sunday, April 12

- o 9:30am Youth Choir
- o 10:00am Worship
- o 11:15 Junior and Senior High Sunday School

Friday, April 17

- o 7:30pm - Sat April 18, 9:30am: Junior High Overnight

Saturday, April 18

- o 10:00am - 2:00pm - Confirmation serve at St. Joseph's

Sunday, April 19

- o 9:30am Youth Choir
- o 10:00am Worship
- o 11:15 Junior and Senior High Sunday School
- o 12:30-3:00pm - Senior High Laser Quest

Saturday, April 25

- o 8:30am - 2:00pm - Junior and Senior High Triple Play Mission Day

Sunday, April 26 - Fusion Sunday

- o 9:30am Youth Choir
- o 10:00am Worship
- o 11:30am-1:30pm - Confirmation Class



SPRING CLEAN UP – Saturday, April 18 – 8:30 - ???

Do you take pride in your church home? Do you like free food? Would you like to help, but don't have a lot of time? Are you looking for something the whole family can do? Do you enjoy spending time with your GPC family?

If **YES!** Then join us on Saturday, April 18th at 8:30 a.m. Come for an hour or all day, whatever you can do to help with our SPRING CLEAN UP! We need to clean the windows, rake out the flower beds, dust, clean closets, etc. Something the whole family can participate in and we **NEED YOUR HELP!** Any questions, please contact Marty or Katie Ohman or any member of the Board of Trustees. Thanks for your help!!



Please Donate Your Metal at the Spring Clean Up (April 18th)

Metal items that can be dropped off by the Garage

Aluminum awnings, gutters, siding, signs, cans, ladders
 Appliances (not ones containing Freon)
 Bathtubs (porcelain lined cast iron), BBQ grills, bicycles, blenders, ballasts (electrical), barrels, batteries (car and boat), boats, brass/bronze
 Chain saws (drained) Christmas lights, cast iron, circuit breakers, compressors, conduit, coat hangers (steel), copper (pipe, tube, and wire)
 Dishwashers, dryers/washing machines, duct work
 Electric meters, electric motors, electric wire, exercise equipment (metal), extension cords
 Fans, fencing (no concrete), fuse panels, fire extinguishers, fireplace grates (glass removed), furnaces
 Hot water heaters
 Iron (Cast, wrought, other)
 Insulated wire
 Lead (weights, shields, Etc.), ladders, lawn mowers (drained), lawn furniture, leaf blowers (drained), light fixtures
 Metal (galvanized, sheet, iron, cast, Etc.) microwaves
 Nails
 Ovens
 Pipes, poles, plumbing fixtures, pots and pans
 Radiators, roof vents (metal)
 Screen doors/windows, silverware, sinks (stainless, cast iron, metal), steel (All, cabinets, hangers, beams, Etc.), stoves, Stove tops, Siding (aluminum)
 Tanks (aluminum, stainless, steel), Tin, Tools (hand, power-electric, gas, hydraulic), Tractors
 Vacuum cleaners
 Washing machines/Dryers, Water Heaters, Weed whackers



GIANT COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET



"What do you get when you ask people for opinions?" Lots of 'em! Our Planning Team has listened to everyone who has spoken up and discussed several scenarios of ways we could plan this fundraiser and, in the end ... the team has spoken!

We will NOT be having a TRADITIONAL Yard Sale or Craft Sale as part of the Flea Market. What we WILL have will be both Outdoor and Indoor Flea Market spaces for sale to the community.

Plans for just a few old Yard Sale departments, though, have been firmed up. We will have: baby and children's clothes, a book sale, a jewelry sale and a baked food sale. Lunch food, as usual, will be sold by and for the benefit of the youth groups to be used toward their mission trips. To those of you who checked "Yard Sale" on your 2015 Time & Talent Form, please think about how you might help this year. Participating for 2-3 hours or more in any capacity would be of great help.

We are prepared to start advertising for vendors now, **and that could include you** if you have items at home or in your garage you'd like to sell. Stay tuned to news of our progress in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, call Ginny Barley at 426-8427. Registration forms to be a vendor are available in the narthex, and volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted in early May. Thank You and God Bless!

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Date	Lay Reader	Front Door Greeter	Usher Team	Deacon Team
April 2	Jim Mossgraber	Lucia VerSteeg	3	
April 3	Jim Mossgraber	Laura Nolan	4	
April 5	Gordon Chapman	Tami Pignone	5	6
April 12	Barbara Snaith	Sheri MacFarlane	6	1
April 19	Peter Derry	Cheryl Fehnel	1	2
April 26	Allison Tuttle	Heather Pimm	2	3

Maundy Thursday Communion by Intinction

Communion on Sunday, April 5 – Group C

Left:	1. Linda Beattie	Right:	1. Kris Ohman
	2. Irene Ward		2. Tom Ward
	3. Irene Derry		3. Peter Derry
	4. Donna Schott		4. Mary Beth MacKenzie

MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET SALE

Flowers being offered this year are:

FUSCIA \$20.00 each _____

IVY GERANIUMS \$17.00 each _____

ROSEBUD IMPATIENS \$17.00 each _____

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS \$17.00 each _____

Vegetable and flower flats are also available by request

through Tom Ward at 341-3105.

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Please include your check or money order made out to:

Gates Presbyterian Church with the memo "Flowers".

Place orders by: **April 26th**

Pick Up date: **May 5th**

Pick up at Gates Presbyterian Church between 10:30 AM – 7:00 PM

Batavia Presbyterian church pick up by arrangement.

GUATEMALA PARTNERS MISSION COMMITTEE



MOTHER'S DAY HANGING BASKET SALE

Gates Presbyterian Church

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Rochester, New York 14624

First Presbyterian Church of Batavia

300 E. Main Street

Batavia, New York