

## **CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 8:30am-noon**

**Perinton Presbyterian Church**

**6551 Pittsford- Palmyra Road Fairport NY**

Open to new and experienced church leaders. You've been called to this particular and wonderful and ordained position of leadership in your faith community. Congratulations for being so trusted and respected! But now you wonder, "What am I actually supposed to be doing?" Each congregation has its own version of what it means to be in this service, but all are based in powerful truths, deep needs, a recognition of the gifts of community, and belief in God working through people in the here and now. Come and learn some of the ground rules and opportunities. Come and be given some great practical tools for this ministry. To learn more visit the Presbytery of Genesee Valley website: [www.pbygenval.org](http://www.pbygenval.org)

## **CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR**

The Church Mouse Bazaar was successful this year because of the wonderful donations and support you provided. The proceeds of the day were:

Crafter fees: \$2809

Baked Food: \$492

Lunch Bunch: \$776

Snack Bar: \$1006

Total Profit: \$5006 (goes to youth = \$225, goes to budget = \$4781)

Linda Beattie

## **WELCOME REV. VAL FOWLER!**

**Guest Worship Leader January 17th**

Val Fowler has been a member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley since 1990 having previously served pastorates in Quanah, Texas; Pryor, Oklahoma; and Denton, Texas. He served Chili (11 1/2 years) and Honeoye Falls (13 1/2 years) and retired on September 1 this year. He is married to Carol (an elder at Victor Presbyterian) and has two adult stepchildren, Mandy and Brendan. Preaching is one of Val's loves: finding and reflecting on the intersections between God's word / will and our lives.

An accomplished guitarist and singer, his avocation is providing benefit concerts for churches and helping organizations. Since 1998 he has helped raise about \$17,000 of support. He plays what he lovingly calls "flog" (golf, backwards); the golf Anti-Rumpelstiltskin, he has mastered turning gold into straw, while still having fun.

## **FROM THE PASTOR . . . .**

**O Star-flinging God,  
whose light dances across eternity,  
dazzle us into your presence  
this new year.**

**Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.**

**Awaken us to your presence,  
knit to the ordinary.**

**Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.**

**Heal us, that we might be healers.**

**Reconcile us to you and to ourselves,  
that our living might be reconciling.**

**Stop us often, we pray  
with news that is good  
with hope that holds  
with truth that transforms with a Word  
tailored to this trail we're on.**

**May the word of your grace guide our steps  
like the sun by day  
and the north star by night,  
as we travel into the gift of a new year. Amen.**

— written by Glenn Mitchell

## DEACONS' PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer

**Mike Frisch** in rehab at Monroe Community Hospital

**Hannah Walker** in Kirkhaven for rehab

**Bill Walence** dealing with medical issues

**Mary Hughes** recovering from heart surgery



### Congratulations

**Marge Westfall** celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Jessica and Jason Millington** on the birth of their daughter, **Aubree Rose**, born on November 1

### Condolences

Our sympathy to **Louise Walker** and **John and Hannah Walker and family** on the recent death of husband and son, **Scott Walker**.

Our sympathy to **Dorace Belknap** on the death of her husband, **Murray Belknap** on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**REMINDER TO DEACONS:** The next Deacons' meeting will be Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Adult Lounge.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP** meets next on Tuesday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 16.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will meet on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Adult Lounge.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Adult Lounge.



**SNOW CANCELLATIONS:** Reminder that during the week if the Gates/Chili Schools have cancelled school or evening activities for that day, then all meetings and church related events at GPC are also cancelled.

## MEN 2 MEN

Men 2 Men will meet January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship and a Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will look at how Micaiah stood for God against 400 other prophets. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$5.00. Sign-up sheet is on the Kiosk.

## MELISSA OUT OF OFFICE

Melissa will be out of the office January 4<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> as she continues her Doctorate of Ministry program.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

On the first Monday of every month (10:00am to 1:00pm) a group of volunteers from GPC partner with Salem United Church of Christ Soup Kitchen to prepare and serve a meal to those in the city of Rochester who are hungry. No experience is needed! Please contact Tracy Burkovich (527-0761) if you are interested in a one-time opportunity or ongoing commitment. Our next time to serve at Salem is Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to carpool, please meet at GPC around 9:30.



## BIBLE STUDY IN THE NEW YEAR

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](http://www.biblegateway.com)

During January we will discuss the following texts:

<b>Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Luke 3:15-22</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>John 2:1-11</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Luke 4:14-21</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Luke 4:21-30</b>



## THANK YOU

The Public Worship team would like to thank the many volunteers who gathered together on November 29<sup>th</sup> to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons! So many hands--some older and some younger--made the work light, fun, and joyful and added to our celebration of this special time of year. A special thank you once again to Doug Stewart, the Stewart family and the Hossenlopp family for donating and delivering the beautiful Christmas tree! We are very thankful for their generous donation.

Just like in our own homes, in early January the Christmas tree will need to be taken down and the decorations boxed and stored until next year. Please consider joining us before Mega Meeting on Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 to gather once again in community for fun, fellowship, joy, and "un-decorating"! Pizza and drinks will be provided. If you are able to join us please make a note in the hospitality register, email Eric Vail at [vailagency@yahoo.com](mailto:vailagency@yahoo.com), or call the church office at 247-5292. Thank you!

## THANK YOU!!!!

The Mission and Peacemaking Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped contribute food, gifts, and time to make the following projects a huge success again this Christmas Season:

- All the food and money contributed for the SWEM Christmas Dinner boxes
- All the mittens and gloves donated for the Mitten Tree to benefit DePaul Mental Health Services.
- All the gifts to give to the children and adults at the Cameron Community Ministries
- For your support of the many different groups and agencies at the Advent Market on December 6th.

It was a busy month in December, but we look forward to doing Christ's work in the community every month and every day of the New Year in 2016!!

Thanks so much for everything!  
Mission and Peacemaking Committee

**THANK YOU** to all the Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees who have served their terms faithfully at GPC! And **WELCOME** to those who have said "YES!" to God's call to serve as leaders in the church's ministry for the future.

### The Session's Ruling Elders who will serve us in a 2 year term in ministry and governance are:

Barbara Chapman                      Keith Hadley  
Bill Dassero                              J.C. Rouchon

### The Deacons who will serve us in a 2 year term in ministry and care are:

Barbara Snaith

### The Trustees who will serve us in a 2 year term in ministry and management are:

Gordon Chapman  
Mary Hadley  
Jason Millington

### Youth committed to us in a 1-year service term are:

Samantha Dykes – Elder  
Alyson Cook – Deacon  
Samantha Burkovich - Trustee



Ordination/ Installation of Officers  
Sunday, January 31, 2016 - 10:00am

## PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2016

Date	Front Door Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher	Deacon
January 3	Kathy Wakeman	Barb Snaith	4	3
January 10	Gladstone Crosdale	David Fish	5	4
January 17	Carrie Dykes	Mary Hadley	6	5
January 24	Bridget Wohlers	Sally Christensen	1	6
January 31	Sally Christensen	Brian Bullis	2	7

Communion: - January 3 – Team F

Left: 1. Laura Nolan  
2. Larry Wakeman  
3. Gladstone Crosdale  
4. John Schramel

Right: 1. Linda Sidore  
2. Kathy Wakeman  
3. Cam Mossgraber  
4. Lynn Schramel



## TRUSTEE LOCK UP SCHEDULE:

January: Ed Coons                      February: Al Waugh

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, January 31 Celebration & Potluck Lunch!

Members and friends of Gates Presbyterian Church are called to the Annual Meeting of the Church to be held following worship on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating and approving the 2015 reports from the various boards, staff and expressions of mission and ministry at GPC. A soup and salad potluck will follow. Please bring a beverage (water and coffee provided), table service (including the bowl!) and one or more of the following to share:

- Crockpot of your favorite soup
- Bread
- Salad (green or fruit)
- Dessert

**College and Young Adult Night Out:** Let's get together over Christmas break! We'll have dinner out (our treat) and relax after the holidays.

Location: Jeremiah's in Gates - Save the date for **Saturday, January 9th from 6-8pm.**

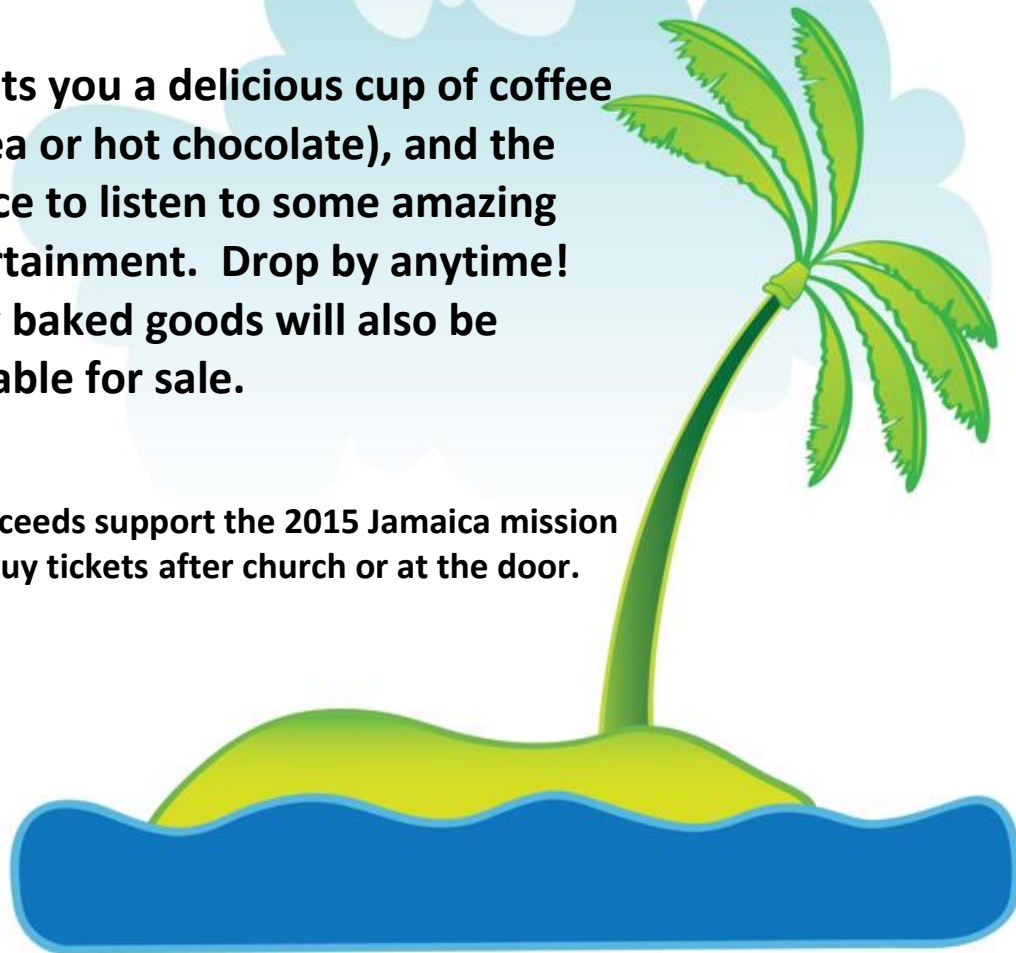
Email [katie@gatespres.org](mailto:katie@gatespres.org) if you need a ride. Everybody 18-40 is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

# Blue Mountain Coffee House!

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-8:30pm**

**\$5 gets you a delicious cup of coffee (or tea or hot chocolate), and the chance to listen to some amazing entertainment. Drop by anytime! Tasty baked goods will also be available for sale.**

**All proceeds support the 2015 Jamaica mission trip! Buy tickets after church or at the door.**



**Jamaica Mission Trip Participants check-list for January:**  
Our trip is just around the corner!!!! Please be sure you have all your paperwork in, payments up-to-date and your passport in hand! Mark these dates down:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare to hand in trip paper work by January 1<sup>st</sup>
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mark January 15 and 16 on your calendar for the coffee house
  - January 15 - 6:30 until done
  - January 16 - 5:00 until cleaned up
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dream of doing God's work in the midst of tropical beauty!

## **The Jamaica Mission Travelers Need Your Help.....**

The Blue Mountain Coffee House is open for business on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:30pm. Proceeds from the coffee house support the Seniors Jamaica Mission Trip. You can help both mission and youth by:

- Making a dessert (sign-up on Kiosk)
- Performing at the Coffee House (sign-up on Kiosk)
- Enjoying with us a cup of coffee, great dessert, superb entertainment, and extraordinary hospitality! Tickets will be available before the event or at the door.

## **BOTTLES AND CANS**

The Youth Committee has set up an account with Flower City Redemption Center, 2374 Chili Avenue for bottles and cans. All you have to do is drop your bottles and cans off at the redemption center and tell them they are for Gates Presbyterian Church. They send us a check every month for what is collected. We will still take your bottles and cans here at the church if you prefer. Any questions???? Call the church office at 247-5292.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Our next meeting is on January 3rd from 4:00-5:30. We'll talk about the Bible and eat a delicious dinner. See you there!

### **JUNIOR HIGH LASER QUEST: January 3**

Meet after Sunday School on January 3rd for laser fun! We'll eat lunch at church, then go play two games of Laser Quest. Bring \$15 for food and lasers.

### **SENIOR HIGH TRAMPOLINE PARTY – JANUARY 3**

Join us at GPC and bring your fancy socks if you have them – it's time for a trampoline party! We'll head to Sky Zone for a night of fun. Bring \$12.00 and MAKE SURE your parents have signed an online permission slip (See skyzone.com for details.)

### **Junior High Movie Night: January 17, 6:30 to 9:30 pm**

Meet at the church for a night at the movies! Tickets are on us, bring money if you'd like snacks. See you there!

### **SENIOR HIGH RETREAT: January 22-24**

We'll meet at GPC at 6:30pm, then head out to Covenant Acres for a weekend of fun and relaxation! Our theme for this year is "Labels". We'll be back for worship on the 24th. Look in the mail for more information!

**Souper Bowl Sunday:** Bring a can of soup on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to support the community! Junior High Youth will be collecting soup and monetary donations before and after worship. The soup will go to Cameron Community Ministries, and the money will be sent to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.



### **Junior High Souper Bowl/Overnight: The Souper Bowl is coming!**

To celebrate, we'll have an Extreme Bowling overnight on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> into Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the church at 7:30pm, and get ready to have fun! The next day at worship, we'll collect soup donations and money for the Souper Bowl!

#### **YOUTH CHOIR JANUARY DATES:**

Youth Choir will meet:  
January 3, January 10, January 17, January 24, and January 31

#### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY DATES:**

Junior and Senior High Sunday School will meet:  
January 3, January 10, January 17, and January 24

**ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL** registration for the 2016-2017 school year will begin on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> for all Gates Presbyterian Church members. Please call the school's registrar, Lisa Marino at 943-0838 or email her at lisamarino9@yahoo.com, to reserve a spot in one of the classes. Registration for returning students will begin on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and general public registration opens on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please pass the word on to relatives, friends, and neighbors.



ROCHESTER AREA PRE - SCHOOL

### **YOUNG CHILDREN'S NEWS**

The Young Children's Team was thrilled to see all the families who attended the Family Advent Festival on December 4<sup>th</sup>! Children and adults interacting and sharing, it was truly a great intergenerational blend! Thank you all for coming!! Thank you to David Keiling for helping us sing our favorite carols and to Katie for the story. The Family Advent Festival was lots of fun for all, and a perfect invitation into the holy season of Advent.

The Young Children's Team wishes all of you many blessings in 2016!

### **BOY SCOUT TROOP 94**

Boy Scout Troop 94 has been a troop based in Gates since 1949 and is for boys ages about 11 to 18 years old. The Troop has had Scouts from a variety of areas: Gates, Chili, Spencerport, Churchville, Henrietta, and Rochester areas. This is a very active troop of about 40 youth who enjoy yearly spring trips, a week at Camp Massawepie in the summer, regular campouts, service projects, color guard events, weekly meetings, and many more. The troop has an excellent record of advancement to Eagle rank, the highest achievement in scouts.

So, as you read this information about Troop 94, you are asking yourself, why is this information in the Harbinger? Well, the exciting news is that Session has met with leaders from Troop 94 and have agreed that GPC would be the new Charter Organization for the troop. Prior to this, St. Theodore's was the Charter Organization. Due to Roman Catholic Diocesan rules being enforced, St. Theodore's is no longer able to be a Charter Organization. St. Theodore leaders were saddened and will allow the Troop to continue to meet at the church facilities. Both groups will maintain the positive relationship between the church and Troop that they have built and extend this relationship to GPC.

What does that mean for GPC? The possibilities include: extra hands for special events, positive publicity of the Troop's involvement in community projects, Eagle projects to be completed at GPC, just to name a few.

You might see a Troop 94 trailer parked in the GPC parking lot, you might see a group of scouts preparing to leave for a trip or returning, you might see adult leaders meeting during the week at GPC, or you might see new faces during special events. If you have any questions please contact Nancy or Larry Hossenlopp at 729-0129.

## New GPC Governance Model starts January 1<sup>st</sup>!

At the congregational meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, Session shared the new governance structure of GPC. This governance structure will start January 1<sup>st</sup>. Below is a diagram of what the new governance structure looks like. **On January 31st** after the Potluck Lunch, Session will share how we will transition from our current structure of committees to our new structure of ministries. **All members of GPC are encouraged to attend.**

Session will be organized into four Core Value Ministries: Worship, Mission, Hospitality and Spiritual Growth. These four ministries were chosen because they represent GPC's four core values and therefore align the work we do with what is most important to us. Each ministry will be facilitated by two Elders. In addition to these ministries there will be six Coordinating Ministries each organized by one Elder: Good News, Finance, Building/Trustee, Personnel, Spiritual Gifts and Youth & Young Children.

The Boards of Trustees and Deacons will continue their important work as well. This model was created to address several issues discovered by the GPS team and the Mission Statement Committee. We have fewer members and fewer volunteers to take on leadership roles, so the terms of Elders, Deacons and Trustees was reduced to two years. The number of Elders, Deacons and Trustees serving on each board was also reduced. To accommodate this reduction, we needed to reduce the number of committees we had without eliminating any groups, teams or ministries. This new model will ensure that all current ministries will continue but with an altered oversight structure. GPC Members wanted shorter commitments and more defined finite opportunities to serve with defined goals that make a real difference rather than committee work. Therefore service on ministry teams will be more flexible without the long-term commitment to serve on a regular committee. Members wanted the ability to easily start new ministries they are passionate about rather than continue "doing what we have always done." Therefore, the training of Elders will include skills that help members begin, conduct and complete ministries that they love.

Stay tuned in February when we will learn "What is a Good News Elder?"

-Submitted on behalf of Session by Carrie Dykes, the Good News Elder

## GPC Governance Model

