

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The weather gave us every reason to stay home cuddled up in sweat pants with a warm cup of coffee. At 10am the sanctuary filled with a buzz of excitement and energy fitting for Pentecost Sunday and the journey of eight incredible young people celebrating their confirmation. The Holy Spirit continued to provide warmth the weather did not as GPC-ers young and “young at heart” along with a group of committed Boy Scouts grabbed shovels and wheelbarrows transforming a piece of lawn into a community garden. When I think about what it means to be the church in the world today, I think about this cold, windy, wonderful Pentecost Day. What an incredible opportunity it is to share the stories of our faith and what it means to be part of GPC. This month we will celebrate the contributions of our young people as they lead worship on **June 12, 2016**. We will honor a great group of seniors who are graduating from high school. They take with them into a new chapter of their lives the love and support of their families, friends, and church community. Thanks to Katie Ohman, who is willing to share with us what it means to her to be part of GPC...

*Throughout my faith journey at Gates Presbyterian Church, I have met people who “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with their God,” as the scripture says. All of the people that I have grown up around in the church have shown these characteristics in their actions. Each and every one of them is kind. I always look forward to coming to church every Sunday because I know I will receive warm greetings from everyone I see. Their kindness and the overall kindness of our church is never absent. SWEM, canned food drives, fish banks, fundraisers and all of the support that is consistently shown for each of these events are a testament to this. I have never felt unwelcome in our church. The support that the congregation shows for each other and especially for the youth of the church is extremely uplifting and encouraging. Several role models in my life are men and women that I know through church. Not only do they do what’s right as often as it seems they can, but they go out of their way to be kind and loving to others. To “love kindness” can also mean, through personal interpretation, that they appreciate the kindness shown by others. I also see this in the members of my church. Gratitude, humility, kindness, and support are all words I would comfortably and readily use when describing my church family.*

*Through these wonderful people, I have been taught “to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with my God” as well. By teaching this scripture to me throughout all of my years in Sunday School, my teachers have truly done justice, been kind and walked humbly with God. They passed on their care and concern for others, their drive for justice and kindness to all people, and their humility in teaching what they can and sharing the word of God in any way they are capable. Perhaps one of the most significant qualities of our church is our unending support. No matter the life decisions I and others make, one thing is certain - the congregation will always be there behind me, to guide, encourage and advise. I think that a lot of youth lose their faith because they find themselves pressured into a set of beliefs and expectations that they don’t share or can’t uphold. Each person has a time in their life when they struggle to make sense of what God and faith mean to them. This, to me, is a necessary bump in each person’s faith journey. At this point, an intolerant church can cause faith to become a forced and unfulfilling idea. I am thankful that I grew up in a church that focused on tolerance, love and acceptance. As I try to determine what my faith means to me, I feel comfortable in doing so knowing that the people I’ve met who have taught me about faith, so far in my life, will continue to support me no matter where my faith journey takes me. I know that no matter where I end up, I will always be welcomed home at Gates Presbyterian Church. Through each of you I have learned morals and been given the tools I need to help others through my faith, no matter what my faith and beliefs may be. I have a tangible sense of faith in my church and the relationships I have formed within it. I am so grateful for this church and all of the opportunities I have been given and it has given to others. Thank you for doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God.*

- Katie Ohman

Thank you GPC, for being a church that not only talks about loving and nurturing our children and youth, but includes all ages in worship and service. For being a community who is bold enough to create space for change, that nurtures questions, and practices hospitality in all the messiness of life. When I think about what it means to be the church in the world today, I thank God for all the ways you live out your faith by loving others.

~Melissa

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE – All games at 6:30 p.m.

June 6 GPC vs Grace Church of the Nazarene at Grace Church of the Nazarene  
 June 13 Rain make-up date if needed  
 June 20 GPC vs Open Door II on the GPC field  
 June 27 GPC vs Open Door IV on the GPC field



## MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 7 GPC vs RCCM on the GPC field - 6:15 p.m.  
 June 14 GPC vs Park Ridge at Greece Assembly - 6:00 p.m.  
 June 21 GPC vs Grace Nazarene at GPC – 6:00 p.m. – Double header  
 June 28 GPC vs Park Ridge at GPC – 6:15 p.m.

## Tell us about what volunteer work is special to you



The Mission Core Value Ministry would like to celebrate all the mission that congregational members do outside of GPC. Do you volunteer for any organizations? Do you serve in any leadership roles for any not-for-profit group? Do you donate goods or services to any organizations? Does the volunteer work you do hold a special place in your life? Any mission you do that you feel personally connected to or important, we would like to hear about. Please email Tom Ward (tomw@rochesterymca.org) or Sally Christiansen (sjmcc@rochester.rr.com) if you have items to share.

## The 222<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



Convenes June 18-25 in Portland, Oregon. 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. You can follow the business of GA at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

Please keep in your prayers the delegates, staff, and observers attending.

## WORSHIP IN JUNE:

We are pleased to have our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Bob Kaiser preaching on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Date	Lay Reader	Front Door Greeter	Usher Team	Deacon Team
June 5	Kathy Wakeman	Keith Hadley	1	1
June 12	Children	Sally Christensen	2	2
June 19	Eric Vail	J.C. Rouchon	3	3
June 26	Lily DeRosia	Samantha Dykes	4	4

Communion Team: B

Left: 1. Bill Dassero  
 2. Alyson Cook  
 3. Mary Hadley  
 4. Beth Molina

Right: 1. Cathy Goodykoontz  
 2. Heather Pimm  
 3. Keith Hadley  
 4. Bonnie Beckett



Lock Up Schedule: June – Gordon Chapman



## KIRKIN' O THE TARTAN: June 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

Lovers of Bagpipes and Kilts! - There will be a Kirkin' at GPC on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> during the regular church service. Wear your Tartan, bring a friend! Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Clan Banners and Pipes procession. During the coffee hour, Scottish treats will be served. Cheers Aye!

## 2016 MUSTARD SEED SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE

It is with pleasure that the Mustard Seed Scholarship Committee announces that **Jocelyn Pimm** has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Mustard Seed Scholarship. This Scholarship is a four year program providing the awardee \$1,500 per year for four years of higher education. Jocelyn will graduate from Gates Chili High School in June, and plans on attending Roberts Wesleyan College's Nursing Program this fall. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Jocelyn! Proud family members include Jocelyn's mother, Heather Pimm; father, Todd Pimm; and of course little sister Chloe.

**A Note from Rev. Katie:** I am excited to announce that my contract has been renewed for another year! This means that I'll be serving here at GPC next year, and as Laurelton's pastor. I'm very glad to be your associate pastor another year, and grateful to work with such wonderful youth and children!

## MISSION NEWS . . . .

### Backpacks for Haiti

A few weeks ago there was an article in our local newspaper about Borgne in Haiti that its sister city Honeoye Falls was helping. Many children there do not attend school due to a lack of finances. Honeoye Falls is helping out with money and sending backpacks to those children in school. We would like to help with this project. If you have gently used backpacks or would like to purchase a new backpack please bring them to GPC during the month of June. We will deliver them to the appropriate folk in Honeoye Falls. How many can we collect for them???



### Undie Sunday

Undie Sunday is a collection of new underwear for the children at Cameron Community Ministries. Please bring in socks, underwear, t-shirts the last two weeks in July. Thank you for your help!

### GPC CRAFTERS – Applications now available!

Do you make hand-crafted items to sell? Come and participate in GPC's 39<sup>th</sup> Church Mouse Bazaar on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Applications for crafter spaces are available NOW! Send your application in ASAP. Last year, all spaces were filled by mid-June. Our bazaar is high quality, extremely well-advertised and attended! This is a fun event for crafters, as well as many of our congregation who help the bazaar be so successful. This is a premiere fundraising event for our church, so its benefits reach far and wide. Applications are available on the GPC website, at the church or from Tess McKeel at [tessmckeel@hotmail.com](mailto:tessmckeel@hotmail.com) or 585-766-7151.

### OPEN GATE COMMUNITY GARDEN

As is always the case, once again this church family has come together with tremendous support in helping us realize our dream of building an "open gate" community garden. The garden was constructed on what better day than Pentecost! Thanks to an amazing group of church and community volunteers and supporters. If you have not had a chance to yet, please take a walk to the lawn on the north side of the church to see the garden. We will be so excited as the growing season progresses to see the literal and figurative "fruits" of our labor. Our deepest thanks to all who had a part in any way in making this dream become a reality.

- Jim & Sue Poole

## GUATEMALAN DELGATION TO VISIT ROCHESTER!!

Since 1996, a long lasting relationship has developed between Gates Presbyterian Church, Batavia Presbyterian Church and the people of the Baja Verapaz region of Guatemala, specifically around Rabinal, Panacal and Rio Negro. What started as a mission project at Gates with 36 families, the work has grown to include over 400 Mayan families today!

Over the years, we have visited the region and worked with the people in these rural communities. The projects started spreading out when we joined forces with The Garden's Edge ([www.gardensedge.org](http://www.gardensedge.org)) who is also working hand in hand with a Mayan cooperative called Qachuu Aloom ([www.qachuualoom.org](http://www.qachuualoom.org)), which is Achi for Mother Earth. With each trip, the groups have learned more and more about each other and our cultures.

This year someone suggested that, instead of us going there, why not bring some of our brothers and sisters HERE – to Rochester! It seemed that the odds might be working against us – obtaining visas and passports and money for plane tickets. We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in our endeavors and on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, a group of 4 delegates will visit us in the Rochester and they will be hosted by local families. They will be accompanied by the director and founder of The Gardens Edge and a videographer to document the trip. During their stay, we hope to connect with Rural and Migrant Ministries, PeaceWorker Farm, Fruition Seed Co. and other organic farms, children's hospitals, churches and colleges, and still find time to do some sightseeing at Niagara Falls, Letchworth State Park, and the Finger Lakes region. Events with CUSLAR and ROCLA are also being planned.

Let's show them our support by meeting them at the airport on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:40 PM and line the hallway with GPC and Batavia members and give them a round of applause when they disembark!!

Also, please come to our Beinvenidas Party on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Churchville County Park at the Anderson Lodge from 12 -4 PM. It is open to the community and all are welcome. Hot dogs and Lemonade and snacks will be provided for as long as they last. Let's give them a big WELCOME! There is a signup sheet on the kiosk in the narthex for things we need help with. Please take a moment to look it over and sign up to help out.

This cultural exchange was made possible through a grant by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley and a grant from the First Unitarian Church from the Paul and Josephine Wenger Fund.

More information is available by calling Tom Ward at 341-3105 or e-mail him at [tomw@rochesterymca.org](mailto:tomw@rochesterymca.org).



# GIANT COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 4**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Join us for our community-wide Flea Market

Lots to see!

Coffee and donuts!

Popcorn!

Come look around and have lunch.

The GPC Youth Group will be serving up hamburgers and hot dogs along with a cool beverage.

See you there!!

## **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 help 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 or you can take them to Flower City Bottle and Can on Chili Avenue, 2374 Chili Avenue, right across from the fire station. Just tell them the bottles and cans are for Gates Presbyterian Church and they will send us a check.



## **DEACONS' PAGE**

Please keep in thoughts and prayers

**Janice Bilohlavek's sister** – with on-going medical issues



In Sympathy

**Dotty and Jim Meddaugh** – on recent death of Dotty's mother, **Dorothy Whiteman** in Florida.

Prayers of Joy

Congratulations 2016 Confirmands – **Maya Charcholla, Colton Crane, Zack Desroches, Malina Endulovski, Dana Hart, Abby Jarvis, Lauren Jarvis and Tommy Kelly.**

Congratulations to

**Kayla Millar and Bernie Gauthier** on the birth of their son, **Jack Andrew**, on April 24, 2016. Proud Grandmother is **Linda Millar** and proud Great-Grandmother is **Mary Hughes.**

**Dick Henderson** is now at the cottages at Unity, 1555 Long Pond Rd., Cottage 400, Room 404, Rochester, NY 14626.

We want to thank you for all the cards, phone calls and visits and especially thank the Deacons and Women's Circles for sending cards. We appreciate all the support from our church family.

- Fran Henderson

**REMINDER TO DEACONS:** The next Deacons' meeting is Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Rohrbach's on Buffalo Road for our annual dinner.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet at 11:15am on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the church to carpool to the Pelican's Nest for lunch.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** meets on Wednesday, June 8 at 1:00 p.m. in Adult Lounge.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets next on Tuesday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 16.

## **MELISSA OUT OF OFFICE**

Melissa will be out of the office June 6<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> as she continues her work on her Doctorate of Ministry program. She will return phone calls, emails, and texts when she is back in the office.

## **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Our wonderful library committee will meet next on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This will be their last meeting until September.



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY - June 12th

Our Sunday School classes will plan and lead worship together. The theme this year will be Wonder-ful World: It's good to be curious! Come and see what our children share with us. Parents: Be sure to have your children in the Adult Lounge at 9:30 a.m. on June 12, so we can get ready for this amazing service!!

## YOUTH NEWS:

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** In the midst of all your celebrations don't forget GPC. We want to celebrate YOU, too!!!! On June 12, we'll be honoring the class in worship! If anybody has pictures they'd like to share, please contact Mary Hadley or send them to [katie@gatespres.org](mailto:katie@gatespres.org) You're also the guests of honor for our Youth Group Year-end Picnic, 6:00-8:00 on the 12th! Come party with us.

**END OF THE YEAR PICNIC: June 12 6:00-8:00 at GPC** - current 5-12 graders are invited!! Join us for a time to relax, celebrate, and honor the seniors, welcome the upcoming sixth graders, and thank the advisors and teachers! There will be delicious food.

### **PRE-PARTY TO THE END-OF-THE-YEAR YOUTH PICNIC: For fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders!**

Meet at GPC at 4:00 on June 12. All youth graduating 5th-8th grades are invited to have some fun at go-kart and miniature golf. Returning to GPC at 6:00, we will be ready for the next party - our youth year-end-party! No money needed.

**TRIENNium PRE-PARTIES:** Triennium-bound youth and parents, join us at 2-3pm on Sunday, June 5<sup>TH</sup> for a Q&A, t-shirt design party, and more!  
Save the date for a youth-only pre-Triennium party on Tuesday, July 12th from 3-5pm.

**CALLING ALL AWESOME ADULTS:** Ever thought about coming on a youth work project? Adult advisors help lead small group reflections, work hard with the youth during the day, and HAVE FUN!! Start thinking about whether you'd like to be part of this great experience with us. Registration forms for Advisors are due on June 12th.

### **SUMMER WORK PROJECT DATES:**

Junior High: July 11-15 - Projects around Rochester  
Senior High: July 31-August 6 in Detroit!

**Please note:** We will hold a Q & A meeting on **Sunday, June 12th** after worship in the Sanctuary. This meeting is not required, but is suggested for first-timers. Also on June 12th, registration forms, medical forms, Presbytery of Detroit waivers, and a \$50.00 deposit is due for each participant.



## HELP NEEDED . . . .

On June 4th, the GPC youth group food booth will again be operational at the Flea Market, and needs help. We need people power to help set up, break down, and serve. There are sign-up sheets posted on the Kiosk in the narthex. All profits go directly to the Youth Group to help with our Work Project costs! **Remember, if you are going on the Senior High Work Project, you MUST sign up for a flea market shift.**

Youth will serve concessions in one of three blocks of time: 8:15 - 11:45, 11:30 - 2:45, or 2:45 until cleanup is done. The overlap is for training, and insuring there is staff to serve. Please contact Katie or sign up on the Kiosk to take a shift. If you want more information, or if you want to donate for specific items, such as ice, paper goods, food items, etc. please contact Bill Dassero (328-6084).

## WORK PROJECT BOUND

Are weeds taking over your garden? Do you need a babysitter? How about someone to spread mulch? Youth Team 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 contact the church office 247-5292 or email [katie@gatespres.org](mailto:katie@gatespres.org) to ask for helpers, or write your request on the Kiosk!
3. We'll share your request with interested youth, who will sign up for your gig. Once somebody's signed up, we'll send you their contact information. 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 their Work Project fee. A win/win to be sure! Thanks!

## YOUTH CALENDAR

Saturday, June 4	- Flea Market
Sunday, June 5	- Worship - 10:00 am - 11:30 am - 2:00 pm - Triennium youth and parents gathering.
Sunday, June 12	- 10:00 - Children's Sunday and Senior Sunday - 11:30 - Sr. High work Project Q&A - Senior High Work Project registration, medical forms and \$50 due - 4:00 pm - Junior High Welcome Party - 6:00 pm - Junior and Senior High Year-End Party
Sunday, June 21	- 10:00 am - Worship
Sunday, June 28	- 10:00 am - Worship



