

## PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Date	Lay Reader	Greeter	Usher Team	Deacon Team
October 2	Mary Hadley	JC Rouchon	6	6
October 9	Barb Snaith	Samantha Dykes	1	1
October 16	Peter Derry	Bridget Wohlers	2	2
October 23	Andrea Unson	Barb Chapman	3	3
October 30	Aleigha Binko	Kathy Wakeman	4	4

Communion Team F:

Left:	1. Laura Nolan (Captain)	Right:	1. Linda Sidore
	2. Larry Wakeman		2. Kathy Wakeman
	3. Gladstone Crosdale		3. Cam Mossgraber
	4. John Schramel		4. Lynn Schramel

**LOCK UP SCHEDULE:** October: Tracy Burkovich

## ANNUAL WOMEN'S CANDLELIGHT DINNER

### HOLD THE DATE!!! – Tuesday, December 13th

This year we are going to the Whittier Party House for our annual Women's Candlelight dinner beginning at 6pm.

We will be collecting personal items for Willow (formerly ABW) again this year.

Tickets will be sold in early November. Any questions??? Call Barb Snaith at 247-9066.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PARKING LOT VALETS

The Membership and Hospitality Committee is asking for volunteers to help out with the parking lot valet services this coming winter. Generally volunteers are only asked to help out 2 or 3 Sundays through the winter months. This is a valuable service provided for our Church family. Please make a note in the hospitality register or contact Eric Vail 889-5491 (email [vailagency@yahoo.com](mailto:vailagency@yahoo.com)) or contact the Church office if you can help. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL**  
**Friday evening, December 2 from 6:00 – 7:30**

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - October 30th (following worship)

For the purpose of revising bylaws and receiving updates from Session.

## FROM THE PASTOR. . . . .

*"The gift of accompaniment is the essence of the incarnation. 'I fear no evil, for Thou art with me.' Perfect love casts out fear in the act of walking with one another at birth, through life, and at life's end."*

-Karen Hanson,  
Hospital Chaplain at the Mayo Clinic

Dear GPC Friends,

I recently came across a "not so new" statistic, but one I had not seen before. In 2013 the Pew Research report on family caregivers noted that 39 percent of adult Americans are caregivers for an adult or child with serious health problems. This number—a percentage that grows annually—will only rise with the aging of the Baby Boomer generation. I wonder what that statistic is now, even 3 years later? Because, on a daily basis I am reminded how many people in our congregation are caregivers.

Whether our loved one is at home or a care facility, those who are caregivers face so many challenges. The physical care—helping someone get showered, dressed and fed. The logistical care—the daily details of taking medicines, managing appointments, and organizing finances. The financial, physical, emotional, spiritual and time demands placed on caregivers are also part of the package, and are frequently overwhelming. Caregivers appreciate the prayers and attention given to their ailing loved one, but themselves may feel lonely and afraid.

Recently, Rebecca Circle (a GPC women's group that meets monthly) asked if there might be a way our church can do a better job of supporting the caregivers of our church. They wondered if we might be able to keep track of those who are providing ongoing care to loved ones and offer support and prayers for them. Many of the women in the Rebecca Circle have been caregivers, and know just how meaningful it is to receive a card and extra prayer.

If you are a caregiver and would like to be prayed for on a regular basis, please contact Kay Harder in the office ([office@gatespres.org](mailto:office@gatespres.org) 247-5292). This group is also open to welcome women who are looking to receive or provide care and encouragement!

I give thanks for all those who are providing the gift of presence with the caregivers of GPC!

Melissa

## FROM THE DEACONS

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Continued prayers for **Doris Falke**

**Marge Westfall** in Unity Hospital

**Jean Sklair** in Unity Transitional Unit

Congratulations to **Alayne Gosson and Joe Kane** on their marriage on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Alayne is **Ginny Barley's** daughter.

Congratulations to **Joe and Sharon Costrino** on the birth of their son, **Owen Joseph** on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents are **Teri and Philip Call** and proud great-grandparents are **Beverly and David Lamphron**.

Sympathy to **Brenda and Chris Thornton and family** on the death of Brenda's brother, Randy Vorhauer on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**REMINDER TO DEACONS:** There is **no** Deacons' meeting in October.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4 in Room 16.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** meets on Tuesday, October 18 (Please note week change) at 10:00 a.m.

We will be going to the Glen Iris Inn for lunch with stops along the way in Letchworth State Park to view the scenery. Please RSVP to Mary Waugh at 247-4709 or 317-2470 by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**MEGA MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 STARTING AT 7:00 PM**

### PLEASE NOTE: IN CASE OF HOSPITALIZATION

Please have someone (friend or family member) call the church office if you or a loved one happens to be in the hospital. The area hospitals are no longer able to let us know a name when we have a parishioner in their facilities. So, we won't know you or your loved one is there unless you tell us. Thanks!

**ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER HARBINGER ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>.**



October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

FUS!ON Sunday

Elder Susan Orr, Presbytery for Mission & Education & Rev.

Melissa Lynn DeRosia

"The Mosaic of Peace: Witnessing for Peace and Wholeness in a Land Call 'Holy'"

## ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

**On Thursday, October 6th at 6:00pm**, all women are invited to attend a catered dinner at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3233 Ridge Road West in Greece. The program to follow will be a presentation by the authors of a book "Singing In The Rain" which documents their experience caring for their spouses with Dementia. They had become friends through their support group and upheld each other through the tough times and good times. The cost for dinner and program is \$15.00. Please make your reservation to Janice Bilohlavek - 352-1754 or 766-7131 or Jo Ann Vander - 494-6024.

*The book will also be available for purchase after the program*



## JOIN US FOR THE GROCERY RUN ON NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

Join the Gates Presbyterian Team for a fun and personally rewarding day at the East Avenue Grocery Run on November 5<sup>th</sup>!

The East Avenue Grocery Run, a 5k and 1 mile run and walk, raises money to feed hungry people in Rochester. In the last five years, this fun, family-friendly event has raised more than \$145,000 for local food pantries and emergency-meal programs!

This year, you can join the Gates Presbyterian Team and 100% of your \$25 registration fee will go directly to our hunger programs.

Here's how: Register online at [www.groceryrun.org](http://www.groceryrun.org) or in person at Fleet Feet Sports locations. Indicate your affiliation with Gates Presbyterian Team.

You can also boost your positive impact by spreading the word about our online fundraising page at <https://www.crowdrise.com/GatesPresbyterianChurch>. Send a quick email to friends and family with this link to let them know you're running or walking and ask for their support. Again, 100% of all contributions go directly to the Gates Presbyterian hunger programs.

Participants are invited to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Foodlink. Last year's collection totaled more than 1500 pounds of food for local emergency-meal programs.

After the race enjoy a great party with wonderful refreshments donated by Juan & Maria's Empanada Stop, Macarollin', Stromboli's Restaurant, Savoia's Pastry Shoppe and more!

Let's get fit and fight hunger together on November 5<sup>th</sup>!

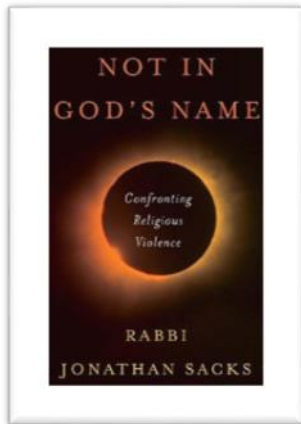
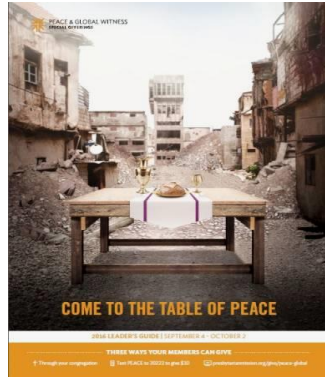
## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Celebrating World Communion Sunday has taken on a new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the people of God’s earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

### Mission Focus: Peacemaking Offering – Come to the Table

The Peacemaking Offering is one of the four Presbyterian Church (USA) denominational offerings. Twenty-five percent of the offering received is used for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50% is used by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

**ALSO . . . We will be celebrating a special Fusion World Communion Sunday!** GPC’ers of all ages are invited to stay in worship, praise God, and share communion as they feel comfortable. We’ll also be collecting the Peacemaking Offering that day, to help support peacemaking efforts around the world. There is a Peacemaking Offering envelope enclosed.



## SEASONS OF JUSTICE: Religious Extremism and Violence

**Book Study: “Not in God’s Name: Confronting Religious Violence” by Jonathan Sacks**

\*\* Copies of the book can be purchased on Amazon.com.

Please talk to Melissa if you need her to order you a copy.

**6:30-7:30pm in Adult Lounge**

10/5	Section I “Bad Faith”
10/12	Section II “Siblings”
10/19	Section III “The Open Heart”
10/26	Wrap-up Conversation

**A NOTE FROM KATIE:** This month I'll be in worship preaching on October 16th, when Melissa will go preach at Laurelton! I'm also in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



## FREE-WHEEL-A-THON 2016! OCT 2 - 12:30 – 5:00 IT'S FUN AND IT'S FOR MISSION!!!!

Get your pledges, your bike, helmet, and water bottle, and meet us at Greece Canal Park at the Towpath Shelter on October 2 at 12:30 for the Wheel-A-Thon! Ride from Greece Canal Park to Brockport and back on the canal path, with lots of stops, food, and fun along the way. This fundraiser supports our youth mission projects. If you do not have a pledge envelope, you can find one in the central office. This year we'll have a Freestyle option - you can walk, run, or even carry your pet goldfish for mission! Each participant will travel for three hours, so pick something you like and get going!  
Minimum pledge: \$10, \$125 for Jamaica trip participants.



## SUPPORT MISSION AND YOUTH!

Here are some easy ways to support youth mission: find a Wheel-A-Thon rider and pledge your support! All funds go to support youth mission projects. You can also come ride with us - just get a pledge envelope from Katie. It's a beautiful ride down the Erie Canal, with plenty of rest stops. If that's not your thing, think about staffing a rest stop (talk to Katie for more info) or praying for the riders now and during their upcoming mission events!

## Jamaica Orientation

October 16 - 12:15-1:15

Trip-going youth and advisers, meet to talk and start learning about our trip! Lunch will be provided.



## Confirmation Class: God in Our Questions

October 16 - 4:00-5:45 for confirmands only.

Come share your questions about God, and maybe even get some answers! Dinner will be provided.

## Youth Group Haunted Hayride

October 16 - 6:00-8:30 (Meet and pick up from GPC)

Junior and Senior Highs get ready for a spooky-fun night! We'll head over to Verhulst Haunted Hayride in Spencerport, then try the corn maze if the weather's dry. Bring \$12 and extra money for snacks if you want them.



## YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2	- 9:30 Youth Choir
	- 10:00 Worship/World Communion Fusion Sunday – <b>no</b> Sunday School
	- 12:30 Wheel-a-thon
	- 5:30 Wheel-a-thon Ends
Sunday, October 9	- 9:30 Youth Choir
	- 10:00 Worship
	- 11:15 Junior and Senior High Sunday School
Saturday, October 15	- 10:00 Confirmation class can serve at St. Joseph's
Sunday, October 16	- 9:30 Youth Choir
	- 10:00 Worship - Katie in worship
	- 11:15 Junior and Senior High Sunday School
	- 4:00-5:45 Confirmation class: God in Our Questions
	- 6:00-8:30 Junior and Senior High Haunted Hayride
Sunday, October 23	- 9:30 Youth Choir
	- 10:00 Worship
	- 11:15 Junior and Senior High Sunday School
Sunday, October 30	- 9:30 Youth Choir
	- 10:00 Worship/Fusion Sunday – no Sunday School

## MISSION MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Advent Mission Activities** –Please join us at the October and November meetings of the Mission team to help plan and carry out mission activities during the Advent season. This is a great opportunity to focus your participation on a portion of the GPC Mission calendar year. Please bring your helping hands and hearts and ideas.

We'll plan to do the Advent discussion and planning at the beginning of the meeting and will work on the traditional Advent Market, SWEM Christmas Dinners, Cameron Gift Tree & the Mitten Tree, as well as new ideas.

The October meeting will be Oct 11<sup>th</sup> (not the usual Mega meeting night) and the November meeting will be Nov 1<sup>st</sup> (Mega Meeting Night) in the Jr High Lounge. Please let Sally Christensen or Cathy Goodykoontz know if you are able to attend.

**Spring Time Season of Justice: Creation** – This is a new concept early in its development. If you are interested in environmental issues and in being a good steward of the earth, please consider joining this team that will build an intergenerational program of worship, learning and action. We are targeting an April presentation. Please contact Sally Christensen if you are interested.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S MEAL - Saturday, October 15**

*Join us for a rewarding and fun mission opportunity!*

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality is located on South Avenue. This mission serves a hot lunch six days a week to those living in poverty. It opens its doors to homeless men in the winter months. GPC has supported this mission in funds and service for well over 30 years. You can be a part of this mission opportunity in the following ways:

1. Donate food
2. Prepare lunch – Friday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Serve lunch – Saturday, October 15 – 10:30 – 2:00 at St. Joseph's

The sign-up sheet is on the Kiosk. Please call Al Waugh at 247-4709 with any questions.

## SUMMER 2016 MISSION NEWS

- The SWEM food drive throughout the summer collected 243.6 lbs. of food
- 312 items were collected for Cameron Community Ministries children during Undie Sundays

***Thank you for your support!!!!***



## FALL CLEAN UP – Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 a.m.

It is hard to tell this year but summer has come to an end and FALL is upon us!



- Do you take pride in your church home?
- Are you looking for a way to help but don't have a lot of time to commit?
- Do you love fresh air and (maybe) sunshine?
- Do your kids or grand-kids enjoy running and playing with their friends at church?
- Do you enjoy spending time with your GPC friends?
- Are you looking for something the whole family can do together?
- Do you like to feel a sense of accomplishment, knowing you are helping out a good cause?
- Is God calling you to get more involved in your community?

If YES! Then join us on **SATURDAY October 29th 8:30 a.m.** – come for an hour or all day, whatever you can do to help for our FALL CLEANUP. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Buz Bauman, Sam Burkovich, or any member of GPC Board of Trustees. If this day does not work for you and you still want to help, let us know! There are tasks that can be undertaken right now at your convenience.



### MEN 2 MEN BREAKFAST

Men 2 Men will meet October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship and a hearty breakfast in the Fellowship Hall followed by a Bible study of The Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$5.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk.

### 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 Melissa DeRosia at 247-5292 if you are interested in going. Our next time to serve at Salem is Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to carpool, please meet at GPC around 9:30.



## THE PLACE FOR ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!



**39<sup>th</sup> Annual CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR**  
**November 19, 2016 - 9:00 am to 3:30 pm**

HELP needed in the following areas:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening breakdown: taking church school rooms apart and moving items to Sanctuary. Need lots of willing hands. MAX.- 2 hours. Start at 6:30PM – Jason Taylor (617-816-3195) and Bill Dassero (328-6084)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday afternoon setup: taking the classroom equipment from the Sanctuary and putting it back in church school rooms after the Bazaar. Need as many as possible to help. MAX. - 2 hours. Start at 4:00PM Marty Ohman, (293-0608)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hostesses needed to assist craft people find their areas, relieve crafters for lunch, breaks, etc. SHORT SHIFTS throughout the day. Heather Pimm (694-6746)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baked food booth needs MANY donations of baked foods. We will appreciate any items you can donate. SHORT SHIFTS.  
\_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ donate baked goods  
Betty Blystone (247-2820) or Linda Allen (571-4437)  
**Please mark food w/nuts or no nuts. Sugar free items are also welcome.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ The snack bar prepares and serves food to the public. SHORT SHIFTS throughout the day – call Beth Molina (727-9129)  
**Also, looking for donations of food items. Please check the Kiosk for a list and to sign up to donate food. Thanks for your help!!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Traffic control works in the parking lot directing cars and filling in spaces as they become available. SHORT SHIFTS until 1pm. J.C. Rouchon, (225-9737)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Bunch needs help setting up, breaking down, and selling their hand-made items. Carol Howell (247-2080)

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