

## Seasons of Justice

### Imprints of God's Face: Race and Faith

The GPC community is raising deep concerns about structural racism, inequality and privilege, but we aren't sure what we can do about it... or how to talk about it. In upcoming months, we will have the chance to be part of a community-wide conversation about race. The first opportunity to engage will take place on:

**November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 2:00pm**

Cinema Theatre  
957 South Clinton Avenue  
Donation of \$3.00

All are invited to attend a showing of "July '64," a documentary about the Rochester race riots. The documentary is appropriate for school age children and older. A discussion will follow the film.

This event is co-sponsored by Laurelton United Presbyterian Church, Gates Presbyterian Church and Third Presbyterian Church. This event is supported in part by a grant from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

### Election Day Prayer Service

*For Peace and Healing*

**Gates Presbyterian Church**

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**



### Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2016

All Saints Day will be recognized in worship on November 6<sup>th</sup> to remember the "saints" who have died in the past year. We recognize our members in prayer and give you an opportunity to recognize your own loved ones who have passed away this year. Join us for this meaningful service.

### FROM THE PASTOR . . . .

Dear Friends,

At the end of October, we kicked off our stewardship emphasis, exploring the ways we can live into "Fearless Generosity." For the start of worship, we began singing the "Doxology" acapella, as a reminder for us that the reason we gather on Sunday morning is to give thanks and praise to God "from whom all blessings flow." I admit to being a bit nervous about this, mostly because I was worried my singing voice would have trouble getting us started. But it has turned out to be a powerful and wonderful moment. We sing confidently with our heads up, looking around at one another, aware that our voices are joined with others. That no matter how apprehensive we are about our own singing ability, collectively beautiful music is made.

This November, more than ever, I have needed that extra reminder that fearless and collective voices are needed to be generous toward one another. In a few days, most of us will visit our polling sites and cast ballots for a new President and other political leaders. I've heard many people comment this election cycle that "my one vote doesn't count." But if none of us are voting (or singing!) the silence will be filled with other kinds of noises. I am mindful of the ways all the noise is damaging many of our relationships. I would invite you to a time of quiet reflection, prayer and worship on **Election Day (November 8<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary**, to pray for healing for our community, nation, and world.

By the time **Stewardship Sunday** arrives on **November 13<sup>th</sup>**, a new president will have been elected, though many are unsure if either of them will make a good leader. Sometimes I am not sure we even know what makes a good leader, but I do know that many people tend to shy away from the term. The GPC Nominating Committee has heard a common refrain when asking people to serve as an Elder "I'm not really a leader." A leader in the life of this church does not serve (or sing) alone! We are called to join our voices together strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation. We are in need of those willing to live into "Fearless Generosity" by giving of your time and gifts in service.

On Stewardship Sunday we will celebrate the "Fearless Generosity" of GPC by making financial commitments through our pledges. I hope you will consider responding not from a sense that your pledge doesn't count, but truly from a place that recognizes the ways God is accomplishing far more than all we can ask or imagine! May Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus be our prayer as we live into this new season in our church and nation.

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." - Ephesians 3:30-21

- Melissa

## FROM THE DEACONS

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Continued prayers for **Marge Westfall**

**Janet Ruff** suffering from a back injury.

**Norma Polizzi** in Rochester General after suffering a stroke.



Congratulations to **Caitlin Fish and Austin Vanzile** on their marriage on October 7<sup>th</sup>

To **Irene and Peter Derry** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October.

Sympathy to **June Hungerford** on the deaths of her nephew and her sister.

**REMINDER TO DEACONS:** The next Deacon’s meeting will be on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Lounge.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in Room 16.

**REBECCA CIRCLE** meets on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Adult Lounge.

**MEGA MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 7:00 P.M.**

**LOCK UP SCHEDULE:** November: Ed Vander

**ARTICLES FOR THE DECEMBER HARBINGER ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>.**

**LUNCH BUNCH** now meets on Tuesdays from **11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall

## 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 at 247-5292 if you are interested in going. Our next time to serve at Salem is Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to carpool, please meet at GPC around 9:30am.



## 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>!

## PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Lay Reader	Greeter	Usher Team	Deacon Team
November 6	Carrie Dykes	Keith Hadley	5	5
November 13	Linda Allen	Tom Ward	6	6
November 20	Brian Bullis	Sally Christensen	1	1
November 27	Tami Pignone	Gladstone Crosdale	2	2

Communion Team : A

Left:	1. Sally Christensen (Captain)	Right:	1. Mary Hadley
	2. Nancy Hossenlopp		2. Keith Hadley
	3. Keith Morgan		3. Carol Howell
	4. Kay Harder		4. Beverly Lamphron

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PARKING LOT VALETS

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

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS and/or**  
**House of Mercy**



If you would like to order a plant for display in the Sanctuary for Christmas and/or make a donation toward House of Mercy (for more info on the House of Mercy, please go to their website: [houseofmercyrochester.org](http://houseofmercyrochester.org)) in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and leave it with the money (or check) in the offering plate or in the church office **NO LATER** than November 27<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to **Gates Presbyterian Church**. Mail the order to the church if it is more convenient. This year poinsettias will be available for \$10.00 a piece.

NAME OF DONOR (S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF (please circle appropriate phrase)

Please check appropriate donation:

Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

House of Mercy \_\_\_\_\_



**GPC ADVENT "WISH LIST"**

Check out the Kiosk for a list of simple volunteering opportunities at GPC during the Advent and Christmas seasons! From poinsettia care to gift tag makers, there are many fun and easy ways to be involved and engaged at GPC this holiday season. Sign up and/or join us after church on Nov. 13th in the Adult Lounge to learn more!

**The Worship Ministry Team** will be hosting an Advent & Christmas decorating gathering on Saturday November 26, 2016 at 10:00 am. If necessary we would finish up the decorating on Tuesday December 6, 2016 at 6:00pm before Mega meeting.

We need many volunteers to help bring in and set up the Christmas tree as well as decorate the sanctuary in preparation for the season of Advent and Christmas. Please come for as long as you are able to help with the decorating. All ages are welcome, there is lots to do.

Many of you have expressed a desire to help out in the past and for that we thank you. Please come and have some fun with us as it is a special opportunity for fellowship and bringing in the spirit of the holiday season.

**MISSION NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKETS for SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries)**

**Due December 4, 2016**

Help provide a Christmas dinner for a family in need living in the Southwest quadrant of our city. The following requested list from SWEM is for a family of 3-4. The ten dollars that goes with the meal is used to purchase a chicken, eggs, and margarine. If you feel creative, decorate the box that holds your dinner and add some small candies, mints, instant coffee, or tea bags. Please don't include gifts, toys, clothing, etc.

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| 1 can of fruit cocktail or other canned fruit    | 2 cans of soup                   |
| 1 large can of fruit juice                       | 1 box of instant mashed potatoes |
| 1 large canned sweet potato                      | 1 can of cranberry sauce         |
| 3 cans of vegetables                             | 1 bag of stuffing mix            |
| 1 or more relish/pickles/olives                  | \$10.00 in cash                  |
| 1 cake mix and frosting or pie crust and filling |                                  |

Members of the Mission/Peacemaking Committee will be in the parking lot to receive your dinner before service on Sunday, December 4th. Please hand your money to them separately from your dinner.

**GPC MITTEN TREE**

The GPC Mitten Tree stands in the hall outside of Room 2. The mitten tree has a long history as an Advent Project of GPC. This year you are invited to fill its branches with gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for the men and women of DePaul Mental Health Services of Rochester and their families starting **November 20**.



## CAMERON CHRISTMAS

We have been asked to assist Cameron Community Ministries with their Christmas Programs again this year. The Cameron Ministries Christmas Giving Tree will be on display in the narthex on **November 20<sup>th</sup>**, with tags bearing information about the gifts that are needed. **Gifts must be returned to GPC by December 4<sup>th</sup>**.

This year we will be participating in the “adopt-a-family” program by providing gifts for a large family in the Cameron Community. Look for the special tags on the Giving Tree – our primary goal is to fulfill that family’s needs. In addition, we will be providing gifts for boys and girls ages 5 – 12 years, which the children will receive at Carmon’s annual holiday party.

The third opportunity to help make the holidays brighter for the Cameron children and families is their annual “shop” where the children can select small gifts for the adults in their lives. GPC will help “stock the shelves” by providing small adult gifts for the shop.

A list of gift suggestions will be on the gift tags. If you choose an adopt-a-family tag or a children’s gift tag from the tree, please **place the item in a gift bag with tissue**. Please put the tag on the **outside** of the bag so it can easily be sorted by the folks at Cameron. For adult gifts, please return your **unwrapped** gifts **with the tag attached**. Thank You.

Questions? Contact Sally Christensen at 247-6095.

## 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 starting November 6<sup>th</sup>. Any questions??? Call Barb Snaith at 247-9066.



## Looking for a Way to Grow in Faith? Bible Study is BACK!

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 February we will reflect on the following texts:

**Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Psalms 145**

**Luke 21:5-19**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**NO BIBLE STUDY Happy Thanksgiving Eve**



## 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**

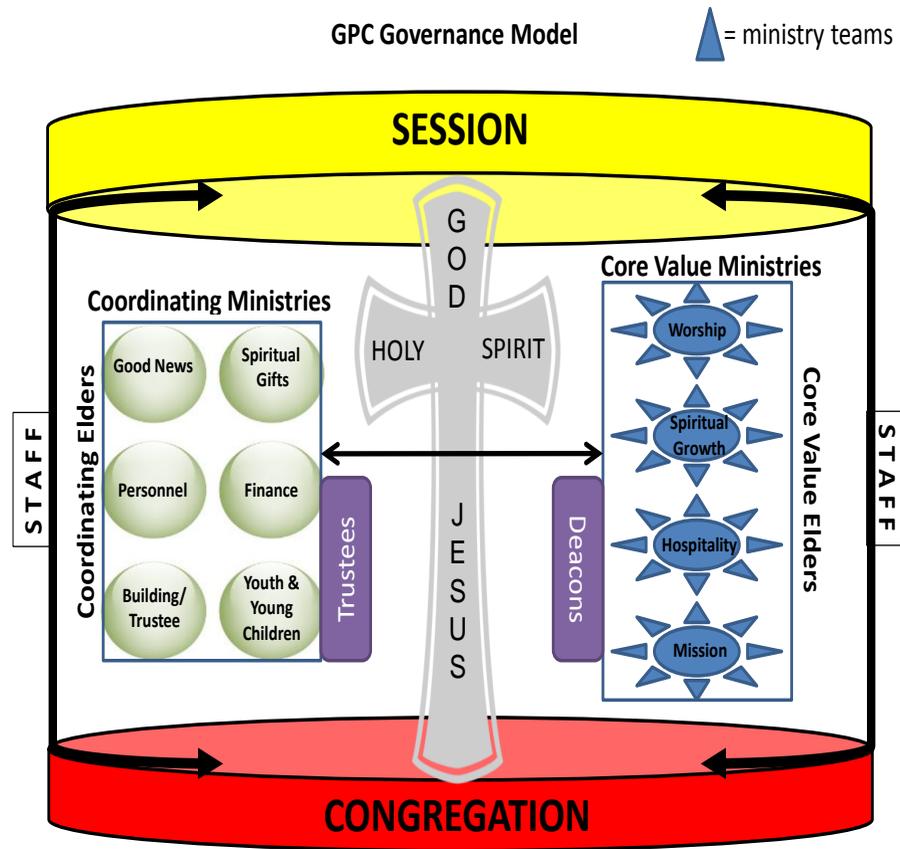
HELP needed in the following areas:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## Your GPC Family needs YOUR Time and Talents!



The Nominating Committee is actively seeking GPC members for *Good News Coordinating Elder*, *Worship Core Value Elder*, *Spiritual Growth Core Value Elder*, *Hospitality Core Value Elder*, and *Finance Coordinating Elder*. We are also recruiting for two Trustee positions. Terms for these leadership roles are now TWO years! *The new term begins January 1, 2017.*

Please prayerfully consider sharing your God given gifts to help our wonderful church family move forward in serving God and our community. You can nominate yourself or someone else for one of these positions! For more information, please contact Melissa, Kathy Wakeman (247-3296), or any other member of the Nominating Committee (Whit Beckett, Ginny Barley, Nancy Hossenlopp, Larry Wakeman). We need YOU!

## How is God calling you to share YOUR gifts?

**Good News Elder:** The Good News Communication Coordinating Elder (Carrie Dykes – currently serving) empowers GPC to share the “Good News” of how the gospel is being lived out at GPC and in the world. The Good News Communication Coordinating Elder has basic knowledge and awareness of the various communication resources utilized by the congregation (face-to-face interactions, bulletins, Harbinger, bulletin boards, news media, Facebook, website, fliers, postcards and other media). You will serve as a resource for the Core Value Ministry Teams and encourage them to utilize as many forms of communication possible. You will work with the Core Value Ministry Team Elders in planning and coordinating congregation conversations. The Good News Communication Coordinating Elder will determine with session what needs to be communicated out to the congregation from the session meetings.

**Worship Elder:** The Worship Core Value Elder will work directly with Barbara Chapman (currently serving as Worship Elder) and Worship Core Value Leadership Teams.

**Spiritual Growth Elder:** The Spiritual Growth Core Value Elders work directly with Keith Hadley (currently serving as Spiritual Growth Elder) and the Spiritual Growth Core Value Leadership Teams.

**Hospitality Elder:** The Hospitality Core Value Elders work directly with Laura Nolan (currently serving as Hospitality Elder) and the Hospitality Growth Core Value Leadership Teams.

**Finance Elder:** The Coordinating Elder for Finance will work cooperatively with the financial staff (Treasurer & Financial Secretary) to oversee matters related to the finances of the church. He/she shall work with the Treasurer, Trustees, pastoral staff, Core Value Leadership Team Elders and Session to determine an annual budget for the upcoming year and work in cooperation with the Treasurer to ensure budget reports are issued at session every meeting (monthly cash flow, Escrows, Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund and Mustard Seed). This Elder will also: serve as the session representative on the Endowment Fund and Mustard Seed mission teams, work with the Spiritual Gifts Coordinator (Kathy Wakeman) to ensure volunteers for Sunday morning counting schedule and work with the Spiritual Gifts Elder to organize a ministry team to plan and implement the annual stewardship effort.

**Trustee:** As spiritual leaders of our congregation, Trustees do more than make administrative judgments regarding our property and physical assets. They also make decisions not just on the basis of what costs less or preserves the assets of the church, but also with God’s demands for justice in mind.



**FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL**  
**Friday evening, December 2**  
**6:00 – 7:30**  
**“Let Your Light Shine”**  
Save the date.  
More information to follow.

### The YOUNG CHILDREN’S TEAM is looking for new members.

This team is responsible for Sunday School teachers and curriculum, Sunday School kick-off Sunday, Advent Festival, Fusion Room presentations, and year-end worship. If you enjoy working with children and for children, please consider joining us! If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Bridget Wohlers, Katie Styr, Lauren Henderberg, or Kay Harder. This team meets the third Sunday of every other month after worship. So, if your child is in Junior Choir or in Junior or Senior High Sunday School and you are waiting for him/her, maybe you would consider joining us!

### YOUTH NEWS:

**Grocery Run:** Join us for a fun activity that helps fight hunger! The Grocery Run is a 5K Run or Walk which raises money for food programs in Rochester. Register at [groceryrun.org](http://groceryrun.org) and join GPC's team! We'll see you there. Race starts at 8:15am on Saturday, November 5th.

**Confirmation Class:** Don't forget about class on November 6th, 4:00-5:45 with delicious dinner! We'll be learning all about the Bible.

**Jr. High YMCA Swim:** Get your suit and get ready to swim! We'll be at the YMCA on Sunday, November 1st from 2 to 4 (meet at GPC).

**Sr. High Bunko Night:** It's time for bunko! Snacks and games from 6-8 at GPC, November 6th.

**Sr. Highs Worship at Temple B'rith Kodesh:** Join us on Friday, November 18 at 5:30pm at GPC, then we'll head out and experience a Jewish worship service at Temple B'rith Kodesh! We'll be back at GPC around 8:00pm. This event is part of our Sunday School year of learning about other faiths.

**Jr. High Game Night:** November 20, 6-8 at GPC. We'll get messy and have fun playing Thanksgiving games.

**Church Mouse Bazaar help:** Jr Highs and the Confirmation class will be selling snacks at the Church Mouse on November 19th, so be on the lookout for sign-up sheets at youth group. We need you!

**A note from Katie:** I'll be in worship on November 27th this month! See you then.

### Youth Calendar

Saturday, November 5	- 7:30am	Grocery 5K Run/Walk
Sunday, November 6	- 9:30am	Youth Choir
	- 10:00am	Worship
	- 11:15am	Junior and Senior High Sunday School
	- 2:00-4:00pm	Junior High YMCA Swim
	- 4:00-5:45pm	Confirmation Class: Bible 101
	- 6:00-8:00pm	Senior High Bunko Night
Sunday, November 13	- 9:30am	Youth Choir
	- 10:00am	Worship
	- 11:15	Junior and Senior High Sunday School
Saturday, November 19	- 9:00am-3:30pm	Jr. Highs sell snacks at Bazaar
Sunday, November 20	- 9:30am	Youth Choir
	- 10:00am	Worship
	- 11:15am	Junior and Senior High Sunday School
	- 6:00-8:00pm	Senior High Bunko Night Junior High Game-a-Palooza
Sunday, November 27	- 9:30am	Youth Choir
	- 10:00am	Worship/Fusion Sunday No Sunday school

