

FROM THE DEACONS

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Jeff Cheals in hospice care.

Gretchen Greene's granddaughter recovering from a serious car accident.

Babe Meyer continuing to recover from a broken shoulder.

Florence Case continuing her recovery from a fall.

Sympathy to:

Cathy and Chuck Goodykoontz and Family on the recent death of Cathy's mother.

Ann Tonery-Demars and Family on a recent death in her family.



ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH HARBINGER ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017.

REMINDER TO DEACONS: The next Deacons' meeting will be Monday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Lounge. Rev. Jennifer Streeter will be our guest.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP will **not** meet in February. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet in the Adult Lounge starting at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13th. Be sure to bring your lunch. Beverage and a dessert will be provided.



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.



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, February 6th. If you would like to carpool, please meet at GPC around 9:30am



FROM OUR STATED SUPPLY ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

In my office, hanging right next to my computer, is a keychain in the shape of Jamaica. It was a gift from Rev. Kimberley Hines when she visited Rochester in 2015, as a reminder that soon I would be headed to Jamaica. For over a year now I've looked over at my keychain and counted down the days, and now our Jamaica trip is here! I am so excited to continue this wonderful tradition of service and partnership, and to lead this trip for the first time. It's time to strap my keychain to a suitcase and start traveling.

Our trip this Winter Break will offer our seniors a chance to serve God and learn from our Jamaican brothers and sisters. This year we have four seniors and three adults going on the trip: James Hart, Ian Unson, Sam Dykes, Scott Lewis, Beth Molina, Mary Hadley, and myself. Our youth have been working hard to prepare themselves for this trip! We have a very creative, dedicated, and enthusiastic group of seniors who are ready for mission in Jamaica. They've prepared a day of stories, fun and games for the children at the Green Island Basic School, and are excited to lead songs with the children.

This year our group plans to spend most of our work week at the Basic School. We'll be building part of a fence along the children's playground to help keep them safe. Our youth are eager to roll up their sleeves and start digging fence posts. We are also grateful for the mission funding from GPC to make the Basic School's plan a reality. It will be great for us to help make the Basic School's playground a safer space for children to run, laugh, and play in. If we have time, we may even get to do some painting!

For over 15 years, we've been traveling to Jamaica to partner with these three churches. I'm looking forward to sharing worship and praising God together with our Jamaican brothers and sisters in Christ. This trip will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bonds between our churches, and to help our youth experience life in another country. I am proud of all that Sam, James, Scott, and Ian have done to prepare for the trip - but we couldn't do it without you! Thank you so much for your support. GPC's youth always know they can turn to their church for financial support for mission trips, for prayer on our travels, and for advice as they learn how to serve Christ. Please keep our group in prayer on our journey February 18-25 - it means a lot to the seniors to know that they are so supported and loved by their church community.

Before our trip, we'll be collecting donations for the Theodora House. Please bring towels, sheets, nightgowns, and slippers to GPC, so that we can bring them to share! This is one of the simplest ways that we help support the Theodora House's work caring for young women, and we would love for you to be part of it. We'll be sharing the story of our trip in worship and during second hour on Sunday, March 5th, and we hope you can join us.

Thank you,
Rev. Katie.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2017 Church Leadership Development Day

Saturday February 11th - 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

TAX INFORMATION

If you would like a receipt for your 2016 donations to GPC, please send an email to Jim Meddaugh at jmeddau1@rochester.rr.com or notify the church office. If the letter with the receipt can be emailed to you, please let us know so we can get it to you faster and save the postage.



**Please join us at the Ash Wednesday service
Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder to everyone that GPC has a great library located in the same hallway as the pastors' offices. The GPC Library has a large collection of Bible resource books and books on a variety of topics including Christian living as well as devotional books. You will also find fiction books in the library. GPC also has a children's book section kept on bookcases easily reachable by children. Be sure to sign out any books you want to borrow. Happy Reading! See you in the Library!



FROM THE TRUSTEES

It has recently been brought to our attention that we have not been following Monroe County Health Department regulations when washing dishes in the church kitchen. A notice outlining the proper health regulation procedures has been posted above the main sink in the kitchen. I trust that we can all be trusted to adhere to these regulations. Please feel free to call me with any questions at 748-1920 or 247-6812, Paula Sousa.

Open Gate Community Garden 2017

It may be difficult to think of gardening right now, but the reality is it is less than 5 months to growing season.

The first year of the Open Gate Community Garden was quite a success...

- All 12 gardens were adopted, with 2 adopted by our neighbors in the apartments.
- Despite the dry summer, we had quite an abundance of vegetables.
- We were able to donate vegetables to Cameron.
- There was great fellowship at the garden, not just between the gardeners, but also with those who visited at other times (including our garden snake!)
- Our gardeners gave us some great feedback and we have some ideas for improvements.

At this point we believe we have 3 available existing gardens for 2017, but we would like to see what additional interest there may be so we can decide if we want to consider expanding.

If you think you have an interest in adopting a garden, or even half a garden, please let us know by the end of February. Phone 623-1013 (feel free to leave a message) or email jrpoole@frontier.com.

There are some ongoing responsibilities in maintaining the overall garden so if you have an interest in that, even if you are not gardening, please let us know. We would welcome your help!

Jim & Sue Poole

Looking for a Way to Grow in Faith?

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 February we will reflect on the following texts:

Wednesday, February 1st	Isaiah 58:1-12
Wednesday, February 8th	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Wednesday, February 15th	Matthew 5:38-48
Wednesday, February 22nd	2 Peter 1:16-21

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Lay Reader	Greeter	Usher Team	Deacon Team
February 5	Bridget Wohlers	Ann Marie Simm	3	6
February 12	Helen Priestley	Dick Stewart	4	1
February 19	Carrie Dykes	Sally Christensen	5	2
February 26	Lily DeRosia	Laura Nolan	6	3

Communion Team A:

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



PER CAPITA

Per Capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that our congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a religious and moral commitment. It establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our church. With this year's commitment of **\$30.65** per member, we work together with other Presbyterian Churches in our presbytery and across the country to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. We benefit from the gifts, skills, vision and ministry of each other when we come together. Your Per Capita pays for the programs, training and resources that help us work together to benefit all.

If you haven't yet contributed **\$30.65** per member, please consider doing so. You can use your Per Capita pledge envelope or put your check in a plain envelope marked Per Capita and place in the offering basket or mail it to the church office.

BOTTLES AND CANS

The Youth Team 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. These monies go to the Jamaica mission trips.

Souper Bowl Sunday: Bring a can of soup on Sunday, February 5th 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 4th into Sunday, Feb. 5th. Meet at the church at 9:00pm, bring \$10.00, and get ready to have fun! The next day at worship, we'll collect soup donations and money for the Souper Bowl!

Donations Wanted:

Our youth are going to Jamaica soon, and we want to bring donations for the Safe House! Please donate linens (queen or twin size), towels, nightgowns, and slippers for the young ladies living at the safe house. Bring your donations to church before Sunday, February 12th!

Senior Highs Serve:

We'll be preparing a special Super Bowl meal on February 5th for the families at Harbor House, and helping get the house ready for new guests! Meet up after Sunday School (around 12:30) and bring a sack lunch for yourself - we should be back at GPC by 2:30.

Junior Highs serve at St. Joseph's:

Join us as we serve lunch at St. Joseph's soup kitchen on February 18th! Meet up at GPC at 10:00. We'll have fun helping out, grab lunch, and then be back by 3:00.

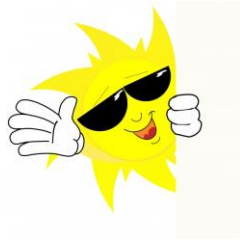
Senior High Movie Night Feb. 19th:

It's time for a movie night! Meet at GPC at 6:30 and we'll see a movie at Tinseltown. Bring \$5 (extra if you want snacks), and expect to be back at GPC at 9:00pm.

Confirmation class:

Our next meeting is on February 5th from 3:00 (NOTE TIME CHANGE) to 4:45, and we'll be discussing Faith in the World. Remember that by this water stop you should have half your points done!

Jamaica Tripgoers: Time for our final meeting! Bring your parents and any last questions to our last orientation, 12:15-2:00 on Sunday, Feb. 5th. There will be pizza.



Summer Work Project Dates: Mark your calendars now!

Junior High: July 17-21th
Senior High: August 6th-10th

Youth Calendar



- Saturday, February 4 - 9:00pm Junior High Overnight Begins
- Sunday, February 5 - 10:00 Worship "Souper Bowl of Caring"
- 11:15 Senior High Sunday School
- 12:15-2:00 Jamaica Final Orientation
- 12:30-2:30 Senior Highs Serve at Harbor House
- 3:00 Confirmation - Faith in the World
- Tuesday, February 7 - 7:00 Youth Ministry Team meeting
- Sunday, February 12 - 9:30 Youth Choir
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:15 Junior and Senior High Sunday School
- Saturday, February 18 - 10:00 Junior Highs serve at St. Joseph's
- Sunday, February 18-25 - Seniors in Jamaica!
- Sunday February 19 - 9:30 Youth Choir
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:15 Junior and Senior High Sunday School
- 6:30 Senior High Movie Night
- Sunday, February 26 - 9:30 Youth Choir
- 10:00 Worship - Fusion Sunday

MANY THANKS to all who supported the Blue Mountain Coffee House:

customers, servers, performers, donors, chefs, movers, designers, accompanists, sound engineers, etc. All monies from this event will be used on the Jamaica Mission Trip 2017.

PLEASE KEEP THE JAMAICA MISSION TRIP 2017 TEAM IN YOUR PRAYERS

On February 18th, seven GPC'ers will leave for Jamaica. This mission team will participate in the on-going relationship between Green Island United Church of Jamaica and Gates Presbyterian Church. While in Jamaica this year, they will work at the Green Island Basic School. Members of the team are: James Hart, Samantha Dykes, Ian Unson, Scott Lewis, Katie Styr, Mary Hadley, and Beth Molina. Please keep this team in your prayers. They return to Rochester on February 25th.

MEN 2 MEN

Men 2 Men will meet February 26 at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship and breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our Bible study from The Sermon on the Mount. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$5.00. Please sign up on the sheet on the Kiosk.

ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL registration for the 2017-2018 school year is open now for all Gates Presbyterian Church members and to the public. 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. Please pass the word on to relatives, friends, and neighbors.



Annual GPC Amerks Hockey Game

Sunday, February 19
5:05pm

Rochester Amerks
vs.

Binghamton Senators

\$15.00 per Adult ticket; \$10.00 for children 12-under

Deadline: February 12th

Tickets passed out the morning of February 19th

See Todd Pimm in the Fellowship Hall after worship each Sunday.

