

DEACONS' PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer:

John Kubiniec's sister diagnosed with cancer

Phyllis Titus recovering from a broken hip

Nora Bush in rehab at Monroe Community Hospital

Gary Dykes recovering from shingles



Congratulations to: **Ashley Belt and Christopher Ciesinski** on their engagement . . . also to **Matthew Thornton** on his graduation from Spencerport High School. Matt will attend the University of Buffalo in the fall.

Our sympathy to **John and Kay Harder and family** on the death of John's mother, **Velma Harder**, May 9th in Oklahoma . . . and to **Pene Ritz and family** on the recent death of her aunt.

REMINDER TO DEACONS:

The next Deacons' meeting will be on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 at McGregor's.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, June 26 for their end-of-the-year picnic at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Mary Waugh. Bring a dish to pass.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study has ended for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone again in September!

LUNCH BUNCH AND THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY has ended for the summer.

Wisdom Calls: Justice from the Gates in Jerusalem

June 25th 11:15am- 12:15pm

Location: Adult Lounge

Join Melissa to hear about her recent trip to Israel/Palestine.

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL SKILLS OVER THE SUMMER

Interested in performing special music over the summer? A sign-up sheet is posted on the Kiosk outside the Sanctuary for any available performers! Please consider this unique musical ministry over the summer life of our church!

FROM OUR STATED SUPPLY ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It's finally gardening season! After such a long, wet, chilly spring, things are starting to look up. This is the time of buying new flowers, planting new seedlings, and coaxing last year's garden purchases to bloom anew. It's wonderful to see the earth start to wake up as the clouds move away and the sun shines brightly. Our GPC garden plots are ready for planting, and the weather is ready to (potentially) cooperate.

All of this new life and new growth brings to mind the story of Creation in Genesis one. In Hebrew class, we worked on translating this chapter together, and were always glad when we got to the end of a creation day – again and again, God would look at everything created and repeat the same words – it was good. God brings to life trees and flowers, fish and birds, insects and people. Throughout the story of creation, God's approval is a constant refrain – trees are good. The sun is good. Robins are good. Cows are good. And people are very good. This affirmation follows us, from those first few days of humanity until now.

I have to admit, I often forget these affirmations in my own life. The sun is wonderful, certainly, but I am, at most, neutral on cows. I don't particularly think of them as good or bad, just large and smelly. And there are plenty of people who don't seem to be "very good", much less good at all! However, when I am feeling grouchy about other people (or doubtful about my own abilities), I remind myself that God created us to be very good. We have the potential to do wonderful things as God's children. I often take creation for granted, as well – it's difficult to remember that God names every bird as good when you see pigeons and seagulls every day. But just as surely as we are loved by God (and we are!), God also created every part of the world as a delicate balance of good plants and animals for us to care for.

This Children's Sunday we will celebrate God's creation in worship with the theme "God's Creation is Very Good!" Our Sunday School classes will lead worship, sharing prayers they've written and artwork they've made. During their weeks of preparation, our classes have been giving thanks to God for the wonderful parts of creation they are thankful for – big, small, and everything in between. I hope you can join us for Children's Sunday on June 11th to celebrate our children, honor our graduating seniors, and thank our teachers. And I hope in the next few weeks you take the time to notice the plants and animals created by God, and give thanks for them as part of God's good creation.

Peace,
Rev. Katie

GPC CRAFTERS – Applications now available!

Do you make hand-crafted items to sell? Come and participate in GPC's 40th Church Mouse Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th. Applications for church member crafter spaces are available NOW in the publication rack in the foyer. Send your application in ASAP because applications for the public will be available soon. Last year, all spaces were filled by mid-June!



Our bazaar takes over our building with 85+ spaces! This is a high quality, extremely well advertised and attended event! It is fun for crafters, as well as our congregation who help make the bazaar so successful. This is a premiere fundraising event for our church, so its benefits reach far and wide.

Tell your crafty friends! Applications for the public will be available June 9. If the crafter is on our mailing list from last year, they will receive an application mailed or emailed to them. Applications will also be available on the GPC website, at the church or from Tess McKeel at tessmckeel@hotmail.com or 585-766-7151.



ADOPT-A-GARDEN

Some garden areas around the church are available for YOU to plant. A sign-up sheet and map of the gardens are on the Kiosk. Signing up for a garden means you are willing to weed, water, and groom that area for this year. Let's keep our GPC gardens beautiful. Any questions, call the church office at 247-5292.



WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE:

June 5 – GPC BYE week

June 12 – GPC vs Open Door I on the GPC field

June 19 – GPC vs Grace Church of the Nazarene on the GPC field

June 26 – GPC vs Victory on the GPC field

Games start at 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

June 6 – GPC vs Hilton Baptist at Greece Assembly of God

June 13 – GPC vs Greece Assembly of God on the GPC field

(Double header – starts at 6:00 p.m.)

June 20 – GPC vs Park Ridge on the GPC field

(Double header – starts at 6:00 p.m.)

June 27 – GPC vs Hilton Baptist at Hilton Village Elementary B

Games start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Date	Front Door Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher	Deacon
June 4	Keith Hadley	Tommy Kelly	5	3
June 11	Barb Chapman	Children	6	4
June 18	Bridget Wohlers	Molly Fitzgerald	1	5
June 25	Bill Dassero	Jeff Tuttle	2	1

Communion Team : E

Left: 1. Bridget Wohlers

2. Julie Siede

3. Bob Fehnel

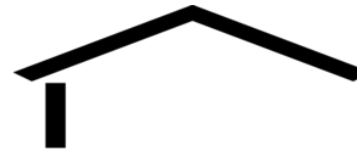
4. Erica Vail

Right: 1. Christine Arcara

2. Randy Mosher

3. Cheryl Fehnel

4. Barb Snaith



The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.
- John F. Kennedy

And now's the time! Can you believe the roof over the addition is more than 20 years old? We've zoomed past it's warranty, but with the excellent work of some dedicated trustees, the ongoing maintenance has kept it in good shape. However, we are living on borrowed time so it's time to start planning for the replacement in 2020. The good news is that the total cost will be in the \$80,000 range and we have over \$15,000 escrowed PLUS an anonymous gift of \$5,000! That means we have three years to raise the remaining \$60,000. *WE NEED IDEAS...* and we want to have some fun! Come join the ad-hoc roof committee. We're happy to have people come and go based on what they like to do. Are you an idea person? Come for the brainstorming. Are you an operations czar? Join us as we develop events. We'd love to have you! Contact Mary Hadley, [585-530-7592](tel:585-530-7592), maryahadley@gmail.com.

Children's Sunday - June 11th

Our Sunday School classes will plan and lead worship together. The theme this year is God's Creation is Very Good! 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 11, so we can get ready for this amazing service!!





The 2017 Giant Community Flea Market

A HUGE thank you to Larry Wakeman and Craig McKeel for stepping up to “shadow” Ginny and Bill Dassero for this year’s Flea Market and take over as coordinators next year. This means this event is alive and well and will continue to grow in the future with this new generation of leadership. YAY !!

Please stop by the Kiosk any time before Saturday, June 3rd, to sign up for what YOU can do to help. Many hands make for fun work! Book Donations continue to come in, so keep ‘em coming. Baked Foods sell out every year, so bring in LOTS! Don’t forget to dig up and bring in your spreading perennials for the Plant Sale. If you need pots, call Ginny. Have them here by Saturday morning. Lunch Bunch will be with us as an indoor vendor. Come buy your “scrunchies” and other goodies the ladies sell. Don’t forget to consider being a Vendor! Buy your space CHEAP and you make all the money from sales of your “stuff.” AND ... make sure you Come for lunch! The Sr. High Youth Group and Bill Dassero and now Craig McKeel will work hard to feed the crowd hots, burgers, Italian sausages, chips and beverages. All proceeds go to the Senior High Mission Trips!

Every dollar for every book, plant, cookie, scrubbie, lunch, and vendor space comes directly back to the church. Let’s make this a banner year! Thank You!



HELP NEEDED

On June 3rd, the GPC youth group food booth will be open again at the 2017 GPC Flea Market. All youth are asked to come help with set-up, clean-up and concessions for this fun-filled day! Sign up on the Kiosk! Every youth going on the Senior High Work Project **MUST** work one shift (if you can't make it, you'll do boring make-up cleaning in the summer). Options include: Morning concessions from 8:15-11:45, lunch concessions from 11:30-1:00, afternoon concessions from 1:00-3:00, or clean-up from 3:00 until done. Fill out your work project registration form and bring it back so we know who to expect! The overlap is for training, and insuring there is staff to serve. Please see Katie to sign up to serve.

All proceeds go to the youth and we cleared over \$632.00 last year. If you want more information, or sign up, or if you want to donate for specific items, please contact Bill Dassero via Facebook, e-mail or phone (328-6084). Thanks!

Summer Work Project Dates: Mark your calendars now!

Junior High: July 17-21 - Projects around Rochester

Senior High: August 6-11 at Camp Whitman!

Please note: We will hold a Senior High Q & A meeting on Sunday, June 11th after worship in the Sanctuary. This meeting is not required, but is suggested for first-timers. Also on June 11th, registration forms, medical forms, Camp Whitman registration forms, and a \$50.00 deposit are due for each participant.



Work project letters have been mailed - if you didn't get one (or lost one, or need another copy) contact the office.

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 to ask for helpers.
3. We give you the name of a youth. We tell them that you will be contacting them. You connect with the youth and make arrangements.
4. You pay \$9.00 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!

CALLING ALL AWESOME ADULTS

Ever thought about coming on a youth work project? Adult advisers 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 Advisers are due on June 11th. If you have any questions, contact Katie!

Want to do mission projects with youth, but can't take a whole week? Come join our Jr Highs! We need volunteers during the day July 17-20. Contact Katie if you're interested in volunteering for day and working with our wonderful Jr Highs at Salem, Calvary St. Andrews, the Episcopal Home, or at another mission site!

2017 MUSTARD SEED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Mustard Seed Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce **Samantha Dykes** as the recipient of the 2017 Mustard Seed Scholarship. Sam will receive \$1,500. each year for the next four years as she pursues her college studies at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont. This Scholarship program was initiated with a generous donation to the fund, by deceased GPC member and youth group advisor, Frank Roberts, who felt strongly that he wanted to assist students in achieving their academic dream upon graduation from high school. Subsequent significant donations have been received by GPC member, Mike Winn, and by family and friends of deceased GPC members. 2017 is the seventeenth year the scholarship has been awarded.

Sam, a member of GPC, is the daughter of Gary and Carrie Dykes. Sam has been very involved in our church by participating in youth group, Sunday school, youth choir, bell choir, and many youth work projects. She has also focused on teaching Sunday school; helping in the nursery and toddler rooms; and working at church dinners, Church Mouse Bazaars, GPC flea markets, and at spring and fall clean-ups. Sam faithfully and actively served the church during the 2015-2016 year as a member of Session.

In submitting her essay for the 2017 Mustard Seed Scholarship application, Sam stated: "GPC is open and lively. I feel respected and accepted for who I am without having to worry about being judged or questioned, and I am glad to have grown up in this church, learning of what it means to be a Christian. This congregation has given me the fertile soil I need to grow my mustard seed into a tree. And in the end, even though I am not just a Christian (I accept many other faiths and beliefs in God, a higher spiritual being that we do not entirely understand), I understand that the term 'Christian' is not a one-sentence definition, but a spiritual way of living, that inspires us to believe in ourselves; believe in others; and believe in Jesus' teachings."

BOTTLES AND CANS

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 outside 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.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

In the midst of all your celebrations don't forget GPC. We want to celebrate YOU, too!!!! On June 11, 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 You're also the guests of honor for our Youth Group Year-end Picnic, 6:00-8:00 on the 11th! Come party with us.

END OF THE YEAR PICNIC - June 11 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 advisers 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 – the year-end-party! No money needed.



YOUTH CALENDAR

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| Saturday, June 3 | - 9:00am – 3:30pm - Flea Market |
| Sunday, June 4 | - 9:30am – Youth Choir
- 10:00am – Worship |
| Sunday, June 11 | - Senior High Work Project registration, medical forms and \$50 due
- 10:00am – Children's Sunday and Senior Sunday
- 11:15am – Senior High work Project Q&A
- 4:00 pm – Junior High Welcome Party
- 6:00 pm – Junior and Senior High Year-End Party |
| Sunday, June 18 | - 10:00 am – Worship
Jr High registration and payment due |
| Sunday, June 25 | - 10:00 am – Worship |





KIRKIN' O THE TARTAN: June 4th 10:00am

Lovers of Bagpipes and Kilts! - There will be a Kirkin' at GPC on Sunday, June 4th 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.

Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge will be preaching.

BRAILLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Spencerport Lions Braille Group is looking for people interested in learning braille. Starting in September a 9-month course will begin. The class meets once a week for approximately 2 hours. Once the course is completed a certification will be issued after successfully completing a trial manuscript. This is a fascinating language to learn. With only 5% of all reading material available in braille, transcribers are always in need.

Please contact Debbie Dassero @ 328-6084 or Jan Brewer @ 663-9407 with any further questions.



Mission News

THANK YOU GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!!

- * St. Joseph's Community Center received a check for \$532, the sum of the donations made in lieu of purchasing tulips at Easter.
- * MANY pounds of food – we don't know the exact amount, but Tom Ward delivered it all and he will confirm that it was MANY pounds – were delivered to SWEM from the Lenten Wall of Food.
- * Summer program favorites UNDISCOVERED SUNDAYS (June) and SWEMMING FOR FOOD (June, July, and August) are coming soon.
- * "Summer Sizzle", a vacation Bible school type of program, is being held two evenings per week this summer at Cameron Community Ministries. There are many volunteer opportunities. Contact Ann Marie Simm (472-5320) for more information.
- * Excitement is growing for the Foodlink Mobile Pantry distribution on June 17th.
- * Is there interest in an adult work project trip to Jamaica? No plans yet, just checking!
- * Our next Mission Team meeting will be on June 13th 6:30, at Sally Christensen's house. There will be food! We would love to have YOU join us!

Foodlink Mobile Pantry, coming to GPC!!

Your GPC Mission Team has made arrangements to partner with Foodlink to be a distribution site for their Mobile Food Pantry. Like a market on wheels, Foodlink's Mobile Pantry delivers food directly to communities in need. The goal is to provide food for up to 200 households at every distribution. A minimum of 5,000 pounds of food from Foodlink's warehouse is loaded into their 26 foot truck and delivered to the distribution site – in this case, our church parking lot. Foodlink staff and volunteers from the sponsoring organization – that's us – unload, set-up, and distribute the food directly to clients in an outdoor setting.

The mission goal is to bridge the gap between hunger and abundance by quickly moving fresh perishables and other frozen grocery products to high need populations.

The success of the program is dependent upon a highly engaged host site and an enthusiastic volunteer base. And this is of course where YOU have an opportunity! We will need 15-20 volunteers to make this event a success. We have two dates on the calendar – Saturday June 17th from 9-11, and Friday evening August 4th.

A volunteer sign-up sheet for the June 17th event is on the Kiosk in the foyer. The entire event from set-up to clean-up will be from 8am until about noon – if you can't be there the whole time, let us know what you can do. Volunteer information packets are on the rack in the foyer.

Contact Sally Christensen (703-6238, 247-6095) or Ann Marie Simm (472-5320) for more information.

