

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Date	Lay Reader	Front Door Greeter	Usher Team	Deacon Team
October 1	Sally Christensen	Dick Stewart	4	5
October 8	Mary Hadley	Sally Christensen	5	1
October 15	Rick Howe	Laura Nolan	6	2
October 22	Linda Allen	J.C. Rouchon	1	3
October 29	Meredith Hart	Tommy Kelly	2	4

Communion Team: C

Left: 1. Tess McKeel
2. Irene Ward
3. Irene Derry
4. Donna Schott

Right: 1. Linda Beattie
2. Tom Ward
3. Peter Derry
4. MaryBeth MacKenzie



SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 15 – 2:00-4:00pm

OPEN HOUSE AND CELEBRATION OF LANDMARK STATUS OF CALVARY ST. ANDREWS ROC

Hosted by Friends of Calvary St. Andrews ROC

Friends of Calvary St. Andrews ROC is a group founded to protect, preserve, and promote the history and legacy of the building and congregation that worshipped in the building, located in the South Wedge neighborhood of Rochester.

This event is free and open to the public. Tour the beautiful building, learn about its history, hear music, and find out how you can be involved with Friends of Calvary St. Andrews' plans for the future.

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. 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) or contact the Church office if you can help. Thank you.



MEN 2 MEN BREAKFAST

Men 2 Men will meet October 22nd at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship and a hearty breakfast in the Fellowship Hall followed by Bible study. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$5.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk.

FROM THE STATED SUPPLY ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Dear friends,

Married couples may know that according to etiquette manuals, each anniversary has a suggested gift. You can get a clock for your first anniversary, silver for your 25th, and the Queen of England celebrated her 50th anniversary of rule with golden gifts. Unfortunately, the list of anniversary gifts runs out after year 60 (diamond). So what do you get for a 500th anniversary celebration?

Protestant Christianity is turning 500 this year, and we're ready to celebrate! In 1517, the monk Martin Luther wrote his 95 Theses as a protest against unfair practices in the Catholic Church. Luther worried that selling indulgences put a price on God's love and allowed richer Christians to avoid responsibility for their actions. He spoke up against practices that set up priests as "better than" their congregations, and encouraged every person to devote themselves to God. Tradition says that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the doors of All Saints Church in Wittenburg on October 31st. It was quite a way to make a statement!

These days, we don't nail anything to our church doors (they're mostly glass, so please don't try). But the ideals which inspired Martin Luther, Jean Calvin, Jan Hus, and many others to start the Reformation are still going strong.

We still believe that pastors aren't holier than anybody else (have you met us?!), and that Christ calls every person to serve God. We know that God loves us not because of the amount of our offerings or the sharpness of our Sunday suits, but because God's love is unconditional. Grace lifts us up, and the certainty of Christ's love gives us the strength to serve others with confidence. And we believe that when something in the church is unjust or incomplete, it is our responsibility to speak up and change it.

Every person is important, and each's person voice helps us grow closer to God. Presbyterians admit that although we try our best to serve God perfectly, we are still learning! We continue to change and grow together as a church, and find new ways to love God and love our neighbors. The joy of being Presbyterian is that what you have to say is important! The responsibility of being Presbyterian is that when you see injustice, it is our responsibility to fix it. We know that God trusts each and every one of us to follow Jesus well, and God's grace will be with us no matter what. That faith carries us on as one church, united through our love of Christ with other churches around the world. And that's what we'll be commemorating this October.

The Protestant Reformation began 500 years ago, but it is still going strong. So what do you get the church for its 500th anniversary? How about a party?

Please join us for a special Reformation FUS!ON Sunday celebration on October 29th. We'll have activities, songs and prayers for everyone to enjoy, from the youngest to oldest in our congregation. And since we only get to celebrate this much every 500 years, we'll be sure to go all out! Let's spend this month (and the next 500 years) continuing to serve God with truth and passion.

Peace,
Rev. Katie

FROM THE DEACONS

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Sue Cortellini (our RAP Preschool head teacher) and her husband, Mark as Mark deals with a serious health issue

Ann Haag recovering after hospital stay

Prayers for all who were affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida.

Continued prayers for **Ann Haag, Marge Westfall** and **Phyllis Titus**

Our Sympathy

To **Howard Falke and family** on the death of **Doris Falke** on September 18th.

Prayers of Joy:

Happy 1st Birthday to **Bridget Clare Weber** born on October 21st, 2016. Proud parents are **Brad and Deanna Weber** and proud grandparents are **Debby and Jeff Weber**.



REMINDER TO DEACONS: There will be no October Deacons' meeting.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3 in Room 16.

REBECCA CIRCLE meets on Monday, October 9th. We will meet in the GPC parking lot at 11:30 a.m. where we will carpool to the Olive Garden on Ridge Road for lunch.

NOVEMBER HARBINGER articles are due in the office by noon on Wed, October 18th.

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!

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 2nd. If you would like to carpool, please meet at GPC around 9:30.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!! Free-Wheel-A-Thon 2017! – OCT 1 – 12:30-5:00 IT'S FUN AND IT'S FOR MISSION!!!!

YOUTH! Get your pledges, your bike, helmet, and water bottle, and meet us at Greece Canal Park at the Towpath Shelter on October 1 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. If riding isn't your thing, you can walk, run, roller skate . . . any way you want to move to raise money for mission! This fundraiser supports our youth mission projects. If you do not have a pledge envelope, you can find one in the church office. Each participant will travel for three hours, so pick something you like and get going! Minimum pledge: \$10, \$125 for Jamaica trip participants.

Want to support GPC mission but don't want to ride a bike?

Here are some easy ways to support youth mission: find a Wheel-A-Thon rider and pledge your support before our ride on October 1st! 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!



40th ANNUAL CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

The Church Mouse Bazaar was started 40 years ago as a fundraiser to supplement our annual budget and it still contributes to all parts of it. In the beginning, church groups made items to sell. Now we have church people and crafters from all over the community looking forward to showing off their creativity and selling only handcrafted wares. This, the longest running craft show in the area, has expanded to more than 80 tables of arts and crafts, and a church-run baked food sale and an extensive Snack Bar. Every year there are wonderful gifts to be had for you and for Holiday presents! Admission is FREE, so tell your friends!

To make this a successful year again, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

NEED HELP: Friday evening, Saturday morning, baked foods, at Snack Bar, parking, Saturday after 3:30pm. We need over 100 volunteers to make the day happen. GPC has made this a fun, well run event that crafters and the public love. It is a great way to meet church people you may not know. We keep the time commitments short and we have FUN, too. Sign-ups will be in the bulletins, kiosk and electronically in November, so watch for them and sign up to help in any way you can! For questions, contact Linda or Tess.
Co-chairpersons: Linda Beattie (247-6742, Linda.Btt@gmail.com) and Tess McKeel (766-7151, tessmckeel@hotmail.com)

JAMAICA ORIENTATION

October 15 - 12:15-1:15

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

YOUTH GROUP HAUNTED HAYRIDE

October 15 - 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 Velhurst Haunted Hayride in Spencerport, then try the corn maze if the weather's dry. Bring \$18 and extra money for snacks if you want them.

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1

9:30 -- Youth Choir

10:00 -- Worship/World Communion Fusion Sunday – no Sunday school

12:30 -- Wheelathon

5:30 -- Wheelathon Ends

Sunday, October 8

9:30 -- Youth Choir

10:00 -- Worship

11:15 -- Junior and Senior High Sunday School

Sunday, October 15

9:30 -- Youth Choir

10:00 -- Worship

11:15 -- Junior and Senior High Sunday School

6:00-8:30 -- Junior and Senior High Haunted Hayride

Sunday, October 22

9:30 -- Youth Choir

10:00 -- Worship

11:15 -- Junior and Senior High Sunday School

Sunday, October 29

9:30 -- Youth Choir

10:00 -- Worship/Fusion Sunday – no Sunday school, Katie in worship



CROSSROADS ANTIRACISM ORGANIZING & TRAINING

DISMANTLING RACISM, BUILDING RACIAL JUSTICE IN INSTITUTIONS

Introduction to Systemic Racism Training

Saturday, October 21st 2017

9am- 4:30pm

Gates Presbyterian Church

The purpose of this workshops is to explore racism as a system, institutional problem of power that goes beyond personal prejudice. Participants will experience firsthand Crossroads' effective methodology for facilitating productive conversations about race. They will also be introduced to a strategic methodology that can assist people to effectively organize to dismantle racism in their institutions.

Cost: FREE!!

This event is fully funded by the Synod of the Northeast.

Registration: Online registration is available at:

<https://pbygenval.org/crossroads-workshop/>

Or call Beth Weaver at the Presbytery Office 242-0080

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30pm in the Jr. 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

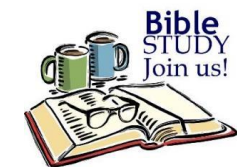
During October we will discuss the following texts:

Wednesday, October 4th Matthew 21:33-46

Wednesday, October 11th Matthew 22:1-14

Wednesday, October 18th Ecclesiastes

Wednesday, October 25th Matthew 22:34-46



LIVING THE STORIES: Ecclesiastes

On October 22nd we will celebrate one of the unique and beautiful stories of the Old Testament--the book of Ecclesiastes. Please join us for a worship service centered around a dramatic reading of this book and special musical performance at 10 am.

One Church, One Book

“Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson

In November, GPC joins our Presbyterian “Riverside Neighbors” for a book discussion of “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson. Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. Copies of the book can be ordered on Amazon.com or talk to Melissa if you would like her to order you a copy (\$10)



October 1st 2017
FUS!ON Sunday

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Harvey and Irma information

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- Focuses on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities.
- Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.
- [Works collaboratively with church partners](#) and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith based responders.
- Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response — United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.

To give to the relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey, please designate DR000169 or Hurricane Irma, please designate DR000194 and send checks to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh,, PA 15264-3700.



JOIN US FOR THE GROCERY RUN ON NOVEMBER 4TH

Join the Gates Presbyterian Team for a fun and personally rewarding day at the East Avenue Grocery Run on November 4th!

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 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.

Let’s get fit and fight hunger together on November 4th!

ST. JOSEPH’S MEAL - Saturday, October 21

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 20 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Serve lunch – Saturday, October 21 – 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.



SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL
Friday evening, December 1st from 6:00 – 7:30



**PEACEMAKING OFFERING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**

“So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near...” Ephesians 2:17

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

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. Please consider giving to this offering. An envelope is included in this Harbinger.

FALL CLEAN UP – Saturday, October 28th – 8:30 a.m.

- 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 28th 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 Marty Ohman, 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.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S CANDLELIGHT DINNER

HOLD THE DATE!!! – Tuesday, December 12th

Please join us at 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.



**THE PLACE FOR ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!
40th Annual CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR
Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 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)
- _____ 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
Linda Allen (571-4437) or Betty Blystone (247-2820)
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. Jan Bilohlavek (766-7131)

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____ Return with offering or to office.

