

## FROM THE INTERIM RENEWAL PASTOR...

Dear GPC,

I'm excited (and a bit nervous) to be working with you while Pastor Melissa is away on Sabbatical. My wife Mary and I are learning a few more names each week, but we appreciate those of you who reintroduce yourselves to us. We appreciate so much the way you have welcomed us and made us feel at home in the church.

I am usually in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and try to get out calling on those afternoons. However, I can be available on other days and evenings if needed. To reach me you can phone or email the church office, or you can reach me directly at david.kilgore46@gmail.com or my cell (607)590-1491.

A Sabbatical is a time of renewal, and, from the outline of Melissa's activities, this will be an exciting and refreshing time for her. But it is also a time of renewal for us. As a congregation, we will be doing some things that are different and then reflecting on them. Your Renewal Ministry Team has arranged for some people of different faiths or cultures to visit our church, and some opportunities for us to visit their places of worship. We will practice our hospitality as we welcome them, and we will receive their hospitality as they welcome us. And we will try to reflect on these experiences as we move along.

So how will this renew us? A couple of things come to my mind. First of all, I think it will be fun. I think of this as an adventure: meeting new people and trying some new experiences. It will also be challenging. In both our giving hospitality to visitors and receiving hospitality from them, we will bump up against some different expressions of faith and practice. How will we handle them? We will grow in understanding, appreciating what folks from other faith traditions do and how they feel about the world. And we just might come to appreciate our own faith better – to understand what we believe and how it makes sense to us.

So, come along with us on this big adventure!

-David



Renewal

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** will continue to meet in July & August on the first Tuesday of the month.

**BIBLE STUDY** has ended for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

### WOMEN'S:

Date / Time	Opponent	Field / Address
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Open Door III	GPC
July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Open Door I	Open Door, 350 Scottsville Rd.
July 16 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Open Door II	GPC
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Grace Nazarene	Grace Church of the Nazarane 2924 South Union St.

### MEN'S:

Date / Time	Opponent	Field / Address
July 10 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.	vs. New Apostolic Church	GPC
July 17 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 p.m.	vs. Park Ridge	GPC

## GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RPO & FIREWORKS

Tickets for the GPC night at the Red Wings including the RPO and Fireworks show are now on sale. Please see Tracy Burkovich after worship beginning June 24<sup>th</sup> or email her at [tburkovich@yahoo.com](mailto:tburkovich@yahoo.com) with your order. Tickets are \$7 each. Sales will end on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> & tickets will be available that day as well.



**Summer Work Project Dates: Mark your calendars now!**

**Junior High: July 16-20, Projects around Rochester**

The Jr High group will be commissioned during service on 7/15. Join us for the GPC Jr High Summer Work Project! We'll do service projects around the city during the day, play games, and have a fun day at Seabreeze. Youth entering grades 6-8 are invited.



**Senior High: August 5-11, New York City**

- The Sr High group will be commissioned during service on 7/29

**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:

- The Youth Committee creates a list of young people who are interested in being part of Work Project Bound.
- Contact Pamela at 247-5292, ext. 230 or [pamela@gatespres.org](mailto:pamela@gatespres.org)
- She will give you the name of a youth and also tell the youth that you will be contacting them. You connect with the youth and make arrangements.
- 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.
- The youth is then given credit toward their Work Project fee. A win/win to be sure! Thanks!

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Children and youth are an integral part of our church family. We are looking for volunteers to join us in creating a meaningful worship experience for our kids. If you are a long-term volunteer who works with the children and youth, please consider this an invitation to let us know you would like to continue serving (or to let us know if you need a break!).

Here are some of the positions available:

- \* Nursery care substitutes
- \* Sunday School teachers and substitute teachers
- \* Thoughts for Children teachers
- \* Youth Team
- \* Junior High Youth Group Advisors
- \* Senior High Youth Group Advisors

Does a year-long commitment seem overwhelming? Never fear! We are starting a brand new Sunday School curriculum in September, and Sunday School teachers can volunteer as little as two consecutive Sundays. Easy peasy!

Contact Pamela at [pamela@gatespres.org](mailto:pamela@gatespres.org) for more information.

**PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER**

Date	Front Door Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher	Deacon
July 1	Kathy Wakeman	Bridget Wohlers	2	4
July 8	Eric Vail	Graham Wohlers	3	5
July 15	Tess McKeel	Helen Priestley	4	1
July 22	Bridget Wohlers	Molly Fitzgerald	5	2
July 29	Keith Hadley	Alex McKeel	6	3
August 5	Whit Beckett	Peter Derry	1	4
August 12	Bill Dassero	Carson Wohlers	2	5
August 19	Dick Stewart	Sally Christensen	3	1
August 26	Peter Derry	Harmony Cook	4	2



**Communion Teams**

Month	Team	Notes
July	A	Communion on July 1 <sup>st</sup> will be by Intinction. Team captain Carrie Dykes will coordinate servers from your team for that Sunday.
August	D	Communion on August 5 <sup>th</sup> will be by Intinction. Team captain Ann Marie Simm will coordinate servers from your team for that Sunday.
September	E	Communion on September 2 <sup>nd</sup> will be by Intinction. Team captain Bridget Wohlers will coordinate servers from your team for that Sunday.

**ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER HARBINGER ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> BY NOON.**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours will remain the same over the summer, Tuesday – Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm.



**SUMMER WORSHIP**

With warmer temperatures already making an appearance in Rochester, please be aware on Sunday mornings we may move our worship down to the Fellowship Hall (where there is air conditioning!) The decision will be made the morning of and signs will be posted directing you.

## DEACONS' PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer:  
**Peter Derry** recovering from a stroke.  
**Judy Gluchowski** in Hospice care.  
**Bob Paro** recovering from surgery.



Our sympathy to **Bill & Debbie Dassero** on the recent passing of Debbie's aunt.

Congratulations to **Dave & Sheree Barrett** on celebrating 40 years of marriage on June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
**Jason & Amy Taylor** on their marriage on June 9<sup>th</sup>.



### CELEBRATING NEW MEMBERS

Aurore Paquin	Paul Gluchowski
Eric Paquin	Judy Gluchowski
Jessica LaManna	Jack Beattie

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES DURING RENEWAL TIME

### July

8	Rabbi preaches with Second Hour
13	Jewish service (Pride Shabbat) at Temple Sinai at 8pm
22	Second hour – Islam class – Learn about the Muslim faith
27-30	Trip to Stony Point

### August

5	Muslims lead worship with Second hour
17	Muslim service at the Islamic Center of Rochester at Noon
19	Carol Anne leads worship Jewish Meal at Sabre Restaurant at 5pm
26	Bruce Boak leads worship

### September

2	Bruce Boak preaching
9	Middle Eastern Meal at As Evi Restaurant at 5pm
23	International Peacemaker leads worship with Second hour

### October

7	Renewal Celebration – Food Truck Melissa returns
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION** is scheduled for Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, after service.

### ♪♪♪ 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!

### INTEREST REQUEST FROM TRUSTEES:

As part of the continuing examination and improvements of the safety situations and policies within our church by the Safety Planning Task Force and Trustees, the Trustees would like to probe into the interest for First Aid & CPR classes. Provided is a link to Gates Ambulance, showing their offerings. We are inquiring about the pricing, because there is a lower price for Gates and Ogden residents, and I am trying to get the pricing the same for all. The class would be conducted at the substation on Elmgrove Rd. You can view their website here:  
<https://www.gatesems.org/>

If interested, please send me an email, at [williamfdassero@gmail.com](mailto:williamfdassero@gmail.com) to designate what you would have interest in:

- First Aid alone
- CPR alone
- Combined First Aid and CPR

Feel free to ask questions.

Thank you, best regards, Bill Dassero Session-Trustee liaison



Our fourth GPC Community Flea Market was successful due to the help of numerous people. Thank you to all who helped set-up, put up yard signs, spread the word, bought booth space, ran a booth, donated items, shopped, and helped clean-up! Thanks to your time and talents, we grossed over \$2400.

If you still have a yard sign, please return it to the church so that we may reuse them next year.

Thank you for all your encouragement and assistance. Also, **consider being a vendor next year!**  
 You'll have a great time!!

~ Larry