

GUATEMALA PARTNERS

The Guatemala Partners mission committee will once again be offering the newest and latest AROUND TOWN discount books as a fundraiser this year. If you normally buy one, please reserve early and save an additional two dollars!!

If you sign up with Tom Ward during the month of August, we will sell you the \$25.00 book for just \$23.00 each!! The 2018/19 books will have new coupons and new features, so watch for more information.

We also have a code number that you can use to buy the books on line and you are able to purchase books anywhere in the US and send them to friends or have your own for the time you spend in Florida or Arizona during the winter months!!!

See Tom Ward for more information or call him at 585.261.2175 to reserve a book NOW!

SERVING & SUPPORTING THE SALEM NUTRITION CENTER



Volunteers from GPC continue to prepare and serve at the Salem Nutrition Center on the first Monday of each month. We meet in the GPC parking lot at 9:30 am to carpool.

Salem has also asked if GPCers would be willing to supply hard boiled eggs on our once a month volunteer date. These would be used for the following day's lunch. We are in need of 12 volunteers to provide 1 dozen hard boiled eggs each & place them in the GPC refrigerator on the Sunday before we serve.

If you are willing to help out in this new capacity, please email Tracy Burkovich at tburkovich@yahoo.com. This is not required from the volunteers that go each month (although welcome if able) but hoping that perhaps folks that are unable to volunteer could help support Salem this way.

MISSION

Thank you to everyone who donated food for SWEM. The food was delivered to SWEM and we truly appreciate your generosity and support.

The blood drive on August 20 was quite successful with a total of 22 units being collected. The American Red Cross had a goal of 12 units and we almost doubled the goal.

Thank you to those who donated and saved a life!!

SAVE THE DATE: Alternative Advent Market: Sunday, December 9th, after church.

Message from the Interim Renewal Pastor ...

Dear friends,

Our time together is coming to a close. Mary and I have enjoyed this time with you and experienced your gracious and welcoming spirit. It has been a pleasure to share with you our worship and ministry with others. As part of my job description, I spent a lot of time calling on folks who don't get out to church much anymore. And from them I learned about some of the church's past ministry and the work they did when they were younger. Thank you for all of these experiences.

I'd like to take note of the staff that worked with me this summer. With Roy Smith and John Kubiniec it has just been fun planning worship and music. Pamela Dayton has accompanied our youth on their mission trips and kept me informed about their experiences. Karen Kozlowski in the office is extremely helpful and supportive. And Bob Staszewski our custodian sometimes drops by to visit as he cleans the office end of the building (and he doesn't try to straighten my mess). Thank you all for your help and comradeship.

We are wrapping up our time of renewal. (That means we can go back to being un-renewed, right? I don't think so!) Renewal involves change and I think these experiences have changed us. When we think of "Jews," we won't imagine people back in the Bible; we are going to remember the graciousness of Rabbi Debbi Till and the humor of Rabbi Katz at Temple Sinai. When we hear the word "Muslim" we are going to see in our mind's eye Fatima Arshad and recall her articulate voice. When our young people hear "inner city" they are going to remember particular individuals and friendships they made in their work projects. In this renewal time stereotypes are broken down, questions answered, and understanding grows. Thanks to the renewal team that has made possible all these experiences for our congregation.

On Sunday, October 7, we are going to welcome Melissa back from her sabbatical. She is eager to be back, pastoring this congregation and leading the church into the future. And that day is World Communion Sunday, when we remember the world-wide church and share communion with people from other nations and cultures. In keeping with our spirit of renewal and new understanding, we will be especially aware of our link with them and our common calling in Jesus Christ.

-David

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

In October we will reflect on the following texts:

Wednesday, October 3 rd	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 and Mark 10:2-16
Wednesday, October 10 th	Luke 10:25-37
Wednesday, October 17 th	John 13: 1-17
Wednesday, October 24 th	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Wednesday, October 31 st	No Bible Study Happy All Hallows' Eve

PEACEMAKING OFFERING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th

"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.

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.

A STUDY OF FAITH FORMATION IN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

GenOn Ministries (www.genonministries.org), a nonprofit organization dedicated to equipping Christian communities for discipleship through intergenerational relationships, has commissioned our team to conduct a survey on Christian faith formation. We are seeking to discover the types of faith formation programming offered in churches and the effectiveness of that programming. We are inviting church leaders like yourself – pastors, faith formation and Christian education leaders, youth ministers, adult educators, and family ministers – to complete the survey and help us develop a profile of faith formation in Christian churches.

Survey URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RZM9C37>

GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENTS!

The Nominating Committee is actively seeking several GPC members to help our church grow and thrive! Serving your church can be a very rewarding experience. Please contact us with your interest to serve your church as an Elder, Deacon or Trustee. Terms for all of these roles are two years. The new term begins January 1, 2019.

Please prayerfully consider sharing your God given gifts to help our wonderful church family expand and 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 Bruce Taylor (594-2753), or any other member of the Nominating Committee (Jan Beutner-Shirtz, Nancy Hossenlopp, Marty Ohman, Osmond Simm).



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 247-5292 if you can help. Thank you.

MEN 2 MEN Breakfast

Men 2 Men will meet October 28th at 8:00 am for fellowship and breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk or email grchapman49@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Support for those affected by Hurricane Florence

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000169, which supports the church's response to hurricanes impacting the U.S. Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Act: Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources and share updates with your congregation.

Pray.

FROM THE RENEWAL MINISTRY TEAM

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY OCTOBER 7, 2018

As the Renewal Ministry Team reflects back to the beginning of the time of renewal kickoff on June 10th here we are coming up on 17 weeks later as our time of renewal comes to a conclusion on October 7th.

Many things have taken place as we have followed our theme of both welcoming and being strangers, specifically in an interfaith context.

We kicked off our time of renewal with having the LuGia's Ice Cream truck come to GPC for all to enjoy. Well, the Renewal Team is going one step farther as we plan for our church family celebration on Sunday October 7th as we welcome back Rev. Dr. Melissa DeRosia from her time of renewal on that Sunday. We are bringing the Jeremiah's Food truck to GPC in addition to having the LuGia's Ice Cream truck here. So all are invited to stay after worship to enjoy a time of fellowship and community with lunch and ice cream for dessert.

Welcoming back Melissa will truly be a wonderful celebration as well as a way for our GPC family to extend our sincere thanks, our gratitude and our blessings to Rev. David Kilgore and his wife Mary for being our spiritual leader and support these past 17 weeks.

REBECCA CIRCLE meets on Monday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m.

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

DO YOU KNOW THAT...

- The Church Mouse Bazaar started at GPC 41 years ago!
 - We empty almost all the rooms to provide 85 spaces for arts and crafts.
 - We have over 200 crafters vying for the opportunity to sell their wares here.
 - All items sold are handcrafted.
 - Our popular Snack Bar and Baked Food sale are possible because of food donated by you!
 - The public loves this show because GPC does such a great job!
 - The crafters are so disappointed when they cannot secure a space!
 - The holidays are coming up – so do your shopping here the Saturday before Thanksgiving!
- 41st CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR coming here SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018, 9am – 3:30pm



TODDLERS & TINIES will meet on Thursday, October 18th at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Date	Front Door Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher	Deacon
October 7	Eric Vail	Barb Snaith	4	2
October 14	Dick Stewart	Kate Stanford	5	3
October 21	Tess McKeel	Simon Njumbwk	6	4
October 28	Bridget Wohlers	Jan Brewer	1	5

COMMUNION TEAM B

Left: Bill Dassero
Colton Crane
J.C. Rouchon
Beth Molina

Right: Cathy Goodykoontz
Andrea Unson
Velta Rouchon
Whit Beckett





Just a reminder...

ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER HARBINGER ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH.

A NOTE FROM MELISSA

Dear GPC Family,
Thank you all for your kind words, cards, prayers and support for what has been a very difficult time. We look forward to being with you all on October 7th. -The DeRosia Family

FROM THE DEACONS

Please keep in thought and prayer:

- Andrea Unson's** mom dealing with health issues.
 - Bob Binko's** sister and **Ann Marie Simm's** friend, both facing surgery.
 - Fran Paro's** son with another child on the way.
 - Tracy Burkovich's** mom's knee surgery.
 - Jean Sklair** and her move to a nursing home.
 - Marilyn Downs** recovering from pneumonia.
- Prayers for all who were affected by Hurricane Florence.



Continued prayers for: **Bonnie & Whit Beckett, Marge Westfall, Wendell Burtner, Peter Derry,** and **Hannah Walker.**

REMINDER TO DEACONS: The next Deacons' meeting is October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 7

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Junior High/Senior High Sunday School

Sunday, October 14

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Junior High/Senior High Sunday School
- 12:15 p.m. Jamaica Orientation
- 12:30 p.m. Young Adult Second Sunday
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group – Meet at church
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group – Binko's Birthday Bonfire Bash

Sunday, October 21

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Junior High/Senior High Sunday School

Sunday, October 28

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Junior High/Senior High Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. Junior/Senior Youth Groups - Hayride



JAMAICA ORIENTATION

October 14 - 12:15-1:15

Trip-going youth and advisers, meet to talk and start learning about our trip!

YOUTH GROUP HAUNTED HAYRIDE



October 28 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. (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.

YOUTH LOCK-IN DATES

Junior High: Friday, November 2nd, 8:00 p.m. to Saturday, November 3rd, 10:00 a.m.

Senior High: Friday, November 10th, 8:00 p.m. to Saturday, November 11th, 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE DONATE a Christmas Dinner - SWEM needs you to make a difference!

The mission team will be in the parking lot prior to our service on **Sunday, December 2** to accept your gift. Please do not put money in the basket. There will be people in the parking lot to collect this money.

Christmas baskets are designed for families of three to four people. Please donate standard sized cans and 16 ounce boxes for each item. For each basket, please provide the following:

- fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- soups
- large fruit juice
- instant mashed potatoes (two 6oz or one 15oz)
- regular or 1 large can of sweet potatoes
- canned vegetables (e.g., corn, peas, beans)
- cranberry sauce
- bag stuffing (or boxed- two 6oz or one 12oz)
- boxed dessert (e.g., gelatin or pudding, cake mix/frosting, or pie crust/filling)

Additionally, please add \$10 cash or check donation per basket to cover the cost of meat, eggs and margarine that SWEM will provide.

Feel free to include holiday touches of your own, such as coffee, tea, candies, mints, or napkins. Laundry baskets or totes to hold the contents make an additional gift.

FALL CLEAN UP – Saturday, October 27th – 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 (hopefully!) 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 to any or all of these, then join us on SATURDAY October 27th 8:30 a.m. – come for an hour or all morning, whatever you can do to help for our FALL CLEANUP. Refreshments and snacks (donuts!) will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Marty Ohman, Roger Best, Abby Jarvis, 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 beforehand at your convenience.