

MISSION WORK TRIP

Anyone interested in going on a mission trip this Spring to North Carolina for hurricane relief, please email Whit Beckett, wbeckett@rochester.rr.com. The specific timing, location, and type of work will be chosen by the volunteers from a list provided by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

MISSION TEAM MEETING: Monday, January 7th, 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8th in room 16. This is a week later than usual, due to the New Year's Day holiday.

WOMEN'S CANDLELIGHT BRUNCH - Saturday, January 5th – 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.



Something different this year!! Brunch at Sweet Briar Lodge (previously known as Lodge on the Green) on Ridgeway Avenue (near Elmgrove Road) – We will still collect items to support Willow. Hot buffet with breakfast items along with Chicken French, Roasted Vegetables, Potatoes and some sort of sweet dessert. Tickets will be sold beginning on Sunday, December 2nd after church in Fellowship Hall for \$20.00 a person. (Note – Less amount than in previous years.) We can offer carpooling from church as well. Hope you all join us this year...daughters and granddaughters too! For any questions please contact Barb Snaith at 247-9066.

WORLD RELIGION VOTE

The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team would like to determine if anyone is interested in continuing our Renewal Time learning opportunities by learning about other world religions. These are 5 other religions that we might learn about in 2019; Hinduism, Buddhism, Baha'i, Rastafarian, Quakers. The team would like to plan two more events like we did for the renewal. We would 1) learn about the religion, 2) attend a service, 3) have members of the religion attend our service and give second hour, 4) eat some delicious food. The two religions with the most votes would be selected for planning. You can cast your vote in 3 ways:

- Vote using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRMK38J>
- Vote on the church kiosk
- Vote using the Facebook link shared in the GPC group.

2019 CALENDARS The Mission team is collecting 2019 calendars for Cameron Community Ministries and SWEM. If you have extra ones, they would love to have them. You can drop it off in the office or place it in the Mission mailbox in the work room.

LIBRARY MINISTRY TEAM will meet on Tuesday, January 8th at 1:30 p.m. AND on Tuesday, January 28th at 1:00 p.m.

Message from the Pastor ...

A Prayer for Epiphany and the New Year...

May this holy season be for each of us

A time of moving beyond what is "reasonable"

And toward the star of wonder;

Moving beyond grasping tight to what we have

To unclenching our hands and letting go,

Following the Light where it leads;

Moving beyond competition toward cooperation,

Seeing that all humans are sisters and brothers.

Moving beyond the anxiety of small concerns

Towards the joys of justice and peace.

May the transforming acceptance of Mary and Joseph,

The imagination of the shepherds,

And the persistence of the wise men

Guide us as we seek the Truth,

Always moving toward the Divine promise.

Always aware God can be hidden in the frailest among us,

Always open to the unexpected flash of Grace,

To the showing forth of that Love that embraces us all."

Adapted by J.M. Deren from "Blessings and Benedictions,"

by W.L. Wallace in Shine On, Star of Bethlehem, CAFOD, 2004.

THANK YOU to all the Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees who have served their terms faithfully at GPC! And **WELCOME** to those who have said "YES!" to God's call to serve as leaders in the church's ministry for the future.

The Session's Ruling Elders who will serve us in ministry and governance are:

Linda Beattie, Whit Beckett, Jan Beutner-Shirtz, Peter Derry, Carrie Dykes, Keith Hadley, Lauren Henderberg, Sheri MacFarlane, Ann Marie Simm, Kate Stanford, Bruce Taylor, Eric Vail and Larry Wakeman.

The Deacons who will serve us in ministry and care are:

Carol Cathy, Dan Charcholla, Christine Cook, Kay Harder, Tess McKeel, Keith Morgan, Simon Njumbwa, Laura Nolan, Velta Rouchon, Osmond Simm, Julie Siede, Barb Snaith, Anne Tonery-DeMars and Irene Ward

The Trustees who will serve us in ministry and management are:

Roger Best, Bob Binko, Ed Coons, Gary Dykes, Vicki Gutheil, Mary Hadley, Marty Ohman and Tom Ward.

Youth committed to service are:

Trustee – Aleigha Binko

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Sunday, January 27th 2018

10:00am

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Celebration & Potluck Lunch!

Members and friends of Gates Presbyterian Church are called to the Annual Meeting of the Church to be held following worship on Sunday, January 27th in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating and approving the 2018 reports from the various boards, staff and expressions of mission and ministry at GPC. The Property Development Team will be presenting the results of the property development opportunity survey. A soup and salad potluck will follow. Please bring a beverage (water and coffee provided), table service (including the bowl!) and one or more of the following to share:

- Crockpot of your favorite soup
- Salad (green or fruit)
- Bread
- Dessert



PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

GPC is investigating the possibility of selling the GPC property on the west side of the parking lot to an organization whose mission is aligned with ours through the development of low-income and supportive housing. We're asking congregational members to share their thoughts on this opportunity by completing a survey. The survey will remain open from December 16 through January 13. Results will be shared with the congregation at the Congregational Meeting in January. Surveys can be found in the pews, in the bulletin, in the church office and on the GPC website. Your input is important! Please share your thoughts with us (please only complete one survey).

MEN 2 MEN Breakfast

Men 2 Men will meet January 27th at 8:00 am for fellowship and breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk or email grchapman49@gmail.com.

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.

GPC BUILDING USE

GPC continues to bustle with activity each week throughout the year. We have had a long-standing policy that welcomes community organizations and members to use the building. Karen Kozlowski (GPC Office Manager) and Trustees have worked during 2018 to update our building use request and tracking process. GPC's website calendar now shows all activities going on at GPC - including group, room assignment, dates and times. Karen updates this calendar on a regular basis. The building use policy, rates and request forms can be found on the website. We have made some minor edits to the policy but have not changed the rates. The rates are minimal and are in place to nominally cover costs associated with building use. If you're interested in bringing a group to GPC for an event or using a room for a personal activity please review the information found on the website or call the church office.



Mark Your Calendars!

2019 Congregational Learning Day

Saturday February 9, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon

(Working Lunch Courses 12:15-1:45 p.m.)

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/congregational-learningday/

Looking for a Way to Grow in Faith in the New Year?

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 January we will reflect on the following texts:

- Wednesday, January 2nd NO BIBLE STUDY
- Wednesday, January 9th Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17; 21-22
- Wednesday, January 16th John 2:1-11
- Wednesday, January 23rd Nehemiah 8:1-10
- Wednesday January 30th Luke 4:21-30

"UNDECORATING" OF THE GREENS



We have all enjoyed the beautiful Christmas tree and holiday decorations in the worship center this past month. Thank you to the Hossenlopp/Stewart family for their generous donation of the tree again this year. The worship center was certainly filled with the spirit of the season. But, it will soon be time for the tree and decorations to be taken down and put away for another year. We plan to "undecorate" on January 6, 2019 following worship. So, please mark your calendar and join us. With many volunteers, the work goes quickly!

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Date	Front Door Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher	Deacon
January 6	Ann Marie Simm	Andrea Unson	5	5
January 13	Eric Vail	Paula Sousa	1	1
January 20	Kathy Wakeman	Mary Hadley	6	2
January 27	Tess McKeel	Lily DeRosia	2	3

COMMUNION TEAM F

Left: Kathy Wakeman
Larry Wakeman
Gladstone Crosdale
John Schramel

Right: Linda Sidore
Laura Nolan
Cam Mossgraber
Lynn Schramel



FROM THE DEACONS

Continued prayers for:

Ionie Crosdale, Marge Westfall, Bonnie Beckett, Peter Derry, Wendell Burtner, Norma Polizzi, JoAnn Vander, the **Crandall** family and the **Christensen** family.



Our sympathies to **Larry & Kathy Wakeman** on the passing of Kathy's father.

REMINDER TO DEACONS: Date Change: Next meeting will be Monday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in room 1.

FEBRUARY HARBINGER ARTICLES are due in the office by Wednesday, 1/16

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. In case of emergency, please phone the church office and instructions on who to call will be available.



SNOW CANCELLATIONS: Reminder that during the week if the Gates Chili School District have cancelled school or evening activities for that day, then all meetings and church related events at GPC are also cancelled.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet on Monday, January 14th at 11:00 a.m. in room 1.

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- Sunday, January 6
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship
 - 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
 - 11:15 a.m. Junior High/Senior High Sunday School
Junior Choir Rehearsal
 - 12:15 p.m. Jamaica Meeting (until 2:00 p.m.)
 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- Friday, January 11
- 6:30 p.m. Setup for Blue Mountain Coffee House
- Saturday, January 12
- 6:00 p.m. Blue Mountain Coffee House (until 8:30 p.m.)
- Sunday, January 13
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship, *Youth Choir performs during worship*
 - 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
 - 11:15 a.m. Junior High/Senior High Sunday School
Junior Choir Rehearsal
 - 12:00 p.m. Young Adult Second Sunday
 - 12:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group – Lasertron (until 3:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, January 20
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship
 - 10:20 a.m. Sunday School
 - 11:15 a.m. Junior High/Senior High Sunday School
Junior Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, January 25
- 6:30 p.m. Senior High Retreat (until Sunday, January 27th)
- Sunday, January 27
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship, FUSION
 - 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal
 - 6:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group – Movie Night! (until 9:30 p.m.)



TODDLERS & TINIES GROUP

Join us from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month for a craft, playtime and friends! All little ones and parents/grandparents are welcome. Snacks are provided or you may bring a lunch! Next meeting: January 17th.

ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Saturday, January 19th for all Gates Presbyterian Church members. Please call the school's registrar, Denielle Charcholla-Lendway at 202-3465 or email her at rapregistrar@gmail.com, to reserve a spot in one of the classes.

Registration for the general public opens on Saturday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Please pass the word on to relatives, friends, and neighbors.



YOUNG CHILDREN'S NEWS

Thank you to Bridget Wohlers for her years of service heading up our young children's team! Lauren Henderberg will be our new team leader and we are looking for new members to join us as we continue to shape the Sunday School experience and activities for young families. The Young Children's team wishes you blessings in 2019!

FROM OUR CRAFTERS TO YOU

We want you to know how much your help with the Church Mouse Bazaar is appreciated by the crafters that participate in the sale and spend the day with us. We ask them, at the end of the day, to fill out a survey so we can improve each year. This year 80% of the crafters returned surveys which were overwhelmingly positive when asked about their assigned area, interaction with the hostesses and if they would participate next year. Also, they gave comments which included:

- "Thank you for making food available." "Food is very good and reasonably priced." "Special thank you to the kitchen staff." "Thank you for the breakfast sandwiches, chicken and biscuits and ice cream." "Love all the goodies. Really helps get through the day."
- "Hostesses were extremely helpful." "Hostesses were cheerful and helpful."
- "This is a very well run show." "Always a great show." (From a co-admin of a 750 member Crafting Facebook page; "There was an overwhelmingly very positive response within the group that participated in CMB. We all had a fantastic time, all had good to great sales and everyone was thrilled to participate.")

And also heard from our CMB customers: "Best baked goods in the area." "The parking lot looked full, but a nice gentleman directed me to an empty spot." "Your sanctuary is very nice."

Thank you, all. Linda Beattie and Tess McKeel, co-chairpersons 2018

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Continue our Amazing Journey on Sunday, 1/6 from 4:00 – 5:45 p.m.



BLUE MOUNTAIN COFFEE HOUSE



The Jamaica coffeehouse is here! Jamaica team, join us at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11th to set up. Everybody, join us from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 12th for an evening of coffee, treats, and amazing talent! Talent and snack sign-ups are on the kiosk. Tickets are \$5, and include unlimited coffee, cocoa, and lots of great acts!

JUNIOR HIGH LASERTRON: Meet at GPC on January 13th (12:30 – 3:00) for laser fun! We'll eat lunch at church, then go play two games of Laser Quest. Bring \$10 for food and lasers.

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT: January 25-27. We'll meet at GPC at 6:30 p.m., then head out to Covenant Acres for a weekend of fun and relaxation! Our theme for this year is "Crossroads". We'll be back right after worship on the 27th. Look on the Remind App or by Jen's office for permission slips. RSVP to jennifer@gatespres.org by Sunday, January 6th.

JUNIOR HIGH MOVIE NIGHT: January 27th from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., meet at the church for a night at the movies! Tickets are on us, bring money if you'd like snacks.



JUNIOR HIGH SOUPER BOWL/OVERNIGHT: THE SOUPER BOWL IS COMING!

To celebrate, we'll have an Extreme Bowling overnight on Saturday, February 2nd into Sunday, February 3rd. Meet at the church at 7:30pm, and get ready to have fun! Please bring \$10.00 for pizza and snacks. The next day at worship, we'll collect soup donations and money for the Souper Bowl!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: Bring a can of soup on Sunday, February 3rd 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.



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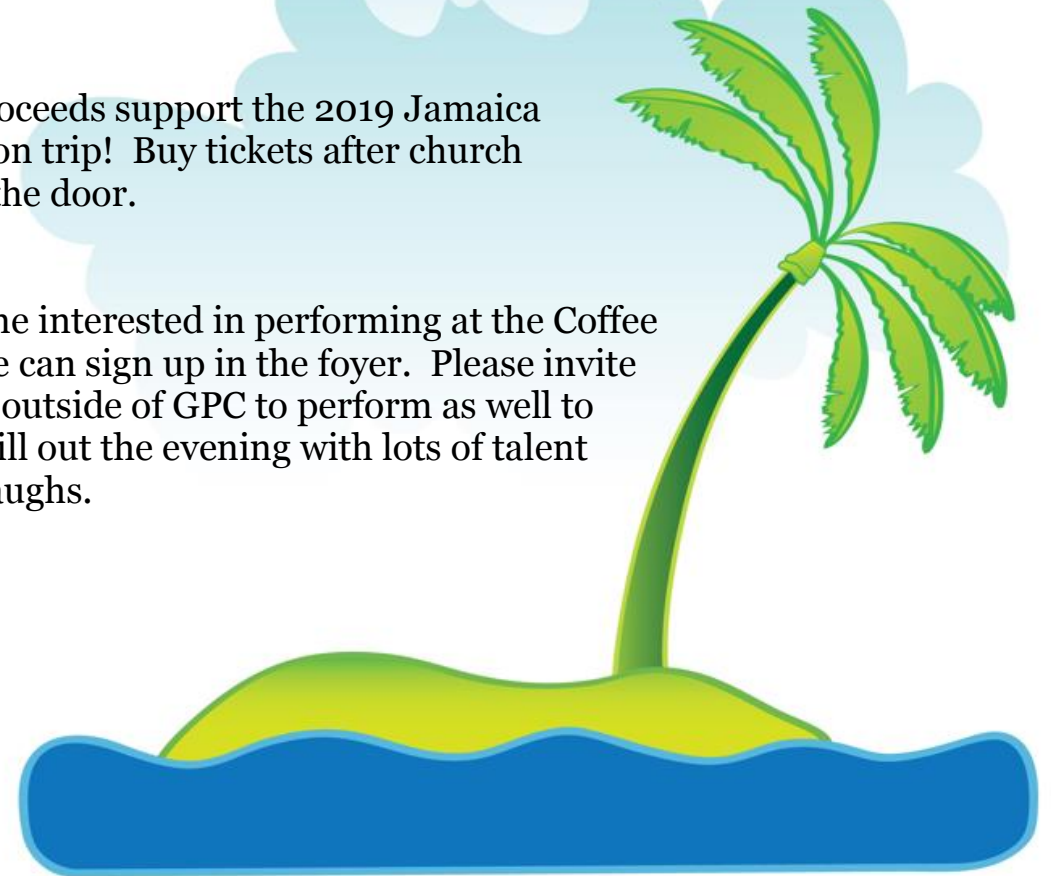
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