

FROM THE DEACONS

Continued prayers for:

Ionie Crosdale, Marge Westfall, Bonnie Beckett, Peter Derry, The Christensen family and Gary Puckhaber & Diane Kearns.



TAX INFORMATION

If you would like a receipt for your 2018 donations to GPC, please send an email to the church office at office@gatespres.org. If the letter with the receipt can be emailed to you, please let us know so we can get it to you faster and save the postage. Letters will start to go out after February 1st.



BLOOD DRIVE

February 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

FOOD MOBILE PANTRY

February 9 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sign-up sheet on the kiosk as we are looking for many volunteers. The food will be distributed indoors.



MISSION TEAM will meet on Sunday, February 3 at 11:15 a.m. in room 2.



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.pbygenvval.org/congregational-learningday/

Message from the Pastor ...

Dear Friends,

In my 2018 Annual report I shared with you all that:

We are the church at our best when we use what we have, bring who we are, and contribute from our strength and joy and generosity. Our life together in this place, is a gift and God uses it to bless others.

It is not easy staying in touch with where things are and being willing to respond in the present- far easier to fall back on "tradition" or be compelled by obligation. You are honest and willing to talk about hard things, and it makes what we do continue to have meaning and significance. At our core we understand God's ministry and God's Church to be far broader than ourselves.

We are currently living through a season where our generosity as a congregation is facing some challenges. One of those challenges is how we approach stewardship. Stewardship is an understanding that all we have, and all we are, come to us as gifts from God. As stewards, we are entrusted with a life and resources that are ours to care for and to share. The first movement of stewardship is gratitude, gratefulness for all we have been given. Out of this gratitude grows the second movement of generosity. I believe generosity is a key marker of our spiritual health.

When it comes to Gates Presbyterian Church, what I hear from you is gratitude. Gratitude for the welcome you receive here. Gratitude for what this family of faith means to you. Gratitude for the ministry we do and for the hospitality we extend within this community. Gratitude for the ways we learn and grow in service to God, one another and the world.

From our gratitude, flows our generosity. At our congregational meeting at the end January we discussed the shortfall we faced at the end of 2018. I believe that God gives us all the resources we need to do the work God calls us to do. At the same time, honest conversations need to continue regarding the spiritual health of our congregation.

My hope and prayer is that we will continue to be honest, open and willing to move through the difficult conversations and determine what God has in store for GPC in the future.

Peace,

Melissa

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.

Looking for a Way to Grow in Faith?

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 February we will reflect on the following texts:

Wednesday, February 6	Luke 4:21-30
Wednesday, February 13	Luke 6:17-26
Wednesday, February 20	NO BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday, February 27	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)



MANY THANKS to all who supported the Blue Mountain Coffee House: customers, servers, performers, donors, chefs, movers, designers, accompanists, sound engineers, etc. All monies from this event will be used on the Jamaica Mission Trip 2019.

JAMAICA NEWS

Our trip this Winter Break will offer our seniors a chance to serve God and learn from our Jamaican brothers and sisters. This year we have nine seniors and four adults going on the trip: Maya Charcholla, Zack Desroches, Malina Endulovski, Dana Hart, Abby Jarvis, Lauren Jarvis, Tommy Kelly, Kyle Kline, Natalie Maar, Beth Molina, Keith Hadley, Tammy Endulovski, and Melissa DeRosia. Our youth have prepared a day of stories, fun and games for the children at the Green Island Basic School, and will spend most of the week painting - our favorite job! Thank you for SO much for your support. Please keep our group in prayer on our journey February 16-23 - it means a lot to the seniors to know that they are so supported and loved by their church community. Our group will be commissioned in worship on February 3rd, and will share their experiences during worship and second hour on March 3rd. We hope you can join us!

JAMAICA TRIPGOERS Time for our final meeting! Bring your parents and any last questions to our last orientation, 12:15-2:00 on Sunday, February 3rd. There will be pizza.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GREEN ISLAND BASIC SCHOOL

When our mission team travels to Jamaica we ask the teachers and staff of the Green Island Basic School if there are any school supplies we might bring with us to share with the school. Donations of the following can be brought to Melissa's office until **Sunday, February 3rd**:

- dry erase markers
- pencils
- construction paper
- cotton swabs
- children's scissors
- Crayola crayons (other brands tend to melt easily)
- washable markers
- glue sticks
- cotton balls
- Band-Aids
- 1 subject notebooks
- electric pencil sharpener

SUMMER WORK PROJECTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



This year the **Junior High** work project will be in Rochester from July 15-19 for youth entering grades 6-8 in fall 2019.

The **Senior High** work project will be from August 4 – 10 with Ministries in the North Country, for youth entering grades 9-12 in fall 2019.

TODDLERS & TINIES GROUP

Winter break blues? Join us for a special session of Toddlers & Tinies from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 21st. We will have a story, craft, and plenty of free play. All little ones and parents/grandparents are welcome.

ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL



ROCHESTER AREA PRE - SCHOOL

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Please visit www.rochesterareapreschool.org to learn more and download our registration packet. Email rapregistrar@gmail.com to reserve your spot and then turn in your packet and fee to the church office. We rely on word of mouth so please share with friends and family!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will meet February 3rd from 4:00 – 5:45 p.m. discussing how to live out faith in the world. Points opportunity by helping on February 9th at 11:00 a.m. when Foodlink will be at GPC.



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 8:00 p.m., and get ready to have fun! Please bring \$20.00. The next day at worship, we'll collect soup donations and money for the Souper Bowl!

BRING A DOLLAR AND/OR CAN OF SOUP ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOR THE "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" – FEBRUARY 3RD

Our Junior Highs will be "tackling hunger" at the door of the worship center on February 3rd. They ask you to bring a can of soup and/or dollar for local mission sites through which hunger issues in our community are addressed. The soup will go to Southwest Ecumenical Ministries and the money will go to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.



JUNIOR HIGHS SERVE at St. Joseph's

Join us as we serve lunch at St. Joseph's soup kitchen on February 16th! Meet up at GPC at 10:00 a.m.; we'll have fun helping out, grab lunch, and then be back by 2:30 p.m.

SENIOR HIGHS SERVE

We'll prepare a meal and serve it at REACH Home for about 30 people! Meet at church at 4:00 p.m. We will serve at REACH from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and be back to GPC by 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Front Door Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher	Deacon
February 3	Eric Vail	Carrie Dykes	3	5
February 10	Larry Wakeman	Meredith Hart	4	1
February 17	Kate Stanford	Kathy Wakeman	5	2
February 24	Lauren Henderberg	Tom Ward	6	3

COMMUNION TEAM D

Left: Ann Marie Simm
Christine Cook
Osmond Simm
Dan Charcholla

Right: Bruce Taylor
Simon Njumbwa
Kate Stanford
James Poole



2019 SCHEDULE OF USHERS, LAY READERS, COMMUNION SERVERS

Enclosed is a copy of the master schedule for 2019. A copy is also posted on the church website. Please review to determine if you are included on this schedule. If so, please note which date(s) you may be serving as an usher, lay reader or communion server. If you cannot serve on any date, you need to let your Team Captain and the church office know.



MARCH HARBINGER ARTICLES are due in the office by Wednesday, 2/20

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.

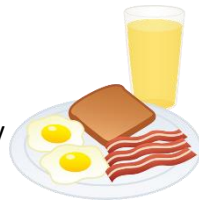


Please join us at the Ash Wednesday service
Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENTION GPC LADIES!

What an awesome event that brunch was this year on Saturday, January 5th! I have received a lot of great compliments. Place was great - food was delicious - event was fun! I wanted you to also know that Willow was full with donations and referred Susan John to take our donations elsewhere but gave her a couple of places. Susan chose Bethany House and took all of our donations to them who were also very appreciative!! I will inquire if there is other items that either Willow or Bethany House could use to plan for next year! I also think that we will continue to do the brunch at Sweet Briar Lodge as they were wonderful to work with and the price was right!! I also wanted to mention especially to those that were not at the brunch that Lynn Schramel, Kate Stanford, Kay Harder and myself will be working to put together a Fall 2019 one day retreat locally. If anyone else is interested in organizing with us, please let me know. We will be getting together in February to discuss themes.

MEN 2 MEN will meet **Sunday January 27th** at 8:00 am for fellowship and breakfast in Room 3 followed by a Bible study from the book of 2 Timothy. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$5.00. Sign up on the kiosk next Sunday or email grchapman49@gmail.com.



REBECCA CIRCLE Next meeting is **Monday, February 11th**

We will meet at the Olive Garden on Ridge Road at 12:00 p.m. (noon). If you need a ride and to RSVP, please call Kay Harder at 429-5119. We will need to make a reservation. Hope to see you there!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday, **February 5th** at 2:00 p.m. in room 16.

ST. JOSEPH’S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

On **Saturday, February 16th**, GPC will be serving lunch at St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality. We need food donations, cooks and servers.



Food donations: See sign-up on the Kiosk. Please put donations in the GPC kitchen by noon on Friday, February 15th.

Cooks: The meal will be prepared on Friday, February 15th at 6:30 in the GPC kitchen.

Servers: Meet at St. Joseph’s at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Prepare to stay until 2:30 p.m. Sign-up on the Kiosk. St. Joseph’s is located at 402 South Avenue.

THANK YOU FROM LUCINDA PRICE

Many thanks to all who sent Christmas cards & messages. I was overwhelmed. I’ve been interested in your recent activities. Keep up the good work.

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY



- Saturday, February 2
 - 8:00 p.m. Overnight / Extreme Bowling
- Sunday, February 3
 - “Souper” Bowl
 - 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship
 - 10:20 a.m. Sunday School (PK – 8th)
 - 11:15 a.m. Senior High Sunday School
Junior Choir Rehearsal
 - 12:15 p.m. Jamaica Meeting (until 2:00 p.m.)
 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (until 5:45 p.m.)
- Sunday, February 10
 - 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship
 - 10:20 a.m. Sunday School (PK – 8th)
 - 11:15 a.m. Senior High Sunday School
Junior Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, February 16
 - 10:00 a.m. Junior High Youth: Serve @ St. Joseph’s (until 2:30 p.m.)
- Sunday, February 17
 - 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship
 - 10:20 a.m. Sunday School (PK – 8th)
 - 11:15 a.m. Senior High Sunday School
Junior Choir Rehearsal
 - 4:00 p.m. Senior High Youth: Serve at REACH (until 8:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, February 24
 - 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship, FUSION

PRESCHOOL – 4TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date(s)	Teacher(s)	Scripture	Room
February 3	Tess McKeel Beth Marconi	The Burning Bush, Exodus 3:1-15	2
February 10 and 17	Cam Mossgraber	The Plagues, Exodus 7:14	2

GPC Services 2019

If you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please switch your date. Please make sure the calendar in the church office reflects the change. Thank you!

Service Date	Service Notes	Junior Choir	Lay Reader	Greeter	Usher Team	Communion Team
February						
2/3/2019	Communion		Carrie Dykes	Eric Vail	3	D
2/10/2019	Commissioning of Jamaica Mission Team	JC	Meredith Hart	Larry Wakeman	4	
2/17/2019	Guest preacher		Kathy Wakeman	Kate Stanford	5	
2/24/2019	FUS!ON/Guest preacher		Tom Ward	Lauren Henderberg	6	
March						
3/3/2019	Communion/Jamaica Team Lead Worship			Keith Hadley	1	F
3/6/2019	Ash Wednesday		Kay Harder	Janice Beutner-Shirtz	2	G
3/10/2019	1st Sunday in Lent		Helen Priestley	Whit Beckett	3	
3/17/2019	2nd Sunday in Lent	JC	Abigail Unson	Carrie Dykes	4	
3/24/2019	3rd Sunday in Lent		Andrea Unson	Sheri MacFarlane	5	
3/31/2019	4th Sunday in Lent/FUS!ON		Rick Howe	Bruce Taylor	6	
April						
4/7/2019	Communion/5th Sunday in Lent		Janice Beutner	Linda Beattie	1	A
4/14/2019	Palm Sunday	JC	Mary Hadley	Larry Wakeman	2	
4/18/2019	Maundy Thursday		Eric Vail	Ann Marie Simm	3	G
4/19/2019	Good Friday		Jim Mossgraber	Eric Vail	4	
4/21/2019	Easter Sunday		Simon Njumbwa	Janice Beutner-Shirtz	5	
4/28/2019	FUS!ON		Lily Derosia	Kate Stanford	6	
May						
5/5/2019	Communion		Barb Snaith	Lauren Henderberg	1	B
5/12/2019		JC	Linda Allen	Keith Hadley	2	
5/19/2019	Guest preacher		Carson Wohlers	Janice Beutner-Shirtz	3	
5/26/2019	FUS!ON/Guest preacher		Rick Howe	Whit Beckett	4	
June						
6/2/2019	Communion/Guest preacher		Whit Beckett	Carrie Dykes	5	E
6/9/2019	Pentecost Sunday		Paula Sousa	Sheri MacFarlane	6	
6/16/2019			Graham Wohlers	Bruce Taylor	1	
6/23/2019			Sally Christensen	Linda Beattie	2	
6/30/2019	Guest preacher		Molly Fitzgerald	Larry Wakeman	3	
July						
7/7/2019	Communion by Intinction		Carrie Dykes	Ann Marie Simm	4	C
7/14/2019	Jr. High Commissioning		Norah DeRosia	Eric Vail	5	
7/21/2019	Sr. High Commissioning			Carrie Dykes	6	
7/28/2019			Jan Brewer	Kate Stanford	1	
August						
8/4/2019	Communion by Intinction		Kay Harder	Lauren Henderberg	2	D
8/11/2019	Sr. High Lead Worship		Bridget Wohlers	Keith Hadley	3	
8/18/2019			Carol Brown	Janice Beutner-Shirtz	4	
8/25/2019			Will Hart	Whit Beckett	5	
September						
9/1/2019	Communion by Intinction		Simon Njumbwa	Carrie Dykes	6	F
9/8/2019			Kathy Wakeman	Sheri MacFarlane	1	
9/15/2019	Kick Off Sunday		Meredith Hart	Bruce Taylor	2	
9/22/2019			Helen Priestley	Linda Beattie	3	
9/29/2019			Andrea Unson	Larry Wakeman	4	
October						
10/6/2019	Worldwide Communion Sunday/FUS!ON		Janice Beutner	Ann Marie Simm	5	E
10/13/2019		JC	Cam Mossgraber	Eric Vail	6	
10/20/2019			Rick Howe	Whit Beckett	1	
10/27/2019	FUS!ON		Brendan Shaw	Kate Stanford	2	
November						
11/3/2019	Communion/All Saints Sunday		Eric Vail	Lauren Henderberg	3	A
11/10/2019	Stewardship Sunday		Mary Hadley	Keith Hadley	4	
11/17/2019	Music Sunday	JC	Carson Wohlers	Janice Beutner-Shirtz	5	
11/24/2019	FUS!ON		Evelyn Henderberg	Whit Beckett	6	
December						
12/1/2019	Communion/1st Sunday in Advent		Barb Snaith	Carrie Dykes	1	B
12/8/2019	2nd Sunday in Advent		Jim Mossgraber	Sheri MacFarlane	2	
12/15/2019	3rd Sunday in Advent		Lily Derosia	Bruce Taylor	3	
12/22/2019	4th Sunday in Advent		Linda Allen	Linda Beattie	4	
12/24/2019	7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service		Eric Vail	Larry Wakeman	6	
12/29/2019	FUS!ON		Alex McKeel	Ann Marie Simm	5	
January						
1/5/2020	Communion		Whit Beckett	Eric Vail	1	C
1/12/2020			Paula Sousa	Sheri MacFarlane	2	
1/19/2020			Tom Ward	Kate Stanford	3	
1/26/2020	FUS!ON		Sally Christensen	Lauren Henderberg	4	

Gates Presbyterian Church Communion Teams 2019-2020

If you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please find your replacement and notify your team leader and the church office so the calendar can be updated. Thank you!

Please arrive in Rev. DeRosia's office at 9:45am on the day you are serving.

A TEAM	
Left	Right
1 Carrie Dykes (Captain) €	Mary Hadley
2 Carol Cathy (D)	Keith Hadley €
3 Keith Morgan (D)	TBD A1
4 Kay Harder (D)	TBD A2

B TEAM	
Left	Right
1 Jan Beutner-Shirtz (Captain) €	Cathy Goodykoontz
2 Bill Dassero	Andrea Unson
3 J.C. Rouchon	Velta Rouchon (D)
4 Beth Molina	Whit Beckett €

C TEAM	
Left	Right
1 Linda Beattie (Captain) €	Lauren Henderberg €
2 Irene Ward (D)	Tom Ward
3 Sheri MacFarlane €	Tess McKeel (D)
4 Donna Schott	MaryBeth MacKenzie

Alternates:

Sally Christensen Nancy Hossenlopp
Helen Priestly Kathy Coons

D TEAM	
Left	Right
1 Ann Marie Simm (Captain) €	Bruce Taylor €
2 Christine Cook (D)	Simon Njumbwa (D)
3 Osmond Simm (D)	Kate Stanford €
4 Dan Charcholla (D)	James Poole

E TEAM	
Left	Right
1 Eric Vail (Captain) €	Christine Arcara
2 Julie Siede (D)	Barb Snaith (D)
3 Bob Fehnel	Cheryl Fehnel
4 Carol Howell	TBD E1

F TEAM	
Left	Right
1 Larry Wakeman (Captain) €	Linda Sidore
2 Kathy Wakeman	Laura Nolan (D)
3 Gladstone Crosdale	Cam Mossgraber
4 John Schramel	Lynn Schramel

Note: Captains are responsible for reminding teams that they are serving (i.e. via in person, phone, or email.)

G TEAM	
Intention for Maundy Thursday	
Public Worship Committee will cover this	

Gates Presbyterian Church Ushering Teams 2019-2020

Team #1

Walt Priestley (Captain) 247-5035
Allan Waugh
Paula Sousa
Sue Maccallini
Randy Mosher
TBD

Team #2

Frona Rossman (Captain) 247-7046
Ginny Smith
Betty Blystone
Eric Vail
Roger Best
Marie Wilson

Team #3

Bill Dassero (Captain) 328-6084
Jerry Crandall
Carol Balsley
Donna Schott
Anna Drake
Peggy Militello

Team #4

Cheryl Taylor (Captain) 594-2753
Bruce Taylor
Ed Coons
Kathy Coons
Jason Taylor
Rich Isaman

Team #5

J.C. Rouchon (Captain) 225-9737
Velta Rouchon
Ginny Wheeler
Ginny Barley
Susan John
Dan Charcholla

Team #6

Tom Brewer (Captain) 663-9407
Andrea Unson
Keith Morgan
Paulette Morgan
Bob Fehnel
TBD

Substitutes: Mary Hughes, Jim Meddaugh, Mary Beth MacKenzie, Beth Molina, Kathy Coons
Carol Howell - Spring/Summer, Ed Ortman - Summer/Fall