

## PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM UPDATE

We have taken several steps forward in making Churchview Commons a reality.

PathStone Corporation has completed all its required 'due diligence' with respect to soil testing and environmental study. The Town of Gates has approved rezoning of our property from Residential to Multi-Residential and the Zoning Board has granted a variance request allowing PathStone to build a 2-story 45-unit apartment building.

The Development team has met with PathStone, and their architect and engineer to finalize the site plan which has been submitted to the Town Planning Board. We are awaiting their approval. Once that is given, PathStone will apply for its capital financing through New York State.

The environmental study yielded some very interesting topographical maps of our property starting in 1895. A poster display of these is on exhibit in the entry area. Be sure to check it out.

We began this journey almost two years ago when the Trustees first decided to meet with PathStone for a preliminary discussion. It has been a long process and it will be a couple more years before Churchview Commons is an actual brick and mortar building housing our new neighbors. Remember our project motto: Passion – Patience – Perseverance – Prayer – most especially prayer as we trust the Lord to guide us.

As always, we will be happy to talk with you at any time. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of the Team: Ed Coons, Jan Beutner, Bill Dassero, or Tom Ward



## PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Front Door Greeter	Lay Reader	Usher	Deacon
February 2	Janice Phillips	Simon Njumbwa	3	2
February 9	Christine Cook	Paula Sousa	6	3
February 16	Kate Stanford	David Weber	1	4
February 23	Ann Marie Simm	Barb Snaith	2	5
February 26	Sheri MacFarlane	Keith Morgan	4	

Please remember that if you cannot serve as Lay Reader or Greeter on your scheduled date, **you** are responsible for finding a substitute. Once you find one, please notify the office of the change.

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## OFFICE NOTES

**March Harbinger** articles are due in the office by **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**.

## 2020-2021 SCHEDULES

GPC Services Schedule:	Communion Team Listing:	Usher Team Listing:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included with this Harbinger</li> <li>• Emailed to all Lay Readers, Ushers &amp; Communion Teams</li> <li>• Posted to GPC website</li> <li>• Hard copies available after worship on 1/26</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emailed to Communion Servers, along with Communion Serving Reminders &amp; Communion Map</li> <li>• Posted to GPC website</li> <li>• Hard copies available after worship on 1/26</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emailed to Ushers</li> <li>• Posted to GPC website</li> <li>• Hard copies available after worship on 1/26</li> </ul>



To our New Members ...

Benjamin Olsen  
Katie Steinmiller  
Anne Tonery-DeMars



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - February 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the congregation will be held on February 2, 2020 at 11:15 am for the purposes of (a) receiving the Annual Report of the church, (b) dismissing the 2019 Nominating Committee, (c) electing the 2020 Nominating Committee, (d) electing and ordaining an elder, and receiving an updated report from the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.

## DPNC UPDATE

Our Ministry Information Form (MIF) was approved by Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) and was subsequently uploaded to the PCUSA database. Next step is for interested candidates to submit their Personal Information Form (PIF). These will be vetted by our Presbytery & COM representatives and viable candidate info will then be forwarded to the DPNC for consideration. Your continued prayers and support of our efforts are very much appreciated.

## PER CAPITA

Per Capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that our congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a religious and moral commitment. It establishes a minimum level of financial participation in the vital work of our church. With this year's commitment of **\$34.68** per member, we work together with other Presbyterian Churches in our presbytery and across the country to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. We benefit from the gifts, skills, vision and ministry of each other when we come together. Your Per Capita pays for the programs, training and resources that help us work together to benefit all.

If you haven't yet contributed **\$34.68** per member, please consider doing so. You can use your Per Capita pledge envelope or put your check in a plain envelope marked Per Capita and place in the offering basket or mail it to the church office.

## TAX INFORMATION

If you would like a receipt for your 2019 donations to GPC, please send an email to the church office at [office@gatespres.org](mailto:office@gatespres.org). Please note whether you would like the receipt mailed or emailed. Letters will start to go out after February 1<sup>st</sup>.



## SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, June 6, we will be having an outdoor Craft Fair! This will be replacing the Flea Market. However, it will be much the same format. There will be the usual Youth Group food tent, with vendor spots out on the front lawn. There will be limited spots available for crafters in the Fellowship Hall as well. We will need many hands to make this work, so please volunteer for set-up, traffic control, host or hostess duties, and clean-up. More details to follow.

~ Larry Wakeman

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on Tuesday, **February 4<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 p.m. in room 16.

**BIBLE STUDY** Every **Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. High Lounge**



## NOTE FROM TRUSTEES

We have a great group of volunteers who faithfully close up the building after worship on Sunday. This includes many things such as turning off the monitors outside the sanctuary, ensuring the lights are off, securing rooms that have alarms and locking exterior doors. We don't ask our lock-up team to stay at the building for meetings after church, so we ask that the last person leaving the building ensure that lights are turned out throughout the building and the door they use to leave is locked. **The lock-**

**up team will lock the doors after worship unless specifically requested not to by someone who has a key and will be responsible for locking the doors. We are looking for a few more volunteers** willing to be on the lockup team. The responsibilities last for one month only and involve only worship services. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Dennis White at 585-247-8532. Thanks for your help!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Progress is happening in the GPC Library! New permanent topic labels are getting clipped onto the shelves. There is a mini display of books related to new membership, as well as the seasonal display. A couple of reminders:

- When borrowing a book, please write your name and date on the book's sign-out card and put the card in its designated box on the bookshelf. To return the book, just put the book on the cart behind the door. The Library Volunteers will match the book to its card.
- Donated books that meet the church's guidelines are welcome. Please put a note on your book that it is a donation.
- Also, the GPC Prayer Shawls are located on the Library shelves with the devotional and grief books.

See you in the Library!

**REBECCA CIRCLE** will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at Yianni's for lunch at 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Balsley at 235-2226. See you there!

## FROM THE DEACONS



*Continued prayers for **Peter Derry** and **Laura Nolan**.*

*Our sympathies to ...*

**Whit Beckett**, and **Christine Cook & family** on the passing of Bonnie on 1/4/2020. A service is planned for Friday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m. at GPC ... the family of **Shirley Wimer**, who passed away on 1/3/20, she was 96 ... the family of **June Hungerford**, who passed away on 1/16/20, she was 96.

## MISSION

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped make all of our Advent Mission projects successful!!!

We were able to provide gifts for the Adjer family as well as for Cameron's Christmas party. Warm cozy mittens and socks were donated through both the mitten tree which was teeming with mittens and our sock sale at the Alternative Advent Market. A number of volunteers helped with the meal at St Joseph's where we served about 60 people including 3 families. 60 people were served with SWEM dinners. Over 70 Gifts for Grace House's Christmas party were donated. Special thank you to Al Waugh's daughter Katie and her partner Aaron for purchasing and wrapping presents! 50 entertainment books sold to support Guatemala Partners. (Mental note for next year- these make great Christmas gifts and Tom starts selling early J).

Watch for signup and announcements on our Upcoming events including:

- St. Joseph's
- Wall of food
- Foodlink Food Pantry
- Spring Tulips

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

On **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Cooks:** The meal will be prepared on Friday, February 14 at 6:30 in the GPC kitchen.

**Servers:** Meet at St. Joseph's at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Prepare to stay until 2:00 p.m. Sign-up on the Kiosk. St. Joseph's is located at 402 South Avenue.

## FOODLINK

There will be a Foodlink Mobile Pantry distribution on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Food distribution will be indoors. Key organizers should arrive at 10:30 a.m. for overall strategy. Most volunteers arrive at 11:00 a.m. for layout of furniture, supplies etc. The truck arrives at 11:00 a.m., food in hands of public starting at 12:00 p.m. Look for volunteer signups on kiosk.



## BLOOD DRIVE

February 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – look for a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.



**Please join us at our Ash Wednesday service  
Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

## PASTOR CARE DURING OUR TIME OF TRANSITION

During our time of transition here at GPC, congregational needs will continue - be it bereavement (visits, funerals, aftercare), prayer concerns, physical needs (hospitalization, illness) spiritual needs or counseling among others. There is a process in place should such a pastor care need arise.

Initially, a phone call should be made to the church office, (585) 247-5292, to speak with our GPC office manager, Karen Kozlowski. Karen is there during regular church office hours which are Tuesday through Friday 9am to 2pm. If it is not during regular office hours, you are encouraged to call the church office and leave a message as messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

From the initial contact to the GPC office, a phone call will be made to Rev. Harry Heintz. Rev. Heintz is a retired Presbyterian pastor who has agreed to be GPC's "on call" pastor. Rev. Heintz is also serving as moderator of Session meetings.

Rev. Harry Heintz will be away between January 24, 2020 and March 22, 2020. Rev. Carolyn Grohman has agreed to fill in as our "on call" pastor during these dates. Rev. Grohman is a retired Presbyterian pastor who has also been preaching at GPC recently. Rev. Grohman will also be serving as moderator of the February Session meeting.

Should Rev. Grohman not be available, there is a list of pastors provided by the Presbytery who may be contacted to cover the pastoral care need. Also, you can always contact a member of Session or Deacons if you have questions related to pastoral care or other questions or concerns you may have.



## 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.

**Next date is Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GREEN ISLAND BASIC SCHOOL** Accepted until **Sunday, 2/2**

## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday, 2/1	7:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group: Extreme Bowling / Overnight
Sunday, 2/2	9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
		Jr. Highs collect soup for "Souperbowl Sunday"
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Jamaica Commissioning
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (PK – 8 <sup>th</sup> )
	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Choir Rehearsal (until 12:15 p.m.)
		Jamaica Meeting (for those going on the trip) (until 1:00 p.m.)
Sunday, 2/9	9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (PK – 8 <sup>th</sup> )
	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Choir Rehearsal (until 12:15 p.m.)
		Sr. High Sunday School

### Saturday, February 15 – Saturday, February 22: Jamaica Trip

Saturday, 2/15	10:00 a.m.	Jr. High Youth Group: Serve @ St. Joseph's & Lunch at Wendy's (until 2:30 p.m.)
Sunday, 2/16	9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (PK – 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Sunday, 2/23	9:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School (PK – 8 <sup>th</sup> )
	11:15 a.m.	Jr. Choir Rehearsal (until 12:15 p.m.)



## SUMMER WORK PROJECTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

This year the **Junior High** work project will be in Rochester from July 13-17 for youth entering grades 7 & 8 in fall 2020.

The **Senior High** work project will be from Sunday, July 19 to Friday, July 24 in Pittsburgh, PA, for youth entering grades 9-12 in fall 2020. Registration is currently open, so reserve your spot this month! Contact Jen at [jennifer@gatespres.org](mailto:jennifer@gatespres.org) with any questions.

**TODDLERS & TINIES:** Join us from 10:30 – 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to bring your lunch and we will have plenty of free play.

**SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL:** Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year

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



To celebrate, we'll have an overnight with Extreme Bowling on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> into Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meet at the church at 8:00pm, and get ready to have fun! Please bring \$20.00 for pizza and bowling. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## JUNIOR HIGHS SERVE at St. Joseph's

Join us as we serve lunch at St. Joseph's soup kitchen on February 15<sup>th</sup>! 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.

## THANK YOU

- To all volunteers and attendees who made our Blue Mountain Coffee House on Saturday so successful! The Jamaica Mission Team truly appreciates your generous support.
- Our GPC Youth Groups want to express their thanks to the Men to Men's group for their donation to our program. Donations like this are so helpful in keeping our program alive and well. Many youth activities are heavily subsidized by the church; more specifically, individual donations from church members directly to the program. We couldn't do it without these generous donations, so thanks to everyone who has shown their support!



## JAMAICA NEWS

Our trip this Winter Break will offer our juniors & seniors a chance to serve God and learn from our Jamaican brothers and sisters. This year we have six youth and four adults going on the trip: Aleigha Binko, Maggie Bracken, Rachel Kelly, Aurore Paquin, Emma Savino, Carson Wohlers, Kecia Binko, Tracy Burkovich, Beth Molina and Jennifer Olsen. 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 15-22 - it means a lot to the youth to know that they are so supported and loved by their church community. Our group will be commissioned in worship on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will share their experiences during worship and second hour on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope you can join us!

**JAMAICA TRIPGOERS** Time for our final meeting! Bring your parents and any last questions to our last orientation, 11:15-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.