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Thank you for shining your light in my life.
Matthew 5:14



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS

Congrats
Class of
2020

Church Mouse Bazaar 2020

We are still planning on holding the Church Mouse Bazaar this year! Depending on the Covid-19 restrictions in place at that time. Church members can request applications starting on June 1. Applications for the non-church members (without email) will be mailed on June 5, the rest of the applications will be emailed on June 8.



Please HOLD the DATE!

Our 43rd Church Mouse Bazaar will take place Saturday, November 21, 2020 throughout the church. GPC has developed quite a reputation providing a high quality, well-run arts and craft show with handmade items that are perfect for that hard to find Christmas gift. This fundraising event benefits the whole church and is run by many volunteers. So, plan on volunteering, coming or both!! Exciting things will be happening! Watch for more information or contact Larry (lwakeman258@yahoo.com, or 247-3296). Larry and Kathy Wakeman, co-chairpersons

CHURCHVIEW COMMONS UPDATE

The Town of Gates Planning Board approved the final site plan for Churchview Commons at its April meeting. PathStone Corporation is now able to apply for its funding through the Empire Supported Housing Initiative which it plans to do by July. A final decision from NYS will take several months. We are one step closer to Churchview Commons becoming a reality.

This process has been long but has been achieved smoothly with no major problems.

We continue to partner with the YWCA of Rochester in this endeavor. They have been granted conditional funding for supportive services by NYS and are now applying to the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal for their major funding. They are excited about our partnership and committed to working with us in the coming months.

Prayers.....Patience.....Perseverance



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DPNC Update - The one you've been waiting for.....almost!

The DPNC is excited and delighted to announce that we have unanimously identified a candidate to serve as our Designated Pastor. The candidate will be presented to the congregation and will lead worship on Sunday, June 14th. In order to maintain confidentiality to the extent possible, a separate mailing will include information about the candidate. A letter will be sent to each household and you should expect to receive that letter by June 12th.

As indicated elsewhere in this Harbinger, a Special Meeting of the Congregation will follow worship at 11:00am on June 14th via Zoom. The primary purpose of the meeting is to present motions to approve the candidate's call as Designated Pastor and the associated Terms of Call. The candidate and the DPNC will be present at the congregational meeting and will be glad to address any questions or concerns prior the call for votes.

Faithfully submitted by DPNC members: Janice Bilohlavek, Lauren Henderberg, Mary Hadley, Jason Millington, Whit Beckett, Scott Wohlers, Carson Wohlers and Sheri MacFarlane

Worship with Us

Please join us online every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for worship. Go to our website at www.gatespres.org. Once there, click on the link on the home page for 'Worship Services', From there you can link directly to our YouTube channel and watch the service for that week. The bulletin, sermon and any inserts are posted there as well.



Special Congregational Meeting – June 14, 2020 – 11:00 am

There will be a special meeting of the congregation on June 14, 2020 at 11:00 am. This will be a live meeting via Zoom. You will receive a letter with directions on how to access this meeting.

The purposes of this meeting are to consider the following:

- Adoption of an electronic meeting policy
- Adoption of bylaw amendment to allow congregational electronic meetings
- Election of a Designated Pastor
- Approval of Terms of Call for the Designated Pastor
- Election of 2 representatives to present the Call to the Presbytery
- Dismissal of the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee upon start of ministry of Designated Pastor
- Election of three trustees

Youth Updates

6th graders receiving Bibles:

Georgia Fitzgerald
William Hart
Evelyn Henderberg
Kaitlyn Shaw

6th graders receiving Hymnals:

William Hart
Evelyn Henderberg
Kaitlyn Shaw



Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors! Receiving recognition for their accomplishments today are Ryan Davis, Rachel Kelly, Zachary Henchen and Aurore Paquin.

Thank you to Mary Hadley for creating the special senior slideshow!

Thank you... to all of our wonderful Childcare providers, Sunday School teachers and Youth Group Advisors!

Toddler & Nursery Room	Anne Tonery-DeMars Youth Helpers: Meredith Hart, Rachel Kelly, Harmony Cook
Pre-K to 4 th Grade:	Lauren Henderberg, Beth Marconi, Linda Sidore, Ben Olsen, Tess McKeel, Carol Henchen Youth Helpers: Zach Henchen, Carson Wohlers
5 th to 8 th Grade:	Ann Marie Simm & Keith Hadley
9 th to 12 th Grade:	Mary Hadley & Carrie Dykes
***Mary Hadley taught our high schoolers for the past 13 years, and we have been so lucky to have benefitted from her ability to share her gifts. While this is her last year teaching, we are so thankful to Mary for continuing to support GPC in so many areas. Thank you!!!	
Junior High Youth Group:	Beth Molina, Carol Balsley, Dave Balsley, Nancy Hossenlopp
Senior High Youth Group:	Kecia Binko and Tracy Burkovich



Youth, cont'd

Announcing the all church intergenerational work project from July 13-17. No need to register- just participate as able! Suggested activities will be flexible enough that they can be done individually or with a family group, and interaction will be encouraged through posting on our Members of GPC Facebook page to show how you are contributing to our community. Special for our youth grades 7-12 will be a daily morning Zoom meeting where we will spend time with scripture and games for additional connection. We will also provide some special materials for families with young children. We will end the week with a socially distanced celebration such as attending a drive-in movie together. More information coming in July. ***Youth, this is instead of separate Jr and Sr high work projects***

Please email jennifer@gatespres.org with any comments or questions as always!

From the Deacons

Please keep in thought & prayer...

- **Ruth Fraty** recovering well at home after a fall and surgery.
- **Evie Ortman** doing well at home recovering after a fall and surgery.
- **Angelika Alvarez** dealing with health issues.
- **JoAnn Vander** in Unity Hospital doing better.
- **Buz Bauman** home from rehab.
- **Elaine Owlett** dealing with health issues.
- **Eric Paquin** dealing with major health issues.



Continued prayers for...

Gladstone Crosdale, Peter Derry, Hannah & John Walker, and Kate Stanford.

Our sympathy to...

The family of **Lucinda Price** who passed away on May 10th

The family of **Bill DeVore**, a longtime former member, who passed away on Easter Sunday.

Giving for Others

We invite you to continue your regular giving to Gates Presbyterian Church. You can send your contribution in the mail to:

Gates Presbyterian Church, 1049 Wegman Road, Rochester, NY 14624

Electronic Giving If you currently utilize online banking or bill pay, add Gates Presbyterian Church, 1049 Wegman Rd, Rochester, NY 14624 as a vendor and include your pledge as you process your other online payments.

Mustard Seed Scholarship 2020 Recipient

It is with great pleasure that the Mustard Seed Scholarship Committee announces Rachel Kelly as the 2020 awardee. Rachel will use this four year, \$1,500 per year scholarship to support her studies in French and Spanish Languages at Nazareth College. Rachel is the daughter of Christine & David Cook, and the granddaughter of Whit & Bonnie Beckett.

When asked what she would share with someone who asked about Gates Presbyterian Church, Rachel said that GPC feels like family, is very welcoming, and is generous in the support of mission opportunities. Rachel likes to help people and shared that she believes that doing so is the main purpose of Christians. Rachel has been a part of GPC for her whole life. She was baptized and confirmed in our church and has been an active participant in Sunday School, Youth Groups, Work Projects and church events including the Flea Market and Church Mouse Bazaar. Rachel shared with us that she loves to sing and has shared her musical talents in Junior and Youth Choirs and in Bell Choir. Rachel loves children and loves to help in the Nursery and Toddler Room.

When asked about her Work Project experience, Rachel said that the Theresa NY project was the most impactful for her. She said that the group was able to grow together and formed a deep spiritual bond that was then made stronger by their shared experiences in Jamaica.

The comments below are some of what was shared with the committee:

“(Rachel) is caring, compassionate and a hard worker. When she is there she is always “present” and not distracted by the outside world (phone, internet, etc). She is a deep thinker with many dreams.”

“She is tenacious and strong even when she does not always recognize those qualities in herself.”

“I recall on one long ride back from our work project our car got into a debate about a very polarizing topic. (Others) were extremely vocal with their disagreement with Rachel’s perspective but she didn’t back down and did what I thought was an outstanding job sharing WHY she felt that way and not judging those that opposed her but also remaining convicted in her belief.”

Rachel is also gifted academically. She is honored to have been recommended by her teachers at Rush Henrietta High School to serve as a tutor in Chemistry and Geometry for the last two years. She was also selected to participate in an internship program at UR Department of Chemistry during the summer between her Sophomore and Junior years. While obviously gifted in the sciences, Rachel shared that her experiences in tutoring and the internship, while “Super Cool!”, helped her to realize that her passions lean toward language. She is very excited to join the French/Spanish language program at Nazareth and plans to teach these languages upon completion of the program.

Rachel plans to continue being of service to others and will explore opportunities offered by Nazareth. She mentioned that she hopes to join a school choir as she loves to sing! She also plans to be with us in worship as often as possible.

Please join us in wishing Rachel all the best at Nazareth and beyond!

