

**Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world,
and it is hard to see Your love and light.
Sometimes, even those who bear Your name
do not walk in Your ways.**

**Help us to see Your goodness in this world.
Help us to know Your love.
Fill us with Your love and goodness,
so that we might love one another,
and lift up one another in faith.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Friends, hear the good news! Nothing in life or in death or in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. We are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!

First Reading of the Word Acts 4:32-35 (MSG)

Second Reading of the Word John 20:19-31 (MSG)

Sermon “Breathing in the Spirit” Rev. Laura Bachmann

Hymn of Response [“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”](#)

The Sacrament of Baptism *Brady John Millington*

Prayers of the Community

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week:

- *Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Norma Polizzi who passed away on March 27*
- *Continued prayers for John Belt, John Walker, Eric Paquin, Angelika Alvarez, Debbie Schnabel and Sonia Davis.*

Petitions will end with "Lord in your mercy," to which the people are invited to respond, "hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not

into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn [“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”](#)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Sunshine and Joy Medley” arr. Mark Hayes

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Service Participants:

Rev. Laura Bachmann, Pastor; Mary Hadley, Liturgist; Keith Hadley, Elder; Andy Pratt, Piano & Organ; Evan Mikoll, Video Live Stream Director; Karen Kozlowski, Visual Design.

Life in the Church

Sunday, April 11		Fellowship Hour (right after worship service ends)
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, April 12	6:00 p.m.	Trustees meeting
Tuesday, April 13	6:30 p.m.	Deacons meeting
Wednesday, April 14	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Friday, April 16		St. Joseph’s Meal Prep (sack lunch)
Saturday, April 17		St. Joseph’s Meal Delivery
Sunday, April 18	10:00 a.m.	Online Worship
		Fellowship Hour (right after worship service ends)
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class (on church patio)

From the Office ... **May** Harbinger articles are due by Wednesday, April 21



Bible Study will continue throughout April on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Join via Zoom: [Bible Study](#)
Meeting ID: 859 6516 3645 **Passcode:** 488716
One tap mobile: +19292056099,85965163645# US (NY)

Liturgist Schedule

April

18 Claudia Weber
25 Kaitlin Shaw

May

2 Kathy Wakeman **23** Janice Bilohlavek
9 Roy Smith **30** Alex McKeel
16 Jan Brewer

Confirmation Class: Sunday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m. on the church patio

Hospitality - The next Zoom meeting for the Hospitality team is Sunday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome and contact Linda Beattie at Linda.btt@gmail.com for the link.



Congregational Care

Anyone wishing to let us know of someone needing our care and concern, please call Kay Harder at 721-7392 or the church office.

Mission Food Collection

The next food collection drive is scheduled for **Saturday, April 24, from 11:00 - 2:00** in the GPC parking lot. *Along with non-perishable food items, we will be collecting personal hygiene products that will be delivered to SWEM and RocSalt.* Can't make it on Saturday? There will be a bin for SWEM items by the main entrance to the church. Call Sally Christensen (703-6238) with questions.

Guatemala Partners Mission Committee Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sale

It's that time of year again for the very popular Mother's Day hanging basket flower sale to begin! Here's the information you need to know:

- Orders need to be in by **April 25th**, the last day of the sale.
- The plants will be delivered to the church for you to pick up on **Tuesday, May 4th after 10:00 a.m.**
- This year we are offering the usual - Calibrachoas, Ivy Geraniums, Rosebud Impatiens, New Guinea Impatiens and Petunias. These plants are \$20 each.
- Fuchsias and Reiger Begonias can be ordered for \$25 each.



Fill out the order form (at end of bulletin) and mail w/payment to:

Tom Ward
73 Gateway Rd
Rochester, NY 14624

Or, email the information to: rtward73@outlook.com
You can also call Tom with your order: 585-261-2175

Checks should be made out to Gates Presbyterian Church with "Flowers" written in the memo line. Payment is appreciated at time of order, but can also be made at time of pickup.

All Proceeds support our mission work in Guatemala.

Giving for Others

You are invited and encouraged to continue your regular giving to Gates Presbyterian Church. You can mail your contributions 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 as a vendor and include your pledge as you process your other online payments.

Vital Congregations Initiative *Update & Invitation*
Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m.— on Zoom

- *What have we accomplished through VCI?*
- *How to be vital in a Pandemic!*
- *Could VCI be something for my congregation?*

Facilitators: *Susan Orr, acting Presbytery leader and Rev. Jim Renfrew, pastor of Byron Presbyterian Church*

The Vital Congregations Initiative is a national effort of the PCUSA to strengthen and restore vitality in the ministry and mission of our congregations. Seven congregations in our Presbytery are currently engaged with VCI. Since this is a Presbytery project we thought it a good time to report on our progress.

What has been accomplished in our first year? No surprise, it's been a challenge during a year of pandemic. If anything, the pandemic has demonstrated to us how vital congregations can be resilient, creative, and adaptive. Let's hear some good stories of ways that our VCI pastors and leaders have kept us moving ahead!

In many presbyteries around the country a “re-boot” has been declared, a chance to revisit the Seven Marks of Vital Congregations and to re-engage with congregation and community. So we are in a time of “re-boot” in the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, too. It provides a perfect window of opportunity for other congregations to join with us. The Vital Congregations Initiative might be an excellent way for your congregation to move out of this past year's isolation into new engagement.

This event is one of a series of “Congregational Learning Days,” special teaching and training events offered throughout the year. There is no fee involved, but you will have to provide your own goodies!

[Register in advance here.](#)

A confirmation message with zoom access information will be sent to you. This will be a unique link to you so be sure you keep it in an accessible place and is handy to you for the meeting.

Get [more information about the PC\(USA\) Vital Congregations Initiative.](#)

Contact Rev. Jim Renfrew with questions about this event at jim.renfrew@gmail.com.

2021 National Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)

The 2021 national **Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD)** event **will be virtual**, and will take place from **April 18-21**. This year's EAD will advocate for Climate Justice, and will be an opportunity to support the global movement for climate justice centered on and led by the people and communities most vulnerable to climate impacts due to historic racial and colonial inequities. If you or any member of your congregation is interested in receiving more information about this year's virtual event, sign up for e-mail updates at the link below:

<https://advocacydays.org/2021-imagine-gods-earth-people-restored/>



A course based on the book “Caste”, being offered by the Presbytery:

Historical Roots of Racism

Thursday, April 22 & 29, 7 – 8:30 p.m.— **via Zoom**

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser and Elder Mindy Shaffer

This course explores how the roots of racism began in Europe through language and social structure before slavery began in the Western Hemisphere and continued in the creation of an American Caste System that is the heart of racial inequality today.

Historical Roots of Racism is designed as a two-part series, but each class can stand alone. It is based in part on the books: *Caste*, by Isabel Wilkerson, and *White Man’s Burden*, by Winthrop D. Jordan. While not “required” reading for this course, these books provide a wealth of information.

Contact Elder Mindy Shaffer with questions about this event at mindyashaffer@gmail.com

Guatemala Partners Mission Committee
Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sale



Proceeds will support our mission work in Guatemala.

Funds raised are used for scholarships, micro-lending, maternal health, nutritional programs, seed saving and efforts to help with self-sufficiency programs.

Everyone is welcome to join us in this interesting and rewarding mission work. For more information call Tom Ward at 261-2175 or e-mail at: rtward73@outlook.com

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Grand Total Due			

We cannot guarantee what colors will be available

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