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FALL SCHEDULE Begins September 11th



- 8:00 **Worship Service** in the Chapel
- 8:50 **"The Gathering" Worship Service** in the Sanctuary
 Praise Singing starts the Service
 (Children are welcome & will be dismissed for CCE)
- 9:00 **Christian Education** for Children, Youth & Adults
- 10:00 **Coffee & Fellowship** in the Narthex
Chimer's Program for Children
- 10:30 **Traditional Worship Service** in the Sanctuary
- 10:45 **Enrichment Program** for Children

Nursery provided during the 8:50 and 10:30 Services

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ALL CHURCH **POTLUCK** SUPPER

Sunday, October 2nd - 5:30 p.m.

followed by Praise Music in the Sanctuary

Let's kick off fall together!!!

Mark your calendar TODAY so your family won't miss out on this wonderful church fellowship event.

Bring a dish to pass and your own place settings.

* * Dessert and beverages will be provided! * *

Dear Friends in Christ,

Someone once quipped, “Americans worship their work, work at their play and play at their worship.” Most of us have little difficulty seeing the irony in this statement, but the truth is too many of us live out our days actualizing precisely these priorities. Of course, in times of economic uncertainty, our focus on work is necessarily intensified. Longer hours spent on the job and more work utilizing fewer workers has become the norm for our time.

For many, especially our youth I fear, playing at sports or participating in dance or music or any other interest is no longer a matter of recreation or for the formation of a well-rounded adult. It isn't even so much meant as a medium for teaching some of life's important lessons like teamwork or fair play. The desire to be the best or to win at all costs has become the mantra, even for our youngest participants.

But the most damaging of all has to do with our “playing at worship.” Many theologians have lamented the de-emphasis on the organized church and worship participation and educational pursuits as one major factor contributing to many of society's ills. A common mantra for our time is this: “I can be spiritual all by myself. I don't need organized religion or anyone else to be a ‘good person.’” But the Bible reminds us that “God calls us to be the church,” to be part of a community that is larger than our individual needs and desires. As followers of Christ, we are called to worship God collectively, to study and pray and be accountable, one to another. “Wherever two or three are gathered,” Jesus assures us, he will be present with us!



As we start a new church year, there will be wonderful opportunities to worship and learn, fellowship and grow in faith together. It will certainly require us all to make an effort and to rethink our priorities. We cannot be “conformed” to the world, the Apostle Paul reminds us, but we are to “be transformed by the renewing of our minds so that we may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.” To accomplish this will be some of the hardest work we will ever do. It will require focus and commitment and a desire to place everything else second!



I remind you that we worship God every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel, in the 8:50 Gathering Service in the Sanctuary, and then again at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. As a minimum requirement as members of the Body of Christ at Webster Presbyterian Church, you will need to be present in worship all or most Sundays.

In addition, committed men and women are constantly praying and planning for your spiritual nurture, your youth and adult education opportunities, and opportunities for fellowship activities. Make some of these a part of your family's activities in this new church year.

Finally, share the message of the “Good News” with neighbors and friends and family. If you know someone who is not presently active in a community of faith, take the first step and invite them to be a part of our community. The church calendar is full of possibilities each week for that to happen. Let's make church and everything that goes with it an absolute priority for the coming year, and I believe that God will bless our efforts!

Faithfully in Christ's Service,

SESSION NEWS

In an effort to better communicate the work of the Session, a regular monthly report will be included in upcoming editions of *The Pathway*.

At the August Session meeting the following motion was passed: “It is the policy of Webster Presbyterian Church not to allow any church property, including its buildings and facilities, to be used for same gender marriages, unions, weddings or any other type of ceremony related thereto.” The motion was approved on a vote of 13 yes votes, none voting no and two abstentions.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear statement by Session regarding the use of church property for same gender marriages, unions, weddings, and the like. This statement of policy was made to avoid any confusion within WPC caused by the recent New York State law legalizing same sex marriages and the front page *Democrat and Chronicle* article which included a picture of a Presbyterian minister officiating at a same sex wedding.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Volunteers are needed to help with Nursery Care during the 8:50 and 10:30 worship hours. Please speak with Gayl Galen in the CCE office if you are able to help with this need.



Attention Church School Parents: On Sunday, October 2nd, the Kindergarten and 3rd grade students will be receiving their Bibles during the 8:50 Gathering Service. All children and their families are asked to attend worship that day as a family. Following communion and the Bible presentations, children in the PreK through 5th grade classes will be dismissed to class.

GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM



Another school year is beginning, and adults, 6th – 12th graders, and college freshmen are invited to sign up for the Guardian Angel program! This year you can indicate whether you would like to have your Guardian Angel be identified in January or wait until May. If you would like to have or be a Guardian Angel, look for the balloons and sign up on September 11 or 18.

POST-HIGH ADDRESSES NEEDED!

We like to keep in touch with our young people who have graduated from high school. Please submit your young person's address (even if it has not changed from last year) to the church office if they would like to receive *The Pathway*.



YOUTH CALENDER



Date	Church School	Praise Ringers	Youth Fellowship *
9/11	9:00	2:00	Bicycling Scavenger Hunt with Picnic & Games 3:00 – 6:00
9/18	9:00	3:00	Canoeing & Kayaking with Picnic & Games
9/25	9:00	3:00	Ice Cream Social
10/2	9:00	3:00	Food Scavenger Hunt Service Project

* 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

It is hard to believe summer is almost over, but it has been a great summer! Wasn't it nice to have all that hot weather after our long and cold winter and spring earlier in the year? I believe that we are blessed to live where we do in a climate where we are privileged to see all four of the seasons that God made. Over the course of the summer, we had two fellowship events for the youth. Our first one was a service project and campout at the church. We picked up the trash alongside Route 250 from Klem Rd. to Lake Rd. It was a fun time, cleaning up the road as well as camping outside. Our second event of the summer was attending a Western New York Flash game at Sahlen Stadium. We watched the Flash beat the Atlanta Beat 2-0, and even saw the number one player in the world, Marta, score a goal.

On to the beginning of our new school year! At our August Youth Committee Meeting, we had seven youth come and share ideas of what they would like to see the youth group do this year, and we came up with many ideas. One of those ideas was a **Bicycling Scavenger Hunt**, which will be our first fellowship event on September 11 from 3-6. We will be biking and looking for clues as we fellowship together. Then we will have a picnic for the youth when we finish. On September 18, we are planning on **Canoeing and Kayaking** at Bay Creek Paddling Center. We will canoe/kayak for an hour, then have another picnic and fun outside games to play. Anyone who does not want to canoe or kayak is still invited to come for our second hour of fellowshiping with food and games. The cost will only be \$5 per person for the canoeing and kayaking. On September 25, we are having an **Ice Cream Social** and all the families of the youth group are invited. This is when we will have our Sexual Misconduct Prevention training for all parents and adult volunteers who didn't have it last year and for those who are planning on helping out at Lock-ins and Winter Retreat. And as a heads up for our first event of October, on the 2nd we will be having our first service project of the year, which will be a **Food Scavenger Hunt**. We will go to the homes of the congregation and collect food donations for a local food pantry.

This is shaping up to be another awesome year of fun and fellowship. All youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us each week. Friends are welcome too! All updates and details will be provided via facebook.com, email, and church bulletin announcements. See you at Youth Fellowship!

In Christ, Dan Landin, Youth Director

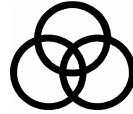


SEPTEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Ruth – Tuesday, September 6, 12:00 p.m., in the Memorial Room. Program: Bag Lunch & Bible Study on *Revelation*, chapters 8 & 9. Visitors are welcome!

Alpha – Wednesday, September 7, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Katie McNally, 433 Ontario Drive, Ontario. Program: Book Review.

King – Thursday, September 8, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Ruth Arthur, 1458 Fieldcrest Drive, with co-hostess Joan Gourley. Program: Sharing stories of our summer vacations.



Naomi – Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Carol Walck, 1137 Amberwood Lane. Program: Potluck Supper and Auction.

Rachel – Monday, September 26, 6:30 p.m., in the Memorial Room. Program: Potluck Supper and a quilting craft led by Kelly Lang.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Women's Bible Study - Get out your Bibles, mugs and notebooks and set aside Tuesday mornings for study, discussion, praise and prayer. Women's Bible Study resumes September 13th at 9:30 with praise in the Chapel, followed by study and sharing in Room 9/10.

Schedule for the Fall:

September 13 – “The Solid Rock”

September 20 through October will be filled with the prophet Elijah, found in 1 and 2 Kings.

November will usher in Malachi and Thanksgiving.

The Advent season will begin for us on November 29 with three sessions on the stories behind our favorite carols and the message of their words.



Come, draw closer to God through His Word and experience caring fellowship. All women of WPC, their friends and neighbors are welcome!

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” *Psalms 119:105*

Wednesday Afternoon Women's Bible Study - Once again this year there will be a Bible Study for the women of the church held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30. All women from the church and any friends are invited. We generally meet at the home of Carolyn Bartlow, 42 S. Estate Drive, in Webster. This fall we will begin on Wednesday, September 21st, with an overview of the book of *Hebrews*, and then continue through the book in the following weeks. Please prayerfully consider joining us. If you have any questions, call or email Betsy Barr at 645-9150 or wtbarr@hotmail.com.

Save the Date - Saturday, October 22nd

Women's Fall Retreat
“FRUITOPIA”

Growing Spirit Fruit

Galatians 5:22, 23

Speaker - Sally Turner



PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Presbyterian Men's Fellowship (PMF) seeks to encourage fellowship among the men of the church, build strong family relationships and offer opportunities to grow one's faith. This fall we are pleased to announce that a **Fall Retreat** is planned for November 5th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College. Men, please mark this date on your calendar and plan on joining us as Dr. Richard Middleton, Professor of Biblical Studies, will lead us in a discussion which he has entitled: *The Bible's Best Kept Secret: Why Earth, Not Heaven is Our Final Destination (and Why It Matters)*. Professor Middleton has presented adult education programs at our church and is one of the most popular professors among students at Roberts Wesleyan College. The fee to come will be minimal. More information and sign-up will begin in October.

We are looking for more men to help us plan activities for men and families this fall. Presently our committee is down to three persons. All male church members are automatically members of PMF and eligible to serve on the Steering Committee. Please consider joining us at our monthly planning meeting, which takes place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 in Room #1 (the Prayer Room). You don't have to make a long-term commitment; your participation is voluntary. For questions, contact Tony Hubbard at 265-1224 (tghubbard@frontiernet.net) or Todd Fargo at 670-9177 (tfargo@gmail.com).

New Church Support Team for Men

One out of six men will encounter prostate concerns in their lifetime. The odds are greater as men age! For those with these concerns it is a time when you don't need to be alone. Five men in the church are willing to share their experiences with rising PSAs and the before and after of prostate procedures. Please mention your situation to Pastor Larry. Let him know if you wish to meet with our Support Team or an individual from the team, and he will contact them. For future reference, the informal name of our team is “The PSA Players”!

ADULT EDUCATION

	9:00 a.m.
Date	Chapel
9/11	Christian Grandparenting Bob & Sandi Blakey
9/18	Chapel Conversation <i>The Wonder of It All</i> Spiritual Journey and Book
9/25	Peacemaking Dorothy Akoto – “Ghana” Peacemaking Committee

Welcome! We have an exciting lineup of classes for the fall! Whether you have attended Adult Ed. classes before or not, we encourage you to try some of these out. They offer great opportunities for us to grow in our relationships with each other and with God, the maker of the universe.

9 A.M. Classes – Begin September 11

Grandparents’ Day of Prayer is September 11th. The Christian Grandparenting Network has proclaimed Sunday, September 11, 2011 Grandparents’ Day of Prayer. Praying consistently and persistently for our grandchildren is the greatest gift we can give them, no matter whether they live near us or far away. Come to hear and share suggestions about how to pray with more passion and purpose as we strive to leave a legacy of spiritual influence and prayer. This session will be based on Lillian Penner’s book, *Grandparenting with a Purpose*. It is not necessary to read the book beforehand as concrete examples will be shared, but the book can be purchased through www.christiangrandparenting.net if you wish.



Chapel Conversation - Roger Goodman will be sharing about his spiritual journey and how he has encountered God in nature, the Bible and other places. He has thought deeply about his faith and has recently written a book called *The Wonder of It All*. In it, he describes his journey and provides new insights on God’s presence in our world. Roger is a retired high school teacher who, along with his wife Diane, attend Webster Presbyterian Church for the six months that they are in Rochester each year.



Peacemaking - Come to hear the Peacemaking Committee present a short program on Ghana. Dorothy Akoto, an ordained Presbyterian minister from Ghana working on her PhD at Trinity Theological Seminary and this year’s recipient of the WPC Cecil Ngckovane Scholarship, will be present to meet members of the congregation as we learn more about this most interesting country and the role that women and Presbyterians are playing in its development. We will also have the joy of having her lead us in worship at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to better understand and implement the Natural Church Development (NCD) program in our church, we have already highlighted 4 Quality Characteristics: Empowering Leadership, Gift-Based Ministry, Passionate Spirituality and Effective Structures. Our goal is to better understand all 8 characteristics so that we can use them more effectively in our church programs and community ministry. This month we will look at Inspiring Worship and Holistic Small Groups.



Inspiring Worship is about sharing the loving presence of our Living God in a way that results in both joy and quiet reverence. We are given three opportunities to worship on Sunday mornings and other, more informal, opportunities during the week. The inspiration comes not just from the words spoken at that time or the Bible readings or times provided for personal prayer and reflection, but also from the celebrative music and our God-centered interaction with other worshippers – church members and visitors alike. What do you take home with you after the service to help “kindle the fire” until your next worship opportunity?

We have a great strength in the many small groups that exist in our church, but what makes them Holistic? Seeing them as disciple-building communities is a start. The Holistic Small Group focus creates an atmosphere that allows each group member to grow in the discovery of his or her God-given gifts and offers opportunities to implement those gifts in the church and community.

Throughout this process we must remember that in any Quality Characteristic we are merely “watering the seed.” It is the Holy Spirit, active in the planning and the implementation, who brings forth the fruit of our efforts.

WELCOME ORGANIST MALCOLM MATTHEWS

Please welcome our new organist, Malcolm Matthews. He was born in Toronto, hails from Memphis, TN, and received his Bachelor of Music in Organ from the Eastman School of Music in May. Malcolm is beginning a Master's program in organ and harpsichord, studying with David Higgs. He comes with musicianship, experience and personality. Look for Malcolm on Sunday, September 4th!

CHANCEL CHOIR



If you sing in the shower, you can join in the choir!

Soprano, alto, tenor or bass, don't worry. You can find a place.

Join the group; you won't get bored making music to praise the Lord!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7th, at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

HANDBELL CHOIRS



Anyone interested in participating in the WPC handbell program is asked to contact Jackie Anderson at Anderson@rpa.net, 265-9054 or 703-2381.

The middle school choir (also open to adults), **Praise Ringers**, rehearses on Sundays from 3 – 4 p.m. when there is a regularly scheduled meeting of youth fellowship. Rehearsals begin on September 11th.

The **Glory Bells** adult choir rehearses on Thursdays from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Rehearsals begin on September 15th.

Alleluia Bells, an advanced choir, normally rehearses on Sundays from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. However, September rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:00. Rehearsals will begin on September 6th.

COMING THIS FALL - THE CHIMERS ARE BACK !!



We are excited to bring back the Chimers Program for the children of our church! On Sunday mornings between Sunday School and the 10:30 service, we will be holding classes to introduce reading music, understanding rhythm and, most importantly, ringing hand chimes. Not only will the children learn new techniques, but we will rehearse as a choir to play for our church community. Although this group will be targeted for 2nd through 5th graders, it will be open to anyone, be it a musically inclined five year old or a middle-schooler with no musical experience. This program will begin in early October. Look for more information to come!

SOUP-ER NEWS!!



Wednesday night Soup and Praise suppers will begin again on September 21st running from 6:00 – 7:00. Come join us for soup and fellowship in the Social Room, followed by a time for praise and prayer.

PEOPLE WITHOUT PARTNERS

The singles' group has been busy this summer, beginning with the Webster Library's summer movies series held on Tuesday afternoons in August. Then on August 10th, sixteen of us met at the Webster Arboretum on a beautiful day when we welcomed relative newcomers: Carroll Manning, Barb Hackett, Nancy Lewis, Marge Wells and Betty Anderson. On September 7th twelve of us will bus to Lockport where we will enjoy an Erie Canal Tour, organized by Marge Crumb. We hope our newest participants, as well as all of our regulars, will join us when we meet for an 8:30 breakfast at the Atlantic Family Restaurant (across from Webster Schroeder High) on September 14th.



PATHWAY DEADLINE



The deadline for the October issue of *The Pathway* is **Tuesday, September 20**. Articles can be brought to the church office or e-mailed to kotoole@websterpresbyterianchurch.org and office@websterpresbyterianchurch.org.

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

has openings for Fall 2011

2-day afternoon class

Monday & Thursday - 12:20 – 2:40

Child must be 3 years old by September 1st and fully potty-trained

3-day afternoon class

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 12:20 – 2:40

Child must be 4 years old by December 1st and fully potty-trained

Contact Registrar Laura Oliver (216-9455) for information.





“Presbyterians in Action”

“Presbyterians in Action” is a term that we are using for WPC “hands on” mission work in our community and beyond. During the summer, members of our congregation were involved in a couple ways:

Ten youth and five leaders picked up the trash along Route 250 from Klem Road to Lake Road in early August as part of our church’s involvement in the Adopt-a-Highway program. They did a very efficient and thorough job.

Groups totaling 19 folks worked with Pastor Don at Grace House in the city on one morning each in July and August. They did a lot of painting and caulking and some carpentry and cleaning. Thank you to all of these folks!

There will be additional mission service opportunities this fall. An adult work team trip will travel to southwestern West Virginia from October 23 to 29 to work on flood and poverty relief. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Brad Adams at 872-5281 or at bkadams@frontiernet.net. If you are not able to go but would like to support the team financially, please contact Georgia Hubbard in the church office to contribute to the travel expense fund. And, of course, your prayers for the team will be very much appreciated.

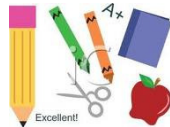
Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Summer Mission Project

Year after year the congregation of Webster Presbyterian Church generously responds to Mission opportunities, and this summer was no exception. To date the Williamson Come-Unity Center has received \$3962 to help the indigent. The Come-Unity Center has a long history of carefully using resources to help people in this area. The food box in the Narthex that the Deacons manage and which we all have the opportunity of replenishing adds to their efforts throughout the year. We are indeed fortunate to be able to help so many people here, as well as other parts of the world.

School Supplies

Imagine how many children will be prepared to learn and do projects with over 1580 pencils, more than 200 pens, plus 120 boxes of crayons, in addition to many other needed supplies donated by you this past summer. Thank you for your generosity! Pandamania Vacation Bible School gathered lots and lots of school supplies for the Williamson Come-Unity Center. All of the recipients at Eastern Service Workers, People’s Ministry in Christ and the Williamson Come-Unity Center are grateful.



TRUSTEES’ CORNER

➤ The Endowment Fund has received a substantial gift from the estate of Margaret Middleton, a career librarian and lifelong member of our church. This generous gift will be used to upgrade and enhance our church library, located in the Narthex. The Trustees and the Library Committee are making plans to insulate the wall and ceiling, install a new window, upgrade the lighting, install new shelves and paint the walls to make this the welcoming reading area that Margaret would have appreciated. The Library will be temporarily relocated to a corner of the Social Room while renovations are in progress.

➤ A new copier-printer will be installed in the church office.

➤ The Trustees will be making changes in our custodial services to save money and eliminate redundant efforts. A contract with Office Maids is being discontinued. The congregation is welcome to comment on any housekeeping/custodial/maintenance concerns they may have.



➤ The next Church Workday will be Saturday, October 22nd. Mark your calendars now, as this is always a time of fun and fellowship with other devoted church members!

ENERGY CONSERVATION RELAMPING PROJECT

The RGE/EnerPath re-ballast and lamping program was completed here on July 27th & 28th. The subcontractor, Summer Leigh, successfully installed high efficiency lighting and ballasts in the Social Room, Kitchen, Choir Room, Sanctuary, School offices, upper hall classrooms and various hallway areas.

We removed the high can lights in the Sanctuary and pendant lights in the Chapel and Sanctuary from the program because EnerPath could not provide dimmable bulbs suitable for these applications.

An additional expense was incurred in the Sanctuary as the result of having to replace track and all the fixtures in one of the choir track lights on the high beam. Thanks go to Gary Maier for helping to install the new track and 10 new fixtures.

Check out the new lamping the next time you are in church. We anticipate the new lighting will significantly reduce our electricity consumption. EnerPath estimated the new high efficiency bulbs they installed will save our church about \$650 per year in reduced energy costs. EnerPath guarantees the new lamps and ballast for one year and will replace them at their cost. These savings should recover our project cost of \$2600 within about four years.



LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

We invite all of you to read these lectionary passages ahead of time as one way of expanding your Biblical aptitude and also as a way of preparing for worship each week.

Sunday, September 4

Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 12:1-14*
Psalm Reading: *Psalms 149*
New Testament Lesson: *Romans 13:8-14*
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:15-20*

Sunday, September 11

Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 14:19-31 **; 15:1b-11, 20-21*
Psalm Reading: *Psalms 114*
New Testament Lesson: *Romans 14:1-12*
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Sunday, September 18

Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 16:2-15*
Psalm Reading: *Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45*
New Testament Lesson: *Philippians 1:21-30*
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 20:1-16*
*Matthew 22:1-14 ***

Sunday, September 25

Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 17:1-7*
Psalm Reading: *Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16*
New Testament Lesson: *Philippians 2:1-13*
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:23-32*

** Indicates the primary text for that week's morning message.

PRAYER

Join us in prayer Saturday mornings at 9:00 in Room 1 for the following topics:

September 3: *Exodus 12:1-14*
September 10: *Psalms 114*
September 17: *Matthew 20:1-16*
September 24: *Philippians 2:1-13*

A prayer group also meets Sunday mornings at 10:15 in the Conference Room to pray for the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Have you ever had a "God Moment"? This year the Spiritual Nurture committee is encouraging everyone in the church to be looking for the "God Moments" in their lives each day. A "God Moment" can be any time that you notice that God is working in your life or when you notice that God is around. It can be as simple as noticing the sunrise or watching a flower or having someone smile at you when you are down. Starting in October we will be having a "God Moment" during one of the services each week. Someone will be sharing a personal "God Moment" or one that was read in a devotional or a book. We are hoping that members of the congregation will be willing to share their own "God Moments." There will be a bulletin board in the Narthex devoted to this subject with papers attached for you to jot down your own "God Moment." There will also be a link on the website for you to share. If you are interested in sharing your own "God Moment" with the congregation, contact Betsy Barr, 585-645-9150 or wtbarr@hotmail.com. We encourage you to look for ways that God is working in your life. Begin to look around; we know that you will see Him everywhere.

PEACEMAKING



This September the Peacemaking Committee is suggesting that you take the opportunity during this program year to focus on your own inner peace. With all the busyness around us and the confusion and news that can cause us to give up or become stressed, it is a good time to take a deep breath and "Be Still," our theme for this year. Throughout the year we will have programs, readings, and suggestions for things we can do as individuals and as groups that help us calm ourselves and open us up to peace.

NEEDED - FLOWER COORDINATOR(S)



Each Sunday we enjoy beautiful fresh flower arrangements on the communion table to honor or celebrate loved ones. We have a number of women who graciously do the arrangements, but we now need a volunteer to contact those who would like to donate the flowers and the arrangers. If you are willing to spend one or two hours each month helping with this need, further details can be provided by MaryGrace Thomas (872-4148) or Thelma Leonhard (872-3198).

PRESBYTERY NOTES

by Mary Lou Davison, Journal Clerk



WORKING IN MISSION

WPC does wonderful work with hands-on mission locally, nationally, and worldwide. Genesee Valley Presbytery makes it possible for those churches not blessed with our superb Mission Committee or grounded in a tradition of teen workcamps to work up a sweat for mission.

Mission Possible Double Exposure, an intergenerational Day of Service with GVP's 2012 mission partners, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29. Participants will gather at 8:30 a.m. at 1st PC Chili (3600 Chili Ave.) for opening worship and instruction. They will be assigned to work with one Mission Partner in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. Workers will return to Chili at 3:30 p.m. for closing worship and reflection.

Registration is with programsecretary@pbygenval.org by Oct. 24. \$5/person fee should be mailed to Janice Bilohlavek, 1190 Winton Road S, Roch 14618

This Day of Service would have multiple benefits for WPC members. Among them: get to know those from other GVP churches, help out GVP Mission recipients, strengthen the connectional quality of our denomination.

Mission Partner Sites for this event are:

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| People's Ministry in Christ | Livingston County Coalition of Churches |
| Cameron Community Ministries | Focus on the Children |
| Judicial Process Commission | Farmworker Legal Services |
| LeRoy Christian Community | Spiritus Christi |
| Rural Migrant Ministry | RAIHN (Roch. Area Hospitality Network) |
| Main Street Store | E. Roch. Community Resource Center |
| Genesee Parish Outreach | Building Minds In Sudan |
| Genesee-Orleans Ministry of Concern | |

WHAT'S NEXT?

The future of Presbyterian ministry in Western and Central NY will be the focus of **NEXT, a conversation for Presbyterians**, set for Nov. 9 at Third PC (4 Meigs St.) from 8:30 a.m. till the 4 p.m. worship windup.

"Last February in Indianapolis, 500 leaders of churches across the country gathered to think BIG about the future of vital ministry in Presbyterian congregations. Our focus centered on connections, mission, and vocation in the Next Church. Some of us who were there from this region were energized by the experience and would like to continue the conversation here at home. Come join us to explore the movement of the Holy Spirit in the church." – *from a conference attendee*

CHURCH OFFICERS NEEDED

The Nominating Committee is once again active in the search for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to fill 3-year terms beginning in January 2012. **Elders**

DEACONS We are prayerfully considering those who would be appropriate to fill those positions, and are actively seeking individuals who may be interested or know of someone whom they would consider interested and qualified. We ask you to consider how best you can serve our congregation, and to what role **Trustees** you are being called.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION

(To Take Office January 2012)

The All-Church Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for:

- Elder: Five 3-year positions
Meetings the 1st Monday of each month
An office of leadership, government & discipleship
- Deacon: Eight 3-year positions & one 2-year position
Meetings the 3rd Tuesday of each month
An office of sympathy, witness and service
- Trustee: Four 3-year positions
Meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month
An office of church corporation and management



The Nominating Committee thanks you for your consideration and your prayers:

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| Kathy Adams | Tony Hubbard |
| Barbara Coleman | Debra Szalay |
| Kim De Vuyst | |
| Marty Durbin | |

Completed forms may be given to a committee member or submitted to the church office.

I recommend _____ for nomination to the office of:

_____ Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee

Your signature (optional)



FAMILY NEWS

Deaths which saddened us included:

Merwin Clark, father of Kathy Adams, on May 27th;

Bill Partridge on June 16th;
Bud Hunter, brother of Jane Parker, on July 5th;

Dorothy Brower on July 17th; and
Cynthia Morgan, mother of Stephanie Lux, on July 18th.

We celebrated the **births** of:

Carter Jackson Clair, son of Ryan & Alyson Clair and New Arrivals great-grandson of Ed & Alta Harter on May 25th;



Danielle Abbott, daughter of Steve and granddaughter of Bob & Sandy Abbott on June 23rd;

Nicolas William Durbin, son of Bill & Linda Durbin and grandson of Al & Marty Durbin on July 31st; and

Sadie Laura De Vuyst, daughter of Ben & Sarah De Vuyst and granddaughter of Larry & Kim De Vuyst on August 5th.



Baptised on July 3rd was:

Luke William Sepka, son of Dan & Jeanine Sepka.

Marriages were celebrated on July 31st by:

Randy Nelson & Dawn DeRoo;

Jim Hach and Barbara Spitzer.



Happy 62nd Anniversary to Ed & Alta Harter on June 11th; and

Happy 66th Anniversary to Hugh & June Richards on June 28th.

Congratulations!

Happy 100th Birthday to former member John Ross, who now lives in Dunedin, Florida.

Congratulations to Bill Thomas who has accepted the Associate Pastor position at Concord Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Waterloo, IL.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



During the summer we prayed for: Dave Parker, John Corbett, Jessica, Merwin Clark, Carter Jackson Clair, Sherry Butch, Phil Perry, Mary Lou Davison, Dorothea, Pat Sabin, June Richards, Jack Thomas, Andrew, Zachary, Pat VanKouwenberg, Mitchell, David Podsedly, Ruth Huboi, Joe Kovaks, Carolyn Bartlow, Bud Hunter, Lester Steele, Dorothy Brower, Nicholas Durbin, Beth Petrino, Teena Brown, Joshua Honebrink, Sadie Laura De Vuyst, Paula Kent, Phil & Donna Coene, the Gaugh Family, Al Granger, Garry Darrer & Family, Hannah Bero, Anne, Dave Thompson, Liz, Danielle Abbott, Rebecca & Family, Sherry Snoke's father, Jodi & Chad and Martha Moler..

Thank You

The family of Bill Partridge would like to thank their church family for the prayers, cards, visits and concern through all of Bill's long illness and his passing. Special thanks to Pastor Larry, Pastor Lisette and the "church ladies" who visited weekly and always brought a smile to his face.

Wanda, Gary, Pat, Gayle & Lori

June & Hugh Richards very much appreciate the prayers, visits and words of encouragement during her stay at Saint Ann's. She still has a way to go, but being home and ambulatory now is a major step.

Thank you all for the many prayers and encouraging beautiful cards sent to me during my recent surgery.

Ruth Huboi

THE FUTURE OF WPC

A futuring and vision committee is being formed. This group will be soliciting your opinions. Please think and pray about our church – what is most important, how you would move forward, where you think God is leading us, what specifically you would do, how you will help, etc. Your thoughts and prayers are valued. Soon you will be directly asked to give the committee your opinions.

Betsy & Bill Barr would like to thank everyone in the congregation for the concern, hugs and prayers sent our way during this difficult transition after their house fire and loss of their beloved pets. We would especially like to thank Sienna Petrino for her heart which is filled with the Spirit of Jesus. Sienna raised over \$41 by selling cookies and lemonade at their garage sale. She donated the money to a group at Cornell University that helps pets in the name of Hektor and Lilly. We are overwhelmed by her generosity and know that the money will be used well. We have felt all the prayers during this time.

Thank you for the many cards and expressions of sympathy on the death of my brother. They were greatly appreciated.

Jane Parker

ADDRESS CHANGES

















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OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day. Regular office hours (9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) resume September 6th.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 Worship & Music Comm.	2 	3 9:00 Chapel Prayer
4 8:00 Chapel Worship 9:30 Sanctuary Worship 10:30 Bible Study 11:00 Church of God	Church Office Closed 5 	6 6:00 Men's Book Study 12:00 Ruth Circle 5:30 TOPS 7:00 Adult Ed. Committee 7:00 PMF Steering Comm. 7:00 Alleluia Bells	7 6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 10:00 Alpha Circle 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 7:15 Chancel Choir	8 9:30 King Circle 	9 	10 9:00 Chapel Prayer 
11 8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 The Gathering 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God 2:00 Praise Ringers 3:00 Youth Fellowship	12 10:00 WIC Program 7:00 Session Meeting 7:00 Friends Team 7:00 BS Troop 262 7:00 Cub Pack Committee 7:00 Preschool Orientation 7:00 Peace Committee	13 6:00 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 TOPS 7:00 GS Leaders 7:00 Alleluia Bells 7:15 Trustees Meeting	14 6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 8:30 People w/o Partners 9:00 Preschool 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Naomi Circle 7:15 Chancel Choir	15 9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells 9:30 Membership Committee 6:30 GS Troop 868 7:00 Initiative Team	16 9:00 Preschool	17 9:00 Chapel Prayer 
18 8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 The Gathering 9:00 Christian Ed. 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God 3:00 Praise Ringers 4:00 Youth Fellowship	19 9:00 Preschool  7:00 Governing Bodies 7:00 Youth Committee 7:00 BS Troop 262 7:00 Cub Committee	Pathway Deadline 20 6:00 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 TOPS 6:30 CCE Committee 6:30 Cub Den #8 7:00 Alleluia Bells 7:30 Deacons Meeting	21 6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool 4:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 7:15 Chancel Choir 	22 9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells 6:00 Peacemaking Dinner 6:30 GS Troop 868 7:00 Stewardship & Finance	23 9:00 Preschool  6:00 PCub Pack 262	24 9:00 Chapel Prayer 
25 8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 The Gathering 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God 3:00 Praise Ringers 4:00 Youth Fellowship	26 9:00 Preschool  6:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 Mission Committee 7:00 BS Troop 262	27 6:00 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 TOPS 7:00 Alleluia Bells 7:00 Health Team	28 6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 8:30 WIC Program 9:00 Preschool 4:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 6:30 Cub Den #8 7:15 Chancel Choir	29 9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells 	30 9:00 Preschool	