

Presbyterianism 101
Part 5 in a series
The Meaning of Membership

The incarnation of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives to the church not only its mission but also its understanding of membership. One becomes an active member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord are the visible signs of entrance into the active membership of the church

A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of his Church. Such involvement includes:

- a. proclaiming the good news,
- b. taking part in the common life and worship of a particular church,
- c. praying and studying Scripture and the faith of the Christian Church,
- d. supporting the work of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- e. participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,
- f. demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- g. responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- h. living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- i. working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment

Accepting the privilege and responsibility of membership in the church is a commitment to Jesus Christ that binds the individual to fulfillment of the obligations of membership. Members shall, when encouraged by the session, regularly review and evaluate the integrity with which they are involved in the ministry of the church and consider ways in which their participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

Comment: The recent addition of three new members to our family reminds us of what we said, "I do" to when we joined. At times like that it is also helpful to revisit what those vows of membership entail and then to reflect on how we are fulfilling them.

Update from Pastoral Nomination Committee (PNC). As of mid October, we have passed a major milestone, being the completion and approval of, our church information form (CIF), by Session, Presbytery and COM (Commission on Ministry). This document represents six month's dedicated effort. While this seems long, by all accounts, this amount of time was normal. The next step in the process is to upload this document to the Presbytery site, and then we will begin the process to examine every candidate's personal information form (PIF), (akin to a resume), that aligns with our CIF. This will be our focus for next several months. Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward.
Respectfully, Bill Dassero / Peter Derry Co-Chairs PNC.

Dear Members and Friends,

Last November the Session of Gates Presbyterian Church entered into a one year Covenant Agreement with Rev. Dr. N. Scott Cupp. The Covenant Agreement template was provided by the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley and specified the terms and expectations of Rev. Cupp's services as Interim Pastor for our church. The Covenant Agreement was for the term of one year as recommended by Presbytery and expires on November 30, 2009.

On September 3rd the Session met to join in prayerful consideration of what we, the members and friends of Gates Presbyterian Church, are being called to do in God's service and whether Rev. Cupp's gifts are in keeping with that call. We consulted the Presbytery Committee on Ministry for guidance and were graced with the presence and wisdom of our COM representative to moderate this meeting. Two Elders met with Rev. Cupp following this meeting to present the areas of concern and to offer the opportunity for response. These Elders reported back to Session at our regularly scheduled meeting on September 17th. This portion of the meeting occurred after both Rev. Cupp and Rev. Strawbridge had been excused, at which point moderation of the meeting was transferred to one of the two representatives from the Committee on Ministry who were in attendance.

Our meetings were prayerful, deliberative, thoughtful, courteous and difficult. Our discussions covered all facets of the Mission and Ministry of Gates Presbyterian Church. Through thoughtful conversation and faithful reflection we determined that God has different plans for Gates Presbyterian Church and for Rev. Cupp and the decision was made that we would not enter into a new Covenant Agreement.

We are grateful to Rev. Cupp for his compassion and care and for all of his efforts throughout his time with us.

We are grateful to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for their guidance and support throughout this difficult process.

We are grateful to our fellow members and friends of Gates Presbyterian Church for their fulfillment of their promises of support of the efforts and decisions of Session as reaffirmed each year when officers are installed.

We are hopeful and excited as we move forward in discovery of God's plan for Gates Presbyterian Church.

Finally, we are yours in Christ's service.

- Members of the 2009 Session of Gates Presbyterian Church

DEACONS PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer

Chuck Goodykoontz's mother, battling health issues
Joe Schnabel, recovering from surgery
Chuck and Cathy Goodykoontz's sister-in-law, recovering from heart bypass surgery
Howard Falke, recovering from surgery
Vi McMahon, recently hospitalized at Unity Hospital
Don Chapin's brother-in-law, battling health issues
Continued prayers for **Jim Bartell**

Our sympathy to

Tom and Chris Arcara and Family on the recent death of Tom's mother
Dave and Sheree Barrett and Family on the recent death of Dave's father
Renee Shone and Family on the recent death of her mother **Linda McKibben** on
9/28/09
John and Hannah Walker and Family on the recent death of John's brother in Texas
Melanie Savidis and Family on the recent death of her father, **Walter Cookenham**
Barb Snaith, Linda and Michael Lindeman and Family on the recent death of Barb
and Linda's mother, **Bettie Snaith** on 10/18/09
Doug and Chris Constable and Family on the recent death of **Chris's mother Betty**
Brown

Congratulations to

Beth Marconi on the birth of a baby boy Marshall Richard on 9/23/09

REMINDER TO DEACONS

Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16th

TABITHA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 10 at the home of Winnie Sweetman, 29 Black Creek Drive.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 17 at GPC, Room 16.

SECOND ANNUAL MYSTERY NIGHT

In March this year, for a night, our fellowship hall was turned into the the Flaherty Family Nursery in Blarnie PA. About 65 people joined together for fun, laughter, fellowship and some "serious" detective work. A mystery was solved. Where will next years mystery take us? Save the date--March 20, 2010--come help us solve a mystery.

Adult Education

1st Summer Reading Marley and Me – by John Grogan Excerpt....

One of the males seemed particularly smitten with us. He was the goofiest of the group and charged into us, somersaulting into our laps and clawing his way up our shirts to lick our faces. He gnawed on our fingers with surprisingly sharp baby teeth and stomped clumsy circles around us on giant tawny paws that were way out of proportion to the rest of his body. I had to admit he was pretty darn adorable. Frisky, too. Before I realized what he was up to, the rascal had half my watchband chewed off.

Hope you had a chance to read “Marley and Me”! It’s a beautiful story about an adorable yellow lab with no fears and a whole lot of love to give!!!

Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World by [Vicki Myron](#) and Bret Witter

The book, “Dewey” is about a small-town library cat who touched the world!! He was found in a library book drop in the dead of winter in Spencer, Iowa by the librarian, touching her heart so much he became her cat and also the library’s cat! You will love this amazing fun book about this adorable cat! He will touch your heart too! Hope you get a chance to pick it up to read before November 1st!!

8th Alternatives for Battered Women (“ABW”)

Ms. Pamela Graham, Coordinator of Prevention Education for the Alternatives for Battered Women will join us. Their mission is to enhance the quality of life and empower individuals affected by or at risk of domestic violence. Come hear Ms. Graham talk about this wonderful service. Remember: We donate items needed by these women every year at our Annual Women’s Candlelight Dinner!

Note: save the date of Monday, December 7th for the Women’s Candlelight Dinner. Be at the Whittier Party House for opening festivities at 6 p.m. New members are especially welcome.



15th A Brief Introduction to the New Testament

The New Testament is not one book but 27 different ones. Some were written by the same author. Others were written by people claiming to be someone else. Most were written over a period of some sixty years, far less than the time it took to write the Old Testament. This Second Hour Session will look into the development of the New Testament and provide a brief over-view of its content. Come and ask the questions you have never had a chance to ask before.

Introducing Our Newest Members

We are delighted to introduce three people who now join us as members.

Anna Bihrlle, sponsored by Arlene Tandy has two sons and two grandchildren. She enjoys volunteering, the Buffalo Bills, and collects bells. Do I see the Bell Choir in her future?

Peggy Militello lives in Chili and loves gardening, reading, and tea. She works in the Strong Midwifery Group and has three children. Her sponsor is Donna Schott.

Penelope (Pene) Ritz is a former teacher sponsored by Debbie Dassero, and comes to us from Watertown. She reads, acts, roller blades and walks her dog Izzy. She is also a Bills and Sabres fan, married recently, and is a super grandmother to 10 grandchildren. Debbie Dassero is serving as her sponsor.

Women Gather in Peace and Friendship at Beautiful Retreat House

Please check your records to confirm that the September, October, and November payments for the upcoming Women's Retreat have been received, including the prepayment of \$15.25 for dinner Friday if you wish to attend this. Also, please save and bring magazines. Expect a letter with retreat instructions very soon!



Thanks to those from the congregation and Presbytery who organized and made our first Westside Presbyterian Women's Program a success. Our Russian speakers, mission work, and fellowship were very rewarding. Watch the Harbinger for another event this spring. A special thanks to 1) our own Janice Bilohlavek for spearheading and coordinating the program, as well as seeking grant funds to build our westside community women's fellowship and 2) those who sent homemade gifts of love to our Russian counterparts.

GPC Men's Invitation

Join the men in fellowship for breakfast on **Thursday, November 5th at 6:30 a.m.** (the first Thursday of each month). We will gather at the Town and Country Restaurant on Chili Avenue.

Also join the men at **6 p.m.** for dinner on **Thursday, November 19th** (the third Thursday of each month). This month we will be gathering at the **church** in the **adult lounge** (Room 1). Bring your own dinner and join the free wheeling conversation.




O God of all Creation: You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth. The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name!


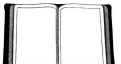

On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society. We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.



We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

From "Prayers for God's People" Thomas P. Roberts, editor

Take Us Home with You! Continue your Christian education at  cozily

sipping  and wrapped up in a blanket. How? By borrowing a,  

or . Many are available for loan in the . We appreciate those on the Library Committee who generously donate their time maintaining and upgrading it.

To make a purchase for the library, contact Nora Bush for suggestions.

Missed the *Water for Sudan* program? The DVD is now available for loan in the library.

GPC MISSION UPDATES HELPING OTHERS NOW

Cameron Community Ministries has let us know that they need disposable razors, women's deodorant, mayo, salad dressing, & hot sauce. **If you wish to donate any of these items place them against the brick wall in the narthex and clearly mark what they are for.**

DePaul Services has made us aware of the fact that they are in need of personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, hair brushes, combs, even socks. **If you wish to donate any of these items place them against the brick wall in the narthex and clearly mark what they are for.**

HELPING OTHERS THIS UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON

Tis the season...to help those in need (Make special note of when the donations are due!)

Alternate Advent Market 2nd Hour December 6th. Shop for the holidays and support GPC Mission Projects all at one time! The Alternative Advent Market will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and you will be able to choose from such things as a Book Sale, SERV gift table, Fair Trade Coffee, Guatemala Group table, Heifer Project and Gifts of Hope table, Jamaica Basic School support table, Socks for St. Joseph, Aurora House and more! In fact if you are part of a charitable organization and have something to sell this holiday season, please let Nancy Bodhorn know! 594-9263 nbodhorn@rochester.rr.com

Gifts for Cameron: We are helping 60 children that are part of Cameron Community Ministries by volunteering to supply each child with **ONE brand new complete outfit**. Specific details about the child and the desired outfit will be on the Christmas tree Nov 29th. **Outfit is due back to GPC on Dec 13th by 10AM.** Please place in a plastic bag with the tag from the tree attached to it. If you have questions, call Nancy Bodhorn 594-9263.

Teddy Bears 2010

Thank you to everyone who is dressing a bear for a Rochester city school kindergartener this year. Please return your bear to church on December 6th. We will be collecting and displaying them in the area by the coat racks, outside of the Sanctuary.

The Teddy Bear Picnic will be at 2:00 p.m. on December 6th at the Chestnut Court lounge of St. John's Meadows (Elmwood Avenue between Mt. Hope and Clinton). The bears will be prepared for delivery while we share refreshments and fellowship with the ladies of the Meadows. Directions and carpooling are available, just give Sally Christensen a call at 247-6095.

The bears will be delivered to School #16 on Post Avenue on January 15th during the morning. The date for delivery to School #1 is still to be determined. All of the details of these events will be available on December 6th.



****URGENT NEED**URGENT NEED**URGENT NEED****

SWEM needs our help more than ever this year. We'd like our GPC members to supply SWEM with **at least** 65 Holiday Dinners for families in need. Can you help? **Bring in the dinners on December 13th by 10:00AM.**

Christmas Dinner Shopping List

1 Fruit Cocktail or other fruit	2 cans of soup
1 large fruit juice	1 instant mashed potatoes
2 regular or 1 large canned sweet potatoes	1 cranberry sauce
3 canned vegetables (Corn, Peas, Beans)	1 bag stuffing mix
1 (or more) relish/pickles/olives	Instant coffee or tea bags
1 box gelatin dessert (or cake & frosting, or pie crust and filling)	
\$5 in cash in an envelope (no checks!!) to be used to purchase the perishable part of the meal (eggs, margarine, chicken)	
Feel free to add small candies, mints, or other holiday treats.	

Please put the groceries in a small box. Some people have used laundry baskets or plastic totes as boxes which are an additional gift to the recipients! If using a cardboard box, feel free to decorate the box. Please do not wrap individual items within the box as they must be checked for completeness prior to distribution.

Mitten (and hat and scarf and glove) tree. This year the items on the tree will be going to DePaul. **They need adult sized items.** Both men's and women's items are needed. If you already have purchased child-sized items, please donate them as well, as there are family members there that can use those. It may be a cold, cold winter this year, so let's help others by donating new items to keep them warm! Our "Mitten Tree" will be in place just outside Room 2 by the 1st Sunday in Advent. Please have your donations hung from the tree by **December 25th**

St Joseph's House of Hospitality: We are cooking the meal for St. Joseph's on **Friday December 18th at 6:30 PM** in the GPC Kitchen. We are serving at St. Joseph's on **Saturday December 19th at 10:30AM.** Volunteers are needed for both of these activities. We also need people to sign up to donate the needed food items. Sign up sheets will be on the Kiosk by the first Sunday in Advent.

Upcoming Young Adult Mission Trip

A Young Adult Mission trip is being planned for May 27-June 7, 2010. The core of this trip will be in the village of Magyarzescord, Hungary where we will work with the minister of the Magyarzescord Reformed Church. In addition we will visit Budapest, Salzburg, and Vienna. If you are a Young Adult (out of high school to age 30) and are interested, but didn't get a mailing please contact Carol Anne.

Budget Update

Thanks--keep up the good work! As of Sept. 30, three quarters of the way through the year, over 71% of the year's pledges have been received.

Although we are still concerned because the planned building use income from BOCES will not be received, total receipts to date are "only" \$288 less than expenditures. However, this is a little misleading--we received a substantial special donation early in the year from the estate of Frank Roberts. The Trustees are actively searching for tenants to make up the BOCES gap.

Statements of Giving

Statements of giving for the first 10 months will be available for pick-up on November 8th. If you would like your statement mailed, please call the church office at 247-5292. We will not be mailing statements if they are not requested, to hold down costs.

Time & Talent 2010

This year we will be returning to an annual rather than seasonal Time and Talent sheet. You should be receiving it any day with the budget mailing, if you do not have it already. There is space for input from two members on the form; if there are more than 2 members in your household, extra forms are available in church or by calling the church office (247-5292).

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK LUNCH



HOLD THE DATE! Sunday November 22nd

The stewardship and budget committee invite you to join together and enjoy a congregational potluck lunch after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking you to bring a dish to share along with your own place setting. Coffee and punch will be provided. We are seeking to bring the congregation together to celebrate the Good News of Jesus and the gifts of time, talent and treasures that have been committed to GPC for 2010. This

promises to be a time to enjoy a good meal and the fellowship of our church family. Please plan to join us.

Lectionary Readings for November 2009

- 01 **All Saint's Day -- Communion**
Isaiah 25.6-9 – on this mountain – a feast
Psalm 24 -- The earth is the Lord's and everything in it
Revelation 21.1-6a – a new heaven and a new earth
John 11.32-44 – Lazarus raised from the dead
Theme: Doing new things
Focal Scripture: Revelation
- 08 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ruth 3.1-5 and 4.3-17 – The Israelite rite of redemption
Psalm 127 – the Lord watches over his people
Hebrews 9.24-28 – Christ will appear, to save those waiting for him
Mark 12.38-44 – the widow's mite
Theme: True generosity
Focal Scripture: Mark 12.38-44
- 15 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1 Samuel 1.4-20 – the birth of Samuel
1 Samuel 2.1-10 – Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving and praise
Hebrews 10.11-14, (15-18), (19-25) – provoke one another to love and good deeds
Mark 15.1-8 – feeding of the 4,000
Theme: Provoking one another
Focal Scripture Hebrews
- 22 **Christ the King Sunday**
2 Samuel 23.1-7 – the Last words of David
Psalm 132.1-12(1-18) – A Psalm recalling the Divine choice of David
Revelation 1.4b-8 – Christ is coming again
John 18.33-37 – What is truth?
Theme: Choices
Focal Scripture John
- 29 **1st Sunday in Advent – Communion**
Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge preaching

Musings:

How much is enough? I suppose that depends on what we are talking about isn't it? If we are talking about food – enough is the minimum daily requirements that are prescribed by the FDA. If we are talking about snow, then we probably have already had enough. (Unless you really like that stuff) Generally speaking – 'enough' is relative. It is relative to whatever we happen to be talking about at the moment.

For the past two installments, I have been talking about Stewardship. Many of us approach this whole conversation from the perspective of money. Generally the question is, "how much is enough. How much should we give to the work of God?"

Let me turn that around. How much can we reasonably expect to keep? Or to put it still another way, how much of what we really have is ours in the first place? The Bible teaches us that all we have is God's. What then is ours?

Fortunately for us – God allows us to use all of the resources that are at our disposal. We believe we have worked for them – and indeed we have. Still, the fruits of our labors are ultimately also a gift from God because we have been given the skills necessary to warrant those fruits.

If we finally acknowledge that everything we have belongs to God then what is to be our response? I suppose the first is one of gratitude. We start by saying, "Thank you God, for giving all of this into my care and for trusting me to use it wisely."

So how do we decide what to return to God as a show of our gratitude? The scriptures seem to say a tithe is expected. That means 10% is the expected return on God's investment in us. Of course, the question then is, 10% of what? The Gross? The Net? The adjusted net? The answer is 'yes.' Whatever you decide to give.

The Bible also says, "Give of what you have and not what you do not have." This is a way of saying, give in proportion to what God has given into your care. If you have a lot, then make up your mind to give a lot. If you have a little – then give a little.

How do we decide? Practically speaking, there are a number of ways. You could calculate what you contribute to the work of God and see how it stacks up to what the Bible says. If it is the 10% prescribed by the scripture then you have arrived at the basic level.

The Bible also talks about growth in giving. By the same principle above, calculate what you contribute to the work of God and decide to increase that percentage by 1% over what you contributed last year. The beauty of this is that if we all did it we would nearly double the income of the church in a year! Even if you are at 10%, there is always room to grow in what we give to God's work.

Another way would be to decide to contribute \$1 per \$1,000 of your income every week. That means if your annual income is \$10,000 then you would contribute \$10 a week.

No matter what, the way to decide is to make a plan and stick with it. Give to God's work first. Do it with a smile and glad heart because that is the same way that God gives to us.

As we approach the pledge season, may God continue to bless you as you decide what to do to move this church's mission forward.

See you in worship!

Grace and peace, Scott

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2010

NEW LOVE NEW MERCY – Lamentations 3:21-24

Gates Presbyterian Church is a place to gather for worship, prayer, learning, and fellowship and from which we depart to minister both near and far. Previous generations have endowed us with an amazing gift, a place of worship for which we are stewards.

- The practice of stewardship begins with hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ and is a spiritual discipline in response to God's grace.
- It is more than giving money to the church. Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us.
- As one example, the percentage of our household income which we choose to give to our church can be seen as an indication of where the church falls in our priorities, relative to housing, transportation, and other necessities as well as vacation and leisure expenses.
- The practice of stewardship involves the way we devote our time and energy in daily life to God by serving others.

Please take a moment to ask yourself what is it that means the most to you in your relationship with God and Gates Presbyterian Church?

- What is your part in maintaining the health and wellbeing of the Mission and Ministry of this church?
- What more can I do to insure that this continues to be a lively, warm and caring church community?

This congregation has been generous and faithful in its support of the Mission and Ministry of the church in the past. Proportionate giving has been the Biblical way of determining how much we are going to faithfully manage for the benefit of our own lives and how much we are going to faithfully and generously give away for the benefit of others and the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus. Paul says that we are "stewards of the mysteries of God" which have been revealed in Jesus. We ask you to *avoid the #1 financial mistake many Christians make . . .* relying on worldly wisdom instead of biblical principles.

Sunday November 8th has been designated as consecration or commitment Sunday when the members and friends of GPC will be asked to bring their pledge of time, talent and financial resources to church. On this day we will join in celebrating our life together, dedicate ourselves to Christ's service, and rejoice in our commitment as stewards of Gates Presbyterian Church. May God continue to bless all that we are and all that we do.

In Christ,

Your Stewardship Committee

Youth News

November 1 - 9:00 - Youth Choir
11:15- Jr and Sr Hi Church School
6:00 - Jr and Sr Hi Youth Group
Jamaica Mission Trip - payment due
November 5 - 7:30 - Advisor's Meeting
November 8 - 9:00 - Youth Choir
11:15 - Jr. and Sr. Hi Youth Group
November 12 - 7:00 - Youth Committee
November 15- 9:00 - Youth Choir
11:15 - Jr. And Sr. Hi Church School
6:00 - Jr. and Sr. Hi Youth Group
November 21 - Jr High at Food Booth Church Mouse
November 22 - 9:00 - Youth Choir
11:15 - Jr and Sr. Hi Church School
1:00 - 3:00 First Jamaica Orientation
November 28 - 9:00 - Youth Choir
Family Sunday - no Church School

JAMAICA MISSION TRAVELS: A FEW REMINDERS

- Please Catch up with your trip payments by November 1
- If you have not gotten your passport yet, please do do.
- Our first orientation meeting is November 22 – 1:00 – 3:00
For youth and advisors (not parents on this one)

Super Energetic Junior Highs - Your chance to be a restaurateur!

We need your help with the Food Booth at the Church Mouse Bazaar - November 21 - Talk to Carol, Mary, Allison, Rob, or Dave if you can help!

Wheel-A-Thon a great success!

What a wonderful fall day we had to enjoy the beauty of the Erie Canal, the fun of being with friends, and the joy of working for mission. Many thanks to all who helped – riders, cooks, rest top managers, meal planners, ice cream donors, Vanders, and especially all who pledged our riders! We made over \$2300 – all of which will go toward our youth mission trips. This is a fun way to spend a fall afternoon. Consider it for you and your family next year. We would love to have your help in Wheeling for Mission – October 3, 2009.

From the Associate Pastor

“I’m worried about Carol Anne in the transition time.” It’s a mantra frequently heard these days. To be honest, I am deeply touched by the genuine concern it expresses for me. Thank you! I decided to take this opportunity to reassure you that there is no reason to worry.

TOP TEN REASONS NOT TO WORRY ABOUT ME

10. I know where Kay hides the chocolate that she puts on her desk.
9. I have a remarkable organizational system with superb tote bags and laundry baskets as the foundation.
8. There are mysterious food fairies at GPC that occasionally deliver my meals.
7. I believe in recycling - recycling the lesson, recycling the letter, maybe even recycling the sermon – just kidding.
6. I am surrounded by wonderful teenagers who keep me smiling.
5. I have been the solo pastor at GPC on five different occasions and survived.
4. The people of GPC are grace-filled! They forgive my mistakes.
3. I am part of an amazing team of faithful experienced church workers - your staff.
2. There is strong lay leadership at GPC. People who generously give of their time and share their talents – you!

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON NOT TO WORRY ABOUT ME

1. God is in the midst of this transition supporting and leading us all!

Thus, don’t worry about me – instead, let’s have fun and work together as we discover how God unfolds the next chapter of the GPC faith story.

Carol Anne

CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR

We're looking for 100 people to work on a special event. Short shifts; jobs are easy, chair people you will like working with are wonderful, and you'll meet fun people. Sound like a good job for you??? Then sign up for the 32nd Church Mouse Bazaar on November 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Can't work that day? How about baking for our baked food booth under the capable hands of Helen Priestley. All the yummy baked foods sell fast! Or, helping clear the church on Friday evening under the direction of Chris Thornton. We need all of **YOU!**

2009 chairpeople for 32nd Church Mouse Bazaar. If you can help, please call the names below:

Friday evening, Nov. 20 – Clean out the rooms: Chris Thornton (352-7898)

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Hostesses. Early am and throughout the day:
Marcia Way (247-6036)

Saturday, Nov. 21 – SERV – work at the mission table:
Sheri McFarlane (436-1274)

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Traffic Control: Bruce Taylor (594-2753)

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Snack Bar – Sell food to public:
Margie McKnight (865-9212)

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Baked Foods – price and sell:
Helen Priestley (247-5035)

Saturday, Nov. 21 – 4:30 p.m. – Put rooms back in order:
Jeff Weber (247-7044)

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Lay Reader	Communion	Usher Team	Front Door Greeter
November 1	Paula Sousa	* See below	#2	Barbara Snaith
November 8	Dave Fish		#3	Carol Hennen
November 15	Jeff Tuttle		#4	Ann Marie Simm
November 22	Barbara Walence		#5	Eric Vail
November 29	Sherry Nau		#6	Jenna Steinmiller

Communion – November 1st

Left:	Al Waugh	Right:	Louise Bernhart
	Ionie Crosdale		Gladstone Crosdale
	Lauren Henderberg		Sheree Barrett
	Sally Christensen		Steven Christensen

Communion – November 29th – First Sunday in Advent

Left:	Brenda Thornton	Right:	John Belt
	Kathy Coons		Jeff Tomkinson
	Bev Switzer		Ann Haag
	Jim Mossgraber		Cam Mossgraber

NURSERY & TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Nursery:

November 1 Tami Pignone & Joshua Binko
 November 8 Andrea & Ian Unson
 November 15 Sue & Alyssa Birkbeck
 November 22 Chris Davis & Joshua Binko
 November 29 Diane & Laura Keiling



Toddler Room:

Sharon Call & Carolyn Thornton
 Brian Hart & Shawn Lewis
 Tracy & Jessica Burkovich
 Ginny Smith & Rob Ohman
 Amanda Adams

Resource Saturdays At the Presbytery Resource Center

1190 Winton Road South

Located at the north end of Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church

Saturday November 14,

9:30–11am

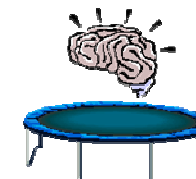
Registration Deadline: Thursday November 12

Mental Aerobics—Maintaining Your Brain's Fitness!

Leader: Barbara Bruce, Educator, Speaker & Author

Do you want to:

- create sharper thinking skills?
- develop better memory?
- create life long habits to keep your brain fit?
- learn behavioral modification tools to increase cognitive functioning?
- learn about your brain's plasticity?



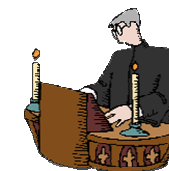
If you answered YES to any of these questions, come and join us for a discussion and presentation about maintaining brain fitness.

Pastoral Evaluations—An exploration of the spiritual dimensions of work evaluation

Leader: Rev. Dr. Val Fowler, Pastor First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls

- What is the purpose of performance evaluation in the Church?
 - Particularly evaluation of a pastor?
 - What are the hoped-for outcomes, and how can they be achieved?
- What does our shared faith bring to that exercise?

The course will be informed, in part, by Jill Hudson's book, *When Better Isn't Enough: Evaluation Tools for the 21st Century Church*.



All courses are FREE!

Pre-registration requested for all courses.

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