

Youth Calendar

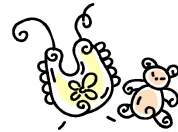
March 4 –	7:30 - Advisor’s Meeting
March 6 -	10:00-4:00 – Confirmation Class
March 7 –	9:30 – Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship – Youth Choir singing 11:15 - Church School 6:00 - Youth Group
March 14 –	9:30 – Youth Choir 10:00 – Worship – bells playing 11:15 – Church School
March 16 –	7:00 – Youth Committee
March 21 –	9:30 – Youth Choir 10:00 – Worship 11:15 – Church School 6:00 – Youth Group
March 28 –	9:30 - Youth Choir 10:00 – Worship No Junior and Senior High Church School

Senior Highs – March 7 – Spot Coffee – Meet at GPC at 6

NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

NURSERY ROOM SCHEDULE

Date	Name
March 7	Chris Davis and Joshua Binko
March 14	Diane and Laura Keiling
March 21	Tami Pignone and Joshua Binko
March 28	Andrea and Ian Unson



TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

Date	Name
March 7	Tracy and Jessica Burkovich
March 14	Ginny Smith and Robbie Ohman
March 21	Sharon Call and Carolyn Thornton
March 28	Amanda Adams



From the Associate Pastor

I am leaving for Jamaica early tomorrow morning. It will be my eleventh GPC mission trip to Jamaica. Each trip has had its own unique experiences. This year Ash Wednesday promises to be one of those experiences, as we will be in Jamaica on Ash Wednesday. It is a national holiday in Jamaica. Church members gather to worship all day. I respect the way the Jamaicans step outside of everyday life in order to begin the Lenten journey. The Lenten journey takes Christians “Along the Way” to the repentance of Ash Wednesday, to the triumph of Palm Sunday, to the confusion of Maundy Thursday, to the despair of Good Friday and to the joy of Easter morning. It is a spiritual journey that will deepen our faith when we are traveling with a serious commitment to explore our faith. I invite you to join me “Along the Way”. I am confident that through this intentional faith journey, we will discover much about our relationship with God and each other. There will be sacred surprises “Along the Way”. There always are on any journey; thus, let us travel with an open heart and mind to them. With the help of Bible study, worship, and personal meditation, the journey will lead us to the most amazing surprise of all time – the empty tomb of Easter morning.

Carol Anne

DEACONS' PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Sandy Way, recovering from surgery
Joe Schnabel, recovering from surgery
Kathy Dietz, battling cancer
Lois Benedict, hospitalized for tests
Doug Constable's brother battling health issues



Our sympathy to:

Tracy and Jim Burkovich and Family on the death of Tracy's father and grandmother.
Bonnie and Whit Beckett on the recent death of Bonnie's cousin.

THANK YOU

Thank you to my friends at Gates for the cards, calls, and especially the prayers. A part of me is the lovely prayer shawl that keeps me warm and loved.

Sincerely, Jane Gracey

REMINDER TO DEACONS:

The next Deacons' meeting is Monday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2.

TABITHA CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jan Beutner, 8 Cottage Grove Circle, N. Chili. Read Chapter 6 – Horton Hatches the Egg.

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet on March 2nd at church. We will meet in Room 16 at 2:00 p.m.

CIRCLE OF GRACE would like to invite the ladies of the church to "game night" on Monday, March 29, starting at 7:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded during the evening. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Come, enjoy the commraderie of good friends and new friends, playing games or even just catching up with someone you haven't seen in awhile. Any questions, please call Kay Harder (429-5119) or Barb Snaith (247-9066).

GUATEMALA PARTNERS will present its 2nd Annual "Mystery Night" on Saturday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are now on sale after worship or call the church office for information on how to get your tickets. The price is \$10.00 plus a dessert or appetizer to share. This is an "opportunity" to help us continue our mission work in Guatemala. Please join us for a night of fellowship, laughter, and mystery!!!!



Mission News

Lenten Wall of Food -

During Lent, bring a can of food with you to worship and watch the food wall grow. Food will be donated to SWEM – Southwest Ecumenical Ministries. SWEM provides emergency food to people living in the Southwest Quadrant of Monroe County. In these days of challenging economic times, food banks are desperate for food. This is a great opportunity to help!

One Great Hour of Sharing – Received March 28th

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Christian church is able to make significant donations to places like Haiti because of the The One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find hope for a brighter future. At GPC, we have a long history of contributing to this offering. Our children were given their "fish banks" on February 21st. Both the fish banks and adult donations will be received in worship on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Donation envelopes are enclosed in this Harbinger.

Personal Hygiene Kits for Haiti

Church World Service Hygiene Kits – Tabitha Circle is coordinating the collection, sorting and delivering of Personal Hygiene Kits to be sent to earthquake victims in Haiti. There will be a collection box in the Narthex on three Sundays in March – the 7th, 14th, and 21st. Please bring one or more items in and we will assemble the kits and deliver them in April. Items needed are very specific:

One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)

One washcloth

One wide-tooth comb

One nail clipper

One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

One toothbrush (in original packaging)

Six standard size Band-aids

Also accepting cash to apply to shipping costs.

Do NOT bring in toothpaste as it has expiration dates. It will be added by CWS.

Please help us to help others!

MANY THANKS to all who participated in the St. Joseph's meal. Special thanks to the Junior Highs and their advisors who graciously served the guests at St. Joseph's and a big thanks to those who donated food and to the cooks that prepared it!

YARD SALE

The ***GPC Yard Sale*** will be held on June 12th this year – and will be here before we know it! We need your help to make the 2010 GPC Yard Sale even more \$uccessful and FUN than past years.

We need:

DONATIONS: Please keep the Yard Sale in mind as you're doing your spring cleaning, or wondering how your kids manage to outgrow things so quickly.

PEOPLE: There are opportunities for everyone – be assured that we will put your time and talents to good use!

There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the Adult Lounge. All are welcome!

LIBRARY NEWS:

Have you been to the Children's Library at GPC? Come in and check it out! We have a large selection of children's books on many topics and for different reading levels. The book shelves are labeled by category so you can easily find specific books. We also have numerous videos and a child's reading table and chairs to sit at. Check out the wall "bulletin board" - each month is a different theme for children. It's easy to sign out library materials. Just write your child's name and phone number on the card inside the book (or on the back of the video) and leave the card in the red basket on the file cabinet.



Watch for a new display on the library table in front of the windows. For March we will display Multi-Generational Books -- books for all age levels and topics!

See you in the library!

HOLD THE DATE! Saturday, April 10 – Annual Roast Beef Dinner

We are looking for volunteers to help out! Look for sign-up sheets in upcoming bulletins as well as sign-up sheets posted outside the Sanctuary. Any questions you may call Whit Beckett at 247-2155.



ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL'S enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is filling up fast. If you know of someone who would like to attend our preschool, please have them call Sue Gramowski at 889-4249 as soon as possible.

In February, the preschool sent cards and M&M's to soldiers in Afghanistan. Thank you to the children, their parents, and the teachers for this wonderful outreach.

Worship in March

March 7 – 3rd Sunday of Lent - Communion
Guest pastor – Rev. Paul Babcock
Adult Choir and Youth Choir

March 14 – 4th Sunday of Lent
Guest Speaker – David Seaburn
Minute for Mission – Randall Shea
Adult Choir

March 21 – 5th Sunday of Lent
Isaiah 43:16 –21, John 12:1-8
Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge
Adult Choir and Bell Choir

March 28 – 6th Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-40
Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge
Adult Choir, Children's Choir

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

Both the Sunday Morning Bible Study and the Wednesday Evening are engaged in a Lenten Bible Study: "Questions Asked Along the Way". Please join us for this study as we explore the questions in scripture asked "Along the Way" to Jerusalem.

Wednesday evening – March 3, 10, 17, 24 – 6:30-7:30 – Room 16

Sunday morning – March 7, 14, 21, 28 – 8:45-9:30 – Room 3

PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Lenten devotional booklets, "Questions asked Along the Way" are provided for use at home during Lent. They are in the foyer on the Memorial Stand.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT FOR 2010

The "Per Capita apportionment" for 2010 is \$25.82 per member. This represents the "cost of being Presbyterian." It pays for services such as the Resource Center on Winton Road, the Presbytery staff, and similar expenses at the Synod and General Assembly levels.

While the apportionment is assessed to the Church, rather than individual members, it will certainly help our budget if members would reimburse GPC for their share. There is a special envelope for this purpose in with your regular envelopes or write a check and mark it "Per Capita" if you don't have envelopes. If you have questions, call the church office.

Adult Education Programs

7th Putting Faith Into Action with Adam Switzer

As Christians we have many roles in order for us to be loved by our God. One of the most important roles we have as Christians is to have faith and to carry out our faith and put it into action. Learn more with our own Adam Switzer.

14th Personal Altars with Jan Beutner

What are altars? Why do we have altars? Where do we find them? How can we make an altar personal? Join us as we discuss finding the sacred in the ordinary, a process for furthering our spiritual growth during Lent. Bring with you a memento or keepsake, a photo or a picture; part of a prized collection; or an object from nature – whatever speaks to you of your blessings. Bring an object that tells what you value, what's important to you – something that makes you mindful of the Lord's presence in your life.

21st PNC Update

Members of the Pastoral Nominating Committee have been meeting regularly working on selecting the best candidate for Gates Presbyterian Church. They will discuss the process so far and where they have to go from here.

28th Religious Art with Jim Mossgraber

As we enter Holy Week and experience the anticipation of Maundy Thursday and the renewal of God's covenant as represented by Communion, you are invited to attend a special Second Hour program, following our Palm Sunday Service, where we will explore the theological, historical, and sociological significance of the two most revered elements of sustenance in all of Christianity – the bread and the wine. Why did Jesus select the fruit of the vine and the staff of life to represent the Lord's New Covenant and why have they endured as the physical symbols of eternal remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for all peoples of faith? Come and bring your spiritual appetite for learning and discussion.

Putting the Fellow in Fellowship

Enjoy food and fellowship with other GPC men. Meet for breakfast at 6:30 am at the Town and Country Restaurant in Chili on the first Thursday, **March 4th**. On **March 18th** (the third Thursday evening), meet again for a 6 pm dinner at the same restaurant.
Men of all ages are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Beautiful Casowasco, in a mansion on a lake, will be our next retreat location. Please save the date in your plans: **November 12 – 14**.

LOVE AND THANKS FOR ONGOING LEADERSHIP

Thank you, Carol Anne, for your dedication of time and effort as you continue leading GPC while in transition - and - for your grace as you do the work of two people! You are loved and appreciated!

GPC READS THE BOOK

Please read *Highest Duty – My Search for What Really Matters* by Captain Chesley Sullenberger & Jeffrey Zaslow for a May program. Amazon.com includes the following review:

On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed one of the most remarkable emergency landings in aviation history when Captain “Sully” Sullenberger skillfully glided US Airways Flight 1549 onto the surface of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. His cool actions not only averted tragedy, but made him a hero and an inspiration worldwide. To Sullenberger, a calm, steady pilot with forty years of flying experience who is also a safety consulting expert, the landing was not a miracle but rather the result of years of practice and training – wisdom he gained in the cockpit of U.S. Air Force jets and in his Texas boyhood.

PRAYER FOR ALL GOD'S CREATION

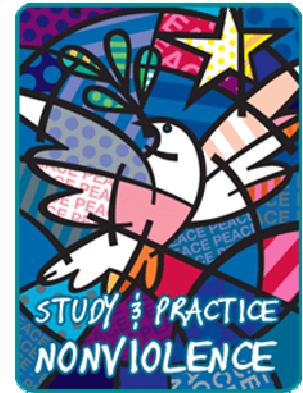
Grant us, God, a vision of Your power
breaking through the grey clouds of our times,
lighting the path that we should take
to the promised land of justice, love and peace.

Reveal to us the glory of Your Cross
on which the enmity is broken down,
the darkness overcome,
that which is divided reconciled
and true peace restored.

Help us to see new and wide horizons
where minds are broad enough
to cherish whole truth,
where ears are open to our neighbor's hurt
and eyes perceive the other's worth.

Be born again in us, Lord Jesus Christ,
that from the lowly manger of our lives
a light may glow for nations round the world:
Your Kingdom on its way.

Presbyterian Church in Ireland



PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Front Door Greeter</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>
March 7	Jan Beutner	Whit Beckett	5
March 14	Ginny Barley	Linda Allen	6
March 21	James Lewis	Carrie Dykes	1
March 28	Linda Sidore	Ann Haag	2

COMMUNION – MARCH 7

Left

1. Ken Birkbeck
2. Irene Derry
3. Steve Christensen
4. Ginny Smith

Right

1. Donna Schott
2. Peter Derry
3. Sally Christensen
4. John Belt



EASTER FLOWERS AND/OR GREEN ISLAND BASIC SCHOOL

If you would like to order a tulip plant for display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday and/or make a \$10.00 donation for the Green Island Basic School in Jamaica in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and leave it with the money (or check) in the offering plate, in the church office, or by mail by **March 15th**. Please make checks payable to Gates Presbyterian Church. This year tulips are available for \$10.00.

Name of Donor(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

In HONOR OF or MEMORY OF (please circle appropriate phrase)

Please check appropriate donation: Tulips _____ Green Island School _____

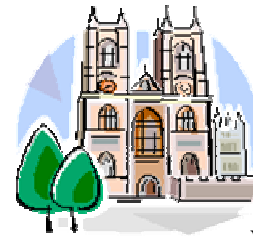


Resource Saturdays

The Resource Center is open for browsing on all Resource Saturdays 9am–1pm
Come early, stay late!
Coffee & goodies provided.

All courses are free!

Pre-registration requested, contact [Susan Orr](#) , 242-0099



**Saturday March 13,
9:30–11am**

Registration Deadline: Thursday March 11

Hospitality as Evangelism

Linda Badger Becker, General Presbyter

What do newcomers experience upon arrival at your church? What do they learn about your congregation and its spiritual vitality by what they see and hear on Sunday morning? Will they be back?

This hands-on workshop on biblical hospitality and church growth is designed to be a real eye-opener.



The 3 Colors of Spirituality: A New Resource for NCD Leaders: Rev. Nancy Tripp-Leport and Melinda Gaudio, Natural Church Development Coaches

When it comes to expressing our Spirituality, one size does not fit all! Do I hear an Amen?!

In *The 3 Colors of Spirituality*, Christian Schwarz, founder and president of the Institute for Natural Church Development, has written a valuable book to help us understand more fully passionate spirituality as well as 9 spiritual types or ways we connect to God. He defines Passionate Spirituality as the “personal relationship of the individual believer to God” and the desired end is for the believer to “give glory to God”.

Come and see how this book can open up a whole new understanding of our most common minimum factor, passionate spirituality, and help us to understand which of the 9 basic types we use most naturally. Discover your personal spiritual style and learn how to relate to styles different from your own. Join us for an enlightening and lively discussion

All courses are FREE!

Pre-registration requested for all courses.

Contact [Susan Orr](#) , 242-0099