

Budget Update

Just a quick note to fill you in on the final 2010 budget approved by session:

Pledge income, final figure as of January, 2010: \$293,799 thanks to all of you!

Staff support, total of \$224,363. This includes a reduction of 2 hours per week in custodial staff. Interim pastor and/or newly installed pastor from April 1 through Dec. 31. Carol Anne will be paid at the "head of staff" rate through March 31.

Maintenance and Operating, total of \$57,395 which includes new items for pest control and ongoing roof maintenance.

Programming, total \$31,106. This includes a "session discretionary fund" due to late pledge receipts, which could be used in various areas including restoration of previous cuts.

General Mission, \$34,785 10% of total budget expenditures.

Total, **balanced** budget for the year, income and expenditures of \$347,649!

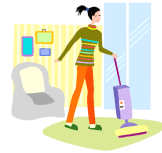
PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT FOR 2010

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.

THE GPC YARD SALE – SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

Spring cleaning????? Those items that you no longer need or want may be just what someone else is looking for. Save them for the Yard Sale!

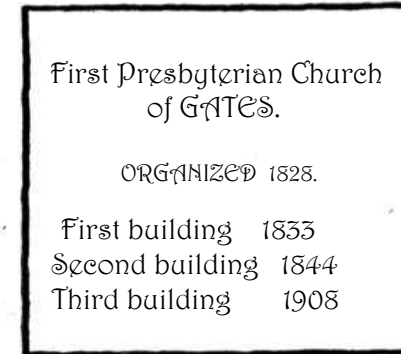


WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Practices will begin, weather permitting, on Monday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m on the GPC field. Games will start in May and are played on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you are 13 or over and want to play on the GPC Women's Softball team this season, come on out to practices, or call Bev Switzer at 247-6434. It's great fun.



From the Associate Pastor



The words above are from the modest wooden sign that welcomes us each time we walk into the front door of GPC. In gold worn letters, we are reminded that we serve God on a foundation that was built by generations of GPC'ers. I don't know the history of the sign itself. I imagine that it hung in/on the "third building." I am delighted that it hangs in our building now! It reminds me, each and every day, of the breadth and depth of ministry at GPC.

It is a reminder that helps me to see "bigger" than the momentary challenges of our current transition. For since 1828, GPC has successfully moved through many transitional phases: transitions from one building to the next, from one pastor to the next, from one Session to the next, etc. These were made in the midst of wars, depressions, recessions, political battles, community crises, not to mention personal despairs and discouragements. No doubt folks then, as now, yearned for stability on Sunday morning. Instead, they were greeted by guest pastors and unknown hymns.

Yet, 182 years later, GPC is a strong and viable congregation – a congregation determined to faithfully worship God, do God's work locally and globally, and to grow spiritually. Change has been part of life at GPC. That is not unique to GPC for change is part of God's plan for creation: the seasons change, our children grow, the sun rises and sets. Change is opportunity. Let us be strengthened by the faithful history of the GPC congregation as we continue our transitional journey. God is in our midst with wonderful sacred surprises for us!

Carol Anne



Parking Lot Valet Service Volunteers

Many thanks for your wonderful services over the long, cold winter now behind us. Your efforts made us feel more safe and secure as we entered and exited the building.

Calling Men of All Ages

The men's April meeting plan is as follows:

Meet for breakfast at the Town and Country @ 9:00 a.m. on April 1st. This is also the start of an every other month time change. Breakfast for the month of May will be @ 6:30 a.m., June will be 9:00 a.m., etc...

April dinner is planned for Pixley's Restaurant on Buffalo Road by Tops. The date and time are unchanged. It is still 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15th. For additional information contact Gary Dykes. Hope to see you all there!

Men's Retreat – Are You Interested?

Let's start the conversation about planning an enjoyable retreat. Please contact Lynn Schramel at lynn@gatespres.org or at 723-1366 to provide your input ☺.

Celtic Prayer

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words

Let us give thanks for the fit of this day

And pray for the life of the world...

You have taught us, O Christ, to love the world,

You have shown us the light that is within us and within all things

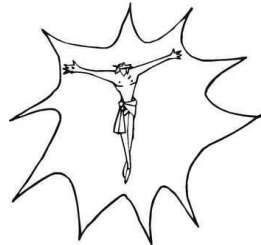
May we learn to love you more

And in loving you more

Learn to love the earth and all its people more,

For you are the light of all life

Celtic Treasures, J. Philip Newell (available in the GPC library)



**"There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread."
Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

Adult Education Programs for April

11th Center for Missing and Exploited Children ~ Resources for Parents & Guardians

We welcome The Center as they help you protect your children by teaching them to be safer and make smart decisions. The best way to combat sexual exploitation and abduction is to prevent it. Learn to...

- *Help keep your child safer*
- *Know what to do if your child is missing*
- *Get important resources about Child Identification*
- *Understand the importance of having a good quality photo of your child*
- *Know if your child is at risk for International Abduction*
- *Report Child Sexual Exploitation*
- *Help kids learn to stay safer online with the NetSmartz Workshop*
- *Get answers to your questions about Internet Safety, computers, and the Web with NetSmartz411*

18th Music Therapy with Christine Cook

With all the therapies out today it is hard to remember what they can all do for us. Hear what music can do for your physical, mental and spiritual health. Come and learn more about the wonders of music and how they go beyond our aesthetic enjoyment.

25th Aurora House of Western Monroe County, Inc

What is Aurora House? It is a residential 2 bedroom home providing FREE end of life care, 24 hours a day 7 days a week, adopting the "Hospice" philosophy of care and currently being built in Spencerport, NY. The property located at 2495 Union Street, in Ogden was gifted by the Ogden Presbyterian Church in Dec. 2008. In March, 2009 the site was cleared to begin the preparations for the building process. The groundbreaking took place on Sept 19th and the first work crews arrived on site a few weeks later. They will be opening their doors to their first residents in fall 2010.

Aurora House Founder/President Sandie Ville has worked diligently for over 5 years to make Aurora House become a reality. She was recently named "Citizen of the Year" by the Spencerport Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of her efforts. There is much work left to do. Volunteers are needed and will need training. Items are still needed for the house. Funds are still needed to keep the home going, etc. She will be coming to GPC to explain the Comfort Care Home/Hospice philosophy, give some history on how Aurora House got started, show pictures of the building process, and go over volunteer opportunities, etc.

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.

MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER SALE

The Guatemala Partners Mission Group will once again be selling the beautiful hanging baskets in time for Mother’s Day. We will be offering the same plants as last year: Ivy Geraniums, Fuscias, Rosebud Impatiens, and New Guinea Impatiens. There will be order forms in the Sunday bulletins or you may call any of the following members of the committee to order flowers: Cheryl or Bruce Taylor, Gretchen Greene, Tom Ward, Margie McKnight, Allison Gilday, Bev Switzer, Dotty Meddaugh, or the church office. Final date to order will be April 25th and pickup will be at the church on May 4th.



This is one of our largest fundraisers for the year. Please support this worthwhile project and also make your yard brighter and prettier at the same time! Please tell your friends!

MUSTARD SEED SCHOLARSHIP

Through donations from members of Gates Presbyterian Church, a fund was established with the intent of providing scholarship assistance to a graduating high school student who will be pursuing the next level of education. The intent of the scholarship is not to fully pay for the education, but to help defray the expense of higher education.

In 2010, one Mustard Seed Scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship is a 4-year, \$1,500 per year scholarship. This scholarship will be paid directly to the student’s account at the beginning of each school year.

Applications are now available in the church office and must be turned into the church office, addressed to the attention of the Mustard Seed Committee, no later than noon, Sunday April 25. For additional information or questions, please contact Chuck Goodykoontz or Kay Harder.

Stewardship Corner

I’ll bet you think this is a request to give money, time or talent, right? Not this time!

Wikipedia says Stewardship is a belief that we are responsible for our world, and that we should take care of it. In the coming months you’ll read about ways Stewardship can pleasantly affect YOU, as well as to encourage care for all who come through the doors of GPC.

Today let’s consider *Stewardship of Relationships* – or caring for one another. This doesn’t cost anything, and it WILL make you and others feel really good. Next Sunday and every Sunday make it a point to **smile broadly** ... say “Good Morning” with a broad smile, tell someone something you notice about them: “Great tie!” or “That color looks beautiful on you!” Everyone loves to be acknowledged in special ways, and after you’ve offered these kinds of comments, those people will smile back and you’ll have a new friend for life! When you take your seat in your regular spot, notice the people next to you, in front of you, behind you. **Smile broadly** and say “Good Morning!” If there is someone in your area whom you do not know, make it a point to **smile broadly**, introduce yourself, ask if it’s their first time coming or say “I’ve seen you before but I’ve not met you” and introduce yourself. If you have to look at the attendance register to check out names or church affiliation, that’s the sure clue you need to get to work and introduce yourself!

You see ... fostering relationships in our church, whether you are youth, a new member, or a “pillar of the church” makes everyone feel a part of the Family of God at GPC. These small and easy actions encourage people to feel they belong, they feel encouraged to attend church regularly, to participate in activities, and to contribute financially as they can. All this helps toward your *Stewardship* contribution to the church.

So please ... do your part. If you think you’re too shy – stretch your boundaries! Reach out your hand in welcome! **Smile broadly** in honor of the God we praise and who loves His relationship with us. Next time we’ll talk about being **Joyful!**

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Sign up sheets are in the hallway next to the offices for donating food or volunteering to help the day of the dinner. All help is very much appreciated to make this a successful dinner!



Time & Talent

Please help us out and let us know of activities that are no longer applicable, and any activities that should be added, for the 2011 Time and Talent sheet. Email Whit Beckett, wbeckett@rochester.rr.com, or Ginny Barley, ymbnrd@ntid.rit.edu, with changes.

DEACONS' PAGE



Please keep in thought and prayer:

Ruth Culver at home after hospital stay for vertigo
Ed Wimer in Strong Memorial with continuing health issues
Frances Melton in Unity Hospital--having complications after shoulder surgery
Hannah Walker struggling with health issues
Kim Snyder, recovering from gall bladder surgery
Natalie McTarnaghan, recovering from a fall
Bob Thurling, diagnosed with cancer
John Bower, struggling with cancer
Joe Schnabel, recovering from surgery

We express our sincere sympathy to:

Lynn and John Schramel for the death of John's mother
Robin and Carl Shubert for the recent death of Robin's father
Steve Ferguson and Family for his wife, **Judy's** death on March 13
Gary and Carrie Dykes and Samantha for the death of Gary's grandmother
Paula Sousa for the death of her aunt
Derrick and Shelli Paine for the death of Derrick's father, Donald Paine
The Family of Barbara Bullock who passed away on March 16th.
The Family of Rev. Paul Cameron, a former associate pastor at GPC

Congratulations to:

Paul and Carol Brown, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 24th

NEXT DEACONS' MEETING: Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet at GPC (Room 16) at 2 PM on April 6, 2010.

Tabitha Circle will meet at GPC on April 13, 2010 at 7pm in Room 16.

Library News:

Check out the Adult Library at GPC! We have a large selection of fiction and non-fiction and reference books, DVD's, and videos. It is easy to sign out library materials. Just fill out the sign-out card in the item you want and place the card in the box on the library shelf.

Watch for a new display on the library table in front of the windows. In mid April we will display "green" books of interest as we move towards spring.

See you in the library!



SNOWBIRDS – Don't forget to let the church office know when you have returned to Rochester so we can make sure your newsletter goes to the correct address.

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On Palm Sunday we were happy to process into the Worship Center with our palms! Our anthem that morning was one of many arrangements of Psalm 188:24 "This Is the Day". We are getting more and more familiar with the Psalms and will sing a song based on Psalm 139 in May.

Last month we started taking a look at *nature* as we learned our April anthem, "All Nature Has a Song" by John Parker (words) and Douglas Wagner (music). Nature is full of wonders, and we have been doing some good wondering of our own, for instance:

Do all creatures have a "song"? Can trees "sing"? rivers? mountains?
 How about the universe? What makes us want to sing or dance?
 What things keep us from singing? Who do we sing to? Is singing natural?
 Are we part of nature? Are we in charge of nature? What is human nature?
 Where does GOD fit into all of this? Does GOD sing?

As you can see, there is a lot of thinking going on in Room 4!

Maybe one of our favorite psalms, Psalm 100, isn't just for us. Maybe it's an invitation for ALL creatures, ALL nature to

*Make a Joyful noise to the LORD...Serve the LORD with gladness...
 Come into GOD's presence with Singing !!*

NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

NURSERY ROOM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
April 4	Sue and Alyssa Birkbeck
April 11	Chris Davis and Joshua Binko
April 18	Diane and Laura Keiling
April 25	Tami Pignone and Joshua Binko



TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
April 4	Amanda Adams
April 11	Brian Hart and Shawn Lewis
April 18	Tracy and Jessica Burkovich
April 25	Ginny Smith and Robbie Ohman



Update from the Interim Search Committee

At the end of November, Carol Anne agreed to assume additional duties and our church has been operating with one pastor. To that end, Carol Anne has been consistently working 70 hours per week. We are very grateful and blessed to have her leadership and dedication to this congregation. However, her contract for the extra hours terminates on March 31, 2010. Carol Anne wants to step back into her role as Associate Pastor.

In January, Session formed an Interim Search Committee and the committee has been working diligently to find a new Interim Pastor. We have identified a qualified candidate for this position, and are currently in the process of negotiating terms of call with the candidate and the Presbytery. The Committee on Ministry meets on April 6, 2010, after which we will be able to make an announcement to the congregation. We ask for your patience. As soon as the way is made clear, we will present the Interim to the congregation.

Peace,
Nancy Bodhorn, Sherry Nau and Irene Ward

LOOKING FOR YOUR MEMORIES AND/OR PHOTOS

2010 Annual Women's Candlelight Dinner – Monday, December 6th – Rick's Prime Rib

This year celebrates 30 years of the wonderful GPC Women's Dinner. The Adult Ed. Committee thought it would be great to see if anyone has any memories and/or photographs they would like to share so that the Committee could have them put into a slide show presentation for the attendees to enjoy during dinner. Please contact Barb Snaith or anyone on the Adult Ed. Committee if you have any pictures to share.

WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 4 - Easter
Choirs: Adult, Youth, and Brass Ensemble
Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge, preaching
Isaiah 25:6-9, John 20:1-18

April 11, 18, 25 – Speakers still to be determined.

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Westside Presbyterian Women presents an evening with Sister Diana, Founder and Director of Hope Hall. Ogden Presbyterian Church, 2400 S. Union St., Spencerport.
More details in Sunday bulletins.

Mission News

Lenten Wall of Food

Thank you to all who donated food to the Lenten Wall of Food. The last day to bring your donations is Easter Sunday. Food will be taken to SWEM the week after Easter.

St. Joseph's House Of Hospitality

On Saturday April 17, GPC will be serving lunch at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. We need food donations, cooks, and servers.

Food donations: See sign-up on the Kiosk. Please put donations in GPC kitchen by noon, April 16.

Cooks: The meal will be prepared on April 16, 6:30 in the GPC kitchen. Sign-up on Kiosk.

Servers: Meet at St. Joseph's at 10:30. Prepare to stay until 1:30. Sign up on Kiosk. "St. Joes" is located at 402 South Avenue. It has provided food, clothing, shelter, and spiritual-centered care to its guests since 1935. For more info go to: www.saintjoeshouse.org

Mission Madness – Adult Help Needed – April 24 – 8:30-1:00

Mission Madness is a Presbytery sponsored youth event. It begins at GPC and ends at GPC, but most of the day is spent in the community doing mission work. It is a popular event with GPC youth however, it requires heavy adult participation. The Presbytery ratio is one adult driver per car load of youth from individual youth programs. Unfortunately, many of our youth advisors and teachers are unavailable on the 24th. If you have the morning free, enjoy youth, love doing mission work, join us. We need your help! Call or email Carol Anne for more information or to sign-up - THANKS!

Young Adult Hungarian Mission Trip

Ten GPC'ers will travel to Hungary on May 27-June 7th. These folks will be the guests of Rev. Sandor Ferentzi and his wife Anna in Magyarscescsod, Hungary. Rev. Ferentzi has been the pastor of the Magyarszecsod Hungarian Reformed Church for over forty years. In addition to hands-on mission work, this team will have opportunities to meet with Hungarian young adults, worship with Rev. Ferentzi's congregation, and learn about the role of the Reformed Church during the communist years. They will also visit Budapest, Vienna, and Salzburg. Please keep this group in your prayers as they prepare for their trip.

Crop Walk – Enjoy a spring day, see sites in the city, AND help feed hungry people!
Why? To fight hunger! Money raised is used for international relief and development, as well as, the local fight against hunger.

When? **May 1, 2010**
What? A three mile walk – walkers get sponsors.
Who? Sponsored by Church World Services
How? Talk to Carol Anne – she will give you a registration packet
FYI Cheryl Frank, former GPC organist, is one of the organizers and has invited us to participate.

YOUTH CALENDAR

April 1 - No Advisors meeting (Maundy Thursday)
 April 4 - 9:00 - Youth Choir
 10:00 - Youth Choir sings in worship
 Family Sunday - no Church School
 No Youth Group - Easter
 April 11 - 9:00 Youth Choir
 11:15 - Church School
 April 18 - 9:00 - Youth Choir
 11:15 - Church School
 12:15 - 3:30 - Sr. High Youth Group
 6:00 - Junior High Youth Group
 April 20 - 7:00 - Youth Committee
 April 24 - 8:30 - 1:30 Mission Madness
 April 25 - 9:00 - Youth Choir
 11:15 - Church School

Junior High and Senior High Youth - Mission Madness Coming Soon!

What? Mission Madness is a Presbytery-wide hands-on mission work day. Youth from all over our Presbytery gather at GPC and are then sent out to help people. From feeding the hungry to visiting the elderly, God's love is felt through the youth of Genesee Valley Presbytery. Mission groups return to GPC for lunch.

When? April 24 - 8:30-1:30

Where? Throughout the community, but begins at GPC - GPC youth meet CA in the Junior High room before registering for the event.

How? Watch the snail mail for your registration form - return to GPC by April 11.

Cost? \$5.00

Youth Work Projects:

Junior High:

Who - upcoming 7th and 8th graders

When - July 26-29 (day)

Where - Throughout the City of Rochester

Senior High:

Who - upcoming 9, 10, 11, and 12th graders

When - August 8-14

Where - New York City

Jamaica '11

Who - 12th graders

When - February 20-27

During April, you will receive information on the summer work projects. These weeks are full of fun and interesting work! It is an awesome way to serve God while having a great time! Friends are always welcomed (with the exception of Jamaica Work Project)!

Mark your calendar with future dates:

Junior High Retreat - Saturday, May 1- Sunday, May 2

Confirmation Sunday - May 23

End-of-the-Year Picnic - June 13 - 6:00

Senior Sunday - June 20

Junior High Work Project - (upcoming 7th and 8th graders) - July 26-29

Senior High Work Project - (upcoming 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders)

August 8-14th - New York City

Parents of 2010 high school and college graduates. Please call the office and tell us of your son/daughters graduation- 247-5292.

Confirmands:

You are an outstanding class! Although you have completed your class work, there are still important REQUIRED dates for you to remember:

Mission Madness - April 24 - 8:30-1:30

Overnight - Friday, May 7- 7:00

Meeting with Session - May 20 - 7:00