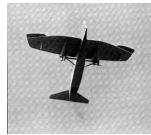


Adult Education Programs in May

2nd GPC Reads the Book: **Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters**

by Chesley B. Sullenberger & Jeffrey Zaslow



HIGHEST DUTY reveals the important lessons Sully learned through childhood, in his military service, and in his work as a commercial airline pilot. At heart, it is a story of hope and preparedness-that life's challenges can be met if we're ready for them-reminding us that, even in these days filled with war, tragedy, and economic uncertainty, there are values still worth fighting for.

(from Publishers Weekly)



GPC Men's Invitation

Join the men this month for breakfast on **Thursday, May 6th 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, May 20th** (the third Thursday of each month). This month we will be gathering at the **church** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Bring your own dinner and join in on the free wheeling conversation.

Future month's men's breakfast and dinner information will be posted on the Kiosk as well as the monthly Harbinger.

MEN'S RETREAT – ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Let's plan a fun-for-all retreat. Please contact Lynn Schramel at lynn@gatespres.org or at 723-1366 to share your ideas.

Women- Welcome to Skaneateles!

Set on a jewel-clear lake in central New York State, the Skaneateles area is home to a thriving residential and business community, and host to thousands of visitors and vacationers each year. In the historic downtown district, shops and galleries are housed in restored buildings dating back to 1796. Browse for unique foods, distinctive fashions, original art, home accessories, or a special antique. Relax at a restaurant or tavern; the atmosphere may be casual and lively or quietly gracious. Women – join us at Camp Casowasco, just outside Skaneateles from November 12-14.

Thank you to all of those people who contributed to and worked at the April 10 Roast Beef dinner. You made the event a success for GPC.



Celebrating Mothers



Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love. Mildred B. Vermont

Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love. Stevie Wonder

The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness. Honore de Balzac

Happy Mother's Day!

LIBRARY NEWS:

We found 2 books in the Children's Library -- The Potty Book for Girls and Big Truth Bible Stories on the cabinet next to the Children's Book Return box. Do they belong to someone? We will keep them there for a while. If they don't belong to someone we would be happy to donate them to the Children's Library. Thank you, Nora Bush.

So how do you find a book on your topic of interest in the GPC Adult Library? As you enter the library, immediately look to the left at the charts of colored circles posted on the side of the bookcase. The colored circles indicate book topics. Go to the shelves and look for the color of your topic. The books are arranged by topic colors. Also, there is a resource notebook on the library shelf that lists books GPC has. The list is in alpha order by author's last name. See you in the library!



ARE YOU THAT PERSON who has always wanted to teach Sunday School, but hesitated because you weren't sure you knew how? Well we have the perfect solution for you! Here at GPC, the month of May is "Shadow Month." You will get the awesome opportunity to see firsthand what teaching Sunday School is all about. You'll be able to observe a current Sunday School classroom in action, meet the kids, look over the curriculum, and ask any questions you may have. Without a doubt, you will find out just how much fun and rewarding this "calling" can be! If you are interested in shadowing a Sunday School teacher, please contact Amanda Adams at amanda@gatespres.org

ATTENTION:

To all those trained in CPR/AED, please bring or mail a copy of your current certification to the church office. If your certification has expired or will expire soon or if you would like to take a CPR class, please indicate if you would be interested in a GPC sponsored class. Please let Clarene Cress or the church office know. Thanks!

DEACONS' PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer:

Dick Saxe admitted to Rochester General with health issues

Linda Palmer recovering from out patient surgery

Brad Weber recovering from surgery for a broken hand

David Cress recovering from knee surgery

Hannah Walker and family going through hard times

Jon Bower home after hospitalization

Diane Kearns recovering from foot surgery

George Bilohlavek, home with pneumonia

Congratulations to:

Suzanne and Chuck Henderson on the birth of their granddaughter Emmy, making **Dick and Fran Henderson** great grandparents.

We express our sincere sympathy to:

Janice & George Bilohlavek and their daughter and son-in-law, **Tess & Craig McKeel** on the death of Tess and Craig's infant son, **Connor**.

Bill & Nancy Morris on the death of Bill's father

Kris Constable and family on the death of her aunt

REMINDER TO DEACONS:

The next Deacons' meeting is Monday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet on May 4 at 2:00 p.m. at GPC, Room 16.

TABITHA CIRCLE will meet on May 11th, 7:00 p.m. at the home of JoAnn Vander, 21 Spring Street, Bergen, NY

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP - MAY 1st - 8:00 - 12:00



Please come and help us get the church and grounds looking spiffy for the summer. Many hands make quick work and would be appreciated! If you can't help on May 1st, how about taking on a project on a day more convenient for you? Please contact Frona Rossman (247-7046) or Rob Wakeman (247-3296) if you can help on May 1st or have questions about a project you can do at another time.



WESTSIDE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presents: "An Evening with Sister Diana" – Founder and Director of Hope Hall, a specialized school for children with learning challenges.

Date and Time: May 13 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Place: Ogden Presbyterian Church, 2400 S. Union Street, Spencerport, NY

All women are invited to attend this entertaining and enlightening program for fellowship with Presbyterian women from Presbyterian churches on the Westside of Monroe County.

Please RSVP to Janice Bilohlavek at 242-0080 or jbilohlavek@pbygenval.org or to Ogden Presbyterian Church office at 352-6802 by Monday, May 10th.

A new Church Member

Mike and I would like to introduce you to a new church member, Finn. He is a yellow Labrador retriever Guiding Eyes puppy who will accompany us to church. He was born on 12/12/09 and will be with us until he is approximately 18 months old. Finn is able to go anywhere a service dog can go. Presently he only has a scarf and a few restrictions but will soon earn his vest. Once he has his vest he will be able to go the supermarkets and restaurants. We would like to ask the members of the church to think of Finn as a mission project. Everyone who interacts with him is helping him develop into a Guiding Eyes partner. It's true you should not approach a dog who is working but Finn is not a working dog yet, we are socializing him prior to being accepted into the formal program. There are a few things we ask of everyone, please do not approach him prior to the service (we want him to stay calm during the service), after the service we would love for you to see him and pet him, however please wait until we tell you it is OK, he needs to sit prior to this. Thank you for your help! If you have a group (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc) that would like to learn about the Guiding Eyes Program, we would love to bring Finn and talk about the program. If you have any questions please let us know. You can call us at 349-0474.

- Polly and Mike Moore

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Games start at 6:30 p.m.

May 10 GPC vs Open Door III at Open Door

May 17 GPC vs Open Door I at GPC

May 24 GPC vs Victory Baptist at GPC

Come on out and cheer on your favorite GPC Women's Softball team



MEN'S SOFTBALL

Games start at 6:30 (unless noted otherwise)

May 11 GPC vs. North Ridge Church at Gates Town Park (located on Lyell Road in between Manitou Road and Elmgrove Road. There is a long driveway back into the park.

May 18 GPC vs. Lakeshore at GPC

May 25 GPC vs. Hilton Baptist at GPC



Resource Saturday at the Presbytery Resource Center

1190 Winton Road South
located at the north end
of Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church



May 15th Course

Susan Orr, Coordinator for Educational Resources 242-0099
email: sorr@pbygenval.org

Saturday, May 15, 2010

9:30 - NOON Note extended timeframe!

Spring Workshop in Digital Photography

*Leader: Linda Badger Becker, General Presbyter
Presbytery of Genesee Valley*



Okay, so maybe you already know how to use your digital camera (and maybe not). But, do you know how to take really great pictures? Composition is everything! Join us for a live photo shoot for hands-on learning and experimenting. Find out what works, what doesn't, and why. Learn more about your camera. We'll also use the Resource Center Media Lab to share our work and explore the wonderful world of digital photo editing and storage. Bring your camera (with fully charged battery), your camera manual, and the USB cord that connects your camera to the computer. If you have a laptop, bring that along too. Newbies and not-so newbies are welcome. *Note: this workshop will run from 9:30 – noon!!*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, May 13, 2010

***** TO REGISTER: Contact Susan Orr (242-0099) or sorr@pbygenval.org *****

All courses are free; however pre-registration is requested.

ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL NEWS . . .

The children of Rochester Area Preschool recently provided lunches for our friends in need at the Open Door Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Costa provided the supplies and the children made the lunches – good job children!!

The students celebrated Earth Day by collecting trash from the church grounds. They filled 12 bags!

How pretty our garden area by the south entrance of the church building looks with the flowers provided by the Garden Factory and planted by the students of RAP. Thank you! Please take a minute to “stop and smell the flowers.”

Rochester Area Preschool will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in September and will host an open house on Sunday, September 12 in the afternoon. (The school is kindly supplying paint and some hands to paint their classroom and the hallway their room is located in.) The Trustees would also like to paint the Fellowship Hall and the hallway towards the offices. The painting party has been scheduled for July 31 and August 7 (if needed). We can also work with whoever would like to paint but can't come in on those Saturdays. Please check your calendars to see if you can spare an hour or two or more to help freshen up the walls of our church. Any questions, you may call Kay Harder at 429-5119.



ANNOUNCING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live like Joseph? Would you like to follow him on his journey from prison to palace? Well you will be able to experience just that at Vacation Bible School this summer! Remember the date: July 5 – 9. Any questions please call Amanda Adams or email her at amanda@gatespres.org

NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE FOR MAY NURSERY ROOM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
May 2	Andrea and Ian Unson
May 9	Sue and Alyssa Birkbeck
May 16	Chris Davis and Laura Keiling
May 23	Diane and Laura Keiling
May 30	Tami Pignone and Joshua Binko



TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
May 2	Sharon Call and Carolyn Thornton
May 9	Brian Hart and Shawn Lewis
May 16	Tracy and Jessica Burkovich
May 23	Amanda Adams
May 30	Ginny Smith and Robbie Ohman



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

What do you think of when you hear the word “**Joyful**?” Think about it. This is one of the most amazing words in our language! You can’t possibly think badly of anything if you are Joyful. Our God wants us to be Joyful because we are His family, and He wants nothing but the best for us.

Joyful is best expressed in the words of one of my favorite hymns, “... *hearts unfold like flowers before Thee* ...” It’s spring, the buds are bursting, seeds and flowers will be following soon to share their bounty and beauty with us. Think now for a moment how it would feel to have your heart unfold with joy like a flower or seed bursting. How can life be much better?

To me, Joyful naturally leads to Thankful. Think about it again ...when we feel joy, we know we are blessed and are thankful for the gifts and experiences God has given to make us feel this way. “Christ has risen! Alleluia!” There is joy in every word this Easter season, and we are thankful AND JOYFUL that Christ’s resurrection has been made known to us.

Many of us were taught as children, “To whom much is given, much is expected.” Even though most of us lead modest lives, comparatively we have been given much abundance in tangible and non-tangible gifts. Even the widow had her “mite.” We too, like her, must decide what level and type of stewardship we give to GPC and God’s church. Let’s be **Joyful Stewards**, always – remembering where our joy comes from – and give back in equal measure in ways that we choose to the best of our ability. We wish you JOY every day God sends! Next time we’ll talk about heartwarming Sharing.

PLANNING FOR 2010 TIME AND TALENT

We need **your** help to make the annual Time and Talent sheet a productive and useful tool. Please Email or call Ginny Barley (ymbnrd@ntid.rit.edu; 426-8427) or Whit Beckett (wbeckett@rochester.rr.com; 585-247-2155) with suggestions for this year’s sheet. We need to know:

-are there items listed which are defunct?

-are there activities which are not listed, but should be?

Thanks in advance for your help. We really **do** use the information when we need help for various activities, and we also do pass on information when someone signs up for an activity but doesn’t “wade in”. A personal invitation is often all that it takes!

Whit Beckett and your Stewardship and Budget Committee

REMINDER: The ongoing bottle and can collection helps our 12th graders pay for their Jamaica Mission Trip!

Well marked collection cans are in the fenced-in trash can area next to the door by the Fellowship Hall. Remember us after your Memorial Day family gatherings, graduation celebrations, summer parties, and any other time there is an empty can or bottle to return. We will do the work and put your nickel to good use!

From your Associate Pastor

Let me introduce myself I am Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge, your *Associate Pastor* – yeah!!!! I love my job and I am so happy to have it as my focus again. In addition, I am thrilled to have an outstanding Interim Head-of-Staff, Rev. Louise Armstrong as a colleague. If you have not had an opportunity to meet Louise, I encourage you to introduce yourself to her. We are blessed to have her leadership in the coming months.

Many, many, many thanks to you, GPC! From folks who generously went the extra mile with gifts of time, to those who provided me dinner on cold winter nights, to those who offered kind words of encouragement, to those who graciously tolerated my late (sometimes forgotten) action items, to those who offered amazing gifts of talent, and so much more, you made it work – THANK YOU!!! Together we served God, as we prepared for the next step in our transitional journey. There are, however, still a few questions bouncing around which Session has asked me to answer for you:

Question: Why can’t Carol Anne be our Head-of-Staff?

Answer: I am flattered every time I hear this question, but The Book of Order states, “... an associate pastor is not eligible to succeed immediately the pastor in a church which they have served together, nor may the associate pastor be called as pastor to serve as co-pastor of that church.” Simply put, it is against our polity. However, for me there is more to it than this simple answer. From the beginning of my professional ministry career, I felt as if God was calling me to the associate pastor position. Education, youth, and mission are my life-long passions, as well as my experience in prior careers. In a mid-size congregation, these are often in the associate pastor’s job description. That is true here at GPC. Thus, not only does our polity not permit me to be your Head-of-Staff, I love my position as your Associate Pastor! In the Presbyterian denomination, the associate pastor is not an assistant pastor – my “boss” is the Session, not the Head-of-Staff. It has been a position that has brought me much joy and I thank God for it!

Questions: Then why can’t Carol Anne be our Interim?

Answer: In addition to all of the above, I don’t have interim training. Louise does. We are blessed that her leadership and expertise will help us grow spiritually as we move from one Head-of-Staff to another. This is a two pastor church. If our program is to move beyond “maintenance,” we need two pastors.

I hope that this adds clarity to those bouncing questions. Please feel free to call me or email me with any others concerning my position. Let us embrace the sacred opportunities of serving God with Louise as our Head-of-Staff.

GET READY FOR

The GPC Yard Sale!!

Saturday June 12th – 9 am to 4 pm

*Can't remember the last time you used it – or what you used it for?
Tired of dusting it? The kids moved but their stuff didn't?*

Please consider donating your clean, gently used items to the
GPC Yard Sale.

There are some items which we are unable to accept for the sale. Many of these items can be
donated or recycled through agencies in the community.

Mattresses	Large Appliances
Magazines	Non-Fiction Books (except Cookbooks)
Televisions & VCRs	Computers & Cell phones
Adult Clothing	Car Seats

Donations may be dropped off:

6/2	Wednesday	6:00 – 8:00
6/4	Friday	6:00 – 8:00
6/5	Saturday	9:00 – 1:00
6/6	Sunday	11:15 – 12:30
6/7 – 6/10	Mon – Thurs	1 – 3 and 6 – 8

Large Item Pick Up

6/9 and/or 6/10 Wed - Thurs Times TBD

Drop off PLANTS ONLY

Friday 6/11 2 - 7

*Thanks to those who have already offered your time and talents to help make this year's event
successful - and **FUN!** There are still **LOTS** of opportunities . . . and much help is needed.
Please check the kiosk and worship bulletins for details and updates.*

Please bring your energy, enthusiasm and creativity to the next organizational meeting on
Tuesday May 4th at 7:00 pm in Room 2.

Please contact Sheri MacFarlane at 436-1274 with any questions.

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Front Door Greeter</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>
May 2	Ann Marie Simm	Walt Priestley	3
May 9	Irene Ward	TBD	4
May 16	Velta Rouchon	Bridget Wohlers	5
May 23	James Lewis	Confirmands	6
May 30	Sherry Nau	Sue Birkbeck	1

COMMUNION – MAY 2

Left

- Bonnie Beckett
- Dick Saxe
- Alison Steinmiller
- Diane Keiling

Right

- Whit Beckett
- Carol Hennen
- Linda Sidore
- Norma Polizzi

CAMP WHITMAN – ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD. CONSIDER CAMP WHITMAN, A LOCAL PRESBYTERIAN CAMP!

Where: Camp Whitman has over 117 acres on the west side of Seneca Lake. Campers live in small cabins clustered in family groups around a village lodge. There are many opportunities for exploring in the woods, ravines, meadows, Punnett's Pond, and the lakefront. Organized recreation takes place on the playing field, in canoes and sailboats at the lakefront, and at the pool for supervised swimming.

What: Geneva and Genesee Valley Presbyteries have designed a type of camping experience in which young people and counselors live, plan and celebrate together in a family group for a week. The emphasis is on each camper's development and experience. Some camp weeks are program specific such as Bike and Kayak Camp, Water Ski Camp, Music and Drama Camp, Sailing Camp, etc

Who: There are camps for youth, grades 3-12, as well as adults with development disabilities.

When: Weekly camps run from June 27- August 20th. With the exception of Third Grade Camp, and Fourth and Fifth Grade, camp begins at 2:00 on Sunday afternoon and closes at 4:00 Friday afternoon. These camps have a shorter time frame.

Cost: The cost of most weeks is \$315. There is scholarship money from GPC. Talk to CA if interested.

Registration: Brochures are in the rack in the foyer. Talk with CA for more info.

Camp Whitman Open House – Saturday, June 5, noon to 4:00 – hay rides, guided tours, a walk on the beach. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase a chicken BBQ at camp.

Protect The Vision – Part II

By now, you should have received a letter and pledge card that describes the “Protect The Vision – Part II” Capital Campaign. Please give prayerful consideration to the pledge request and return the pledge card to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate. Thanks.

Here are the highlights of the capital campaign:

- Need to raise around \$110K to pay for work we had done on the Sanctuary roof, upcoming brick repair and sealing, a new office copier, and the interest on the loan.
- We are hoping to raise this money in about 12 months.
- The GPC Gold Rush will be one other fundraising activity (see below) that will help us pay for the work.
- We are using a (4% simple interest) Line-of-Credit from the Presbytery to fund the work so far.

Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

The PTV – Part II Committee:

Beth Molina, Bev Switzer, Christine Schott, Dick Stewart, Ken Birkbeck, and Steve Christensen

GPC Gold Rush

As part of the “Protect The Vision – Part II” Capital Campaign, we will have a gold and silver dealer in the church on Friday and Saturday June 18th and 19th who will convert your unwanted gold and silver to cash. This process is similar to the numerous ads that you see in the D&C newspaper except our dealer shares 10% of the proceeds with the church. There will be sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall because the time slots are limited. More information will be forthcoming. Please keep your eyes open for unwanted gold and silver items as you gather up your treasures for the GPC Yard Sale (which is the week before our Gold Rush).

The PTV – Part II Committee

Important dates for the Hungarian Mission Team

May 1 - final payment due

May 19 - required orientation meeting - 7:00pm
paper work due

May 23 - commissioned in worship

May 27 - meet at airport at 8:30am

June 7- return to Rochester at 8pm

June 20 - lead Second Hour

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

It is good to be here!

I have felt a warm welcome and little by little will learn to call you by name, something I know is important to us all.

First impressions:

What a gifted congregation you are! You have the gifts of talented, dedicated people who are serving in so many ways, to carry out the mission of God’s people in this place. Your work has taken Jesus’ message of servanthood to New Orleans, New York City, Hungary, Guatemala and Jamaica. I have noticed that the relationship with Jamaica is so reliable and meaningful that a pastor there is serving as a reference for the congregation through the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee. People of all ages have made these mission journeys. You serve the city of Rochester in ministries of compassion and good will.

What a gifted congregation you are! You have a staff of able and committed persons who guide the life of the congregation’s children, youth and adults, provide a vibrant ministry of music and keep the administrative and daily tasks of the church humming. There are few churches in this presbytery with such resources.

What a gifted congregation you are! Over the years you have equipped yourselves for effective and efficient ministry. Your energies are supported by a well appointed kitchen, up-to-date audio and visual equipment, and abundant space for learning, meeting and hosting community groups.

Everywhere I look I find energy, ability and capacity for worship, nurture and service.

Thus our call is to take seriously the words of Jesus in Matthew 13:12: *For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance.* In other words, it is not enough to enjoy, even celebrate, what Gates Presbyterian Church has, because God has more in mind for such able and gifted followers of Jesus Christ – and has yet more gifts to bless you with.

It is good to be among you.

Grace and peace,

Louise N. Armstrong
Your interim pastor

Pastor Armstrong will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday and on committee meeting evenings.

Worship in May

May 7 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35

Communion

Rev. Louise N. Armstrong, preaching

Bell Choir and Adult Choir

May 9 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Rev. Louise N. Armstrong, preaching

Children's Choir and Adult Choir

May 16 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26

Rev. Gail Ricciuti, Associate Professor of Homiletics (Preaching)

at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, guest preacher

Presentation of Mustard Seed Scholarship

Youth Choir and Adult Choir

May 23 - Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17

Confirmation

Commissioning of Young Adult Hungary Mission participants

Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge, preaching

Adult Choir

May 30 - Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Commissioned Lay Pastor John Goehle, preaching

Adult Choir

YOUTH CALENDAR

May 1 -	9:00 - Junior High's leave for retreat
May 2 -	9:30 - Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship 11:15 - Senior High Church School - no Jr Hi 12:15 - Mustard Seed Interviews 6:00 - Senior High Youth Group 6:30 - Junior Highs return from retreat
May 6 -	7:30 - Youth Advisor's meeting
May 7 -	7:00 - Confirmation Class overnight
May 8 -	9:30 - Confirmation Class overnight over
May 9 -	9:00 - Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship 11:15 - no Church School - Fix lunch for your mother!
May 16 -	9:00 - Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship/Mustard Seed Presentation/Youth Choir sings 11:15 - Jr and Sr. Hi Church School - last class 6:00 - Jr. and Sr. Hi Youth Group
May 18 -	7:30 - Youth Committee
May 20 -	7:00 - Confirmation Class meets with Session
May 23 -	8:30 - Confirmation Class Breakfast 9:00 - Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship/Confirmation Sunday
May 30 -	9:00 - Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship Registration deadline for Summer Work Projects

Important Dates for the Confirmation Class:

May 7-8 - Confirmation Class Overnight (7:00pm - 9:30am)

May 20 - 7:00-8:00 - Meet with Session

May 23 - Confirmation Sunday

8:30 - Breakfast

10:00 - Worship

Summer Mission Youth Work Projects

Information concerning the summer youth work projects will soon be arriving in the snail mail.

The **Junior High Work Project** is for youth going into 7th and 8th grades in the fall. It will be during the days of July 26th-28th. Youth will participate in hands-on mission work on July 26th, 27th, 28th and then celebrate a great week at Sea Breeze on the 29th. Registration Deadline: May 30.

The **Senior High Work Project** will be in New York City from August 8th-14th. This project is for youth going into 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades in the fall. We will be working with Youth Opportunity Service Project – YSOP, a Quaker based mission organization. We will stay at the West End Presbyterian Church. Registration Deadline: May 30

Dates for your calendar:

Jr. High Work Project

May 30 – Sign-up deadline

July 25 – Commissioned in worship

July 26 -28 – Work Project

Sr. High Work Project

May 30 – first payment due

June 27 – second payment due

August 1 – final payment due

August 1 - Commissioned in worship

August 8-14 – Work Project

August 15 – Lead worship

JR. CHOIR NEWS 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

We have been continuing to find some of our songs in the Bible, and as of May we will have discovered five of them in the book of Psalms! Our anthem for May 9, "O God, You Search Me and You Know Me", is a song from our church school curriculum, and you can find this one in the book of Psalms, too. It is based on Psalm 139:1-6.

How many others can you find? Can you match these?

"O God, You Search Me and You Know Me" Psalm 118:1

"Make A Joyful Noise" Psalm 150:6

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" Psalm 19:1-2

"This Is the Day" Psalm 139:1-6

"Every Creature Has a Song"
(from "All Nature Has a Song") Psalm 100

MISSION NEWS

YOUNG ADULT MISSION HUNGARIAN WORK PROJECT

Ten adults from GPC will leave Rochester on May 27th for the second Youth Adult Mission Work Project and the first GPC mission trip to Hungary. The group will be the guests of Rev. Sandor and Dr. Anna Ferentzi. Rev. Ferentzi has been the pastor of the Magyarszecsod Hungarian Reformed Church for 40 years. During this time, Hungary moved through communist occupation, the fall of the communism, and the transformation to democracy. Rev. Ferentzi, his congregation, and his family have much to teach us about being Christian in the midst of oppression. We have hands-on help to offer them, as buildings left empty during the communist years are currently being revitalized. Rev. Ferentzi and his wife visited the Genesee Valley Presbytery about nine years ago. A Presbytery delegation visited his church several years later. This delegation included four GPC'ers: Linda Badger-Becker, Mary Hadley, Chris Mossgraber, and Carol Anne Strawbridge. The current mission team is composed of: Sally Christensen, Billy Gutheil, Vicki Gutheil, Dan Hadley, Jake Morris, Carol Anne Strawbridge, Adam Switzer, Bev Switzer, Tiffany Switzer, and Brad Weber. The group will be commissioned in worship on May 23th, leave the 27th, and return June 7, and lead Second Hour on June 20th. Please keep this team in your prayers.

LENTEN WALL OF FOOD

The week following Easter, the Mission/Peacemaking Committee delivered 995 pounds of food to SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries), Thank you to all who participated!

PENTECOST OFFERING – received in worship on Pentecost – May 23:

The Pentecost Offering is a General Assembly second mile giving opportunity. Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering donations are kept in our congregation for use on behalf of children at risk. Ten percent of your donations support the General Assembly Child Advocacy ministries and 50 percent supports General Assembly ministries with youth. Your contributions support Presbyterian ministries to children and youth throughout the denominations.