

## JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

In September we welcomed several new members into our choir. Their names will be in next month's Harbinger, but in the meantime if you are in 1st- 6th grade and would like to try us out, please do! We are a friendly group ☺

We will sing during morning worship for the first time this school year on Sunday, October 24. Our anthem for that day is a brand new piece by Mark Burrows, a music educator/composer from Texas who has won several awards for children's music. This particular piece, "These Hands", encourages us to "think what I can do" and "serve my whole life through" and will be a fun one to share with the congregation as we are preparing to sing it with our own "hands on" style!

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Money!...Money! Yes, we offer our gifts every Sunday, but now we also need some of your talent. We are looking to add to the list of splendid volunteers we have that assist in counting and recording the Sunday offering each week. If you can help or have questions about helping, please check with the church office, or drop an email to [rbodhorn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rbodhorn@rochester.rr.com).

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books for 2010-2011 are here! The sale of these books continues to support our successful mission projects in Guatemala. The cost of the books is \$30.00 this year. Please see or call Bruce or Cheryl Taylor, 594-2753 or Tom Ward, 889-5932.

## PARKING VALET SERVICE

The Membership and Visitation Committee is asking for volunteers to help out with the parking lot valet services this coming winter. Generally volunteers are only asked to help out 2 Sundays through the winter months. This is a valuable service provided for our Church family. Please make a note in the hospitality register or contact Eric Vail 889-5491 (email: [vailagency@yahoo.com](mailto:vailagency@yahoo.com)) or contact the Church office if you can help. Thank you.

## IT'S FALL CLEAN-UP TIME!!!

The Trustees need your help getting the building and grounds ready for Old Man Winter. Please join us on Saturday, October 30 starting at 9:00 a.m. to rake, clean windows, tidy up the kitchen, and whatever else is on the list. Any questions??? Call Rob Wakeman at 247-3296.



**ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL** had a wonderful 40 years celebration with an open house for the church and the public on September 12. We were even on the 6:00 and 11:00 news on Channel 13! Thank you to the congregation of Gates Presbyterian Church for a wonderful association all these years! Everyone has been so supportive. Now on to the next 40.....!

## FROM THE PASTOR

There are many things that baffle me—step aerobics, people who “forget” to eat meals and why my grandmother who avidly posts her status updates on Facebook while my mom still refuses to learn how to text but holding steady at the top of that list is why we celebrate the new year in January. It is challenging to find motivation for new exercise regimes, healthy eating habits or whatever self improvement practices we take on when it gets dark out before most of us get home, the clouds and dirty snow mirror the same gloomy color of gray, and all most of us want to do is curl up in our comfy clothes and eat leftover turkey.

As I watch the leaves turn vibrant hues, feel the heat and humidity of summer replaced by the crisp air of fall, watch the first touchdown, and see families ready themselves for the start of the first day of school I know that the new year is now! Even if you are no longer starting a new year in a class room, there is something about early fall that celebrates the possibilities for reinvention and new possibilities. For me this year more than any other, as the boxes are being sealed up in the house and my family and I prepare our journey to get to know our new community of faith at Gates Presbyterian Church; I am excited about new beginnings and relationships that await us!

It's paradoxical, I know. Fall usually represents the ending of summer and turns our attention to the ending of our calendar. This year I hope you will celebrate with me the optimistic feelings of excitement and new beginnings with God, as pastor and congregation.

*Melissa*

## Adult Education Programs

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Spiritual Job Search with Jeff Robinson

Learn about 6 core principles for your job search, including...

*There is an employer out there who values the abilities and beliefs that you embody, and needs them to accomplish the goals of the organization. In a work setting, your abilities translate to what you can do, and your beliefs translate to how you do it.*

Jeff has been in the career management field for over 20 years, and during that time has helped job seekers at every level from welfare recipient to CEO, in almost every industry from not-for-profit to education to corporate America.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Rev. Louise

Join the church family after church in celebrating Louise's leadership as our Interim Pastor. Her gifts, humor, and abilities will be missed.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Children & Nutritional Challenges

Join our own Janice Phillips, Nutritional Services Manager of Highland Hospital for an informal and informative session to discuss trends and ideas for kids. Fast food options, snacks, and "healthy" desserts will be presented.



### 24<sup>th</sup> Children, Youth, and Adults Bring a Friend Day

YOU are personally invited to **FRIEND DAY** - a celebration of friendship -at worship on **Sunday, October 24**. A special coffee hour with crafts for kids and snacks for all will follow the service at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall. *Please invite children, youth, and adults to accompany your family!*

Research shows that people are more likely to attend when asked by a friend or when a special Sunday is planned. We hope that some visitors then choose to stay and make GPC their new church home.

### **GPC MEN'S INVITATION**

Join the men in fellowship for breakfast on **Thursday, October 7th at 8:00 a.m. (Please disregard the time on the calendar)**. Please notice the time change for this 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, October 21st**, and as always our dinner is the third Thursday of each month. For October we will be gathering at the **Elm Grove Family Restaurant**, 730 Elmgrove Road (by Lyell). So come and join in on the free-wheeling conversations and good food.

## RECIPE FOR LIFE IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY!

### **November 12-14 Women's Retreat at Beautiful Camp Casowasco**

The site has over 200 wooded acres, a beautiful gorge, and over a mile of shoreline.

- Friday dinner is on your own as you come or you may brown bag it at the retreat house.
- Please note if you need a room on the main floor for health reasons.
- You may rent linens for \$6/packet; indicate by Oct. 15.
- All reservations are considered final and deposits are nonrefundable as of October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Included meals are breakfast, lunch, dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.
- Please contact Lynn Schramel by October 1<sup>st</sup> to advise about food allergies.
- Make checks out to Gates Presbyterian Church and place in Adult Ministries Coordinator mailbox.
- **Once you have made your first payment, see Lynn to select your room.**
- **Payments of \$150 (checks out to Gates Presbyterian Church) are due October 15.**



*Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8*



Women's Candlelight Dinner: Save the date: Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

### **A WELCOMING CONGREGATION!**

During the month of October, in honor of our new members, saying goodbye to Louise and hello to Melissa and her family, the Membership & Visitation Committee is asking that you please wear a nametag and greet each other. New committee members are welcome – please contact Velta Rouchon or Lynn Schramel if interested. New Visitor nametags will also be rolled out in October, so that members can greet them and make them feel welcome.

**THE PUBLIC WORSHIP COMMITTEE** would like to thank all those who responded to our Poll regarding the time of Worship during the summer months. The results are as follows:

9:30 a.m. - 55      10:00 a.m. - 82

No preference - 8      9:00 a.m. - 2

The Committee will be discussing the results at our next meeting. Thank you for your input!

## **EXPERIENCING A REVERENT WORSHIP**

Welcome to the new program year! In order to provide a high quality worship experience, we have adapted the Golden Rules of Theatre Etiquette (as provided by GEVA) for our worship services. Worship provides members and guests with the opportunity to experience new thought-provoking inspirational ideas and communion with God. We want everyone to enjoy this time of worship and hope that the experience is memorable each week. Play your part by using the following guidelines.

### Golden Rules of Worship Etiquette

- Minimize perfume and cologne to help people who are allergic to these products.
- Explain etiquette to your children. Children enjoy learning new things.
- Make sure that cell phones, beepers and watch alarms are off or on vibrate mode.
- Music, announcements, offering, and communion are part of the worship experience. Please remain quiet during these times.
- If it is necessary to speak to the person next to you, lean in, cup your hands around his/her ear, and whisper.
- Reverent silence is an appropriate response to wonderful music performed in the context of a worship experience.
- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Thank you, and see you in worship!

## **WE NEED YOU!!!**

- It is time to begin planning and organizing a new GPC photo directory.
- Individuals are needed for this short-term project. Please let Velta Rouchon (225-9737) or Lynn Schramel ([Lynn@gatespres.org](mailto:Lynn@gatespres.org)) know if you can serve on or chair this important committee, which allows us to better connect with one another. Our directory company will place the calls to remind people of their appointments. The committee will serve as liaisons with the Membership & Visitation Committee, make recommendations, and will coordinate schedules, open/close the building, and proofread for accuracy. Some tasks can even be done from home!
- Plan to look especially photogenic in November and January, when the photos will be taken at church.
- Committees- please be taking or finding a few photos which you would like to see considered for publication in our new directory.
- Snowbirds will be able to submit photos or take them in their winter location.
- Anyone who regularly worships with us is invited to be included.



**LIBRARY COMMITTEE** will meet on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

## **CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR – November 20, 2010**

**Happy Birthday to us – we are 33 years old!!**

- What is the Church Mouse Bazaar? GPC started the Church Mouse Bazaar 33 years ago as a fund raiser to supplement our annual budget. In the beginning, church groups made items to sell; now we have 70 participants in this event, making this the longest running church bazaar in the area.
- All top-quality crafters with hand-crafted items, plus 4 church groups will be participating in this, our 33<sup>rd</sup> successful year at GPC.
- Want to join the fun and excitement and have a good time when our church is packed with vendors selling and customers buying? Then sign up to help one or more of our capable chair people who need YOUR help! It takes well over 100 people to pull this bazaar off. Sign up sheets will be in the Sunday bulletins beginning October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Each year we get bigger and better. This year we are FULL to the brim with vendors, some familiar faces from years past and some new and exciting people.
- Can we count on YOU to jump on the bandwagon and be a set of willing hands (or feet) for our special day?
- Jot the date down, **November 20** from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sign up and join the fun!

### **Mouse fact:**

Who is the prettiest mouse in the country?

*Mouse America*

## **SAVE THE DATE HAM DINNER**



**October 23, 2010  
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

**We need help from everyone!!!!**

**Any amount of time will be appreciated  
Look for the sign-up sheets in the Sunday bulletins**

## DEACONS' PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer:

**Ed Sklair** with health issues.

**Mike Polizzi**, struggling with health issues.

**Linda Sidore's brother** now in hospice care.

**Louise Armstrong's mother** in hospice care.

**Frances Melton** in Unity Hospital.

**Richard Miller** recovering from surgery.

**Matt Christensen** recovering from an appendectomy.

Next Deacons meeting is **Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Room 16.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will meet at the home of JoAnn Vander, 21 Spring Street, Bergen, NY on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn at 494-6024.

## October Mission News

### Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering - Received on World Communion

#### Sunday, October 3

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 as a second mile giving opportunity to support the peacemaking efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We retain 25% of the offering collected to use for our own peacemaking ministries. Twenty-five percent is used by Presbyteries and Synods and 50% is used by the General Assembly through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. At GPC, we have used our 25% to support a variety of projects from building a Habitat for Humanity home to building a school in Jamaica. The offering will be received on World Communion Sunday - October 3<sup>rd</sup> - during worship. An envelope is included in this Harbinger.

### Wheel-A-Thon - Help our youth!

Help our youth by pledging riders on the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Wheel-A-Thon. Money collected helps support the summer mission projects. If you have not pledged but would like to, email Carol Anne - [strawheels@aol.com](mailto:strawheels@aol.com).

**St. Joseph's Meal - October 16<sup>th</sup>** - Join us for a rewarding fun mission opportunity! St. Joseph's House of Hospitality is located on South Avenue. This mission serves a hot lunch six days a week to those living in poverty. It opens its doors to homeless men in the winter months. GPC has supported this mission in funds and service for well over thirty years. You can be a part of this in the following ways! The sign-up sheet for all opportunities is on the Kiosk.

- Donate food
- Prepare lunch - Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 - at GPC
- Serve lunch - Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - 10:30-2:00 - At Saint Joseph's

## THE TEDDY BEARS ARE BACK!!!

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year, GPC will be working with the residents of St. John's Meadows to dress and deliver teddy bears to kindergarten students in two of Rochester's city schools. The bears are used as "Reader/Writer Bears" in the classroom - the children write stories about their bears, and develop their reading skills by reading stories to them. Eventually the bears go home with the children. Last year about 120 bears found homes with city kindergarteners.



Want to participate? It's easy.

1. Sign up on the Kiosk in the foyer to dress 1 or more bears. The cost this year is \$8 per bear, which covers the bear, a book, and a gift bag. (We had to switch to a different bear supplier, at a slightly higher cost.)
2. **Pick up your bear on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> between 6:30 and 8:00 at GPC in Room 16. Payment is due at this time.**
3. Dress your bear! (This is the fun part.) Handmade or store bought clothes are great. Local craft stores carry bear clothes; there are several websites to browse; and I am told that newborn preemie clothes from Target, Penney's, etc will fit. Outfits should be simple with no small parts that could be a choking hazard.
4. Bring your lovingly dressed bear back to GPC in late November (date to be announced). They will be displayed in the foyer.

You may also wish to join us as at the Teddy Bear Picnic hosted by the ladies of St. John's Meadows, when the bears will be "bagged and tagged" and made ready for delivery. The bears will be delivered to Schools #1 and #16 in December and January. The delivery events are always delightful - please plan to go, if you can! Dates for these events will be announced in the fall.

Questions? Call Sally Christensen (247-6095) or Kay Harder (429-5119)

# The Junior Harbinger

-October-

## Important Dates...

**5<sup>RD</sup>**: Communion & Registration  
Sunday & sheets due

**12<sup>TH</sup>**: The new  
pastor starts

**24<sup>TH</sup>**: Bring a  
friend Sunday

**31<sup>ST</sup>**: Family Sunday

## Bring a friend contest

The class who brings  
the most friends on  
October 24<sup>th</sup> will  
win a surprise PRIZE  
(Every month there will be a  
contest)

## Some Changes This Year...

- The Junior Harbinger
- Monthly Contests
- Your voice, ideas, drawings  
etc. in Harbinger or bulletin

## A Note from Amanda...

Fall is here! This a season of  
change -- the colors on leaves, new  
teachers, new pastor and much more.  
Change is good.

I hope you are having fun in Sunday  
School. It was great seeing you all at  
the kick-off.

October is going to be a  
great month.

See You Around Church,  
Amanda

## A To Do list for

### Jamaica Mission Trip Participants:

- Second payment due - October 3 - \$250.
- Collect \$125.00 in pledges and ride on the Wheel-A-Thon - (requirement)
- Start passport process.
- Make plans to get your shots.
- Mark November 21 - 4-6 on your calendar - first orientation.

### It's a long way until summer but save the dates:

- Junior High Work Project - July 25-28 (incoming 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Senior High Work Project - August 7-13

Goodbye.

It is powerful to recall that the word “goodbye” is a shortening of the words “God be with you.” In this time of transition, this is what I want you to hear. It has been wonderful to be among you, even for a short time. I feel as if I have only made a dent in learning to call you each by name but face after face with a smile on each will keep my heart warm.

So great are the days that lie ahead. You are opening a new chapter of your life together. Building upon your past, living in the present and working toward the future – what gifts and opportunities you have.

Just as you have nurtured me with love, Melissa will come to know your strength, dedication and loving ways.

This will also be a time of testing – of your ability to try new ways of being a vibrant community of faith. Bill Easum has written a book entitled *Sacred Cows Make Gourmet Burgers*. His sense of humor gives us a not-so-gentle nudge to consider our thoughts and actions. Another wise one has said that the Seven Last Words, not of Christ, but of the church are “We’ve never done it this way before.”

And yet another has put out the challenge that every decision made and vision cast by a body of Christ point to meeting the needs of those who are not yet members of the congregation, not maintaining our accustomed comfort level.

I guess by now you have caught my drift! God has so much in store for you. Receive the gift – and – God be with you.

Grace and peace,

Louise

#### YOUTH CALENDAR

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|--------------|---|
| October 3 -  | 9:00 - Youth Choir rehearsal<br>10:00 - Worship<br>No Church School for Jr and Sr High<br>12:30 - Wheel-A-Thon - Henpeck Park<br>7:00 - Wheel-A-Thon participants return to GPC |
| October 7 -  | 7:00 - Advisor's Meeting  |
| October 10 - | 9:00 - Youth Choir rehearsal<br>10:00 - Worship<br>11:15 - Jr and Sr High Church School   |
| October 17 - | 9:00 - Youth Choir rehearsal<br>10:00 - Worship - Youth Choir sings<br>11:15 - Jr and Sr. High Church School<br>6:00 - Jr and Sr High Youth Group                               |
| October 19   | 7:00 - Youth Committee  |
| October 24 - | 9:00 - Youth Choir rehearsal<br>10:00 - Worship/Bring a Friend Sunday<br>11:15 - Jr and Sr. High Church School  |
| October 30   | 9:45 - Senior High Overnight at CA's - meet at GPC  |
| October 31   | 9:00 - Youth Choir rehearsal<br>11:15 - Senior High's return to GPC   |

#### **YOUTH: WHEEL-A-THON - Our one and only big fundraiser!**

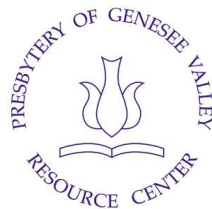
The money you collect is used to support our summer work projects. In addition, it is lots of fun! Meet at Henpeck Park at 12:30. Bring your pledge envelope, permission slip, water bottle, and intact bike. We will bike 20 miles on the canal to Perinton Park and then enjoy a picnic and time in the park. If you don't have a bike, call Carol Anne. If you don't have a pledge envelope, call Carol Anne. If you don't think you can make the twenty miles, call Carol Anne. We will solve all problems, but the bottom line is come help your Youth Program!

#### **SENIOR HIGH OVERNIGHT - OCTOBER 30**

October 30 - 10:00 am - meet at GPC

Overnight at Carol Anne's (on Lake Ontario)

Look for more info in snail mail.



## Resource Saturday at the Presbytery Resource Center

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

### October 16<sup>th</sup> COURSES

Susan Orr, Presbyter for Mission and Education To Register: 242-0099

To register for these courses you may also E-Mail: [resourcecenter@pbygenval.org](mailto:resourcecenter@pbygenval.org)

**Saturday, October 16, 2010**

**8:30**

**AM- 12:30 PM Note extended time**

#### **Sexual Misconduct & Child Safety Policies: 2 Workshops**

*Leaders: Rev. James Evinger, Facilitator*

*Panel of Special Guests including Rev. Dottie Yoder, Pastor, Summerville Presbyterian Church*

This workshop is designed to help your congregation put preventive measures in place and to feel confident and respond competently if sexual misconduct is alleged or occurs. Resources will be offered for the content criteria of a church sexual misconduct policy and a list of "best practices" for churches. There will be plenty of time to ask questions throughout the morning.

#### **Workshop 1: 8:45-10:45 a.m.**

*The Basics: Prevention and Intervention - for Sessions with no policy or with an outdated policy.*



- outline of a basic session policy
- best practices, including practices for children and youth
- Panel discussion      -- practical resources      -- Resource Center display

#### **Workshop 2: 11:00-12:30 p.m.**

*Advanced Topics: Issues, Problems, and Challenges - for Sessions with a current sexual misconduct policy.*

- seminar format
- topics based on those identified by participants
- topics submitted in advance upon registration



**Registration deadline is Thursday, October 14**

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



## Visiting Peacemaker John Tubuwa Tentative Schedule:



Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

8:50pm - Welcome at Airport  
Transport to Home by Host

Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

9am - Breakfast with Third Church at home of Dane & Judy Gordon  
contact Rod Frohman [rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org](mailto:rfrohman@thirdpresbyterian.org)  
Evening - Potluck and Program at Byron:  
contact Pam Kenward [9kenwar4@zimbra.naz.edu](mailto:9kenwar4@zimbra.naz.edu)

Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Morning - Adult Ed and Preaching at Genesee; lunch following  
6pm - Pizza & Program with Presbytery Youth at Pittsford  
contact Niki Brodeur [nicole.brodeur@pittsfordpres.org](mailto:nicole.brodeur@pittsfordpres.org)

Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Conversation & Lunch with Penfield Presbyterian  
Contact Doug Osterling [dosterling@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dosterling@rochester.rr.com)  
Evening - Dinner & Program at Batavia First  
contact Ron Hallman [hallmanr@roberts.edu](mailto:hallmanr@roberts.edu)

Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OFF

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Morning - Breakfast & Conversation with Downtown United and guests  
contact Elaine Johnson [ejohns11@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ejohns11@rochester.rr.com)  
6:30pm - Potluck & Program at Tuscarora  
contact Gloria Hall [gloriahall44@yahoo.com](mailto:gloriahall44@yahoo.com)

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

11am - Presbytery Staff Introductions & Lunch  
6pm - Potluck & program at Caledonia First  
contact Nancy Reinert [njreinert@frontiernet.net](mailto:njreinert@frontiernet.net)

Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

12:14pm - Departure at Airport (transfer by host family)

Hosts: Mindy and Wayne Shaffer (Penfield)  
16 Katsura Court, Penfield, NY 14526

### **BOOK SALE – October 8 – 9 – Your help needed.**

A truck or van owner to transport books from Penfield.

People who would be willing to help set up.

People who would be able to help during the sale at a time convenient for you – 9 to 5 on Friday or 9 to 1 on Saturday.

Plastic grocery bags.

Please call Louise Armstrong at 247-5292 or email at [pastor@gatespres.org](mailto:pastor@gatespres.org)

Thank you!!