



**Resource Saturday**  
**at the Presbytery Resource Center**  
1190 Winton Road South  
located at the north end of Twelve Corners  
Presbyterian Church



**November 13<sup>th</sup> COURSE**

**Saturday, November 13, 201**

**9:30 AM- 11:00 AM**

**“It’s Not About Me –  
Leading Your Church into a Good Future”**

*Leader: Rev. Jimmy Reader, Interim Pastor, Barre Center  
Presbyterian Church*



Do you struggle with change and conflict in your church?  
Everyone does. You’re not alone, and it’s not (just) about you!

Change happens, and most people are uncomfortable with it. As anxiety rises reactivity increases – and conflict results.

As a pastor or church leader, what do you do? How do you respond? How do you lead your congregation in these times? What future do you want? It starts today – and it starts with you.

**What will you learn in this workshop?**

- Why churches are changing and what we can do**
- Why models for change don’t work**
- What personal and spiritual practices do work?**
- How you can lead your church into a good future**

This course is also available as a free webinar at [www.changingchurches.org](http://www.changingchurches.org). If you are able, listen to the webinar prior to the workshop and bring your questions for discussion.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, November 11, 2010**

**\*\*\* TO REGISTER: Contact Susan Orr (242-0099) or [resourcecenter@pbygenval.org](mailto:resourcecenter@pbygenval.org) \*\*\***

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

**FROM THE PASTOR**

*Always rejoice, constantly pray,  
and in everything give thanks.  
For this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.  
-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Dear Friends,

As our community journeys with visitors, newly baptized children, recently joined new members and those who have shared their faith for years, what ways can we encourage each other to find the small moments in life to offer our thanksgiving to God?

This can be difficult when it seems that our job situation, budget shortfalls, failing health or grief is overwhelming us. It can feel like we don’t have anything to be thankful for at all. How can we as a family of faith encourage one another to be thankful people in the midst of our challenges?

First, we can spend time with one another. Listening to the stories of each other’s lives and where those struggles are. Ask that person to share one small thing they are grateful for. It might be that they were able to get out of bed this morning! Or they are glad to have a furry companion greet them at the door when they get home. Then we can pray. Pray with that person or in your personal prayers. Pray for what the person is struggling with, and offer to God their expression of thanksgiving.

This is a spiritual practice that can be done with people of any age. At our dinner table, before we get into what might have been frustrating about our day we all go around and say something we are thankful for. Often those responses include “Momma” and “Daddy” or that the kids took a long nap that day! No matter how silly it might sound to us, God welcomes and encourages us all to celebrate the goodness which God shares with us each and every day.

So friends, what are you thankful for?

Pastor Melissa

## JR. CHOIR NEWS 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

Our choir would like to give an official welcome to: RYAN DAVIS, KELLEN HALL, MEREDITH HART, SCOTT TUTTLE and IAN UNSON who sang with us during morning worship for the first time on October 24th. It is great to have some new faces! Remember, we are glad to have friends join us at any time of the year.

We are looking forward to singing with the senior and youth choirs on November 21, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Our combined introit is based on Psalm 100, and we will join together to make a joyful noise!

On that same morning our anthem will spell out some of the many things for which we are thankful. Unscramble these to get a preview:

CAPEE      DRISFEN      ODOF      LHAHET      YOJ      VEOL      GLIHT



### Important Dates

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Communion
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Family Sunday

### November's Contest

On the 21<sup>st</sup> we will be collecting canned foods for those who are in need. The class who brings in the most cans will win a surprise PRIZE!

### A Note from Amanda...

Wow! It is November! Can you believe it? This month it is important to think about what you are thankful for. We will be doing a project to share what we are thankful for, so be thinking real hard about it. I cannot wait to see you in the halls of church.

## From your Associate Pastor.....

Wonderfully wiggly, he tossed his head back and threw his feet forward. Undoubtedly, he suspected that something out-of-the ordinary was about to happen. Squirming was his response to the mystery in front of him. I took the one year old from his mother's arms. His suspicious stare silently blasted, "Who in the world are you and what are you going to do to me?" Our eyes connected and gradually a bond formed as I gently inched my way over to the baptismal font. "Marshall Richard I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.", I declared. Water trickled down Marshall's small face. He didn't understand the power of the moment .....after all, who really does. His trusting eyes whispered, however, that something quite extraordinary had happened to him.

Rev. Armstrong's began praying, "Almighty God, giver of life: you have called us by name, and pledged to each of us your faithful love." As she prayed, Marshall and I stood under that wooden cross that hangs above the baptismal font. Marshall's small hand reached for the cross. Oblivious of the prayer, he was determined to touched the cross – patting, pushing, pulling it until the prayer was over. The notes of the organ caught his attention. Ryan began playing the beloved hymn "Wonders of Wonders." Truly the moment had been a wonder of wonders moment. The Holy Spirit had entered our sanctuary and touched Marshall through the waters of his baptism. The power of the Spirit had touched each of us reminding us of our own baptisms .....reminding us that the grace offered to us through the cross of Jesus Christ is ours to embrace.

The words of the hymn echoed through the sanctuary: "Wonder of wonders, life is beginning, fragile as blossom, strong as the earth. Shaped in a person love has new meaning." May we claim our own baptisms in a way that reaches for the new life promised by the empty cross – for life is beginning for each of us, over and over again, each and every day. Indeed, through our baptisms we know the hope that the apostle Paul writes about in his letter to the Romans, "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39).

## Adult Education Programs

### 7<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting

### 14<sup>th</sup> No Second Hour Program

Please join us for the installation of our new pastor, Rev. Melissa DeRosia at 4:00 p.m. in the Worship Center at GPC.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Servant or Sucker? Wise and Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor

We've all been there. Someone, obviously poor or homeless, approaches you and asks for money. What do you do? "Servant or Sucker" helps discern appropriate, Christ-centered actions when it comes to addressing poverty on a personal and organizational level. (Produced by Ecuofilm, 2008) Susan Orr, Presbyter for Mission & Education, will present this program.

### Meet & Greet Our New Members!

- Dianne and Dan Kenney were sponsored by Sue Mancini. Dianne is retired and Dan Kenney continues working in the area. Dianne enjoys creating crafts, and baking. Dan likes bowling and jazz and they both support the Mets and Redskins.
- Kim and Scott Kradle have two wonderful children. Kim provides daycare services and Scott manages a store. Kim especially enjoys plays and cross stitching. Scott likes learning about civil war history as well as playing golf. Of course, having two young children takes up lots of time...
- Bruce Rooker of Spencerport has been sponsored by John Rooker. He has 50 years of experience in finance jobs! Joanne Rooker, also known as Nancy Bodhorn's mom, is retired. Nancy served as her proud sponsor. Bruce enjoys sports and the both enjoy their grandchildren.
- Gerry and Doug Steward, of Rochester and Florida, are being sponsored by the Hossenlopps. Check to see if Nancy resembles them! Doug enjoys basketball and watching the Red Sox. Gerry appreciates reading and travel, as well as their wonderful grandchildren.
- Carol Waters is retired and lives in North Chili. Carol has adult children, grandchildren, and granddogs and enjoys knitting and sailing (garage sales, that is). Ruth Rauch served as her sponsor.

### Women's Candlelight Dinner: Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>



On Monday evening, December 6th, the women of Gates Presbyterian Church are invited to join in a holiday tradition for over 30 years, the Candlelight Dinner. It will be held at Rick's Prime House on Buffalo Road and to celebrate this year, we are kicking it up a notch and having prime rib included in the menu! The tickets will be on sale beginning on Sunday, November 7th in the Fellowship Hall for \$18.00 per person. We will be selling tickets every Sunday in November. We will also continue to support ABW (Alternatives for Battered Women's Shelter) with bringing in personal items, such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, toothpaste, sanitary items etc. We hope you can join us for this wonderful and popular event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Barb Snaith at 247-9066.

### Grab the Family and Say CHEEEEEEEEESE!

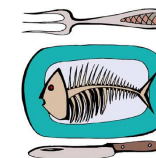
Church Directory photos will be taken on Monday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 16 from 2:00-9:30. Photos will also be taken Friday, January 7 (2:00-9:30) and Saturday, January 8 (9:30-5:00). For November photos, sign up on the Kiosk on October 24, 31, or November 7.



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 subcommittee, which allows us to better connect with one another. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

- Committees - please be taking or finding a few photos which you would like to see considered for the new directory.
- Snowbirds and those who can't get to church will be able to submit photos or take them in their winter location.
- Anyone who regularly worships with us is invited to be included.
- Participants get a free 8 x 10 inch photo and a directory.

### GPC Men's Invitation



Join the men this month for breakfast on **Thursday, November 4th at 6:30 a.m.** (the first Thursday of each month). **Our regular location has changed!!!!!!** We will be gathering at **Mr. Beenz 1941 Buffalo Road** (across from Wendy's).

Also join the men at **6 p.m.** for dinner on **Thursday, November 18th** (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.

## CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR

### 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 over 70 participants in this event, making this the longest running church bazaar in the area.
- \* All top-quality crafters with handcrafted items, plus four 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 many, many hands to pull this bazaar off. Sign up sheets will be in the Sunday bulletins starting 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 21**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sign up and join the fun!

## PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>	<u>Front Door Greeter</u>
November 7	Jeff Tuttle	* See below	6	Chris Arcara
November 14	Dave Fish		1	Carol Hennen
November 21	Paula Sousa		2	Linda Sidore
November 28	Barbara Walence		3	Velta Rouchon

### Communion – November 7

Left:	Christine Davis	Right:	Dennis White
	Ionie Crosdale		Gladstone Crosdale
	Lauren Henderberg		Sheree Barrett
	Al Waugh		Paula Sousa

## Stewardship Corner

We hope you and your family plan to come to one of our “Meet & Greet” sessions in the Adult Lounge to **have fun**, to meet and chat with Melissa up close and personal, to learn a bit more about each other, and to talk a bit about what being a member of GPC means to us. Here is the schedule for the “Meet & Greet” events. If you have not already returned your post card or called the church office to RSVP please do that asap at 247-5292.

- Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00
- Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30
- Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00
- Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

## The Presbytery of Genesee Valley & Gates Presbyterian Church

Cordially invite you to the installation of  
**The Reverend Melissa Lynn DeRosia**  
as Pastor/ Head of Staff

**Sunday, November 14th, 2010**  
**4:00 pm**

**Gates Presbyterian Church**  
**1049 Wegman Rd.**  
**Rochester, NY14624**

## LIBRARY NEWS

Dorothy Mundt’s review of the book Pumpkin Hill by David Seaburn: “The author was a guest speaker this past year and Rev. Louise Armstrong donated this book to our church library. It is a well written story detailing lives of a group of people prior to and following an automobile accident one winter night.

The author brings to life each of the characters and you really want to know them; the minister who becomes just another human trying to survive a terrible tragedy while providing comfort to another in a similar situation; the woman searching for faith and the young man so lost.

I liked the fact that the publisher did not edit the manuscript but left it exactly as the author wrote it, which made for some interesting phrases. David Seaburn is a wonderful writer and I look forward to his next book.”

The Library Committee will meet on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## TODDLER AND NURSERY ROOM SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>On Call</u>
Nov. 7	Sue Birkbeck/Alyssa Birkbeck/ Nadia Endulovski	Brian Hart/Josh Binko/Shawn Lewis
Nov. 14	Andrea Unson/Ian Unson/ Connor MacKenzie/Kayla Millar	Karen Salem/Alison Tuttle/ Dominique Salem
Nov. 21	Diane Keiling/Laura Keiling/ Corrina Marconi	Ginny Smith/Jenna Hossenlopp/ Jocelyn Pimm
Nov. 28	Tracy Burkovich/Jessica Burkovich Katie Ohman	Sue Birkbeck/Alyssa Birkbeck/ Nadia Endulovski

## PROTECT THE VISION – Part Two – Pledge Update

For those of you who have returned your Protect The Vision (PTV) pledge card, a most sincere “THANK YOU!” For the rest of you, **please get those pledge cards in** so we know where we stand on the capital campaign.

Here is where we are so far (as of press time):

- 91 pledges have been received so far representing \$36,722 in pledges. This is 33% toward our goal of \$110K. We have received \$24,382 in actual payments.
- We will continue to give you pledge updates every other Sunday morning in the Worship Bulletin.

The PTV Committee needs your help! **We are looking for two or three new members for the PTV Committee.** As a reminder, our committee is working to raise money to repay our Presbytery loan. The loan was used to pay for the sanctuary roof replacement and brick work. If you are interested in joining the most fun 2010 capital fund raising committee in GPC, please contact a committee member.

Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

*The PTV – Part Two Committee: Beth Molina, Christine Schott, Ken Birkbeck, and Steve Christensen*

Dear Friends at GPC,  
Thank you so much for your kind goodbyes. They truly felt like “God be with you’s.” The scent of the cinnamon-laced Fall broom wafts its way toward me when I come in the door to my home and reminds me of you. The gift card for Amazon will enable me to buy some special books.

I will remember fondly the time I spent with you.

Grace and peace,  
Louise Armstrong

## DEACONS’ PAGE

Please keep in thought and prayer:

**Marcia Way**, recovering from knee surgery.  
**Frona Rossman**, recovering from back surgery.  
**Frances Melton**, healing after a hip fracture.  
**Mike Polizzi** still struggling with health issues.  
**George Bilohlavek**, home after hospital stay.  
**Rick Fields**, home after hospital stay.  
**Babe Meyer**, now home after knee surgery.

Our sympathy to:

**Linda Sidore** for the death of her brother and her aunt.  
**Iva Larsen** for the death of her brother.  
**Esther Weber** for the death of her brother, **Merle Brewer**.  
The family of **Bea Jackling** on her death on October 12.  
**Bob Binko and family** for the death of Bob’s mother.

Congratulations to:

**Sarah (Stewart) and Dave Vermont** on the birth of their daughter, **Julie**,  
On September 27, 2010. The proud grandparents are **Dick and Christy Stewart**.

**Alecia Battaglia** and **Todd Reardon** on their recent engagement.

## REMINDER TO DEACONS:

The next Deacons meeting is Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2.



## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO CARMELLA JUDD!

Thank you, Carmella, for 40 years of coming into the office every month and placing the address labels on the cover of the Harbinger. The office staff appreciates so much your dedication! We will miss your wonderful smile and witty conversation each month. God bless you!



**THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 16.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Frona Rossman.

# Mission News

Thank you GPC for your support of the Wheel-A-Thon! We made over \$3,100 - all for youth mission projects!

## Youth Calendar

- November 1 – Jamaica payment due
- November 7 – 9:00 – Youth Choir  
10:00 – Worship  
11:15 - Jr. and Sr. High Church School  
6:00 - Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group
- November 14 – 9:00 – Youth Choir  
10:00 – Worship  
11:15 - Jr. and Sr. High Church School
- November 16 - 7:00 – Youth Committee
- November 20 - Junior Highs work at Church Mouse/Food Booth
- November 21 - 9:00 – Youth Choir (Youth Choir sings in worship)  
10:00 – Worship  
11:15 - Jr. and Sr. High Church School  
4:00 - Jamaica Orientation  
6:00 - Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group
- November 28 - 9:00 – Youth Choir  
10:00 – Worship  
No Church School Family Sunday

### Jamaica Mission Trip Participants:

FIRST ORIENTATION: November 21, 4:00-6:00 - dinner provided. This is REQUIRED of youth and advisors (no parents at this meeting). Come with ideas for your Jamaica t-shirt.

**Junior Highs** - we need your help at the Food Booth at the Church Mouse Bazaar - November 20!

### Summer Work Projects

- Junior High (upcoming 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders) - July 25-28
- Senior High (upcoming 9, 10, 11, 12<sup>th</sup> graders) - August 7-13

**Looking toward Advent**..... the first Sunday of Advent is November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Cameron Community Giving Tree will be up in the foyer decked with opportunities to give to the children of the Lyell-Otis neighborhood. This year Cameron has asked us to address a very specific need: school uniforms. The public school children in the Cameron neighborhood must go to school dressed in a specific color-coded "uniform" - (example: 1<sup>st</sup> graders/navy blue bottoms/white top, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders navy blue bottoms/yellow shirt, etc). This has been a difficult requirement for some families and Cameron has asked us to help. "Ornaments" on the tree will give child's name/age/colored outfit need. Thanks for helping Cameron help neighborhood families! There will be other Advent giving opportunities to be announced in the December Harbinger.

### Are you connected to a non-profit organization that is selling merchandise for fundraising? Would you like a market place?

If so, contact Carol Anne. The GPC Alternative Advent Market is December 5<sup>th</sup> after worship. It is a place where people can shop for gifts that give twice – once to their loved one, once to the non-profit.

### Mark your calendar now with the following Advent opportunities:

- December 3 - Family Advent Festival - 5:30-7:30
- December 5 - Alternative Advent Market - Sunday after worship  
This market offers you a chance to purchase gifts that say "You are special" AND make a difference to a non-profit organization.