

## Adult Education Programs

### GPC Men's Summer Invitation

Join the men in fellowship for breakfast on **Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 a.m. and Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** We will gather for both at the Town and Country Restaurant on Chili Avenue.

Also join the men at **6:00 p.m.** for a brown bag dinner on **Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** at the church and **6:00p.m. Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> at Pixleys Restaurant**, 2235 Buffalo Road by Tops. So come and join in on the free-wheeling conversations and possibly discuss the Men's day retreat planned for September.

### Camp Casowasco Retreat Location for Women of GPC

The library features an unmatched view of Owasco Lake and a cozy place to enjoy a book. Galilee also has a large living room that is typically used as the main meeting area for groups. The 2nd floor has become the most luxurious place to stay on site. Almost all of the bedrooms feature their own bathrooms and a beautiful view.

Galilee includes 12 bedrooms, 11 bathrooms, and 9 showers to accommodate up to 36 guests. Pillows and blankets are included with each room. Linens are an extra \$6 per guest. Also included in the building is a brand new piano, 2 covered porches, 1 gas fireplace, and a kitchenette.

The history of Galilee is part of its unique charm. The building we now call Galilee was the former summer home of Theodore and Gertrude Case. Built in 1896 and uniquely designed to fit the contour of the shoreline, it quickly became the centerpiece of the Case estate. The rail road that runs along the property dropped off many famous guests during those years - including an alleged visit by Mr. Walt Disney.

### Retreat Cost Summary ~ ~ ~ Camp Casowasco Nov. 12-14, 2010

Date	Aug. 15	Sept. 15	Oct. 15	Total
Cost	50	50	50	150

- Friday dinner is on your own as you come or you may brown bag it at the retreat.
- 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.

**Thanks**

*to those who maintain current, interesting signage around the church, and keep the community informed of and invited to our many program events!*

**Prayer in action is love. Love in action is service. Mother Teresa (she sounds very Presbyterian, doesn't she?)**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Please know that we are very proud of all of you and all that you have accomplished. Job well done!



### The Teddy Bears are returning!

Once again, GPC will be collaborating with St. Johns Meadows to dress and distribute teddy bears to Rochester City School District kindergardeners. The cost will be \$6.00 per bear, which covers the bear, a book, a hand knit winter hat, and packaging materials. The bears will be available for pickup in September or early October.

Watch for more details in the September Harbinger. Call Sally Christensen at 247-6095 if you have questions or suggestions.

### THE TWO BEFORE ONE RULE

Do you know this rule? Take the challenge to practice it this summer. Two before One means that you talk to two persons you don't know well or at all before you talk to one you do. In this way you might just greet a first time visitor and get a chance to know him, her, them. Or you may make a new friend among the members of the congregation.

Two before one puts the other before ourselves. Two before one extends the open hand and heart of fellowship. Let's make it real.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** - June 21 - September 3 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 (noon)

September 6 - **OFFICE CLOSED**

September 7 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 (noon), 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### What Does the Shadow of a Church Mouse look like?

It could look a lot like you. If you are interested in learning more about being a chairperson for the Church Mouse Bazaar we would like to hear from you. There are several types of opportunities to help co-chair this event which takes place in November. Please contact Kay Harder at 429-5119 or Brenda Thornton at 352-7898 if you are interested in walking through the planning process and helping out.



## NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER

### NURSERY ROOM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
July 4	Tami Pignone and Josh Binko
July 11	Andrea and Ian Unson
July 18	Sue and Alyssa Birkbeck
July 25	Chris Davis and Corrina Marconi
August 1	Karen Salem and Kayla Millar
August 8	Tami Pignone and Josh Binko
August 15	Andrea and Ian Unson
August 22	Sue and Alyssa Birkbeck
August 29	Chris Davis and Corrina Marconi



### TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
July 4	Ginny Smith and Carolyn Thornton
July 11	Diane and Laura Keiling
July 18	Brian Hart and Shawn Lewis
July 25	Amanda Adams and Dominique Salem
August 1	Amanda Adams and Dominique Salem
August 8	Tracy and Jessica Burkovich
August 15	Ginny Smith and Carolyn Thornton
August 22	Diane and Laura Keiling
August 29	Brian Hart and Shawn Lewis



## Summer Youth Calendar

### Junior High

- July 11 – Deadline for registration for Jr High Work Project
- July 25 -- Junior High Work Project Participants commissioned in worship
- July 26 – 29 - Jr. High work project

### Senior High

- July 1 – Second Payment due for Senior High Work Project
- August 1 - Third Payment due – all paper work due  
Sr. Hi Work Project Participants commissioned in worship
- August 8 – 8:00 – leave for Sr. High Work Project
- 14 – Return to Rochester
- 15 – Work Project participants lead worship

Fall Kick-Off Party – September 19<sup>th</sup> – 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders

## The 2010 GPC Yard Sale was a great success!!

Current total is \$5,302 – more than 10% above last year.

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated, sorted, priced, lugged, washed, baked, cooked, sorted again, lugged again, hosted, cashiered, helped with setup and/or tear down, and all of the other tasks that were done with grace and good humor. Thanks also to all who shopped! It is truly humbling to be surrounded by so many of my GPC family working together in good fellowship to support the Ministry and Mission of Gates Presbyterian Church.

Grace & Peace, Sheri MacFarlane

## PER CAPITA

Our "per capita" allocation as a church provides our share of support to the larger Presbyterian denomination. Although often thought of as a "tax", and it does primarily pay the salaries of employees at the Presbytery, General Assembly, and Synod levels, these people provide real services to us that we don't often think about. Where do pastors come from? Well, it's true that "only God can make a pastor," but there's a lot of human support to the process. Seminary students need mentoring and financial aid. Established pastors and churches need help in finding each other, through the matching of CIF's (Church Information Forms) and PIF's (Pastor Information Forms, or resumes).

Another significant area of denominational support is development of Church School curricula. Can you imagine asking each teacher to develop their own curriculum and lesson plans from scratch? Can you imagine trying to recruit teachers in such a system?

Our support of the Presbyterian denomination amounts to \$25.82 per member. Please prayerfully consider using the "per capita" envelope in your box to contribute your share.

## PLEDGE UPDATE

With summer coming, and with it more sporadic attendance, we are concerned that slow pledge income may be an issue. At this writing the end of May information is not available, but as of April 30 pledge receipts were more than \$5000 less than last year.

Please make an effort to keep your pledge payments up to date--the bills must be paid even if you miss a few Sundays of worship.


We somehow missed getting out the first quarter giving reports, but we will have the first half statements available early in July. We would appreciate your picking yours up at worship if you are here (target is July 11); if not picked up, they will be mailed.

## READING PROGRAM AT GATES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Make a splash this summer at the Gates Public Library! The theme for the children's Summer Reading Program is Make a Splash: Read!, and it's open to children age 3 (with parent) to 12. Participants register to read or be read to at least 10 minutes a day. Each week, there will be raffle prize drawings, a spinner to spin, a sticker to collect, and a craft to make. Our kickoff program is Wednesday, June 30, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m, and it will feature stories, songs, and make your own ice cream sundae! Call 247-6446 for more information. See you at the Gates Public Library, 1605 Buffalo Road.

## CAMOUFLAGE AND CHRISTIANS

Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, says “Camouflage is a method of *crypsis*—avoidance of observation—that allows an otherwise visible organism or object to remain indiscernible from the surrounding environment through deception. Examples include a tiger's stripes and the battledress of a modern soldier. The theory of camouflage covers the various strategies which are used to achieve this effect.



“Cryptic coloration is the most common form of camouflage, found to some extent in the majority of species. The simplest way is for an animal to be of a color similar to its surroundings. Examples include the "earth tones" of deer, squirrels, or moles (to match trees or dirt), or the combination of blue skin and white underbelly of sharks via countershading (which makes them difficult to detect from both above and below). More complex patterns can be seen in animals such as flounder (can you find the flounder in the picture?), moths, and frogs, among many others.”

Simply put camouflage is the art of avoiding detection and danger.

What has camouflage to do with Christians? Not a thing. However, it is practiced regularly, mostly unintentionally, but not always.

I have heard people say that Gates Presbyterian Church has a wonderful, easily seen location. That may once have been true. It is not now. Yes, plant yourself squarely in front of the property and it looks like a church is there. But try to find the building from a road other than Wegman Road and it can't be done. Where there were once no buildings there is now an attractive office park. Where there were once young saplings, there are now mature, densely leafed trees. There are no signs apart from the modest sign in front of the building. There's a lot of camouflage at work guarding the “secret” of GPC.

But, you might say, there is no problem finding the church when there is a yard sale. True enough. Yard salers have a remarkable built-in homing device! The folks who made the yard sale possible this year worked hard to make the trip to GPC worth the while for the bargain-hunters but – there was still camouflage going on. Missed was the opportunity to toot the horn of the coming VBS for instance. Missed was the opportunity to put a colorful invitation to be a part of the mission and ministry of GPC into each and every bag that left the sales desk. Missed was the opportunity to wear our membership proudly – on an identifying t-shirt or apron. We're really good at camouflage.

Flounder and deer and soldiers know who they are and that they are worth keeping safe. God has designed so much of the natural world with protection for their own safety. How, though, do we keep our faith safe? It is only by putting it “out there.” By sharing it, extending it, and witnessing to its power. Sometimes we have to talk our faith as well as walk it. That is how others will detect the presence of followers of Jesus.

Life has taught us ways to blend in as if that is the only way to remain safe. But that is not all that we are taught. As Christians we are challenged to put off the camouflage and take the chances that will spread the Gospel.

Friends let us learn and practice the ways that we are called to get the Word out, remembering “No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lamp stand so that those who enter may see the light.” (Luke 11:33)

Grace and peace,

Pastor Louise



## PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

<u>Date</u>	<u>Front Door Greeter</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>
July 4	Irene Ward	Scott Blystone	6
July 11	Linda Sidore	Lynn Schramel	1
July 18	Whit Beckett	Helen Priestley	2
July 25	Cam Mossgraber	Tami Pignone	3
August 1	Ann Marie Simm	Kathy Wakeman	4
August 8	Chris Arcara	Carol Brown	5
August 15	Velta Rouchon	Youth	6
August 22	James Lewis	Bridget Wohlers	1
August 29	Keith Hadley	Barb Snaith	2
September 5	Sherry Nau	Linda Allen	3

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR JULY

### JULY (July 18)

Left

1. Chris Arcara
2. Carolyn Thornton
3. Marie Wilson
4. Bev Switzer

Right

1. Ginny Barley
2. James Lewis
3. Gretchen Greene
4. David Balsley

## DEACONS' PAGE

Please keep in thoughts and prayers:

**Norma Polizzi (Sr.)**, recovering from back surgery.  
**Ed Ortman**, recovering from medical procedure.  
**Bob Binko's mother** as she continues to struggle with health issues.  
**Donna VanSlyke**, Marjorie Woods' daughter, in Unity Hospital.  
**Dick Saxe** in Rochester General.



Our sympathy to:

**Craig Howard and family** on the recent death of his mother and a long time member of GPC,  
**Charlotte Howard**.

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, prayers, and thoughts during this sad time of Ed's death. Thank you, Shirley Wimer

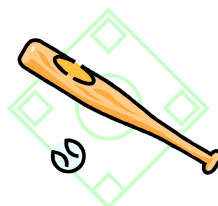
The next Deacons' meeting will be Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

**SEPTEMBER HARBINGER ARTICLES are due on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> by noon. Please have your articles in on or before that time. Thanks!**

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Games start at 6:30 p.m.

July 5	Make up night - No game scheduled
July 12	GPC vs Open Door II at GPC
July 19	GPC vs Father's House I at GPC
July 26	Position Night
August 3	Play off game
August 10	Final game



## MEN'S SOFTBALL

Games start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

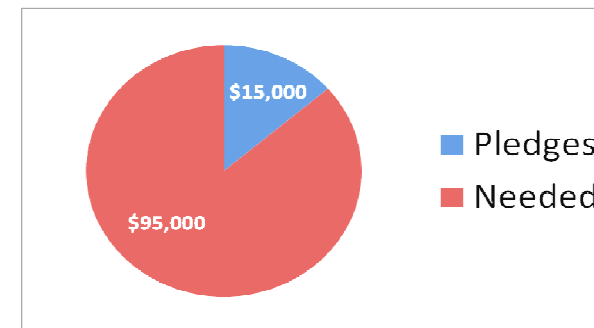
July 6	GPC vs Park Ridge at GPC at 6:00 p.m.
July 13	GPC vs Golden Heights at Gates Town Park at 6:00 p.m.

## Protect The Vision – Part Two – Pledge Update

As you know, the "Protect the Vision – Part Two" Capital Campaign is in full swing. We need to raise \$110,000 to cover the cost of Sanctuary roof repair (\$60K), brick work (\$40K), a new copier (\$7K), and interest on the Presbytery loan (\$3K).

Here is where we are at so far (as of press time 6/16) with the Protect the Vision – Part Two:

- 36 pledges have been received so far representing \$15,000 in pledges. This is 13.6% toward our goal of \$110K. We have received \$5,670 in actual payments.
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Pledge Cards have been trickling in. Again, thanks for your pledge if you made one. For those of you who have not yet turned in your Pledge Card, **please do so by July 16<sup>th</sup>**. If we have not received a Pledge Card from you at that time, expect to get a reminder call. We will be making follow-up calls the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

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

## Protect The Vision – Part Two – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Question:** What's up with the bricks on the church? Can't we wait until we have raised the money before we make the repairs?

**Answer:** As you know, one of the very distinct architectural features of our church is that it is built of imperfect (like us) "clinker" bricks. They really look nice. The shortcoming of the bricks is that they provide ledges for snow and water accumulation which, in our climate, melts and freezes. Just like roads get potholes, the mortar holding the bricks together breaks down and needs periodic maintenance. We have to do two types of maintenance. The first is to replace the mortar that is falling out. The second is to spray the bricks with a sealer. The walls of the church badly need this work done before next winter so, "No, the work cannot be delayed without possible major consequences next spring."

*The PTV – Part Two Committee*

## Worship in July and August

### REMEMBER – Worship is at 10:00

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Mossgraber, leading worship  
2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:7-16  
Luke 10:1-11
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Rev. Armstrong, preaching  
Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Rev. Armstrong, preaching  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Adam Switzer, leading worship  
Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15  
Luke 11:1-13
- August 1 Rev. Armstrong, preaching  
Commissioning of Senior High Work Project Participants  
Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21
- August 8 Rev. Armstrong, preaching  
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40
- August 15 Work Project Participants lead worship
- August 22 Rev. David Seaburn, preaching  
Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17
- August 29 Rev. Kathy Madigan, preaching  
Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14
- September 6<sup>th</sup> Rev. Strawbridge, preaching  
Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

## Summer Mission News

### DIVE IN – SPLASH AROUND – GO “SWEM”ING IN JULY!

The Mission/Peacemaking Committee invites you to fill the swimming pool in the hall with canned goods for Southwest Ecumenical Ministries (SWEM). SWEM supplies emergency food to people in the Southwest quadrant of Rochester. Food cupboards traditionally run low on food in the summer. You can help out by bringing a can of anything nutritious.

### SINGLE SHEETS FOR GRACE HOUSE

Do you have single sheets/pillowcases/blankets that are in good shape and are no longer useful to you? Grace House is expanding and needs them. This Grace House is a temporary home for men leaving prison. It has been very successful in helping its guests readjust to life outside of prison walls. Donations can be put in the box in the front foyer.

### JUNIOR HIGHS AND SENIORS HIGHS REACHING OUT TO OTHERS THIS SUMMER . . . .

The GPC Junior Highs Mission Work Project is July 26-29. This group of caring young people will be working at a variety of mission sites in urban Rochester.

The GPC Senior Highs are off to New York City during the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>. These enthusiastic young people will work with YSOP – Youth Service Opportunity Project – a Quaker mission organization. From soup kitchens to homeless shelters, they will serve those in living in poverty at mission sites throughout NYC. Please keep both groups in your prayers.

### JAMAICA MISSION TEAM’S BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

As you host summer gatherings, celebrate graduations, etc. please remember to support next year’s Jamaica Mission Team by donating your empty cans and bottles. And, don’t forget that most water bottles are now returnable. Please place them in the designated bins just outside the Fellowship Hall entrance behind the wooden gate area. “Blessed are those who rinse and sort.” Amen!

### THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

**THE HUNGARIAN MISSION TRAVELERS return full of stories, photos, and insights.** On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the 10 GPC Hungarian mission travelers returned to Rochester. The group came home with interesting insights into how the reformed Christian community in Eastern Europe lives, works, and worships. Rev. Sandor Ferentzi, pastor of Magyarszecsod Hungarian Reformed Church, and his wife Anna offered abundant hospitality to these GPC’ers. Rev. Ferentzi arranged multiple “people-to-people” experiences with his Hungarian congregation. One particularly popular event was a meal in which our young adults and his young adults, (with the help of interpreters) shared life experiences. While in Magyarszecsod, the group helped with the transformation of an old school building into a community center.

**From your Associate Pastor .....**

Tired from twenty plus hours of travel, we unlocked the door of our first “home” away from home. The GPC Young Adult Mission trip to Hungary and Austria had just begun. Our home for the night was the guest house, Benedictushaus, of Schottenstift Monastery – an 11<sup>th</sup> century monastery in the heart of Vienna, Austria. As we entered our room, the bells of the monastery rang in the background. It was a magical moment to be sure. I could feel the peace of faithful monks who had worshiped God in these very surroundings for so long.

However, remembering the promise I had made to my daughters, I traveled back to the twenty-first century and begun texting them with the usual “arrived safely” message. One daughter lives in Thailand and the other in Rochester. Such instant communication with the other side of the world within the framework of this 11<sup>th</sup> century monastery seemed absolutely surreal. The present was intersecting with the past in a way that made my jet lagged mind swirl. It seems like only yesterday that calling overseas was both an event and an expense – now a few strokes on the key board ..... fifty cents and I was “talking” to Thailand. WOW!!!

The beautiful bells of the monastery rang again. They grabbed my attention reminding me of the one constant in our ever changing world - our Creator. No doubt these same bells had captured the attention of people for centuries reminding the generations of their spiritual roots. Indeed, the same Creator who had supported and challenged the monks of Schottenstift in the middle ages was also supporting and challenging our mission team as we began our time together. We would soon connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Eastern Europe. Our God is a God of all people and all times.

However, a dependable God does not equate to a stagnant God. God is dynamic – creation screams change as part of the divine plan. God is the Creator who is still creating. God calls us to embrace change, even rejoice in it. God who is both constant and dynamic calls us forward. When we joyfully participate in the divine process of creation, our life is filled with hope not fear. Let us, at GPC, embrace change as life giving. Change offers lots of opportunities to be God’s people in new and interesting ways ..... after all 11th century monasteries are fun to visit, but I prefer my 21<sup>st</sup> century life style.

*Carol Anne*

**Vacation Bible School Registration Form**

Name(s) and Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Will parents be helping? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of a special friend your child might like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the church office. Thanks!