

## Adult Education Programs

### **6<sup>th</sup> Medical & Legal Issues in Advocating for Family Members**

Attorney Norma Polizzi will present information about the issues of creating wills, living wills, and health proxy forms. All adults are welcome.

### **13<sup>th</sup> The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts**

*The Five Love Languages* is a consistent New York Times bestseller - with over 5 million copies sold. This book is a sales phenomenon, with each year outselling the prior for 16 years running!

Dr. Gary Chapman, a marriage counselor for more than 30 years, has identified five love languages: 1) Words of Affirmation, 2) Quality Time, 3) Receiving Gifts, 4) Physical Touch, and 5) Acts of Service.

How do you discover your spouse's – and your own – love language? Use the short questionnaire and the author's practical steps to enhance your relationships. Use the website at [www.5lovelanguages.com/assessments/love/](http://www.5lovelanguages.com/assessments/love/) to learn more about the language you speak as a husband or wife. Happy Valentine's Day.



### **20<sup>th</sup> Sermon Talk-Back**

Join Rev. Melissa DeRosia to discuss the sermon and reading from Matthew 5:38-48, which discusses Jesus' words and expectations on loving one's enemies.

### **GPC Men's Invitation**

Join the men this month for breakfast on **Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.** (the first Thursday of each month). **Our new location is Mr. Benz, 1941 Buffalo Road** (by Wendy's).

Also join the men at **6 p.m.** for dinner on **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** (the third Thursday of each month). This month we will be gathering at **"Olympia Family Restaurant"** 2380 Lyell Ave. (behind Blockbuster Video & Little Caesars Pizza).

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### **Interested in Gates Presbyterian Church? Spring/Inquiry/Membership sessions!**

If you wish to learn more about GPC and/or explore the potential for membership, please indicate this on the Hospitality Register or contact Velta Rouchon at 225-9737, Lynn Schramel ([Lynn@gatespres.org](mailto:Lynn@gatespres.org)), Rev. DeRosia, Rev. Strawbridge, or the church office at 247-5292.

The information session is planned for Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:30-3:30. The evening of April 14<sup>th</sup> would allow prospective members to meet with Session. New members would then be welcomed at a breakfast and worship this spring.

### **Desperately Seeking..You?**

Interested in bringing quality programming to the adults in the congregation? Meet once a month with the Adult Education Committee. Contact Andrea Unson ([aunson@frontier.com](mailto:aunson@frontier.com)) or Lynn ([Lynn@gatespres.org](mailto:Lynn@gatespres.org) or 247-5292 x 24) to explore more about this important issue.

### **JR. CHOIR NEWS** 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

In January we focused on Micah 6:1-8. After talking about justice, kindness and humility we took a look at each of these in the light of Jesus' commandments to *LOVE GOD* and *LOVE ONE ANOTHER*. At a time of year when many people are trying to stick to their New Year's resolutions, we were trying to figure out what it is that God wants us to hold onto. On January 30<sup>th</sup> we literally "held onto" justice, kindness and humility, making them a part of us. We also saw the importance of "holding them up" to others and took the opportunity to raise them up during our Micah song as a statement of faith.

In February we will be singing a piece from our church school curriculum: "River Running Through You and Me" by Ian Macdonald and Gordon Light. We will have some help with this song. Come to worship on February 20<sup>th</sup> and discover our special guest!

### **ROCHESTER AREA PRESCHOOL**

Registration for the general public for the 2011-2012 school year opens Saturday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m. We have a wonderful preschool in our building with an outstanding reputation community-wide! Please call the registrar, Karen Hale, at 402-2618 to register. Please pass the word on to family and friends!

**THANK YOU** to all the Elders, Deacons, and Trustees whose terms have ended:

|                  |                   |                  |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>ELDERS:</b>   | Chris Arcara      | Whit Beckett     |
|                  | Polly Moore       | Cam Mossgraber   |
|                  | Carol Henchen     | James Lewis      |
| <b>DEACONS:</b>  | Betty Blystone    | Carrie Dykes     |
|                  | Cathy Goodykooztz | Diane Kearns     |
|                  | Diane Keiling     | Margie McKnight  |
|                  | Ginny Wheeler     | Carolyn Thornton |
| <b>TRUSTEES:</b> | Ron Bodhorn       | Ruth Fraty       |
|                  | Evie Ortman       | James Mossgraber |
|                  | Rob Wakeman       |                  |

## Hospital Calls

The Pastors and staff make hospital visits when notified of a hospitalization, please contact the church office (247-5292) if you know of such a need. Please note that because of privacy concerns, hospitals do not contact Pastors nor share information with the church, so you must call to request a visit.

## Home Communion

Elders, Deacons, and other caregivers participate in the celebration of home Communion. During these visits to homebound GPC members, those serving the Sacrament of Communion take time to visit with the care-receiver, especially inquiring about their needs and how the caregiver may pray for them and their loved ones. To request home Communion, please contact the office by phone or email [office@gatespres.org](mailto:office@gatespres.org)

## Session Retreat

Date: February 5th, 2011  
Time: 9:00am- 1:00pm  
Location: Third Presbyterian Church, Johnston Hall  
4 Meigs Street  
Rochester, NY 14607

## It's being called the GPC "Mega Meeting!"

All committees of session (with the exception of the Personnel Committee) will be meeting on the same night, at the same time and in the same place! We will begin at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer, committee announcements and calendar check-in before the committees break out into rooms around the church for separate meetings. If you currently serve on or are interested in learning more about the following committees, please join us!

|                             |                            |                              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Adult Education</b>      | <b>Budget/ Stewardship</b> | <b>Membership/Visitation</b> |
| <b>Mission/ Peacemaking</b> | <b>Public Worship</b>      | <b>Youth</b>                 |
| <b>Young Children</b>       |                            |                              |

## Praying Through Lent

In preparation for the season of Lent we invite YOU to submit a prayer for our Lenten prayer devotional "40 Days: Praying through Lent." This prayer might be one you have written or a favorite prayer that has inspired you. Please submit the prayer by Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> by emailing Adult Ministries Coordinator Lynn Schramel ([Lynn@gatespres.org](mailto:Lynn@gatespres.org)) or leaving it her box in the office. Names of those who submit the prayer will be included in the devotional, unless indicated otherwise.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Over the past few years there has been a lot of research done and material written about the "science" of happiness. I recently picked up Eric Weiner's book "The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World" and read about his all over the world search of the happiest place. As a foreign correspondent for National Public Radio, Weiner traveled to a lot of very unhappy places devastated by war and extreme poverty. I thought what a clever idea it was for him after all those very "unhappy" experiences to research and write about a topic that would take him to places where he could sit on a beach and be waited on hand and foot. Because, wouldn't we all be happy we arrived and stayed at a place like that?

Sitting under the gray blanket of clouds, shivering in the freezing temperatures, and trudging through piles of dirty snow, a warm weather paradise sounds like just the place we need to "be happy." It shouldn't come as a surprise that warm weather isn't the magic key to unlocking our inner happiness. As a culture Americans in particular are bombarded with all sorts of "keys" to unlock their happiness potential, many of them having to do with wealth and material comforts. We literally "buy into" believing what other people tell us will make us happy.

What do we believe about happiness? Is it something that can be bought, measured, or researched? Weiner's book is full of these kinds of questions and explores the mysterious elusiveness of what being happy means to people all over the world. I am inclined to land where Weiner does at the end of his book, by answering those questions with a question: "are we there yet?"

Happiness is like faith, a journey that doesn't have one destination where we can unfold our lawn chair in the beach, permanently bask in the sunshine and declare that we have "arrived." There is nothing wrong with pausing, sticking our toes in the sand, and enjoying where we have come. But eventually, we begin to ask God, ourselves and those around us "are we there yet" wondering what the journey has in store for us next.

Even though the snow drifts are literally up to our knees, the toes of the GPC community have been in the sand enjoying our new relationship as pastor and congregation. Indeed, this transition time of getting to know each other is a very happy place where getting to know each other is exciting and new. I invite you to take a handful of that sand and put it in your pocket as we continue on our journey of faith to the places that God is calling us to next through mission and ministry. God is asking us "are we there yet?" We've been there, and we keep going, to wherever God calls us to next.

Peace,  
*Melissa*

## Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30- 7:30pm

If being part of community to share your faith, ask questions and explore scriptures sounds like something you might be interested in please join us in the Middle School Lounge (Room 16).

**Bolded** passages will be our focus if you want to read ahead:

### Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)

Psalms 112:1-9, (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)

**Matthew 5:13-20**



### Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2011

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

Matthew 5:21-37

### Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

**Matthew 5:38-48:**

### Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalms 131

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

**Matthew 6:24-34**

## FEBRUARY PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| Date             | Lay Reader        | Front Door Greeter | Usher Team |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Eric Vail         | Sherry Nau         | 3          |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Sally Christensen | Ginny Barley       | 4          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Janice Beutner    | Keith Hadley       | 5          |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Nadia Endulovski  | Carolyn Thornton   | 6          |

### Communion Servers for February

Left  
Andrea Unson  
Irene Derry  
Velta Rouchon  
Irene Ward

Right  
Sherry Nau  
Peter Derry  
J.C. Rouchon  
Tom Ward

## DEACONS' PAGE



Please keep in prayer:

**Mike Polizzi**, in Kirkhaven for rehabilitation.

**Fran and Dick Henderson's grandson**, recuperating after a serious car accident.

**Babe Meyer** recovering from knee surgery.

**Carol Balsley's sister**, recovering from a heart attack.

Congratulations to:

**Amy and David Merica** on the birth of their new daughter, Gabriella Rose, born on December 29th.

Our sympathy to:

**Ginny Smith and family** on the recent death of her nephew.

## REMINDER TO DEACONS:

The next Deacons' meeting will be Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Note the change of Mondays due to President's Day.

**LUNCH BUNCH** will gather again starting Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and join us for crafting and fellowship. Any questions, please call June Hungerford at 426-2656.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will meet at the home of Frona Rossman on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** will meet at GPC in Room 16 at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions, you may call Bonnie Beckett.

## LIBRARY NEWS: NEW BOOKS FROM THE GOOD BOOK STORE

Remember the book sale during the Advent Fair? As a result of your purchase of books, the GPC Library has been given three new books from The Good Book Store! GPC has new books on aging, spirituality, and managing transitions. Look for these books on the library display table in February! See you in the library!

## YOUNG CHILDREN'S NEWS . . . . .

**Kids!** Be on the look out for a flyer going home about this month's contest and some important information.

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help this upcoming semester. I really appreciate all your hard work and time!

## Youth Calendar

- February 1 7:00 – Youth Committee – meet in Sanctuary  
February 3 7:00 - Sr. High Advisor Meeting  
February 5 7:00 - Junior High overnight at GPC  
February 6 9:00 - Youth Choir  
Souper Bowl Set-up  
10:00 - Worship  
11:15 - Jr and Sr High Church School  
12:15 – 3:30 Senior High Sledding Event  
February 13 9:00 – Youth Choir  
10:00 – Youth Choir sings in Worship  
Jamaica mission team Commissioned  
11:15 -- Junior and Senior High Church School  
12:15-3:00 – Confirmation Class  
4:00 – 6:00 – Jamaica Mission Trip Orientation with parents  
February 19 6:00 – Jamaica Mission participants meet at Rochester airport  
10:00 – 3:00- Junior Highs serve lunch at St. Joseph’s – meet at GPC  
February 20 9:00 – Youth Choir  
10:00 – Worship  
11:15 - Jr and Sr. High Church School  
6:00 – 8:00 Annual Sr. High Bowling Event! (no Jr Hi Youth Group)  
February 27 9:00 – Youth Choir  
10:00 – Worship  
11:15 – Family Sunday/no Church School  
9:50 – Jamaica mission team returns

## Jamaica Mission Team

- No toes in the sand if paper work (and money) are not in your file and Hep A is not in your arm! All are due NOW!
- **Commissioned in worship February 13th**
- Parents: Your turn! Our final **required orientation** is for parents as well as youth and advisors - February 13, 4-6 (changed date because of Super Bowl). If you have any questions before then, don't hesitate to call or email Carol Anne [strawheels@aol.com](mailto:strawheels@aol.com).
- And best of all – **meet at the airport at 6:00am** February 19th

## Junior High Youth Group February Events

**7:00pm, February 5 – 10:00am February 6 – OVERNIGHT!**

Midnight at GPC – what really happens????? Does that famous Church Mouse peak out .....and what are those squeaky noises????? Junior Highs, come find out because on February 5 at midnight GPC will be bouncing with hilarity.

**February 19** – The AMAZING Jr. Highs are serving lunch at St. Joseph’s Soup Kitchen – meet at 10:00 at GPC – return at 3:00.

## Senior High Youth Group February Events:

February 6 – 12:15 – eat lunch at GPC and then hit the hills of Black Creek Park. Bring your sled and dress warmly. Have your parents pick you up at GPC at 3:30. You will be home hours before the Super Bowl begins.

February 13 – 6-8 - Famous Winter Break Bowling Event

## HERITAGE/HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Plans are moving along for our celebration on March 27. D&R Depot will cater a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship that morning. Our menu will include charbroiled chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, tossed salad, sautéed vegetables, breads, and desserts. The cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth ages 6 through 12, ages 5 and under free.

Our former pastors have been invited to join us and several have already responded yes. We plan on having a special morning of fun and fellowship. So don't miss out. Tickets will go on sale beginning February 27. Any questions can be directed to Jan Beutner, Ginny Barley, Linda Sidore, or Ann Marie Simm.

## “West Side Story” – Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30 p.m.

No, this isn't a story about Gates and Chili! The Circle of Grace is organizing a night at the theater. We have a block of 22 seats for “West Side Story” at the Auditorium Theater. Tickets are \$55.50 each, which is about a \$20 savings on each ticket. Most of the seats are in the Right Center section of the Orchestra, Rows W, X, and Y. There are a few seats in the 3<sup>rd</sup> row of the balcony as well. Seats will be reserved on a “first paid, first reserved” basis. Please make checks out to Rochester Broadway Theater League (or RBTL). Do you have questions or want to reserve a seat? Call Sally Christensen at 247-6095.

## Mission News

### Lunch at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality - February 19<sup>th</sup>

The Junior High Youth Group will be serving lunch at St. Joe's on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks Junior Highs! But .....we still need donations and cooks. The meal will be cooked at GPC on Friday evening February 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30. The sign-up for food donations and cooks is on the Kiosk. If you would like to know more about St. Joseph's, their website address is [www.saintjoeshouse.org](http://www.saintjoeshouse.org)

### Help Support Our Troops Overseas:

The Junior High Youth Group is sending care packages to our troops overseas. They hope that our entire church family will get involved with this project. You can help by purchasing one or more of the items listed below and bringing them to the collection boxes in the foyer. Junior Highs will assemble the kits at their retreat. Items are:

- DVD's (new releases)
- Crossword puzzle/Sudoku or Word Search books
- Stationary
- Journal
- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
- Powder drink packages (Gatorade, Kool-aid, Chrystal Light)
- Handiwipes (travel size)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- Socks (black, olive, green – cotton or wool)
- T-shirts (cotton green or tan) sizes M, L, and XL

If you have a loved one in the military overseas and would like him/her to have a care package from GPC, please give his/her name to the church office. **THANK YOU!**

### Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday – February 6 - \$1 and/or 1 Can of Soup What is the Souper Bowl of Caring anyway???

The Super Bowl of Caring is a national movement of congregations, schools, community organizations and compassionate individuals caring for others on Super Bowl weekend (February 6th, 2011). Last year, this organization raised 10 million dollars to alleviate hunger. One hundred percent of the donations went to the fight against hunger. On Super Bowl Sunday, our Junior Highs will offer you a chance to participate in the **Souper Bowl**. They encourage you to bring one dollar and/or one can of soup. Youth will collect your donations at the worship center doors. The soup will go to Cameron Community Ministries and the money will be given to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. Both of these mission sites help to fight hunger in Rochester by offering a six day a week hot lunch. GPC has supported their mission work for many years with budget dollars, food donations, volunteers, and Souper Bowl gifts. For more information on the Souper Bowl go to [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org).



### Jamaica Mission Trip Participants ask for your prayers. Please sign their prayer cards located in the foyer.

(and farewell blessings if you are a very, very early bird).

This year eight high school seniors and three advisors will leave Rochester on February 19<sup>th</sup> to fly to Jamaica as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> GPC Jamaica mission team. The team will connect with our partner church in Jamaica, the United Church of Jamaica, Negril Charge which is composed of Santoy United, Green Island United, and Negril United Church of Jamaica. At the time of this writing, the team is eagerly waiting information on the exact work that they will be doing this year. Mission team participants are Tracy Burkovich, Jennifer Cheal, Shannon Fish, Mary Hadley, Katrina Hossenlopp, James Lewis, Rob Ohman, Carol Anne Strawbridge, and Rob Wakeman. The team will be commissioned in worship on February 13<sup>th</sup>, leave on the 19<sup>th</sup>, return on the 27<sup>th</sup> and lead worship on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers. Please let them know you are keeping them in your prayers by signing their prayer cards (located in the foyer). If you would like to be part of the excitement as they leave Rochester, meet at the airport on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 a.m.

**Mission PS:** THANK YOU JUNIOR HIGHS FOR YOUR GREAT LEADERSHIP IN MISSION THIS MONTH – Souper Bowl, care packages, and St. Joe's – you are awesome!

## THE GREAT GPC YARD SALE



The Gates Presbyterian Church Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please begin to save your gently used items to donate. This has been a great event for our church with the opportunity to have fun while fundraising and finding some great deals on things you always knew you needed, but could never find. We will need LOTS of help to make this event anywhere near as successful as previous Yard Sales. We welcome your ideas and your time along with your donation of treasures. Please contact Sheri MacFarlane (436-1274) with any ideas or questions and watch for updates in the weekly worship bulletins. We look forward to an exciting and successful Yard Sale in 2011.



## THE CLINKER BRICKS 5K

Have you started your training? The Clunker Bricks 5K is only 12 weeks away! We are looking for sponsors, both businesses and individuals. In addition to financially helping a great community event, sponsors benefit by receiving publicity to the hundreds of people participating in this event, as well as some free entries to the run/walk. If you know of anybody who would like to be a sponsor, please contact Keith Hadley or Tracy Burkovich. The sponsor application form can be downloaded from the church website: [www.gatespres.org](http://www.gatespres.org)

## From the Associate Pastor .....

Some may believe that a snow shovel is for shoveling snow. True ..... however, mine has an equally important purpose in life. It stands by my door shouting, by its stately presence, "It's winter." The Jamaica Mission Trip is just around the corner!!!!!" Our first mission trip to the Negril Charge of the United Church of Jamaica was in February 2001. It was when airport security was minimal, Reverend Margaret Fowler was a stranger, the Montego Bay Airport was quaint, grey was the color of the sky not my hair, the founder of Facebook was the age of the youth in our group, and Rev. Gras was the GPC Head-of-Staff. It was also the beginning of our partnership with the United Church of Jamaica, Negril Charge. A decade later, I celebrate that we are still partners in this sacred adventure of shared ministry.

Many of you know that Rev. Fowler accepted another call shortly before Thanksgiving. She moved from Negril to Kingston on December 28<sup>th</sup>. We pray for Margaret and her new church as they begin their ministry together. We, at GPC, know a little bit about the excitement of new ministries and we rejoice with Margaret. I, however, am saddened that Margaret will not be part of our Jamaica experience this year. I already miss Margaret's Saturday evening official welcome. Through the years, it became my official "Yes! We are here!" moment. Indeed, I catch myself wondering: Who will preach on Sunday morning? Who will answer my questions? Who will guide our work? However, it is actually my Jamaican experiences that have taught me that sacred adventures often live in the unanswered questions, the seemingly idle moments of unproductively, and the spontaneity of sudden surprises. Sacred adventure is about touching the Holy in the moment and unpredictably discovering God's glaring presence. I am eager to discover the processes, people, and places where that will happen on this trip. In some ways it contains the initial wonderment of the 2001 trip.

We will look forward to sharing our stories with you upon returning to Rochester. Our team will lead both worship and second hour on March 6.

Carol Anne

## Stewardship Corner ...

January update shows 207 pledges received to date totaling \$293,970. **Thank you God and Members** for your abundant stewardship to GPC! If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider your relationship to GPC and send in your card soon. Cards and Time and Talent Forms can be found on the table to the right of the front doors.

**We need your help!** We need you to help us by brainstorming some new ways we can increase our income this year. We now have a publicity committee to advertise area wide our regular events: dinners, yard sale, Church Mouse sale, etc. so that will be a big help. But we need your help as well to add new and creative fundraising opportunities. Suggestions from you could make a huge difference! Have you ever heard of use of "Seed Money" or "Multiplying Gifts" to raise funds? What happens is that the church gives out an amount of **cash**, say \$10, \$20, even \$50, to members who volunteer to use that "seed money" to invest in activities that would be returned to the church as giant financial gifts! The ways to make this money grow is only limited by your imagination and talents! Suggestions could be investing in flower and vegetable seeds to be grown and sold; purchase fabric or yarn that could be made into products that could be sold; purchase tools that could be used to sell your landscaping and/or gardening services in your neighborhood to the elderly or infirmed. There is no end to what could be done to multiply the cash investment we would hand you. What do you think? Shall we try it? Let us know your thoughts on participation in a project like this.

Last month we wrote about our 2011 Per Capita apportionment responsibility. This year's amount is \$25.71 per member. This money represents the "cost of being a Presbyterian." It goes toward expenses like resource materials, staff salaries, operating expenses of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley offices, Synod of the Northeast and General Assembly. Our church is assessed an apportionment based on our 2009 membership numbers given to the General Assembly. That means GPC is expected this year to pay \$15,818.24 for our 592 members in 2009. **We need each of you to do your part**, to return your family's apportionment to help cover GPC's expense by returning the envelope found in your box. Or, if you do not get pledge envelopes, checks can be mailed to the church or placed in a blank envelope and dropped into the collection plate during service. We will also be working to get Per Capita envelopes into Attendance Register folders. Please be mindful of our church's responsibility for this apportionment and return your part as early as possible. Thank You!!

### **BUDGET UPDATES AS OF JANUARY 20, 2011**

Pledges, Adult and Youth-to-date = \$293,970

Pledges, Adult Anticipated additional = \$14,679

### **END OF YEAR BALANCES**

Endowment Fund = \$154,885.38

Mustard Seed Fund = \$85,207.18