

Flying Solo Group

All Are Welcome!

This group was created to provide a place for individuals of all ages to meet and share the struggles, joys, and challenges of adjusting to life as a single person after living as part of couple. We meet once a month on Friday nights from 6:30 to 7:30. If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please give us a call or just show up! The next meeting is June 17th. We meet in the Adult Lounge. Contact Jan Beutner: 594-4895, or Sherry Nau: sherrynau@frontiernet.net

THIS YEAR'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE has begun to meet to discuss the needs of GPC in terms of elders, deacons, and trustees for 2012. Committee members are: Dave Fish and Jan Beutner representing elders of session; Clarene Cress representing trustees; Fran Henderson representing deacons; and Tom Ward, Nancy Hossenlopp, and Frona Rossman representing the congregation at large.

We ask every member of GPC to pray for our committee as it begins its work and to also prayerfully consider where the Lord is calling each of you to serve this congregation. Please speak with any committee member if you feel called to serve or to get more information about elder, deacon or trustee responsibilities.

JUNE TRUSTEES CORNER

- * Thank you to all those who helped with our Spring Cleanup! Our house is in order again!
- * The hunt for Mr. Woodchuck continues. (Or is it a Mrs?). Gary Dykes has set several Have-A-Heart Traps around GPC and has been monitoring them. He will release our friend(s) per Gates Town Regulations.
- * Adopt-A-Garden program is being overseen by Sue Mancini & Many generous GPC volunteers are volunteering time, plants and energy to making GPC a beautiful place to worship!
- * Due to our budget shortfall, Trustees are being very prudent with spending. We are reviewing each and every repair/wish list item carefully. No unnecessary spending at this time.
- * We continue reviewing and keeping up with the monthly maintenance items and ensuring they get done on schedule.
- * A BIG THANK YOU to Chris Thornton for all the work he has done on getting the new recording system working in the Worship Center!!

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

June 6	Gates Presbyterian vs. Open Door II at GPC field
June 13	Gates Presbyterian vs. Father's House at GPC field
June 20	Gates Presbyterian vs. Open Door III at Open Door field
June 27	Gates Presbyterian vs. New Beginnings at Greece Assembly field



MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Please check Sunday bulletins for game schedule.

FROM THE PASTOR

It seems a bit surreal to see our denomination make headlines in the New York Times. On May 10th it read: "Presbyterians Approve Ordination of Gay People." After 33 years of debate, the Presbytery of Twin Cities in Minnesota, became the 87th presbytery to vote in favor of Amendment 10-A. That means a majority of the denomination's 173 presbyteries have now voted "yes" on a proposed constitutional change that the General Assembly endorsed in 2010.

The following provision that is currently in the *Book of Order* (G-6.0106b) will be changed:

Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.901), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

The new language (Amendment 10-A) will read:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying Standards to individual candidates..

As the Moderator of the 219th General Assembly, Elder Cindy Bolbach said in her video message following the vote, "This is a significant moment in the life of our church."
(To view the entire message <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbZcQa7fME8&feature=share>)

The decision that was made brings me great excitement, as I know and love many wonderful people with the gifts for ministry and feel called to service in the church, people who also happen to be a different sexual orientation than I. I also recognize that those who feel differently continue to be part of the conversation. For my entire lifetime, our denomination has been debating and at times harming one another with rhetoric and actions to communicate their commitment to one side or another. My hope is that in the midst of our reactions we will be faithful to the belief that all of us are bound together as the church through Jesus Christ our Lord. "There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all," Paul wrote to the Ephesians (4:5-6).

Reaction to this decision will understandably span a wide spectrum, even in our own church family at Gates Presbyterian Church. There will be joy, as many have been waiting for the day our denomination becomes one of full inclusion where sexuality is no longer a barrier to full membership and leadership as elders, deacons and ministers of Word and Sacrament. There will also be disappointment and confusion as people reflect on what it means to be part of a denomination of which they disagree.

This *is* a significant moment in the life of our church, and we have the opportunity to take a life time of debate and rise above the temptation to ignore God's invitation for us to be open and gracious with one another. It is my prayer that as we respond to one another we do so in such a way that is a faithful witness to the Gospel. If anyone has questions or is struggling how these decisions have impacted your faith journey, don't hesitate to contact me.

Peace,
Melissa



MISSION NEWS:

Picnics, graduation parties, confirmation parties, wedding showers, family reunions, etc. etc. – all these great summer events offer you an opportunity to engage in mission! HOW!! Collect the bottles and cans from these events and bring them to the bins in the fenced in garbage area. The Jamaica Mission team will redeem them to help finance their February mission trip! Thanks!

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering was collected on Palm Sunday. We received \$717.00. Thank you for your generosity! This second mile giving opportunity supports our denominations outreach to victims of disaster such as those living in Japan and along the Mississippi River.

We are collecting gently used and clean WOMEN'S clothing for Amherst Place from June 19 to July 17. Please put your donations in the laundry baskets in the foyer. Amherst Place is a new outreach of Grace House. GPC has supported the work of Grace House for several years. This mission has been instrumental in helping male parolees assimilate back into Rochester society. The staff of Grace House has recently opened a similar ministry for women, Amherst Place. Your donations will help these women start their lives over.

DEACONS' PAGE



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

Larry Wakeman suffering with health issues
Carol Anne Strawbridge and family with her mom, **Charlotte**, suffering with lung cancer
George Bilohlavek suffering with pneumonia
Lucinda Price with health issues
Robin (Strawbridge) Muller, recovering from surgery in Bangkok

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Michelle Bartell, Ben and Ellyn and family on the death of husband and father, **Jim Dick and Christy Stewart and family** on the death of Dick's mother, **Leona Osmond and Ann Marie Simm and family** on the death of Osmond's father in Jamaica

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tom Ward on his milestone birthday.

REMINDER TO DEACONS:

Next Deacons' meeting will be Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.

We were deeply touched by your many cards, notes, kind words, hugs and prayers following the passing of Chuck's mother. It is a real blessing to be part of such a loving and compassionate church family. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for lifting us up during this difficult time.
- Chuck, Cathy, Brian, and Eric Goodykoontz

Prayer Shawl Group will meet on June 7, 2011, at church, in Room 16, at 2 PM.

Tabithia Circle will meet at 6 PM on June 14, 2011, for a picnic. We will meet at the home of Sonia Davis, 25 Westcrest Drive. Please call JoAnn Vander (494-6024) with any questions. She is coordinating the food for the picnic.



**REMINDER –
SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CONTINUES AT 10:00 A.M.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Mark Hadley graduated from Berklee School of Music.
Dan Otto graduated from Niagara University.
Blaise Salem graduated from Eastern Monroe Career Center.
Jared Steinmiller graduated from Baldwin Wallace College.
Andrew White graduated from Milliken University.

Young Children News

Wow! We have been busy! The Sunday School program is coming to the year's end and will culminate with our Children and Youth Day Service on Sunday, June 12th, which is Pentecost Sunday. The children have been working hard to get ready for this, since the Sunday School classes will be leading a significant portion of that service.

Many thanks go out to those wonderful Sunday school teachers, who give their time and love to teach and nurture our young disciples. Also, thanks to the parents, who make sure their children get to Sunday School each week. Both teachers and parents are fulfilling the promises made to these children at their baptism.

NEWSFLASH!!!! SOMETHING NEW!

Family Night

Wednesday, July 13

6:00-8:00

Save the date!

Vacation Bible School will take on a new look this year. With many parents working, attendance during the daytime VBS has declined. So, this year we will be doing "Family Night," an intergenerational gathering, yet focused on the children, similar to the Advent Festival. Lots of fun for all!! Stay tuned... more details to follow!

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 12th - Children and Youth Day Sunday

- Wear red
- Anthem rehearsal at 9:30 in adult lounge
- Last day of Sunday School

July 13th - Family Night (VBS)

- 6:00-8:00 p.m.

NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Toddler Room</u>
June 5	Tracy Burkovich, Jessica Burkovich, and Tyler Phillips
June 12	Brian Hart, Shawn Lewis, and Connor MacKenzie
June 19	Jeff Tuttle and Allison Tuttle
June 26	Ginny Smith, Jenna Hossenlopp, and Jocelyn Pimm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
June 5	Andrea Unson, Ian Unson, and Josh Binko
June 12	Karen Salem, Dominique Salem, Corrina Marconi
June 19	Ann Marie Simm, Katie Ohman, and Jenn Cheal
June 26	Sue Birkbeck, Alyssa Birkbeck, and Nadia Endulovski



Stewardship Corner

Here's another round of **Congratulations to Rob Ohman** for being chosen this year's recipient of the Mustard Seed Scholarship Award. Rob has provided amazing support to GPC over the years through his participation on the Pastoral Search Committee; he has participated in MANY mission trips, taught Sunday School, and oh so many other volunteer activities. His application, essay and letters of support indicated he was the best-qualified candidate for this award. Special thanks also go to the other candidates who were so closely qualified and seriously considered. Trust us ... it was a tough decision!

The Stewardship and Budget Committee has been working hard in the past few months, not only watching our budget activity, but carefully reviewing our committee Job Description, as well as rewriting guidelines, policies and procedures for S&B Fundraising, Memorial, Endowment, Escrow and Mustard Seed Fund Policies. Most of these have not been updated in many years, so the need was evident.

If you have not made your Per Capita apportionment payment of \$25.71 per member, we ask that you AGAIN consider sending in this payment, even if you pay for one member at a time. Our budgeted goal has been achieved, but it is only a fraction of the \$15,818.24 assessment for our 592 members in 2009. As we work to reduce and eliminate our 2011 shortfall, we need everyone to help in this small way by paying their portion of this assessment. If you have already made your payment, THANK YOU Sincerely!!

REMEMBER ... the **GPC Yard Sale in Saturday, June 11th**. As you do your spring cleaning, look into your linen closet, attic, garage, storage areas for **Good Clean Stuff** that others may want and need!

\$299,074 Pledged to date

\$ 17,275 Shortfall

Endowment at end of April = \$165,370.29

Mustard Seed at end of April = \$91,722.87

Bible Study for June

This opportunity for Bible Study, fellowship and prayer is open to everyone. We meet in the Jr. High Lounge every Wednesday 6:30-7:30. Here are the scripture texts we will be discussing:

June 1st Acts 1:1-14

June 8th Acts 2:1-21

June 15th Matthew 28:16-20

June 22nd Genesis 22:1-14



***Summer Break starts June 29th and Bible study will not meet. See you back on September 7th!*

Adult Education Programs

GPC Men's Invitation

Join the men this month for breakfast on **Thursday, June 2nd at 8:00 a.m.** (the first Thursday of each month). Our breakfast location is **Mr. Beenz 1941 Buffalo Road** (by Wendy's).

Also join the men at **6 p.m.** for dinner on **Thursday June 16th** (the third Thursday of each month). This month we are trying a new restaurant. This month we are going to meet at **"Acropolis Family Restaurant"** at 3240 Chili Avenue in the Chili Paul Plaza.

~ Welcoming Our New Members ~

We are blessed to welcome two new members. Please get to know them!

He's often seen in the company of two beautiful young blondes, *right in front of his wife!* Meet new member **Matt DeRosia**, who moved here from Michigan when his wife took the job of our new pastor. In addition to parenting Lillian and Norah, Matt's interests include sports (the Detroit Red Wings, Lions, and Tigers), movies, and music. Matt hopes to play softball for GPC, and works as a Distribution Leader at PSS Word Medical.

Scott Wohlers is married to Bridget, and has two children, Carson (7) Graham (4), who always seems to be smiling. With a busy career as a Golf Course Superintendent, he also serves as the Secretary for the Finger Lakes Association of Golf Course Superintendents, as well as a Delegate - Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Scott is honored to be one of a hundred delegates representing over 35,000 golf course professionals nationwide. Scott's hobbies include working as a Volunteer Firefighter and he is a Life Member of the Spencerport Fire Department. Cheering on the Buffalo Bills, spending time with family, and staying in touch with family in Rochester, Naples, Florida and in Las Vegas are free-time activities.

SPORTS FAN ALERT!

Please call me because I am thinking about organizing a RED WINGS game night for GPC.

Whether it is a Men's event, a Family event, or Men and boys, or Men and kids... (You can see my head spinning). I have this idea and don't know where to start. Any thoughts or opinions would be greatly appreciated! I also know that the sooner we get it into a Harbinger, the better. Call me at home at 247-4872 with your thoughts -

Gary Dykes.

Greet 2, Then 1 Please consider greeting two people you don't know or don't know well, then the one or more you know, to help create a friendly, welcoming environment! Also, join the congregation for refreshments after worship. Feel free to introduce yourself to others.

Can You Help Spread the Word?

We are so grateful to Don Chapin for changing the outdoor building events sign so faithfully, and are in need of someone to take on this important task: sharing our good news with the neighborhood and members. If interested, please contact Membership & Visitation Chair, Velta Rouchon at vt.rouchon@hotmail.com or call 225-9737.



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,
Bless these men,
that they may find strength as fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Amen!

<http://www.loveyoufather.com/prayers.html>

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Front Door Greeter</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>
June 5	Peter Derry	Velta Rouchon	5
June 12	Children's Service	Jan Beutner	6
June 19	Rick Howe	Dick Stewart	1
June 26	Ben Cheals	Carolyn Thornton	2

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

<u>Left:</u>	<u>Right:</u>
1. Keith Hadley	1. Mary Hadley
2. Sue Mancini	2. Jan Beutner
3. Ann Haag	3. Peggy Militello
4. Ionie Crosdale	4. Gladstone Crosdale



JR. CHOIR NEWS 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

Thank you to our junior choir members (and their families) for their enthusiasm, dedication and service to our church family throughout this past year!

Shannon Belt	Samantha Dykes	Jamie Hart	Riley Marconi
Aleigha Binko	Malina Endulovski	Meredith Hart	Matthew Thornton
Brian Bullis	Valerie Fong	Mikey Hossenlopp	Scott Tuttle
Samantha Burkovich	Jacob Frisch	Abby Jarvis	Abby Unson
Maya Charcholla	Sean Frisch	Lauren Jarvis	Ian Unson
Alyson Cook	Kellen Hall	Rachel Kelly	Carson Wohlers
Ryan Davis	Dana Hart	Tommy Kelly	

Meet our newest members – the 2011 Confirmation Class:

Joshua Binko

Joshua is a gifted guitarist. On the Junior High Mission Work Project, he led a sing-along with the residents of the Presbyterian Home. They loved his music! Although a busy student at Spencerport High School, he enjoys hanging with his friends, playing tennis, and playing his guitar in his free time. Joshua writes “I am very excited about becoming a member of GPC.”

Jessica Burkovich

Jessica is a busy young woman! She has been on the high honor roll her entire career at Gates Chili High School while playing soccer and basketball for her school. Her favorite subject is art. Jessica plans to study to be an interior designer or photographer. She loves her family, her friends, and the community of GPC about which she writes “I cannot wait to become a member!!!”

Ashley Frisch

Ashley has her eyes on St. John Fisher College. She wants to become an elementary school teacher. Currently, she is a ninth grader at Dr. Freddie Thomas High School. She participates in the Gospel Choir at her school. She loves doing different types of mission work. Ashley writes “I am very excited to become an official member of the church” and “hope to get to know everyone.”

David Keiling

The ninth grade at Spencerport High School is where you will find David; however, you will have to look for him in a lot of places. David lifts weights, plays football, runs track, while being a very involved student as well. Despite his busy schedule he makes time for his family which he says “I love very much.”

Austin McEntee

You can find Austin on the baseball field in Spencerport as he plays for Spencerport High School. Spencerport High School offers him a chance to participate in two of his loves – hanging out with friends and history. Austin says, “I want to join GPC because of its traditional services.”

Corrina Marconi

Corrina is a very outgoing and caring young woman. She plays soccer for the Gates Metros and loves lacrosse as well. An excellent student, she loves her school, Gates Chili High School, and hopes to make Syracuse University her college. Corrina loves spending time with family and friends and listening to music. Corrina writes, “I love the feeling I get when I walk into church.”

Chris McEntee

Chris goes to Cosgrove Middle School in Spencerport. Although busy with his school work, he enjoys drawing and loves to go to Red Wings Games with his family in his free time. Chris reminds us of the importance of being a friendly church as he “likes how nice all the people are at Gates Pres.”

Drew Rogers

Drew is a freshman at Brockport High School. Drew is multi-talented as he is both an athlete and a musician. He plays soccer, hockey, and lacrosse for his high school. He also plays soccer and hockey outside of school. Drew says, however, “although I play sports, music is my real passion.” He is beginning to put a band together.

Youth Calendar

June 5 -	9:00 - Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship 11:15 - Parent and Youth Work Project Informational Meeting SENIOR HIGH WORK PROJECT FORMS DUE
June 7 -	7:00 - Youth Committee
June 11 -	Yard Sale Food Booth/Work Project Participants Yard Sale Clean-up
June 12 -	9:00 - Youth Choir 10:00 - Worship (lead by Church School children) 4:00 - 6, 7, 8 th Grade Pre-party 6:00-8:00 - End-of-the-Year Picnic 6 th -12 th graders
June 19 -	9:00 - Youth Choir 10:00 Graduating High School Seniors honored in worship 11:15 Senior High Work Project Advisor's Orientation Meeting

Upcoming 7th graders and current 7th and 8th graders

You are invited to a pre-party! On the day of the End-Of-The-Year Picnic, June 12th, start partying early - meet at GPC at 4:00 and go to the Clubhouse Fun Center for Go-Karting!

YOUTH MISSION WORK PROJECT NEWS

Senior High – August 7-13- Adams, New York
For youth entering 9th-12th grades

Registration and deposit deadline: June 5
Parent/Youth Informational Meeting: June 5, 11:15, Worship center
Advisor Orientation Meeting: June 19 – 11:30 – Adult Lounge

Junior High – July 25-28 – Rochester
For youth entering 7th-8th graders.
Deadline for signing up – July 10

Jamaica '12 – February 18-26
Deadline for signing up – July 1

Graduation High School Seniors – We want to honor you!

Youth Group End-of-The Year Picnic - June 12, 6-8

AND

In worship on June 19 - 10:00 am

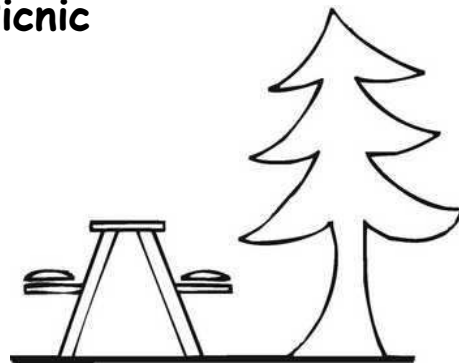
End-Of-The-Year Youth Picnic

June 12 – 6 – 8 pm

GPC

For current 6th-12th graders

Come celebrate with the graduating seniors
And welcome the upcoming seventh graders
And thank the advisors and teachers
And relax with friends
And eat tons of great food!



From the Associate Pastor.....

The building was now quiet. It was a Friday night in May. Earlier the building had echoed the laughter of eight young people as they built a tall block tower. The youth had not settled for traditional construction techniques. Instead they adopted their own unique style, angling small triangles so that large rectangles could balance on top of them. They had transformed the tower assignment into a unique sculpture that whispered “Picasso”.

The building was now quiet. The same eight young people, members of the 2012 Confirmation Class, were in separate classrooms thinking about and writing their faith statements. Melissa, Mary Waugh and I had explained that a faith statement was personal. We encouraged the confirmands to write what they truly believed, not what they thought we wanted to hear. Now pens were meeting paper as brains met hearts. When all were finished, I gathered the statements and tossed them in a folder.

The building was now quiet. I was alone as I opened my folder. I began to read the words of these eight young people. Wow!!!! Wow!!! As I read, I realized I was reading the theological equivalent of “angling small triangles so that large rectangles could balance on top of them.” Like the tower, the young people had balanced their own beliefs on a solid foundation that they had learned over the years. Each statement was beautiful and reflected personal faith integrity. Each statement also expressed an appreciation for the community of Gates Presbyterian where he/she had been welcomed, encouraged, and accepted.

I rejoice that GPC is a community where we can dare to build in bold ways, think in daring ways, and walk in different ways. Thank you 2012 Confirmation Class for reminding me of this! After all, Jesus Christ was daring, bold, and different as he befriended the outcast, rejected the establishment, and declared a new way.

Carol Anne

