

ADULT EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6th - book review - “The Help”

The place: Jackson, Mississippi

The time: the early 60's.

The book "The Help"...

My favorite character is Aibileen because she is known in her church for her prayers which help people. I wish I could say that my prayers did the same. I liked Minny also because she is a scourge of her white employers, and she has great come-backs. I could go on, but then you wouldn't have your say and wouldn't come to the book review.

Bonnie Beckett

Sunday, November 13th - Dr. Leway Chen

Dr. Leway Chen will talk to us about “Heart Health”. Dr. Chen is the Director of the heart failure section at Strong Memorial Hospital (SMH). He cares for patients with heart failure, and specializes in patients with heart transplants and artificial hearts (VAD).

His current research interests include cardiovascular health services and outcomes measurements, and quality of life instruments. He manages the "Comprehensive Outcomes Measurement Program" (COMPS) at SMH and performs clinical duties in nuclear cardiology and attends on the coronary care unit. He is the Director of the Program in Heart Failure and Transplantation.

Please join us to listen to Dr. Chen to learn more about keeping your heart healthy!

Sunday, November 20th - Sister Barbara Moore

The Our Father: New Eyes See An Old Prayer

Join Sister Barbara of the Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School to explore this prayer.

Sister Barbara has been a guest preacher and led Bible Study here at GPC in the past, and is a perennial favorite guest speaker.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATIONS

In October one of the 2nd Hour programs focused on the changes to the Presbyterian Church (USA) ordinations standards and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) persons. We would like to continue the conversations and hear more of your questions so we can learn and grow together. Please contact Melissa DeRosia to share your questions.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Author, the Rev. Carol Howard Merritt, wrote a blog for *The Christian Century* magazine titled “Negotiating Our Notions of Self” (<http://christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2011-10/negotiating-our-notions-self> October 17th 2011) where she reflects on her experiences working in a large retail chain store and having the creativity squeezed out of the job by the corporate preset window displays and end caps. The article brought me back to my pre-seminary days of working at Starbucks when on a monthly basis the store would receive a large mailing envelope containing the plan for our store displays. Often there would be a blank sealed envelope inside the mailing package, as if to suggest these were top secret plans and must be incinerated after coffee bean placement was complete. Each month I followed the diagrams, turned each coffee cup handle to the right, and assembled prefab cardboard cutout signs like they were a works of art. They weren't works of art, and most people who work in retail or other sectors in the corporate world know that quality control is valued above creativity and self expression. As a result, many people feel like their job is meaningless, they are just another cog in the machine, and the main reason they go to work is to pay the bills.

In a culture that has often defined a person's self-worth by “what they do” these kinds of jobs, or not having a job, threatens how we define ourselves and how we think other people define us. The article raises some challenging questions about how we begin to talk about a new notion of self in light of rich theology and our emerging economic situation.

I am inspired by the ways the Presbyterian Church (USA) is slowly emerging from the models of governance and mission that have focused on replicating prefab molds of being church. Our self worth does not come from “what we do” because there are rules telling us to do it or the infamous statement “because we've always done it that way.” Our denomination made a bold move this summer in the adoption of the “New Form of Government” for our constitution (Book of Order) increasing the flexibility in the structures and encouraging councils (formally called “governing bodies) to enhance their focus on God's work and how the church can most effectively participate in that work in each situation. This replaces the focus on the lengthy and burdensome list of requirements in the previous Book Order.

Who we are as the church is not defined by what we do because we always have, but by the “life and mission [that] are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work” (New Form of Government F-1.0201 *Book of Order*). I've had a good chuckle on more than one occasion of people handwringing and demanding step by step process telling them how to do this, but there isn't just ONE way. We are being invited and challenged into a life giving and creative process of living in relationship to God and participating in God's mission.

My hope and prayer is that as Gates Presbyterian Church we continue to explore with God and one another a renewed openness to God's mission in the world. How can we do that by reflecting the love of God in the world, practicing radical hospitality, glorifying God in worship, and creating spaces where all generations can learn, listen, share our struggles and questions, and actively live our Christian faith in daily life? We aren't cogs in the machine; we are the body of Christ.

Melissa

Women's Candlelight Dinner - Tuesday, December 13th

On Tuesday evening, December 13th the women of Gates Presbyterian Church are invited to join in a 30-year holiday tradition, the Candlelight Dinner. Once again, by popular demand, it will be held at Rick's Prime Rib Steak House on Buffalo Road.



We will be having Prime Rib on the menu again this year. We will begin selling tickets on Sunday, November 6th and all the remaining Sundays in the month of November and the 1st Sunday - December 4th in the Fellowship Hall. The price has gone up and will be sold for \$20.00 a person. We will also continue to support ABW ("Alternatives for Battered Women") by bringing in personal items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, sanitary items, etc.

Also, we NEED 2 volunteers that would be able to take the items to ABW for us (please confirm your willingness to assist us prior to the dinner). We hope you can join us for this wonderful, popular evening to socialize with women members of our church and hopefully make new friends!! Should you have any questions, please call Barb Snaith at 247-9066.

Attention all musically talented women!! We would love to have Melissa come back and play her dulcimer AND, we would also like to highlight many of the other members of our church that play musical instruments. You know who you are! Please let Barb know if you are able to play one of your favorite Christmas Carols at our Candlelight Dinner.

New giving options available!

You can now make a donation to the Presbyterian Church (USA) with the ease of sending a text message. To make a \$10 donation to:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – text PDA to 20222
- The Christmas Joy Offering – text JOY to 20222
- The Peacemaking Offering – text PEACE to 20222



Website: We can also receive donations through the GIVE page and QR codes (found on our materials for easy access)

GPC Men's Invitation

Join the men this month for breakfast on **Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 a.m.** (the first Thursday of each month). We will gather at the Mr. Beenz Restaurant 1941 Buffalo rd.

Also join the men at **6 p.m.** for dinner on **Thursday, November 17th** (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.

NOVEMBER NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

Date	Nursery	Toddler Room
November 6	Chuck Goodykoontz	Cheryl Fehnel
November 13	Vicki Gutheil	Diane Keiling
		Laura & David Keiling
November 20	Barb Walence	Jeff Tuttle
November 27	Ann Marie Simm	Cam Mossgraber



CHILDREN'S NEWS

October has been a busy month! Excitement filled the air with the planned special events, such as "Bring a Friend Day" and the opening of our Fusion Room. The Young Children's Committee delights in providing our children with opportunities to "experience" their faith.

The Sunday School children continue to grow on their faith journey, including praying at the beginning of each class. The prayers and concerns the children have, which are read in the worship service, are a testament to the openness and comfort level they have doing this. This is something you can continue at home with your child, letting him/her know that his/her prayers are important to you, as well as God.

Mark your calendar ... **Advent Festival will be Friday, December 2nd**. More detail to follow!

CHURCH MOUSE BAZAAR

Happy Birthday to us – we are 34 years old!!!!



- * What is the Church Mouse Bazaar? GPC started the Church Mouse Bazaar 34 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 34th 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.
- * 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 19**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sign up and join the fun!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS/GREEN ISLAND BASIC SCHOOL

“The Public Worship Committee will again this year decorate the sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. The poinsettias can be purchased and dedicated as you choose. As an alternative you may also dedicate a donation to the Green Island Basic School in Jamaica. At the Christmas Eve services the dedications will be listed in the bulletin. After the 8:00 service on Christmas Eve, you may take the plant or leave it for donation to a church shut-in. You will find the purchase form in this Harbinger. The deadline to purchase will be December 5th.”

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS and/or GREEN ISLAND BASIC SCHOOL, JAMAICA



If you would like to order a plant for display in the Sanctuary for Christmas and/or make a donation toward the Green Island Basic School in Jamaica, in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and leave it with the money (or check) in the offering plate or in the church office **NO LATER** than December 5th. Make checks payable to **Gates Presbyterian Church**. Mail the order to the church if it is more convenient. This year poinsettias will be available for \$10.00 a piece.

NAME OF DONOR (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF (please circle appropriate phrase)

Please check appropriate donation:

Poinsettias _____
Green Island Basic School _____

Baptism

Baptism is a celebration in God's community of faith - and our hope is that the celebration of your baptism and/or of your child's baptism will be a special day. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service and it is a special not only for the one being baptized but for our church family. If you're interested in receiving the sacrament of baptism, please contact the office and they will put you in touch with our pastors, Melissa or Carol Anne, for more conversation and prayer.

Hospital & Nursing Home Visits

If you are admitted to the hospital, it is very important that you or a loved one call the church office to tell them you are in the hospital. If it is an emergency that requires immediate attention and no one is available to take your call, listen to the message in it's entirety to obtain Melissa and Carol Anne's cell phone numbers. If it is not an emergency, please leave a message and a deacon and/or a pastor will respond.

Bible Study for November

This opportunity for Bible Study, fellowship and prayer is open to everyone. Even if you have never been to a Bible Study gathering before, come join us!

We meet in the Jr. High Lounge every Wednesday 6:30-7:30. It is not required but if you would like to read ahead, here are the scripture texts:

November 2nd Revelation 7:9-17

November 9th Matthew 25: 14-30

November 16th Psalm 100

November 23rd NO BIBLE STUDY Happy Thanksgiving Eve!

November 30th Isaiah 40:1-11 or Mark 1:1-8

Day Light Saving Time Reminder

Day Light Saving Time ends Sunday, November 6. Don't forget to turn your clocks back.

FUS!ON Sunday: “People Longing For...Restoration”

First Sunday in Advent November 27th 2011

FUS!ON Sundays include the traditional order of worship and are intentionally designed for a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to interact through song, spoken words, prayer and movement.

DEACONS' PAGE

Our Thoughts and Prayers To:

Doris Falke home with health concerns
Richard Miller struggling with health issues
Beverly Gillette home with health concerns
Marjorie Woods home with health concerns
Gwen Mantel home with health concerns
Betty Blystone facing surgery
Brian Weber and Family



Congratulations To:

Beth and James Marconi on the birth of their son, **Grayson Walker**, born October 7th.
Dana Barrett and **Andrew Bennett** who were married on October 15, 2011 at GPC.
Brian Dassero and **Janette Hanks** who were married on October 22 in Tonawanda, NY.

Our Sympathy To:

Mary Curran and **family** on the death of **Sydney Curran** on September 30.

THANK YOU

We cannot begin to tell you all what you have meant to us these past three months. Melissa and Carol Anne were at our sides three hours after Brian's accident, and have continued to be there many hours and days for us. You, our church family, have continually prayed for us, sent cards, visited, made donations, had fund raisers, helped with home modifications and vehicle research, made meals, sent care packages and gifts of all kinds. You have all been there for us and continue to be there all the time. What an extraordinary church family we have at GPC. We could not have gotten through the past three months without you all! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and God bless each and every one of you!

- Love, Brian, Debby, Jeff, Tim and Brad Weber

REMINDER TO DEACONS: Our next meeting will be Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m.

TABITHA CIRCLE will meet in the home of Sonia Davis on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m.

THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet in Room 16 at GPC on Tuesday, November 1st at 2:00 p.m.

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet at the church on Monday, November 14th at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Front Door Greeter</u>	<u>Usher Team</u>
November 6	Jeff Tuttle	Carolyn Thornton	3
November 13	Kathy Wakeman	Linda Sidore	4
November 20	Peter Derry	Dick Stewart	5
November 27	Jenna Hossenlopp	Velta Rouchon	6

Communion – Sunday, November 6

Left:	1. Carol Hennen	Right:	1. Dennis White
	2. Bill Walence		2. Barb Walence
	3. Lauren Henderberg		3. Sheree Barrett
	4. Kathy Coons		4. Paula Sousa

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC!!!

How many times have you sat in church and felt a special chill as the choir sang an anthem; the Prelude washed over you, or smiled as the children sang with such exuberance? Music is an intrinsic part of Worship and reaches our souls. We are blessed with four choirs at Gates: Adult, Youth, Children and Bell. We are blessed with a talented and dedicated music staff: Roy Smith, Adult and Youth Choir Director, Debbie White, Junior Choir Director, Christine Cook, Bell Choir Director and a very accomplished organist, Adrian Foster who plays the preludes, offertories and postludes, but is also the “wings beneath the many vocalists’ wings”. We are blessed with many talented people who perform solos, play instruments or dance. We are blessed with Joyful Noyz, our contemporary group under the leadership of John Rooker and Nancy Bodhorn.

We are a congregation who love to make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord in so many diverse and creative ways. On November 20, the Music Leaders and volunteers will be recognized during the Worship service; cake will be served in Fellowship Hall following the service. Please come and say “Thank you for the Music and giving it to us”

The Public Worship Committee

All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be recognized in worship on November 2nd to remember the “saints” who have died in the past year. We recognize our members in prayer and give you an opportunity to recognize your own loved ones who have passed away this year. Join us for this meaningful service.

JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

We would like to officially welcome three new members to our Junior Choir this year! ZACHARY DAVIS, MOLLY FITZGERALD and CELIA SZCZEPANSKI sang with us on the risers for the very first time on October 30, and we are very glad to have these friends in our group! Remember, if you are in first, second, third, fourth, fifth *or* sixth grade it's *not too late* to join us in Room 4...

Speaking of friends, on November 20 we will celebrate what a friend we have in Jesus. If that sounds like a song to you, you are right! We will surprise you, however, by the partner song that goes along with this familiar hymn, as it is in a different language! It is not a language we hear every day, but over 100 million people in the world do speak it, most as their second language. On November 20 it will be *our* second language. We don't want to give it away, but here's a clue:

YESU = Jesus RAFIKI = friend

We will also be singing with the Adult Choir *and* the Youth Choir on that morning. It promises to be an exciting Thanksgiving Sunday!

HELP WANTED!!

Special person needed to assume the role of GPC Memorial Fund Treasurer. This is not a difficult task but one that requires some knowledge of bookkeeping and your interest in volunteering! You can do this job from home as long as you have access to a computer and a phone. Kay Harder will be happy to train you! Tasks include:

- Check the Memorial Fund "Box" in the church office regularly
- Record incoming cash or checks in record book or Excel file
- Deposit funds into special Memorial Fund bank account
- Determine from incoming letter if funds will be "designated to a special cause" or "undesignated."
- Send acknowledgement cards to donors (envelopes and postage provided by church)
- Consult with the church office staff when there are large requests for Memorial funds
- Report status of the Memorial Fund quarterly to the Stewardship & Budget Committee

Please consider if you would be willing to offer your time and talent to this a very important activity. If you are interested, please contact Kay Harder or Ginny Barley. Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER ...

Pledged for 2011: \$299,074
Endowment Fund as of 9/30/11: \$145,463.72
Mustard Seed Fund as of 9/30/11: \$71,937.19
Memorial Fund as of 8/31/11: \$40,544.72

Pledges Received to date: \$225,098
Sunday Service Attendance for October:

October 2	October 9	October 16
188	182	216

As you all know our Stewardship Campaign is in full swing. Stewardship and Budget committee is working hard to prepare the best possible budget where we work to "live within our means" but also challenge ourselves to keep up with ever-growing and changing needs of the church. Letters were sent out to you the first week in October including pledge cards and Time and Talent forms. With those we are asking you to prayerfully consider your Stewardship pledge and active participation in 2012 to support God's work within GPC. Remember that Sunday, November 13th we will all "Bring our Gifts to the Table." Along with your pledge cards, we ask that you complete the Time and Talent forms and bring those to the "Table" with your 2012 pledge cards. Of special note, we encourage our youth to prepare Time and Talent Sheets to share their volunteer talents. We especially hope, along with other interests they may have, that they consider participating in Sunday morning services as scripture readers, children's' storytellers, and other activities that can be incorporated into the service. We all treasure our Youth and take pleasure in seeing them participate.

PRESBYTERY AT GPC – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 HELP NEEDED!!!!

GPC will host the Presbytery of Genesee Valley on Tuesday, November 29. We will need volunteers for several areas: setting up the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 27 after church; set up the registration area; greeters on Tuesday afternoon; refreshment stewards; dinner ticket sellers; child care; audio equipment; kitchen clean up (dinner will be catered by D&R Depot of LeRoy – the same folks who gave us that great Homecoming Luncheon); tear down of the Fellowship Hall after the dinner. Several people have already volunteered their services. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Kiosk in November. This is a wonderful opportunity for GPC to show its hospitality to our fellow Presbyterians and for them to discover once again the great group of people that is GPC!!

NOVEMBER MISSION NEWS

Looking toward Advent the first Sunday of Advent is November 27th. 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 requested toys and household items. “Ornaments” on the tree will give you specific items to purchase. 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, please contact Ann Marie Simm or Dave Fish. The GPC Alternative Advent Market is Sunday, December 4th 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 calendars now with the following Advent opportunities:

- December 2 - Family Advent Festival
- December 4 - Alternative Advent Market
- December 11 - SWEM food baskets due (a list of food items will be in the December Harbinger)

THANK YOU to all who helped with St. Joseph’s in October. We served 65 people!

NEW FUSION ROOM – We need you!

On October 30th, Room 4 became “The Fusion Room” – a room that is filled with creativity and new adventures for our Sunday School children. The Young Children’s Committee envisions this room to be a place where children and congregation members “fuse” their talents celebrating God’s love together. We invite you to join us in the Fusion Room. Here’s how it works:

- You share your passion (painting, cooking, gardening, travel, or anything else) with the children of our Sunday School on a one time basis.
- You select your activity, date, and grade level and we will make it happen. If you need help with deciding upon an activity, we can help you with that as well.
- You will be the guest, thus, never left alone with the class. Sunday School teachers will be with you.

Sign up for this opportunity by calling, emailing, or signing up on the hospitality register:

Carol Anne – 247-5292 – ext. 23 or strawheels@aol.com

Linda Sidore – lsidore@rochester.rr.com

Or any of the other members of the Young Children’s Committee.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

“He kicked me. She took my fork. I’m going to tell my mother. Tattletale!” It was part of the holiday litany at the children’s table at my grandparent’s house on Thanksgiving Day. The six of us lived within blocks of each other and related more like siblings than cousins. Indeed, we loved each other (and still do) and showed it by picking on, quibbling with, and tricking each other. We ate in the kitchen at these holiday events. The adults were in the adjacent dining room, deep into their own conversations. I remember those Thanksgiving days of my childhood. I loved them! My grandmother was an excellent traditional southern cook. Her sweet potato pudding was fabulous! It wasn’t until we discovered her secret ingredient, Kentucky bourbon, that my mother and I could come anywhere near duplicating it. My childhood memories of Thanksgiving Day are filled with happy memories of family, fun, and food. As an adult, I have even more! Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. It demands that we focus upon all that is good in our lives, at least for one day during the year.

Every year, I wonder how to take the spirit of Thanksgiving Day into every day. To be honest, my “to do” list often trumps my thankful spirit. I find myself in a swirl of busyness and forget that even my “to do” list offers gigantic reasons to be grateful. A fundamental example: I dislike emptying the dishwasher; however – let’s be real – owning a dishwasher means I have electricity, shelter, and food. Sixteen thousand children a day die from hunger related causes – one child every five seconds (Bread for the World statistics). How dare I dread emptying my dishwasher! This year I am going to try to reframe the obligations of my life from “must dos” to “get to dos.” I suspect that such a shift might become a stress reducer, as well as an attitude shift. I pray for help in living out the words of the psalmist below, for indeed the wondrous love of God should be enough to fill us with gratitude and erase our grumpiness:

“O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name sake known his deed among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.”

Psalm 105:1-5

SENIOR HIGHS:

SAVE THE DATE – OVERNIGHT – DECEMBER 3RD

Clarion Hotel and Palm Tree Water Park in Batavia

Leave GPC at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Return the next day at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$60.00

More information to come via snail mail – sign-up deadline is November 20th.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2012 Junior High Summer Work Project – July 23-26
2012 Senior High Summer Work Project – August 5-11

JAMAICA MISSION PARTICIPANTS

Our Jamaica mission trip is just around the corner! Please be sure that you have:

- Applied for your passport
- Gotten your Hepatitis A shot
- Checked to be sure your tetanus shot is updated
- Marked November 13, 12:15-2:00 on your calendar (required orientation)
- Caught up with your payments
- Bought suntan lotion

About the Jamaica Orientation: November 13th – 12:15-2:00 – lunch provided
This is **REQUIRED** for all participants (parents come to the February 5th meeting). Come with questions and t-shirt ideas.

NOVEMBER 20 – YOUTH GROUP ON THE MOVE BUT MEET AT GPC FIRST.....

Senior Higs – Where’s Waldo? – 4:00 - 6:30

Junior Higs – Swimming at the Y
4:00 – 6:00



NOVEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

November 1	- 7:00 – Youth Committee Fifth payment due for Jamaica
November 3	- 7:00 – Senior High Youth Advisor Meeting
November 6	- 9:00 – Youth Choir rehearsal 10:00 – Worship 11:15 – Junior and Senior High Sunday School 6:00 – Junior and Senior High Youth Group
November 13	- 9:00 – Youth Choir rehearsal 10:00 – Worship 11:15 – Junior and Senior High Sunday School 12:15 – Jamaica Orientation – participants only
November 19	Junior Higs work at Church Mouse Bazaar Food Booth
November 20	- 9:00 – Youth Choir rehearsal 10:00 – Worship 11:15 – Junior and Senior High Sunday School 4:00 – 6:30 Senior High Youth Group – Where’s Waldo? 6:00 – 8:00 Junior High Youth Group – Swimming at the Y
November 27	- 9:00 – Youth Choir rehearsal 10:00 – Worship – First Sunday in Advent No Sunday School – Fusion Sunday

Third Presbyterian Church Hosts Regional “Next” Church Gathering Wednesday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Last winter, nearly 500 Presbyterians gathered in Indianapolis for a conversation about the “Next” church – focusing on healthy and vital congregational ministry with the pillars of mission and leadership development. Several people from Western New York were at that gathering, and began to envision what a more regionally-focused conversation would look like. Third Church will host this initial gathering. It is open to ALL Presbyterians of all types. The day will include worship, dreaming about the future of the church and networking and connecting so that we may begin to live into the vision to which God is calling us. Further details and registration information can be accessed by clicking the NEXT logo at www.thirdpresbyterian.org

RESOURCE SATURDAY – November 19 – First Presbyterian Church of LeRoy
Navigating the New Form of Government – A Resource for Sessions and Congregations
A new Form of Government was approved by a majority of the Presbyteries of the PC(USA) and took effect on July 10, 2010. This workshop will provide conversation and resources around the things that sessions need to do **sooner** (in the coming year) and the things they will need to do **later** (within two years) to be able to accomplish the mission to which God calls us.

