

The GoodNews Connection

PERINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2019



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The Worship Committee Joyfully Invites You To
Celebrate The Advent and Christmas Season
With Your Church Family!

- Saturday, December 7 – Church Decorating from 9:00 a.m. until noon
- Sunday, December 8 – Family Advent Workshop sponsored by CE, 9:30 a.m. in fellowship hall
- Advent Sundays, December 1 to December 22 – Lighting of the Advent Wreath at each worship service
- Sunday, December 22 – Special Christmas Music presented by the Church Choirs at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Come enjoy the Poinsettias that have been ordered in honor and in memory of loved ones.
- December 24, Christmas Eve Worship
 - 5:00 p.m. – Family Service with pageant
 - 9:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service with lessons and carols
- Sunday, December 29 – One worship service at 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, January 5 – Remove decorations and pack them away



Holiday Hymn Sing at Creekstone

PPC's hymn sings at Creekstone memory care have become very popular! On Wednesday, December 4th at 11:15 a.m. we'll be singing some favorite Christmas carols with the residents. If you'd like to join us to spread some holiday cheer, please RSVP to Anne Katlic (585-388-0213 or akatlic@rochester.rr.com) so that we can bring enough hymnals and provide directions to the Creekstone residence.

Christmas Decorating Day, Saturday, Dec. 7 – 9am to 12pm
Come deck the halls at Perinton Presbyterian for Christmas! Help is needed to decorate the sanctuary and throughout the building. There are jobs for all ages and skill levels- families are welcome! This is always a popular way to get in the holiday spirit and share fellowship and fun. For questions, contact Anne Katlic (585-388-0213 or akatlic@rochester.rr.com).

A Message from Pastor Laura...

This Advent season I'd like to share 26 ideas to help you infuse your preparations and celebrations with a sense of God's love and presence. You can follow along in order or skip around, selecting the ideas that jump out to you. Note that a few (Dec 21, 24, 25, and 26) are specific to the numbers below but otherwise the order is up to you!

May the light and love of Christ be with you!

1. Place a nativity set in your home—what does it tell you about Jesus' birth?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9. Give thanks to God for someone special in your life and be in touch with them.
3. Wrap a present and pray for the person to whom you will give it.
4. Bring some greenery into your home. Amid the cold and snow of winter, what do the evergreen branches mean to you?
5. What do you remember about Christmas when you were a child? Pray for a child you know.
6. Read Psalm 85. What is one good thing in your life right now? Give thanks!
7. Light a candle and pray for peace in our community and in another part of the world.
8. Learn the true story of St. Nicholas at stnicholascenter.org
9. Feel the joy! Watch "Christmas Food Court Flash Mob, Hallelujah Chorus" at youtube.com
10. Revisit your nativity set. What do you think each of the characters felt in meeting baby Jesus?
11. What Christmas tradition do you find most meaningful? What does it mean to you?
12. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. Show your love for someone today.
13. Give yourself a break from technology today. Read, play, listen to music, or spend time with a loved one.
14. Read John 1:1-9. Light a candle and remember that Jesus is the Light of the World. How is he a light in your life?
15. Read Matthew 5:14-16. Find one way to let your light shine today.
16. Remember Mary and Joseph. Pray for couples expecting a child.
17. Remember the Innkeeper. How do you make room in your life for Jesus?
18. Remember the Shepherds. Who shared the good news about Jesus with you?
19. Remember the Magi. Pray for leaders, that they too may be wise and faithful to God.
20. Simeon and Anna, who recognized Jesus as Savior of the world, were advanced in age. Pray for an older member of our church.
21. On December 21: Spend some time outside today, giving thanks for light, even on the darkest day of the year.
22. Read Luke 1:46-56. Look up the words to your favorite carol (or sing them from memory). What makes this carol special to you?
23. Read Matthew 2:1-12. What gift would you offer to Jesus this year?
24. On Christmas Eve: What does it mean for you that Jesus was born?
25. On Christmas Day: Read Luke 2:1-20. Glorify and praise God!
26. Christmas isn't over—it has just begun! The Christmas season extends until January 5, and is followed by Epiphany, when we celebrate the Magi's visit to Jesus. Celebrate God's gift throughout this season!



Session Update

- At our November session meeting we took an in-depth look at our proposed 2020 budget, and will vote on the final budget at our December meeting.
- We also set a date of January 26, 2020, 10:30am for our annual meeting.
- We noted that all our staff and elders completed the New York State mandated sexual-harassment prevention training by the October 6 deadline.
- We gave thanks that our annual Presbytery review of the minutes was completed with excellent results, thanks to the work of Clerk of Session, Craig Chormann.
- We approved dates for special worship services at Christmastime and our Christmas Eve offering to benefit our youth ministry program.
- We closed the meeting with sharing joys and concerns, and offering the Lord's Prayer together.



Hello all. Are you enjoying this cold weather? BRRRRRRRRR

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev. Laura Fry on her installation as our church pastor on November 10th. We are very blessed to have Laura guide us in our faith. Many tears were shed experiencing her family hold hands in prayer. It was very exciting to have pastors from all over upstate NY participate in the installation. It was also touching to have so many people in the congregation including the boy scouts. Thank you to everyone who helped out in this wonderful occasion.

- There have been many positive responses to the YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS seminar on October 24th. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event.
- Thank you to anyone who participated in the Music Festival on October 27th. It was music to our ears. No pun intended.
- We hope that the college freshman enjoyed their goodie packages that the Deacons sent to them last month.
- Remember to wear your name tags. We are eager to meet and greet you.

We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CHURCH LIFE...

On Sunday, December 15th, the congregation is invited to gather together to go Christmas Caroling at the Fairport Apartments beginning at 4:30 p.m. and followed by a meal at Jeremiah's Tavern in Penfield. All ages are invited and Church Life will provide a gift for each of the residents that live at the Apartments.



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS – Call either Linda Knickerbocker (381-9881) or Maurice Verrillo (425-0762)



Thank you for all your help with the Thanksgiving baskets for Joy Community.

MISSIONS Corner

We are now on to the next season of **Christmas Baskets**. We will be collecting items for 12 Families in need. The plucket board will be up the weekend after Thanksgiving. Please take what pluckets you can and bring the items back by Sunday 12/22, so that we can deliver to the families in time. Thank you for your never ending generosity. God Bless."

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – *Twisting the Truth*

Starting December 01, 2019, we'll be discussing Twisting the Truth by Andy Stanley. "Common but deadly deceptions impact you every day. They can twist your thinking in ways you'd never expect and leave you with a life you never imagined. Your ability to recognize them can spell the difference between happiness and the loss of all you hold dear. Do you see them?"

In this 6-session study, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has the potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions, and distort your perception of him. This study helps us discover the ways the truth gets twisted in our lives and culture and, more importantly, how we can recognize and overcome them." (from the back cover of the participants guide)

This 6-session study **includes** a DVD for each session as well as a participant's guide. All are welcome and no prior bible study experience is needed. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings during the Church School time (9:30AM – 10:30AM). Resources will be available at the class.

PageTurners

When: Sunday, December 15th, 3pm

Where: PPC

Please join us for a discussion of the book *The Christmas Boutique* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Everyone is welcome, please join us!



Our next 5th Sunday Meal will be on Sunday, December 29th. If you are interesting in attending or volunteering please contact Judy Burgeson by email at ingarules2@gmail.com



Small Group
Ministries

First Friday Dinner! Bring your friends & family!

Our first Friday of each month dinner out for our church family continues.

We will next meet at **Riki's Family Restaurant** on Main St. in the village around 6:00pm on Friday, November 1st. We will meet in the back room of Riki's, they are excited to have us! We hope you can join us for many meals to come!

Contact Mary Anne Cimbricz with questions or to RSVP. Email: ilv2sellroc@gmail.com

Perinton Presbyterian Church 2019 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Would you like to help grace our sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas season? Poinsettia plants may be ordered through the Worship Committee and given in memory or in honor of loved ones. Dedications will be listed in the bulletin on Poinsettia Sunday, December 22. Any extra funds will be used for special flowers in the sanctuary during the year.

Please order _____ poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.00 each. Make checks payable to Perinton Presbyterian Church (memo line: "*Poinsettias*"). Please return form and payment to the church office (PO Box 611) or place in the offering plate by **Sunday, December 15.**

For questions, contact Anne Katlic (akatlic@rochester.rr.com or 585-388-0213).

The bulletin announcement should read:

Given by: _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

☐ I will take my plant home. (Please wait until after the 9 p.m.
Christmas Eve candlelight service.)

☐ I plan to donate my plant. (The church will deliver plants to those who could use a little extra Christmas cheer!)



THANK YOU FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE!

FINANCE UPDATE

The numbers are in.....

Stewardship Message

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." *Calvin Coolidge*

Results through October

Below are the results through the first ten months of 2019. We continue to run a deficit in both the Operating and Building Funds. However, we do expect the deficit levels to decrease by the end of the year.

Thank you for your support of the ministries and missions of the church.

Perinton Presbyterian Church			
Summary			
10/31/2019			
Performance Year-to-date through Oct			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	241,971	
Building Fund	\$	87,350	
Total Income			\$ 329,321
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	284,369	
Building Fund	\$	112,606	
Total Expenses			\$ 396,975
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>			
Operating Fund		(42,398)	
Building Fund		(25,257)	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			(67,655)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Information

There is a two-month lag in reporting finances in the newsletter due to mailing deadlines, timing of bank statements and report processing. Contact Mark Stevens at (585) 739-8452 or mwstevens63@gmail.com if you have questions or to request copies of financial statements. Our Operational Fund supports the day to day operation of the church and its programs. The Building Fund supports our Mortgage and building expansion program. Like several churches in the Presbytery we embrace a "faith-based" financial plan and thus we do not budget our income. If you have questions about your individual contributions or personal statements please contact the Financial Secretary, Al Norby at (585) 223-2126 or anorby1@rochester.rr.com

Stock Donations and Bequests

If you have appreciated stock you may find it to be a tax advantage to donate stock to the church. Several people have provided PPC with stock donations which have personal tax benefits. Please consider a bequest to PPC in planning your Will. We have received bequests in the past year and are blessed that at the passing of life other lives can be impacted in this special way. If you are interested in learning more about these giving options please contact Al Norby or Mark Stevens.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion 8:30 & 11 Worship 9:30am Bible Study No Church School No Youth Group	2 9am Rug Hookers 12:15pm AA 7p Knitting4Peace	3 5:45pm AA 7pm Session Mtg.	4 1:30pm SOFI Caregivers 7pm Bell Choir 7:45pm Adult Choir	5 10am Bible Study 12:15pm AA	6 12pm Al-Anon 6pm First Friday Dinner @ Riki's	7 9am-12pm Church Decorating Day 12:15pm AA
8 8:30 & 11 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 9:30 Family Advent Project 12:15pm Missions 3:30 Confirmation Meeting 4:30pm Youth Grp	9 12:15pm AA 7p Knitting4Peace 7pm Church Life	10 11a SOFI Education 5:45pm AA 7pm Deacon Mtg.	11 6:30am Men's Fellowship at Riki's 7pm Bell Choir 7:45pm Adult Choir	12 10am Bible Study 12:15pm AA 7pm Mission Mtg.	13 12pm Al-Anon	14 9am-12pm Youth Grp @ Cameron St. Ministries 12:15pm AA
15 8:30 & 11 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 9:30am Church School 3pm PageTurners 4:30pm Youth Grp 4:30-5:30pm Ensemble practice	16 Newsletter Deadline 12:15pm AA 7pm Facilities Mtg 7p Knitting4Peace	17 5:45pm AA	18 6:30am Men's Fellowship at Riki's 7pm Bell Choir 7:45pm Adult Choir	19 10am Bible Study 12:15pm AA	20 12pm Al-Anon	21 10am Poinsettia Delivery 12:15pm AA
22 Christmas Music Sunday 8:30 & 11 Worship 9:30am Bible Study 9:30am Choir Breakfast No Church School 12pm Set-up for candlelight service 4:30pm Youth Grp	23 12:15pm AA 7p Knitting4Peace	24 3pm Dress rehearsal for 5pm service 5pm Family Service 5:45pm AA 9pm Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 10am Bible Study 12:15pm AA	27 12pm Al-Anon	28 12:15pm AA
29 One service at 9:30 No Church School 10:30am Bible Study No Youth Grp	30 12:15pm AA 7p Knitting4Peace	31 Office closing at noon 5:45pm AA	Notes from CE: Dec 1 - No Church School Dec 8 - 9:30am Family Advent Project, 10-11am Ensemble practice, 3-7 pm rehearsal with pizza Dec 15 - 4:30-5:30pm Ensemble practice for Christmas Eve Service Dec 24 - 3-5pm Dress rehearsal for Christmas Eve Service Dec 29 - No Church School			

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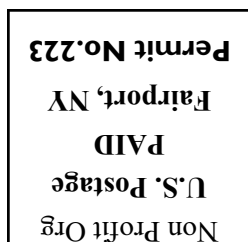
Worship Time:

Sunday's 8:30am & 11am

Nursery Care provided during worship service

Building is handicapped-accessible

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