

The GoodNews Connection

PERINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2020



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Summer Worship Schedule:

Join us Sundays at 11am on
Facebook Live

[https://www.facebook.com/
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Dial-in option: 1-646-558-
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Meeting ID: 527-577-4982
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August Worship Schedule:

Sunday, August 2: Virtually visit a neighboring congregation this Sunday—we suggest the First Presbyterian Church of Victor <https://www.facebook.com/firstvictorpres/> or the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford <https://www.pittsfordpres.org/live>, both of which offer services at 10am.

Sunday, August 9, 11am: Worship and the Sacrament of Communion on Facebook Live with Rev. Laura Fry

Sunday, August 16, 11am: Worship with Jeanne Gehret on Facebook Live

Sunday, August 23, 11am: Worship with Rev. Harry Heintz on Facebook Live

Sunday, August 30, 9am: Outdoor worship service at PPC



Dear PPC,

What a joy it was to have 50 members of our church family gather together July 19 in worship! We look forward to welcoming our congregation to a second in-person worship service on August 30. Once again we will have a sign up for this service, first inviting those in our church family who were not able to attend on July 19, and then opening the service to others as space allows. We look forward to the day when worship can include our whole church family, in person; until that time, we give thanks for these smaller opportunities to be together in faith.

Thank you to the many people in our congregation who responded to our Worship and Christian Education Survey. Your input will be very helpful to the session and church staff as we make decisions for the fall. To give you a sense of the responses we received, 60.5% of you said you would attend worship in the sanctuary if all CDC and NY State guidelines were enforced; 23.5% said you would not attend until further data was available after reopening, and 16% said you would hesitate to attend until a vaccine was available.

As we look at our long-term plan, 95.8% of you said, "Yes, continue our Facebook Live services," even when we return to in person worship.

And when we asked about our Sunday morning worship time(s), 51.3% of you encouraged us to stay with two services at 8:30 and 11am and 48.7% would like to move to one service. Several respondents also suggested alternate times for our services.

Session will be closely considering all your responses as well as CDC and NY State Guidelines as we discern next steps for our ministries this fall and into the future. We are also in conversation with neighboring Presbyterian churches, to share best practices and plans with one another.

Together with one another and our Lord, we will grow in faith and find our way into the future!

God's peace and blessings be with you,

Pastor Laura

What is Christian Stewardship?

Greetings to our PPC members and friends!

The Stewardship committee met last evening and began discussion surrounding our annual fall campaign. How in the world do you run a stewardship campaign with current COVID-19 restrictions? How can we think outside the box and engage each other in thoughts and prayer around the use of our time, talents and treasure?

I found a definition of Christian Stewardship that resonated with me: Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed. God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption and sanctification. This also includes traditional Christian Ministries that share the resources of treasure, time and talent. (McKenna Stewardship Ministry)

God wishes humans to be his collaborators ... what an amazing thought to collaborate with God!

As I think back over these COVID affected months, several opportunities to be “collaborators with God” come to mind. Some I have witnessed through the actions of church members, some through the actions of friends, neighbors and organizations. Here is a little list, some that are just ideas, for humans to demonstrate their collaboration with God, and thus live out the concept of “stewardship”.

- Tie a ribbon on the prayer tree at church
- Pray, pray, pray
- Check in with a youth member from the church (use Peter Judd’s new, updated directory)
- Check in with a member who may be feeling lonely and isolated (church directory)
- Take someone on a Sunday drive in the country...stop for ice cream
- Pray, pray, pray
- Take someone to a cemetery to visit a loved one
- Be an “instacart” driver for someone who cannot get to Wegmans
- Bake a pie or goodies, leave it on someone’s doorstep (ask Maryanne Cimbricz or Maureen Thayer)
- Write a thank you note to our wonderful Sunday morning Facebook worship team and musicians (Laura, Tom and Kathy Force, Ivanka, Kristin Cuccia, Kristen Schroeder, Robbyn Drew, Sonya, Kim Fabrizi, the Hammonds)
- Pray, pray, pray
- Donate to a PPC sponsored mission partner (visit our website under “ministries” or ask David Connelly or Judy Burgeson)
- Visit the “Go Fund Me” website and donate to a worthy cause
- Drop off some food at the Perinton Food Shelf
- Support local businesses struggling to stay open
- Purchase a gift card from a local restaurant and give it to a neighbor who is trying to work from home and care for young children at the same time

Stewardship- humans collaborating with God and sharing their time, talent and treasures. We often remark that the church is not a building, but rather a reflection of those who gather within the four walls. Yes, there are salaries to pay, RGE bills, office supplies to buy, CE curriculum to purchase, and lawn services to pay... and yes, we need your pledge and monetary contributions to help with these expenses. But it’s us, the good stewards of PPC, in collaboration with God that can do so much more than just cover the expenses. COVID has taught us we can serve, and we can indeed worship God without our church building. Let’s go out and serve him!!

Becky Girouard- on behalf of the PPC Stewardship Committee (Mark Stevens, Rollin Pickering, Sandy Munson, Bernie Trott, Laura Fry)



At our July session meeting, session focused on ways to adapt our ministry in an ever-changing world. We approved recommendations for summer outdoor worship services on July 19 and August 30; approved a safety plan for funerals and memorial services with up to 40 people in attendance; and received recommendations from a team charged with reviewing our committee leadership strategy. Additionally, we approved the purchase of two new video cameras, a computer upgrade, and sound equipment to improve the visual and audio quality of our Facebook Live services. We also received an update on the Perinton Pastoral Association's conversation regarding a united response to the recent racist and anti-Semitic graffiti at the Pines of Perinton. As we look toward the fall, session is striving to be faithful, flexible, and creative in leading the congregation safely through the challenges of COVID-19. We continue to trust in and celebrate God's guiding presence.



The Deacons are wishing all of our congregation a safe and healthy summer. At this point there are two outside services planned. One was on July 19th honoring Karen Braun for her ministry of the youth group. The second outside service is on August 30th. The worship committee will try to host a third one in September. Follow this link for more info.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ppc-outdoor-service-1-registration-111538604970>

Kudos to the worship committee for all of your hard work.

Special prayers for all of the students returning to school who may encounter some challenges certainly not in the norm.

We also are praying for some of the members who are having health issues. It is extra difficult for them because of not being able to see their loved ones.

Looking forward to seeing you in person. Love and Peace to All.



Hello all! I hope this message finds you well during this uncertain time! I wanted to let you all know that the church office is very much “open” albeit remotely. If you need anything please do not hesitate to email me at office@perintonpres.org. Voicemail is checked regularly as well.

A reminder that the deadline for newsletter submittals is the 15th of the month. If you know you will need more time than that please just email me. That way I can save space for your submission.

Again Pastor Laura, myself and the rest of the “staff” here at PPC are here for you!

Stay well friends,

Jill Bazer, Office Administrator

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Spiritual Zoom Bible Study Meets Every Thursday at 10am. Contact Jennifer Ransome for the meeting link: djm168@aol.com.



Perinton Food Shelf

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Perinton Food Shelf during this time . Current needs are gravy, stuffing, canned beef stew, corned beef hash, roast beef hash, mustard, ketchup, pancake mix, syrup, hot chocolate, boxed dried potatoes, and frosting. We also accept personal hygiene products.

The numbers are in.....

Stewardship Message

If you have, give; if you lack, seek. – Malay proverb (on generosity)



Results through May

Below are the results through the first half of the year. We continue to run a surplus in both the Operating and Building Funds. Member giving has been strong so far this year, and our operating expenses are down since the building is closed and most of our programming is on hold.

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

Perinton Presbyterian Church			
Summary			
6/30/2020			
Performance Year-to-date through June			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	166,356	
Building Fund	\$	71,611	
Total Income			\$ 237,966
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	153,101	
Building Fund	\$	58,842	
Total Expenses			\$ 211,943
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	13,255	
Building Fund	\$	12,769	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ 26,023

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

Offering and Tithing

We greatly appreciate everyone who has been able to maintain giving during this time. Just a reminder that if you are able to so, we support the following options while we are not having in person services:

Give online: <https://perintonpres.org/giving/> click on ‘Give’

By text: ‘Give’ to 585-326-9830 (put \$\$ amount Oper/Build/PerCap) *only give to one account at a time*

By mail: Perinton Presbyterian Church, PO Box 611, Fairport, NY 14450



**The 28th Annual
ADVENT HOUSE
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, September 18, 2020
Victor Hills Country Club
Registration begins at 11:00 am
Shot gun Start at 12:00 p.m.**

**18 Holes of Golf, Golf Cart, Lunch, Souvenir Gift,
Beverages, Contests, Reception, Raffles, Awards, &
Prizes. No Dinner In 2020.**

\$125 per person

Entry forms may be obtained from our website: www.theadventhouse.org
or by calling the Advent House at 223-6112.

Celebrating 29 years in 2020...!

Thank you ♥

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Worship Time:

Sunday's 11am

Facebook Live or Call-in Option

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