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Thank you to Steven T., a neighbor of PPC, who took this picture and several others on the evening of August 18th while on a walk with his family. It was so kind of him to think to email these to the church office.



September 2020

Dear PPC,

As we move into the fall, I'm excited to share with you several important developments in staffing plans for the coming year.

The Music Director Interview Team is in conversation with several excellent candidates for this position and a decision will be coming soon. We will share more as soon as we are able to do so.

As many of you know, for several months PPC has been seeking a new Director of Youth Ministry. We have not yet found a candidate who fits the vision initially set forth for this position, and so we have felt God's nudge to look at our leadership for youth ministry in a new way.

Our session believes it's vital that PPC youth have a stable pastoral presence, with grounding in Reformed theology, to help guide and nurture their faith. They are at a key stage in faith development, and we want the messages about faith that they receive to be consistent with our theological tradition. We also long for their pastoral leader to be part of their lives for a significant length of time. We believe that we can strengthen our youth ministry program by increasingly integrating it into the church as a whole.

Along with the importance of integrated youth ministry, we have an emerging need for pastoral care to our older adults. In the next ten years, we will have many church members in their 80s and 90s, for whom compassionate care, home visitation, and pastoral support will become increasingly important.

Along with these two realities, COVID has shifted dynamics around youth ministry (trust and relationships are even more important now) and increasingly isolated an already vulnerable population—our seniors and others living alone.

Recognizing these emerging needs and opportunities, session has approved a new staffing model for this program year (2020-2021):

As Pastor/Head of Staff, I will be expanding my role to include leadership with our youth ministry in the areas of theology, spiritual growth, and pastoral care, including regular leadership in our youth group meetings, retreats, and work camps. I will also be working to identify solid theological resources for our youth ministry, and collaborating with a Co-Leader gifted in incorporating fun into our youth ministry events.

We are creating the position of **Co-Leader for Youth Ministry** (approximately 5 hours per week), to collaborate in leadership of our youth group. We are seeking a candidate with strong Christian faith and commitment, who relates well with youth.

We are excited that our **Office Administrator** Jill Bazer will be taking on the organizational and communication elements of our youth ministry, helping us stay in strong, positive contact with our youth and their families.

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And finally, in order to free up time for my additional role in our youth ministry and build our ministry of pastoral care, we are creating a **Parish Associate position** (10-12 hours a week) to share with me in congregational care, occasional worship leadership, and other ministry opportunities as they arise. The position of Parish Associate is recognized by our presbytery, and is an ordained/commissioned position but not called and installed. It is a one-year, renewable contract.

As we designed this staffing model for the coming year, Personnel and Session gained input and guidance from our Presbytery's Committee on Ministry as well as our Christian Education Committee and YAK.

We encourage church members of strong Christian faith, who relate well with youth, to review the full Co-Leader for Youth Ministry position description at our website <https://perintonpres.org/news-and-upcoming-events/> and prayerfully consider applying. Please contact Personnel Chair Becky Girouard or me, Pastor Laura Fry, with any questions or recommendations as we move forward in this direction. If you or someone you know from our congregation may be a good fit for the Co-Leader for Youth Ministry position, please let us know.

We remember the words of Isaiah 64:8: "LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are our potter. All of us are the work of your hand."

May God shape our ministries in life-giving ways, as we are the clay, formed and reformed by God's hands.

In Christ,

Pastor Laura



Worship Notes

For now, Perinton Presbyterian will continue to worship online on Sundays at 11am. Join us on Facebook live <https://www.facebook.com/perintonpresbyterian>. Our deep appreciation to the dedicated worship team for providing such a blessing each week to keep our spirits fed and our souls connected.

We hope to offer another outdoor worship service in the PPC parking lot later in September. As we navigate these uncertain times, stay tuned for communications and updates as session continues to discuss and reevaluate Covid-19 plans in the coming months.

We hope to share good news about a new Music Director soon!

From the Deacons

The summer is wrapping up and the Deacons are wishing everyone good health and happiness. We are also praying for you with all of the challenges of returning to school. Please know that we are there for you and feel free to contact us. If there are any changes with your contact info, please let your

deacon or Peter Judd know. For those of you who are having issues receiving emails from the church, you may want to check your spam.

The Dedication forms will be going out in September. Stewardship is humans collaborating with God and sharing their, time, talent and treasures.

We would like to welcome our new members: Amie McMullin, Katie Tuccio, Jason Tuccio and Arthur Johnson.

Kudos to the Cronin brothers. Casey James Cronin completed the PRAY program in cub scouts and Conner Cronin became an Eagle Scout. Way to Go!!!!

August 30th was our second outside service. We are blessed to be moving forward in having personal contact with our members.

GOD BLESS ALL

Family Movie Night featuring Frozen on Thursday, September 3rd

The Christian Education committee is missing our youngest members and we hear that they are also missing each other! Please join us to watch Frozen in the PPC parking lot, which will allow families to be socially distanced but also together.

When: Thursday, September 3rd at 7:30 PM

Where: Parking lot of Perinton Presbyterian Church

Wear: Masks

Bring: Chairs, blankets and follow social distancing guidelines

RSVP*: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-outdoor-movie-night-featuring-frozen-tickets-116657081471>

*Please note we are limited to 50 attendees.

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Perinton Presbyterian Church Mission Opportunity

CAMP WHITMAN



Each year, Camp Whitman relies on volunteers in the Spring in preparation for opening day and in the Fall when closing the Camp for the season. In between opening and closing, much work needs to be done. The camp has been operational this year on a limited basis in cooperation *with State and Federal mandates, and guidance from the Presbytery.*

THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN!

We have set up a mission opportunity for church members and friends to give of their time and talent. There is something for everyone to do. Come for the day OR Camp Whitman has offered four cabins for those working both days, at no charge. Bring your own bedding and linens. First come-first served.

WHO: Invitation open to EVERYONE! (Church members and friends). Make it a family affair.

WHEN: September 17th and 18th (Thursday and Friday)

WHERE: Camp Whitman, Seneca Lake, 150 Whitman Road, Penn Yan, N.Y.

HOW: You drive yourself. No carpool is recommended due to COVID-19.

WHY: There is something for everyone. Plenty of small tasks. You decide what is comfortable for you.

WHAT: These are some of the tasks that need attention, as requested by the Camp Director.

- **Painting:** There are 8 cabins to be painted. If two teams painted two cabins a day for two days, then all cabins will be painted.
- **Roof Replacement:** There are 3 cabins that need their roof replaced.
- **Clean-up trails:** Brush and debris on trails need to be cleaned up.
- **Wood splitting:** For all who want to let go of some pent-up energy.
- **Cabins Cleaned:** Cabins can always use a good scrub! Cabins used by volunteers **must be** cleaned by 12:00 noon on Friday.
- **Other jobs:** Cannot do any of the above? Not a problem. We will find you something you can do.



NOTE: ***No cost to volunteers.*** All materials and equipment will be provided. A Facility Coordinator will be on-site to help and provide guidance where needed. Thursday – pack your own bag lunch for arrival before noon, Dinner will be provided and Friday Breakfast and lunch provided, along with beverages and snacks. Those camp amenities that are authorized for use, may be used by volunteers.

Questions/sign-up: Judy Burgeson
Ingarules2@gmail.com
Cell: (585) 315-8858 (leave message)

David Connelly
Dmfc55@rochester.rr.com
Cell: (585) 730-3878 (leave message)

Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake lives for those who are longing for belonging, seeking connection with community and creation, respite from chaos and competition, and an opportunity to encounter both the Holy and themselves.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

The Screwtape Letters Adult Study Group

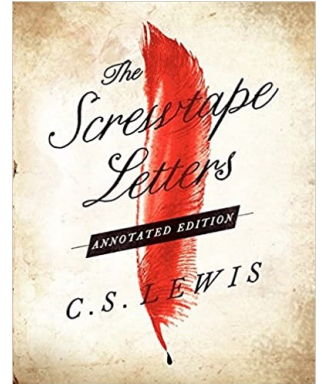
Starting **Saturday, September 12** from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, we will be studying C. S. Lewis's amazing book *The Screwtape Letters*. (*Whether we begin on Zoom will be determined as necessary.*)

"*The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written." *Amazon*

This is a fascinating read written by a premier Christian writer. Everything is turned upside down as the reader listens to advice from a senior devil on how best to tempt a human.

Anyone interested will need a copy of the book and, if wanted, the study guide. There is no need to read the book ahead of time, we will be taking it piece by piece. When we meet the first time, we will decide on how the group will function.

If interested, contact Jennifer Ransome djm168@aol.com. (Since having a class on Saturday morning is a new opportunity, I would love to hear from anyone interested as soon as possible to see if there is interest.)



Community Bible Study (CBS) is an inter-denominational Bible study with classes that meet around the world with a mission to "Make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through in-depth Bible study available to all". CBS's vision is "Transformed lives through the Word of God".

In celebration of 45 years of ministry, all CBS classes in the U.S. will be studying the Gospel of John in 2020-21. Besides being the book CBS studied in their very first year, John's Gospel is a great starting point for many Christians who have never participated in a Bible study before and for those exploring the Christian faith. CBS has great study materials and is geared for participants with all levels of Bible knowledge and experience. Our local class (Rochester East) includes participants that meet in Penfield, the city of Rochester and Victor. Class runs for 30 weeks (from Thursday, 9/24 to Thursday, 5/20), meets for 2 hours each week and includes worship, small group study, teaching, prayer and fellowship. In mid- March, 2020, all area CBS classes began meeting on Zoom due to the COVID-19 situation. Since restrictions still be in place, we will continue using the Zoom format. For more information or to register, please contact Shelley Fischer at shelleypfischer@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CONTINUED...

Crucial Conversations

Ever feel stuck in or by a conversation? Maybe you keep going around and around, having the same conversation yet somehow talking past each other. Perhaps you're avoiding a conversation altogether, just not sure how to talk about *<fill in your sensitive subject>* while keeping the relationship intact. Or maybe you make 1-2 attempts at dialog, but the conversation goes nowhere – you have it, but not very well. One of you says too little or too much and feelings are fragile, frayed, or fried.

It's only human. Whether at work or at home, when it matters most, sometimes we're at our worst. If there's a conversation you're not having or not having well, join us for a series of skill-building sessions on *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High 2nd Edition* (authors Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan, and Al Switzler). We will work with chapter discussion questions provided by the authors and led by certified Crucial Conversations facilitator Amie McMullin.

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6 sessions beginning September 23

Time: 7:00-8:15 pm

Where: Zoom sessions initially with the possibility of in-person meetings at later dates

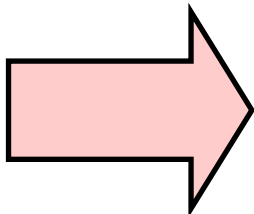
Registration kindly required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crucial-conversations-tools-for-talking-when-stakes-are-high-tickets-118197300307> limited to 16 people


Participants are asked to arrange for their own book (two copies are available through the church library). Please read chapters 1-2 before the first session.

Learn what to say and how to say it to have meaningful conversations about tough stuff. While the material itself is not faith-based, we are! Group members are encouraged to draw on Biblical examples and their Christian experiences as we deepen our dialog skills together.

Questions? Email Amie at AmieMcMullin@yahoo.com.

Interested in MOPS?





Perinton **MOPS**
Presbyterian **MOMSnext**

When:
2nd Thursdays
September - May
virtually (to start)
6:30pm-8:00pm

Cost:
\$40/year

What to Expect:
Rotating dinner potluck *
Crafts
Ice Breakers
Discussion Groups
Videos and/or guest speakers

*During live meetings only

What is MOPS:
Perinton Presbyterian
MOPS/MOMSnext is a place
where every mom is
welcome and affirmed as a
human being created in God's
image. We welcome all moms
whether married, single,
divorced, widowed or partnered
to be a part of our group.

At our MOPS/MOMSnext
meetings you not only get a
break, you get to have
honest conversations
with other moms who
understand the joys and
frustration of motherhood
and who can come alongside
your journey as a mom.
This is the year that we will...

Please note: No childcare is
provided during our meetings.
(Babes in arms are welcome)

**DECIDE
TO RISE**
**BE STRONG, DO YOUR WORK
CHASE JOY**
We hope you will join us!

Questions? Ready to Register?
Contact:
Group Leader Sonya Verrillo
330-3991 or sonyaverrillo@gmail.com

The numbers are in...



Stewardship Message

Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.

– Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Results through July

Below are the results through the first seven months of the year. We continue to run a healthy surplus in both the Operating and Building Funds.

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

Perinton Presbyterian Church			
Summary			
7/31/2020			
Performance Year-to-date through July			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	185,299	
Building Fund	\$	78,841	
Total Income			\$ 264,141
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	174,121	
Building Fund	\$	68,649	
Total Expenses			\$ 242,770
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	11,178	
Building Fund	\$	10,192	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ 21,371

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

Perinton Presbyterian Church Officer Nominating Form

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord.
1 Corinthians 12:4*

The election of church officers is at the heart of what it means to be Presbyterian. Please give prayerful thought to any individuals—including yourself—whom you feel have demonstrated gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation. We invite nominations for consideration for terms beginning in 2021.

Below are descriptions of the gifts and responsibilities of a Deacon and Elder

Office of Deacon

Being a Deacon is a wonderful call to service. Deacons are the "servants" or "caregivers" of the congregation. *The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry. (The PC(USA) Book of Order)*

It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people and assisting with the Lord's Supper.

Office of Elder

Ruling elders are called to ministry in partnership with teaching elders. Within this calling, ruling elders have responsibilities in several areas of the life of the church including exercise in leadership, governance, spiritual discernment, and discipline.

The Book of Order states that *ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. (The PC(USA) Book of Order)*

Individuals who undertake particular ministries including ruling elder, *should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. (The PC(USA) Book of Order)*

I suggest that the Nominating Committee consider the following person.
(Self-nominations are welcome!)

for the position of:

Deacon

Elder

Please describe the particular gifts and skills that this person would bring to Perinton Presbyterian Church leadership:

Additional comments:

Your name

Please return to nominating@perintonpres.org by September 1, 2020

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Worship Time:

Sunday's 11am

Facebook Live or Call-in Option

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