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We are delighted to announce that we have an outstanding addition to our church staff in our new Music Director Julie Smith.

Julie Smith is an active flutist and pianist in the Rochester area. She obtained a M.M. in Flute Performance from University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a B.S. in Music Education from Roberts Wesleyan College. Most recently she has served as Worship Director at Pearce Memorial Church, as well as on the faculties of the Hochstein School of Music and Dance and the Csehy Summer School of Music. She is thrilled to be joining the staff at Perinton Presbyterian and looks forward to developing rich, meaningful relationships with the congregation!



Julie resides in Irondequoit with her husband, trumpeter Roy Smith, and their three sons James (8), Owen (5), and Felix (3). Roy serves as Choral Director at Gates Presbyterian, so they celebrate this new post and the collaborations they will share serving in the same denomination! When not working and making music, Julie enjoys reading, running, hiking with her family, and culinary explorations in the kitchen.



Dear PPC,

Built on the foundation of 2 Corinthians 5:19, “In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself...”

“The Confession of 1967” is one of twelve statements of faith in our Presbyterian *Book of Confessions*. It includes this guidance for us: “To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other.”

Our Christian faith helps us to understand that in challenging and conflicted times, our call is to “share God’s labor of healing enmities.”

What would it look like for you, in this season of our national life, to speak and post and live a message of healing and reconciliation?

What might it mean for how you engage with the people in your life?

I entrust these questions to your own personal prayer and devotion, that they might guide and sustain your spirit. Additionally, I invite you to join us weekly in worship at 11am for our fall worship series, “Faith and Flourishing” as we remember Jesus’ words, “I came that you may have life—life in all its fullness” (John 10:10).

May God’s presence, power, and calling be your light and guide,

Pastor Laura

COVID-19 Update

The PPC COVID Response Team and Session have been busy planning for the gradual reopening of our church. Throughout our conversations regarding COVID these past 6 months, we have been continually seeking to follow in the way of Christ our Good Shepherd, who loves, protects, and cares for his flock.

In early September our COVID Response Team met to review all requirements and best practices for gradual reopening and presented recommendations to Session on September 14.

With current regional infection rates well below 1%, Session has voted unanimously to move forward with a gradual, phased reopening of our church building, as long as these infection rates remain low. The goal is to phase in reopening activities to allow for operational and safety plans to be instituted. Session has approved a COVID Safety Management Plan consistent with New York State and CDC guidelines.

The Session, Deacons, youth group, church committees, and adult classes are permitted to start meeting in Fellowship Hall with attendance limits, however must contact Jill Bazer in the church office in advance to confirm that the Fellowship Hall is available and be added to the calendar. In-person Sunday school for youth and children remains on hold through December.

We are currently offering space in the sanctuary for funeral services, with up to 40 people in attendance.

For all worship services, including funerals, we are providing temperature checks. Prior to admittance to the church building, we are also confirming that attendees have not recently traveled from one of the states with a current NY State mandatory quarantine. Live streaming will remain an option for those unable to attend in person.

Heritage Christian Services, one of our key ministry partners, has now returned to a portion of the lower level and two additional partners--AA and Troop 209--will return to the building (Fellowship Hall) at the beginning of October. Everyone must follow Perinton Presbyterian's COVID safety protocols. These guidelines include on-site hand sanitizer stations, social distancing and the wearing of face masks at all times while on church property. Attendance contact logs, screening questions, sanitizing of all frequently touched surfaces, and temperature checks have all been implemented as part of our church safety measures.

We plan to begin in-person worship in the sanctuary on October 18 with initial limited attendance. Session and the COVID Response Team have decided to begin with one service at 11am on Sunday mornings however this is not a permanent move to one service but simply a practical decision at this time, based on our need for full sanitization between services. Live streaming of these services will continue. Information about how to sign up to attend a service will be coming out from our church office in the coming weeks. In you are a church member without access to the internet for sign up, please call our church office to sign up with Jill Bazer (223-1203).

Any questions about our safety protocols may be directed to our site safety monitor Dr. Kerry Katlic.

I (Pastor Laura, 223-1203) will be serving as the central contact in case anyone who has visited our building or grounds receives a COVID positive result, so that we may initiate proper contact tracing.

We are hosting a Gradual Re-opening Zoom Q and A conversation with Dr. Kerry Katlic and our COVID Response Team on 10/4 @ 12:15pm. We'll be sharing more about safety protocols and answering any questions you may have. To maximize our time, please email questions in advance to pastor@perintonpres.org. Meeting Access Information is Below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94495112403?pwd=azZKMIBBbDZSTWxCVnRXSUczL2YxZz09>

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 944 9511 2403

Passcode: 033250

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abmbeSriP>

Thanks to the members of the PPC COVID Response Team—Kerry Katlic, Peter Judd, Dale Olson, Chris Routier, Tom Force, Melanie Schraver, and Linda Spas—for their hard work that will allow us to safely reopen our building while keeping our church family safe.

Additional Session Updates

As we move into the fall, I'd like to share with you the most up-to-date list of Session members, as well as Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs. Each committee has a formal elder liaison to session however the liaison is not, in all cases, chairing the committee. We think that this greater degree of flexibility with regard to chairing committees will provide us with the ability to prioritize the spiritual gifts necessary for service as an elder while also ensuring that our committees have the leadership they need. We've also created a new committee that will be focused on the use of technology within our ministries.



Elders 2020-2021

Melanie Schraver (Chair of Christian Education)

Linda Knickerbocker (Co-Chair of Church Life)

Maurice Verrillo (Co-Chair of Church Life)

Mark Stevens (Chair of Finance and Chair of Stewardship)

Chris Routier (Chair of Facilities)

Tom Force (Chair of Technology)

Judy Burgeson (Chair of Missions)

Maureen Thayer (Chair of Nominating and Liaison to Outreach)

Becky Girouard (Chair of Personnel)

Jennifer Ransome (Spiritual Discipleship Elder)

Anne Katlic (Co-Chair of Worship)

Linda Spas (Co-Chair of Worship)

Jackson Dietz (Youth Elder/YAK Co-Chair)

The Outreach Committee will be chaired by Paul Girouard and Sandy Munson, both of whom have formerly served as elders but are not currently serving on session)

Your Pastor and Deacons are Here to Support You!

This surely is a challenging season for so many of our church members. If you have a pastoral care concern, please don't hesitate to let us know so that we can be of support to you. We also have our Member Support fund to provide assistance to church members facing financial hardship, through grocery gift cards. For either pastoral support or financial assistance please either call Pastor Laura at 223-1203 or call your deacon. Our list of current deacons, with family codes, is below. Your family code is listed by your name in our church directory. If you need a copy, please give our church office a call.

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Deacon Codes:

If you don't know who your deacon is please email Jill at office@perintonpres.org

01 Beth Storrar

02 Lynn Judd

03 Lisa Pratt

04 Mary Cooney

05 Leila Doll

06 Jerry Scoppa

07 Rebekah Burrill

08 Sylvia Frederes

09 Bernie Trott

10 Robbyn Drew

11 Yvonne Stevens

12 Terry Converse

13 Dianne Mau

14 Donna Duca

15 Jennifer Wallace

16 Chris Diehl

17 Laura Decker

18 Debbie Fink

Welcome Ministry Intern Jackson Dietz

Church member and youth elder Jackson Dietz will be serving as an intern in the church office this year as part of his Leadership Track as a senior at Fairport High School. Through this program Jackson will be sharing his gifts as well as learning about all areas of non-profit leadership, including communication, finances, technology, and personnel as well as spending time in theological study with Pastor Laura. Jackson will be in the church office, working with Pastor Laura and Office Administrator Jill Bazer Mondays and Thursday, 10:30am-12:30pm this school year. Welcome Jackson!



The deacons are sending out special prayers for those who have entered this school year in any capacity. We are thinking of all of our families on this very challenging journey.

Please know that we are there for any members who are encountering struggles big or small. Please always feel free to contact your deacon.

We are mourning Howard & Joanne Henderson, Katherine Wharmby and Bruce Frederes who have had recent funerals at our church. A special thank you to all who have made this possible with the Covid restrictions.

The second outside service on August 30th was a huge success. We were very happy to see Martha Verplank present the Earth Angel award to the very deserving Tom and Kathy Force. Tom and Kathy have served on many committees not to mention that they are also providing the technical support for our inside and outside services. Our church was blessed in welcoming our new members, Katie and Jason Tuccio, Aime McMullin and Arthur Johnson to our congregation.

The church had a movie night to see "Frozen" on September 3rd. Kudos to our pastor Laura who creatively related a scene from the movie to her message.

Thank you to Bill and Jill Hammond and Ivanka Driankova for the extra special Disney music at the September 6th service. Kudos to Greg Hammond for providing his technical expertise to the music videos.

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Parish Associate Update

The Parish Associate Interview Team--Ed Daniel (convener), Tom Force, Sylvia Frederes, Lynn Judd, and Maureen Thayer--has begun meeting to review applications for this position and begin the interview process. Please keep them in prayer as they seek the candidate God is calling to PPC.



Youth Co-Leader Interview Team

Melanie Schraver, Mark Stevens, Jonelle Kohl, Connor Cronin, Karen Braun are starting to interview candidates early this month. Keep them in your prayers as well!

Community Wellness Series: Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children

The PPC Outreach Committee invites you to an important training from Bivona Child Advocacy Center on October 29, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. One often-hidden tragedy of 2020 is the increased vulnerability of children in our society to abuse. Using the 5 Steps to Protecting Our Children™ as a framework, Darkness to Light's *Stewards of Children*® is a two-hour training that teaches adults practical actions to prevent child sexual abuse or intervene if abuse is suspected. Featuring compelling and engaging content to motivate participants, the program is designed for parents, concerned individuals, and any adult that works with youth. Sign Up details will be coming soon from the church office.



Happy October Birthday to the following members of our church family!!!

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. Psalm 20:4

Jennifer Baker, Lisa Beardsley, Katherine Blezard, Edward Bradford, Toni Celestino, Craig Chormann, Gina Coddling, Donald Cormack, Edward Daniel, Jude Dietz, Samuel Dietz, Richard Doll, Robbyn Drew, Sally Eruysal, Andrew Force, Susan Gibbons, Jeannine Haak, Barbara Hebert, Carol Hite, Kerry, Katlic, Julie Lowry, Jeanne Metcalfe, Brian Norby, Terry Nulty, Ann Poelma, Christopher Routier, Lauren Rubino, Jeffrey Saylor, Adeline Schraver, Jeffrey Schraver, Samuel Schraver, Shirley Smith, Griffin Storrar, Denise Sullivan, Paul Sullivan, William Thompson. Eileen Turner, Emily Valle, Chris Wilke, Jessie York



October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Please note that Bible Study and Worship Services are still being held virtually. Committee meetings are a hybrid of virtual and in person. AA and Troop 209 are in person in the Fellowship Hall.</p>				<p>1 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Nominating 7pm Stewardship</p>	<p>2 6pm First Friday Dinner</p>	<p>3 10am Adult Retreat</p>
<p>4 9:30am Personnel Meeting 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>5 12:15pm AA 7pm Troop 209</p>	<p>6 7pm Session Mtg.</p>	<p>7 6:30pm Parish Associate Interview</p>	<p>8 10am Bible Study 12:15pm AA</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 12:15pm AA</p>
<p>11 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>12 Columbus Day Office Closed 12:15pm AA 7pm Troop 209</p>	<p>13 6:30pm Mission 7pm Deacons Mtg.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10am Bible Study 12:15pm AA 7pm Stewardship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 12:15pm AA</p>
<p>18 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>19 Newsletter Deadline 12:15pm AA 6pm CE Meeting 7pm Facilities Mtg.</p>	<p>20 6:30pm Worship 7:30pm Outreach</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10am Bible Study 12:15pm AA 7pm Troop 209</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 12:15pm AA</p>
<p>25 11:00am Worship</p>	<p>26 12:15pm AA 7pm Troop 209</p>	<p>27 7:30pm Finance</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10am Bible Study 12:15pm AA 6:30pm Community Wellness Series</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

What Christian Stewardship Means To Me

To my dear PPC family and friends, I pray that you all are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented and very difficult times. I find peace during these troubling times by my faith in God, living each day as it could be my last and with extreme thankfulness to be part of such an amazing church family, my brothers and sisters in Christ. I also receive extreme satisfaction with all I am involved in with PPC. During my time researching the definition of "Biblical Stewardship", the following definition I found sums up exactly how I view stewardship: "A biblical world view of stewardship can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." The central essence of biblical world view stewardship is managing everything God brings into the believer's life in a manner that honors God and impacts eternity".

Financial pledging is an integral part in sustaining our church and our visions and missions regarding our church as well as the community/world. Another integral part in sustaining our church is through/by the service and talents of our members, which EACH and EVERY one of you have! Whether it involves sharing musical and other talents, signing up to help at a church function, participating in a committee, serving as an Elder or Deacon, serving as a liturgist or preparing Holy Communion, taking a turn mowing the lawn, shoveling the sidewalks on a Sunday morning, visiting with someone who is home-bound/hospitalized/on hospice/lonely, volunteering your time to a charity/service project, being a mentor for a Confirmand, volunteering to be an adult participant in the Youth Group, taking care of your neighbors, helping the less fortunate; the list goes on and on about ALL of the non-financial ways you can contribute to the stewardship of our beloved church.

I have been a single mom to two amazing children, Becca and Ben, since 2005 and the three of us have been BEYOND BLESSED to have joined PPC in 2016 and to be surrounded by your love, support and encouragement, which are ALL FORMS of stewardship; thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being such an integral and very special part of Becca's, Benny's and my lives!!! Please view our family as being a lucky recipient of your kind and generous forms of stewardship and please know that I am ensuring that I reciprocate your stewardship to the ongoing vision and mission of PPC by remaining very involved in various committees/services of PPC. Every year, I ensure to increase my financial pledge, even if it's just \$5/month, as I want to financially support PPC to the best of my ability AND I also maintain significant involvement in PPC via committees/community events, visiting members who are unable to leave their home, etc and this involvement brings such joy, peace and happiness to my life and I urge each and every one of you to pray about what talents you can offer as you ALL have God-given talents!

Let's continue to build our wonderful reputation in the community and share our blessings with our PPC family/community/world! May God continue to bless PPC as well as all of you!

Blessings and peace,

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

The numbers are in...

Stewardship Message

As desire abates, generosity is born. When we are connected and present, what else is there to do but give? – Jack Kornfield



Results through August

Below are the results through the first eight 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			
8/31/2020			
Performance Year-to-date through August			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	204,799	
Building Fund	\$	88,386	
Total Income			\$ 293,185
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	199,158	
Building Fund	\$	78,456	
Total Expenses			\$ 277,614
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	5,641	
Building Fund	\$	9,930	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ 15,571

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

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Worship Time:

Sunday's 11am

Facebook Live or Call-in Option

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