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**With Great Joy We Announce our New Parish Associate:
Rev. Harry Heintz**

On Tuesday evening, October 27, the PPC session received a unanimous recommendation from our Parish Associate Interview Team that we select the Rev. Harry Heintz to serve as Parish Associate of PPC. Session received this news with joy and excitement and unanimously approved the recommendation. Pending final approval by our Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, we anticipate a start date of November 16, 2020.

Rev. Heintz is well-known to many in our congregation, having worked with us throughout the interim process and having preached in worship many times, including at my service of installation last November. Our hearts are full of gratitude and excitement that now God has opened the way for Pastor Harry to join our church staff.



As many of you know, this summer our session began to discern God calling us in a new direction with our staffing model. Instead of seeking a Director of Youth Ministries, we felt led to incorporate many aspects of youth ministry leadership into my role as Pastor. Office Administrator Jill Bazer has become our center point for youth ministry communication and planning, and this shift opened the opportunity for us to bring a second pastor to our staff.

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The Parish Associate position is a part-time (10-12 hour a week) position, with a one-year, renewable contract. Pastor Harry and I will be sharing in congregational care, worship leadership, preaching, and other ministry opportunities as they arise. He will have primary leadership for pastoral care to the homebound, those in nursing homes, and caregivers, with some assistance to me in responding to pastoral emergencies, hospital visits, and care for those who have lost loved ones. Pastor Harry will offer shared staff support to deacons, will be preaching for us approximately once a month, and sharing in other forms of ministry, as time, gifts, and needs of the church may present.

We extend our gratitude to the Parish Associate Interview Team: Ed Daniel (convener), Sylvia Frederes, Tom Force, Lynn Judd, and Maureen Thayer—for their faithful work in finding this wonderful match for PPC.

Join me in welcoming Pastor Harry to PPC, beginning November 16!

God's peace,

Pastor Laura

A Note from Rev. Harry Heintz

I was born and reared in southern California. My family's faith tradition was Pentecostal. During my college years, I began exploring the wider Protestant world and ended up worshipping at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach CA.

After graduating, getting married, and moving far from home, I was asked to become the youth ministries director at First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady NY. I couldn't help but wonder if maybe I was being called to be a Presbyterian! After three years, I headed off to seminary, sensing that God might be calling me to be a pastor—even a Presbyterian pastor.

Fresh out of seminary I became the pastor of Brunswick Church, Troy, NY, in Albany Presbytery. That became my first pastorate, my second pastorate, my third pastorate, and my fourth pastorate—all without leaving. I retired from that 38-year pastoral ministry in the fall of 2012.

Now I am an active member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. I am an adjunct professor of preaching at Northeastern Seminary (on the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College) and preach frequently in this region.

I have been married to Rachel (Daily), a retired schoolteacher, for 52+ years. We have two grown daughters, two sons-by-marriage, two young adult grandsons, and an eight-month old granddaughter.

Along with pastoral work, I love reading, doing yard work, sailing, kayaking, following the Red Sox and Dodgers, jogging, and trying new things.

SDG, Harry J. Heintz

Dear PPC,



What a joy it has been to worship together in person these past few weeks! After seven months of leading worship online only, our tech team, musical staff, and I could all feel God's Spirit in a powerful way as you joined us in person. While our in-person gathering remains small for now, we give thanks that many more of you are worshipping with us from home. Our Session and COVID Response Team will continue to closely monitor this dynamic situation and update our safety practices as needed. Below are the links to sign up for in person worship.

November 1st click here: <https://inpersonworshipnovember1.eventbrite.com>

November 8th click here: <https://inpersonworshipnovember8.eventbrite.com>

November 15th click here: <https://inpersonworshipnovember15.eventbrite.com>

November 22nd click here: <https://inpersonworshipnovember22.eventbrite.com>

November 29th click here: <https://inpersonworshipnovember29.eventbrite.com>

As we enter our Fall Stewardship Campaign, we are celebrating the faithfulness of our Lord, who has provided for us—and continues to do so—in remarkable ways. This month I invite you to join me in making a pledge for PPC's ministries in 2021, offering your financial commitment with a spirit of trust, gratitude, and hope, affirming that our God is faithful and will bless and multiply all that we freely give to his service.

Finally, know that you are in my prayers as we journey toward Thanksgiving. Our celebrations will, no doubt, be different in some ways this year, yet I pray that God's abundant goodness may be visible in each of our lives, as we give thanks for God's love that never fails.

In Christ, and with much thanksgiving for this church,

Pastor Laura

October Session Highlights:

At our October 6 Session meeting, we welcomed Paul Girouard and Amie McMullin, co-leaders of our 25x25 Membership Campaign. They led session in exploring and articulating our vision for the Perinton Presbyterian Church experience in the year 2025. Common themes that arose included support, growth, family, love, nurture, encouragement, togetherness, nurturing seeds, reaping harvest, collaborative, agility, flexibility, innovators, God will guide us, peaceful, respite, reverence, abundance, a place to encounter the light, wonder, excitement, awe, and laughter.



The 25x25 Team is now incorporating this input into their planning, as we seek to grow our membership and build our church family over the coming years.

Session continues to receive up-to-date information on COVID Safety practices and closely monitors this fluid and continually changing situation with guidance from the COVID Response Team, in accordance with the CDC and NY State Guidelines. We will keep the congregation informed as we continue to determine the safest practices in this dynamic situation.

Our October 6 meeting also included a preliminary report on our recent property survey and initial planning for our 2021 church budget, both of which will be addressed further in November and December.

Perinton Presbyterian Church

25X25

Initiative

Can you imagine the membership of church growing by 25% by 2025? This is the vision of the 25X25 initiative. A five-year journey (2021 through 2025) led by the Outreach Committee and carried out by all committees, elders, deacons, pastoral staff, and members, is an intentional culmination of living our Vision and Mission of PPC.

Our work is centered and anchored in Christ, thus the symbol of "X". In Greek, the language of the New Testament, the word Christos (Christ) begins with the letter "X," or chi. The full word is Χριστός. "X" was sometimes used alone to represent Christ.

This collaboration enables us to think beyond today and tomorrow. Through the lens of our church vision and mission we purposely and prayerfully consider what we might look like and be like in 2025. While we preserve the things we love and cherish about our church, we look joyfully to an exciting future.

If you are not currently on a committee and have interest in this work please contact Amie (amiemcmullin@yahoo.com) or Paul (paullegirouard@gmail.com) to find out how you can be a part of 25x25.



HOORAY! We had the first in person church service on October 18th. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. At this point a maximum of 40 can attend. You can register on-line or call the office. The Deacons sent out goodies to the following college freshman: Kaeleigh Cronin, Ben Eckdahl, Kristen Hahn, Michaela Sackett, Ashely Sampone, Taylor Sampone, Addie Schraver, Danielle Smith and Kyle Embling. Yummy! The Youth Group is back into the swing of things and had their Celebration Kick-Off. Sending you best wishes for a wonderful year.

We are so excited to welcome our new Music Director, Julie Smith. We are blessed to have her. We are thankful once again for the amazing musical talents of Bill & Jill Hammond and Ivanka Driankova.

Kudos to the Covid response team headed by Kerry Katlic. It is because of you that we are able to move forward in our worship in a safe and productive way. Thank you for educating the congregation with the Zoom Q and A Covid 19 and church reopening plans.

A special appreciation goes to the interview teams for hiring a Parish Associate.

The church was able to purchase some well needed audio/visual equipment with the Clark Harris memorial fund. It was a pleasure seeing his loving wife, Pat Harris, in the chancel to join in the celebration.

Prayers and good wishes are sent to Mark McDaniel with his future endeavors with the Christ Clarion Presbyterian Church in Pittsford. How fortunate for Mark and for the congregation.

Thank you to Chris Routier for making the beautiful Applewood chalice which was on the table on World Communion Sunday.

Please know that the deacons care about you and will be there for you.

THE LORD DELIGHTS IN YOU

The Worship Committee was happy to **welcome folks to in person worship** at the church on 10/18/20. So nice to see everyone! Many thanks to the COVID Team and Ushers for all the behind the scenes prep to make this happen. In person worship will continue at 11:00 am Sunday mornings.

Music Director Julie Smith is such a wonderful addition to PPC staff. She is already busy planning many virtual and in person events.

Communion services will remain virtual for now. There will be a Vespers & Communion Service held virtually on November 2nd.

Advent & Christmas planning has begun. There will be Advent wreaths and devotionals for families to use at home. Pastor Laura, Harry Heintz and Julie Smith will continue to meet for Advent planning.

Christmas Eve Services will be held virtually. CE is planning and will pre-record the Children's Service. The Candlelight Service will be pre-recorded and shown twice on Christmas Eve.

Upcoming Worship Dates

Sundays at 11 am In person worship at the church,
virtual service on Facebook Live

Nov. 2 Evening Vespers & Communion (virtual)

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving/Dedication Sunday

Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 24 Children's Service (virtual)

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (virtual)

Communion Vesper Service Nov 2, 7:00 PM

[https://zoom.us/j/97980943458?
pwd=ZVhrcDErWERITVYyd1M5ZG50U1lZZz09](https://zoom.us/j/97980943458?pwd=ZVhrcDErWERITVYyd1M5ZG50U1lZZz09)

By Phone:

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(New York)

Meeting ID: 979 8094 3458 Passcode: 710845

What: "PPC Choir Meet & Greet"

When: Wednesday, November 11 at 7PM

Where: Perinton Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

With: Music Director Julie Smith

If you are a current member of the PPC Choir or someone who loves to praise the Lord through song you are invited to a Choir Meet and Greet with our new Music Director, Julie Smith! We'll be gathering in the sanctuary (socially distanced and masked, of course!) to spend some time in fellowship. Hear a bit of Julie's story and vision for choral ministry at PPC. She'll also be sharing some exciting information regarding choral projects in the immediate future! There will be a Q and A, as well as a time of prayer for our choir, congregation, and community.

Any questions? Email Julie at musicdirector@perintonpres.org. Hope to see many of you on Wednesday, 11/11!



Adult Faith Formation and Small Group Offerings for Fall

Book of Mark Bible Study

From the Engage Bible Study series, the Book of Mark is our Fall selection. This 18 week study vividly portrays Jesus Christ as God's unique Son fully entering the problems of life as the servant Savior. You will see Jesus grieved, exasperated, angered, amazed and fatigued. You will also engage with his amazing love for his much-less-than-perfect followers, and His perfect obedience to the Father's will.

The Engage Bible Studies takes you verse by verse into the richness of the scriptures in ways that impact your heart and illumine your mind. You will find simple tools that cultivate your understanding. These are tools of transformation! You will also learn how to apply God's Word in your everyday life.

The class meets Sunday morning from **9:00 am to 10:00 am (note new time)** in the virtual Zoom format (subject to change!). The study guide can be obtained on Amazon (search Engaging God's Word-Mark). If you are interested in participating, please contact Lisa Chormann at: lchorman@rochester.rr.com. Links are sent out on Saturday before the Sunday class.

Spiritual Zoom—a time of Bible study and prayer with Jennifer Ransome Thursdays at 10am. Contact Jennifer for the meeting link: djm168@aol.com. All are welcome!

We received an email through our Facebook page from Barbara Pratt, a member of Ogden Presbyterian Church. She needs our help!

Barbara coordinates an effort to supply homeless veterans in the Spencerport area with crocheted and knit blankets - both new and used. Do you happen to have any blankets in your linen closet that you could wash and donate? Do you knit or crochet?

The Eagle Star Housing - Spencerport location is a 15 bed house for male veterans only. Veterans generally stay in this program for 60-90 days. A donated blanket is a great comfort during their stay and a beautiful gift that they take with them when they leave.

A labeled bin will be in the narthex for collection of blankets.

Eagle Star Housing
277 South Union Street
Spencerport, NY 14559

Contact: Bill Cecere
Spencerport House Manager
wcecere@eaglestarhousing.com
phone: (585) 474-7534

We Need Your Help





PERINTON PRESBYTERIAN
MOPS/MOMsnext

The November meeting of our Perinton Presbyterian MOPS/MOMsnext group will be on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Our group is for mothers with children from pre-birth through grade 12. We meet once a month and also have a social activity that is optional.

Please RSVP by Monday, Nov 9th, so we can provide you with materials you will need for the meeting as well as the actual Zoom link. There is no charge to check us out and see if this group might be a fit for you! RSVP at <http://evite.me/hWSueJmgxg>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sonya Verrillo (585-330-3991 or sonyaverrillo@gmail.com) or Sarah Driscoll (sarahdriscoll05@gmail.com)

Let's help wish Helen VanNess a Happy 90th Birthday...

Helen is one our members and is turning 90 this month. Let's shower her with cards! The cards can be sent to her daughter's address -

Helen VanNess
17 Virginia Lane
Rochester, NY 14624



Happy November 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

Keith Agar, Daniel Becker, Mark Burgeson, Daniel Cuccia, Kathy Cufari, Ivanka Driankova, Kenneth Driscoll, Elizabeth Farrar, Paul Girouard, Boyd Granville, Zachary Grose, Jill Hammond, Peter Judd, Casey Keefe, Resiha Kendall, Ronald Kendig, Sharon Krueger, Joann Lundquist, Elliot McDowell, Kristen Murphy, Allen Norby, Bruce Patterson, Thomas Poelma, Dana Sanford, Judy Sears, Elizabeth Spalty, Jacob Stewart, Jane Taromino, Helen Van Ness, Matthew Wallace

What Christian Stewardship Means To Me

By Bernie Trott

There are seemingly countless articles on the subject of “What is Christian Stewardship”

C.S. Lewis in his 1952 book “Mere Christianity” talks about Biblical Stewardship.

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

Bill Peel over at The High Calling recently wrote an excellent essay entitled “Leadership Is Stewardship”. His essay can help us build a framework to begin understanding this biblical idea of stewardship. Peel suggests that there are four important principles about biblical stewardship we must understand:

1. **The Principle of Ownership** – This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.
2. **The Principle of Responsibility** - We are called to manage these holdings well according to His desires and purposes.
3. **The Principle of Accountability** – One day each of us will be called to account for how we have managed what God has given us.
4. **The Principle of Reward** – faithful stewards who do God’s will with his resources can expect to be rewarded. Incomplete in this life, but fully in the next.

As faithful children of God we have so many things we need to do to act as stewards of the gifts God has entrusted with us. As Christians we have so many ways of thanking God for the gifts that he has bestowed on us. At the end of our service we sing the song “Go out and Serve Him”.

Donation of your time and talents is important to our mission. Becky and Sandy have already detailed some of the things we can do. There are so many opportunities here at PPC. We just need to avail ourselves of them.

PPC needs your financial commitment. Donors will keep the doors open of our church so that we can make a real difference in the lives of the community/mission field. Stewardship is proportionate to what we can give. Sometimes, we cannot give financially as much as we would like to, due to economic realities, job loss, business not good, sickness, etc., so, we give honestly and efficiently whatever we can. Your gifts reflect your relationship to God. The need is greater than ever and PPC is endeavoring to fill those needs – both physically and spiritually.

Pray that everyone stays safe and healthy.

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

The numbers are in...

Stewardship Message

"What I gave I have, what I spent I had; and what I left I lost." – Robert of Doncaste



Results through September

Below are the results through the first nine 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			
9/30/2020			
Performance Year-to-date through September			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	226,380	
Building Fund	\$	96,135	
Total Income			\$ 322,515
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	213,563	
Building Fund	\$	88,263	
Total Expenses			\$ 301,826
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	12,817	
Building Fund	\$	7,872	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ 20,689

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:

Online banking: through your bank. This is the most efficient way to give

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*

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Worship Time:

Sunday's 11am

In Person, Facebook Live or Call-in Option

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