

# The GoodNews Connection

PERINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 2021

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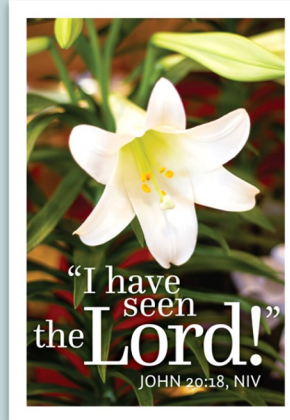
### CARETAKER

*Dale Olson*

Join us Sundays at 11am on Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/perintonpresbyterian>

Dial-in option: 1-646-558-8656  
US (New York)  
Meeting ID: 527-577-4982  
Password: 6511



***Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!***  
***Celebrate this day of days!***

We joyfully welcome you to worship with us on Easter, April 4, 2021.

We are offering two services,

Sunrise Service at 7:30am, in person, led by our youth, with Easter art and special music. We'll worship at the upper section of the church parking area—please bring a chair.

Easter Service at 11am, 100% virtual, available on our Facebook page, with a choral anthem and joyous proclamation of the Easter news.

Join us in body or in spirit to celebrate this day of days!

## Pastor's Letter: PPC Worship Reopening April 18!

Dear Perinton Church Family,

I'm so happy to share with you that, in collaboration with our COVID Response Team and Worship Committee, the PPC Session has voted to resume in person worship in the sanctuary starting April 18, with our 11am service. It will be such a joy to be together again in worship!

We'll begin with space for up to 50 worshippers plus our Tech Team and Worship Team, and hope to steadily increase that number as vaccinations in our community rise, and we move toward herd immunity. We will also continue to live stream the service and are actively working to expand our presence online and add a YouTube video option as well as our current Facebook page.

We are asking people to preregister for in person worship and we will be following all COVID safety guidelines, including masking, social distancing, and keeping a record of attendees. Register to attend at: <https://inpersonapril18.eventbrite.com>

Over the coming months, session will continue to carefully consider our service offerings and service times in order to have the greatest impact in our congregation and beyond.

I look forward to celebrating this joyous Easter season with you!

Pastor Laura





***"On Generosity"***

*Walter Brueggemann*

On our own, we conclude:  
there is not enough to go around

we are going to run short  
of money  
of love  
of grades  
of publications  
of sex  
of beer  
of members  
of years  
of life

we should seize the day  
seize our goods  
seize our neighbors goods  
because there is not enough to go around

and in the midst of our perceived deficit  
you come  
you come giving bread in the wilderness  
you come giving children at the 11th hour  
you come giving homes to exiles  
you come giving futures to the shut down  
you come giving Easter joy to the dead  
you come – fleshed in Jesus.

and we watch while  
the blind receive their sight  
the lame walk  
the lepers are cleansed  
the deaf hear  
the dead are raised  
the poor dance and sing

we watch  
and we take food we did not grow and  
life we did not invent and  
future that is gift and gift and gift and  
families and neighbors who sustain us  
when we did not deserve it.

It dawns on us – late rather than soon-  
that you "give food in due season  
you open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing."

By your giving, break our cycles of imagined  
scarcity  
override our presumed deficits  
quiet our anxieties of lack  
transform our perceptual field to see  
the abundance.....mercy upon mercy  
blessing upon blessing.

Sink your generosity deep into our lives  
that your muchness may expose our false lack  
that endlessly receiving we may endlessly give  
so that the world may be made Easter new,  
without greedy lack, but only wonder,  
without coercive need but only love,  
without destructive greed but only praise  
without aggression and invasiveness....  
all things Easter new.....  
all around us, toward us and  
by us

all things Easter new.

Finish your creation, in wonder, love and praise.  
Amen."



As I shared with you in last month's newsletter, Session has been carefully and prayerfully considering ways to steward the 17 acres of land in our care. We're exploring how to be good neighbors to those who live around the church, how we use this land to the benefit of the church and community, how we care for and conserve God's creation, and our long-term vision for this land. We have planned a special meeting of session up on the hill, for Earth Day (April 22, 2021) to continue in conversation and discernment.

At our March 2 session meeting, we also received updates from our COVID Response Team, and decided to begin gradually reopening the church building to community groups and worship services, and to expand our capacity for funeral services up to 75 attendees.

We also spent time discussing ways to share more about the work of session with the wider congregation. To this end we are expanding the monthly session updates in the newsletter, posting session minutes in the church narthex, and want to let you know that if you would like to attend a session meeting to observe, you are welcome—just let me know and I will share the details. Session typically meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

Additionally we want to ensure that our congregation knows who is on session currently, and which committees they are connected with. Our current session members are Judy Burgeson (Mission), Craig Chormann (Clerk), Jackson Dietz (Youth Advisory Council), Tom Force (Facilities and Technology), Becky Girouard (Personnel), Anne Katlic (Worship), Linda Knickerbocker (Church Life), Jennifer Ransome (Spiritual Discipleship), Chris Routier (Facilities), Melanie Schraver (Christian Education), Linda Spas (Worship), Mark Stevens (Stewardship and Finance), Maureen Thayer (Nominating and Outreach), and Maurice Verrillo (Church Life).

At our session meeting we also discussed a special invitation to the congregation to make a gift to the ministries and mission of PPC with a portion of the third COVID stimulus checks and we appointed Craig Chormann 2021 Clerk of Session.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 12, 7pm, at which time we will meet to examine our new elders and deacons.

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

## at Perinton Presbyterian Church

*All worship services will be virtual only  
except for Easter sunrise service.*

*Worship online at [perintonpres.org](http://perintonpres.org) and Facebook.*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 1 7pm**

Share in worship with scripture, song and the Sacrament of Communion in remembrance of the Last Supper.

### **Good Friday, April 2 12pm**

A meditation upon the Seven Last Words of Christ through word and special music. Service will be pre-recorded and available to view online from 12 o'clock noon on.

### **Easter Sunrise Service, April 4 7:30am**

An informal outdoor service led by PPC Youth to greet the glorious morning! Social distancing and COVID safety rules will apply. Please bring a chair. The service will be approximately 30 minutes in length, at the upper church parking lot area. In case of inclement weather, we will move into the Fellowship Hall.

### **Easter Sunday, April 4 11am**

Traditional worship with festive music by brass quartet and PPC's virtual choir to celebrate this joyous day.



Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and a joyous Spring season. Thank you to the youth group for collecting 5 trunk loads of food for the Perinton Food Shelf. Our very generous PPC also donated to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" boxes which goes to food and disaster relief. We were blessed to hear Maurice Verrillo's COVID experience. Thank you Maurice for expressing your faithful strength. Kudos to the Worship Committee for providing the "Holy Week at Home" bags during the week of Easter. The PPC was blessed in the celebration of the ministry of Reverend Steve Becker, Pastor Emeritus. We will be forever grateful for Steve's devotion to our congregation. We are looking forward to announcing this year's Earth Angel on April 18<sup>th</sup> and celebrating the Installation of Deacons and Elders on April 25<sup>th</sup>.



Dear PPC Church Family,

Now that the third Federal Stimulus Program has been passed into law, many will be receiving a direct payment from this program.

For those who have experienced financial hardship during the last year, this is welcome relief in these difficult times. For others who have been more fortunate, this may be an opportunity to use this money to help those in our community.

As such, we are asking that you consider a special donation to support the mission and ministries of the church.

Donations may be mailed to the church (Memo: Stimulus) at Perinton Presbyterian Church, PO Box 611, Fairport, NY 14450 or given online at: <https://ppc6511.breezechms.com/give/online>

Thank you for your generous giving.

PPC Stewardship Committee: Mark Stevens, Becky Girouard, Sandy Munson, Bernie Trott, Rollin Pickering, and Pastor Laura Fry

*Each month, we will be spotlighting one of the many organizations that you support financially, through your Stewardship pledge.*



## Mission Spotlight -



**PROJECT VIDA** is located in the center of El Paso, three blocks north of the Rio Grande, within one of the nation's most impoverished neighborhoods. It is a non-profit community agency that provides a variety of services including health care, health education, homeless prevention, housing, economic development, and youth leadership activities. Today, PROJECT VIDA serves over 1500 families in its programs. Their work addresses the needs of these low-income neighborhoods and has expanded over the years into a multi-faceted center striving to improve the lives of people in their communities. For more information go to [pvida.net](http://pvida.net)

*In addition to our financial support, you can help by donating your unwanted greeting cards, which are used in a variety of educational projects. These cards can be for any occasion. Please remove the written portion and place the artwork portion in the Project Vida box in the Narthex.*



### **Spiritual Zoom (Bible Study)**

Wednesday morning 10:00 am to 11:30 am Bible Study via Zoom will be studying 1 Corinthians starting Wednesday, April 7. Anyone interested please contact Jennifer Ransome ( [djm168@aol.com](mailto:djm168@aol.com) or 585-704-4435. )

We welcome new faces!

**Exciting news!** We are at the beginning (very) stages of creating a brand new church website. We have a handful of volunteers ready to serve on the Website Team, but we welcome any others who have talents or interest in this area. To learn more, please contact Kristin Cuccia at [kcuccia8274@gmail.com](mailto:kcuccia8274@gmail.com).



**Happy April 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***

Justin Coats, Ida Comerford, Bryce Embling, Beth Feldman, Charlotte Granville, Albert Gubiotti, Jean Hessney, Tommy Hessney, Barbara Jackson, Julie-Anne Keefe, Gayle Kendig, David Kester, Denise Kotwas, Karl Kriz, Beverly Luger, Dianne Mau, Emory McDowell, Rick Mihaljevic, Kathryn Murphy, Lisa Pratt, Paula Roberts, Walter Sackett, Paul Spindler, Bradley Stewart, Alex Strang, Kathryn Tornatore, Joan VanDyne, David Ververs, Judith Ververs

## **The numbers are in...**

### **Stewardship Message**

"Excel in the grace of giving..." –Corinthians 8:7



### **Results through February**

Below are the results through the first two of 2021. We are off to a good start this year and pray that the momentum continues.

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

Perinton Presbyterian Church			
Summary			
2/28/2021			
Performance Year-to-date through Feb			
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	51,475	
Building Fund	\$	17,117	
Total Income			\$ 68,592
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	49,566	
Building Fund	\$	19,614	
Total Expenses			\$ 69,180
<b><u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	1,910	
Building Fund	\$	(2,497)	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ (587)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:anorby1@rochester.rr.com)

### **The Blue Envelope – 2021 Per Capita**

People often ask – "What is the blue envelope for?" This is for the 'per capita' payment, which are the 'dues' we pay to PC USA. Every church is required to make payments based on the number of active members. The per capita for this year is \$35.14 per member. The total amount that we advance on behalf of the congregation is \$17,183 this year. These dollars support the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, Synod of the Northeast, and the General Assembly. Please fill out the blue Per Capita Envelope that is in the envelope box and return it with your regular offering. If you are not using electronic giving, please indicate "Per Capita" on your payment.



# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 12pm Good Friday Service	3 3pm Youth Group Practice
4 7:30am Sunrise Service 11am Worship	5 Office closed for Easter Monday 7pm Troop 209	6 7pm Session	7 1:30pm SOFI Caregivers	8	9	10
11 11am Worship	12	13 7pm Deacons	14	15 7pm Stewardship Meeting	16	17
18 11am Worship—in person and virtual	19 6pm CE Meeting 7pm Facilities Meeting	20 6:30pm Worship Meeting 7:30pm Outreach Meeting	21	22	23	24
25 11am Worship 12:15pm YAK Meeting	26	27 7:30pm Finance Meeting	28	29	30	

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## **Worship Time:**

Sunday's 11am

Facebook Live or Call-in Option

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