

# The GoodNews Connection

PERINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## *The Good Shepherd Challenge*

Inspired by Psalm 23, this spring you are invited to be part of the "Good Shepherd Challenge." From now through May 23, we'll have the opportunity to learn Psalm 23 by heart as a fundraiser for Resolve of Rochester. The Good Shepherd Challenge is sponsored by the Doll Tea Party Committee, Christian Education Committee, and Spiritual Discipleship. We are offering two ways to participate—you are welcome to choose one or both.

**Option 1: Learn Psalm 23** by heart in the translation of your choice—sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/good-shepherd-challenge-tickets-151691026945>

to let us know you are planning to participate. Kids can learn the psalm with a special children's booklet version. This booklet will be mailed to families in the church and is available in the narthex. When you have the psalm memorized, email Pastor Laura ([pastor@perintonpres.org](mailto:pastor@perintonpres.org)) or call her (223-1203). You won't have to recite it—we will trust your word on this.

**Option 2: Be a Good Shepherd Sponsor** by committing to donate \$1 for every person at PPC who learns the psalm by heart. On May 23, we will let you know the total number of people who completed the challenge, with donations payable to PPC with the memo: "Resolve" by May 31. To sign up to be a Good Shepherd Sponsor, contact Cyndi Besig at [cbesig@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cbesig@rochester.rr.com) or call the church office at 223-1203. When you sign up with Cyndi, you may indicate the maximum number of people you are willing to sponsor or if you prefer a specific total of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, etc.

### More on Resolve of Rochester:

For over a decade our church has sponsored a Doll Tea Party each spring to raise funds for RESOLVE, a non-residential resource and support center for women and children rebuilding their lives after domestic abuse and violence. Since opening in 1998, they have served over 2,500 women. Services include safety planning, individual counseling, community resource coordination, resettlement support, lifeskills training, teen violence/ abuse prevention education, and more.

Dear PPC,

The past few weeks of in-person worship have made me realize just how much the soul of a pastor thrives on welcoming and connecting with the people of God. It has brought me such joy to be together in worship and to hear you all greeting one another, chatting, laughing, and just generally making a joyful noise in this space again.

After a recent service one of our church members shared with me, "It was so pleasant to be in person at worship today...It's been over a year. It was so uplifting, I'd forgotten how much."

Worship this month brings several special opportunities including Mother's Day on May 9; Pentecost on May 23; and, on May 30, the start of a summer worship theme: "A Season of Spiritual Care." In this series we'll explore stories of people who encountered Jesus and the transformations he brought to their lives.

I hope to see you here soon and may God's love and peace be with you.

Pastor Laura



Session met twice in April, for our regular meeting on April 12, and for a special meeting dedicated to conversation about the land in the church's care on April 28.

Session discussion and decisions this month include the following items:

- Examination of new elders and deacons. This is one of session's responsibilities each year according to our PCUSA Constitution Part II, *The Book of Order*. This examination follows a period of preparation for leadership in the church and provides an opportunity for current session members to hear from each candidate about his or her faith journey, sense of call, and special gifts for ministry.
- Updates from our COVID Response Team, agreeing on current attendance in worship of 50 people plus the Worship and Tech Teams and for Services of Witness to the Resurrection (funerals), a total of 75 people, plus the Worship and Tech Teams.
- Youth Elder Jackson Dietz led us in a first reading of a Church Safety Plan and we discussed soliciting volunteers from the congregation for an "Emergency Response Team."
- Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and Stewardship Committee, session voted to move to a unified church budget for 2022, combining the current "Building" and "Operating Funds" into one church budget. In the past decade or so a number of churches in our area have successfully combined separate church funds to create a unified budget for the sake of simplicity and streamlining operations. Finance, Stewardship, and Session believe that the time is right for PPC to make this update as well and the vote passed unanimously.

JOIN US ONLINE OR IN PERSON!

# WELCOME BACK

With great joy, PPC's doors have reopened for Sunday worship in the sanctuary! To start, we will offer one service each Sunday morning at 11:00am. We look forward to welcoming up to 50 attendees plus the worship team each week. Covid safety protocols including face masks and social distancing will be followed. If you wish to attend, please pre-register online at the links below or call the church office at 223-1203. Signups are also available at [perintonpres.org](http://perintonpres.org). Worship services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook for those who prefer to worship from home.

- May 2: <https://inpersonmay2.eventbrite.com>  
May 9: <https://inpersonmay9.eventbrite.com>  
May 16: <https://inpersonmay16.eventbrite.com>  
May 23: <https://inpersonmay23.eventbrite.com>  
May 30: <https://inpersonmay30.eventbrite.com>

On May 2, the Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at the 11am worship service. For safety reasons, we will be using commercially packaged, prefilled cups of juice and bread.

The Worship Committee gratefully acknowledges a gift of new white paraments (the liturgical cloths which drape the communion table, pulpit and lectern) given to PPC in gratitude to the congregation by one of our church families. The beautiful cloths, which replace the church's original, well-worn set, will grace the sanctuary at PPC for many years to come. White—signifying purity, light, glory and joy-- is the liturgical color for the Christmas and Easter seasons, as well as for funerals and Sacraments of Communion, Baptism and the covenant of marriage.

## Emergency Response Team:

PPC Session is seeking church members to form a new Emergency Response Team. This team would oversee church safety planning and lead response in situations of emergency. We are especially seeking those with a medical background, mental health professionals, and those with experience in law enforcement. Please contact Pastor Laura if you are interested in learning more.





## MAY DEACONS' NEWLETTER

SPRING IS HERE!!! We would like to thank Mary Cooney, Leila Doll, Lisa Pratt, and Aidan Fish for completing their terms as a deacon. They did a magnificent job and will be missed. We would like to welcome our new incoming deacons; Jill Hammond, Sandy Munson, Pat Harris and Connor Cronin. We are looking forward to having them aboard. Robbyn Drew, Donna Duca, Rebekah Burrill, and Dianne Mau will be starting their second terms. Their installation was on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations. Much appreciation goes to Beth Storrar for service us as the moderator for two years and to Robbyn Drew for her term as vice moderator. A job well done ladies. It was so nice to have the services open up again on April 18<sup>th</sup> to "COVID" capacity. April 18<sup>th</sup> was a very special day. Dale Olson was presented with the Earth Angel award. His MANY accomplishments were presented by our deacon, Debbie Fink. Kudos to you Dale. The church is blessed to have you. We also were "witnesses to the resurrection" at the funeral service for Jean Hessney on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Jean will truly be missed and many thanks to all involved in putting the service together. We hold the Hessney family in our prayers.

### Upcoming Youth Events @ PPC

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| Sunday May 2, 4:30-6pm  | Youth Group Silent Football                           |
| - Register at <a href="https://silentfootball.eventbrite.com">https://silentfootball.eventbrite.com</a>                   |   |
| Sunday May 16, 4:30-6pm   | Youth Group - Welcome rising 7 <sup>th</sup> Graders! |
| - Register at <a href="https://welcomerising7thgraders.eventbrite.com">https://welcomerising7thgraders.eventbrite.com</a> |   |
| Sunday June 13, 11am  | CE Sunday   |
| Saturday June 19  | White Water Rafting at Letchworth                     |
| Late July/Early August  | Daylong Bike Trip from Fairport to Brockport          |
| Saturday September 18   | Youth Retreat (Daylong)                               |

Hope to see you!



## From the Facilities Committee:

We are planning several upcoming work parties around the church and are seeking volunteers. Adults and youth ages 13 and up (accompanied by a parent), are welcomed! RSVP to Chris Routier ([routier.cjr@gmail.com](mailto:routier.cjr@gmail.com)) if you can help.

- June 12, 2021 starting 8:30am: Install cypher locks and paint the entry door by AA room.  
Needed: 2 volunteers for each.
- July 24, 2021 starting 8:30am: Ditch Maintenance.  
Needed: At least 4 volunteers.
- August 7, 2021 starting 9am: Cutting Trees on the hill:  
Needed: As many volunteers as possible. This will be exhausting and dangerous work. Note that this is the one event when participants must be 18 and up.
- August 14, 2021 starting 8:30am: Reseal gutter leak by front steps and scrape/stain decking as needed.  
Needed: 2 volunteers for each.
- September 18, 2021 starting 9am: Pressure wash brick and concrete walkways around the building  
Needed: 2 volunteers.

The more the merrier. Breakfast treats provided!

RSVP to Facilities Chair Chris Routier ([routier.cjr@gmail.com](mailto:routier.cjr@gmail.com))





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



## Mission Spotlight



**Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity** is a coalition of thirteen Perinton Congregations of which Perinton Presbyterian Church is a significant partner. We are just one of several faith-based groups in Perinton that provides financial support and recruits volunteers to help build homes for Flower City Habitat for Humanity, a non-denominational Christian housing ministry welcoming people of all faiths or no faith to help eliminate substandard and poverty housing in Rochester.

To date, Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity has sponsored the build of seven houses within the city of Rochester since 1998. The last house was built in 2017. We sponsor the build of a house every third year. We were scheduled to build our 8<sup>th</sup> house in 2020, However, due to COVID, we had to postpone until 2021.

Flower City Habitat for Humanity plans to build four new homes and rehab two vacant or abandoned houses in 2021. The Perinton Congregation Coalition build will be a single-story house with accessibility located at 871 Smith Street, less than a half-mile from School 17. The homebuyer is Francesca Madera, a single mother who has participated in the Homeward Bound and Home Buyer programs. **The groundbreaking ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 12.** The probable start date is the first week of July and the building is expected to last about six months. Volunteer days will begin shortly after the dig and will be two days a week starting and increase to three or four in the fall. **Ages 16 and up are welcomed!** You do not need to be a member of any of the sponsoring churches. To learn more about Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity go to [perintonhabitat.org](http://perintonhabitat.org)

*NOTE: The PCC representative on the Perinton Congregation Habitat for Humanity Coalition is Ed Daniel. You can also contact David Connelly or Judy Bergeson with any questions.*

**STAY TUNED – Further information will be forthcoming.**



**Happy May 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***

Norma Albright, Doug Ashbaugh, Robert Beecher, Cyndi Besig, Donald Besig, Laura Decker, Sarah Driscoll, Kyle Duca, Jeanne Gehret, Jon Gehret, John Haak, Toni Harrison, Barbara Heiligman, Carolyn Holmes, Lynn Judd, Janet Kester, Susan Nettleton, Stephen Platner, Kimberly Senecker, Dana Shedden, Mitchell Spiegel, Jane Spindler, Judith Van Norstrand, Tammy VanTassel, Lee Wigfield

To my dear and beloved PPC family,

Neither words nor actions can even begin to express my extreme appreciation for my PPC family as well as for ALL of the love, support and encouragement you have provided to Becca, Ben and me during my recent surgery and recovery. I have saved the multitude of cards that were sent to me and I re-read them quite often; each time I read the cards, my heart is filled with such peace and happiness as well as a huge smile on my face!! I am such a very blessed and fortunate person to have so many wonderful, beautiful and very special friends in my life as well as in the lives of Becca and Ben!! As many of you know, the complications I experienced after surgery resulting in a prolonged hospitalization followed by a longer than expected recovery were very unexpected and emotionally very challenging for me. Your calls, texts and cards truly brightened some of the darkest and scariest days of my life and I greatly appreciate all that you have done for me!! God has truly blessed each and every one of us with a beautiful church to worship in and to spread God's love and word, as well as with one another other, an amazing and very unique and special family devised by God! I have always been active in a church but I can honestly say that I have never been a part of anything as precious and wonderful as my PPC family, which consists of all of you! I will forever be grateful for EVERYTHING you have done for the kids and me during my time of illness and recovery! May God continue to bless you with the love, empathy, kindness and compassion you all exude!

With lots of love, many hugs and much gratitude,

Sandy Munson



### **Please return church keys to the office**



If you were issued a church key as a deacon, member of session or for one time use and are no longer serving on those committees kindly return your building key to the church office.

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

### **Stewardship Message**

*No one has ever become poor by giving. – Anne Frank*



### **Results through March**

Below are the results through the first three months of 2021. We are blessed by the gifts we have received and the good work we can achieve through them.

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

Perinton Presbyterian Church			
Summary			
3/31/2021			
Performance Year-to-date through March			
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	90,363	
Building Fund	\$	31,067	
Total Income			\$ 121,430
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	75,129	
Building Fund	\$	29,421	
Total Expenses			\$ 104,550
<b><u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	15,234	
Building Fund	\$	1,646	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ 16,880

### **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)

### **Stock Donations and Bequests**

If you have appreciated stock you may find it to be a tax advantage to donate stock to the church. Several people have provided PPC with stock donations which have personal tax benefits. Please consider a bequest to PPC in planning your Will. We have received bequests in the past year and are blessed that at the passing of life other lives can be impacted in this special way. If you are interested in learning more about these giving options please contact Al Norby or Mark Stevens.



# May 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 12:15pm AA
2 11am Worship 12pm Website 4:30pm Youth Group	3	4 7pm Session	5	6 7pm Missions Mtg.	7	8 12:15pm AA
9 <b>Mother's Day</b> 11am Worship	10	11 6:30pm Person- nel Mtg. 7pm Deacons	12	13 6pm MOPS Mtg.	14	15 12:15pm AA
16 11am Worship 4:30pm Youth Group	17 6pm CE Mtg. 7pm Facilities Mtg.	18 6:30pm Worship Mtg. 7:30pm Out- reach Mtg.	19	20 7pm Stewardship Mtg.	21	22 12:15pm AA
23 11am Worship 12:15pm YAK	24	25 7:30pm Finance Mtg.	26	27 7:15pm Youth Ministry Vision- ing Team Mtg.	28	29 12:15pm AA
30 11am Worship	31 <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>					

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## Worship Time:

Sunday's 11am

Facebook Live or Call-in Option

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