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A Season of Spiritual Care

Psalm 34: 2-6

² *I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.*

³ *Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.*

⁴ *I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.*

⁵ *Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.*

⁶ *This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.*

Perhaps you are familiar with Dr. Gary Chapman's book *The Five Love Languages*. In it, Chapman presents what he considers humanity's five primary love languages: words of affirmation, physical touch, quality time, acts of service, and gifts. I know many who have taken these principles to better express care for their loved ones—in the way or ways that minister best to individuals.

Here at PPC we are entering into a new season as a faith family—a season of reunion, of celebration, and of adjustment. As we slowly emerge from a pandemic that has isolated and challenged us, we are left with a myriad of new emotions. Some of us can't wait to run wholeheartedly back to the activities and rhythms of a pre-pandemic existence! Others are dealing with continuing and lingering anxieties about what is to come, what has changed, and processing through the fresh scars we all bear.

Over the next several months we'll be diving into the earthly ministry of Christ. Jesus ministered to the rich, poor, men, women, children, people who looked like him and people who didn't. And just like Gary Chapman suggests, he cared for them differently—in unique ways that met them where they were. Jesus healed with physical touch, took the form of a servant in washing his disciples' feet, offered years of time ministering to the masses, affirmed the unlovable, and gave the single greatest gift of all time. Jesus understood that people resonate differently with different forms of love.

Our prayer as a staff is that this season of spiritual care at PPC will be filled with meaningful worship and conversation around restoration and reconnection. As we examine Jesus' care for others through scripture, our desire is to realize anew how much he cares for us and learn how we can better care for one another.

— Music Director Julie Smith



Dear Church,

At this exciting time in the life of PPC, and this new season of spiritual care, specific gifts are being called forth in the church—leadership to lead the people of God. I want to share with you a brilliant description from our transitional presbytery leader Susan Orr of the characteristics needed for effective leaders in the 21st Century, post-pandemic church, as we offer spiritual care:

- *Leaders who go deep within God's story of grace, redemption, justice, and mercy through Jesus Christ.*
- *Leaders who stretch wide beyond comfort zones and how we've always done things, claiming in word and action that relationships are foundational to results.*
- *Leaders who ask questions like "why do we do what we do?" with less focus on the "what" or "how."*
- *Leaders who live into answers like trusting the wisdom and discernment of the body of Christ, the priesthood of all believers.*
- *Leaders who let go of the need to control outcomes.*
- *Leaders who take up the gifts of community over preserving the institution.*
- *Leaders who lift others up, supporting, encouraging, equipping, empowering.*
- *Leaders who spend time in reflection and maintain self-awareness, checking our egos and biases, remembering that we—all of us—belong to God.*
- *Leaders who develop capacity and resiliency, not dependency.*
- *Leaders who "see" with eyes of faith, hope and imagination the future that is not yet before us.*

I believe that all of us have opportunities to be leaders—in our families, church, and wider community. I want to challenge you to read back through this list in a prayerful spirit, asking God if there is one particular quality he is calling you to develop in your own life, or the ministry where you serve. In this issue we'll highlight some of the many ways we are engaging these leadership capacities in the life of the church—watch for the *italics* throughout the newsletter.

As we regather in person, *let's go deep in God's story* by growing in faith and leadership, that we may care for bodies, minds, & souls.

God's peace be with you,

Pastor Laura



Session Update

- *As a session, we are living into answers like trusting the wisdom and discernment of the body of Christ, the priesthood of all believers.* At our April 28 session meeting, the elders spent an hour and a half walking, exploring, and reflecting on the church's 12 acres of land up on the hill. This area is expansive and the view of the valley beyond truly breath-taking. Session renewed our commitment to steward and conserve this land, which was entrusted to our care in the 1980s and remains one of the few open green spaces around the church. We encourage our church family and community to enjoy walking, hiking, and playing on this land, and to look for opportunities to use this space for church ministry events. Additionally, we acted to enter Boundary Line Agreements with three neighbors on Black Watch Trail who have encroachments onto the church's property, as recommended by PPC's legal counsel, Ed Daniel. These agreements will meet our dual goals of relating well with our neighbors and stewarding the land, so we do not face future claims of adverse possession. Ed Daniel and Pastor Laura will be meeting with these three property owners about next steps.
- At our May 4 session meeting, we discussed the image from author Brian McLaren of the church's call to be "a school of love" and discussed the launch of a 6-month "Season of Spiritual Care" at PPC, to nurture faith and community. *We are going deep within God's story of grace, redemption, justice, and mercy through Jesus Christ.*
- We received an update from the COVID Response Team, approved VBS for August 2-6, 2021, and Sunday School and Children's Chapel resuming in the fall.
- We approved a baptism request for Jackson Belanger, son of Chloe Drew and Philip Belanger, grandson of Robbyn Drew, and great grandson of Nes Rideout for May 30, 2021.
- And with the concurrence of the Missions Team, we voted to make a \$500 donation from the church mission budget to Feed the Children, in memory of Robert Bonner, son of Rev. Ed and Becky Bonner. We continue to hold Ed, Becky, Mary Ann, and their extended family and friends in prayer.
- Session's next meeting is June 1, 2021.

Perinton Presbyterian Church Presents

Community Wellness Series #5

A Discussion on Youth Mental Health

Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 * 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Perinton Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

In person – social distancing protocols – mask required

6511 Pittsford-Palmyra Rd., (*opposite Wegmans – the white church on the hill*)



Mark Fish

NYS LMFT, M.S. School Counseling, Fairport School Counselor,
Clinical Supervisor Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES Family Support Centers

A preview about common mental health challenges for youth and a 5-step action plan to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include the prevalence of mental health disorders, recognizing symptoms of mental health and the spectrum of interventions that are available to support our youth. Interested participants will be provided information on how they can take the full course on Youth Mental Health First Aid.

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Youth Ministry Update

- Our Youth Ministry Visioning Team—Mary Kate Fish, Jackson Dietz, Alexis Frederick, Jen Wallace, and Pastor Laura—continues to work with Team Leadership Coach Maureen Thayer to discern the core values, strengths, and vision for our youth ministry. *We are “seeing” with eyes of faith, hope, and imagination the future that is not yet before us.*
- We are so excited to have had 20 youth join our recent Senior Celebration & Welcome Rising 7th Grader gathering.
- 15 of our youth will be bringing their voices and leadership to worship on Christian Education Sunday, June 13, at 11am. Join us that day for Senior Sharing from Jackson Dietz, Aidan Fish, Elizabeth Fish, and Elon McDowell about the impact of PPC’s ministries in their lives. *We are lifting others up, supporting, encouraging, equipping, empowering.*
- Summer events include whitewater rafting at Letchworth State Park on June 19th and our Summer Bike Trip.
- We’re looking forward to our fall youth retreat Saturday, September 18, at Camp Casawasco.
- A new confirmation class for 7th and 8th graders and other youth who have not yet been confirmed begins in September—let Pastor Laura know if you are interested!



Alexis Frederick and Pastor Laura

Christian Education Sunday: June 13, 11am

Join us for this special Sunday as our youth group leads worship and our graduating high school seniors share about the impact of Perinton Presbyterian Church in their journey of faith.

Abbott’s “Chip Wheels” will be served outside following the service.



From the Bonner Family:

Dear Perinton Presbyterian Church community,

Your love, support, kindness, and caring are helping us survive this awful tragedy. The image I have of what we are experiencing is that we have been dropped in the middle of the ocean wearing weighted suits and we are doing all we can to get a breath. All of you are in the water around us and your movements are creating enough air bubbles to help us keep our heads above water. Your massive response of cards and love, have provided such a lift to lighten our load. Thank you, brothers and sisters in Christ, for loving us in the midst of this nightmare. You are God’s love to us in this dark time. Your support, Becky’s and my love for our daughter, for Robert and for one another and our faith in Jesus and his understanding of God and life will see us through to the other side.

We are so grateful for you. Thank you.

Ed and Becky Bonner

Worship Values Team:

We are asking questions like “why do we do what we do?” with less focus on the “what” or “how.”

During the month of June, eight members of our congregation will be collaborating with staff to discern, name, and celebrate PPC’s core worship values. Our purpose is to go deep—down to the core level of the values that guide and inform all other decisions we may make about worship. Over the course of two gatherings, we will strive to get to the heart of what life-giving worship at PPC is all about. Our hope is that we will be able to draw on these foundational values to guide our worship planning and decision making as we move into the future. Please hold this team and their exciting work in your prayers:

Church Members: Lisa Chormann, Robbyn Drew, Adam Fabrizi, Jeanne Gehret, Paul Girouard, Anne Katlic, Jonelle Kohl, and Kristen Schroder.

Staff: Laura Fry (facilitator), Harry Heintz, Julie Smith.



We are going deep within God’s story of grace, redemption, justice, and mercy through Jesus Christ.

- June 6: The Syrophenician Woman
- June 13: The Family of Faith
- June 20: The Centurion’s Daughter
- June 27: Jesus Heals a Person with a Demon
- July 4: The Woman at the Well
- July 11: The Woman with a Flow of Blood
- July 18: Let the One Who Is Without Sin Cast the First Stone
- July 25: The Healing of Bartimaeus
- August 1: Mary and Martha
- August 8: I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food
- August 15: Feeding of the 5,000
- August 22: The Anointing of Jesus
- August 29: Zacchaeus
- September 5: Saul on the Road to Damascus

Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity

PPC is excited to join six other area churches in co-sponsoring the construction of a home through Flower City Habitat for Humanity. The home will be built at 871 Smith Street in the City of Rochester.

Groundbreaking will take place on June 12 and construction will commence in July. The home is scheduled to be completed by year-end. Stay tuned for information on construction volunteer opportunities.

– PPC Mission Team



Worship Notes



Welcome back! How wonderful to gather together again at church on Sunday mornings! As we all gradually settle back into in-person worship, we are committed to balancing “normal” worship practices with safety and will adjust plans as needed. For now, we praise God that our congregation can once again share in worship, singing, communion, prayer and fellowship in the sanctuary.

Everyone is welcome to attend worship each Sunday—no more pre-registration necessary, just check in with the greeters as you arrive so that we can keep a required attendance log. Following current NYS guidelines, face masks for fully vaccinated people are now optional. We ask that non-vaccinated adults and children wear a face mask and maintain social distances. As caring Christians, we seek to respect people’s varying comfort levels and the health of those who may not be vaccinated, including children and medically vulnerable members. We will continue to livestream worship services for those who aren’t ready or able to return to church.

Communion (using pre-packaged cups of bread and juice) will be observed on June 6 at 11:00am. We look forward to celebrating Christian Ed Sunday on June 13 at 11:00am with the youth leading worship.

Worship Committee would love to beautify our chancel with fresh flowers on Sunday mornings! Once again we offer the opportunity to give a bouquet in memory or honor of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. Cost is \$40. To order, please contact PPC flower coordinator Nes Rideout at 425-1714 or agnes.rideout@gmail.com.

Important schedule change: **Summer worship time will be 9:30 AM beginning June 20 through September 5** (Labor Day weekend). Join us in person or online.

Based on input from the recent online worship survey, two Wednesday evening worship opportunities are planned for this summer—a hymn sing and evening vespers service. Both events will take place by the cross on our scenic hilltop, with rides up the hill available. Save the dates and watch for further details. Hope to see you there!

June 30	7pm	Hymn Sing	(rain location- sanctuary)
July 28	7pm	Evening Vespers	(rain date August 11)

If you have any questions or comments regarding worship, feel free to contact Worship Co-Chairs Anne Katlic (388-0213 or akatlic@rochester.rr.com) or Linda Spas (747-8151 or lpspas@rochester.rr.com).

**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**

All submissions for the monthly newsletter must be emailed to Jill no later than 9am on the 20th of the month.
office@perintonpres.org



From the Deacons

The warm weather is finally here!!!! We are so excited that more things are opening up at PPC. We are looking forward to seeing you in person. Thanks to Kerry Katlic and the COVID Response Team for their diligence in making this happen.

Every May we say thank you and goodbye to some deacons concluding their term of service and welcome new deacons. Last month we said goodbye to Mary Cooney, Lelia Doll, Lisa Pratt, and Aidan Fish. We welcomed Jill Hammond, Sandy Munson, Pat Harris and Connor Cronin.

The existing deacons are Lynn Judd, Beth Storrar, Jerry Scoppa, Rebekah Burrill, Sylvia Frederes, Bernie Trott, Robbyn Drew, Terry Converse, Dianne Mau, Donna Duca, Jen Wallace, Chris Diehl, Laura Decker and Debbie Fink. Thank you all for doing a terrific job.

The deacons are looking forward to a new form of leadership this year. Instead of having a moderator and vice moderator we are forming a Deacon Leadership Team (DLT). The team members are Robbyn Drew, Donna Duca, Pat Harris and Lynn Judd. As our parish associate, Harry Heintz will sit on the DLT and be the primary pastoral presence. He will be working closely with Pastor Laura and the DLT. We are in the early stages but we have much confidence in its success.

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 or 585-704-4435.)

We welcome new faces!



Happy June 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

Cathy Beecher, Judy Burgeson, Steele Burgeson, Rory Burrill, Harold Castle, Lisa Chormann, Maryelyn Dancy, Frank DiPaolo, Donna Falise, Tom Force, Linda Horvath, Sarah Jackson, Judy Kneeland, Caro Kulp, Dick Lowe, John Martin, Ryan Metcalfe, Barbara Pettis, Nes Rideout, Jeanelle Schug, Andrew Stevens, Cameron Storrar, Colin Storrar, Maurice Verrillo, Bob Wallance, Jordan Wallance, Eric Ward

The numbers are in...

Stewardship Message

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. – 1 Peter 4:10



Results through April

Below are the results through the first four 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			
4/30/2021			
Performance Year-to-date through April			
<u>INCOME</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	109,628	
Building Fund	\$	36,078	
Total Income			\$ 145,706
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	99,386	
Building Fund	\$	39,228	
Total Expenses	\$	138,614	\$ 138,614
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>			
Operating Fund	\$	10,242	
Building Fund	\$	(3,150)	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ 7,092

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

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.

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