

# The GoodNews Connection

PERINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Dial-in option: 1-646-558-8656

US (New York)

Meeting ID: 527-577-4982

Password: 6511



**August 2 – 6, 2021**

**9 am to Noon**

This year we'll be diving into a deeper understanding of growing strong in the Lord by exploring how we put on the armor of God.

Brave Knights (boys and girls) will explore Old and New

Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor - the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation - at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Each day there will be music, crafts, snacks, games and science fun! We will follow all current Covid guidelines in August.

Registration forms are available on the church website or by contacting the church office at 223-1203 or by email at [office@perintonpres.org](mailto:office@perintonpres.org). For questions contact Cyndi Besig at 585-734-7091 or [cbesig@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cbesig@rochester.rr.com).



Dear PPC Friends,

It has been such a joy to see so many of you in worship the past few Sundays. With vaccination levels rising and thus restrictions easing, we are experiencing a collective sigh of relief and breath of new life.

Recognizing the fatigue and stress brought to so many lives this past year, we are continuing our "Season of Spiritual Care" in worship, as we go deep in God's story of lives transformed as people encounter Jesus.

Our Worship Values Team has now met twice, for a total of 4.5 hours, to reflect deeply on the core Christian values that guide and inform worship at PPC. We look forward to sharing our key insights with the congregation in August for more insight from all of you.

Additionally our Youth Ministry Visioning Team has concluded their work and will be sharing PPC's core youth ministry values for input from all our youth and families during our September 12 (4:30-6pm) Fall Youth Ministry Kick-Off Event.

Finally I want to let you know that our staff will be taking vacation time off and on throughout the summer. Either Pastor Harry or I (and sometimes both of us) will be here throughout July and August. We wish all our staff members wonderful, well-earned, life-giving vacation time this summer season.

Blessings to you all and peace,

Pastor Laura

## Retired pastor Steven Becker Welcomed Back to Worship at PPC

It has been four years since Rev. Steve Becker retired from PPC after 20 years of faithful pastoral leadership. In accordance with the Presbytery separation ethics policy, Steve stepped away from his pastoral role and his presence in worship, thus allowing our PPC congregation to transition through the next steps toward calling a new pastor to lead our church.

Following this transition time, a retired pastor may be invited to return to the worshipping life of the church. With the full support of Pastor Laura, Pastor Harry and the session, we affirm a full welcome back to Steve as a valued part of our congregation. We are thankful that Cathy and Steve may once again worship together among friends, and have the opportunity for new friendships within our congregation.

It is important that we, the members of PPC, respect that Steve will have a different role at PPC, as a participant rather than as a pastoral figure. Any pastoral or congregational needs should be shared with Pastor Laura and Pastor Harry, thus allowing Steve to worship with us and still remain faithful to his separation ethics agreement of four years ago.

This is a joyful announcement! May God continue to bless our church family and continue to lead us through his Holy Spirit!



Hello PPC friends.

Over the past years Cathy and I have enjoyed bumping into many of you in our day-by-day activities. In the coming months we are excited for a time of seeing you once again in worship and other church activities.

We ask everyone to remember that while we are reconnecting in some ways, I (Steve), am abstaining from all pastoral functions (weddings, funerals, baptisms, counselling etc.) The PPC family is well blessed by Laura and Harry's pastoral care. They have and will continue to handle all such activities with their kind, faithful gracefulness. So, with that....see you soon!

Love in Christ,

*Steve & Cathy*



Our June Session meeting included significant conversation about leadership as we move into a post-pandemic church. Our elders worked together to identify key leadership capacities for our committees and ministries in this time. 5 important

characteristics rose to the top:

- To be 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.
- To be leaders who take up the gifts of community over preserving the institution.
- To be leaders who spend time in reflection and maintain self-awareness, checking our egos and biases, remembering that we—all of us—belong to God.
- To be leaders who develop capacity and resiliency, not dependency.
- To be leaders who "see" with eyes of faith, hope, and imagination the future that is not yet before us.

These are the 5 areas of focus that our elders will be bringing to the committees and ministries with which they work in the coming year. Watch for these themes in conversations and consider how they may be guiding you in your own faith and leadership too.

Also at our meeting, we planned an overnight session retreat for this fall at Letourneau Christian Center, to include times of worship, team-building, discernment, and visioning.

We received COVID Updates; authorized two baptisms for children of church members; welcomed Steve Becker back to the worshipping life of PPC, and affirmed our continuing welcome to his wife Cathy; and approved updates to the Safe Church Policy, specifically including this affirmation:

*"Our Christian Covenant when two or more are gathered...we commit ourselves to follow God's leading, to share and seek to understand differing perspectives, to demonstrate respect and kindness toward one another, and to model interactions following the example of Jesus Christ."*

Session also approved a new Wedding Policy for couples seeking marriage at PPC; copies are available in the church office. We received information from the Stewardship Committee about a fall Committee Information Fair and called a congregational meeting for June 20, to elect a new deacon. We will not be meeting in July as a session but plan to reconvene for our August 3 meeting.

--Pastor Laura



## Worship Notes

Happy Summer! We're excited to see the pews filling up again and to resume more normal worship with congregational singing, sharing communion and reconnecting with members of our church family. We hope to see you back at church soon! Join us this summer on **Sunday mornings at 9:30am**. If you can't be there in person, stay connected through our livestream services.

Monthly communion will be celebrated on July 4. We'll continue using pre-packaged communion cups for the time being. Nursery and Children's Chapel are on pause, however we welcome your children to stay with you in the pews or take advantage of the Giggle Room.

Would you like to sponsor a Sunday morning bouquet to grace the chancel for worship? Flowers may be designated in honor or memory of loved ones or to celebrate a special occasion. Cost is \$40. To

reserve a date and order a bouquet, please contact PPC flower coordinator Nes Rideout at 425-1714 or [agnes.rideout@gmail.com](mailto:agnes.rideout@gmail.com).

Join us **Wednesday, July 28 at 7pm** for a casual **Evening Vespers** service on PPC's scenic hilltop. Rain date is August 11. Hike up the trails and meet at the cross, or you may hitch a ride up the hill. There will be plenty of seating, thanks to new benches installed by Boy Scout Troop 209 and extra chairs, or you may bring a blanket for your family. See you there!

## Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer chain, please email it to Jill by Thursday's at noon. [office@perintonpres.org](mailto:office@perintonpres.org)

*"...we have not ceased to pray for you..."* (Col. 1:9)

**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](mailto:office@perintonpres.org)



Welcome Summer! It's lemonade time. We are offering lemonade and a treat after every summer 9:30am service. It will most likely be outside if the weather permits.

- Congratulations to all high school and college graduates. Job well done.
- Kudos to all of the people who participated and sponsored in the Good Shepherd Challenge.
- Thanks to Mark Fish for leading the discussion on Mental Health issues amongst youth/teens at our church on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Congratulations to Robbyn and Terry Drew on the baptism of their grandson Jackson at the May 30<sup>th</sup> church service.
- Associate pastor Harry and his wife Rachel celebrated 53 years of marriage. Love is in the air.
- On June 13<sup>th</sup> the PPC celebrated the teachers, school staff and administrators for their dedication and hard work, especially during the pandemic.
- A special thanks to Kerry Katlic and the COVID Response Team on safely returning us to church.

### **A Note from Co-Leader of Youth Ministries, Alexis Frederick:**

I want to thank everyone at PPC for welcoming me into the role as Co-Leader of Youth Ministries these past few months. I am so grateful for this opportunity to work with the amazing and inspiring youth here at PPC. As a former member of the youth group, being able to step into this role and be part of the youth group again has been so rewarding. I am so proud of all that we have accomplished as a group especially in the craziness of the pandemic. I believe this time apart will help our youth group to grow even stronger than before.

I recently graduated from Keuka College in May with my bachelor's degree in Occupational Science. I am excited to be continuing my education at Keuka for another year in the master's Occupational Therapy Program in the fall. Sadly, this means that I will no longer be able to work with the PPC youth group in the same capacity due to my workload and I will be leaving my position as Co-Leader in August. Although I will no longer be a Co-Leader of Youth Ministries, I hope and plan to be involved in the youth group as much as I can. Thank you to the youth group for welcoming me with such open arms. You remind me what it is like to be part of such a wonderful family.

- Alexis Frederick

### **A Note from Pastor Laura:**

On behalf of our youth, parents, and wider church, we give God thanks and praise for Alexis's faithful ministry among us. She has been a blessing to our youth for these past 8 months and we offer our prayers of blessing as she now moves into her master's degree program at Keuka College. We'll be celebrating Alexis in worship on August 29.



**Co-Leader for Youth Ministry  
Perinton Presbyterian Church**

Our Vision: Guided by God's Spirit and Grace, we are called as disciples to share Christ's love with the world.

**Description: The co-leader of Youth Ministry will collaborate with our Pastor in the leadership of our Youth Group**

- Planning and leading games and facilitating fun in our youth ministry.
- Building relationships with youth and parents.
- Collaborating with our pastor in planning, attending, and leading youth group meetings, retreats, and work camp.
- Shared leadership during our regular youth group meetings, including preparation of materials and refreshments.
- Co-leader of YAK, helping to set/plan agenda and communicate meeting times
- Collaborating with our pastor and office administrator to plan retreats, work camp, and other activities.
- Planning and organizing Local Youth Group Activities

**Position Requirements:**

- We are seeking a candidate with strong Christian faith and commitment, who relates well with youth.

This is a twelve-month, part-time, salaried position. Employment is subject to background check. This position may be renewed annually, at the discretion of the Head of Staff, session, and Co-Leader for Youth Ministry.



Has COVID robbed you of your singing voice? Do you sound more like a frog than angel these days? Interested in learning some fresh techniques about your voice, body, and singing well? Then join Music Director Julie Smith for two vocal workshops this summer at PPC! Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, July 14** and **Wednesday, August 11** from **7-8PM** for two sessions of coaching. Julie will be guiding us in body awareness, tone production, diction, resonance, and expression. If you are an active participant in the choir, interested in joining, or just curious about

Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a policy that calls every church body to include people with disabilities in its life and leadership? In 2006 the PC(USA) General Assembly approved Living into the Body of Christ: Towards Full Inclusion of People with Disabilities. The church it envisions treasures the gifts of every person and eliminates barriers to inclusion in our faith communities and society.

The following was included in the June 27th worship service and in this newsletter by request.

**Affirmation of Faith:  
(from “Living into the Body of Christ: Towards Full Inclusion...”;  
a document of the Presbyterian Church USA)**

As the body of Christ, we are to welcome everyone to the banquet Feast of God’s love in this world. The Feast of God’s love is open to all and fully inclusive of people from all pathways of life. We envision a church in which the designation or naming of a person’s disability is less important than who that person is as one of God’s people.

We envision a church in which everyone welcomes and reflects diversity and inclusiveness in worship, education, fellowship, service, justice, leadership, and evangelism.

We envision a church in which all the members of the body of Christ honor, respect, nurture, and support the gifts, talents, and services of every other member.

We envision a church in which every child of God can realize her/his full potential, and through which society is consistently engaged and challenged to become more inclusive.

We envision a church that embodies the creative movement from awareness, through accessibility and integration, to full inclusion, and thus bears healing witness to the world.

We envision the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a leader in promoting and manifesting this vision of a just world, serving with and empowering people with disabilities to engage in this ongoing work.





# Congratulations

## CLASS OF 2021

Ellie Daniel—Houghton College, Psychology  
Jackson Dietz—American University, Security Studies & Public Administration  
Aidan Fish—Houghton College, Psychology  
Elizabeth Fish—Nazareth College, Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Collin Granville—Florida Institute of Technology, Oceanography  
Elon McDowell—Rochester Institute of Technology, Biomedical Engineering  
Ian Saunders-Brevner—Rochester Institute of Technology, Graphic Design



### Summer Sermon Series

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

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

### First Friday dinner in June was a success!

The group met at McArdules at 6 pm. and got to sit outside and enjoy the weather for 2.5 hours. Nobody wanted to leave.

Weather permitting, we may go back to Perinton Park.

Those attending were:

Mary Anne Cimbricz

Carol Kulp

Jane Pask

Kathy Cufari

Kathy Blezard

Linda/Dave Knickerbocker

Pat Harris

Chris Grimm

## Whitewater Rafting with Adventure Calls Outfitters

On June 19, 2021 fourteen youth and adults from PPC went Whitewater Rafting at Letchworth State Park. Everyone did an amazing job paddling 5 miles of the Genesee River!



## Youth Group Bike Trip

Saturday, July 24th, Time TBD

Starting at Perinton Park and riding to Genesee Valley Park, where a picnic and games will be enjoyed!

Youth group members (rising seventh graders and up) are welcome to join for the bike ride, picnic, or both! We will ride back to Perinton Park following the picnic with any youth that are interested in riding back.

## Spiritual Zoom (Bible Study)

Wednesday mornings 10:00 am to 11:30 am Bible Study via Zoom Anyone interested please contact Jennifer Ransome ( [djm168@aol.com](mailto:djm168@aol.com) or 585-704-4435. )

We welcome new faces!



**Happy July 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***

Marilyn Ashman, Valerie Belleisle, Brenda Bixby, Shannon Blair, Anna Braun, Clark Chase, John Chormann, Mary Anne Cimbricz, Terry Converse, Sheila Cormack, Mary Ellen Daniel, Donna Duca, Beth Embling, Deborah Fink, Alexis Frederick, Chelsea Goly, Robert Jackson, Jonathan Jackson, Tim Little, Barbara Lowe, Robert Lundquist, Lorraine Mihaljevic, Sandra Munson, Beverly Nix, Donna Norby, Nancy Price, Jennifer Ransome, Amy Roche, Karen Sampone, Kimberly Santillo, Elizabeth Saunders, Deborah Sleeman, Judy Spurgeon, Mark Stevens, Lucas Stuart, Donald Verplank, Jennifer Wallace

## The numbers are in...

### Stewardship Message

*It is not what we give, but what we share. For the gift without the giver is bare. – James Russell Lowell*



### Results through May

Below are the results through the first five months of 2021. Our financial position remains strong as we enter the summer season. 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			
5/31/2021			
Performance Year-to-date through May			
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	134,584	
Building Fund	\$	<u>47,232</u>	
Total Income			\$ 181,816
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	121,666	
Building Fund	\$	<u>49,035</u>	
Total Expenses	\$	170,701	\$ 170,701
<b><u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u></b>			
Operating Fund	\$	12,918	
Building Fund	\$	<u>(1,803)</u>	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			<u>\$ 11,115</u>

### 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.

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## Summer Worship Time:

Sunday's 9:30am

In-Person, Online or Call-in Option

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