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October 2021

World Communion Sunday:

October 3, 2021



On World Communion Sunday, we welcome guest preacher Rev. Dr. Marlowe Washington. Dr. Washington will be preaching at 8:30 and 10:30am and engaging in a breakfast conversation with our youth on faith, race, and diversity at 9:30am.

Dr. Washington brings nearly 30 years of pastoral, executive, community, and transformational leadership, having served several congregations, most recently as the pastor of Seneca United Methodist Church in Rochester. He serves as an adjunct professor of religion and philosophy at Roberts Wesleyan College, Northeastern Seminary, and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School; and has served as a member of several non-profit boards, including as a trustee at Keuka College. Over the last decade, he has given his time to dozens of com-

munity-based organizations, including the New York State Department of Justice Juvenile Division Youth Detention Task Force, Rochester Kids First Coalition, the Rotary Club of Rochester; the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities; and Greater Rochester YMCA. He holds a bachelor's degree from St. Francis College in Brooklyn, New York; a master's from the New York Theological Seminary in Manhattan, New York; and a Doctor of Ministry from Rochester's Northeastern Seminary. He earned his Doctor of Education in executive leadership from Fisher in 2019. Welcome Rev. Dr. Washington on World Communion Sunday!

Liturgical Arts Workshop

On Thursday, October 21, at 7pm, the PPC Worship Committee is hosting a liturgical arts workshop with Rochester-based liturgical artist Linda Langner. Join us for an interactive workshop exploring the connection between visual arts and worship. All are welcome!

Pastor's Letter:

Dear PPC Family,

Rally Day filled my heart with such gratitude to God. So many of you were there—worshipping, singing, serving, leading, and learning. It was amazing to be together once more in worship and in Sunday School.



I've been thrilled to see the response to our 8:30am services, which are intentionally including worshippers of all ages in singing, praying, listening, and sharing Communion together each week. We had 16 children in this 8:30am service on Rally Day and another 21 children (almost half the gathered group) in the 8:30am service on September 19. Our 10:30am service continues strong as well, with many other families joining this time of worship. What a blessing it is to be God's people together—in person—once again!

Over the past few weeks, we've been premiering our worship values, and creating worship art to represent each value. You can find all five PPC Worship Values included in this newsletter and see the art in our sanctuary.

Amid all the challenges in our lives and in our world, God is at work among us, beyond us, and through us, in ways beyond all we can ask or imagine. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Laura

Our September session meeting included a devotional time with Philippians 1:3-11, reflecting on what we want to thank God for so far this year at PPC and how we can be praying for one another as we move into the fall.

We approved the final version of our PPC Worship Values document, a collaborative creation by 12 Worship Values Team members from the congregation plus our Worship Committee and Session.

This document will provide important shared language around worship and help guide worship-planning as we move forward.

Additionally, we discussed best practices for cyber security as we seek to establish multiple layers of protection against cybercrime. We discussed current openings for church book-keeper and treasurer

and began preliminary conversations about the ideal number of elders to serve on our session. If session makes recommendations regarding a change to the number of elders, these would be brought to congregational discussion and vote at our 2022 Congregational Meeting.

We reviewed and approved the Office Administrator position description and discussed our fall stewardship campaign and budgeting process. Session approved the weekly celebration of Communion at our 8:30am services, and agreed to reevaluate this at our November meeting.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 7pm.



Session Update

Name that Trail!

The church is so blessed to have the beautiful acreage up on the hill for our congregation and community to enjoy. We have 5 trails on the hill above the church that session would love your help naming. Note: We prefer not to name the trails for people, so as to honor the whole community of faith. Any other ideas are welcome. We encourage you to walk the trails and prayerfully consider ideas as you walk. Share your trail name suggestions here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFItQI-bdgKFv6JZNuv28TqHBHxAHwEC4ubS3LOHaOHPreDA/viewform?usp=sf_link

After all the names are submitted, you'll have the chance to vote for your five favorites!

Fall Family Photos at PPC

This fall we are offering a special family photo fundraiser to support our youth ministry. Family photos are precious and can be challenging to organize, so come have yours taken here on the beautiful PPC hill. Sign up for a 20-minute outdoor family photo shoot with professional photographer Allison Nicole (allisonnicolephoto.com). You will receive 15-20 high quality digital images within 4 weeks of the photo shoot. Cost: \$110 (a savings of \$65 from a typical photo shoot of this length). Dates: Wednesday and Thursday, October 13 and 14 and Monday, October 18, with rain dates of October 20 and 21; Time slots available between 3:30 and 6:30pm. If you would like to include extended family, Allison can also accommodate that, just sign up for two timeslots back-to-back. Sign Up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044FAAAC2DA1FD0-family>

2022 Stewardship Campaign: Now that Fall has arrived, our 2022 Stewardship Campaign will soon be kicking off.

This year's campaign will be a little different than in the past.

After considering various options, the Session has approved changing to a Unified Budget starting in 2022. A Unified Budget combines our Operating and Building Funds into a single account. This approach will make pledging simpler for everyone and provides greater flexibility in using the gifts we receive to fulfill God's mission for our church.

To learn more about this new budget process, join us after the 10:30 service on October 24 for a Stewardship Q&A session. If you are unable to attend, you can speak to any member of the Stewardship or Finance Committees or contact

Mark Stevens directly at mwstevens63@gmail.com

The logo for 'From the Deacons' features the text 'From the Deacons' in a sans-serif font. 'From the' is in a smaller, dark grey font, while 'Deacons' is in a larger, bold, red font. The text is set against a yellow rectangular background with a green and white striped border.

A HUGE thank you to the many people who work behind the scenes (and those we can see) every week to put together our church services and church activities. Most of these people volunteer time and ideas so we can hear, see, and experience God's word.

Although summer lemonade from the Deacons has ended, it was exciting to see many of you at church on Rally Day! Happy voices,, smiling eyes and elbow bumps filled the halls and sanctuary! The rain even held off long enough for those who were tailgating in the parking lot. It is time again for EARTH ANGEL nominations. Be thinking of someone in our congregation who could be recognized for what they do to support PPC. Once nominations are in, and secretly voted on by the Deacons, the person chosen will be honored during a future church service. During October the Deacons will be sending out boxes of treats and supplies to our freshman college students with a note from the youth group.

Remember: The Lord will give strength to His people;

The Lord will bless his people with peace. Psalm 29:11

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Adults please save the dates to join this two-part training with church member and mental health professional Mark Fish.

Sundays November 14 and 21st from 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Register here:

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Dear PPC Friends . . .

It was a wonderful experience to see and hear the choir sing the premiere of TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT SING during worship on September 26. I am honored that the church commissioned Joseph Martin to create this upbeat, festive anthem to mark my 30+ years as director of the Adult Choir at PPC. The way he worked several titles of our anthems into the lyrics makes the piece especially meaningful and personal. With Nancy directing and Ivanka accompanying, the choir performed beautifully and brought a smile to my face and joy to my heart. I could sense the energy and enthusiasm, despite the need to wear masks!

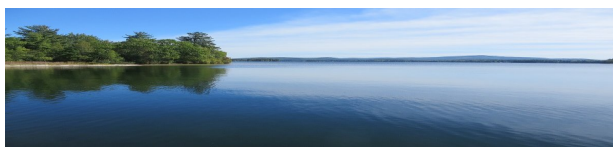
My thanks to all who played a part in planning and making this celebration possible. It was a reminder of the many wonderful moments and special memories we share as a church family. Best wishes to you all as we continue to serve our Lord with thanks and joyful praise!

Blessings . . .

Don

EVENT:

Camp LeTourneau on Canandaigua Lake



Saturday, October 30th come join us for our 3rd Annual Fall Festival. We will kick off this event at 9 am with a 5K & 10 K run/walk. Then from 10 am-2 pm stick around for a variety of FREE Fall Festival activities, including carnival games, a bake sale, a costume contest, pork BBQ and more. At 11 am we will begin our Kids Adventure Challenge. Our Fall Festival is FREE, however, to participate in the 5K or 10 K run/walk or enjoy a pulled pork BBQ meal, please register using this link:

<https://letourneau.org/fall-5k-10k/>

EARTH ANGEL NOMINATIONS



PPC has been blessed by having many special members who have contributed their “time, talent, and treasures” to our church family. Please help the Board of Deacons to recognize these gifts by nominating an “Earth Angel”.

All nominations will be processed and voted on twice a year at the Deacon’s meeting. The nomination box is located on the table in the front hallway. Please submit your nominations by November 1st.

Online nominations may be sent to: debink@rochester.rr.com

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer chain, please email it to the office by Thursdays at noon office@perintonpres.org

“...we have not ceased to pray for you...” (Col. 1:9)



Youth Group News

Youth Updates:

Eighteen youth and adults spent a full day at Casowasco Retreat Center on September 18 in a retreat centered on the theme, "God Is Greater than the Highs and Lows." We spent time with the story of Esther and our own faith stories, completed a challenge course, kayaked, went swimming, played games, and closed the day with a lakefront concert and Communion service with singer/song-writer Pastor Colin Pritchard, as the nearly full moon rose over Owasco Lake.

Additionally we had over 30 parents and youth gather for our Youth Ministry Launch event on September 12, as we planned for a full year of youth ministry, which we hope will include both Work Camp in February and Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July 2022. We also began planning for updates and improvements to the youth room.

October events include a Corn Maze at Long Acre Farm and the Holiday Bazaar, as well as breakfast with Rev. Dr. Washington. We meet most Sunday nights, 4:30-6pm and always welcome new youth members. Talk to Pastor Laura if you'd like to learn more.



Holiday Bazaar—Can You Help?

Our youth group is hosting a Holiday Bazaar **October**

23, 10am-3pm and is busy making items for sale. We're in need of gently used Christmas decorations (that can be dismantled and reused) and pieces of wood - 2 x 4 up to 3 feet in length or pieces of wooden fencing. Items can be left in the CE office. Any questions please call Cyndi Besig at 585-734-7091. Please save your brown paper bags to be used for purchases.



Operation Christmas Child

Once again our church school kids will be collecting items to fill shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Last year we filled over 50 boxes thanks to the generosity of our church family. We will collect items through November 7th. Donations may be left in the bin in the upstairs hallway. We typically include markers, crayons, pencils or pens, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pads of paper and coloring books in addition to

small toys such a ball, car, doll stuffed animal, washcloth and soap, toothbrush, comb or brush, socks, hair clips, ribbons, barrettes, etc Please remember that everything must fit into a shoebox and we can NOT include war toys, candy or perishable food or liquids such as shampoo, nail polish, toothpaste or bubbles. Any questions? Ask Sherri Frederick, Jonelle Kohl, or Cyndi Besig

FINANCE

UPDATE

The numbers are in.....

Stewardship Message

I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. – Maya Angelou

Results through August

Below are the results through the first eight months of 2021. We did experience a net loss in both the Operating and Building income in August, but our overall cash position remains good due to lower than expected expenses.

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

Perinton Presbyterian Church			
Summary			
8/31/2021			
Performance Year-to-date through August			
INCOME			
Operating Fund	\$	194,515	
Building Fund	\$	69,493	
Total Income	\$	264,007	\$ 264,007
EXPENSES			
Operating Fund	\$	192,623	
Building Fund	\$	78,456	
Total Expenses	\$	271,079	\$ 271,079
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			
Operating Fund	\$	1,891	
Building Fund	\$	(8,963)	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ (7,072)

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

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 with your regular offering envelope. If you are not using electronic giving, please indicate “Per Capita” on your payment and include it with your regular offering.

Perinton Presbyterian Church Worship Values

Approved by Session September 7, 2021,

with gratitude to our Worship Values Team Members: Lisa Chormann, Robbyn Drew, Adam Fabrizi, Jeanne Gehret, Paul Girouard, Anne Katlic, Jonelle Kohl, Sarah Nettleton, Kristen Schroder, Harry Heintz, Julie Smith, and Laura Fry as well as the PPC Worship Committee.

We value Biblical Worship that honors God and helps us grow in faithfulness and love (Psalm 95:6, [Nehemiah 8:1-8](#), [Acts 2:42](#)). **Biblical worship** inspires us to serve and give through singing, praying, hearing, reading, and learning from Scripture. The word of the Lord teaches us how to live, guides us through hardships, shows us how to love and forgive, and helps us see others the way God sees us. Biblical worship honors the customs of God's people through the ages as described in the Old and New Testaments. Biblical worship is both ancient and contemporary; anchored in early church rhythms and future-oriented.

We value Sacramental Worship that takes our faith deeper than spoken words, helping us experience the mystery of Christ and inspiring us to serve God and others ([Psalm 34:8](#), Matthew 28:19-20, [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)). **Sacramental worship** helps us see, taste, hear, and touch the word of God. It calls forth artistic gifts and celebrates the sacraments of Baptism (entrance) and Holy Communion (continuing nurture and nourishment) as we engage with the reality of Jesus' sacrifice and risen life.

We value Intergenerational, Inclusive Worship that helps us experience the body of Christ in greater fullness as the community of faith and in the glorious diversity and unity of people from all backgrounds, abilities, families, and cultures. (Isaiah 55:1, Matthew 25:44-45, Matthew 11:28-30). **Intergenerational, inclusive worship** enriches us all as we recognize and share the gifts we have been given. We intentionally encourage people of all ages, abilities, races, backgrounds, and perspectives to participate in worshipping, growing, and sharing the word of God. Whether a visitor, new, or founding member, young or old—all are equal and welcome here.

We value Responsive Worship, fully engaging us in responding to God's salvation during the worship service itself as well as in shaping our daily lives. ([John 15:16](#), [Titus 3:4-5](#), [1 Corinthians 10:31](#)).

The Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—initiates and we respond. **Responsive worship** is interactive, unifying us in God's Spirit as one community of faith as we grow in our knowledge and love for him. We seek to be understanding, patient, respectful, kind, and accepting when others respond in different ways.

We value Music that Resonates with Body and Soul with a universal language, emotional engagement, and theological soundness. ([Psalm 100](#), [Ephesians 5:18-20](#), [Revelation 5:9-12](#))

Music serves to worship our Lord through praise, joy, confession, lament, and thankfulness. We value music from all ages and cultural expressions. Music is a form of worship that serves in a unique way with hearts, voices, and musical instruments, enabling us to praise the Lord as a rejoicing body.

PPC values every individual in their faith journey. We encourage and support all God's children to seek and find what unique giftings God has called them to share with our community and the world. We gather each week as a church family to worship God, support one another, and grow in faith, love, unity, grace, and gratitude.

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Sundays 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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