

The GoodNews Connection

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A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

--St Francis of Assisi

As 2022 begins, we launch a "Season of Peace" in worship at PPC. We'll be exploring ways to be instruments of peace in our own lives, church, and community. Join us to grow in understanding and practicing what Jesus calls "the things that make for peace."

God's peace be with you!

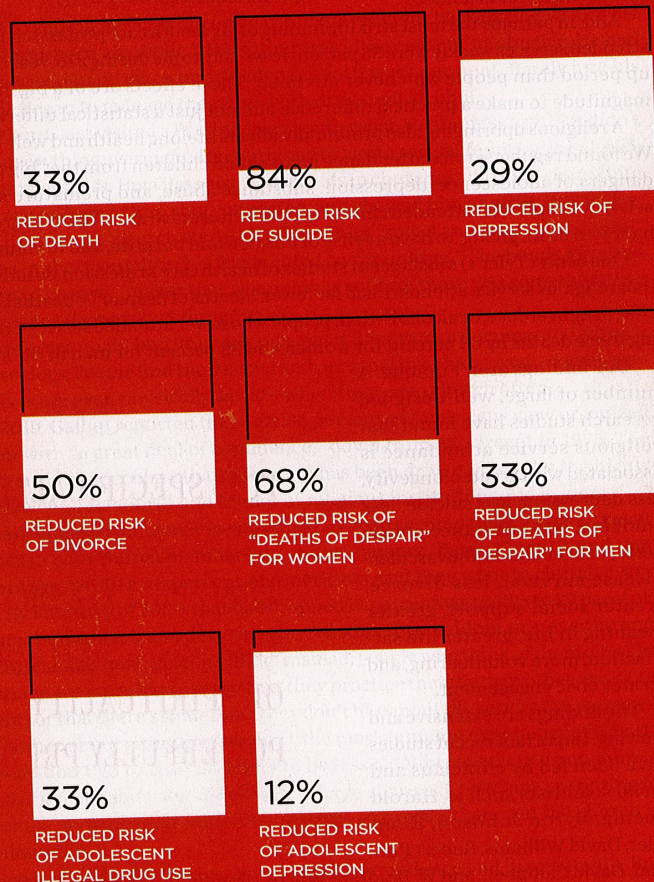
Dear PPC,



The cover of a recent edition of *Christianity Today* displayed the words... "Empty Pews Are an American Public Health Crisis." Intrigued, I turned to the article, written by researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health and the Human Flourishing Program.

The story explores the concrete physical and mental health impact of regularly attending worship services. The statistics are remarkable:

REDUCED HEALTH RISKS TO REGULAR ATTENDERS VS. NEVER-ATTENDERS



What stands out to me most about this data is that the health benefits are so dramatically tied to being together **IN PERSON**. The authors write, "It is specifically religious service attendance, rather than private practice or self-assessed religiosity or spirituality, that most powerfully predicts health."

As COVID persists, each of us is weighing the risks of worshipping in person or online, or perhaps not at all. What this research demonstrates is that coming **IN PERSON** to worship can dramatically **IMPROVE** our health. There is some risk, as with going to the grocery store or restaurants or getting together with friends **YET** there are demonstrated health benefits too! So along with all those healthy eating/exercise resolutions, coming to church can be a powerful healthy choice for 2022.

Blessings for 2022!

Pastor Laura

- Fruits and veggies
- Exercise
- Vaccination, booster, mask
- Church!



Our December 7 session meeting included the following conversations and decisions:

- Meeting with the Feadan Or Pipe Band, regarding a request to use PPC space for their weekly rehearsals on Tuesday nights. Their band leader, Andrew Duncan, played at PPC for the funeral of Jean Hessney and played annually for the congregation I served prior to PPC. Feadan Or reached out to PPC to request space for classes (teaching bagpipes and drums), and for whole-group rehearsals. After several sound checks in the building, and the opportunity to visit with band members at our session meeting, we are excited to have Feadan Or sharing space at PPC. They will be teaching bagpipe and drum classes downstairs from 5:30-7pm, and rehearsing as a whole group in the sanctuary from 7-8:30pm. They welcome our congregation to come, watch, and enjoy the Tuesday 7pm rehearsals and will also be offering the PPC community a concert in 2022.
- Authorized the updating of our church rolls, including a vote to receive new member Carol Roth by letter of transfer. We look forward to formally welcoming Carol to membership in January.
- Ratified the decision to charter Cub Scout Pack 273.
- Discussed preliminary ideas regarding updates to the church narthex in 2022.
- Discussed nominations for the 2022 Nominating Committee.
- Received an update on the year end giving challenge and received the October Financial Report.
- Received an update on refugee support with World Relief of Western New York.
- Discussed a winter deacon-elder retreat.
- Authorized church office closures for 2022.
- Approved the 2022 budget.
- Voted to recommend pastor's terms of call for 2022 to the congregation.

Our next meeting is January 4, 2022.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be on Sunday, January 30, following the I I am service. Snow date is February 6.

Greetings from Facilities,

Tom Force and I wanted to share with you what has been going on with Facilities 2021.

Please note the numbers have been rounded off to the nearest whole number

Approximately 1550 volunteer hours for 2021.

* These hours include building and grounds maintenance and repair. Everything from changing light bulbs, to clearing hiking trails, to gutter cleaning/repair, to paint and drywall, to repair and running new electric where needed. Also included is: Equipment maintenance and repair, outside vendor logistics, AV upgrades and operation. Including all prep and broadcast time for services, research and planning for improvements...etc.

Facilities volunteer money spent, not asked for reimbursement:

Approximately \$827.00

Facilities estimated money saved thanks to Team Facilities volunteers: Approximately \$77,500.00

(Money saved is based on \$50 per hour x 1550 of volunteer time)

Cleaning garage gutters	Step repair
Replacement and rewiring of heat tape switch	Installing cypher locks
Installation of sound blocks in AV booth	Painting railing
Replacement/upgrading of fluorescent lights	Remove deck, install salter
Installing screen and projector in Fellowship	Emergency light inspection

Facilities Money Spent on Outside Contractors and/or Equipment :

Approximately \$25,000

Including but not limited to:

Parking lot sealing	Projector replacement	Fix gas leak in kitchen
Fix water heater	Allstate Fire equipment maintenance	Trail signs
Plowing	Pride Appliance stove repair	Lawn Mowing
AV Bbooth glass	HVAC maintenance and repairs	Elevator maintenance
Sprinkler Inspections	Tractor maintenance and repair	

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Chris Routier, Tom Force
and
Team Facilities



From the Deacons

Happy New Year! Time to take a breath after the end of last year and look ahead to what the new year will bring!

We enjoyed writing Christmas cards to our families.

On December 11 we hosted a reception for the family and friends of Bill Moore after his funeral.

On January 22 we will be hosting a reception after the funeral for Pauline Sears.

Congratulations to Deacon Sandy Munson who, on January 2nd, will become our parish nurse. This is a voluntary position. She will work with the pastors to help them understand any medical situations a person may be going through.

The Earth Angel will be announced soon!

Remember: Inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16b

Lunch with Pastor Laura!

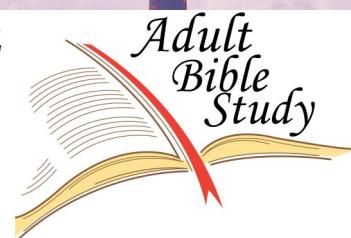


Beginning February 1st, Pastor Laura would like to invite the congregation to join her for lunch in the Fellowship Hall! In the spirit of Fellowship and connection, she will be opening up her Tuesdays to enjoy some conversation and company over a simple lunch. Due to Covid restrictions, we will be limiting the number of guests per lunch to 3 people, and ask that you **please call the office to reserve a spot with Sami in advance.** This will be a bring-your-own-bagged lunch gathering.

Please contact Sami at office@perintonpres.org or 223-1203 with questions or to reserve your spot!

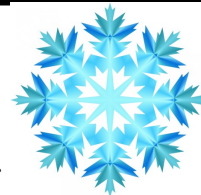
New Monday Night Zoom Bible Study Beginning January 31, 2022

The next Monday night Zoom Bible Study will be a book called *The Study of the Minor Prophets/12 Voices For Truth*. The Study will be held on Monday nights for 13 weeks (until April 25) at 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm. A Zoom link will be sent out each week. Please contact Lisa Chormann (lchorman@rochester.rr.com) if you would like to participate. The books are available now through Lisa. The book is from the Spirit-Filled Life Bible Discovery Guides Series. Description from back cover: For many Christians, the Minor Prophets can seem distant and incomprehensible. ***Twelve Voices for Truth*** shows how these ancient prophets still speak to believers today. By exploring each book's theme in the context of history and revelation, you'll learn how the prophets speak to you today. Though the books are minor in length, they are major in the truths they teach, including the majesty of God, courage and hope, injustice and judgment, trusting and loving God, and many other spiritual precepts. This study helps you discover Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. You will focus study time in the Word and get practical insight into people and places of biblical times. Truths for daily living will be revealed and will provide a source for gaining a good understanding of the Bible and how to see its themes and counsel applied.





Perinton Presbyterian Winter Retreat



In our retreats, we are setting time aside to focus on our personal relationships with God and to see how we might foster even deeper connections. We listen for God to speak to each of us individually.

As a group, we are led through types of prayer and other spiritual disciplines and engage in conversations as fellow Christians each on our own faith journeys.

Please consider joining us. There is no need to have come to other retreats before!

- * Focus – time away from the world to focus on growing closer to our God and to do so in fellowship with others with the same goal.
 - * When – January 22, 2022 11:00 am – 4:00 p.m.
 - * Where—Hopkins Point Lodge, Mendon Ponds Park
- *Further information will be coming as we find out specific COVID regulations and cost. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Ransom at 585-704-4435 or by email at djml68@aol.com



Happy January 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

Keegan Baker, Norm Cialini, Amanda Daniel, Leila Doll, Ben Eckdahl, Daryl Embling, Julie Fish, Mark Fish, Steven Fish, Kevin Foskett, Becky Girouard, Susan Heiligman, Jason Jacobs, Aynsley Kendall, Mitchell Kohl, Sami Lindsey, Stacy Marasco, Benjamin Metcalfe, Barb Moore, Lauren Murphy, Kamden Pratt, David Roche, Becky Rubino, Mitchell Ryczek, Debbie Saylor, Owen Shedden, Zachary Stewart, Megan Trapani, Nicholas Trapani, Dianne Valle, Martha Verplank, Joyce Wackerman, Joan Wallace, Amanda Zimmer

**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**

All submissions for the monthly newsletter must be emailed to Sami no later than 9am on the 20th of the month.

office@perintonpres.org

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>
2 <i>9:30am Worship</i>	3	4 <i>7pm Session Meeting</i>	5 <i>7pm Bell Choir</i>	6	7	8
9 <i>8:30 & 11am Worship</i>	10	11 <i>7pm Deacons Meeting</i>	12 <i>7pm Bell Choir</i>	13 <i>6pm MOPS Meeting</i>	14	15
16 <i>9:30am Youth Pancake Breakfast / 8:30 & 11 Worship</i>	17 <i>6pm CE Meeting / 7pm Facilities & CL Meeting</i>	18 <i>6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting</i>	19 <i>7pm Bell Choir</i>	20 <i>7pm Mission / Stewardship Meetings</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>6:30pm Outreach Meeting</i>	25 <i>7:30pm Finance Meeting</i>	26 <i>7pm Bell Choir</i>	27	28	29
30	31 <i>7:15pm Zoom Bible Study</i>					



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)

The numbers are in...



Stewardship Message

Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. – Malachi 3:10

Results through November

Below are the results through eleven months of 2021. We continue to run a deficit in both the Operating and Building funds however, we have seen a reduction in the totals over the past month due to the increased generosity of the congregation. We anticipate that we will continue close this gap before the end of the year.

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

Perinton Presbyterian Church			
Summary			
11/30/2021			
Performance Year-to-date through November			
INCOME			
Operating Fund	\$	275,333	
Building Fund	\$	100,298	
Total Income	\$	375,631	\$ 375,631
EXPENSES			
Operating Fund	\$	279,610	
Building Fund	\$	107,877	
Total Expenses	\$	387,487	\$ 387,487
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			
Operating Fund	\$	(4,276)	
Building Fund	\$	(7,579)	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ (11,855)

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

Feadán Òr Pipe Band



About Us

We are a performing, teaching, and competition Celtic Pipe Band consisting of many talented musicians and performers who play the bagpipes, snare drums, tenor drums, & bass drums as well as those who perform as drum major and as traditional highland dancers.

Our repertoire includes traditional tunes, classic favorites and contemporary music put together in very musical, interesting and enjoyable arrangements.

We are a EUSPBA (Eastern United States Pipe Band Association) Competition band. Rehearsals are held weekly in the Rochester, NY area. Please contact us if you'd like to attend. All are welcome!

Lessons

Feadán Òr Pipe Band starts beginner lesson groups in the fall to anyone whom would like to learn. Our instructors will teach the Great Highland Bagpipe or Pipe Band Drumming (Snare, Tenor, and Bass). Lessons will be held weekly. **Please contact us for details.**

A practice instrument and tutor book will be required for each student to purchase. There are no musical prerequisites, just a genuine interest in learning and a willingness to practice.

Membership

Feadán Òr Pipe Band is always looking to add new musicians to its ranks. Whether you are a seasoned competitor or would like to perform with us for our concert and public performances, you will find a home with us. We are a true Pipe Band family and enjoy each other's company as we learn and increase our musicality together.

Contact Us

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Worship Times:

Sundays at 8:30 and 11am

In-Person, Online, or Call-In Option

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