



The GoodNews

Connection

Perinton Presbyterian Church
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November 2016

From the Deacons...

Deacons put together "goodie" boxes for the church's college freshmen. They will be showing up soon in the hands of the freshmen along with a note reminding the students that their church family is keeping them in our thoughts.

Earth Angel ballots are available. We look forward to your nominations. The Earth Angel award will be announced in late November or early December.

Deacons look forward to meeting the new members who will be attending the New Members class. There will be a reception in November for the new church members.

There have been several funeral receptions recently hosted by the Deacons. We are always willing to share your joys and challenges. Please let us know if there is something we can do for you.

Remember: God always uses someone to do something. Are you the someone?



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Stewardship Message

It is a powerful practice to be generous when you are the one feeling in need. -- Allan Lokos

Results through September

We are continue to run significant Operating deficit. It appears that across our membership some "catch up" may be needed. If that is your situation, anything you can do to help is much appreciated. Thank you to all who support our programming at PPC!

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.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) Investment and Loan Program (PILP) Provides Investment Opportunities

PILP offers investment notes with competitive market rates and flexible withdrawal options. Get a return on your money plus the satisfaction of knowing that your funds are helping other churches grow. Additionally, our church may be eligible for rebates which we have been receiving for years, thanks to the members that have invested with PILP. Contact Al Norby for additional information.

Perinton Presbyterian Church		
Preliminary Summary		
9/30/2016		
Performance Year-to-date through September		
<u>INCOME</u>		
Operating Fund	\$	225,521
Building Fund	\$	<u>101,284</u>
Total Income		\$ 326,805
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Operating Fund	\$	255,775
Building Fund	\$	<u>106,953</u>
Total Expenses		\$ 362,728
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>		
Operating Fund	\$	(30,255)
Building Fund	\$	<u>(5,669)</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)		\$ <u>(35,924)</u>

Reflections on Growing Faith

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, our nation will be about a week away from selecting its 45th president. I know...you might be tempted to stop reading. I, like you, have grown incredibly weary of this election season, as it certainly has a way of bringing out the worst in us as a country. And what is worse, it seems to be impossible to get away from, whether it be the ads on television, the endless debates on social media, signs on our front lawns, or phone messages from political candidates. Every four years, Americans tend to be hyper-focused on the election to the point of obsession. I won't deny the importance of an election. It *is* important. But if 2016 has taught us anything, it is that we are a divided people, perhaps in more ways than we could have ever imagined.

During this season of political turmoil, you might be wondering what it means to live out your faith. In thinking about this, I've identified three ways that we can be living out our faith in Christ during this season:

Listen: The Book of James urges us to be "quick to listen [and] slow to speak." The reality is that we do not always seem to take this to heart. We are quick to speak, and in some cases, become judgmental or hostile toward others. The Gospel urges us to listen to others, especially those who think differently than we do. Instead of debate, we need to commit to dialoguing with our brothers and sisters. In doing so, we honor each other and affirm the truth that each of us is created in God's image (Gen 1:27).

Learn: A political season such as this is an opportunity for us to learn about the issues facing our country and our world. We can do this by taking the time to learn about both sides of an issue. We can commit ourselves to learn about *why* there is a Syrian refugee crisis, or *why* there are people in the streets shouting "Black Lives Matter." One of my favorite theologians, Karl Barth, once said a Christian ought to live his/her life with a Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. We might be tempted to insulate ourselves from all of these issues, but as Christians, I believe we are called to engage with them in whatever way we can.

Love: This one might seem obvious. Jesus once asked the question: "If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?" A time such as this serves as a reminder of Christ's command to love *all* people, including those who think differently, act differently, and even those who annoy us. The love of Christ is so radical, that it even compels us to love our enemies (Mt 5:44). The truth is, we cannot depend on an earthly ruler to make everything right; what this world truly needs is the love of Jesus.

Listening, Learning, and Loving are three things we can do to affirm the lordship of Jesus in these challenging and frustrating times. The good news is that whatever happens this November, God is still God, and we are still His people. Regardless of what the headlines say, the sky is not falling, because Jesus is Lord. Thanks be to God.

Grace and Peace,

Danny

Worship Notes...

Our Congregation values “Connecting through Jesus Christ” whenever we gather together. We encourage everyone to make that a regular part of Sunday mornings. Some ways to connect at worship:

Reach out with a friendly hello to your neighbors in the pews

Look for someone you don’t know and introduce yourself

Move over in the pew, if able, to provide room for late arrivals

Accommodate those in wheelchairs and their families (the last several rows along the center aisle are designated for that purpose)

As a church family, we want everyone who enters our doors to feel welcome and included!

Coming soon... watch for the new Inspiration Blog on the church website.

Veterans’ Day Potluck



PPC will honor veterans at our Veterans’ Potluck, following 11:00AM worship on November 13th.

Help build a pictorial display of veterans on the monitor in the Gathering Hall. By Sunday November 5, please provide a picture of a veteran you would like to remember and honor. Honored veterans may be from our church or someone special to you. Drop-off pictures at the Welcome Desk, and provide the name of the veteran you are honoring/remembering, your name and your relationship to your veteran. A flash drive is preferred, but a CD or hard copy picture will also be accepted. The picture may be one while in service, a “today’s” picture, or two pictures as “then and now”.

Lunch will feature soup / salad / sandwich / dessert. A poster for sign-up will be available on October 9 in the Gathering Hall. We recommend that last names beginning with **T-Z** bring soup or chili, **A-G** bring cold cuts/cheese or spreads (i.e. tuna), **H-M** bring salads or other side and **N-S** bring dessert.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. On June 1,

Operation Christmas Child

Each year Samaritan's Purse sponsors Operation Christmas Child to encourage children to share with others. Shoe boxes are filled by children and adults in the United States with small toys and other goodies. The filled boxes are then distributed to children in other countries around the world.



Our Church school has participated for more than 10 years. If you would like to help please bring any of the following items to church by October 30th.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, slinkies, miniature Etch-a-sketches, etc

School supplies: pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, clay, notepads, coloring books, markers, solar calculators

Hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap bars, combs, washcloths

Others: hard candy (no chocolate please), lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, t-shirts, hairclips, etc

Please do NOT send: used items, war related items (toy guns), perishable food, liquids (shampoo, lotion, bubble bath), medicines (cough drops, vitamins), breakable items (mirrors, china, snow globes).

Monetary donations are also helpful to purchase items to complete boxes and to pay for shipping.

Boxes will be packed for the following groups of children:

Boy 2-4 years old

Boy 5-9 years old

Boy 10-14 years old

Girl 2-4 years old

Girl 5-9 years old

Girl 10-14 years old

If you have any questions please speak with Sherri Frederick or Jonelle Kohl.

~ November 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:45p AA 5:45p GS-Sherman 7:30p Session	2 6p GriefShare 7p Bell Choir 7:45p Adult Choir	3 12:15p AA	4 12p Al-Anon 6p Young Adult Fellowship	5 NO EVENING EVENTS 12:15p AA
6 8:30a 11a Worship 2p GriefShare-Surviving the Holidays 4:30p Youth Group	7 12:15p AA 6p Brownie 60979 6:30p Historic Modelers 7p Knitters 4 Peace	8 5:45p AA 7p Deacons 7:45p Church Life	9 6p GriefShare 6:30p GS Service Unit 7p Bell Choir 7:45p Adult Choir	10 12:15p AA 6p GS 63463	11 12p Al-Anon	12 NO EVENING EVENTS 12:15p AA
13 8:30a 11a Worship 12:15p Mission Cmte 4:30p Youth Group	14 12:15p AA 5:30p GS JR-63414 7p Knitters 4 Peace	15 10:30a ENGAGE NNORC 2p Fairport Crew Dinner 5:45p AA 5:45p GS-Sherman	16 6p GriefShare 7p Bell Choir 7:45p Adult Choir	17 12:15p AA 7p Facilities Comm.	18 12p Al-Anon 5:30p Wreath Storage & Delivery	19 NO EVENING EVENTS 12a Wreath Storage & Delivery 12:15p AA
20 8:30a 11a Worship 4p PageTurners 4:30p Youth Group	21 12:15p AA 7p Knitters 4 Peace	22 5:45p AA 7:30p Finance Comm.	23 6p GriefShare	24 12:15p AA	25 IKE 12p Al-Anon	26 NO EVENING EVENTS 12:15p AA
27 Advent begins 8:30a 11a Worship 4:30p Youth Group	28 12:15p AA 7p Knitters 4 Peace	29 5:45p AA 5:45p GS-Sherman	30 6p GriefShare 7p Bell Choir 7:45p Adult Choir			

PageTurners' Book Club

Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016
 Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
 Place: Perinton Presbyterian Church
 Selection: *Mrs. Kennedy and Me* by Clint Hill



“A poignant memoir...Touching, perceptive, and surprisingly funny...Far ahead of most books written about the Kennedys, and brings the first lady to life in a manner that has not been done before.” – *The Washington Times* – from inside the paperback

Future Meetings

December 18, 2016 *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear
 January 15, 2017 Discussion with Pastor Steve – Selection TBD
 February 19, 2017 *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe
 March 19, 2017 *The Magician's Lie* by Greer Macallister
 April 23, 2017 *Two Steps Forward* by Sharon Garlough Brown
 May 21, 2017 *The Tender Bar* by J. R. Moehringer
 June 25, 2017 Selection Meeting

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Summer Worship Time: **9:30AM** **Beginning September 11th 8:30 & 11:00AM**

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