



The GoodNews

Connection

Perinton Presbyterian Church
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April 2017

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017- Please join the Christian Education Committee for the **Palm Sunday Fair** to be held from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come participate in crafts, games, fellowship and food!

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017- The choirs and instrumentalists will present special music at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. **Palm Sunday** services. The children will participate in the **Parade of Palms** at both services.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017- The **Maundy Thursday Service** at 7:30 p.m. will celebrate the last supper and feature special music from our Adult Choir.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017- On **Good Friday**, join us for the **Annual Community Cross Walk**. Fairport Churches gather at the First UCC church at 26 E. Church Street at 12:00pm. From there we begin a prayerful walk around the village carrying the cross of Christ as a witness to his love poured out for all.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017- On **Good Friday**, join us for the **Tenebrae or Service of Darkness** at 7:30 p.m. This is a somber yet moving service to remember Christ's death for us. Special music will be presented by the choir.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017- Come celebrate **Easter** at our sunrise (TBA), 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. An **Easter Breakfast** will be provided from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. sponsored by the Church Life Committee. The choir will sing at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!



FINANCE CMTE UPDATE

The numbers are in.....

Stewardship Message

"What I gave I have, what I spent I had; and what I left I lost." *Robert of Doncaste*

Results through February

Below are the results for the second month of 2017. Thanks to all for your support of our ministries and missions 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 anoby1@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.

Perinton Presbyterian Church Preliminary Summary 2/28/2017 Performance Year-to-date through February			
INCOME			
Operating Fund	\$	59,089	
Building Fund	\$	25,312	
Total Income			\$ 84,400
EXPENSES			
Operating Fund	\$	54,640	
Building Fund	\$	23,767	
Total Expenses			\$ 78,407
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			
Operating Fund	\$	4,449	
Building Fund	\$	1,544	
Net Surplus (Deficit)			\$ 5,993

Reflections on Growing Faith

Dear Friends,

First of all, some of you reading this newsletter might not yet have heard the news I shared with the congregation a couple of weeks ago. I am stepping down from my pastoral position within this wonderful family. Currently we anticipate that my last Sunday in this position will be June 4, 2017. I have shared and continue to share that this is a much thought about and prayed about step toward retirement. By my personality I am not naturally inclined to seek and readily embrace change. I accept it as a necessary part of life but all things being equal I am more inclined to embrace stable consistency. Thus, the decision to step down after a total of almost 33 years in pastoral ministry doesn't come easily.

Though I don't tend to readily embrace change it does make me more focused on and thankful for God's faithfulness and consistency. Psalm 62:2 says, "He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken." I am leaning on this Rock. We all go through times of change. Some of them are anticipated; some are eagerly desired. Sometimes change comes out of nowhere and hits us like a ton of bricks.

By the time you are reading this I expect we will be approaching Holy Week and Easter. Holy Week and Easter help me keep things in perspective. Talk about change!! Jesus went from the parade of Palm Sunday with people lifting up shouts of acclamation and praise to humility, torture and death on Friday. In those few days the disciples went from the brightest joy and hope to the darkest despair. Sometimes everything does change that quickly.

God doesn't change. Malachi 3:6 says, "I the LORD do not change." And James 1:17-18 reminds us, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

God's presence and persistence in reaching out to us is permanent. God's love for us is unbreakable. Jesus and the disciples triumphed through a time of most horrific change because of these truths. These truths about God are also for us.

It is good news that we never face change alone. God is ever walking with us. The only thing about the future I am sure of is that God is walking with us toward it. Our joy and hope never rests securely in our plans. They are often foiled by things we never imagined. Our joy and hope does rest securely in God, for his plans for us are anchored in his rock-like presence in our lives.

As we approach the darkness of Friday and the light of Easter; as we approach all of life's transitions and changes let us remain joyful in the presence and triumphal victory of our God.

In Christ's love and service,
Steve

The TAG Sale Is Coming!!

This year the annual Perinton Presbyterian Church **TAG SALE** will be held Wednesday May 17th (PPC Members only), May 18th and May 19th. Please start gathering your “treasures” for donation. Some ideas might include household items, books, frames, pictures, linens, children’s clothing, toys, games, antiques, collectibles, craft tools and patterns indoor and outdoor furniture, large and small appliances, sporting goods, paintings, tools and other items you may be ready to part with! Your contributions are **GREATLY** appreciated!!

Due to safety, disposal and recycling issues, we will **NOT** be able to accept the following items for donation:

- Adult Clothing
- Computer equipment
- Large exercise equipment (treadmills, weights, etc)
- Ski equipment
- Large musical instruments
- Television sets
- Entertainment centers/armoires (unless specifically for flat screen TV’s),
- Magazines
- Chemical based items (motor oil, paint, etc)
- Child or infant car seats
- Cribs
- VHS or Cassette Tapes
- Textbooks
- Unusable, unsanitary, unsafe items (eg. Kitty Litter Boxes, broken glass, dirty dishes, or other potential disease carrying items)

Please give thoughtful consideration when donating. The kind and generous volunteers handle each and every item.

We will be looking for volunteers to set-up, price, sell, and clean-up. Sign up sheets for these positions will be posted in April. We will also be in need of 1 or 2 large vehicles for pickup of large items and volunteers to help load vehicles. If you can help out in this way, please contact Yvonne Stevens at 421-9817.

This sale is a LARGE fundraiser for the church! If you haven’t volunteered or attended the sale, you’ve missed out on lots of fun and fellowship. Any questions? Not sure what can or cannot be donated? Call Sally Eruysal at 746-3781.



EASTER FLOWERS

Would you like to help fill our chancel on Easter Morning with an assortment of Spring flowers?

Spring plants may be ordered through the Worship Committee, and can be given in honor or in memory of loved ones. The plants will be a mixture of Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and Pansies. Any extra funds from Easter plants will be used for special flowers in the sanctuary during the year.

Please order _____ plant(s) at **\$8.00** each. My check, payable to Perinton Presbyterian Church (**Memo Line-Easter Plants**), is attached. Please return completed form to the church office, through the mail (PO Box 611), or place in the offering plate by **Sunday, April 9th**.

For questions, contact **Jennifer Ransome (585-704-4435 or DJM168@aol.com)**.

Your Name: _____

The bulletin announcement should read:

Given In Honor Of: _____

AND / OR

Given In Memory Of: _____

I plan to take my plant home with me. (Plants may be taken home after the 11 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.)

I plan to donate my plant. (The church will take care of delivering plants to those who could use a little extra Easter cheer!)

From the Deacons:

- > Frequently asked question: "What do the Deacons do for me?"
 - We listen to you.
 - We pray for you.
 - We are here to help you.
 - We welcome a call or email from you.
 - We are here to answer any questions you might have about our church.
 - We care about you.

- > We enjoyed organizing and putting on the New Members' Dinner March 5th.
- > Congratulations to the Agars as they are the newest Earth Angels! They were recognized on February 12th.
- > We look forward to seeing you at the many Holy Week services coming in April as well as the Easter Breakfast!

Remember: G - God so loved the world that He gave His
 O - Only begotten
 S - Son, that whoever believes in Him should not
 P - Perish, but have
 E - Everlasting
 L - Life

PPC Calendar - April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10a Cameron Meal Prep 12:15p AA
2 8:30a 11a Worship 9:30a Church School 12p Cameron Meal 4:30p Youth Group	3 12:15p AA 6p Brownie 7p Historic Modelers 7p Knitters 4 Peace 7p Outreach Co	4 5:45p AA 7:30p Session	5 6:30a Men's fellowship @ Riki's 10:15a SOFI Caregivers 6:30p Grief Sharing 7p Bell Choir 7:45p Adult Choir	6 9a Palm Sunday Fair Setup 10a Bible Study 12:15p AA	7 12p Al-Anon	8 12:15p AA
9 Palm Sunday 8:30a 11a Worship 9:30a <u>Palm Sunday Fair</u> 4:00p Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner @ Fpt. Apts.	10 12:15p AA 5:30p GS 7p Knitters 4 Peace	11 10:30a NNORC 5:45p AA 5:45p GS 7p Deacons	12 6:30a Men's fellowship @ Riki's 10a Newsletter Deadline 6:30p GS 6:30p Grief Sharing 7p Bell Choir 7:45p Adult Choir	13 10a Bible Study 12:15p AA 7:30p Maundy Thurs Worship 6p GS 63463	14 Good Friday 12p Al-Anon 7:30p Tenebrae Service Worship	15 12:15p AA
16 Easter 6:20a Sunrise Worship? TBD 8:30a 11a Worship 9:30a Easter Breakfast	17 12:15p AA 7p Knitters 4 Peace	18 5:45p AA 6:30p Worship Co.	19 6:30a Men's fellowship @ Riki's 6:30p Grief Sharing 7p Bell Choir 7:45p Adult Choir	20 10a Bible Study 12:15p AA 7p Facilities Co	21 12p Al-Anon	22 12:15p AA
23 8:30a 11a Worship <u>NO Church School</u> 4p PageTurners	24 12:15p AA 7p Knitters 4 Peace	25 5:45p AA 6p Quilters 7:30p Finance Co. 7:45p Church Life	26 6:30a Men's fellowship @ Riki's 6:30p Grief Sharing 7p Bell Choir 7:45p Adult Choir	27 10a Bible Study 12:15p AA	28 12p Al-Anon	29 12:15p AA
30 8a Mission Meals 8:30a 11a Worship 9:30a Church School 4:30p Youth Group						

Pageturners' Book Club: Date: Sunday, April 23, 2017 Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Place: PPC Library

Selection: *Two Steps Forward* by Sharon Garlough Brown

“Once again, Sharon Brown has provided an inspirational story that allows readers to shadow four women as they continue their spiritual journey. Each facing specific challenges, the friends learn that God is with us, even now even here in the midst of our own mess. With a powerful companion guide for prayer and conversation, this book is ideal for anyone dealing with loss, abuse, fear, anxiety or insecurities. It reminds us all, with a gently touch, that we are born in the image of God and we are worthy of being loved.” — *Julie Cantrell, New York Times and USA Today – bestselling author of the Feathered Bone*

Future Meetings

May 21, 2017 *The Tender Bar* by J. R. Moehringer



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