



WESTERN SPIRE

April 2018

“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.” ~Philippians 1:3-5

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

These words Paul uses to open his letter to the church in Philippi ring in my ears every time I sit down to write one of these cover letters for the *Spire*. It is crazy for me to think that it is only 18 months since Elena, Atticus, and I arrived in Palmyra for me to serve as your Pastor. On the one hand, it seems like just yesterday, but on the other, these 18 months have been so incredibly full.

There have been challenging days, particularly in the grief of losing dear members, friends and family to all of us. We have experienced the joys of baptisms and weddings. Our worship is thriving, and our commitment to the Lord is strong.

Yet, through all the change, through all the heartache *and* the celebration, God remains constant. This is one of the great joys of our faith: that God holds fast to God’s promises, including that of being an ever-present companion. God’s love is unchanging and unwavering, and my prayer is that it will be an encouragement *and* a comfort to us, in times of pain and uncertainty, and a delight in times of happiness and celebration.

Let us continue to hold each other, and this wonderful community of faith, in prayer, that we might each feel the blessings of walking with a Savior who knows us more deeply than anyone.

Grace & peace in Christ,

~Pastor Kyle

Preaching and Worship

April 2018

April 1, 2018

**Easter Sunday
Communion Sunday
No Sunday School**

**Reader: Sharon Marr
Toddler Room: Logan & Kelly Babcock
Communion Elders: Elaine & Bill Hassler, and Cim McFarlane**

April 8, 2018

**Second Sunday of Easter
Sister Barbara Moore preaching**

**Reader: Rena Haigh
Toddler Room: Carol & Andy Sloan**

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

**Reader: Bob Ike
Toddler Room: Katie Mitchell**

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Reader: Sue Pringle
Toddler Room: Sue Leonard**

April 29, 2018

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Casual Sunday
Vacation Bible School Kickoff Celebration**

**Reader: Janet Manktelow
Toddler Room: Rena Haigh**



The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, April 17th, 2018.

Thank you!

Guidelines for Sunday Morning

Announcements



On behalf of the **Generosity Team**, a temporary procedure has been set for placing announcements on the “Big Screen” and/or read on Sunday mornings. A team will soon be put together to address the procedure more thoroughly.

- All information such as: a special event or honoring a family member, goes to Irene Fadden by Thursday of the week you would like it shown. Pictures are welcomed. faddenirene@gmail.com
- If you have an announcement to be read Sunday morning, please send the info to Kathy in the WPC office by Thursday office@wpreschurch.org and it will get to Pastor Kyle or the Reader.

We hope these guidelines will help and defer last minute scurrying.
Thanks for working together as we all learn.

Help Wanted!

We are seeking 3-5 committed individuals who would be interested in being small group Bible and Discussion Leaders.

Our desire is to increase the availability of opportunities for members of the congregation to study the Bible and to share together in fellowship without making more demands on the time of those who already lead.

So, is it you?! No experience is necessary, and we will provide everything you need!

Details are still coming together, but if you feel you might be interested, please speak to Pastor Kyle or Pastor Bob. Thank you!

Share a Meal

During the 7 Sundays of Easter, the Generosity Team invites members to bring ingredients for 7 meals. Each week bring in the ingredients for the meal in a plastic bag. The meal will be given to the Food Pantry right in the same bag. The bag will be given to a family in addition to the food groups they can choose.



Here are suggestions for each meal

On April 8: Spaghetti: spaghetti, sauce, grated cheese, package of frozen ground meat, frozen garlic bread or Italian bread, vegetable, fruit, dessert

On April 15: Chili: package of frozen ground meat, tomato sauce, kidney beans, canned diced tomatoes, chili seasoning packet, crackers or tortilla chips, fruit, dessert

On April 22: Tuna Noodle: bag of noodles, cream of mushroom soup, canned tuna, vegetable, fruit, dessert

On April 29: Pancake Breakfast: pancake mix (just add water mix), frozen sausage, cooking spray, syrup, fruit

On May 6: Pizza: Round premade crust (Boboli), pizza sauce, grated cheese, pepperoni, bag of mozzarella cheese

On May 13: Spaghetti: spaghetti, sauce, grated cheese, package of frozen ground meat, frozen garlic bread, vegetable, fruit, dessert

On May 20: Pancake Breakfast: pancake mix (just add water mix), frozen sausage, cooking spray, syrup, fruit

Please put the frozen meat in the freezer on Sunday. Someone will meet you in the kitchen, so your meat can be given to the family with your bagged meal.

Family Promise

WPC is covenanting with Family Promise, agreeing to host up to four families for 4 different weeks during the calendar year. Family Promise expects 10 to 14 guests to be in the program during any given week. Families may include 2 parents and children, a single parent and children, or a grandparent and children. Each family will have their own space in the church building that is theirs alone for the week. As plans are firmed up for WPC, we will let the congregation know.

Here is a list of volunteer positions that WPC and support churches will need to provide.

- Set Up Crew – get the rooms ready on Sunday afternoon before the families come. Inflate mattresses, put out linens, etc.
- Greeter – meet families as they come, 5:00 and stay to eat dinner with the families
- Meal Crew – Different crews do each night’s meal. Arrive in time to set the table and serve the meal at 6:00. Clean up, with help of families
- Activity Crew – show hospitality and interact with the families after the meal before bed. Games, snacks, help with homework. 6:45-8:15
- Overnight Hosts (2 each night)– Arrive by 8:00 and spend the night with the families in the church. Families leave at 7 AM
- Laundry Crew – launder sheets, wash cloths and towels at end of week. And if needed during the week.
- On-Call Shopper – Go to pick up something needed.
- Take Down Crew – Deflate mattresses, store blankets, mattress pads, in plastic tubs. Put all Family Promise room items into storage closet.

Irene Fadden has agreed to be the volunteer coordinator for WPC and needs to start a list of people for each of the crews. You may fill out this form or one of the cards in the pews and put it in the offering plate or Irene’s mail box.

Family Promise Volunteer	
Name _____	Crew _____
Your contact information: phone _____	
e-mail _____	



Locally Sponsored by:



January 30, 2018

Irene Fadden
101 East Main Street
Palmyra, NY 14522

Dear Irene,

On behalf of the American Heart Association, we would like to express our gratitude for your generous contribution of 42 red baby hats for "Little Hats, Big Hearts"!

The goal of "Little Hats Big Hearts" is to help us spread awareness about heart disease, the No. 1 killer of all Americans, and congenital heart defects, the most common birth defects in the United States.

You can follow us on social media and see how your contributions are making their way to families in Rochester New York! New parents will be invited to share a picture of their infant wearing the red hat on social media in February to help spread awareness about congenital heart defects using the hashtag: #LittleHatsBigHearts. Connect with us on social media at www.facebook.com/ahanewyork and www.twitter.com/heartROC to help spread awareness of heart disease and congenital heart defects.

Thank you again for joining us in this effort! If you have more hats to contribute, we will be collecting them year-round.

For more information, visit <http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Little-Hats-Big-Hearts-Rochester-NY> or call at 585-371-3119. Visit our local webpage with all American Heart Association events and volunteering opportunities in Rochester, New York at <http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Rochester>

With Heart,

Alexis Zimmerman

American Heart Association
Rochester Office



GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR

FAMILY GAME NIGHT APRIL 21ST AT 6:00 PM.

WE NEED TO GET AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT BECAUSE WE ARE PLANNING ON PIZZA AND WINGS THIS YEAR AS WELL AS REGULAR GAME NIGHT SNACKS.

THE SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED OUTSIDE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL. PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME, FAVORITE GAME, AND NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING.

DON'T FORGET TO INVITE NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS!

MAKE A SPLASH AT VBS!

**Come join us for our Vacation Bible School 2018
Kickoff Celebration on April 29, 2018
The fun starts at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall
Hope to see you there!**

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POWERED BY JESUS

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SAVE THE DATE!

IT'S BASEBALL SEASON AGAIN!

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM HAS OBTAINED TICKETS FOR A
ROCHESTER REDWINGS GAME ON MAY 20th at 1:05.

THERE ARE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE
WHO WOULD RATHER SIT CLOSER TO THE ACTION.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US AND ENJOY BASEBALL THE WAY IT WAS MEANT TO BE
PLAYED...WITH ENTHUSIASM AND COMMUNITY FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To our church family for all the prayers, hugs, cards and food following Gary's death. Sister Sledge sang "We are family. I got all my sisters with me". And we have felt that all Western Presbyterian's sisters (and bros) have been with us for many many days. Special thanks to Kyle, Jack and James for making the memorial service so memorable and the Women of the Church for putting together a wonderful reception. The Haighs have been truly blessed by your generous love and heartfelt condolences.

Yours In Christ, Rena

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3, 2018
Western Presbyterian
Church

101 East Main Street, Palmyra NY

Sanctuary open throughout the day
for personal prayer and meditation

All are welcome.

2018 Theme

****Pray for America****

#prayforunity

Nationaldayofprayer.org



Ephesians 4:3

Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of PEACE.



It's That Time again:

Clean out the clothes, linen and toy closets, cupboards, garages and more...

WPC Spring RUMMAGE - Bake - Soup SALE

April 19, 20, 21, 2018

WPC Fellowship Hall

Thursday.....9:00am – 5:00 pm

Friday.....9:00am – 5:00 pm

50% off Sale starts at 1:00pm

Saturday.....9:00am – 11:00am

\$3 Bag Day



Always Great Bargains

Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Starting **April 15, 2018**
Please – NO Large Appliances, Furniture, Computers, or TV's

NOTES:

- 1) *Please* bring bake goods to WPC kitchen on Wednesday April 18, 2018.
- 2) *Please* bring donated soups in crockpot on Thurs April 19, at 8:00 am before sale starts.
- 3) *Please* donate your old magazines – we will use them at the Rummage Sale.

Questions or Volunteer to help:

contact - Jody Pruitt 315-331-3211 or jody.pruitt@gmail.com

Canal Town Days is coming! Granted not for a few months, but the Generosity Team is trying to get individuals on a planning team in a proactive way.

We are **not** looking for someone to be chairperson, but for several individuals to say they will come together during April and May to start planning for what we need and who we need to have another successful Beef on Weck booth in September.

Please consider if you would like to help with the event by planning, in an unrushed way, what needs to be done. We hope people who led the event last year will be supportive of this process and let us know what worked well last year and what didn't.



If you are interested in helping WPC with the planning, contact Irene Fadden

faddenirene@gmail.com

585-802-7594

You can text or call my phone.

Canal Town Days is coming!



Mugs for Western Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$10 each

If you'd like 1 or 2 or 3 or more, they'll be available during coffee hour on April 15th.

The prayer concerns listed are current as of 03/25/18. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.

Our Prayer Concerns



Grieving:

Family & Friends of Mary Dirks (requested by Roxanne Dobson)
Family & Friends of Mike Stolt (requested by Randy Kennard and family)
Family & Friends of Ed Kinsella (requested by Sue Leonard)
Family & Friends of Craig Raisner (requested by the Deacons)
Family & Friends of Gary Haigh (requested by the Deacons)
Family & Friends of Hazel Gannon (requested by the Deacons)

Serving in Armed Forces: (Please contact church office if no longer serving)

Jeffrey Bavis, Kyle Chapman, Bill Henderson, Tim Henderson, Jake Hewitt, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeke, Patrick Magno, Brandon Maxwell, D.J. Phee-Henderson, Adam Stephens, Adam VanNatta, Logan Warner, Shod Williams

Expectant Mothers:

**Stephani Beato and husband Jim are expecting a baby due in April of 2018.
Jim is the son of Ray and Muffie Beato.**

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Jim Bailey, Matthew Barbalato, James Callerame, Lou Callerame, Kathy Cooper, Georgeanne Creed, Barb Gabriel, Robert Griswold, Emily Hovermale, Jennifer Lapp, Sue Leonard, Jacob McFarlane, Tom & Nancy Metcalfe, Christie Romano, Andy Sloan, Oscar Stevens, Becky Strause, Mark Trombino, Marcia White, Grace Williams, Ken Zook

Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Jason Avery, Barbara Bucknam, Peter Bush, Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Kathleen Dougherty, Craig Giles, Chris Laudise, Uncle Lee, Bonnie Olson, Jeffrey Rush, Bonnie Stevens, Fran Storm

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Peg Eskild, Jamie Hemmings, Alice Marks, Bev Mouton

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In the event of an emergency for which prayer is requested, please call **Deacon Sandy McMenamin @ Home 315-597-6181**
smcmenamin@rochester.rr.com

You may also call the **church office 597-9171** to communicate your request through the Deacons Emergency Prayer Chain.

Your Property Team would like to remind you that we have a monthly point person on call. If you spot an urgent issue that needs attending, please contact the appropriate person rather than the person you may have reached out to in the past.

Month	Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
April	Lynn Malboeuf	N/A	585-217-6753	lmalboeuf@winnco.com

Thank you! We appreciate all the members of our congregation being eyes and ears for our facility.



April Toddler Schedule

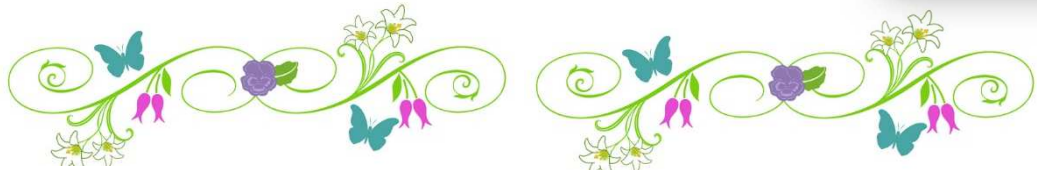
Below is the Schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes early. If you find you are not available on your assigned date, please find a replacement. Many, Many thanks!

The Nursery is located on the second floor, room # 5 – South Side

- Snack will be in the cupboard and a Vacuum will be hanging around. Age appropriate toys will be available as well as a changing table. Please let Jody know when we need to refill the snacks. Once again, Thank -You for your help!

04/01/18	Logan & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
04/08/18	Carol and Andy Sloan	315-597-5182
04/15/18	Katie Michell	315-597-5653
04/22/18	Sue Leonard	585-734-4027
04/29/18	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971
05/06/18	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
05/13/18	Sue Pringle	315-597-9533
05/20/18	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293
05/27/18	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
06/03/18	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143
06/10/18	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211
06/17/18	Nancy Talma	315-597-5003

Spring is Here,
 Summer around the corner. Please check your Summer Calendars and be sure to find a substitute if you will be away on your Sunday.
 Thanks



*If anyone or anyone you know is interested in joining the team in providing infant and toddler care during the 10:00am service please contact **Jody Pruitt**, we would love to have you! Also, if you are no longer able to help please let Jody know as well. Thanks ~ the CE Team Jody Pruitt 315-331-3211 jody.pruitt@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 3	Richard Kirchhoff
April 8	Amie McMullin
April 8	Emily Hunt
April 9	Amie Fabrizio
April 10	Jonnie Fontaine
April 11	Mina Talma
April 18	Doris Coffman
April 18	David Pinkney
April 21	Ruth Wilbur
April 22	Valerie Gendron
April 24	Benjamin Dlugosh
April 24	Jan Semans
April 26	Ronald Pieters

April 12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Terry & Valerie Gendron

If you are an active member and we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time. If your anniversary or birthday is missing, it means it was not in the Data Base, which is where we get the list.



APRIL 2018

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 Easter Sunday Communion Sunday No Sunday School	2 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	3 2 pm Deacons	4 11 am to 1 pm Women's Gathering FH 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 7 pm Christian Ed.	5 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	6	7
8 Sister Barbara Moore preaching	9	10 7 pm Worship	11	12 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir 7 pm 200 th Committee	13	14
15 WPC Mugs available to purchase during coffee hour	16 6-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale	17 SPIRE DEADLINE 6-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale 7 pm Generosity Team	18 Noon-9 pm Set Up Rummage Sale 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Finance 7 pm Circle IV	19 9 am to 5 pm Rummage Sale 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	20 9 am to 5 pm Rummage Sale 5 pm Rehearsal	21 9-11 am Rummage Sale 11 am -1 pm Tear Down 2 pm Renewal of vows McCarthy 6 pm Game Night
22 Earth Day	23	24 6-9 pm King's Daughter's FH & Kit. 7 pm Session	25	26 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	27	28 Set Up for VBS FH
29 Casual Sunday 9 am VBS Kickoff Celebration	30					



MAY 2018

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 2 pm Deacons	2 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 7 pm Christian Ed.	3 National Day of Prayer Sanctuary Open 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	4	5
6	7 2:30 pm Select Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	8 7 pm Worship	9 7 pm Recital Select Choir	10 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir 7 pm 200 th Committee	11	12 8:30 am to Noon Spring Clean Up
13 Mother's Day Communion Sunday	14	15 SPIRE DEADLINE	16 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Finance	17 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	18	19 Rain Date Spring Clean Up
20 Pentecost Youth Led Service Last day of Sunday School 1:05 pm Red Wing's Game	21	22 7 pm Session	23	24 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Office Closed	29	30	31 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir		