



# WESTERN SPIRE

## February 2019

“O tarry and await the Lord’s pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart: wait patiently for the Lord.”

~Psalm 27:18

Community in Christ,

Each morning, I try to do three things: wake up, have a cup of coffee, and spend some time in prayer and devotion. With a 2 1/2 year old in the house, the first of those things generally occurs much sooner than I would like, the second is a necessity, and the third happens more infrequently than I would like.

Yet when I *do* begin my day with prayer and devotion, I find my day has a trajectory that is much more pleasing and enjoyable. Rooting our days and ourselves in scripture re-centers us, re-focuses us, and reminds us of our commitment to our God.

In our home we have a book called *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*. It is modeled after *The Book of Common Prayer*, which is a centuries old resource for people of faith. Each day has a Psalter reading, an Old Testament reading, and a Gospel or Epistle reading, along with a prayer and a reflection, usually upon the life/lives of the saints of the Church.

This morning, I sat down with a reheated cup of coffee, and found words that I felt moved to share with you. As February is Black History Month, I have been trying, each day, to acquaint myself with stories of African Americans throughout history that I was previously unaware of. The following is a story I knew, but it was a strong reminder of what our commitment to our faith should look like:

“On February 1, 1960, four college students - Ezell A. Blair Jr., David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Franklin McCain - initiated the first sit-in demonstration at a Woolworth’s lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina. The store manager ignored the protestors, hoping they would leave. The next day, twenty-seven more students came to protest. By February 5, three hundred students had arrived, igniting a mass movement of sit-ins for desegregation throughout the South.”

We often talk about the importance of moving for our faith; of being feet that walk to share the gospel. But this was an important reminder that sometimes we are called to sit down for justice. As a majority white community, I am reminded that perhaps we are called to sit down, not just with our sisters and brothers of color in solidarity, but also to sit down that they might rise to teach us important lessons. This month (and really, all year), I would encourage you to join me in exploring the stories of our African American siblings, that we might be enriched and challenged.

I close with the prayer I prayed this morning:

“Lord, remind us that it is not always agitated uprisings and nonstop activity which lead to justice, but that change often comes through the quiet commitment of a small group of people. Help us raise our small body of people to set about quietly becoming the change we want to see in the world. Amen.”

Grace & peace,

~Pastor Kyle

# **Preaching and Worship February 2019**

**February 3, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Reader: Sharon Marr  
Toddler Room: Jody Pruitt**

**Usher: Lloyd & Joan Durfey**

**February 10, 2019**

**Boy & Girl Scout Recognition Sunday  
Communion Sunday**

**Reader: Deb Trombino  
Toddler Room: Ruth Dantz  
Communion Elders: Steve Kennard, Bill and Elaine Hassler**

**Usher: Lloyd & Joan Durfey**

**February 17, 2019**

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
No Sunday School**

**Reader: Peter Fadden  
Toddler Room: Nancy Talma**

**Usher: Lloyd & Joan Durfey**

**February 24, 2019**

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**Reader: Carol Sloan  
Toddler Room: Logan & Kelly Babcock**

**Usher: Lloyd & Joan Durfey**



**The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, February 19th, 2019.  
Thank you!**



Be sure to save the date and plan to join us for Family Game Night, Saturday, Feb. 9th starting at 5:30 pm. Please sign up outside Fellowship Hall so we can get a count for pizza and drinks. Plan to bring a favorite game, appetizer, or dessert and a competitive attitude. Guaranteed fun for all ages. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors.



Fellowship Team will be sponsoring the "world famous" Sweets and Treats Sunday, March 3rd. Bring your friends and favorite dessert for a smorgasbord of delightful indulgence as we prepare for the Lenten season. The Fellowship Team will be providing drinks.



I feel very blessed with your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, food and visits throughout my confinement. Thank you, thank you to all my special friends at Western Presbyterian Church.  
Sally Chase

# Happy Valentine's Day



Treat for Food Pantry  
Bring in a bag of cookie mix and treats  
to create valentine cookies  
or a cake mix, frosting, and decorations



Bring in something special for Valentine's Day on February 10th  
as well as your usual boxes of cereal.

## **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**

We have been lucky so far regarding the weather, but we all know that winter is not over yet! If it becomes necessary to cancel a Sunday service, we will send an email to all members by 7 AM Sunday morning. Face Book will also be updated, and we will make calls to those who don't use email. If you would like to be added to the phone list, please contact Kathy in the office.

If worship hasn't been cancelled but the weather isn't good where you are, please stay warm and safe where you are.

The Worship Team

## **Sister Barbara's Blog**

Our friend, Sister Barbara Moore, now has a weekly blog. If you would like to read her inspirational messages from week to week, her blog is located at

[BARBARAMOORERSM.TUMBLR.COM](http://BARBARAMOORERSM.TUMBLR.COM). If you scan back a few weeks, you will see the sermon that she delivered to us on Dec. 30th. Enjoy!



## **Women's Association Blanket Sunday Mission February 10, 2019**

It's time to mark your calendar for our annual Blanket Sunday mission, which is sponsored by the Women's Association. This is your opportunity to help support our neighbors near and far who are victims of ongoing natural disasters, violence and other emergencies.

Our donations are used to purchase new winter weight and summer weight blankets by Church World Service. For additional information, you may visit [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).

\$10.00 buys one blanket that is used as part of the Church World Service relief efforts around the world. From January through June of 2018 in the United States, 19,201 blankets were provided to people in need. The stockpiles of blankets must always be replenished for fast distribution. An envelope will be provided in the February 10<sup>th</sup> church bulletin for your contribution or you may send a check to the church. Checks should be made out to the Western Presbyterian Church and marked "Blanket Fund". Thank you.



Western Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce that 2 young people will be presented with the P.R.A.Y. Four Star Award on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Western Presbyterian Church at the 10 am worship service.

A Four Star Recipient is someone who started in the first, second, or third grade and continued on to earn all four levels of the P.R.A.Y. series: God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life. The P.R.A.Y. Series is a Bible-based curriculum that requires both Bible study and service projects. Less than 1 percent of the P.R.A.Y. recipients in any year receive the prestigious Four Star award.

The following candidates have been certified by P.R.A.Y. for this special commendation:

Evan Mitchell and Jacob McFarlane

Evan is a member of Boy Scout Troop 166 sponsored by the American Legion in Macedon.

Jacob is a member of Boy Scout Troop 96 sponsored by The Loyal Order of the Moose,  
Lodge 1420 in Palmyra.

Please join us for this special morning.

Reception immediately following.

# HELP US MEET OUR \$250,000 MATCH!



## Ways to Give

**Checks may be written out to:**

Presbytery of Geneva

add: "Camp Whitman Capital Campaign" in the memo line

**Mailing Address:**

2472 Route 54A

Penn Yan, NY 14527

**Donate Online:**

[www.CampWhitman.org/Donate](http://www.CampWhitman.org/Donate)

**To Make a Gift of Stock:**

[www.PresbyterianFoundation.org/make-a-contribution/](http://www.PresbyterianFoundation.org/make-a-contribution/)

Designate gift to Presbytery of Geneva and add: "Camp Whitman Capital Campaign" in the the notes.

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley Presents  
**CONGREGATIONAL  
LEARNING DAY**

For New and Experienced Church Leaders and Church Members

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

*Optional Working Lunch Course 12:15 PM-1:45 PM*

Perinton Presbyterian Church

6551 Pittsford-Palmyra Road, Fairport, NY 14450



**Courses of Interest for All Congregational  
Leaders and Members!!**

**TEN MORNING COURSES**

**NINE "WORKING LUNCH" COURSES**

**REGISTRATION IS \$5.**

**The optional box lunch is an additional \$8.**

**It is being catered by ARC of Monroe.**

Fully accessible facility



**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE  
WITH PRIOR REGISTRATION**



**USE THE LINK BELOW FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION:**

(contact Cheryl Battaglia for questions with online registration at 585-242-0080 or [financialadmin@pbygenval.org](mailto:financialadmin@pbygenval.org))

<https://pbygenval.org/congregational-learning-day/>

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00 PER PERSON** (registration form includes payment infor-

**SCHEDULE:**

Registration & Hospitality	8:30 AM
Worship	9:00 AM
Morning Courses	9:45 AM - 12:00 PM
"Working Lunch" Courses	12:15 PM - 1:45 PM

**LUNCH: Bring your own brown bag lunch  
or order a box lunch for \$8.00.**

**LUNCHES MUST BE PRE-ORDERED**

**AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE;**

**No extra lunches will be available  
the day of the event.**

(registration form includes payment information)





You are invited to



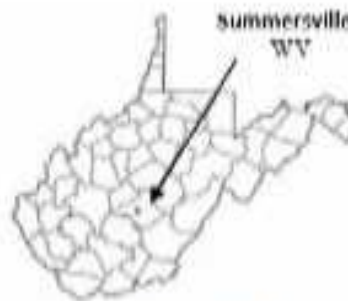
Working  
to Share  
God's Love

# JOIN the West Virginia Mission Work TEAM

## WHEN: Mar 31 - Apr 6, 2019

Contact Paul Sallshury, trip coordinator - 315-331-0442 or e-mail: psallsh14513@gmail.com by March 15th if you wish to participate. Participants usually car pool and share travel costs. Meals will be provided courtesy of the Presbytery of Geneva.

A fee of \$250 is due from each participant, payable to the Presbytery of Geneva by the sign-up deadline (March 15<sup>th</sup>). This fee is used by WV Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps, Inc. partnered with the Presbytery of WV to purchase materials.



The Mar - Apr Work trip will involve working on homes and flood damaged structures as determined by the WV Ministry of Advocacy & Workcamps Inc (WVMAW). The Mission Team will be working with a WVMAW Site Supervisor..

March 31st and April 6th are the travel dates to and from Summersville, WV. The work week is April 1 - 5, 2019. Work site(s) is (are) nearby.

**RATIONALE:** Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." (Euteronomy 15:10-11)

Participants must complete and sign a Liability and Assessment of Skills form -(Contact Paul for form ). Accommodations are in Summersville, WV Presbyterian Church.

Opportunity to visit Summersville Dam and Lake!!

# What is Triennium?

**Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT)** is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) that occurs every three years. The 2019 event is July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University. The theme for the 2019 event is “Here’s My Heart”.

“Here’s my heart” – our young people are saying to us, to the church, to the world! “Here’s my heart!” God says right back to us.

If you are currently an Eight Grader, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> Grader – **Keep reading!**

If you would like to spend five days with 5,000 youth exploring your faith through a variety of activities and experiences – **Keep Reading!**

If you can decide by April 2019 with more information coming – **Keep Reading**

If you can come up with \$555.00 plus travel expenses with Fundraising Help – From THE CE -Team - **Keep Reading! (Fundraising will start in Jan – Feb)**



If you are excited and would like to learn more, check out the PYT website.

Website: [presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/](http://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/)

Facebook: Presbyterian Youth Triennium

If interested or have questions,

Contact: ~Christian Education Team

Jody Pruitt

**315-331-3211** or [jody.pruitt@gmail.com](mailto:jody.pruitt@gmail.com)

Cím McFarlane

**315-597-1496** or [cgunkle1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cgunkle1@rochester.rr.com)

The prayer concerns listed are current as of 01/27/19. 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 Chris Laudise (requested by Sandy McMenamin)  
Family & Friends of Samantha Turner (requested by Joan & Lloyd Durfey)  
Family & Friends of Dave Allyn (requested by Sue Leonard)  
Family & Friends of Joseph Virkler (requested by Linda Pulcini)  
Family & Friends of Barbara Bucknam (requested by the Deacons)



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

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

#### Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Jessica Bacchuber, Matt Barbalato, Pat Beato, Jane Becker, Mary Blake, Bill Coene, Shelly Crandall, Harry DeCook, Gladys DeBruyne, Art Duel, Ed Forman, Janet Gelein, Nancy Grantling, Josh Howerton, Mary Kay Jones, Jennifer Lapp, Mason, Janna (Kirchhoff) McGlynn, Zach Melville, Myles, Ginny Palmer, Sue Petura, Wesley Pruitt, Ray & Fran Stein, Becky Strause, Cameron Sweeney, Lynn Williams

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

#### Others for whom we continue to pray:

Doris Coffman, Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Ed Elsenheimer, Jack Lamphier, Laura Loomis, Nick Loomis, Ashley Maragas, Cim McFarlane, Luke Medina, Christie Romano, Melissa Taylor, Jonah Wieber, Marcia White

#### Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Peg Eskild, Jamie Hemmings, Beverly Koeberle, Bev Mouton, Patricia Nash, Grace Williams

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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.

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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
February	Steve Kennard	N/A	860-471-5444	snrkennard@gmail.com

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



# Toddler **February** 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 room # 5 – South Side located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.** Snack will be on the counter and a vacuum will be in the closet next to the Green Room. 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!

02/03/19	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211
02/10/19	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143
02/17/19	Nancy Talma	315-597-5003
02/24/19	Logan & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
03/03/19	Carol and Andy Sloan	315-597-5182
03/10/19	Sue Leonard	585-734-4027
03/17/19	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971
03/24/19	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
03/31/19	Sue Pringle	315-597-9533
04/07/19	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293
04/14/19	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594



\*If anyone or anyone you know may be interested in joining the team in providing infant and toddler care during the 10:00 am 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](mailto:jody.pruitt@gmail.com)



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 1	James DePoint
February 1	James Bush
February 3	Lynette Cogan
February 8	Frank Koeberle
February 11	Patricia Dlugosh
February 13	Frank Lawrence
February 13	Daphne Hemmings
February 13	Margaret Eskild
February 14	Sylvia Lyon
February 19	Gene Bassage
February 21	Martha Beato
February 23	Donna Scribner
February 24	Edith Chapman
February 25	Janet Manktelow
February 25	Pamela Hughes
February 26	Maxine Babcock

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 15	John Cook & Wilma Redman
February 15	Jerry & Sandy Kelly

**If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!**

# February

## FEBRUARY 2019

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1	2 4-7 pm CTNS Pasta Dinner FH
3 Super Bowl Sunday Sundaes Annual Meeting	4 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	5 2 pm Deacons	6 7 pm Christian Ed.	7 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	8	9 5:30 pm Family Game Night
10 Communion & Blanket Sunday 9:00 to 9:45 am Book Club Boy & Girl Scout Recognition	11	12 7 pm Worship	13	14 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	15	16
17 No Sunday School	18 Office Closed President's Day 10 am to 6 pm VBS Event 5 pm Potluck Dinner	19 SPIRE DEADLINE	20 6:30 pm Property	21 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	22	23 9 am Junia Gathering FH
24 9:00 to 9:45 am Book Club	25	26 7 pm Session	27	28 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir		



## MARCH 2019

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1 <b>World Day of Prayer</b>	2
3 <b>Transfiguration of the Lord Sweets &amp; Treats</b>	4 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	5 2 pm Deacons	6 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns <b>7 pm Service</b>	7 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	8	9
10 <b>1st Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	11	12 6-9 pm King's Daughters FH & Kit. 7 pm Worship	13 7 pm Christian Ed.	14 <b>6-7 pm CTNS Open House FH</b> 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	15	16
17 <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>	18	19 <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b>	20 6:30 pm Property	21 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	22	23
24 <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	25	26 7 pm Session	27	28 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	29	30
31 <b>4th Sunday in Lent Easter Cards for shut ins</b>						