



WESTERN SPIRE

June 2018

“Good morning, God!” ~Camp Counselor

Seekers Along the Way,

The words at the top of this page were shouted out every morning. I was spending a week at Camp Fowler in the summer after my junior year of high school, and my cabin counselor had this (at the time quite annoying) habit of waking up every morning, and yelling out, “Good morning, God!” And he shouted it out! He meant business! It was his way of not just trying to rouse eight teenage boys, but of framing his day in a way that put God first.

I’ll confess, I don’t always greet God first and foremost each morning. Most days it is only about survival until the coffee brews and Atticus has been fed and let loose on his toy bin. In fact, many days, God does not enter my mind until I’ve already showered, dressed, and sat down in my study... and I lament that. Because I think I am missing out on a joy that can only be found in God’s presence.

See, our days become what we frame them. If we frame them by how full (or empty) our coffee mugs are, then the rest of the day is spent seeking after more of that delicious brew... (excuse me, had to go fill my cup!). Similarly, if we frame our days in fear and sorrow, then what follows is only to be expected.

But if we frame our days in God, friends, what *JOY* is there to be found! When we start our day *with* God, then we remember that God is *with* us, and always has been!

Now, there are times for sorrow, and even for fear- that is natural and part of living as human beings; but our framing, where we start, well, that changes how we react to those times of grief and pain.

So, I want to encourage you, in the coming days, try waking up like my old camp counselor. You don’t have to shout a good morning! to God. You could whisper it. You could think it. You could even just invite God to sit next to you on the couch quietly while you drink your coffee. But invite God in.

The joy to come is immeasurable!

Grace and peace,

~Pastor Kyle

Preaching and Worship

June 2018

June 3, 2018

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
2nd Grade Bibles
Church Picnic**

**Reader: Jody Pruitt
Toddler Room: Ruth Dantz**

Ushers: The McFarlane Family

June 10, 2018

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
Mostly Music Sunday
Communion Sunday
Last Choir Sunday**

**Reader: Carol Sloan
Toddler Room: Jody Pruitt
Communion Elders: Sally Chase, Sue Pringle, Bill & Elaine Hassler**

Ushers: Ray & Sharon Marr

June 17, 2018

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day**

**Reader: Fred Coffman
Toddler Room: Nancy Talma**

Ushers: The McFarlane Family

June 24, 2018

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Reader: Mary Beth LaBerge
Toddler Room: Logan & Kelly Babcock**

Ushers: The McFarlane Family



The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, June 19th, 2018.

Thank you!

Vacationing in Motels?



If you are vacationing in motels this summer, bring home those small soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc. and bring them to share with the families in Family Promise. Those toiletries can be used at the Day Center in Lyons by the families as they get ready for their day. We'll put a box on the shelf by the coat rack for your donations.



No Women's Gatherings This Summer

Women's Gatherings will begin again in October. Our first project will be making hats, mittens, and scarves for all sizes of people in need of warmth during the winter. So, if you have need of a project this summer, take out your needles or hooks and start them.

Join us for the last Junia Gathering of the year on Saturday, June 16th at 9 am (we'll resume in the fall) for a relaxing Spahhhh Day! Breakfast will be a potluck and we will have time to relax, pamper ourselves a bit, and enjoy each other's company as we rejoice over what God is doing in our lives! Please RSVP to Elena (elena.pellizzaris@gmail.com) by June 3.

Thank you to everyone who brought in a meal to share with families who use the food pantry. The families have enjoyed getting one evening's meal all in one bag. It is a blessing that we can give so many families a meal!

Don't forget to bring in cereal for Cereal Sundays, the second Sunday of each month. Soon kids will be out of school and eating breakfast at home. Thanks for your continued generosity.



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 June 3rd.



Please don't forget the Church family picnic in Fellowship Hall on June 3rd following worship. The fellowship team will be providing meat, drinks and dessert. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Thank you.



The Lake Effect Community Chorale (LECC) will be performing in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 16th at 4:00 pm. This is a free concert!

The LECC's concert repertoire includes songs from a variety of genres, each dealing with themes of nature and love. The group is directed for this concert season by Lois Fiegl and Peter Derse and accompanied by Janet Follette. One half of the program will feature lyrical songs, both accompanied and a capella, including:

- *You Are the New Day* (from The King Singers choral series)
- *Omnia Sol (Let Your Heart Be Staid)*
- *If Music Be the Food of Love*
- James Taylor's *That Lonesome Road*
- *My Good Lord's Done Been Here* (Andre Thomas)

The other half of the program features well-known standards, including:

- Irving Berlin's *I Got the Sun in the Morning*
- *Old Devil Moon*
- *On the Sunny Side of the Street*
- *I'm Gonna Let It Shine* (performed with a rousing four-hand piano accompaniment)

This dueling walker picture is a splendid example of the spirit and joy of our church!

Paz

Randy Kennard

This picture was taken at our Ice Cream Social on May 12th.



Thank you, Thank you!

I don't know how to thank all of you for your prayers and oh so many cards with your well-wishes. Even the nurses at the hospital remarked on all the cards that I received from you. And Kyle, thank you for your hospital visit. Your timing was perfect. It was so good to see you and talking with you meant so much to me.

Then when I returned to worship on Mothers' Day, what a wonderful welcome you gave me! I was so looking forward to seeing all of you, my friends, but you caught me by surprise. I knew that I was home and I will never forget it.

I was very overwhelmed by my circumstance, but I knew that you were praying for me, and that was a daily comfort and inspiration for me. Thank you so very much to all of you, and to God the glory for my recovery.

With my love to you, my church family,
Sue Leonard

Guidelines for Sunday Morning Announcements



On behalf of the **Generosity Team**, the following procedure has been working for placing announcements on the “Big Screen” and/or read on Sunday mornings.

Thanks for working together as we all continue to work out the glitches.

- 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 to defer
last minute scurrying on Sunday mornings.**

Worship Team

Christmas in July will be on Sunday, July 22. Join the Worship Committee in our annual worship service and holiday themed coffee hour. Bring a "gift" for the food cupboard--supplies tend to dwindle in summer and we hope to gift them with replenishment. Think about a Christmas in July personal gift to your favorite charity as well.

CHRISTMAS
in July 

2018 Spring Gathering

Report on:



BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING

Our Speaker **Virginia Champlin** Presbyterian

Church in Geneva, NY

2017 SYNOD OF THE NE REPRESENTATIVE TO GLOBAL EXCHANGE INDONESIA

On Monday, May 7th, Sandy McMenamain and Randy Kennard attended the Geneva Presbyterian Woman's event as representatives for WPC. At "The Gathering", Virginia Champlin shared her experiences, observations and learnings from her trip to Indonesia. She was selected to represent our Presbytery and Synod by Presbyterian Church USA. She traveled with sisters from 12 of the 16 Synod's represented. Along with her group, there were 5 from a Baltimore Indonesian Church. There was a contingent of others who also joined the group on this very meaningful Faith dialog on the other side of the world.

The host escorts were known as GPIB and they brought the group to each location within Indonesia, starting first with worship. [Key observations were the ceremonial carrying of the Bible from lay folk to the minister for interpretation of the word. This occurred at the start of each worship. Also, the offering collection was a tray with a hole connected to a fabric pocket in the center. Money was dropped into the pocket where no one could hear the clink of donated denomination nor view it.] The repeating theme wherever they went was music through dance, music through song, music through instrument, primarily the kulintang (a keyboard type instrument.) and music through karaoke. They were surrounded with the splash of fragrant bright colored flowers, ceremony and welcoming hospitality. This was all within the mass of humanity, within the mass of noise, enveloped with an array of smells, and a cacophony of noisy congested traffic.

The trip was to share interfaith dialog. To that end, there were workshops daily as the group stopped at 4 main cities across multiple islands. In the workshops there were discussions on the faiths within the country; school handling; governmental structure of this country that claimed independence in 1945; urgent social concerns and discussions of surviving within an impoverished nation close to the equator.

There are 6 faiths within the country. Every resident is required to report their faith. There are no inter-faith marriages allowed. One partner must convert to the other's religion. The schools recognize only the Islamic and Muslim holidays, not Christian. The Islam faith makes up 70% of the country's population. Christian is 10% with Presbyterian 7% and Catholic 3%.

Schools are partially free for the younger ages, 6-12 and 12-15-year old. Students that go on to high school, ages 15-18 years or beyond to 3 years of vocational school are required to finance it all themselves. Like with most organizations within the country, students wear uniforms to prevent class distinction. The schools are mixed faiths. Families with little funds may be found going through the trash for items to sell to finance education.

The country has 5 governing rights that all focus on peaceful resolution within the country. 1) the nation is based upon belief in one supreme God 2) of Government Respect for Religious Freedom 3) Status of Societal Actions Affecting Enjoyment of Religious Freedom 4) Negotiate and commence conflict- Democracy promote human rights 5) Natural resources for all

Human trafficking, especially child trafficking, is an extreme problem both within and with children taken beyond the country. This is the focus of many groups to determine ways of prevention. It was the topic of much discussion on the trip. This problem is so difficult when families are so poor and jobs so few. Rev. Cathy Chang is a PCUSA Mission Co-Worker deployed to Asia and is housed in the Philippines. She accompanied the trip. Her focus is on human and sex trafficking. Geneva Presbytery Presbyterian Women has voted to help support her and her efforts. Funds for her ministry can be sent to PCUSA and earmarked for either her needs or her program. Rev. Cathy and all the PCUSA Mission co-workers need our support with prayer notes of encouragement and/or monies.

The women and families are entrepreneurial creating and growing items for sale within the country and beyond. Within the homes, women make sellable items sometimes in gatherings, or simply alone. Those that work in factories may perform tasks requiring heated processes in extremely hot environments. Market place items such as tea, rice, produce, fabric, flowers, coffee and more are sold right along side open sewage ditches which are odious and are insect ridden.

Celebrations of faith are radiated by the presence of ruling elders greeting folks in the parking lots before worship. You know them by the identical colored stoles they all wear. On the chancel are boxes with missions where added coins can be dropped. There is a defined time in the week when all the men will gather, or all the women will gather to pray and work on some project. All this is part of the faith community life.

One key message that was shared by an elder who had visited the US was, **“The US has big and beautiful churches. These churches are not filled, but those who are there are old people.”** An observation that is not reflected within the Presbyterian churches of Indonesia. ***A thought to be pondered....***

The prayer concerns listed are current as of 05/27/18. 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 Tim Whalen (requested by Val & Terry Gendron)
Family & Friends of Dick Schied (requested by Pastor Kyle)
Family & Friends of Eudora Eagley (requested by the Deacons)



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

Jeffrey Bavis, 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

Expectant Mothers:

Nicki Bush and husband Peter are expecting a baby due in late September. Peter is the son of Bill and Sara Bush.

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Gene Bassage, Deb Davis, Kathy Cooper, Nancy Dennison, LaVern DeRuyter, Robert Griswold, Jody's brother, Jeremy Larkin, Sue Leonard, Ashley Maragas, Gene & Mary Ann Niemiec, Wesley Pruitt, Bob Skeels, Becky Strause, Bertie Underwood, Marcia White, Ken Zook

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

Others for whom we continue to pray:

Matthew Barbalato, Barbara Bucknam, Doris Coffman, Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Jennifer Lapp, Chris Laudise, Uncle Lee, Kurt Luechauer, Jacob McFarlane, Luke Medina, Christie Romano, Andy Sloan, Fran Storm, Mark Trombino

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Peg Eskild, Jamie Hemmings, Alice Marks, Bev Mouton, 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.

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
June	James McFarlane	315-597-1496	N/A	jameswpc@rochester.rr.com

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

June July August 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!

06/03/18	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143
06/10/18	Jody Pruitt	315-331-3211
06/17/18	Nancy Talma	315-597-5003
06/24/18	Logan & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
07/01/18	Carol & Andy Sloan	315-597-5182
07/08/18	Katie Mitchell	315-597-5653
07/15/18	Sue Leonard	585-734-4027
07/22/18	Rena Haigh	315-597-5971
07/29/18	Maxine & Kelly Babcock	315-210-0368
08/05/18	Sue Pringle	315-597-9553
08/12/18	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293
08/19/18	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
08/26/18	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143



Summer Begins

Please check your **Calendars** and be sure to find a substitute if you will be away on your **Sunday. Thanks**





*If you or anyone you know is 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 7	Linda Pulcini
June 7	David Squier
June 7	Ray Marr
June 13	Linda Wunder
June 21	William Hassler
June 26	Evan Mitchell
June 28	Chris Mitchell
June 28	Robert Pringle
June 29	Nancy Talma
June 30	Helene Scribner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 12	Eric & Edie Chapman
June 20	Paul & Patricia Dlugosh
June 22	Frank & Beverly Koeberle
June 22	Paul & Janet Manktelow
June 27	Dave & Jan Taylor

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.



JUNE 2018

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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3 Church Picnic 2nd Grade Bibles	4 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	5	6 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns	7 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	8	9
10 Mostly Music Sunday Communion Sunday Last Choir Sunday	11	12 2 pm Deacons 6-9 pm King's Daughter's FH & Kit. 7 pm Worship	13	14	15	16 9 am Junia Gathering 4 pm LECC Concert
17 Father's Day	18 Clean the kitchen day	19 SPIRE DEADLINE	20 6:30 pm Property	21	22	23
24	25	26 7 pm Session	27	28	29	30 9 am to 6 pm FH Bridal Shower



JULY 2018

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 Alicia Alvarez Guest Preacher	2 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	3 2 pm Deacons	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7
8 Communion Sunday	9	10 7 pm Worship	11 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns	12	13	14
15	16	17 SPIRE DEADLINE	18 6:30 pm Property 7 pm Finance	19	20	21
22 Christmas in July	23	24 7 pm Session	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 6-9 pm King's Daughter's FH				