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CSA's BUSY FIRST WEEKEND IN APRIL: Spaghetti Dinner, New Members, and a Baby Shower!

Mamma and Papa's Restaurant will be re-opened on April 2nd featuring their signature dish of spaghetti and meatballs. The "all you can eat" affair will be served from 5:00 p.m.-to 7:30 p.m. Gail Maureen and Bob Day are coordinating this wonderful evening of fellowship and, of course, fund-raising. Be sure to mark your calendars and to bring friends



to support our event. Please talk directly to Bob or Gail if you can help in any way. Angel sponsor is \$50, family sponsor \$25, individual \$8, children \$3. All proceeds support the work of our congregation.

Then, on April 3rd in a reaffirmation of faith, CSA will receive into our community eight new members: **Michael and Stan Yanklowski, Mary**

Neitzel, Ade Ehindero, Jill and Crystal Lowell, Paula Bresnick and Roger Roche. Our gratitude flows to God in thanksgiving for bringing new people into our community.

Please take time to greet our new members during our extended coffee hour after church.

Immediately following coffee hour a baby shower is planned for Paula and Roger whose baby girl Gabrielle will be born on or about May 7th.



BREAKING NEWS!!!

God's grace flowed for Calvary St. Andrew's--the Presbytery of Genesee Valley voted overwhelmingly to allocate \$90,000 from the Grace Funds to help pay down our mortgage! Only 3 people voted against it in a voice vote (167-3 with no opposition from the floor). With that vote of confidence in our ministry we need to keep growing the parish and stabilize our finances.

Thank you for the prayers.

CSA's Week of Prayer

April 10th to the 16th is the week Calvary St. Andrew's has set aside to pray. We are asking each person to sign up to pray for an hour, anytime during that week. You can pray at your home, on your walk, in the yard....commit to one hour anytime during that week, then sign up at church. Can we get 100 percent commitment from our members?

Week
of Prayer

Pastoral News and Notes



The Reverend Hugh and Barb Outterson (photo left) have finished their PowerPoint on their exciting trip to Cuba. Stay tuned for their return and a future presentation on Cuba. In October the Outtersons will move into their new home at St. John's Meadows. They've been on the waiting for at least two years; talk about patient persistence!

JoAnn O'Neill's son was in a major motorcycle accident and broke his leg in several places, so prayers are needed for his healing.

Former CSA pastor, the Reverend Anne Barden Waadorp was hospitalized in Colorado. Anne was skiing with her family, fell and broke her collarbone in several places which resulted in surgery. Complications arose after the surgery that required more hospitalization, and surgery to lace two stints in her kidneys to alleviate urine and to help disseminate blood that was pooling in her abdomen. Thanks be to God Anne is on the mend and will return to New York in April.

After a long illness Claire Soule, the mother of Brian Soule, died peacefully at the Fairport Baptist Home. A memorial service was held at Calvary St. Andrew's. Brian and his daughter Jenna paid tribute through music, which was one of Claire's leisure time activities. Claire was a poet who left a legacy of poetry that was shared by several family members. One of the unfinished businesses for Claire in her life time was Civil Rights—she had worked actively throughout her life time for on the issue of Civil Rights.

CSA Welcomes New Parish Associate



CSA welcomes the Reverend Kathleen Madigan as Parish Associate!! The session and Reverend Hay invited Reverend Madigan to serve as Parish Associate, and the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, at its March 26th meeting, confirmed that decision.

In the Presbyterian Church a Parish Associate serves with out remuneration and shares her/his gifts as agreed upon by the session, pastor and the person. We are fortunate to have the Reverend Hugh Outterson as a Parish Associate. CSA was Kathy's home congrega-

tion before she went into seminary. Kathy served as the pastor of North Bergen Presbyterian Church for 11 years, and co-founded the Genesee Rural Cooperative Ministry. After North Bergen she completed her Doctoral Ministry degree in "Myth, Metaphor and Conflict." After graduation, Westminster Presbyterian Church on Arnett Blvd called her to be their pastor where she served ten years. During that pastorate the church decided to sell their building and move into the Rochester Presbyterian Home. After leaving Westmin-

ster Kathy was called to serve as Stated Supply at Grace Presbyterian Church and chaired the Commission that closed the church.

Recently retired, but not retiring, Kathy chaired the search team that chose the Reverend Amy Fowler as the Presbytery Executive.

CSA is delighted to welcome Kathy home, and we look forward to hearing her preach, lead education session and mission opportunities.

CSA Also Welcomes New Seminary Intern

Calvary St. Andrew's has been fortunate to be a placement for seminary interns from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Diane Ellis, a student at CRCDS from the United Church of Christ, whose home church is Chili UCC, will be our intern for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Diane Ellis, MSW, GPC (Grant Professional Certification), is a seminarian at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, starting her second year in the fall of 2011. She returned last spring from serving in the Peace Corps in Namibia (Africa) where she helped build capacity in a faith-based AIDS program. Diane has over 25 years of experience in grant writing, served as president, vice-president and board member of the 400-member Puget Sound Grant

writers Association while living in Seattle and co-founded the Rochester Grant writers Network when she moved to Rochester in 2006.

Since moving to Rochester she has worked as a grant writer for Hillside Children's Center and the Warner Graduate School at the University of Rochester, and is currently employed part-time with Hope Hall. Diane has one daughter, Rhiannon, who is a psychology professor at RIT, three grandsons and a new baby granddaughter, now 14 months old. CSA welcomes Diane to our community. Some of you may have met her at the Fat Tuesday pancake dinner and in worship. We look forward to her presence on the pastoral staff.



Fasting: More than giving up chocolate

The prophet Isaiah challenges us to think of fast in new ways—it is more than abstaining from food or drink, or even giving up chocolate or TV. *“Is not this the kind of fast I have chosen to loose the chain of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-when you see the naked, to clothe him/her, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood”.*

Lent is a time to consider ways to come close to God by expanding your understanding of Lent. **Wayne Muller in his book “A Life of Having Being and Doing Enough” shares Seven Steps to Sufficiency that can guide our Lenten reflections:**

Listen for the next right thing—We make thousands of tiny choices a day that make up a week, a year, a life; listen carefully to what the next right thing is for you.

Follow the thread—When making choices, tune into that invisible, intangible, yet consistent guidance that has run through your life thus far.

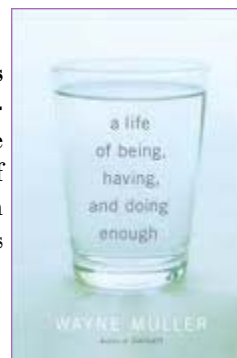
Practice beginner's mind—Become more playful in recognizing possibilities and outcomes.

Live at pace of the heart—Often our lives are forced to run at the speed of the mind, but the heart processes information much slower.

Watch for what makes you speedy and therefore take on too much—Often, in our attempt to avoid feelings such as grief or disappointment, we move too fast.

Notice “dishonest” kindness—When we extend ourselves beyond our present capacity, who does it serve?

Create boundaries around your accessibility—Avoid the 24/7 expectation of availability through mail, social networks and cell phones.



“...listen carefully to what the next right thing is for you”

Youth News

A beehive of activity swarmed around the church on March 19 as youth held a lock-in. Adult advisors Elyse Gremes, Stephanie Perkins and Nikki Rivera organized the event and made a delicious dinner of macaroni and cheese and lasagna. Reverend Hay joined the group for dinner and a spirited game of Apple to Apples. Prayer, fun activities, movies and of course eating formed the bulk of activities engaged in by James Bansbach, Manny Colon and Zachary Bansbach. The group had a slow start the next morning (*photo above*) as folks were arriving for choir practice but by their Sunday school class their youthful energy surged. After church they zoomed to the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church where as part of their mission trip activities they served lunch.

All youth from grades six to twelve are invited to accompany Reverend Hay to the production of **Godspell** at Third Presbyterian Church on April 10th. The gathering begins at 5:30 p.m. with other urban youth for pizza followed by the musical. Maureen



Metzler has agreed to help in transportation, so if you'd like to go please contact Reverend Hay.

A fast-paced show involving humor, pantomime, charades, and vaudeville, **Godspell** at Third Presbyterian Church includes over 40 youth grades 7-12 from more than 10 area school districts. Conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, the youth of Third Church under the leadership of Director of Music/Organist Peter DuBois will present **Godspell** on Sunday, April 10 7:00pm. Stage direction is by John Hennessey and Mary DuBois. The show tells the story of Christ based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. A unique blend of "the good news" of Jesus Christ and 20th and 21st century music and culture, the show does not follow a traditional plot. The title itself, **Godspell**, comes from the Old English word for "gospel," meaning "good news."

News from the Emergency Food Cupboard

The Emergency Food Cupboard was the beneficiary of two local food drives. In January Charles Reveal had a food drive at Sustainable Energy Developments. The donation focused on personal products such as shampoo, soap, toilet paper, diapers, items not normally covered by social services' cards benefits.

Then in February the Penfield Fitness and Racquet Club organized a Healthy Food Drive around the theme of their New Year's fitness programs. This drive was organized by Lauren Vicker working with the PFRF staff.

The Boy Scout's annual food drive took place on Saturday, March 26. CSA picked up about 100 boxes of food that provided many items that the food cupboard was short of. The volunteers love unpacking the boxes, as they are organized and labeled, so sorting food is a breeze. Many thanks to our helpers: Barbara Mitchell, James Robinson, James Willmott,

and Joan Hendrick, who we are glad to have back from vacation.

Robert Lauterbach, Coordinator



Mission Madness Combines with CSA Workday

Every year, the Presbytery of Genesee Valley launches a program to get youth out into the community in ministry projects. On April 30th CSA will host a group of youth and adults from 10-12 to work on the yard and other projects. The Hospitality Team has also designated that day as our Community Work Day for all CSA folks. We have a list of projects ranging from moving mulch, to

weeding gardens, and painting the shed and nursery rooms.

You can help make a difference in our church by signing up to work on that day with our youth from Mission madness. We are asking CSA folks to show up by 9:30 a.m. and organize to welcome our visitors. Contact chair of Hospitality Tracy Perkins if you can work that day from 9:30-12:30 a.m.

CSA youth have the opportunity to go to other church sites to do mission in that community. And we need a couple of people who will serve as advisors for that morning to take our youth to another mission site. The youth begin at Gates Presbyterian and end back up there for lunch and networking.



Women's Re-entry Project

The Judicial Process Commission, through a Federal grant, launched a new program to help forty sentenced pregnant women, or women with children ages 12 and under, exiting the Monroe County Jail or Correctional Facility. The program empowers women to live healthy, stable lifestyles in which to nurture their children, become economically independent, in charge of their choices and lives, and to

break the cycle of poverty and reduce recidivism.

Through the grant, JPC has hired two veteran social workers to assist the women.

Here's how CSA can help—by collecting items during Lent to be presented and dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 17th. The collection begins April 3rd through the April 17th. The items to be collected include: used cell phones, diapers for all

ages, personal care items--shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, date books-to help the women organize, pens and file folders, cleaning supplies, boy's clothing, baby starter kits-baby bottles, receiving blankets, and baby shampoo.

Consider getting your workplace or neighborhood to make donations too. Sandra Ehman will coordinate the donations.



Hearing on Erie Harbor Enhancement

A public hearing will be held at the Hamilton Towers community room on Tuesday April 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the over-all

project, see the latest environmental designs on all public park land located between the Genesee River and Mt. hope Avenue between Ford Street, as well as the adjoining

Mt. hope Avenue right of way and review suggestion for public art. Since the project has a major impact on our community we urge you to attend and to give your in-put.



From the Presbytery: Resource Saturdays

Saturday, April 9
 9:30 — 11 am
 1190 Winton Road South

Free but registration is required by April 7.

Contact Susan Orr (242-0099) or sorr@bygenval.org

Natural Church Development - Tangible Results!!

Leaders: Wayne Marion CLP, Rev. Nancy Leport, Elder Melinda Gaudio and Rev. Jim Renfrew

OR

Farm Hands: Hard Work and Hard Lessons from Western New York Fields

Leaders: Rev. Susan Thaine, Penfield Presbyterian Church and Author Tom Rivers, the Daily News in Batavia

EASTER

OFFERINGS...

Two special offerings are taken each year for the ministry of the church (Easter and Christmas). We hope you will take the time to sit quietly with God and to remember all the grace that has been showered upon you. In thanksgiving to God to then make a special financial contribution. You can do so by mailing in a check, placing in the Sunday offering a special gift, or through our website www.calvarystandrews.org Paypal account. *Giving financially back to God is one concrete way to say thank you God and to be in service to Christ through that gift to the ministry of the church.*



Brian McLaren Workshop

April 4, 2011: 7:00 – 9:00pm: “Everything Must Change”

April 5, 2011: 9:00 – 12:00 noon: “Christianity as Way and Practice”

1:00 – 4:00 pm: “Public Worship as Spiritual Formation”

Tuition: \$75.00 for full conference. April 4,

evening lecture only, \$30.00. Lunch will be provided on April 5.

To register online go to www.crcds.edu, click on Life Long Learning tab and find event in listing.

The Christian Faith and the LGBT– GLBT Experience

Spring Lectureship
 Tuesday, April 12
 7-8:30 pm
 “What God Hath Ordained: A Theological Look at Marriage, same sex, and other

Presenter: Melanie Dugiud-May, Ph.D.

Third Presbyterian Church
 4 Meigs St.
 Free and Open to the Public



CSA Launches New Marketing Team



“Branding, getting the word out, making ourselves known”-these are goals for the proposed taskforce on marketing.

Consultant Larry Feldman and Ginny Wesiel need interested members and friends who would enjoy engaging in a fresh look at our website, printed information, our Facebook page, South Wedge and other media. If you have interest and skills in marketing and writing then we need you ---contact Ginny Weisel today at ginmar107@yahoo.com.

Looking Ahead: the Big Lunch

Urban Presbyterians Together (UPT) had the idea that each church would host a Big Lunch and invite neighbors as a way to get to know the folks in the community. In March Reverend Hay brought together for a planning meeting the block captains and key leaders from Gregory Park Commons (Martha Memmott), Averill Avenue (Cheryl Stevens, Doug Root, Brian Moore, Tom Lock), Hickory St.(Jayne Morgan, Gary Leitch, Bruce Colburn) Gregory Street (Angela Clark-Taylor) and Ashland St. (Tracy Perkins). The MPR room exploded with positive energy in making this a great day for neighbors to get to know one another. The fact that most of the people in the room didn't know one another was reason enough to host a party. CSA will be responsible for set up and clean-up of all tables. We need greeters, people to cook hamburger and hot dogs and to get involved in hosting this event. Please talk to Tracy Perkins and let her know you will help. If you'd like to be on the planning team please let her know that information also. The event kicks off at noon with a pot-luck followed by activities such as kickball, crafts, and music.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday April 17th at 10:00 a.m. we'll gather to bless the palms and to re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. “Hosanna, Hosanna” the people sang as Jesus and the disciples walked down the Mt. of Olives into the sacred city. Bring your family and friends to journey with Jesus.

Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner followed by a worship service centering on Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane

Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service with music from the Taizee community

Easter Celebration 10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection, special children and adult choir under the direction of Donald Tirabassi with guest musician Brian Soule-- The joyful resurrection of Jesus provides the centerpiece for our giving thanks to God that death can not stop God's grace.

April Birthdays and Coffee Hour

4 Rev. Anne Waasdorp

7 Lindsay Jonasse

9 Adam Metzler

12 Vera Mascaro

13 Henry Escalora; Stephanie Totin

14 John Burnett, Peg Donaghy

15 Thomas Lewis, David Hyman

16 James Rizzo, Susan Schliff, Marsha Reed

20 Maria Stein

26 Randy Edmunds

26 David Parker,

28 Sue Soule

April 3: Metzler, Lewis

April 10: Parkers, Clarke

April 17: Angerame, Voorhies/Morisey

April 24: Day, Von Duhn

May 1: Weisel/Reed, Porter

