

# The Communicator



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## Annual Meeting Rescheduled to February 13



The **Annual Meeting** was rescheduled from January 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup> to allow more time for the session to examine the budget.

The morning will begin with a brunch at 9:30 a.m., so bring a dish to pass and your best

spirit for community engagement.

The **Nominating Committee** is receiving names for election to Session and Partners In Ministry. The session is the governing body of the church with a responsibility to guide programs, oversee staff, and budgets. Partners In Ministry care for members of the congregation through personal contact, visits, email and networking.

If you are interested in any position please notify JoAnn O'Neill, Sue Porter or Rev. Hay.

### A Really Short Month

While February is the shortest month, it's going to be even shorter for those with submissions for the March issue of *The Communicator*.

Due to scheduling issues for the newsletter staff, the deadline for the March issue will be **Sunday, February 13**.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

*The photo of our church from Averill Avenue was taken by Robert Lauterbach, trying out his new camera on a cold January day.*

### New Member Gathering

Throughout the year the pastoral staff takes time to meet with people who are interested in joining the parish. It's an informal gathering, a time to ask questions about parish life, faith and the Presbyterian Church. Join us **February 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room for a conversation.

## Annual Turkey Dinner Breaks those Winter Blahs

Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup> is a wonderful day to break the winter blues by coming to a delicious dinner with friends and family.

The Hospitality Team will provide the turkey, and asks that you

bring a dish to pass. The event begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by an evening of games. Bring a favorite game to share. Spread the word—feed your spirits and your body with a time for fellowship and a shared meal.



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## Pastoral Update

**Sandra Ehman** underwent shoulder surgery for a torn rotator cuff so keep her in prayer.

Soon after arriving in Florida **Jackie Trobia** was hospitalized with a urinary track infection that led to sepsis. Through antibiotics and hydration, and lots of prayers, she has recovered.

In mid January we received a call that **Kay Krantz** died in October after undergoing

surgery for a broken leg that led to complications. The family took Kay's body back to Michigan where they held a graveside service. Her death came as a shock for many who knew Kay and appreciated her gentle spirit. Kay served as vestry warden, helped us look at being solely Presbyterian, chaired our concert team, visited anyone in the hospital and helped out in innumerable ways in the life of the parish. Professionally Kay was a social worker

at the Employee Assistance Program at the Postal Service. She gave generously to the congregation financially and restored the chapel window in honor of her family. Kay retired to Keuka Lake from her home on Linden Street. We give God thanks for Kay's life and the myriad of ways she served Christ. Sympathy can be expressed to Liz Pacorieck by email: [pacliz@yahoo.com](mailto:pacliz@yahoo.com).

## Youth Corner



Zach, James, and Manny are among the youth planning for the mission trip.

The bowling alley at Empire Lanes in Webster was alive with spirited conversation and friendly competition as youth and adults from CSA hit the lanes for an afternoon of bowling. "The bumper lanes never looked so good", said Dorothy Kinney as she tried to out duel the youth. A special thanks to Patty Singh for once again providing us with a delightful afternoon of fun and entertainment.

The junior and senior high youth will have a lock-in on **March 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning with dinner. Youth leaders Elyse Grems, Nikki Rivera and Stephanie Perkins have agreed to organize the event. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the teens will attend the production of *Godspell* at Third Church.

The Christian Education Teachers and

Team met to review the curriculum and make any necessary adjustments to the teaching schedule. A great team of teachers is in place for Sunday school: *Henry Ehindero, JoAnn O'Neill, Martha Cuttbert, Dorrie DeVito, Elyse Grems, Nikki Rivera, Angela Yost, Dorothy Kinney, Scott Von Dubn, Nancy Straub, Paula Morisey, Stephanie Perkins, Sean Singh, Patty Singh, Crystal Lowell, and Jill Lowell (see photo below).*

Manny Colon, James Bansbach, Zachary Bansbach and Connor Cerosuolo were elated when Henry Ehindero decided to spend part of his vacation time as adult advisor on a mission trip to Pennsyl-

vania. The trip is organized by Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church for the week of June 26-July 1 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. We will be using the same mission group as last year, Youth Works. The youth will be sponsoring another car wash and participate with Twelve Corners on other fund raising efforts. If you'd like to make a financial donation to support the mission trip please make a check out to Calvary and designate it "youth mission trip."

Rev. Hay has forms for Camp Whitman's summer camp program. The Presbytery of Geneva in partnership with Genesee Valley operates Camp Whitman.



## News from the Emergency Food Cupboard

2010 was a year of growth in the food cupboard, both in terms of the number of clients served as well as financially. The Tuesday morning produce operation attracts the largest group of clients - serving 61% of the 2,870 households that visited us during the year. It has become so successful that we needed to taper the events to every other week... the middle and end of the month. The success of the Tuesday produce program relieved some of the pressure from the Emergency program that showed relatively small growth. Special thanks goes to Foodlink and **Joan Hendrick** who orders our food. She also has a large van to help pick up the food.

Financially, the food cupboard became more stable with generous grants from several foundations and local churches. Thanks goes to Pastor Hay and grant writing consultant Jean Hawkes, who volunteered her time to build a successful grant writing strategy. We received \$4,000 from the Molly Lee Campbell Foundation, \$2,500 from the Fred & Floyd Willmott Foundation, and \$2,000 from the Roches-

ter Female Charitable Society, as well as \$500 each from Ames Amzaiak and Canandaigua Bank. Great thanks goes to Webster Presbyterian Church for their \$1,000 donation and the First Unitarian Church for their \$1,072 donation. Thanks also to Mendon Church and Pittsford Presbyterian church for their donations. The Emergency food cupboard also thanks the Episcopal Church Home, Mendon Church, St. Boniface Catholic Church, Pittsford Presbyterian Church, the Boy Scouts, the Postal Workers for their food drives and the large ABVI food donation in January, 2011.

Our volunteers make the food cupboard work and special thanks goes to them. **Mildred Anderson** fills about 200 paper bags each month. **Elaine and John Mc Corry, Phil Stukas, Diane Szczeracki and Jim Willmott** either assist in bringing in the food, staffing the tables for the Tuesday food handout, or sorting the food and putting it on the shelves. Then there is the tremendous office staff of **Alan Bansbach, Sharon Hoffman, Linda Lazore, Barbara Mitchell, James Robinson and Jim Will-**

**mott**, who answer the phones, fold bulletins and log in clients. We are currently understaffed for two afternoon positions for Monday and Thursday...so if you are interested, call Robert Lauterbach or Pastor Hay.

The food cupboard gave out 133 Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets this year. **Barbara Mitchell** (photo right) again coordinated these ambitious projects. She had to validate all 133 families who received these baskets as to their eligibility, and distributed them with her team of helpers.

Calvary St. Andrew's received donations of \$291 to purchase another cow from Heifer International. Each cow costs \$500, and is given to a village in Africa so they become more sustainable. It is hoped that we can donate the cow in early 2011.

Finally, a thanks goes to the many people who gave money to the food cupboard through United Way using our donation number 1620.

—*Robert Lauterbach,*  
*Coordinator*

*Emergency Food Cupboard*

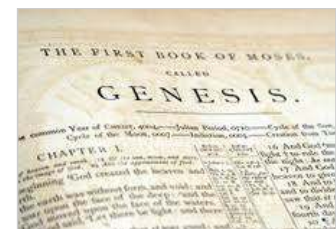


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## Bible Study on Genesis Continues

Reverend Hay will lead the second and third sessions on the Book of Genesis on Wednesdays, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll look at key Bible themes, passages, characters, myths, history and sagas.

The class is open to anyone seeking a deeper knowledge of the Bible. Join us from 7-8 pm.



## News from the Presbytery

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley called the Reverend Amy Fowler as leader at their meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Presently Rev. Fowler is Associate Executive in the presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy in St. Louis. Reverend Fowler has been active in the field of Congregational Transformation. We look forward to her leadership and welcome her to Genesee Valley. The Reverend Kathy Madigan chaired the Presbytery

Search team. Thank you, Kathy, for your leadership and support.

### **Church Leadership Development Day Saturday, February 12, 2011 Perinton Presbyterian Church**

We're offering six morning courses and seven "working lunch" courses at the next Church Leadership Development Day, including:

- Help for Clerks of Session*
- Balancing Act: Having a Life in the Deacon Fast Lane*
- Introduction to the Enneagram of Personality*
- Clergy/CLP Roundtable: Exploring Resilience*

For course descriptions and registration information go to: [pbygenval.org](http://pbygenval.org)



## GA Amendment Discussions

### ***A Season of Learning and Connecting Continues*** **Convener: John Wilkinson, Pastor, Third Presbyterian Church**

***Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church*** 1200 Winton Road South

At the January 22nd Presbytery meeting, we continued a conversation to prepare for significant constitutional votes being taken this year. The presentation centered on why being connectional mat-

ters and how the proposed new form of government might make a difference. The second of three amendment booklets was distributed. If you have not received one, please contact the presbytery office, or visit [http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed\\_amendments.pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments.pdf).

To prepare ourselves for the vote coming at the March 26th presbytery meeting, we will hold two gatherings. These discussions will ad-

dress the basics of the proposal and will begin to engage us in the questions of how our polity and governance serves our mission in the 21st century.

### ***Gathering for Commissioners and Interested Persons*** **Tuesday, March 22, 2011**

**7pm - 8:30pm** To ensure we have enough chairs around the table, please let us know you are coming by contacting Janice at [programsecretary@pbygenval.org](mailto:programsecretary@pbygenval.org).

"A SEASON OF LEARNING AND CONNECTING CONTINUES...WE PREPARE FOR SIGNIFICANT CONSTITUTIONAL VOTES BEING TAKEN THIS YEAR"

## Hydrofracking in New York State

"Let justice roll down like (unpolluted) water" Amos 5:24

Sunday March 13, 2011, 2 pm, Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue

Speakers: Dick Gilbert, Retired Unitarian Universalist minister

Mike Lovegreen, Conservation District Manager in Bradford County, Pa  
William Podulka, Physicist, Cornell University  
Frank Potter, Professor Emeritus, Fort Hays State University, Kansas

Free and open to the public.

For more information, call 585-442-5111

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If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>  
*(Editor's note: Touching Hearts at Home is the Rochester group affiliated with Cleaning for a Reason.)*

## February Birthdays

- 1 Gregory Moss
- 5 Patty Singh
- 14 Ayo Ehindero
- 17 Erin Francis
- 19 Barbara Outtersen
- 24 Sandra Ehman



## February Coffee Hour

- Feb. 6: DeVito Brennick/Roche
- Feb. 13: Annual Meeting
- Feb. 20: Troicke Delaney
- Feb. 27: Bowen/Perkins Hahn
- Mar. 6: Loden Lane Mascaro



## Volunteer Opportunities



You'll be surprised at who might become your friend at CSA. Lauren Vicker (left) and Mildred Anderson have been friends ever since Rev. Hay made them "prayer buddies" during a sermon exercise over a decade ago.

**As a church committed to Christ we are called into mission to be partners with Christ in serving the community. Here's how you can help:**

1. Sign up to be on a team with Urban Presbyterians Together to plan a week long Boots on the Street from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>. It's an opportunity for all urban churches to designate ways folks can be in mission. We'll work on habitat House, serve food at Cameron, stock food cupboards...and you can help us name the projects and get the publicity off the ground.
2. Be one of the coordina-

tors for a Big Lunch where CSA invited its neighbors to share in a lunch on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll work with other block captains for this event. We need one or two CSA folks in the planning stage.

3. In June the Food Ministry will again have a table at the Farmer's Market to talk about our food ministry. We need folks in two hour shifts once a month to person the booth. Call Robert Lauterbach if you would be willing to take a turn on our behalf.

4. Serve on the Core Team of Urban Presbyterians—the lay team meets once a month for planning and information dissemination. See Rev. Hay

if you'd like to be our representative.

5. Our congregation needs co-chairs of our annual auction—please step up and help us plan the auction. Or volunteer to be on the team

6. Join our Making Friends Team—we're committed to growing the parish and want your creative, lively new ideas for reaching out, putting together new information packets—join the MFT by talking with Rev. Hay or Susan Porter. *(see photo left)*

7. Do you like to sing? Then talk to Don Tirabassi about singing in the choir. They meet once a week on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m.