

The Communicator

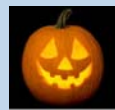
The monthly newsletter of Calvary St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish, Rochester, NY

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CSA October Happenings!



Partners' Sunday, Oct. 23

As the fall begins in full swing CSA celebrates the work done by our Partners in Ministry to nourish and connect our community to one another. On Sunday October 23rd Partners In Ministry will lead worship.

It's a wonderful opportunity to hear first hand how they perceive the commandment Jesus gave, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. 'All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.*" Preachers for the day will be Maria Stein and JoAnn O'Neill. Jackie Kraus will light a memorial candle in honor of all the saints that have been a part of this congregation and now are with God. As members of a church we become a community committed to Christ and to the commandment to love God and our neighbor.

Christian Ed Visits the Zoo

The Christian Ed team and Youth group are having a Halloween Event at the Seneca Park Zoo on 10/23!

We will meet after church, have a quick snack, and then head over to the Seneca Park Zoo for some fun.

This is a Halloween event, so come dressed as your favorite character (costumes are optional).

We are trying to get a group of at least 10 adults and kids. If we get 10 zoo non-members, ticket prices are: \$6.50 per adult, and \$4.00 for kids over 3yrs (kids 0-3 are free). Please RSVP by 10/16 to: Patty Singh @ pagiarrizzo@email.com or 546-7038.

Outtersons Present on Cuba

Churches in Cuba are surviving the rigors of the Castro dictatorship with faith, courage, and stamina. They are carrying on ministries that are vital to maintaining life and health, physically and spiritually.

Last November, Rev. Hugh and Barbara Outterson (pictured below) took a trip around central Cuba in a refurbished school bus with 15 other Presbyterians—what an eye-opener! A primary mission of the trip was to deliver books in Spanish to help update the seminary library in Matanzas.

You are invited to hear more at a presentation after church on October 30 at 11:30 at CSA.



Pastoral Associate Kathy Madigan sorts clothes for the auction/garage sale that netted CSA almost \$6K!. Read all about it on page 5.



Pastoral News and Notes

Jackie Trobia was hospitalized with a kidney stone that required two surgeries. She was moved to the Rochester Friendly Home for rehab, so please keep her in prayer.

An unexpected stroke required hospitalization and rehab for **Barbara Smith**. While Barb recuperates, **the children Megan and Brett** moved to Florida with their aunt. Her partner **Jonathan Burrows** was also hospitalized. Please keep the family in prayer.

Another milestone in **Kay Burnett's** life will occur on October 12th when she reaches the ripe young age of 94! Happy birthday, Kay!

The **Reverend Catherine**

Benjamin, pastor of the Lyndonville Presbyterian Church, and former CSA member underwent knee surgery and rehab. Please keep her in prayer for a speedy recovery.

Charles Stanley was admitted to Rochester General Hospital with platelets due to his chemo treatments for cancer. Please keep Sharon and Charles in prayer.

Being a senior in high school and on the swim team should be a breeze, but not this year for **Manny Colon**. Manny's nerves in the eye were damaged as a four year old, and recent pain led to a surgery at Unity and eventually a glass eye replacement. Please sur-

round him with your prayers.

In our mobile society people we love and cherish often move away which causes pain, so how wonderful to have **David and Beth Holiday** (pictured below) chose to come back home from Tucson! Their new address is: David and Beth Holliday 324 Crystal Creek Drive Rochester, NY 14612. It's wonderful to hear their voices in the choir! Welcome home, David and Beth.



Jazz Musician Brings Her Music to Church

Jazz Musician Deanna Witkowski brought her skills and talent to Calvary St. Andrew's on September 25th to enhance our Sunday music program. Pianist, composer, vocalist, and liturgist, Deanna Witkowski is an acclaimed jazz musician, international performer, and winner of the Great American Jazz Piano Competition. Her albums include *Having to Ask* (2000), *Wide Open Window* (2003), and *Length of Days* (2005). Her most recent release, *From This Place* (2009), draws on scripture, the Mass, 19th-century poetry, and original verses to create music that is at once contemporary and sacred.



In town as a guest musician at Nazareth College, Deanna made the most of her Rochester visit. On Thursday she presented a program "Moving With The Spirit: The sacred Art of Jazz," and on Friday she presented "Beyond Words: Improvisation As Prayer." On Friday night Calvary co-sponsored (with Asbury First Methodist Church) a concert in which she played her sacred music and premiered a couple of Chopin pieces that will be on her new CD, recently recorded in Chicago.



Election Day Means Clam Chowder at CSA

Election Day is coming. It is our tradition at CSA to sell clam chowder and baked goods as a fun fund raiser. So that everyone has an opportunity to participate in this worthwhile church-coffer-enhancing endeavor, we will, in the last two weeks of October, post online and in the chapel a list of our needs for donations for vegetables, canned chopped clams, baked goods and volunteers to staff the sale on Election Day.

Thanks,
The Willing Workers

P.S. Questions? See Bob Day.



Do you want to be featured in the next issue of the CSA newsletter? Don't be caught by surprise...the deadline is always (well, almost always) the third Sunday of the month.

Be in the November issue by sending Lauren Vicker* your news items no later than Sunday, October 16. Join the coolest folks at CSA (like Bob Day, above) who get their news into The Communicator.

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News from the Emergency Food Cupboard



The Emergency Food Cupboard is encouraging people to host a food drive at their work or school to collect canned goods. The Food Cupboard has served Rochester for over 30 years and now serves over 5,000 people from almost 3,000 families, 80% of whom live in zip code 14620. People in need can come once every 90 days for canned goods and meat, and also on special "produce" Tuesdays twice a month. Currently, canned soup, kidney beans, canned potatoes, peanut butter, and shampoo and bar soap are most needed. Items can be dropped off at church weekdays from 9am-noon, or just call Robert Lauterbach ([585.734.2375](tel:585.734.2375)) to set up an appointment or for more information.

One of the refrigerators needs to be replaced as the freezer area is always frosted up...and it is old. If anyone has a good working refrigerator that they would like to donate to the food cupboard, please call Robert Lauterbach. It is great to have Joan Hendrick and Jim Willmott back from their ailments. Finally, when Robert was at the South Wedge Market in August for our 3-hour staffing of a table for the food cupboard, Seven Bridges meats stopped over to say that they would like to donate their organic meats to the food cupboard once a month. Joan Hendrick will visit them at the Public Market on Thursdays to acquire a box of meat. So please visit the people at Seven Bridges and give them support for helping us out.



Urban Presbyterian News

Urban Presbyterian Network to Visit CSA and Rochester

The Urban Presbyterian Network is comprised of Executive leaders from Urban Presbyteries across the country. This year they'll gather for their annual meeting in Rochester and spend time with the Urban Presbyterians Together pastors and core team.

CSA will host the gathering on Friday, October 28th for a discussion on UPT, its partnerships and specific ways the Rochester churches have learned to work together in program, public policy and mission.

If you want to be part of this meeting, let Rev. Hay know.

UPT Strategizes

The last urban strategies for the Presbytery were adopted in 1982 and 1995. The Core Team and Pastors of UPT have been in discussion regarding what is needed at this point in our history regarding a roadmap for our future.

At their next meeting, the session will be discussing their vision for urban ministry. Next, a joint dinner meeting will be held at Laurelton Presbyterian Church on October 20th at 6:00 p.m. CSA needs 3 people to accompany Reverend Hay to the meeting. Please notify the Pastor if you can be a CSA representative for that meeting.



Cala Speaks on Urban Education

Urban Public Education was the topic for a lively presentation by William Calla on September 18th. Calla is the former interim superintendent of Rochester City Schools and former superintendent of Fairport.



In his address Calla stressed how the issues of poverty affect the students' capacity to succeed. The statistics are sobering: 90 percent of the students in RCSD qualify for free or reduced lunches; one in four kindergarten children are born to teen mothers; 40 percent of the children in zip codes 14605 and 14621 are English as a second language students; 200 of RCSD children over 16 are in jail; and Rochester has the highest teen pregnancy in Western world.

These numbers call for urban Presbyterians to wrestle with the issues of urban public education.

Reading the Bible from a Queer Perspective

What does the Bible have to say to the LGBT community? Despite the past several decades of research, writing, and discussion centered on this question, it remains a troublesome one for many LGBT Christians, especially those who grew up in the Catholic church or conservative Protestant traditions.

On **October 25, Dr. Mark Brummitt**, an openly gay professor of Old Testament at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, will take stock of the state of the debate and suggest some new directions for understanding the Bible from a queer perspective. The series which is presenting Dr. Brummitt, "Christian Faith and LGBT Experience," is now entering its fourteenth season. From its beginning, the series has tried to present to the Rochester LGBT community a Christian word that represents Good News instead of the condemnation, exclusion, and spiritual violence exhibited by many in the churches.

The title of Dr. Brummitt's presentation is



"New Eyes...Old Texts; Wise Eyes...New Texts."

He will revisit the biblical "clobber passages" that have traditionally been used against LGBT people but from a perspective of new patterns of scriptural interpretation. First, however, he will be looking at sex, sexuality, and gender in the Bible in general.

Dr. Brummitt is a native of the United Kingdom, born and bred in London. He is professionally trained both as an actor and a Bible scholar. His doctorate is from the University of Glasgow, although he also holds a master's degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. His particular interests are queer theory and literary approaches to scripture with a focus on the prophet Jeremiah. A major book on Jeremiah is scheduled to appear next

year to be published by Oxford Press.

Hosting this event will be Lake Avenue Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The church is located at 72 Ambrose St., just off Lake Avenue at the first traffic light north of Lyell Ave., about a half mile south of Kodak Office. Parking is available on the street or in a lot behind 57 Ambrose St. Q&A and a reception will follow the lecture.

The churches and organization sponsoring this event are Calvary St. Andrews Presbyterian Parish, Lake Avenue Baptist Church, St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Episcopal Church, Third Presbyterian Church, and the Program on Women and Gender in Church and Society, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School.

Questions may be directed to GP Dickerson-Hanks at GDickerson-Hanks@crcds.edu.



The Presbytery of Genesee Valley Welcomes
Dr. Emad Ramzy Philobos

International Peacemaker/
Egypt

October 14th – 17th



See flyer on p. 7 and watch for other dates and times when he will be speaking at various churches in the Presbytery. For more information contact Susan Orr at 242-0099.

RESOURCE SATURDAY at the Prebytery...Saturday, October 22.

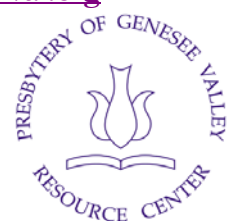
9:30 am—12 noon

Implications of the New Form of Government Regarding Sexual Misconduct Policies:

What Does This Mean for Our Church?

The course is free, but pre-registration is required by Thursday, October 20.

TO REGISTER: Contact Janice Bilohlavek (242-0080) or programsecretary@pbygenval.org



Garage Sale/Auction a HUUUGE SUCCESS!

The church was buzzing with activity on September 24th for our annual auction and garage sale. Loads of goods and services were auctioned off and numerous items sold in the garage sale.

After church on Sept 18th, items were rounded up from neighbors, the garage and upstairs. As items were brought in, Sarah Singh (photo below) was in the sanctuary with her mom looking at the prospects. Cheryl Stevens brought in a small rocking horse and placed it on the floor. Suddenly Sarah said, "Horsie" and immediately drew the



rocking horse into the center of the floor. In a second she was mounted on her steed and called out, "Yippeel!" It was Sarah's birthday, so Cheryl gave the "horsie" to a delighted Sarah as a birthday present. Now that's what our sharing of goods can do for one another—bring us delight!

The hard working auction team solicited gift certificates, managed the publicity and recruited

others to help in sorting and running the entire event. Pat Soule, Paula Morisey, Julie Carter, Kathy Madigan, Doug Root, Cheryl Stevens, David Junot, Dorrie Devito and Judy Hay comprised the initial team.

Every team needs others who support the over-all goal—here's where we are so fortunate to be in a community of givers, because so many people gave of their time: Linda Lazore, Jim Pardee, James Bansbach, Manny Colon, Zach Bansbach, Phil Stukas, Tim Bailey, Ginny Weisel, Robert Lauterbach, Nancy Straub, Valerie Voorhies, Jim Willmott, Taylor Morisey, Hayley and Andrea Thurley and their two friends, Paula Brennick, Randy Edmunds, Maria Stein, Tracy Perkins, Shirley Bowen, Sue Tufts, Ryan Culp, Craig Woods, Michelle Mott, David Antonelli, Marsha Reed, Gail Maureen, Sue Porter, Helen Robinson, Robyn Comstock and Paige, Tom Arena, Martha Cuthbert, and Peg Donaghy. We apologize if your name was left off the list.

Robyn Comstock added a new exciting feature to the event by having people buy tickets to take a chance on winning one of a number of gift baskets

she had solicited. This new featuring was a hit!

The garage sale was held in the chapel, which eliminated the need to carry all goods outside. It brought in loads of foot traffic for food and the auction.

Former D@C columnist Carol Ritter Wright provided her skill and humor as our auctioneer. As a professional auctioneer Carol kept the auction going at a fast pace.

The band Java (pictured below right) led by Highland Park resident Vern Lindberg, brought the sense of joy and excitement to the day with their inspiring music. The clowns shared their talent by face painting numerous kids of all ages, including the pastor. The smell of popcorn and hot dogs filled the air as busy shoppers chowed down on cupcakes, moon pies and biscotti.



The Lauterbach's granddaughter Hazel was just overwhelmed by all the great toys, and a clown put a smile on the face of Ethan (below), Sandra Ehman's grandson.



October Coffee Hour

- Oct. 2: O'Neill, Loden Lane
Oct. 9: Rivera, Perkins, Grems
Oct. 16: Trobia/Donaghy, Priestly/Patti
Oct. 23: Lauterbach, Stein
Oct. 30: Straub, Morisey/Voorhis

We're on the web:
www.calvarystandrews.org

October Birthday Blessings

- 2 Matt Rhone
3 Tim Mullins, Danielle and Margaret McKay
10 Betsy Inglis
12 Kay Burnett
17 Ashlei Taylor
19 Jim Squire, Alan Bansbach
22 Holly Gearing Paula Morisey
25 Barbara Mitchell, Sharon Hoffman



Who is my Neighbor? Part 2

How often do any of us consider people in other parts of the world as our neighbor? Are folks in a different part of the city or suburbs our neighbors? In Matthew's Gospel a Pharisee asks Jesus what is the most important commandment in the Law. Do you know the answer to the question? Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love God with all your mind.'—*(Deuteronomy 6:5)* This is the first and most important commandment. And the second is like it. 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'—*(Leviticus 19:18)* Everything that is written in the Law and the Prophets is based on these two commandments." Loving God is a joyous act! When we love God it is a celebration of life and a gift to give back to God by loving our neighbor and our self. As an urban parish our ministry has a commitment to be a safe haven for people going through tough economic times, family stress or in times of births and joyous occasions.

As with any organization it takes both financial and people resources to meet our budget, so that our vital ministries can continue to reach out to our neighbors in this community and world-wide. Understanding Jesus' commandment and how it applies to our parish is an essential aspect of discipleship. When you make a stewardship



commitment to give to God through our community, you are empowering CSA to be a safe sanctuary and a place where others can meet God and their neighbor.

Several CSA folks have agreed to host discussions in their homes for us to explore together the concept of neighbor and how it applies to our budget decisions.

JoAnn O'Neill, Connie and Henry Ehindero, Maureen Metzler, and Shirley Bowen and Tracy Perkins have agreed to open their homes for a pot luck dinner and discussion. Please sign up in the chapel for a discussion group. The discussions will be another way to meet your neighbor by getting to know other church members in a smaller environment.



Let's Worship!



Time: 4pm-7pm

Date: Sun., Oct. 16th

Come and gather for worship, learning, and the breaking of bread together! Our experiential worship service will focus on the theme of reconciliation as we hear from Dr. Emad Philobbos, a peacemaker from Egypt who ministers to the relationships between Christians and Muslims.

Our worship experience together will conclude with dinner and time to learn more about Dr. Philobbos.

Hope to see you there!

Presbytery Office: 585-242-0080

We will worship at United Presbyterian Stone Church, 3177 Church St., Caledonia.

RSVP is not mandatory, but an estimate of attendance from your congregation is appreciated by Wed., October 12th. This will help us to be better stewards of our financial resources. Thank you.

Free will offering taken for Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services.

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley Presents:
INTERGENERATIONAL

Mission Possible: Double Exposure



Mission Partner Sites

- Genesee-Orleans Ministry of Concern
- People's Ministry in Christ
- Livingston County Coalition
- Cameron Community Ministries
- Focus on the Children
- Judicial Process Commission
- Farmworker Legal Services
- LeRoy Christian Community
- Spiritus Christi
- Rural Migrant Ministry
- RAIHN
- E. Rochester Community Res. Ctr.
- Main Street Store
- Genesee Parish Outreach
- Building Minds in Sudan

Saturday, October 29th

A Day of Service with the Presbytery's 2012 Mission Partners

- 8:30am Registration at **First Presbyterian Church of Chili**
3600 Chili Ave Rochester 14624
followed by opening worship & instruction
- 10:30am Work at Site #1
- 12:30pm Lunch – *bring a brown bag!*
- 1:30pm Work at Site #2
- 3:30pm Return to **Chili First** for closing worship & reflections
- 4:30pm *Mission Possible: Double Exposure* wraps up!!

\$5/person registration is due by Monday, October 24th to Janice Bilohlavek programsecretary@bygenval.org
Mail to: 1190 Winton Road S.
Rochester, NY 14618