

Church Information

Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 9:45 AM
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Go Fourth ... in Prayer

For instance, how about four for the fourth? That is, pray for four different situations on the Fourth of July: for yourself, for your family, for your church and community, and for peace in the world.

We're forecasting many formidable prayers on the Fourth, and consider ourselves fortunate to have so many prayer partners in the life of our church. Just let us know, and we'll all be out in force praying with you. If something is happening in your life that would benefit from confident prayer, our folks are ready to forge ahead! You can initiate the Prayer Chain by calling **Laura Platt** (548-2245) or **Jean Roda** (548-2417).

www.byronfpc.org

Find out the latest information about the Byron Presbyterian Church at our new web page. All you have to do is enter "www.byronfpc.org" in your computer and our church home page will appear.

As it continues to develop, the web page will include the latest news about church events and activities, photos, sermons, and historical items. There are e-mail links to the Pastor, Church Secretary and Youth Ministry Coordinator. There is also a place where anyone visiting the web page can leave prayer concerns and comments.

Tables and Chairs

With graduation parties and other special summer activities coming up here is information about borrowing tables and chairs: Folding tables and chairs may be loaned to church members free of charge. Non-members are charged a fee of \$2 per table plus \$2 for each set of five chairs. Those wishing to borrow these must make arrangements well in advance with the Church Secretary, 548-2800. Please note: only the older tables may be borrowed from the church. Borrowed items must be returned within 24 hours. [*Janet Pike, Church Secretary*]

Preaching Texts for July & August

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| <i>JUL 3</i> | <i>Matthew 11:16-19,25-30</i> |
| <i>JUL 10</i> | <i>Matthew 13:1-9,18-23</i> |
| <i>JUL 17</i> | <i>Matthew 13:24-30,36-43</i> |
| <i>JUL 24</i> | <i>Matthew 13:31-22,44-52</i> |
| <i>JUL 31</i> | <i>Matthew 14:13-21</i> |
| <i>AUG 7</i> | <i>Matthew 14:22-33</i> |
| <i>AUG 14</i> | <i>Matthew 15:21-28</i> |
| <i>AUG 21</i> | <i>Guest Preacher</i> |
| <i>AUG 28</i> | <i>Guest Preacher</i> |

Church & Community News

We are praying for **Susie Blair** (joining the Army June 15th), **Chip Blair** (recovery from surgery), **Corrine Lane** and **Jan Vanwyngaarden** (at GCNH), **Bertha & George Toal** (doctor's care), **Shirley Mahon** (cancer treatment), **Nelson Stamp** (progress with treatment), **Sharon Keller** (Liz Weber's sister-in-law), **Jared Johnson** (moving on to a Heavy Equipment Job Corps program in Pittsburgh), **Beverly Dusing**, (Valerie Liles' mother in the hospital, as well as two grandmothers in their family), **Charlotte Summerfeldt** family (George Hillabush's sister passed away in May), **Norinne Burdick** (Gwen George's sister has been hospitalized for several weeks), **Jack Hillabush** (treatment), **Doug, Laura and Tiffanie Platt** (safely returned from their trip to Brazil), and **Art & Erma Weldon** (because we like them so much!), **Agnes Redinger** (recovery from surgery), **Jean Boshart** (Pam Lynch's mother), and **Kara Harter** (hospital stay).

Clare Mathes was baptized on May 8th. Congratulations to **Sarah Dewey** and **Nathan Smalley**, to be married July 3rd at the Byron Presbyterian Church. They will reside in New Jersey, where Nate is an educator in Newark, and Sarah will be attending Rutgers for a masters degree in school-based social work.

Welcome to **Sharon** and **Rodney Walker**, Richard's mother and brother who are in town for several months. Bon Voyage to **Arden** and **Gloria Curts**, who are moving to Texas in July.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is working to fill in some of the gaps in our church records. You may find yourself approached by one of our committee members, clipboard in hand, to obtain correct information about birthdays, anniversaries, postal and e-mail addresses, phone numbers. Than you for your help! [**Gwen George, Membership Committee**]

Hot Dog Sale



We are having a Hot Dog Sale at Jubilee Market in Batavia on Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16. Volunteers (adults and youth) are needed to serve food and drinks. Please call the church office (548-2800) if you can do a shift or two, especially on Saturday! It's a lot of fun! [**Jim Lundmark, Session**]

Mission Mania **Saturday, August 13**

We have heard how much church members young and old enjoy hands-on mission activities, so the Mission and Christian Education Committees have planned a Family Mission Day for Saturday, August 13th. This will be an all-day event, with teams of children and adults going out to visit and help some of our older church members for part of the day, and then returning later for a cook-out and campfire on the church grounds. However, if you are not able to spend the entire day, but would like to participate in the hands-on mission portion of the day (from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) we CAN accomodate you!

How to participate: (1) Call the church office (548-2800), so we know how many are planning to come - remember, this is for ALL AGES! A sign-up sheet is also available on the table at the back of church. (2) Arrive at 9:45 AM, and we will divide up into different mission teams, families will be divided up or go as a team depending on your preferences. (3) Bring work gloves, hat and a bottle of water, and your own brown bag lunch and we'll supply the rest. We will return to the church at approximately 3 p.m for a time of reflection, followed by dinner, fellowship, and a campfire. [**Pam Kenward, Mission Committee**]

From the Pastor

*Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground
Inch by inch, row by row
Someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below
'Til the rain comes tumbling down*
[words by David Mallett]

During July many of the scripture readings for Sunday worship are parables taught by Jesus ... seeds, plants, weeds, treasure, jewels, yeast, dough, bread, and fish.

In one Bible translation I have been using, The Message by Eugene H. Peterson, I note this summary comment about Jesus and the way he taught: "*All Jesus did that day was tell stories - a long storytelling afternoon. His storytelling fulfilled the prophecy: 'I will open my mouth and tell stories; I will bring out into the open things hidden since the world's first day.'* [Matthew 13:34-35]

As I reflect on the storyteller and his stories, I have come to realize that Jesus did not so much preach to people as connect with them right where they were. There are only a few stories in the Bible about Jesus teaching in any formal setting. Most of the time he spoke to people as they were working, or walking, or waiting.

I picture Jesus sitting right there with us while we're working in the garden or around the yard, with dirt and grass stains on our knees, and he gets right down in the dirt, too, and that's where he begins to tell those life-changing stories. As we plant the flowers, water the peppers, and pull the weeds we learn in those stories about the way God not only cares about us, but gets involved with us right where we are.

God Bless, and Good Growing!

Jim Renfrew

Presbyterians in Iraq

Did you know that there are five Presbyterian churches in Iraq? To learn more about them and even send e-mail to them, go to www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/iraq/contactchurches.htm.

Web Forums

Interested in church development issues? Change? Church revitalization? Church transformation? New churches? Let's talk! Join our on-line conversations at <http://forums.pbygenva.org>, sponsored by the Congregational Ministries Committee of Genesee Valley Presbytery.

Presbytery Resource Center

Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Friday 8:30am to Noon. Susan Orr will be available for onsite assistance Monday-Thursday, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

Volunteer Day for painting, cleaning, weeding (books, not gardens!), display set-up, on Tuesday, August 9, 9 AM to 3 PM, lunch included. Please RSVP 242-0099 by Thursday, August 4.

Deacons

The deacons encourage you to contribute food items to Salvation Army Emergency Food Pantry in Batavia when you attend Sunday worship. July: Tuna and mayonnaise; August: Small dry milk and oatmeal packets. The following items are welcome contributions at any time: grocery bags, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and crackers.

If you know of someone who would benefit from having a card sent, please fill out the form located on the back table in the sanctuary and give it to a deacon. We are always in need of volunteers to bring in flowers on Sundays, to serve as greeters, and to assist with nursery care. [Tracine Lundmark, Deacons]

Where's Rick?

Rev. Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the 216th General Assembly will be visiting Genesee Velly Presbytery on Tuesday, July 5, 6:15-9:00 PM, at Gates Presbyterian Church. The event includes a meal (\$10). reservations at 242-0080. In his "day job" in Arizona Rick is the co-director of BorderLinks, a Mexican and American organization that provides experiential education on issues such as trade, globalization and the concerns of migrants on the border. Please call the church office if you would like to attend what promises to be a very inspiring evening!

Byron Youth Group

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More News

Thanks to all who helped with our Memorial Day activities. \$1268 was raised.

Congratulations to Stefanie Platt for receiving her nursing pin after the first year of training, and to Twilly Lynch for his retirement from Kodak

Birthdays!!!

JULY

2 Robin Dunnington

Anniversaries!!!

If your birthday or anniversary date needs correction, or if we don't have you or someone in your family on our list, please notify the office!