

Church Information

Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 9:45 AM
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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*]

Mother's Day Prayer

Contrary to appearances, Mothers Day was not invented by the gift card and flower industry. It was first suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872 who upon being rebuffed by male leaders in effort to hold a peace conference following the Franco-Prussian War appealed for the creation of a day in which mothers would be instigators for peace.

We're ready to pray as instigators for peace, too, at the Byron Presbyterian Church ... for you, for your family, for our community, for friends, for strangers, for enemies, for whole world. Just let us know, and we'll all be praying for peace with you. If something is happening in your life that would benefit from confident prayer, our folks are ready to roar! You can initiate the Prayer Chain by calling **Laura Platt** (548-2245) or **Jean Roda** (548-2417).

Preaching Themes for May and June

MAY 1	I Peter 3:13-22	"Once & For All"
MAY 8	I Peter 4:12-14	"In the Thick of It"
MAY 15	Acts 2:1-21	"Visions & Dreams"
MAY 22	II Cor. 13:11-13	"GLF"
MAY 29	Matthew 7:24-27	"Foolish & Wise"
JUN 5	Matthew 9:9-13	"Kindness & Outcasts"
JUN 12	Matthew 9:35-38	"Worried & Helpless"
JUN 19	Matthew 10:1-8	"Instructions"

A HUGE Thank You!

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful marriage ceremony and reception in Maryland on March 12th, and a really fun party with one hundred well-wishers at the Gillam-Grant Community Center for all of our New York friends the following week. Special thanks to our friends, the Rev. Currie Burris of the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church who officiated at the wedding, and to the Rev. Stewart and MJ Pattison of New Life Presbyterian Church in Rochester who offered a musical blessing at our Gillam-Grant party

We're busy organizing all of our photos, and hope to have them available soon for all to see. Thank you for all of your encouragement and prayers at the time of our wedding.

Robin Dunnington & Jim Renfrew

One Great Hour of Sharing Report

Thanks! To all who generously gave to our recent special collection for One Great Hour of Sharing. While we haven't met the sizeable increase goal of 20%, we did have a significant increase over last year's collection. We hope you all enjoyed our Minutes for Mission, and that you were able to learn something new about One Great Hour of Sharing and how your dollars are put to work.

To date, we have received adult contributions of _____ and our children's "Fish Banks" totaled _____. It is interesting to note the percentage of the children's efforts in relation to the total collection! If you have not yet been able to make a contribution to this important effort and would like to do so, please make sure you designate that it is for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Memorial Day, May 31st

On Monday, May 31st, the Byron parade starts at 11:00 AM. Immediately following the parade there will activities for all ages in the park next to the church, including a plant sale, grill food, and games for all ages. From 1:00 - 2:30 PM there will be live music. Please contact Laura Platt (548-2245) if you would like to arrange free table space of your own.

The Byron Youth Group and the Byron Presbyterian Sunday School will be selling food and offering other kinds of fund-raising activities for all ages.

Church & Community News

We are praying for *Corrine Lane* and *Jan Vanwyngaarden* (at GCNH), *Bertha and George Toal* (doctor's care), *Shirley Mahon* (cancer treatment), *Harlan George* (recovery from surgery), *Nelson Stamp* (doctor's care), family and friends of *Mary Livsey* who passed away in March after a long illness, *Sharon Keller* (Liz Weber's sister-in-law), *Jared Johnson* (Jobs Corps), *Melissa Cleveland* (college), *Beverly Dusing*, (Valerie Liles' mother in the hospital, as well as two grandmothers in their family), *Charlotte Summerfeldt* (George Hillabush's sister).

Welcome to recent visitors: *Barbara and Bill Emerson, Linda and John Ackley, Shannon Sobieraj, Shannon Doyle, Kimberly Thompson, Darby, Emma, Shelby and Deb Kreienberg, Pamela Frame, Michael, Stephany and Michaela Hubler.*

Choir

Choir practice is Sunday mornings, beginning at 9:00 AM. We would welcome your voice or instrument. For more information, please contact Liz Weber, Music Director, 494-1545. [*Worship Committee*]

Birthdays!!!

MAY 3	Benjamin Britt
MAY 4	Leanna Liles, Jessica Holly
MAY 5	Kennedy White
MAY 7	Susan Blair, Dennis Maid
MAY 8	Jill Szydlowski
MAY 10	Taylor Stefaniak
MAY 15	Jamie Szydlowski
MAY 19	Gina Schelemanow
MAY 20	Emily George
May 26	Teagan Mathes
MAY 29	Jim Hutchison
MAY 31	Christopher Johnson
JUNE 1	Jordan, Lacey & Larissa Sloat Lauren Hughes
JUNE 2	Jim Renfrew
JUNE 5	Warren Leaton
JUNE 6	Lester Barnard, Dale Shuknecht
JUNE 10	Katelyn George
JUNE 12	Gwen George
JUNE 13	Adam Maid
JUNE 17	Kenleigh Stefaniak, Joe White
JUNE 18	Elizabeth Shuknecht
JUNE 22	William Tyler, Sarah Shuknecht, Liz Weber, Elizabeth Wilson
JUNE 23	Paul Riner
JUNE 25	Kay Johnson
JUNE 26	Connor Nesbitt

Anniversaries!!!

MAY 18	Ron and Cheryl Toal
MAY 30	Art and Erma Weldon
JUNE 5	David and Jill Szydlowski
JUNE 8	Marc and Pam Kenward
JUNE 9	Pam and Twilly Lynch
JUNE 10	Todd and Jeanie Sloat
JUNE 26	Jerry and Ruth McCracken Doug and Laura Platt

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!

Children and the Lord's Supper

Members of the Christian Education Committee have been praying about this for many months, discussing the matter at our meetings, and it was a topic with much insightful sharing by children and parents on Maundy Thursday. Here is what we have decided to do:

For the remainder of this Sunday School year we are not having Sunday School on Communion Sundays. This is normally the third Sunday of each month. (Please note that Nursery Care for pre-school children will continue as before).

Children will remain in worship with their parents so they can observe, learn about, and (with parental permission) participate in Communion. This is a way for parents to discuss Communion with their children in order to make the best decision about their readiness to share the bread and the cup of Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) welcomes to the Communion Table children that are being nurtured in their understanding of the sacrament, but our Christian Education team trusts that parents are in the best position to make this decision with regard to their own children.

If you have any question or concern about this matter please do not hesitate to speak to any member of our Christian Education team. **[Tracine Lundmark, CE Committee]**



Byron Youth Group

Valerie Liles, Youth Ministry Coordinator

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After School Program

Wednesdays from 2:30PM to 5:45PM. Homework, programs, snacks, friendships, and great conversations are what we enjoy. If you are in grades 5-12 you are welcome to pre-register and attend each Wednesday or any Wednesday. Bus transportation is available from the school - on either the first or second run. If any adults have an interesting hobby or knowledge on a particular subject it would be awesome to have a presentation with our group. A program can be 45 minutes to an hour long - We'd love to know what you know!

Bike-a-Thon, May 14th

The St. Jude Bike-a-Thon takes place on Saturday, May 1st, from 9:00 until 11:15 AM at the Byron Town Park. The route follows the old railroad grade, one mile out and one mile back, for a total of ten miles maximum (or fewer if you wish - there is also a short route for tricycles and strollers!). St. Jude's is a children's hospital in Memphis focusing on cancer treatment, that never turns away a child due to inability to pay. Sponsor sheets for bike riders of all ages are available at the church or Gillett Hardware. For more information, please call **Laura Platt** (548-2245).

Mission Madness, May 21st

Presbytery **MISSION MADNESS** - Another date to mark on your 2005 calendar now - Saturday, May 21st, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Adults too! We need drivers and volunteers for the day. AN AWESOME experience - everyone should do this! What fun to be with

other churches in our Presbytery for the day doing an incredible amount of work in one full day!

Free Car Wash, June 4th

The Byron Youth Group will be operating a free car wash on Saturday, June 4th, 9 am until 3 pm, at the Byron Fire Department. Give your car a new look, and your donation helps support youth mission projects. Cars, trucks, tractors, tricycles, yachts, or flying saucers - we're willing to wash anything you bring. Volunteers are welcome to help ... and you may even get a free shower in the process. To sign up, please call **Valerie Liles** at 548-2800.

Deacons

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

Many thanks to those who helped us fill and deliver fourteen Easter baskets last month. All were appreciated and enjoyed. And thanks to the Youth Group for making the baskets!

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*]

Christian Education

Our Christian Education team has been using a new curriculum this spring. We love it and the kids seem to like it too! The year is coming to an end quickly. We will celebrate our Children's Sunday on June 12th. Please come and help us celebrate our kids. We are very proud of their faith and their accomplishments.

We plan to sell a tasty treat on Memorial Day - come and see what it is!

Presbytery News

Resource Saturdays happen at the Resource Center of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, 1190 Winton Rd. South, Rochester - part of Presbytery's commitment to offer opportunities for training for church members. May 7 is a Workshop on Accessibility, 9:30 - 11:00. Please register by phone 242-0099 or online at www.pbygenvall.org. [*Susan Orr, Resource Center Coordinator*]

The *Rev. Edie Gause*, Interim Presbytery Executive, has resigned effective June 14 to accept the position of Transitional Executive for the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. Edie has served in this position for 3½ years. The Presbytery Council has a plan to hire a "transitional executive" in the next few months.

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 14 and Saturday, July 15. Volunteers are needed. Please call the church office (548-2800) if you can do a shift or two!

Mission Committee

Having heard - *loud and clear* - the interest of church members young and old in doing local mission work, 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 campfire on the church grounds. Reflecting the mission commitment of our congregation, this marks a new stage in the evolution of our traditional summer VBS program. Watch for more information as we get closer to the date! [*Pam Kenward, Mission Committee*]