



The Spirit

Byron Presbyterian Church

May-June 2008

The Basics

- Sunday Worship happens at 9:45 AM
- Sunday School meets at the same hour.
- Nursery Care is available for young children
- Church Office is 548-2800
- Contact Pastor James Renfrew at 548-2800 or 638-6679.

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Memorial Day in the Park

Come join neighbors, rain or shine, to watch the Byron Memorial Day Parade. It starts at Terry Street, 11:00 AM on Monday, May 28th. Following the parade there will be a ceremony at the Byron Cemetery.

Entertainment will follow at the Byron Presbyterian Church Park. There will be food, games, local booths, raffles, and a plant sale (Contact Laura Platt 548-2245

to arrange table space). For a special treat there will be music by Dennis Dennehy, the Country Crooner, 12:30 - 2:30 PM (sponsored by the Byron-Bergen Library through a grant from the NYS Council on the Arts Decentralization Program). And - quack-quack - don't forget the Byron Park Committee's Duck Race at 2:30 PM!



Volunteers are needed for food sales: set-up at 8:00 AM, take-down at 3:00 PM. Picnic tables, garbage cans and coolers with ice are

Car Wash - Saturday, May 31st

Come to our Car Wash on Saturday, May 31st, 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, at the Byron Fire Hall. Help support our Summer Youth Mission Trip, that will be happening in August. The car wash is free, but we hope you will make a generous donation!

We will wash your car, truck, bicycle, boat, skateboard or zep-pelin! Just drive in and we'll take care of you, bumper to bumper!

For more information, please call 548-2800.

Thank you!



Church Information

Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 9:45 AM
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Bridge Out!

This warning sign means that your planned automobile travel will now require a detour, perhaps on unfamiliar roads. It can happen in our spiritual life, too, when unexpected events push us into unexpected places where finding a way forward may not be easy. Our Prayer Chain team is ready to help you find your way by activating lots of prayer partners! Please contact Laura Platt or Jean Roda. Please call them with your prayer, so that everyone can pray with you.

Have You Made Your Plan Yet?

OK, we'll admit that this is a subject that most people would enjoy NOT discussing. But please do yourself and your family a big favor and make a plan for your funeral arrangements. You can do this confidentially through a local funeral director or with your pastor.

Do you want a funeral or a memorial service? Do you want your

service to take place in the church, in the funeral home, or somewhere else? Is there a Bible reading you would like to have read? Are there particular songs you would wish to include? Are there certain people you would like to speak at your service?

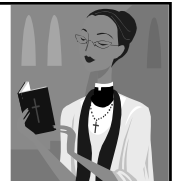
Sometimes people include their funeral wishes in their will or some other documents, but it

is frequently the case that family members have little idea as to how to proceed with a service for a loved one.

You can make an appointment with our pastor and he will establish a confidential file that includes your particular wishes.

Preaching Themes for May and June

Prepare for Sunday worship by reading the Bible story for the day!



MAY 4	Acts 1:6-14	"Timing"	JUN 1	Matthew 7:24-29	"Rain"
MAY 11	Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost	JUNE 8	Matthew 9:9-13	"Kindness"
MAY 18	Matthew 28:16-20	"All Authority"	JUNE 15	Matthew 9:35-10:8	"Help Wanted"
MAY 25	Matthew 6:24-34	"Wild Flowers"	JUN 22	Matthew 10:34-29	"He Said <u>What?</u> "
			JUNE 29	Matthew 16:13-19	"Rumors"

From the Pastor

"Imagine a woman who has ten coins ..."

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, our Mission Committee served dinner at Cameron Community Ministries in Rochester. There were sixty-four guests, ranging from babies to grand-parents. Some come because they are hungry, some to help make ends meet, and some because they enjoy belonging to a caring community. Oh yes, our "Spaghetti Pie" was well-received!

We also offered a brief time of worship based on the Parable of the Woman Who Lost a Coin in Luke 15. Here is the message that we offered:

Every one of those ten coins was very, very precious to that woman. They were her dowry, so she wore them like jewelry to

attract a good husband. If she lost one of those coins what would happen? "She'd get a cheaper husband!", answered one of our guests, as everyone laughed. So when she found one of those coins, she searched everywhere—under every chair, in every pocket, in the closet, and when she found it she called all of her friends to celebrate because everything was looking up again!

It means that every one of us is just as precious to God as one of those coins was to that woman. Think about that: every one of us is precious to God. Imagine your most precious possession and how you would do everything you could to take care of it, to protect it, and love it. If you can imagine like that then you know exactly

how God feels about you and me and everyone everywhere! And when we get lost God will do everything to find us.

What an excellent experience this was! Many thanks to our enthusiastic volunteers: Pam, Marc & Michaela Kenward, Amy & Elizabeth Ezard, Sandy Johnson & Amanda Dodson, Barb Emerson, Luan Riner, Jim Renfrew, Eric, Kathy, Kate & Emily George, and Sydney Moore. And thanks to all who contributed food items: Marilyn Britt, Luan Riner, Emily George, Robin Glazier and Jane Ezard.

In the Hope and Peace
of Jesus Christ!

James R. Renfrew, Pastor

Deacons in Action

The Deacons delivered fourteen Easter Baskets to shut-ins or people in our community who have difficulty getting out. Items were collected from the congregation (*thank you to all who contributed*) and beautiful Easter boxes were decorated by our youth of the church (*thank you to Christian Education and all the youth who assisted*). The extra items that were collected were taken to Leroy Village Green to be given out to the residents by Bill Ellis (*thank you to Bill*).

We continue to collect food items for the emergency food program through the Salvation

Army. The Salvation Army is also happy to get grocery bags. Any and all nonperishable food items are welcome, especially peanut butter, saltine crackers, cereal, rice, pork & beans, and canned green vegetables. Although we have been using the "Alphabet" schedule, for the time being we would like to focus on these much-needed items

The Deacons would like to remind all members of the church that there is a library of Christian Books available at the church, and any and all are encouraged to sign out a book and enjoy!



"So choose seven from among you whom everyone trusts, people full of the Holy Spirit and good sense ..."

Acts 6:3 - the calling of the first Deacons

Session Notes

Assignments for 2008 include the following contacts for each committee: Trustees (Tom Nesbitt), Deacons (Pam Lynch), Nominating Committee (Gwen George), Christian Education (Tamara Hillabush-Walker), Stewardship (Harley George), Fundraising (Vicky Truax), Mission (Pam Kenward), Personnel (Kim Dewey), Membership (Gwen George), Audit (George Hillabush) Fellowship (Audrey Blunt), Investment (Don C. Britt), and Memorial (Laura Platt).

Rhonda Hickey has been hired as a permanent Sexton, following a three month trial period.

A card from Marsha Wenhold was received, thanking the congregation for the gift certificate she received on the final Sunday she was with us in January.

The US flag given by Sgt. Susie Blair to the church on behalf of her Army unit in Iraq will be placed in a special in presentation case in the front entryway of the church. The case will be purchased by the Memorial Committee. The names of those who lost their lives while in Iraq will be named on an accompanying plaque.

Jerry McCracken of the Membership Committee was thanked for placing three infor-

mational signs inside the church building for the benefit of visitors. Jerry is working with Harley George on a "Wall of Faith" space in the sanctuary for posting photos of members and friends of the church. The Membership Committee is also working on a new Church Directory.

Personnel Committee continues to review the pastor's use of time. One consequence is a decision to use different software for producing the church newsletter.

Session next meets on Thursday, May 15, 6:30 PM.



Sing, Sing, Sing! Play, Play, Play!

Many thanks to all of those who joined the choir during the Easter season! The seats in the choir loft were filled to capacity with many voices!

Many thanks to the members of the Joyful Noise Youth Ensemble who practiced and practiced in the weeks leading up to Easter

to share beautiful instrumental music on Easter morning.

And, finally, we enjoyed hearing Matthew Hilbert, a 5th grader, play Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" on the Sunday following Easter. He was accompanied by our pastor on violin.

Watch for more opportunities to sing and play in weeks to come!

Lawn-Mowers Needed

The Trustees of the church are setting up the summer schedule for weekly volunteer lawn-mowers. The sign-up list is at the back of the sanctuary. Because of the high cost of fuel, the church is offering \$10 to each week's volunteer(s). Any questions? Please contact Tom Nesbitt. Thank you!

We Get Letters

Thanks to the Deacons for the Easter basket and thanks for all of your prayers."

Marjorie Johnson

Hospital Protocol

If you wish to have our pastor visit you during a hospital stay, please notify the church office. Due to privacy guidelines, hospitals no longer contact churches with information about hospitalized church members.

Bergen Swamp Tour

Chip Blair has offered to lead a tour for church members of the Bergen Swamp on Saturday, May 24th, 4:30 PM. Meet at the Heschenthaler Road entrance. We expect to see some rare plant species, so bring your cameras! Thanks, Chip!

Church and Community News

Ole Stewart was an honored guest at the Cal-Mum alumni dinner—as the oldest surviving graduate of the school!

Don and Linda Engle had a difficult month, each losing a brother.

We happy to report that **Sgt. Susie Blair's** fiancé **Jim Wilt** has returned to the USA after service in Afghanistan. They are now working on their wedding plans. Susie has been awarded the Bronze Star for her service in Iraq. She had surgery on her knee at the end of April.

Dorie Hillabush was hospitalized with pneumonia, but she is now doing much better. **David Liles** was also in the hospital for a brief stay. And we are glad that **Liz Weber's** cataract operation did not keep her from playing the organ

Kate George (and her father Eric) spent a week in Florida with the Byron Bergen Girls Baseball Team.

Jane Ellis, with wife of our CLP student Bill Ellis, is receiving medical care.

Congratulations to **Ben Britt** for national Honor Society recognition.

And, great news from our treasurer that our congregation has contributed \$1366 in support of One Great Hour of Sharing! Awesome!

Flag Presented by Sgt. Blair

While home for a visit after returning from Iraq, Sgt. Susan Blair presented the church with a flag that had flown over her base in Iraq, Fort Speicher. This was in appreciation for the "care packages" sent by our church to Susie's unit.

Susie's unit in Iraq was the 1st Squadron 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd

Airborne Division – also known as Task Force Falcon.

We think it is appropriate to note that of the approximately seven hundred people in Susie's unit, eleven soldiers lost their lives during the fifteen months in Iraq. Their names are: Sgt. 1st Class Keith Callahan, Spc. Donavan Witham, Staff Sgt. Sandy Britt, Capt. Erik Foster, Staff Sgt. An-

drew Nelson, Cpl. Ryan Woodward, Sgt. Ricardo Rodriguez, Sgt. Bryan Tutton, Capt. Christopher West, Cpl. Miguel Baez, and Sgt. John Osmolski.

We offer our prayers for the families and friends of these soldiers, and we continue to pray for peace in a very troubled part of the world.

Byron Nursery School



The Byron Nursery School will hold an Open House on Monday, May 5th, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Come meet our teacher, Kelly Fancher, and register for the upcoming year. There are classes for three and four-year-olds. For more information, please call Laura Platt.

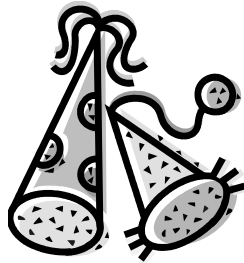
Tables & Chairs

With graduation and other parties 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 \$5 per table plus \$5 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

MAY 3 Benjamin Britt
 MAY 4 Leanna Liles, Jessica Holly
 MAY 5 Kennedy White
 MAY 7 Susan Blair
 MAY 8 Jill Szydowski
 MAY 10 Taylor Stefaniak
 MAY 15 Jamie Szydowski
 MAY 18 James Vincent
 MAY 19 Gina Schelemanow
 MAY 20 Emily George
 May 26 Teagan Mathes
 MAY 29 Sharon Brackenburg
 MAY 31 Christopher Johnson



JUNE 1 Jordan, Lacey & Larissa Sloat,
 Lauren Hughes
 JUNE 2 Jim Renfrew, Tamara Hillabush-Walker
 JUNE 5 Warren Leaton
 JUNE 6 Lester Barnard, Dale Shuknecht
 JUNE 10 Katelyn George, David Kent
 JUNE 12 Gwen George
 JUNE 15 David Miller
 JUNE 17 Kenleigh Stefaniak, Joe White

JUNE 18 Elizabeth Shuknecht
 JUNE 22 William Tyler, Sarah Shuknecht,
 Liz Weber, Beth Wilson
 JUNE 23 Paul Riner
 JUNE 25 Kay Johnson
 JUNE 26 Connor Nesbitt



Anniversaries

MAY 18 Ron & Cheryl Toal
 MAY 25 Christopher & Wendy Hilbert
 JUNE 5 David & Jill Szydowski
 JUNE 8 Marc & Pam Kenward
 JUNE 9 Pam & Twilly Lynch
 JUNE 10 Todd & Jeanie Sloat
 JUNE 10 Sharon & Arnold Brackenburg
 JUNE 14 Richard & Catherine Mathes
 JUNE 26 Jerry & Ruth McCracken
 Doug & Laura Platt

Did we leave you out by mistake? Did we forget a member of your family? Please leave your birth dates and anniversary dates at the church office, and we will be sure to include you next time!

www.byronfpc.org

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

Did you miss Sunday's service? Look for the sermon here! Also, we are now featuring on our web page direct links to the testimony of Presbyterian mission workers serving in a variety of interesting places around the world.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please contact the church office if you would like to participate in or support this ministry of love. There is no charge for a shawl - they are a labor of love - except that we welcome donations of 3 skeins (same color) of yarn for each prayer shawl. More than 40 shawls have been offered to people in the church and community. Let us know if you or someone who might enjoy receiving a prayer shawl. The next meeting is Thursday, May 22nd, 7:00 PM.



Youth Ministry News

Memorial Day - May 28th

Memorial Day in the Park features Arcade Games and Sandy Candy. This is another major fundraiser for the youth group! WE NEED HELP! It is probably the most fun of all of our fundraisers - the more we earn the more the youth group can do on our Mission Trip this Summer!

Car Wash - May 31st

The car wash will run from 10 AM until 2 PM at the Byron Fire Hall. Will it rain? Let's hope that we'll have lots of sunshine!

Children's Sunday - June 8th

Celebrate a great year of Sunday School on Sunday, June 8th! We will recognize the accomplishments of our children, teachers and other volunteers. And we'll have some awesome refreshments afterwards. Lisa Ireland, Director of the Genesee-Orleans Ministry of Concern, one of our mission trip work sites, will be participating in the service with a Minute for Mission.

Summer Mission Project - August

We're planning to take church youth on a mission trip to the Albion area during August. We plan to work with migrant children at Holley Agribusiness Child Development, and at Project Life with children from Afghanistan, Chechnya and Bosnia who are recovering from war-trauma, and with the Genesee Orleans Ministry of Concern.

On Saturday, June 14th, 6:00 PM, we invite you to a potluck Mission Trip dinner at the church. All youth planning to go on the mission trip are urged to attend, because we will also be covering important details that families will need to know in advance. But we also welcome any people in the church and community who are interested in learning about and supporting the project. Linda Redfield-Shakoor, Co-Director of Project Life will join us for the dinner, along with two children from Afghanistan.

Paper Retriever Program

We want everyone's newspaper, magazines, office and school papers, shopping catalogs, mail, envelopes, folders, fax and copy paper, colored paper! Can we collect 4 tons or more per month????? We (the youth group) get paid \$15 per ton - it's FREE MONEY! Ask your family and friends for ALL OF THEIR PAPER! Bring it to the bins behind the church - it's that easy! No cardboard, please.

Camp Whitman Summer Fun

Information about summer programs at the Presbytery's Camp Whitman is now available on the table outside of the church office. You can also see the summer schedule on the Camp Whitman web site, campwhitman.org. There are programs for 3rd grade through high school, including hiking, canoeing, sailing, music, biking, and more!

Several families sent children to Camp Whitman last summer and we would be glad to put you in touch with them so you can hear more about it!

There are also camps available for adults with developmental disabilities.

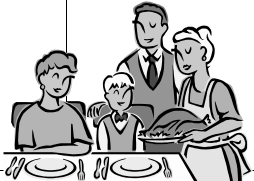




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Register now for the Byron Nursery School</i></p>		<p><i>T.O.P.S. Every Tuesday at 6:15 PM</i></p>		1	2	3
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p><i>9:45 Worship 10:45 Coffee 10:45 Deacons</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>6:30 PM Nursery School Board</i></p>	6	7	8	9	10
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p><i>Pentecost</i></p> <p><i>9:45 Worsh 10:45 Noon</i></p> <p><i>Mothers Da</i></p>	12	13	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p><i>Nursery School Picnic</i></p> <p><i>8:30 PM - AA</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p><i>6:30 PM Session</i></p>	16	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p><i>9:30-11:00AM Resource Saturday at Presbytery Resource Center:</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p><i>9:45 Worship & Communion 10:45 Prayer Group</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p><i>Nursery School Graduation</i></p>	20	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p><i>7:00 PM Trustees</i></p> <p><i>8:30 PM - AA</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p><i>7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting</i></p>	23	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p><i>4:30 PM Swamp Tour with Chip Blair</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p><i>9:45 Worship</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p><i>Memorial Day in the Park</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p><i>7:30 PM Membership Committee</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p><i>8:30 PM - AA</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p><i>6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p><i>10 AM - 2 PM Car Wash</i></p> <p><i>4:30 PM Wedding</i></p>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 Worship 10:45 Coffee 10:45 Deacons	2 6:30 PM Nursery School Open House	3	4 8:30 - AA	5	6	7
8 Children's Sunday 9:45 Worship 10:45 Party	9	10	11 8:30 - AA	12 7:00 PM Session	13	14 6:00 PM Mission Dinner Night 
15 9:45 Worship & Communion Father's Day 	16	17	18 7:00 PM Trustees 8:30 - AA	19	20	21
22 Baccalaureate Sunday 9:45 Worship 	23	24	25 8:30 - AA	26	27	28
29 9:45 Worship	30					

***Memorial Day
in the Park
Monday,
May 26th***

*Join us after the parade for
food, games, music and
more. Vendors welcome -
see inside for more
information.*



***Youth Car
Wash***



***Saturday, May 31st
10 AM until 2 PM
at the Byron Fire Hall***



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