



# News From The Heart

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JULY 2018

**First Presbyterian Church of Cazenovia, NY**  
In the Heart of the Village since 1799

## Pastor's Journal

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I am writing this article from the observer's gallery of the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA); where thousands of Presbyterians from around the world have gathered on the banks of the beautiful Mississippi under the shadow of the Gateway to the Midwest in St. Louis, Missouri to address the business and further the mission of the church.

This is a BIG DEAL y'all.

Every other year we Presbyterians come together to celebrate our connectionalism, to affirm our common faith heritage, to honor those Presbyterian brothers and sisters who have borne courageous witness in the past and upon whose shoulders today we stand, and to boldly proclaim that the Presbyterian Church (USA) has a vital mission yet to accomplish in the world.

Let me say that I am not necessarily a great fan of such national conferences. And yet, to hear thousands of voices singing "The Church's One Foundation" during the opening worship service, and then to see that same multitude representing all ages, races, nationalities and orientations come forward to receive Holy Communion through intinction—it is difficult for me, as a lifelong Presbyterian, to describe the feeling I had. Or the joy of seeing thousands of Presbyterians, just a moment ago, getting silly as they learn the salsa during a brief break in the business agenda.

To paraphrase a quote from Mark Twain, "The reports of *the church's* demise are greatly exaggerated."

The Presbyterian Church is alive and well right here in St. Louis—and being inspired and empowered and anointed for God's work in the world. And not only that—reports are coming in from around the nation and across the globe of vital and innovative ministry going on for the sake of the Gospel of love, peace and justice in the name of Jesus Christ.

And we, at First Presbyterian Church in Cazenovia, are an integral part of that vital mission.

As I sit here writing this article, Commissioners of the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly are debating prior to taking a vote concerning "The Way Forward;" an important overture based on years long study to restructure the PCUSA for greater efficiency and effectiveness. There are many laborious details which goes into such a vote, but the upshot has to do with transforming the church culture to function better in today's world (and on an increasingly limited budget).

While this is a seminal overture for this General Assembly, certainly, I will not bore you with the details (even if I understood them). Suffice it so say that our denomination is steeped in the democratic process undergirded by the belief that every voice should be heard.

## Pastor's Journal—Continued

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As I try to figure out better what is currently occurring on the floor, meanwhile I will look forward to sharing with you the Big Picture of the Presbyterian Church (USA) when I return.

Until then—As Always, I Remain Yours in Christ Jesus.

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## Summer Music

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Now that the choirs are on break for the summer, we have a stellar lineup of musicians to share their gifts for the offertory.

- July 1st- Shirley Davies will play a classical piano selection for us
- July 8th- Michael Guarneiri has some selections from the spring piano season to share. This includes another fantastic duet he and I have been working on- “The Stars and Stripes Forever” arranged by Zach Heyde and Frank Tedesco.
- July 7th- The KCs, lovingly named because of their common initials (Kathy Campagna, Carla Kinney, Kristin Curtis, Carol Buckhout, and Robin Curtis) will share a vocal selection with us.
- July 22nd- Nathan Guarneiri will play a Beethoven Sonatina on piano for us.
- July 29th- I will be on vacation for a couple weeks, so Mary Coburn and her son Ethan will play piano and cello for you.
- August 5th- Cathy Wheat will be back to visit and share an organ piece with the congregation.
- August 12th- Lesley Lepine will share her vocal talent with us.
- August 19th- Nathan Schierer has prepared “Fountain in the Rain” by one of our favorite impressionist composers- William Gillock
- August 26th- Joan DeFrees and I will play a couple of sacred piano duets.
- September 2nd- Closing out the season, Katie McGinnis will sing a soprano solo for us.

I hope you can join us for some of these wonderful performers! Have a blessed summer!

## Bell Rope Donation

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Thanks to Sparky Christakos, President of Gladding Braided Products. He donated 75 feet of inch and a half diameter, high quality, nylon braided rope to replace Caz Presbyterian's recently broken bell rope. This is the same braided rope used by the US Navy. As you can see Sparky was hung up over our bell rope!

Thanks to Todd Pugh, Chris Schierer, John Perriello and Kevin Curtis who are working on installing the rope and repairing the bell pulley wheels. Soon we can enjoy the peal of our bell again!



## Outreach Update

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The Outreach Committee met on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we voted to support the following worthy organizations:

- \$1500 to Meals on Wheels of East Onondaga County. This MOW recently absorbed the East Syracuse-Minoa area when that branch closed. With double the number of senior citizens now being served, they really needed some new equipment.
- \$720 to Madison County Children's Camp for 4 scholarships.
- \$1000 to DeRuyter Food Pantry in anticipation of increased need during the summer when free/reduced school lunches are unavailable.
- \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to support the relief efforts in the Ellicott City area of Maryland due to recent flooding.
- \$500 to Young Life for camp scholarships.
- \$500 to Young Life for Young Life Experience scholarships (for young unwed mothers' program).
- \$3000 to CazCares for purchase of food.
- \$1000 to Vanderkamp Center for facility updates

The Committee also discussed concerns of the Congregation that have been brought to us. A few congregants asked how much of the Outreach Committee budget is distributed locally versus elsewhere. Brad Johnson's analysis of Outreach Giving resulted in the following:

- For calendar year 2016, 57% was donated in Madison County, 23% in Central NY, 2% national, and 18% international.
- For calendar year 2017, 49% was donated in Madison County, 36% in CNY, 2% national, and 13% international.
- For 2018 through June 1st, 56% was donated in Madison County, 12% in CNY, 6% national, and 26% international.

We agreed that Christ's mission was not "local," but wherever there is need.

We hope you will bring us any concerns you have, and we invite members of the congregation to attend any of our meetings (every other month on the second Sunday following the service).

Our next meeting will be August 12<sup>th</sup>.

We wish you a wonderful summer of sun and fun and God's bountiful blessings!

Linda Peters and Patricia Johnson

Co-Chairs Outreach Committee

## Sunday School

### Sunday School

#### Summer Sunday School starts July 1st with Sharye Skinner

My thanks to Christian Ed for giving me the privilege to teach Summer Sunday School

The Children of our church are an inspiration to me!!

This summer we will be learning about God's gift of salvation, how God wants us to spread the Good News, it is good to give thanks, it is important to listen to God, God is more powerful than anything or anybody, God wants us to tell the truth, God wants us to obey Him and we can trust God when life is unfair.

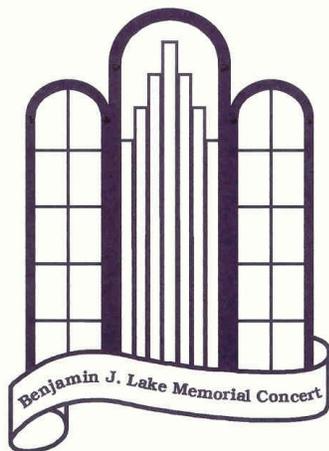
Children of all ages are welcomed for this fun filled time. Children should continue to join their family at the start of the service. Children can come one week or every week and anything in-between. I encourage family vacations.

### Many Thanks

The Christian Education Committee would like thank Shelly Brooks, Julie Carr, Courtney Guarneiri and Chris Jenner for all of their help in Sunday School this year.

We are looking for volunteers to work in teams for the fall in Sunday School as teachers and helpers. There are eight Sundays in our fall program. We hope to pair up people so that our teachers would be able to remain in the service every other week. November will start our pageant preparation. Please consider join our children's program. Questions? Please see BJ Palmer

## Ben Lake Memorial Concert



4pm July 15 - CHORALES: A PREMIERE EVENT @ 1st Presbyterian Church, 27 Albany St, Cazenovia, NY -- Benjamin J. Lake Memorial Concert - FREE

The program features the world premiere of "Chorale", a commissioned work by Cornell composer Kevin Ernste paying tribute to the late Pulitzer winner Steve Stucky, and the "Easter" Chorale Preludes by Howard Boatwright, in celebration of the Centenary of his birth. Also on the program is 2016 Israel winner Ryan Chase's "Stargazer", 2018 Guggenheim winner Tonia Ko's "Hum Phenomenon," and Contemporary Arts Award winner Missy Mazzoli's "Still Life with Avalanche." "Stargazer" takes us from Constellations and Meteor Showers to Time lapse; Mazzoli's "Still Life" finds beauty in chaos; and Ko's "Hum Phenomenon" has the cello anchoring the 3 higher instruments with a Tibetan style 'hum'.

The Society All-Stars (Kelly Covert, John Friedrichs, John Raschella, Sonya Williams, Arvilla Rovit, Greg Wood, Sar Shalom Strong, and Andrea Scheibel) will be joined by guest organist Oliver Brett. Mr. Brett won the 2017 Royal Canadian College of Organists' Prize at the Canadian International Organ Competition.

**Newsletter**

**Jul 2018 (Eastern Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Worship Service 6pm - AA @ First	2	3 9:30am - Tai Chi @ First 12pm - AA @ First	4 Office Closed 6pm - Caz Community Band	5 12pm - AA @ First	6 Office Closed	7 9am - AA @ First
8 10am - Worship Service 6pm - AA @ First	9 6:30pm - Session Meeting 6:30pm - Trustees	10 9:30am - Tai Chi @ First 12pm - AA @ First 6pm - Worship and Music	11 7:30am - Men's Breakfast 6pm - Caz Community Band	12 12pm - AA @ First	13	14 9am - AA @ First
15 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Deacons 4pm - Ben Lake Memorial 6pm - AA @ First	16	17 9:30am - Tai Chi @ First 12pm - AA @ First 7pm - Caz Watercolor	18 6pm - Caz Community Band	19 12pm - AA @ First	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 9am - AA @ First
22 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship Meeting 11am - Ronald McDonald 6pm - AA @ First	23	24 9:30am - Tai Chi @ First 12pm - AA @ First	25 6pm - Caz Community Band	26 12pm - AA @ First	27	28 9am - AA @ First 11am - Kouznetsov-Dixon
29 10am - Worship Service 6pm - AA @ First	30	31 9:30am - Tai Chi @ First 12pm - AA @ First	1 6pm - Caz Community Band	2 12pm - AA @ First	3	4 9am - AA @ First

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**SUNDAY  
SUMMER  
SCHOOL**  
Begins July 1st  
With Sharye Skinner