

No lead article this week.

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A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery

February

4 Nichols 1st George Budine, Commissioned Lay Pastor

11 Hobart

18 Honorably retired pastors: Earl Arnold, Doug Beattie, Leonard Bjorkman, Sharon Dittman, Barry Downing, Bob Heinle, Linda Hendrian, Marie King, Arthur Kopp, John Mahler, Jim Martin, Dean Miller, Maxine Pardee, Allen Presby, Barbara Renton, Elwin Sire, Alfred Sunderwirth, Ronald Thomas, Spencer VanGulick, Delbert Wemple, Carol Wilson

25 Clergy in specialized ministry or service beyond the jurisdiction of the church: Roger DeNoyelles, Doug Horne, Taryn Mattice, Michael Spezio, Art Suggs

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Prayers:

Prayers for pastor, Rev.Paul Hamilton, he has had 2 surgeries and needs many prayers for healing. He is not bouncing back as quickly as he would like.

Please contact Committee on Ministry co-chairs, Marsha Muller and Janet Adair Hansen if you have a pastoral care concern or need.

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Other News

2018 Standard Mileage Rates

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2018 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2018, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 54.5 cents for every mile of business travel driven, up 1 cent from the rate for 2017.
- 18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, up 1 cent from the rate for 2017.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

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THE BOARD BULLETIN

Serving more. Serving better. Serving the Church.

[Read the February Board Connections!](#)



CNY Presbyteries Partnership Spring Gathering - Save the Date

WHERE- Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church
5299 Jamesville Rd,
Syracuse, NY 13214

COST - \$50/person inclusive of lodging and meals (double occupancy)
Commuter rate \$25/person - inclusive of meals

WHEN

Thurs, April 12, 6:30pm- to Sat, April 14, 12:00pm

Let us come together to continue our discernment on our shared Presbyterian mission and witness to Central New York

- Thursday

6:30-9pm Welcome Reception

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Friday:

8:30 - 9:00am Gathering and Registration

9:00 - 11:30am Opening Worship & Keynote

1:00-2:30pm Workshop 1

2:30 - Break

2:45 - 4:15pm Workshop 2

4:15 - 5:30pm Break

5:30 - 7:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Keynote Speaker

General Schedule

Saturday:

9:00 -10:15am Workshop 3

10:30-12:00pm Closing Worship

12:00pm Box Lunch and Departure

[Click here to sign up](#)

For more information contact:

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Keynote Speaker: Rev. Jan Edmiston, pastor, regional leader, and co-moderator of the 222nd General Assembly

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SAVE THE DATE - Unadilla

The First Presbyterian Church at 156 Main Street, Unadilla, New York will be serving a “Sweetheart” Spaghetti dinner on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 4 until 7 pm. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar to take your sweetheart, family or loved ones out for dinner. The menu will include spaghetti with Mamma J's homemade spaghetti sauce made with Dave Johnson's homegrown tomatoes, Italian sausage, tossed salad, bread and a beverage. Dessert will be Valentine cupcakes. The cost of the meal will be \$9.00 for all over the age of 5. Children under 5 are free.

The proceeds will benefit church operations and mission efforts. Also, a portion of the proceeds will be donated toward our Days for Girls team leader's mission trip to Ghana in March.

For more information, call Dave Johnson at 369-9431 or Louise Lesh at 607-369-9579. The church is handicapped accessible via the ramp along the church street entrance and the indoor elevator.



Join us for Advocacy Training Weekend!

April 20-23, 2018 in Washington, DC

A World Uprooted: Responding to Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People

Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day April 20 8:00 – 4:30

Ecumenical Advocacy Days April 20-23

We live in a time of upheaval and uprootedness – a world in which each year millions of people cross borders in search of more secure and sustainable lives, while white supremacist ideologies continue to impede the fight for justice and peace for all of God's people. As we witness historically high levels of migration, we also find that racism, sexism, Islamophobia, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination are also on the rise

in our communities and used for political gain. At the root of this global upheaval and migration are the push factors of violent conflict, climate change, and corruption which often intersect with one another. At a time when there is such need around the world, we grieve that the U.S. has greatly reduced its refugee admittance numbers while smaller, poorer countries are stepping up to welcome and provide refuge for those in need. As people of faith, we know we can do more. We believe God is with Dreamers, the migrant and the outcast and calls us to create places of sanctuary; to offer hospitality to the stranger, to welcome all – regardless of faith, race, gender or nationality – and to break down the dividing walls that separate us.

Join us Friday April 20th for Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day - a day of fellowship education and organizing with Presbyterians. Then, join our ecumenical brothers and sisters for a weekend of education and advocacy at Ecumenical Advocacy Days the evening of April 20th through the 23rd.

Keynote Speaker announced for Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day - Matilde Moros is a decolonial, transnational feminist Christian ethicist, for whom theological and social ethics must respond to sexual violence and racism which have led to social exclusion of many peoples including Latin American and Latinx communities. Her research on the communal and historical effects of violence has led her to an approach to liberation ethics in which resistance methods has become the primary focus. Dr. Matilde Moros is Assistant Professor with the Department of Gender Sexuality and Women's Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA

More information on Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day coming soon! To register, click [here](#). For more information about Ecumenical Advocacy Days and to register, click [here](#)!

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