

Bainbridge Presbyterian

At 225 years young, the Bainbridge Presbyterian Church is caring for the Bainbridge-Guilford Community in a way that would make the founding folks of the Society of Cilicia proud.

Ongoing mission to the Bainbridge-Guilford school system provides clothing, socks, sneakers, underwear, and personal care items to the school nurse (elementary school) and the Bobcat Boutique (middle and high school), Every year new Curious George books are provided to incoming kindergarteners, and snacks are provided for certain classes (pretzel ministry).

The Thrift Store, which has been operating over three years (thanks to the New Beginnings program) regularly helps people in the community with everything from medical costs, to gas cards to use for transportation to treatments, to free clothing to those in need, to fence repairs. Annual proceeds, which amount to over \$10,000 annually are used completely for mission.

Please continue to keep this wonderful church in your prayers.

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A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery

January

6 The Staff of the Presbytery Christine Rogalski, Administrator
Chris Burger and Becky Kindig, co-Stated Clerks, Lisa Heckman, Treasurer

13 Bainbridge 1st, Patty Wolff Temp Supply Pastor

20 Masonville Federated

27 Nichols 1st George Budine, Commissioned Lay Pastor

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Prayers:

Prayers for Deb Fleming and family (Warren Rowlands, father of Deb Fleming) passed away yesterday morning. He had been in O'Connor Hospital in Delhi. The service will be on Saturday, 1/19/2019, at the West Delhi Presbyterian

Church. There will be calling hours at 11:00 AM at the church. The service will be at noon with a dinner to follow. Please keep the Rowlands and Fleming families in your prayers.

In addition, Deb's son Matthew and his wife Jesse welcomed their second daughter yesterday. Life certainly has its ups and downs.

Please contact Committee on Ministry co-chairs, Marsha Muller and Lisa Ruth Mays if you have a pastoral care concern or need.

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Other News

Owego Presbyterian Church - MLK Day of Service and Learning - January 21st

Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2019 will be celebrated as “A Day of Learning and Service for All Ages” on Monday, January 21st, at the First Presbyterian Union Church, TempleStreet and North Avenue, in Owego. January 2019 is the 90th anniversary of the birth of Dr. King, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, civil rights activist and preacher. Boy Scout Troop 38 is participating in this event. The public is invited, especially children and youth accompanied by adult family members, on this national holiday.

The day will start at 11:00 a.m. with an intergenerational project of making hygiene kits to help in disaster relief efforts and school kits to help children needing basic resources for learning. These kits will be distributed by Church World Service (CWS), the ecumenical relief agency supported by Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Baptists, Lutherans and many other Christians. Donations of items needed (see lists below) to help make these kits and/or financial donations to buy the items are welcome.

A simple lunch of pizza, hot dogs and veggie trays will be offered at 12:15 p.m. The lunch is free with donations welcome. At 1:00 p.m. there will be two free movies: the Academy Award-winning movie “Selma” for adults and older youth and the Disney movie “Ruby Bridges” for children and youth. “Selma” is based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches led by Martin Luther King, Jr., James Bevel,

Hosea Williams, and John Lewis. The actors are David Oyelowo as King, Tom Wilkinson as LBJ, Tim Roth as George Wallace, Carmen Ejogo as Coretta Scott King, and Common as Bevel. A. O. Scott of The New York Times wrote: "Even if you think you know what's coming, Selma hums with suspense and surprise. Packed with incident and overflowing with fascinating characters, it is a triumph of efficient, emphatic cinematic storytelling."

“Ruby Bridges” is a Disney film of the true story of the six year-old African American girl who alone desegregated the William Franz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960. Norman Rockwell’s famous painting, “The Problem We All Live With,” shows Ruby Bridges being escorted by four deputy marshals with a vandalized wall behind them. On July 15, 2011, Bridges met with President Barack Obama at the White House, and while viewing the Norman Rockwell painting of her on display the president told her, "I think it's fair to say that if it hadn't been for you guys, I might not be here and we wouldn't be looking at this together." See painting at

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Problem_We_All_Live_With

Donations for items needed for kits on MLK Day service project are welcome. Donated new items can be left at the church office at 111 Temple Street and financial donations (note MLK Day on check memo line) sent to that same address. Hygiene kits: hand towels measuring approximately 15''x 28'' to 16''x 32'' (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber); washcloths; wide-tooth comb; fingernail or toenail clipper; bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper; toothbrush in the package and standard size Band-Aids.

Additional information about this event is available from the church office: 687-1682 or by email: pastorbrucegillette@gmail.com.

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2019 Standard Mileage Rates

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2019 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, 2019, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 58 cents per mile driven for business use, up 3.5 cents from the rate for 2018
- 20 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, up 2 cents from the rate for 2018, and
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

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Developing and Measuring Spiritual Health

The Case for Spiritual Development by Rev. Paul Burns

I wonder if we, Presbyterians, are so adamant that the world recognize we are saved by the grace of God alone, that perhaps we are afraid to even hint we might need to put forth effort as followers of Christ. No! We are not saved by our works!! I think we all get that. But a work begins when the grace so freely given is so freely received in our hearts, and it is an arduous work.

No, it is not our work alone. It is the work of the Holy Spirit, the Church, and our own effort and willingness. It is - dare I say - a cooperative effort. It is an undertaking that leads us deeper into the life of Christ and further toward the way of Christ. It is the work of cultivation of souls; ourselves and others. We are all in this together. We cannot make the fruit of the Holy Spirit spring forth from our souls, but I do believe we participate with the Spirit in making ourselves ready for what God seeks to do in us. Prepare ye the way of the Lord! This is discipleship. It is the primary work of the Church and every church.

Much of the Church world has focused on leading people to Christ, but it seems to me that the Church has struggled to lead people into Christ-likeness. [MORE](#)