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Celebrating 500 Years of Reformation

**RE:FORM**, the newest approach to teaching youth and confirmation about our Christian faith sparked my imagination this summer as I reviewed the material. *Yes, we have the same Bible to teach our children. The scriptures and stories are much the same. However, we are not. Our cultures, our world view, our technology, AND our congregations have changed.*

As I watched the DVD curriculum for children, youth and adults, I found myself laughing out loud at the author’s wit and sense of humor. “Holy Moly” Bible stories, “Animate”, Adult Education and “Re:Form” Confirmation all reformulate the way we answer basic questions about our faith. The Pastor’s Study hour on Wednesdays, 1:30 pm will be viewing and discussing the adult education series, “Animate” starting October 4th.

Reclaiming our great motto of the Reformation, “The Church Reformed and Always Reforming”, will keep our congregations alive. The controversies may be different than the 95 Theses posted by Martin Luther on the Wittenberg Church door on October 30, 1517. The Christian Church was changing because society was changing. The printing press made the Bible assessable to the public. The focus on public education was driving the desire of “common people” to study the scriptures. Families gathered around the fireplace where the Bible was hidden under a table or stool for fear of punishment. Small groups courageously gathered to study, discuss and live the Gospel.

Today, we still have a desire to gather to be inspired and motivated by the teachings of the Bible. However, we expected this to happen in the one hour of worship or the Christian Education hour on Sunday morning. People ask similar questions, “Who/What is God?” “What did Jesus teach us?” What is the Holy Spirit? What is the Reign of God? How we to live are, raise our children, or make a difference? How are we transformed in Christ?

This month I do not give you sermon titles, rather I have given you questions to ponder after you read main scripture. Always Learning Something New. How about you?

Pastor Deb
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*SparkHouse Publishing ([www.wearesparkhouse](http://www.wearesparkhouse)) is a new curriculum for confirmation and youth*
OCT. 1 – goodies for boxes to go to our college youth needed by 9:00 am

OCT 1 & 8 – FOOD DRIVE

FALL MISSION PROJECT
OCT. 1&8 - we will be collecting items to give to the Geneva Food Pantry. Thank You!!

OCTOBER 1 – canned pasta sauce and pasta

OCTOBER 8 – HEARTY soups and canned meat

OCT. 15 – Acolyte training – right after 10:30 Worship

OCT. 22 – Acolyte Installation – 10:30 worship Kiddos sing at worship – warm-up 9:00

OCT. 29 – 5th-12th carve pumpkins to benefit HEIFER PROJECT
COLLEGE CARE BOXES

Cookies and brownies are needed on Sunday, OCTOBER 1. The Membership & Evangelism Committee is planning the annual preparation of Care Boxes to be sent to our 13 college students and Welcome Bags to be delivered to 11 HWS students who are Presbyterians. Please help us brighten the college students’ day. Bring your treats to the conference room NO LATER THAN 9:00 am on OCTOBER 1. Confirmation Class will pack the bags and boxes.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
To benefit HEAD START
LOOK FOR BASKET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
Youth Fellowship
OCTOBER
Grades 6-12

Stokoe Farms

Time: leave church at 12:30 back by 5:00
When: Sunday, October 1st
Where: 656 South Road, Scottsville, NY 14456
What: Corn Maize, Slides, Cars, Pumpkin Patch, Jumping Pillows, Farm Animals, Apple Launcher, Tree House, etc.
https://www.stokoeferms.com/pumpkin/activities/

Bring: warm clothes, $14
Please RSVP NO LATER THAN September 27th to pjfoote25@gmail.com
We will need to have transportation figured out so no late RSVP’s please.

Pumpkin Carving

When: Sunday, October 29th
Where: Church during Sunday School
Time: 9:00-10:15
Adult Forum
Meets from 9:15-10:15 on Sunday morning in the South Parlor

Please join us in conversations in which we explore our faith, expand our understanding and learn about opportunities for action. In response to initiatives from PCUSA and the events in Charlottesville this summer, we have decided to devote this fall to issues involving racism, reconciliation, forgiveness—and what our Confessions ask of us. We anticipate devoting the spring to the Living the Question curriculum initially intended for this fall.

- **Sept 17**—Living the Question Session 1: *Invitation to the Journey*
  - “Faith is not a destination, but a journey.”
  - “Christian life [means] struggling with the questions rather than claiming any certainties.”

- **Sept 24 through Oct 29**—*Race and Reconciliation: Confessions of 1967 and Belhar.*
  - Using material from PCUSA, we will consider the Confession of 1967, which grew out of the Civil Rights era in the US, and the Belhar Confession, which grew out of apartheid in South Africa and was adopted by PCUSA at the most recent General Assembly.
  - Both remind us that “God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation.”
  - How do we honor that trust at a time of deep divisions?

- **Nov 5 through 26**—*The Power of Forgiveness*
  - For those of us who miss Pastor Deb’s study of this video or those who want to continue discussing this challenging topic.
  - Learn and think about forgiveness in connection with such seemingly unforgivable acts as 9/11, the murder of Amish schoolchildren, or civil war.

*The topics are important, the conversation thought-provoking, the company welcoming.*
Dear Church Family,

I decided to pick a difficult topic for this month after hearing a news report that an area school is no longer letting kids get changed in the locker rooms. It struck me as odd. With a little further research it became clear the reason for this was bullying, and often cyber bullying. When I was in high school there may have been some fights and teasing, but no one was taking pictures of anyone as they were getting changed and then posting it on a social media site. Can you imagine how you would feel going on FACEBOOK and finding an unbecoming picture of yourself partially naked!!!!

Cyberbullying is a new and constant threat to kids old enough to use the technology. Cyberbullies lurk on chats and blogs luring in unsuspecting kids to think they have a wonderful new friend or a knight in shining armor who is coming to profess their true love. It might be a nasty person on the other side who is trying to gain their trust, get embarrassing or personal information and then post it for the world to see. Fake profiles have been set up by bullies to hurt other kids. Especially when your child is looking at colleges or for a job, what is out there on social media is looked at and can have a strong influence as to whether they are accepted. Children have committed suicide due to cyberbullying. It is not something to ignore!

Stopbullying.gov has some tips for parents to try to help prevent cyber issues. First, be aware of what your child is looking at on line. (You would be surprised with the number of kids who innocently stumble onto porn sites.) Ask your kids to let you “friend” or follow them on social media, install parental controls, ask for their passwords onto sites that require them, and FREQUENTLY discuss the dangers of the internet. Set up rules for use of computers, cell phones, tablets, etc. Warn them NOT to share passwords to their sites. Someone can create things on their site that are awful (but it will look like they did it themselves). It is almost impossible to trace and hard to delete if this happens. Remind them never to post anything mean or embarrassing about others, even if they are upset. Once it’s been put in print, it’s out there for time and all eternity! Underage kids have put pictures of themselves drinking at a friend’s house on social media and have caused the unsuspecting friend’s parents big trouble.

I will have info out on the glass cases in Fellowship Hall. Please talk to your children, especially those entering middle school, about this topic! Call me with concerns! 315 759 9039    God Bless, Beth
At our September meeting of the Board of Deacons, tentative dates for major events were set for the present program year:

- November 12: Comfort Food Luncheon
- December 10: Filling Christmas bags for shut-ins
- March 11: “Supper with a Song”
  Right after the 10:30 worship service
- May 6: Annual Talent Show and Dinner
- June 17: Baccalaureate breakfast

Watch for details!

There are so many ways to support the work of the Deacons by offering to help with any of these events. Cleaning up after a church meal or offering to share a special talent at our annual talent show are two ideas. You can also send a caring note to a fellow congregant. One specific request right now is for volunteers to provide rides to worship services. Please contact Barbara Gunn if this is a way you could be helpful.

A final joyful note is that long-time congregant, Agnes Hoefler, celebrated her 100th birthday on September 5th. She is living at the Continuing Care Center at Thompson Hospital. Her photo is displayed on our church bulletin board.

Blessings, The Deacons
Presbyterian Women

Friendship Bible Study Group
Thursday, October 19th – 1:30pm

Needles/Crafts
Thursday, October 5th – 1pm

Upcoming Events:
October 1, 8, 22, 29 – Coffee Hour by Presbyterian Women
October 22 – PW Meeting @11:45am – Will be discussing 2018 PW Budget.
PW will support Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 15th
November 7 – Election Day Bake Sale
November 18 – Presbytery Meeting being held at Presbyterian Church in Geneva.

“Thank You” – Hugh Price for helping to put the new labels on cabinets in the kitchen.
“Thank You” – Nancy Taylor & Mrs. Ann Taylor (Mother) for new Kitchen accessories of towels, dish cloths, and over mitts

Church World Service provides Hygiene Kits in disaster areas. Each kit contains a new washcloth, a new hand towel (not fingertip), nail clippers, wide tooth comb, toothbrush in the wrapper, a bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper and 10 regular size band-aids. All items should be new. Toothpaste is added by CWS later. Most items can be purchased at a dollar store.

Ten of these were delivered to the PW Fall Gathering in Hornell on Sept. 9. In light of recent disasters, supplies will need to be replenished. PW will continue to collect items for a future delivery to CWS in December. If you can donate any of the above items, please give them to Ellen Reynolds or contact her at ellen09@gmail.com or 315-521-3240.
SERRV is open again after the summer break. Hours are Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Sundays after both services.

Thanks to members and friends for their ongoing support caring for people around the world and helping struggling artisans and farmers help themselves. Most of the artisans who craft our merchandise are women and SERRV only works with organizations that treat women as equals on all levels of decision making. Through their independent cooperatives they then plan and carry out social programs that benefit their families and wider communities. These collaborations give the women stronger voices in all other areas of their lives.

Through the nonprofit mission and deep commitment to fair trade principles, SERRV is dedicated to not only sell their partners' products but to develop educational offerings, skill trainings, resources, and more to help grow sustainable businesses.

Stop in our shop soon and see our wide variety of goods! It’s a great opportunity to share in this mission.

ECO

The Eco Committee will be sending our first box of used oral care products to TerraCycle this month. Please continue to bring in any brand of empty toothpaste tubes, old toothbrushes, the packaging from these items and empty floss containers. The drop off box is located in the Fellowship Hall near the piano. TerraCycle turns these hard to recycle items into new products. In turn we are rewarded with points for collecting these items that we will pay forward to a charitable cause.
TECH NEWS

Has your contact information changed??

Has your mailing address, email address or phone number has changed? Please call Colleen in the church office by calling her at (315) 789-1343 or email her at secretary@pcgny.org so that we can keep abreast of the changes to your contact information.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

Please note that the GenPres newsletter deadline is noon on the third Wednesday of each month. Please submit your articles to:

secretary@pcgny.org
Website Calendar Navigation

In the upper left hand corner just above the calendar grid is a navigation panel will allow you to the following:

- Go to last year – Click the button to display the calendar 1 year prior.
- Go to last month – Click the button to display last month’s calendar
- Choose a date to view – Click on the center button which has the Month and Year. A small calendar will be displayed beneath the button. Use the arrow buttons at the top of the small calendar to change months or click on the Month and Year in the small calendar to change years and/or to select a different month. Once the year and the month are selected, select a day and the website calendar will display the selected month and year.
- Go to next month – Click the button to display next month’s calendar
- Go to next year - Click the button to display the calendar 1 year in the future.
In memory of **Jeffrey M. Braun** by Louisa Johnson of Geneva.

In memory of **Lois Nellis** by Alice Salisbury of Seneca Falls, NY and by Paul and Frances Hansen of Templeton, CA.

In memory of **Shirley Brind** by Paul and Frances Hansen of Templeton, CA.

In memory of **Becky Addona** by Mrs. & Mrs. Richard Henderson and Carl Aten of Geneva.

In memory of **Stuart Messur** by Mr. & Mrs. John Fouracre, Jean Ritter, Carl Aten, Joan Doeblin, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Hovey, Ray Howard, Lisa Newcomb, Dorothy Newcomb, Mr. & Mrs. David VanAllan, Mr. & Mrs. Roland Penta, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Palmieri, Mr. & Mrs. Walt Gage, Eleanor Stearns, Carmella Picchi, Mrs. & Mrs. Edward Scharrer, Mrs. & Mrs. Karl Siebert, Janice St. Louis, James Spates and Jennifer Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Damick, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Henderson, Mr. & Mrs. James Nessler, Elizabeth Bishop, P.E.O. Chapter AK, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bruno, Jane Donegan, Mr. & Mrs. James Capron, Sandra Ditch, Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Smith of Geneva, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Schubert and Mr. & Mrs. Schuyler VanHorn of Waterloo, Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Aude of Phelps, Ralph and Marie Baldassarri and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Koenig of Carmel, NY, Carl & Patricia Messur, Donna Newcomb, and Mr. & Mrs. Seth Brandow of Romulus, NY, Mr. & Mrs. John Rugg of Farmington, NY, Mr. & Mrs. David Phillips of Penn Yan, NY, Mr. & Mrs. George Pettinger of Canandaigua, NY, Thomas and Deborah Schadt of Kirkland, WA, Joan H. Witte of Rockport, MA, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Durbin of San Antonio, TX, Rita-Lee Briskie of Powell, WY, Anchor QEA of Seattle, WA, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Johnson of Largo, FL, Mr. & Mrs. Mentreddi Rao of Lansdowne, VA, and Anne E. Rowan, Nick and Shelley Lascaro, Robert and Katie Rowan, David and Shelly Rowan, and Tom and Kaye McGlimpsey of Boulder, CO, and Mr. & Mrs. David Voigt of Fairport, NY.
Dear Friends and family of the Church,
Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and support shown to us during the recent illness and passing of our father, father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather, Dan Benedict! We feel blessed by his life and work in and out of the church as a peacemaker!
Sincerely,
Ruth Benedict and Jerry Rose, Faith and Dexter Benedict, Heather, Mat, and Ben DeMoras
While it is always exciting to plan and prepare special music for our weekly worship services, it is especially exciting to prepare music for our special celebrations during Advent & Christmas, Lent & Easter, and Pentecost.

This year, the Choir will be preparing one of the most beloved works of western choral music celebrating the miracle of Christmas, the “Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi. The choir will be bringing this musical homage to Jesus’ birth, along with other music, to our Cantata Sunday Christmas journey. Our musical celebration will also be enriched this year by the accompaniment of a small orchestra which will also provide some special music for the prelude and offertory. The “Gloria” is a work of sheer exuberance with distinctive melodic expressions, full of varied rhythmic ideas and harmonic excitement.

Vivaldi had considerable success as a composer and was well paid for his work but ended up squandering his fortune and was buried in a pauper’s grave when he died. The “Gloria” went undiscovered until the late 1920’s but was not performed until 1939 and then only in a somewhat altered rendition. The first performance of the original version in the modern era did not occur until 1957 at the first Festival of Baroque Choral Music at Brooklyn College, NY. Since then it has become one of the most loved baroque choral pieces.

If you are a singer who has not taken the opportunity to sing with us yet, we invite you to join us for this joyful expression of our faith. This includes all from high school age and up. It will be a great opportunity to sing one of the great works of the western musical tradition. The choir will be rehearsing the “Gloria” at the beginning of each of our regular evening rehearsals, 7 pm every Thursday.
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