



***The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring.***

**–Bernard Williams.**

As spring has finally arrived, we are filled with an awakening of our senses and a revitalizing of our hopes and dreams. The Charlotte Valley Presbyterian Church is excited to announce a capital campaign to preserve and maintain our historic church building on Main Street and to continue our presence in the Davenport community. We hope you share our excitement!

As with most 150 year old structures, many repairs are needed including work on the foundation, siding, stained-glass windows, insulation, heating, painting, kitchen, sidewalk, driveway and manse – you get the idea.

In addition to offering services on Sunday morning, our outreach programs and activities include: Health Care Kits, School Kits, Food Bank, CVCS Evacuation Site, Senior Citizen's Site, Christmas Baskets and Christmas Angels, Discretionary Fund, Cancer Screening Site, Nursing Home Worship, Bell Choir, CROP Walk for Hunger, One Great Hour of Sharing, Blanket Sunday, Community Choir, Meals on Wheels, Church Mouse Program, Keith's Office, Bible Study, Community Prayer, Jail Ministry, Backpack Program, Church dinners and the Strawberry Festival.

These ambitious projects need the support of our members and friends, as well as the benevolence of community businesses and individuals to help us reach our goal. We hope the Charlotte Valley Presbyterian Church will continue to have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of many for generations to come. We are proud of our service and accomplishments and look forward with hope for the future.

## **A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery April**

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9 The Staff of the Presbytery Christine Rogalski, Administrator  
James Martin, Stated Clerk, Lisa Heckman, Treasurer

- 16 Cincinnatus United George Carruth, Commissioned Lay Pastor
- 23 Davenport Charlotte Valley Carol Wilson, Pastor
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**Prayers:**

Prayers for Tom Rossi.

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**

**WALTER LEE AND AGNES H. GLADSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST SEMINARY/HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Program Description**

In 1968, Walter Lee and Agnes H. Gladstone generously willed funds to West Presbyterian Church to assist students wishing to enter into active Christian work. Now administered by The United Presbyterian Church of Binghamton (UPC), the Gladstone Christian Scholarship Trust Committee solicits applications each year from students interested in being part of the program.

This program allows students to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 per person per academic year. If special circumstances exist, the Gladstone Christian Scholarship Trust Committee may recommend increasing this amount. The grant may be repaid at a later time if financial circumstances permit.

**Deadline: Application must be received by May 15**

[Gladstone Scholarship application](#)

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**200 Years of Worship**

First Presbyterian Union Church, Owego, NY celebrates 200 years of worship with an organ concert on Sunday April 30th, 2017 at 4:00pm. Organ concert will feature nationally known organist Dave Jackson. He will be joined by local organists Brenda Yeier and Jordan Dove. This tracker organ was built in 1889 by George S. Hutchings for the Oswego Congregational Church. The Owego First Presbyterian Union Church acquired and installed this antique organ in 1989 where it has been an enhancement to our worship experience every Sunday. A congregational sing a long will be included

and a reception will follow the concert in the Westminster House. Everyone is invited to this special concert as we celebrate our Bicentennial.

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## **Presbytery Camperships Available**

The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley provides campership funds for school-age children and youth, and young adult campers with special needs, to attend overnight Christian camps. Camperships are **not** a financial aid program; they are an incentive, provided to all families (regardless of family income) involved in churches in the presbytery, to support and enhance kids Christian faith journeys. For more information and applications, visit [susvalpresby.org](http://susvalpresby.org): go to Mission > Christian Nurture and click on Camperships. Click here for [flyer](#).

Or else, <http://www.susvalpresby.org/mission/christian-nurture/campership-rules/>

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## **Stated Clerk Position**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Stated Clerk Jim Martin has indicated his desire to retire in the fall of 2017. The Nominating Committee is seeking potential candidates to fill this position.

Here are the qualifications for the position:

1. A Teaching Elder or Ruling Elder member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
2. An understanding and commitment to the faith and work of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
3. A working knowledge of the Book of Order and of parliamentary procedure (Robert's Rules of Order)
4. Able to maintain proper boundaries of confidentiality
5. An eye for detail and completion of required work in a timely manner
6. Computer literacy

See the Position Description for more details and the duties of the Stated Clerk.

We are open to the possibility of two people sharing the responsibilities of Stated Clerk. One would be Stated Clerk, the other being Assistant Stated Clerk.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you -- or someone you know -- to serve the wider church in this ministry.

We are asking potential candidates to submit a brief statement as to why she or he is interested in this position (or a shared position) and what gifts you have to offer as a Stated Clerk (or Assistant Stated Clerk).

Please send letters of interest by Wednesday, March 15, 2017 to:  
Rev. Garrett Vittorio Schindler, P.O. Box 26, Bovina Center, NY 13740  
Or to [bovinaupchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bovinaupchurch@gmail.com)

Selected candidates will be invited to shadow Stated Clerk Jim Martin to learn more about the position from April through early fall of 2017.

In God's service,  
Rev. Garrett Vittorio Schindler  
Chair, Nominating Committee

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**New Position Description  
Mission Communicator/Coordinator  
Synod of the Northeast**

**Purpose:** The Synod Mission Coordinator will work to provide effective communication throughout the Synod Community through a variety of communications tools, as well as provide support and guidance to those seeking and receiving mission and ministry support from Synod programs and resources, and to promote Synod funds development.

For more information please [click here](#).

**TO APPLY:** Send resume and cover letter to Luci Duckson-Bramble, Chair of the Search Committee, at [lucibramble@icloud.com](mailto:lucibramble@icloud.com). If you need to discuss the position, you may reach her at 516-476-8450. Deadline for applications is May 15, 2017.

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**[Read the April Board Connections!](#)**

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