

No lead article this week.

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A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery

May

- 6 Binghamton Ross Memorial
- 13 Delhi United Ministry Bobby Murphy, Pastor
- 20 Endwell Northminster, Rachel Helgeson, Pastor
- 27 Oneonta 1st United Cynthia Walton-Leavitt, Pastor

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Prayers:

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



[Read the May Board Connections!](#)

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Small Church Event

Dear Church Family,

Let me begin by saying, the Spirit of Change is all around us in many uplifting ways. So with that The Small Church Team has a new name. We will now be known as The Church Support Team. We strive to serve all churches; small or large, and those with or without a pastor.

Since our last presbytery wide meeting that was held in the Conklin Church, we have been busy. Please welcome Rev. Robert Heinle to our team staff. What a joy it is to have him with us. We have also sat down and scheduled our next two meetings which everyone is invited to.

Please jot down the following dates.

May 19, 2018 at The United Ministry of Delhi at 9:00 AM - last meeting for workshop "Church 101".

June 2, 2018 at Binghamton United at 9:00 AM - first meeting for workshop "102".

If you have not attended any of these meetings, now is the time to come. George Budine has developed a program that addresses many concerns that plague our churches across our Presbytery in one form or another. George has been a Lay Pastor for the small congregation in Nichols which has and continues to be revitalized under his guidance.

We have received positive feedback from all of the churches that have attended the first two gatherings. One church has already begun to employ George's powerful message within their congregation with positive results.

Mark your calendar for May 19th. This will be the last opportunity to hear the program called "Church 101". You need this so you can reap the benefits when we begin "Church 102". You will leave filled with hope and take with you lots of inspirational ideas.

The cost to attend this program **is ZERO**; it **is FREE**. Just come and hear the good news of hope and vision for your churches.

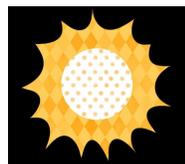
Refreshments will be provided before and during the program. You will not leave hungry for food, both physically and spiritually. We are confident that everyone will come away with some valuable information that they can take back to their churches that will make a positive difference. We feel this can only lead to new energy and stronger faith.

Please contact any one of the team staff no later than May 15, so that the people at Delhi United Ministries will have sufficient time to shop and prepare for the event.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Please RSVP to any one of us.

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Bob Heinle	wpcoach@aol.com	607-692-2564
Marsha Muller	marsha3@frontier.com	607-865-6020



Presbytery Campership for school-age children and youth (K–12th grade) and young adults with special needs

Overnight Christian camps only ~ One campership per camper per summer season
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.

Level 1: Presbyterian (PCUSA) camps 3/4 of cost of one week of camp (up to \$500 maximum)

Level 2: Churches Uniting in Christ (includes United Methodist), American Baptist, or Reformed Church of America camps 2/3 of cost of one week of camp (up to \$375 maximum)

Level 3: All other Christian camps (camps are evaluated on a case-by-case basis) 1/2 of cost of one week of camp (up to \$250 maximum)

Applications will be accepted through July 31, 2018

For information and applications, visit www.susvalpresby.org and go to Mission > Christian Nurture then click on Camperships

Questions? pmc@susvalpresby.org or 607-323-4477

Let's work together to encourage our children and youth to grow in God's love!

Presbytery Camperships

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50 years later, don't just commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King's Nonviolent Moral work...complete it.

Direct Action Training
Tuesday, May 22, from 6-9 pm
United Ministry of Delhi

Share and lift up each other's stories of struggle

- Confront the evils of systemic racism and other forms of discrimination, poverty, militarism and the war economy, and ecological devastation
- Shift the distorted moral narrative of our nation
- Build power to continue this fight long after June 2018!

Please plan to attend the full training, including small group and large group discussion and role-plays. Free dinner and childcare will be provided.

Help with transportation is available for training and for actions.

RSVP to soutterson@gmail.com or 347 735 9287.

Campaign Co-Chairs: Rev. Dr. William Barber and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis

Find the Poor People's Campaign on Facebook and the web!



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BUS TRIP TO SEE JESUS AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER - JUNE 26, 2018 -

The First Presbyterian Church of Gilbertsville is sponsoring a trip to see *JESUS!* - the action packed musical stage adventure that takes us on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the every day people whose lives he changed forever. **Hales bus coach will pick up passengers at the Gilbertsville Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 26, boarding at 6 a.m.**

(NOTE: Arrangements can also be made for attendees to get the bus in Oneonta, Sidney and Binghamton.) With a stop along the way, we will arrive in the Lancaster, PA area around 11:30 to enjoy a scrumptious buffet at Miller's. The 3 p.m. matinee of *Jesus* has us sitting in the balcony, center section, to witness and take in this life adventure, including the unexpected as it reaches down and pulls you out of the water, wherever you are in your life. All inclusive rate to include a comfortable seat on the bus, the full buffet and admission to *JESUS* is **\$168 per person, based on 30 passengers**. If we are successful in reaching 35 or over 40 passengers, each will receive a refund the day of the trip. Following a brief stop on the way home, we are scheduled to arrive back in Gilbertsville around 11 p.m. **Questions or payment for reservations are to be made payable to Roger Halbert, P.O. Box 321, Gilbertsville. Seats on the bus will be made in order of payments received. Questions, contact Roger at 783-2691.**

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*The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley
Cordially invites you to a
Service of Worship
to install
Rev. Virginia Coakley
Sunday, May 20, 2018
4:00 p.m.
at
First Presbyterian Church Dryden
6 North Street Dryden, NY*

Reception immediately following the Worship Service

"Clergy are invited to attend the service wearing their vestments (red stole) and to process into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service."

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