

THE BYRON PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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January - February, 2005 Newsletter

God's Attention is on You ...

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.*

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called God's children.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 5:1-10

INSIDE: PEOPLE, NEWS, EVENTS

Church Information

Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 9:45 AM
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Radical Prayers

As Christians we always pray with radical hope. Yes, wars and violence, hatred and injustice, sin and darkness cast shadows over our lives. But this is God's new season, God's new hope, God's new beginning, and with all our hearts we want to be a part of it. In our homes, our churches, hospitals, prisons, schools, diners, as well as the most dangerous places in the world we know the hurts and pains. But in our prayers our hope is stronger than our fears, and we delight in God's blessings, confidence and love. "This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us rejoice in his salvation." [Is 25:9]

We're ready to pray with you, for your family, for our community, for whole world. Just let us know, and we'll all be praying with you. If something is happening in your life that would benefit from prayer, our folks are ready! You can initiate the Prayer Chain by calling Laura Platt (548-2245) or Jean Koda (548-2417).

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,


In this space I usually speak about things of general interest in the life of the church. This time I have something very personal to share!

On Saturday, March 12th, Robin Dunnington and I will be getting married in Silver Spring, Maryland. Our happy news was presented to the congregation on November 21st, and many of you had a chance to meet Robin at that time.

Over the next several months we will be working on the sale of Robin's home in Maryland, and moving many of her possessions to Byron. We will also be moving some of her things to Washington, DC, where she will be sharing an apartment during the workweek. Robin works at HUD as a housing consultant with Compass Group. As time goes she will spend increasing time in Byron!

One of the more interesting adjustments will be the arrival of Robin's two cats in Byron to start the new year - it remains to be seen how our dog will react to this. Maybe he needs the most prayers of all!

And thank you for all your encouragement!

Jim Renfrew, Pastor 

Although the wedding itself will be a small family celebration, we invite you to come to a potluck dinner to celebrate our marriage at the Gillam-Grant Community Center on Saturday, March 19th, 3:00 to 8:00 PM. Details about this will follow.

Preaching Themes for January & February

JAN 2	Matthew 2:1-15	Time to Flee
JAN 9	Mt 2:19-23, 3:13-27	The Gap
JAN 16	I Corinthians 1:1-9	Grace & Peace
JAN 23	Matthew 4:12-23	Galilee
JAN 30	Matthew 5:1-12	A Great Adventure
FEB 6	II Peter 1:16-21	With Our Own Eyes
FEB 13	Matthew 4:1-11	40
FEB 20	John 3:1-17	Everything You've Done Wrong
FEB 27	Romans 5:1-11	Rhymes with "T"

IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

The Stewardship Committee is working with Session to prepare the 2005 Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 23rd. As of mid-December, these are the numbers we are looking at:

Overall Anticipated Expenses:	\$81,947
Estimates of Giving (pledges):	\$43,709
All Other Income:	\$29,677
Overall Anticipated Income:	\$72,986
<u>What is still needed for a balanced 2005 Budget:</u>	\$8,960

Session is working hard to overcome the \$8,960 gap between our expenses and our income in time for the Annual Meeting. Here are some things you can do:

[1] Turn in your 2005 Estimate of Giving Card as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Extra cards may be obtained from Harley George (343-8157), or from the church office. We can cover about half of the amount needed if persons who have made annual commitments in 2004 do the same (or more) in 2005!

[2] If you have not submitted an "Estimate of Giving" card in the past, please consider doing so now! Please note that "Estimate of Giving" is just what it says, it's an estimate. We understand that circumstances may change during the course of the year. At our Harvest Banquet many hopes and dreams for our church were offered by members and friends of the

congregation, but we need to have accurate income information in order to move forward with these dreams during the coming year!

[3] We are eager to hear your ideas for creative fundraising in 2005. Is there something new we could try? Do you have an idea that has worked in other places? Please share your idea with a member of our Stewardship Committee: Harley George, Marc Kenward, Marilyn Britt or Don Engle.

Our Stewardship Committee is grateful for the faithful support many members and friends have offered in support of our church's ministry. Even so, we are eager to challenge the congregation to overcome this gap between income and expenses. We have expressed some wonderful dreams for the future of the Byron Presbyterian Church, but we need a strong financial foundation in order to make these dreams happen!

2005 Offering Envelopes

A box of offering envelopes, and periodic financial statements, are made available at the end of December to all who submitted an "Estimate of Giving" card during our Stewardship effort.

Please note that in each box there is an envelope marked "Per Capita". Per Capita, set at \$22.64 in 2005, represents each church member's fair share of the administrative expenses of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, Synod of the Northeast, and the Presbyterian Church (USA). Members typically contribute this amount during January.

We are happy to provide a box of offering envelopes to any adults or youth who wish them. Please note that if you did not submit an Estimate of Giving card, an annual financial statement (especially useful for tax purposes) can be provided only if you notify the church office during January that you would like us to keep track of these contributions.

Church & Community News

We are praying for *Corrine Lane*, *Julia MacVea*, and *Jan Vanwyngaarden* (at GCNH - all of whom enjoyed a Christmas visit from church members), *Bertha and George Toal* (doctor's care), *Shirley Mahon* (cancer treatment), *Nelson Stamp* (doctor's care), *Cheryl Moore* (Helen's daughter-in-law hospitalized after an ATV accident), *Mary Livsey* (doctor's care), *Sharon Keller* (Liz Weber's sister-in-law), *Janet Kempie Miller* (surgery), *Jared Johnson* (Jobs Corps), *Melissa Cleveland* (college), and *Drs. Catherine Homrig and Richard Mathes* (baby girl *Clairie Ainsley* born Dec. 8th, 7 lbs, 10 oz.), *Cody Ehrmentraut* (new-born son of Paul and Julie Ehrmentraut), *Beverly Dusing*, (Valerie Liles' mother in the hospital in December), *Wendy Franks* (Jim Lundmark's sister recovering from surgery), *Paul Riner* (hospitalized in December), *Lynn, Jessica and Nate Beglinger* (moved to Byron from Oakfield), *Jean Butler* (home from the hospital), *Laura Platt and family* (her father *Robert Stefani* died suddenly on December 9th). Welcome to recent visitors: *Cindy, George, Mary and Alex Morgan*.

A Year With the Bible

Sign up now for "A Year With the Bible" in 2005. Look for the sign-up list on Sunday mornings. We will supply you with a booklet that includes all the daily Bible readings.

Deacons

The deacons encourage you to contribute food items to Salvation Army Emergency Food Pantry in Batavia when you attend Sunday worship. January: Canned meats and canned beans; February: Soup and crackers. The following items are welcome contributions at any time: grocery bags, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and crackers. [Tracine Lundmark, Deacons]

January - February Events

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Byron will take place immediately following worship on Sunday, January 23rd, for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and the congregational representatives to the 2005 Nominating Committee; to receive reports from church boards and committees; and to review 2004 financial statements and 2005 budgets. Members of the church are urged to attend.

Church Officer Orientation

A special joint meeting of the three church boards will take place on Thursday, February 10, beginning at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to provide orientation to those who will be installed as new elders, deacons and trustees, as well as to review the purposes, responsibilities, and tasks of each board. Incoming and outgoing board members are all encouraged to attend. The combined meeting will last 45 minutes, then each board will meet separately. [James Lundmark, Clerk of Session]

Church Leader Development

Saturday, February 12

Genesee Community College

For new or experienced leaders in Presbyterian Churches! Courses for Elders, Deacons, Clerks, Treasurers, Christian Educators, and Pastors are offered in this annual program of the Presbytery, which is being held at nearby Genesee Community College. The courses run from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM, plus nine special working lunch courses from 12:15-1:45 PM. Lunch is included, and our church will cover all registration fees. Snow date is February 26th. A detailed brochure is available from the church office.



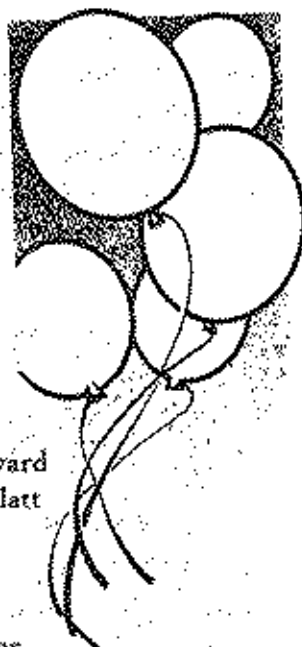
Birthdays!!!

January

- 4 Whitley Stefaniak, Roberto Renfrew-Marquez,
Sandy Johnson
- 6 Katiann Stanton
- 8 Lynn Beglinger
- 11 Darlene Stanton
- 13 Sarah Mattle, Amanda McLaughlin
- 16 Kylie Britt, Stanley Truax
- 17 Billy Tyler
- 18 Brittany Luckey, Maryann Blair, Samantha
Walker
- 20 Wendy Schelemanow
- 21 Alaura Rehwaldt
- 23 Matthew Glazier
- 24 Nicole Stanton
- 25 Connor Holly
- 27 Jared Holly, Mila Hutchison
- 28 Don C. Britt, Karen Liles
- 31 Everett Roda

February

- 1 Frank Swanson
- 2 Bud Prevost
- 5 Faline Tyler
- 7 Melanie Nesbitt, Michaels Kenward
- 9 Dave Liles, Joan Carr, Tiffany Platt
- 11 Rachel White
- 12 Mallory Lynch
- 14 Valerie Liles
- 20 George Hillabush, Brenden Fuller
- 25 Gwendolyn Shepard
- 26 Doug Platt
- 27 Rebecca Gouger, Shirley Liles, Matt White



Anniversaries!!!

- January 15 Wayne and Judy Holly
- January 31 Gene and Vicki Austin
- February 4 Paul and Luan Riner
- February 17 Jack and Doris Hillabush
- February 26 Don and Marilyn Britt

If your birthday or anniversary date needs correction, or if we don't have you or someone in your family on our list ... please notify the church office!

Resource Saturdays

Resource Saturdays happen at the Resource Center of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, 1190 Winton Road South, Rochester - part of Presbytery's commitment to offer many opportunities for training to church members throughout our area.

Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 9:30-11:00 AM: Humor, Fun and Games in the Church School. We will pray and play in this workshop. Fun with art-type activities can get kids talking about themselves and their concerns. We will try a few of them and also play games which teach Bible skills, encourage thinking, and build fellowship. There will be handouts and opportunities for sharing your ideas.

Saturday, February 19, 9:30-11:30 AM: Praying the Way God Made You: A Reflective Retreat. We will look at different personality patterns and offer practical suggestions and guided experience for patterns of prayer. Join us for a time of self-discovery and spiritual reflection. Please call 242-0099 if you plan to attend.

Choir

Choir practice has been scheduled for Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 PM, and Sundays beginning at 9:00 AM. We would welcome your voice or instrument. For more information, please contact Liz Weber, Music Director, 494-1545. [Worship Committee]

Bible Conversations

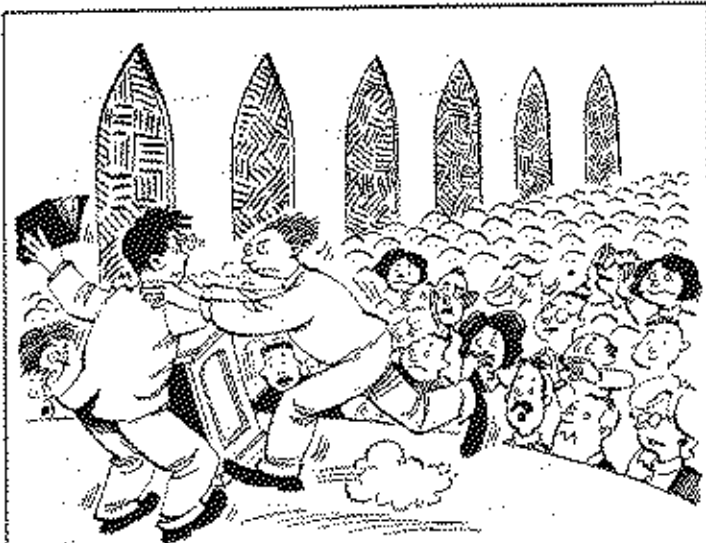
On Sunday mornings, from 8:45 to 9:30 AM we invite you join a weekly conversation that begins with a scripture reading and leads into questions and sharing about lives and the world around us. There is no advance preparation needed, but please bring a Bible!



Mission Committee

Many thanks to those who took time from their busy holiday schedules to "ring the bells" for those less fortunate. On December 2nd, our mission committee volunteered our congregation to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign at Tops in LeRoy from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The following were involved: *Connie and Frank Swanson, Pam Kenward, Sandi Johnson, Laura Platt, Luan Riner, Gwen George* (accompanied by *Samantha Lane*), *The Nesbitt Family, Dale Baldwin, George Hillabush*, and the *Britt Family* (many members!). Thank you one and all for committing time to make the season brighter for many area residents!

Many thanks, as well, to those who generously contributed to the Peacemaking Offering during the month of October. We received a total of \$557.00, with 25% (\$139.25) of that staying right here in our community for a local mission project (building a ramp for a local resident with special needs). Without your generosity, we would not be able to continue to "reach out" to others ... in our community, in our nation, and in the greater world. [Pam Kenward]



It was either Pastor Harris being attacked by a frenzied lunatic or another creative blend of preaching and drama.

Byron Youth Group

Valerie Liles, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Phone Numbers: 548-2800 office, 548-7163 home
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Movie Madness

Presbytery's **MOVIE MADNESS** is Sunday, January 16th. Cost is \$20 for 3 movies, candy and unlimited drinks and popcorn (until 3AM)! **REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE** is **SUNDAY, January 9th!!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!** Registration forms are in the mail to you. You may pick up additional registration forms for your friends from the table outside the church office. We will leave Byron at 11PM Sunday night and return at 7:45AM Monday morning (there is no school that day!)

Winter Carnival & Lock-In

WINTER CARNIVAL AND LOCK IN WEEKEND - Beginning Saturday January 29th at 10AM. The Winter Carnival was a good fundraiser last year and we will continue the tradition. **WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS** and **SIGN UP** sheets for volunteers to run booths and activities at the carnival. Our **LOCK IN** this year will be Saturday Night after the carnival, ending with worship on Sunday Morning. We need to have a few volunteers for a committee to plan this year's **LOCK IN** to provide a **TOTAL EXPERIENCE**. There will be a meeting after church on **SUNDAY, January 9th** for about an hour to plan the details. **PLEASE THINK ABOUT** serving on this short term committee so that the **LOCK IN** can be the **BEST** it can be! Valerie will be calling each one of you for your input. **PERMISSION SLIPS** will need to be completed by all attendees and turned in by Sunday, January 23rd.

Byron Presbyterian Church



January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Sign Up Now - A Year With the Bible</i>		T.O.P.S. Tuesdays 6:15 PM		MOVIE MADNESS DEADLINE <i>is JAN 9th!</i>		1
2 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship	3	4	5 2:30 Byron Youth Group 8:30-AA	6 6:30 Choir	7	8
9 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship	10 7:00 PM Membership	11 6:30 PM CE Meeting	12 10 - Worship 2:30 Byron Youth Group 8:30-AA	13 6:30 Choir 7:30 Session & Trustees	14	15
16 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship 11:00 PM Movie Madness	17 7:30 PM Trustees	18	19 2:30 Byron Youth Group 8:30-AA	20 6:30 Choir	21	22
23 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship ANNUAL MEETING	24	25	26 2:30 Byron Youth Group 8:30-AA	27 6:30 Choir	28	29 Winter Carnival & Youth Lock-In
30 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship	31 Winter Carnival Snow Date		Byron Nursery School Call 548-7704 For info	Per Capita due during January		Janet Pike, Church Secretary Is in the office 10-1 pm Tues & Thur



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February 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>Byron Nursery School</i> Call 548-2800 For info</p>	<p><i>T.O.P.S.</i> 6:15 PM Tuesdays</p>	1	<p>2 2:30 Byron Youth Group 8:30 - AA</p>	<p>3 6:30 Choir</p>	4	5	
<p>6 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship</p>	7	8	<p>9 2:30 Byron Youth Group 8:30 - AA</p>	<p>10 6:30 Choir 7:30 PM Session, Trustees & Deacons</p>	11	<p>12 8:30 AM - Leadership Training at GCC</p>	
<p>13 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship Installation of new officers</p>	14	15	<p>16 2:30 Byron Youth Group 8:30 - AA</p>	<p>17 6:30 Choir</p>	18	19	
<p>20 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship & Communion</p>	<p>21 7:30 PM Trustees</p>	22	<p>23 2:30 Byron Youth Group 8:30 - AA</p>	<p>24 6:30 Choir</p>	25	26	
<p>27 9 AM Choir 9:45 Worship</p>	<p>28</p>					<p>Now's the time</p> 	
						<p>ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING</p>	

More Youth Activities:

Youth Mission Project

MISSION at CROSSROADS HOUSE - Tentatively set for Saturday, February 26th - 9AM to 3PM. Reserve this date and time on your 2005 calendars now. We will be doing interior painting and cleaning for them. The director and her husband helped us in October when we did our Local Mission project for Janet Kempie Miller. Crossroads House is an incredible resource for our community. Come with us, learn more about them and what they do. They are serving us lunch that day, so bring yourself, and a friend if you would like, and be ready to do some good work for them.

Grandparent Adoption

GRANDPARENT ADOPTION... There are several older members of our church we have identified as being interested in having youth visit them on occasion. For many of you we know that you have busy schedules, but you want to be involved. This might be the perfect opportunity for you to do that! It would be easy to fit into your schedule... a visit once in a while, shoveling snow on weekends in the winter, baking them treats and dropping them off, even simple letter writing would be a huge boost to their days. Please think about adopting an older person/couple from our church this upcoming year... it would mean so much to them! You might find that they enrich your life just as much. Speak with Valerie or Jim if you are interested.

After School Program

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM continues on Wednesdays from 2:30PM to 5:45 PM. Homework, programs, snacks, friendships, and great conversations are what we enjoy. If you are in grades 5-12 you are welcome to pre-register and attend each Wednesday or any Wednesday. Bus transportation is available from the school - on

either the first or second run. If you have an interesting hobby or knowledge on a particular subject it would be awesome to have some teen presentations done. A program can be 45 minutes to an hour long - We'd love to know what you know!!! If you know someone that can bring a program to us, ask them... your parents, a teacher, an instructor, a friend, a community service club, an artist, dancer, actor, writer... let Valerie know!

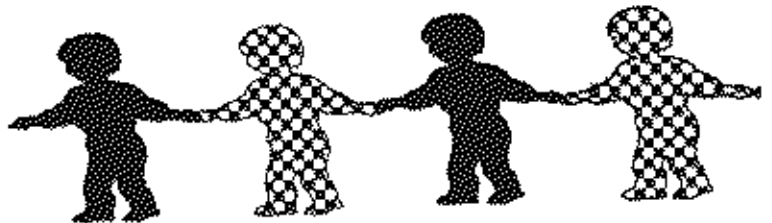
Mission Madness

Presbytery **MISSION MADNESS** - Another date to mark on your 2005 calendar now - Saturday, May 21st. Adults too! We need drivers and volunteers for the day. **AN AWESOME** experience - everyone should do this! What a rush to be with other churches in our Presbytery for the day doing an incredible amount of work in one full day!

Christian Education

First we want to report that our children **DOUBLED** their \$75 UNICEF goal, by raising \$150! As promised, for meeting the goal, there was a fun pizza party after church one Sunday.

Many thanks to the large number of children and adults who visited residents of the Genesee County Home and the New York State Veterans Home during December. There were beautiful Christmas carols, and wonderful decorations added to the rooms of the residents



Annual Meeting

1st Presbyterian Church of Byron

Sun., January 23rd
immediately following worship

All Church Members are urged to attend!

Byron Youth Group

*Wednesdays
2:45-5:45 PM*

Help with homework,
games, and fun
activities,
for 5th grade and up!

Call 548-2800 for
info.

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