



Kenmore
Presbyterian
Church

THE CROSSROADS

MAY 2019

*And remember,
I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:20*

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A TIMELINE FOR TRANSITION

REV. REBECCA CHAFFEE, INTERIM PASTOR

Prayer for Transition

*Ever-present God,
you call us to a journey to a place we do not know.
We are not where we started.
We have not yet reached our destination.
Be among us, we pray.
Calm our fears, save us from discouragement,
and help us to stay on course.
Open our hearts to your guidance
so that our journey continues as a journey of trust. Amen.*

You've seen this prayer on the back page of the bulletin for several months now. It's a prayer for transition. Maybe some of you are done hearing about transitions. Are we there yet? How much further do we have to go?

Those of you who like to "go with the flow" may not feel stressed about change. "Whatever," you say. "God's got this. We've got a pastor, we're worshiping, fellowshiping, serving in mission—it's all good."

If you're like me, though, you like to have a plan. You rely on lists, and timelines, and contingency plans and what-if timelines, and backups to those.

If you're a "go with the flow," you can relax! It's all good! And if you're a planner, you, too can relax—your session and pastor have a plan and a timeline for the next steps in this journey towards a permanent pastor.

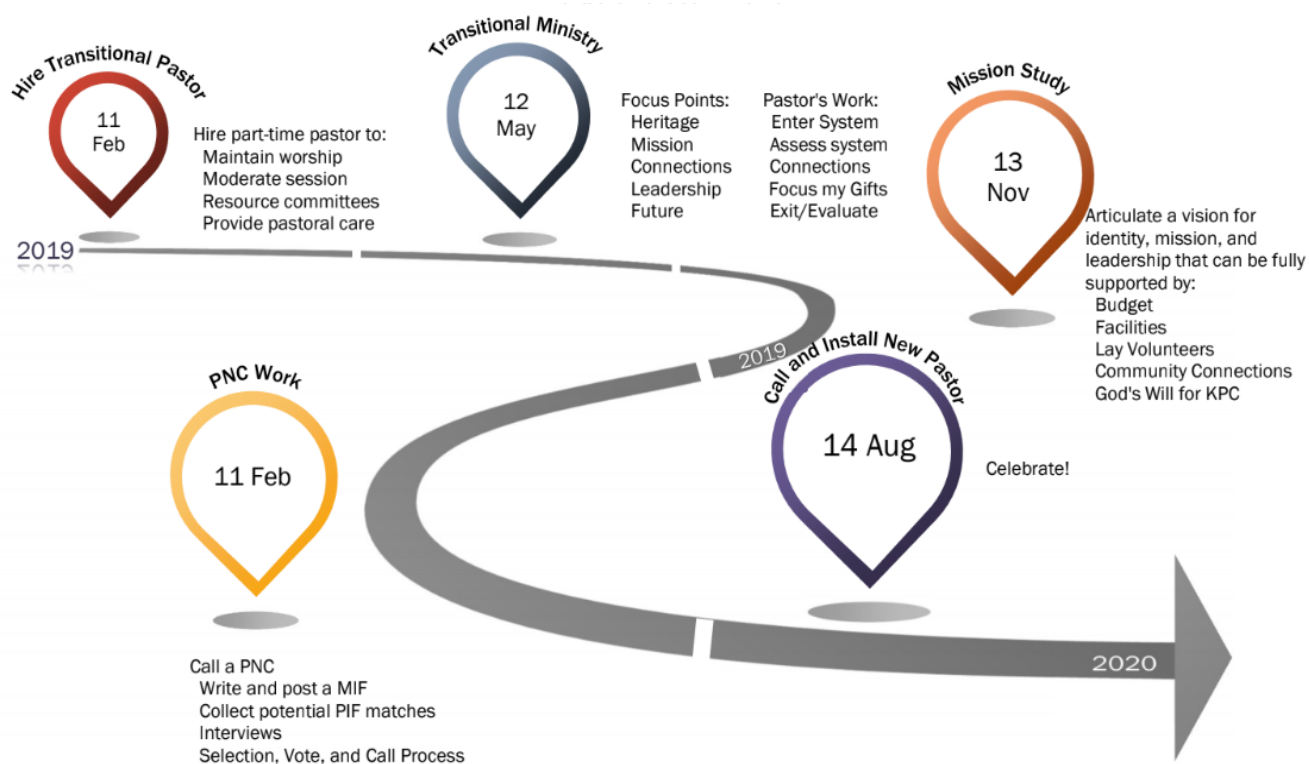
Over the summer and into the fall you'll be hearing more about our five focus areas of Heritage, Mission, Connections, Leadership, and Future. These are the areas we as a congregation will need to discuss in order to shape a vision for the church, its mission, and its leadership.

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"A TIMELINE FOR TRANSITION" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

I've prepared a tentative timeline to show what needs to be accomplished as we journey forward. You'll see it shows us reaching our final steps in just 18 months. At any point along the way, we may need to take the advice on your shampoo bottle and "lather, rinse, and repeat." So it may take longer than 18 months, but we'll still follow the milestones on the timeline as we journey together.



Is there one of these five focus areas that you feel called to help with? Let me know, and I'll connect you with the elders who are tackling that focus area.

Have questions about any of this? Join me for Holy Conversations, or make an appointment for a visit or coffee. Let's talk about it!

DEACONS' DISPATCH
GLEN BURGSTAHLER

Hope everyone had a "hoppy" Easter (ha-ha)!

Our big event coming up on May 5th is the **Scholarship Luncheon**. We are feasting on pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, and desert. It is always a great meal. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. You can get tickets from any of the deacons.

After eating, we will have our **Basket Auction**. It is always a lot of fun with some wonderful baskets put together by so many wonderful people. Hope to see you there!

MUSIC NOTES

EMMA HAUPT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

“Reflections on the Eastertide”*From O sacred head now wounded to Alleluia! He is risen indeed!*

Let's go back to Easter Sunday when everyone joyfully walked out of worship humming a tune of praise and rejoice. It was the moment when the literal and metaphorical stone was rolled away and we once again could sing songs with alleluias in major keys. The choir lifted their voices with exuberance to the high soprano descents above the staff and did so with joyous smiles on their faces.

Now, let's go back two days earlier to Good Friday worship when we closed with the sorrowful melodious tune *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*. Did you notice how we seamlessly flowed from singing the hymn congregationally on Friday to hearing it on bells to welcome you into the Easter worship on Sunday morning? The bells picked up where we left off on Friday before we departed into silence to wait for His rising.

Lent and Advent both are seasons of waiting. We always know what will happen at the end of the season but it always comes to us a little differently each year. We rang in Easter at a slower tempo to reflect on the events of the past few days in the church year. The handbell prelude “Crown of Thorns, Crown of Glory” highlights melodic themes from the hymns *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* and *Crown Him with Many Crowns* to pick us up into an Easter pace. Both hymns draw attention to what Jesus wore on His head.

The prelude features the crown of thorns that injured Jesus's sacred head during the crucifixion first in the piece which makes sense musically in the liturgical order of events. On Easter it transforms to a crown of glory and our music changes with it as we modulate to the second hymn of the prelude. We leave the minor keys of Lent and depart to upbeat tunes. The opening hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* filled the sanctuary with reeds blaring, bells tolling, and congregational song belted out all in sweet harmony. It was a wonderful moment that made hearts swell.

As we reflect on starting the Easter season think of the joy of Easter Sunday when we sang out with triumph *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* but also the moments of contemplation so we don't forget the pieces of the story that make what happened so powerful and all the more joyous.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE 10

ELAINE LACLAIR, MODERATOR, CIRCLE 10



Presbyterian Women Circle 10 will meet on **Monday, May 13th** at 6:30 p.m. Our hostess will be Ruth Woodworth, who lives at 358 Forbes Avenue in Tonawanda. Our co-hostess will be Joanne Dixon. Gail Janiga will lead Bible Study #9 and Mary Rey will offer devotions.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS

*Where have you seen God at work in the past week?
What concerns are on your heart—what are you praying for?
What memories do you have of ways you felt uplifted, held, and truly a part of the church?
What bubbles up in you when you think about new ways we could be doing “Church”?*

Join Pastor Rebecca for **HOLY CONVERSATIONS**

“What are Holy Conversations?” you ask...

Two recent books have been written using this title. Combined, they cover the above questions.

First is a 12-session study guide by Richard Pearce called, “Holy Conversation: Talking About God in Everyday Life.” Pearce demonstrates ways to engage in easy and comfortable conversation about the good news of Jesus with just about anyone.

The second is “Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations,” by Alban authors Gil Rendle and Alice Mann. The authors frame congregational discernment as a conversation to be had and not a series of technical, problem-solving processes. There is no one, right answer to solve perceived problems like attendance, giving, membership, and programs. Rather than debate what strategy will increase donations and membership in this church, the authors suggest we have conversations around the existential questions of “Who are we?” “What has God called us to do or be?” and “Who is our neighbor?”

We’re rolling out Holy Conversations during the six weeks of the Easter Season at a specially designated table during coffee hour. We won’t have Life After Church for these six weeks, so we’ll have all the time we need for our Holy Conversations.

Pastor Rebecca is offering additional opportunities for Holy Conversations during the week. Talk to her or send her a text or email to let her know you’ll be joining her at one of the times listed below. 315-317-6140 or RevRebeccaChaffee@gmail.com

Monday, April 29, 12:00-1:00 in the Pastor’s Study (bring a bag lunch)

Wednesday, May 1, 11:00-12:00 in the Pastor’s Study (coffee available)

Monday, May 6, 12:00-1:00 in the Pastor’s Study (bring a bag lunch)

Tuesday, May 7, 6:00-8:00 supper locally (Applebee’s?)

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00-8:00 supper locally (Applebee’s?)

Monday, May 20, 12:00-1:00 in the Pastor’s Study (bring a bag lunch)

Tuesday, May 21, 11:00-12:00 in the Pastor’s Study (coffee available)



PER CAPITA GENE KOSZAREK

This is “the tie that binds” Kenmore Presbyterian with the Presbytery of Western New York as well as the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and benefits every congregation.

The Presbytery of Western New York has been very helpful and beneficial in its support and suggestions, most recently with our Interim Pastor Search Team and continues to work with the Transition Team here at Kenmore.

Our requested giving this year is \$34.10 per member (not family) and the session has determined that we will meet our entire pledge this year.

If you have not already returned your pledge envelope, please do so at your earliest convenience.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT KPC



Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 a.m.



Deacons Scholarship Luncheon/Basket Auction

Sunday, May 5th at 11:15 a.m.



Buffalo Master Chorale “Songs of Paradise” Concert

Friday, May 10th at 7:30 p.m.



Girl Scouts’ Annual Cake Auction

Saturday, May 11th at 2:00 p.m.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1—Brandon Schoener
16—Vince Trower
19—Jennifer Page

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Joan and Dave Randall (5/1)
Dionne and Joseph Ackerman (5/2)

FISCAL FACTS - March 2019

RECEIPTS:	BUDGET	MAR. ACTUAL	MAR. VARIANCE
Membership Pledges	\$13,750	\$15,940	\$(2,190)
Open Plate Offering	\$250	\$385	\$(135)
Fundraisers	\$110	-	\$110
Special Offerings	\$85	\$50	\$35
Per Capita	\$85	\$384	\$(299)
Trf from Reserves	-	-	-
Other Receipts	\$1,000	\$743	\$257
Total Receipts	\$15,280	\$17,502	\$(2,222)
DISBURSEMENTS:	BUDGET	MAR. ACTUAL	MAR. VARIANCE
Administration (Support)	\$9,415	\$8,726	\$689
Discipleship	\$100	\$26	\$74
Worship	\$612	-	\$612
Flowers	\$108	\$75	\$33
Nominating	\$10	-	\$10
Fundraisers	-	-	-
Witness	\$83	-	\$83
Fellowship	\$40	\$53	\$(13)
Building & Grounds	\$3,050	\$2,035	\$1,015
Office Expense	\$900	\$453	\$447
Session Expenses	\$165	\$33	\$132
Per Capita	\$300	\$300	-
Transfer to Mission	\$130	-	\$130
Debt Repayment - PILP	\$471	\$398	\$73
Debt Repayment - Line of Credit	\$217	\$64	\$152
Total Disbursements	\$15,601	\$12,164	\$3,436
Total Inflow/Outflow	\$(321)	\$5,338	\$(5,659)

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Legend 22 = Room 22 C = Chapel FH = Fellowship Hall WW = Windows on the World L = Library MR = Music Room S = Sanctuary K = Kitchen						
5 10:00 a.m. Worship (S) 11:15 a.m. Deacon Scholarship Luncheon (FH) 2:00 p.m. Creative Memories (22) 8:30 p.m. AA (FH)	6 9:00 a.m. Northmore Mother's Day Teas (FH) 12:00 p.m. Holy Conversa- tions (Office) 6:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (22) 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00 p.m. Ministry Teams	7 9:00 a.m. Northmore Mother's Day Teas (FH) 6:00 p.m. Holy Conversa- tions (TBA) 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts (22) 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (FH)	8 9:00 a.m. Northmore Mother's Day Teas (FH) 10:00 a.m. Music with Mar (22)	9 9:00 a.m. Northmore Mother's Day Teas (FH) 6:15 p.m. Joyous Bells (MR) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (FH) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (FH) 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group (L) 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (22) 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (MR)	10 9:00 a.m. Northmore Mother's Day Teas (FH) 5:00 p.m. Dance (FH) 7:30 p.m. Buffalo Master Chorale (S)	11 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry (FH) 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Cake Auction (FH)
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For your information

- The Church Office is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 1pm.
 - The deadline for the weekly bulletin is Monday before 12 noon.
- The deadline for the June CROSSROADS is Monday, May 20th before 12 noon.



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Daniel Bassin, *music director*

Songs of Paradise:

Fauré's Requiem

in Late-Romantic France

Friday, May 10th 7:30 p.m.

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Tickets: General - \$15 Students - \$5

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