

THE PORCH

Newsletter of the Presbyterian House
Chautauqua Institution
Summer 2019

Greetings and Welcome to the Presbyterian House

The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, greet you warmly in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 16:19)

As Priscilla and Aquila from the church in their house sent spiritual greetings to seekers and believers, I offer welcome to you from the Presbyterian House. This place may have been built by human hands, but the presence of God certainly dwells here. Whether you are staying for a week or whether you are a guest for coffee on weekday mornings at 10:15am or “Popsicles on the Porch” Tuesdays at 3:15am, this place is open to you. Come and share with us the joys of Chautauqua and thanksgiving to God for this beautiful place.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Association of Chautauqua, Susan Vande Kappelle, *President*.

Our Mission

A HOUSE . . .

“Building on the history begun in 1883 to welcome Presbyterians to Chautauqua and to house missionaries for summer institutes, the Presbyterian Association

- includes all persons in our welcome.
- provides excellent weekly accommodations and meals at prices made affordable by generous donors.”

AND A COMMUNITY . . .

“Creating a Presbyterian presence through worship, study and hospitality, the Presbyterian Association

- shares our beautiful and functional facility.
- contributes financially to Chautauqua Institution and surrounding community.
- works in cooperation with denominational houses and religious communities.”

The famous Presbyterian Mocha Coffee along with other drinks attract many visitors to the porch every weekday morning between morning worship and the 10:45am lecture in the Amphitheater. Mystic Heart Meditation is hosted in the Chapel from 7:15-9:00am every weekday morning.

The Department of Religion appreciates the hospitality of the Presbyterian House for the Monday Brown Bag Lunchtime gatherings for Denominational Chaplains. In August, the Denominational Houses Host/Hostess Luncheon will be prepared and hosted at the House. “Courageous Conversations on Death and Dying” are held 3:30-4:30pm Mondays in the Chapel for Hospice of Chautauqua County.

Christian Worship is essential to the Presbyterian Association mission. Guests of the House and interested persons throughout the grounds join in Sunday worship at 9:30am led by the chaplain of the week and volunteer worship leaders. Ordained teaching and ruling elders among the guests and Presbyterian Association Board participate in the annual Communion Sunday at Chautauqua.



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A Word from David Lee, Interim Manager

It is again a pleasure and privilege for me to return as the Interim while Merrilee Harrington continues her recovery. For those who are returning, it is good to have you back to renew friendships, to regenerate, and to grow in faith. For those who are here for the first time, I trust you will find relaxation, inspiration, and entertainment within our community of faith which is 'Chautauqua'. The Presbyterian House and the Institution's programming have provided my family and me a place of reflection, learning, fellowship, and renewal over the years. On behalf of everyone on the staff, I extend to you a most warm welcome and invite you to join us in this interlude and retreat from our daily lives. We look forward to connecting with you during your stay.

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Consider Becoming a Member of the Presbyterian Association

For just \$20 not only will you receive a free PH coffee mug, but you will be supporting our vibrant community of faith, which encourages hospitality and fellowship at our daily porch coffee hours and offers affordable housing on the grounds. Please stop by and join us....all are welcome!

-Mary Kemp, Chair
Membership Committee

Volunteer to Serve on Our Board of Trustees

The Presbyterian House is a busy place, not only all summer, but throughout the year. Not only a denominational house with a rich and long history at Chautauqua, we are also a complex operation managed by a dedicated handful of volunteers and paid staff with year-round tasks. Building maintenance, reservations, staffing, hospitality, food service and programming are among our responsibilities.

Would you be interested in serving on or would you suggest someone to serve on our Board of Trustees to set the policies for this endeavor? Please make yourself known to a current Board member or staff for further information. Come and gather with us to serve our community with purpose!

If you would like to volunteer to serve on the board, please send an email of interest to the Nominations Committee:

marlieb59@gmail.com.





The Legacy Society of the Presbyterian Association of Chautauqua

It's time. It's time to retire debt and expand ministries of The Presbyterian Association. I can envision no better way to enable and expedite these goals than through the recently formalized estate planning program. Scripture encourages such a measure: "We drink from wells we did not dig; we are warmed by fires we did not kindle." (Deuteronomy 6:11) Sizes of anticipated gifts, large and small, are welcomed, anonymous and greatly appreciated!

As Chair of the Estate Planning Subcommittee of the Board of Trustees, I have personally benefited from the ministries and presence of the Christian witness of the Presbyterian Association. I was baptized here in 1952 by my maternal grandfather and my daughters were baptized here by my father in the mid-eighties. Six individuals from my immediate and extended family members have served as trustees and now I am privileged to serve as a Trustee, as well.

Please consider the blessings The Presbyterian Association has brought to your life/lives and whether you might consider participating in this endeavor! Nearly twenty (20) persons have done so already. Opportunities to register or your intent to register an estate gift to the Presbyterian Association will be available at the Presbyterian House this summer, including a codicil template which can be easily completed and attached to your will. These will be available on the literature table this coming season. Questions? Contact Noel Calhoun @ 847.691.9593 or ncalhoun611@gmail.com.

Estate Planning Subcommittee members are Noel Calhoun and Mary Kemp Clarke. Ex officio members are Cynthia Strickland, Susan Vande Kappelle, Bruce Archibald, John Morgan and Chris Martin.

-Noel A. Calhoun, III Chair
Estate Planning Subcommittee

Presbyterian House Staff for 2019

Manager

David Lee

Assistant Manager

Kathy Taylor

Hostesses

Weeks 1-4

Jo Ann Wolfe

Beth Renswick

Weeks 5-9

Elizabeth Hopkins

Sandy Caprarotta

House Attendants

Weeks 1-4

Bob Wolfe

Weeks 5-9

Ian Bush

Jacob Swisher

Khalil Johnson

Housekeeping

Claire Russell

Amanda Baker

Lydia Gilmer

Jennie Jones

Daniele Loney

Emma Saylor

Head Cook

Kathy Heglund

Kitchen Assistants

Weeks 1-4

Delphine Walter

Weeks 5-9

John Helfrich

Stacy Nelsen

Connie Lawson

Amanda Johnson

Presbyterian House Development

Since 1883, we have been sustained by the generosity of generations of Chautauquans. These gifts have enabled us to provide affordable housing, while creating a Presbyterian presence on the grounds through worship, study and hospitality.

We also offer financial aid to Presbyterian clergy families who would be unable to visit without assistance.

As we strive to build on the foundation laid before us, we are reminded of the words from Psalm 100, "*For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations*".

2019 Phillips Scholarships Recipients

We are very happy to announce that three young clergy families have been chosen as the 2019 recipients of the Stephen Phillips Memorial Fund Scholarship.

In memory of her husband, Stephen, Mrs. Betty Phillips established this fund to enable Presbyterian pastors with young children to experience a refreshing and revitalizing week at Chautauqua while staying at the Presbyterian House.

The scholarship provides not only housing, but also the Chautauqua expenses including gate tickets and Boys/Girls Club and Children's School enrollment for the children.

This year's recipients are:

Week 2: Rev. Adam Anderson, his wife, Lindsey and their son, Abraham, age 5, and daughter, Faustena, age 3.

Adam is the pastor of Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Delaware, Ohio.

Week 2: Rev. Rami Al Maqdasi, his wife, Raya, and their daughters, Marilyn, age 9 and Lisa, age 4.

Rami is the pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church in Dunkirk, New York.

Week 6: Rev. Stephanie Sorge Wing, her husband, Andy, also a pastor, and their two sons, Isaac, age 6 and Micah, age 3.

Stephanie is the pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

These scholarships are not only a tremendous gift to these families; these families are a precious gift to us in countless ways by their presence with us!

Please consider a gift to this scholarship fund as part of your contribution to the ministry of the Presbyterian Association of Chautauqua.

-Nancy Waasdorp, Chair
Phillips Scholarship Committee



*"Time spent with family is time well spent.
Family is the one constant element in life."*

-Unknown

Presbyterian House Building and Grounds

We had a mild winter, but as the building and its systems age, lots of stuff to keep up with. There was a sprinkler leak problem in the lower staff area, a hidden pipe leak in the wall between the restrooms on the ground floor, boiler failures in the penthouse and other failures in the building controls area. Hopefully, the dry wall work to patch up the holes that were made in order to repair the leaks will be completed before we open.

This was the first year in a while that we did not have any capital projects done in the building.

Inside, the dining room chairs have been refinished. New cushions for most of the wicker furniture located around PH have been delivered. They are really colorful so you will notice them!

Twenty-two bricks have been ordered for the memorial walk and will be installed this season.

Landscape Beautification at Presbyterian House

To improve the west-side area of the PH we added a dimension to our outdoor space and replaced the original patio with new pavers and an updated look. Last year as a result of the new design of the Amp, we inherited an opportunity to add some beautiful new flowering plants.

Thanks so much to Nancy Waasdorp for selecting and hanging our beautiful baskets. Feel free to pull a weed or two when they appear!

-Marty Davis
Building and Grounds



“The cost for each brick is \$100 imprinted with up to 3 lines of 14 characters per line.”

Did You Get Your Brick? It Is Not Too Late!



That is correct. You can still order your personal brick(s) from the Presbyterian House. Your brick will be placed on the memorial walk to the Presbyterian House. Design it yourself using the easy form and designate yourself, family, friends and loved ones. The applications to order your brick(s) are available in the office of The Presbyterian House.

The cost for each brick is \$100. It can be imprinted with up to three lines of fourteen characters per line. If you would like some ideas about your design, take a walk with those who have already participated.

Chaplains of the Week at Presbyterian House

Nominate a Chaplain for the 2020 Season

Do you know a chaplain you would like to nominate for the 2020 season at Presbyterian House?

Please pick up a nomination form at the office to nominate an ordained Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament for a week as chaplain for the Presbyterian House.

This must be the first visit to the grounds for the nominee.



Week 1: The Reverend Dr. Matthew A. Rich
Pastor/Head of Staff
Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church
Augusta, GA

Week 2: Reverend Craig N. Goodrich
Pastor/Head of Staff
First Presbyterian Church of Naples
Naples, FL

Week 3: Reverend Rachel Hébert
Associate Pastor
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
Williamsburg, VA

Week 4: Reverend Lee Ireland
Pastor
Community Presbyterian Church
Cathedral City, CA

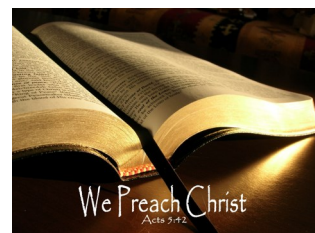
Week 5: Reverend Cynthia Jarvis
Pastor/Head of Staff
The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill
Philadelphia, PA

Week 6: Reverend Dr. Ken Henry
Pastor
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, VA

Week 7: Captain Donald Troast
United States Navy Chaplain, retired
Williamsburg, VA

Week 8: Reverend Dr. Heather Shortlidge
Associate Pastor
First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis
Annapolis, MD

Week 9: Reverend Cheryl R. Peoples
Pastor/Head of Staff
First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses
Trumansburg, NY



*Please join us in the Chapel
for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30am.*

Come & Join Us
Mark Your Calendars

**Weekly Opportunities to Worship & Fellowship Together
at The Presbyterian House**

SUNDAY	MONDAY- FRIDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
9:30am	10:15—10:45am	3:15pm	7:00-7:45pm
Morning Worship	Coffee on the Porch	Popsicles on the Porch	Evening Vespers
PH Chapel	PH Porch	PH Porch	PH Chapel

All are Welcome to attend the Presbyterian Social!

Wednesday, July 24 at 5:30pm

at the Chautauqua Fire Department Dining Hall.

Purchase your ticket(s) at the office of the PH.



2019 Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Association

Thursday, July 25

12:00pm

Chapel of the Presbyterian House

Did You Know?

Become a member of *The Legacy Society of The Presbyterian Association* and be honored and thanked with a personalized brick.

More information about *The Legacy Society* is available in the office during the season or see the article on page 3 of this edition of the newsletter.

**This Summer the Presbyterian House
is connecting generations of ALL ages with**

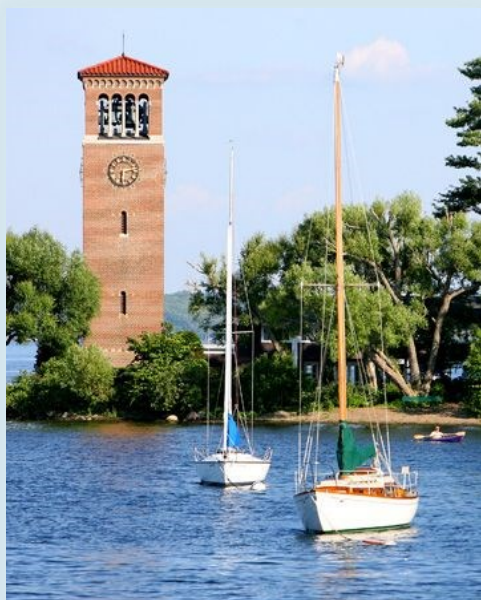


Popsicles on the Porch!

Every Tuesday afternoon at 3:15pm.

**A great place to be
“cool” on the porch with
Popsicles and fellowship!**

Welcome and Enjoy the 2019 Chautauqua Season!



*Something of God flows into us from the
blue of the sky, the taste of honey, the
delicious embrace of water and even sleep itself.*

C. S. Lewis