



September/August 2020 Communiqué

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Dear Friends,

Over the past six months we have found ourselves in a place where we have never been before. We have all had to make adjustments in the way we live our lives. For some of us the adjustments have not been too difficult, for others the challenges just keep coming. And at times we may find ourselves experiencing conflicting emotions – sorrow as well as joy and laughter; love and hate; frustration and optimism; endings and new beginnings.

The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us that the ebb and flow of time puts us in very different situations, but the following quote from Albert Camus, for me, speaks to the eternal hope that we have in Jesus Christ who never forsakes us and promises through the Holy Spirit to always be available to us - to lead us and guide us - in the midst of all circumstances.

My dear,

In the midst of hate, I found there was, within me, an invincible love.

In the midst of tears, I found there was, within me, an invincible smile.

In the midst of chaos, I found there was, within me, an invincible calm.

I realized, through it all, that...

In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer.

And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger – something better, pushing right back.

Truly yours,

Albert Camus

In the midst of change all around us, let us, as the Body of Christ, lift one another up with this invincible power of Christ, sharing our joys and our burdens, and living that power out in the world in whatever situations God may lead us to in the days of ahead.

The peace of Christ be with you,

Rev. Marie

A FEW NOTES AS WE COME TOGETHER IN OUR BUILDING FOR WORSHIP

- Individually packaged communion elements (wafer and cup) will be available on a table each Communion Sunday at the back of the worship space. To reduce points of personal contact, we ask that you pick these up before going to your seat.
- Offering plates will also be available on a table at the back of the worship space. You may place your offering in the plates upon entering or departing. You may also continue to make your offering by mail if that is your preference.
- As long as the weather cooperates, we will leave the doors to the outside open to ensure increased air circulation.
- Masks will be required. Please bring a mask with you. There will also be masks available in the building for those who forget or do not have a mask.
- Our time of worship together will be limited to 30-40 minutes to reduce exposure to recycled air during our time together.
- There will be no singing during worship.
- Socially distanced seating will be required. Family units living together may sit together.
- Alla will provide piano and organ music during the service.
- Services will be recorded and posted on the church website shortly after the service has ended. (Please be patient, as I know you will be, if we run into any difficulties in recording the first few weeks.)
- Toward the end of September, we will be seeking your input as to whether or not to continue with in-person worship – or perhaps some hybrid arrangement of some weeks in-person and somewhere worship is posted to the website as is done now – or some other variation.
- The decision about whether or not to participate in in-person worship is totally yours. We do not want anyone to feel compelled to come into the building if they are not comfortable.
- And of course, all of this is subject to change based upon changing circumstances and whether or not the Session continues to deem in-person worship to be a safe option.
- WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD IN COMMUNITY, HOLY IN ONE, IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

A Season of Peace



participate with us

**When we all do a little,
it adds up to a lot.**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides exposure to active peacemakers as well as education and resources to empower congregations and individuals to become peacemakers, themselves. These collective efforts support resources in dealing with conflict, provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global siblings, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

your impact

**Equipping Peacemakers in Congregations
and Around the World.**

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



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COVID-19 Screening Questions
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Each Sunday, before entering John Calvin Presbyterian Church, please complete a self-assessment by answering the following questions.

1. Do you have any of the following symptoms, or have you had them within the past 14 days?

Temperature of 100 °F (37.8 °C) or higher

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Sore Throat (not due to allergies)

Muscle or body aches (not from normal daily activities)

Loss of taste or smell

Pain or feeling pressure on your chest

Chills

Fatigue

Headache

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

Loss of appetite

2. If you answered 'No' to any of the above, have you taken fever-reducing medication within the last 48 hours?

If fever-reducing medication has been taken to reduce fever or symptoms associated with fever, you are not able to enter the church service/building.

3. Have you traveled to a high-risk COVID area in the US as defined by NYS in the past 14 days?
4. Have you had a household or close contact with someone who is confirmed to be positive for COVID in the past 14 days?
5. In the past 14 days, have you been in close contact physical contact with someone who is displaying flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms (see list in question 1)?
6. Have you been directed by a health care provider to self-quarantine or self-isolate? If yes, when does/did your self-quarantine/self-isolation end?

If you answered 'YES' to any of these questions, please return home until you are healthy!

Upcoming Calendar Dates!

There have been so many changes in our lives, but one thing remains a constant—the dedicated and loving congregation of JCPC. Thank you to those of you willing to serve as Elders and Deacons.

Please note the following:

Election of Officers—November 1, 2020
(Called Congregational Meeting after worship)

Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacons (serving this year and next)—Saturday November 14, 2020

Installation of Officers—During Worship November 15, 2020

With great appreciation for all,
Ellen Best
Clerk of Session

Summer Highlights from Session

- Great appreciation and thanks extended to Elder Craig Reed and Rev. Harry Heintz for their joint effort in recording Harry's services for worship on Rev. Marie's Sundays off in July and August.
- Great appreciation and thanks to Rev. Marie for her continued online Sunday services and Fellowship on Wednesday evenings, as well as her communication regarding specific prayers and information.
- Rev. Harry Heintz will continue to serve as worship leader through December on the days that Rev. Marie is off.
- Approval of JCPC Guidelines and Information for re-opening In-Person Worship
- Supplies and sign ready for the re-opening September 6th
- Greeter for worship will welcome and inform those attending concerning in-person worship, as needed.
- Despite staff reductions, Presbytery continues to provide leadership:
Rev. Colin Pritchard will serve as the new Moderator of Presbytery.
Lea Kone will serve as Moderator Elect.
Susan Orr is acting as Presbytery Leader since Amy Fowler's retirement.
- Thank you note from JCPC was sent to Amy Fowler to express appreciation for her years of service and dedication.
- Mission work continued for Mary's Place, and the Friendship Children's Center received new sneakers and socks.
- Financial situation remains steady and positive, thanks to the congregation's continued support.
- A big thank you to Nancy Milizia for the beautifully crafted wooden stand she made for the large Bible on the altar. Be sure to take a look!

Ellen Best,
Clerk of Session

Mission Opportunity for Cameron Ministries

Hello JCPC family! I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy.

Last year, we were able to serve a Sunday meal at Cameron Ministries and enjoyed the experience so much that we wanted to return. We did, originally, have a Sunday in September reserved to serve another meal – however, we aren't able to do that now due to Covid-19.

No problem! We can still be a blessing to the Cameron Community. The ministry will be having a K-6 Program for 20 children, and a Teen Program for 12 teens, helping them with their remote schooling. We can help by supplying some breakfast items for the kids, things such as

- Granola Bars
- Yogurt
- Fruit
- Individual cereals
- Donations for purchase of the above breakfast foods

If you can help this ministry, items can be dropped off at the church on Friday's from 10-11:00 a.m. or at the Hamilton's at 300 Goodburlet Road, Henrietta. Donation checks can be made out to Cameron Ministries and sent to John Calvin Presbyterian Church, c/o Mission, P.O. Box 103, Henrietta, NY 14467.

Thank you for sharing with those in need. We are here to be a blessing to others as God blesses us.

The Mission Team
Barb Hamilton, Jody Day

Nominating Committee News

Our committee has been working to fill the Slate of Officers whom we will nominate for election at a Congregational Meeting in October. We are thankful for, and appreciate, the work of the officers who are serving at this time. For the future, we are still in need of an elder for our Session and a deacon for our Board of Deacons.

Please prayerfully consider serving as an elder or deacon. Call one of our Nominating Committee members (below) if you feel called to serve.

We are thankful to everyone who helps to keep our "Small Church, Big Heart" going.

Nominating Committee
Anne Reed, Ellen Best, Carol Johnson

2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's

This wonderful event will be held on Saturday, October 10th. Please consider donating, or walking, or both! You can donate to or register to walk with our team, John Calvin Presbyterian Church, online at act.alz.org. Find the Rochester walk and our team once you go to the site.

As with most everything else, the walk will be different this year. Small groups are gathering in their own neighborhoods or wherever they choose to walk. Of course, no large gatherings this year, due to the pandemic.

Anyone who wants to walk with us at JCPC will be gathering on Saturday, October 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. Depending on weather and who is walking, we can collectively decide how far and where. It should be a fun time to share.

Many thanks to all of you,

Ellen Best
Team Leader, Walk to End Alzheimer's

“Our Daily Bread”

The September/October/November issues of “Our Daily Bread” have arrived at the church. If you would like a copy, please pick one up when you come to church on September 6th – or, if you're not feeling that you are quite ready to gather for worship, call the office and leave a message that you would like a copy mailed to you, and I will send one to you.

Please notice that this issue of “Our Daily Bread” has an insert for you to order copies to be sent directly to your home. You may want to consider that for the future.

Mary Cunningham
JCPC Secretary

R-H Area Food Cupboard (R.H.A.F.T.)

Our food cupboard is very well stocked at this time. The Henrietta Senior Center continues to accept donations of non-perishable food items. The non-contact location is by the front door of the Senior Center for drop off of these items.

If, by chance, you know of anyone with a surplus of garden vegetables (or fruits) who is looking to pass some along to neighbors, the Senior Center location will also accept fresh produce to be distributed to those in need of food, as well.

Jody Day