

Celebration



October 1, 2022
Church Newsletter



Interim Pastor's Message

There's a story about 3 pastors sitting around talking about how they personally decide how much of their money they give away.

The first pastor said, "Well, I have a very simple way of determining how much of my money I keep, and how much I give to God's work. I draw a circle on the ground, and then I throw all the money up in the air. What comes down inside the

circle is God's, and the rest is mine."

The second pastor said, "Well, I have a similar method. I also draw a circle on the ground, and throw the money up in the air. What comes down outside the circle is God's, and the rest is mine."

Then the third pastor said, "Well, what I do is just a little bit different. I also draw a circle on the ground, and then I throw all the money up in the air. Then what God wants, She catches, and the rest is mine!"

Now what the third pastor in that little joke seemed to be thinking was, "Whatever God has not laid claim to is mine to do with as I wish." But the problem there, of course, is that God has laid claim to everything. All things are God's; as the psalmist declares and the first letter to the Corinthians echoes, "The earth and all it contains are God's."

And you and I are stewards, caretakers, of all that is in God's creation – including, of course, the money that we have.

We are now in "a season of stewardship" at Downtown Church. You will soon receive a letter from your Session, inviting you to prayerfully consider your monetary pledge to this congregation for 2023. For 3 consecutive Sundays, beginning on October 16, you will hear a "Minute for Stewardship" from different Elders, in which they will share with you why they personally support the ministry of this congregation with their financial resources. And finally, on October 30 – Reformation Sunday – we will dedicate your pledges to God's service in worship.

May we all be listening hard for the moving of the Spirit of God, as we consider the stewardship of our time, treasure, and talents in the coming year.

Peace and all good,
Laurie Tiberi, Interim Pastor

Liturgist

10/02 Sally Allison

10/09 Kim McConnell

10/16 Lea Kone

10/23 John Williams

10/30 Pat Tweet

Thank you for Serving as Liturgist!

Thank you for serving as liturgist! We are so glad you'll be sharing your voice as we worship together.

If you are serving as part of the liturgist rotation and you are unable to serve on a certain Sunday, please contact one of the

alternates to line up your own substitute. Then email Penny Crudup at pcrudup@downtownpresbyterian.org to let her know who will be serving in your place. Alternates/substitutes are: Susan Richane, Callie Babbitt, and Ed Saphar. If none of the alternates are available, please email worship@downtownpresbyterian.org for assistance.



Do you wish to contribute to Downtown United Presbyterian Church? If so, click [here](#) to donate, or if you prefer, you can use the QR code to make your contribution to the church.



Wishing You All . . .

Gordon Webster

Greg Babbitt

Nancy Brown

John DeHority

Raina Bouphavong

Stephen Lloyd

Dee Miller

Bob Richane

Jim Parks

Rae Allison-Stork

Ed Gregor

Dave McDowell

Jimmy Parks

Bill Mackey

A Very Happy Birthday!



Questions? Questions? Questions?

This was taken by Becky Parks during worship when the Sunday School kids were asking questions of their new teacher, Amelia.



The Sophia Circle will continue to meet virtually, October 9, at 7PM to discuss the national initiative of Land Acknowledgement.



Land acknowledgment is a traditional custom that dates back centuries in many Native nations and communities. Today, land acknowledgments are used by Native Peoples and non-Natives **to recognize Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live.**

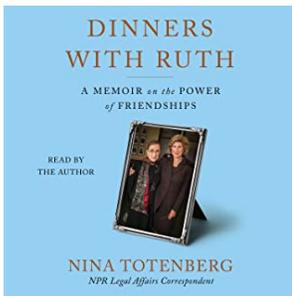
We hope to have good conversation around this custom prior to the Presbytery visit to Ganondagan on Oct. 15. If you want to know more about that event and how to register, here's the link:

<https://pbygenval.org/events/fall-gathering-at-ganondagan-state-historic-site/>

Sophia Circle zoom link will be sent via email a few days in advance.

ROUNDTABLE BOOK CLUB

The next gathering of our Roundtable Book Club is October 21, noon – via zoom. A link will be shared a few days in advance on econnect.



It's time for a nonfiction and we have chosen a memoir by Nina Totenberg, -- NPR correspondent on legal affairs.

Dinners with Ruth is an extraordinary account of two women who paved the way for future generations by tearing down professional and legal barriers. It is also an intimate memoir of the power of friendships as women began to pry open career doors and transform the workplace. At the story's heart is one, special relationship: Ruth and Nina saw each other not only through personal joys, but also illness, loss, and widowhood. During the devastating illness and eventual death of Nina's first husband, Ruth drew her out of grief; twelve years later, Nina would reciprocate when Ruth's beloved husband died. They shared not only a love of opera, but also of shopping, as they instinctively understood that clothes were armor for women who wanted to be taken seriously in a workplace dominated by men. During Ruth's last year, they shared so many small dinners that Saturdays were "reserved for Ruth" in Nina's house.

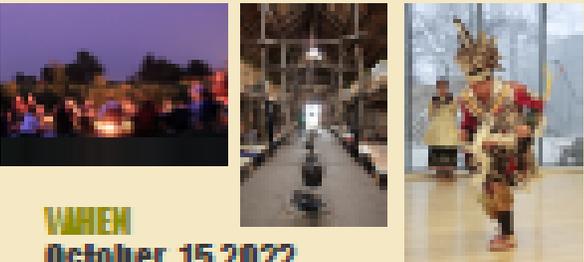
Please register for this event as soon as you can, so we can put in place the lunch arrangements with our caterer.

Adult tickets are \$5, children under 12 free. The Presbytery will cover the entrance fees.

You can find the registration form on the Presbytery website, with payment options: <https://pbygenval.org/presbytery-fellowship/>

PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY

GANONDAGAN HISTORIC SITE FALL GATHERING



WHEN
October, 15 2022
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
come when you can, stay as long as you like

WHERE
Ganondagan State Historic Site
7000 County Rd 41, Victor, NY 14564

FEATURING
ON-PROPR-OWN ACTIVITIES • *leatherwork • interactive museum • walking trails • crafts • gift shop*
OFF-PROPR-OWN ACTIVITIES • *worship on the path of peace • lunch at 12:00*

GET INFO & REGISTER [HERE](#)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7

THANKS TO THE RELATIONSHIP WORKING GROUP, HOSTS OF THE EVENT

COMING TOGETHER IN RELATIONSHIP

BROADENING OUR INSIGHT INTO THE DEMANDS FOR JUSTICE

ALL AGES EVENT

ALL PEOPLE IN THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY

LUNCH & REGISTRATION
\$5 ADULTS
\$0 KIDS UNDER 12



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Here is a Wonderful Creative Opportunity for 2 High School DUPC Congregation Members - and - literally 'save the show' with their participation!

The Open Road Theatre is looking to cast – 2 high school males for the roles of: Lysander and Demetrius – Romantic Principal Lead roles in - A Midsummer Night's Dream. Lysander and Demetrius would each have a full scholarship.

ORT – Midsummer's has a strong cast of 20 actors of all ages, colors, genders, heritages including the underserved – but – we still need to cast - Lysander and a Demetrius. No need to have prior stage performance or Shakespeare experience. Just need your imagination.

Rehearsals: Sept 27 thru Dec 8

Lysander & Demetrius are not called to rehearse until Oct 10.

When: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs. | Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Where: Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Oct 10 – Nov 7: Scene rehearsals – with - Nov 7 - Dec 18: whole Acts & Whole show rehearsals.

Lysander (2-3 times a week) - Demetrius (1-2 times a week) from Oct 10 – Nov 7.

Whole cast is called: Nov 7 thru Dec 18 – Mon thru Thurs – No Rehearsal Thanksgiving week (Wed or Thurs).

Actors will be costumed in Greek (Athens): Humans – and - Fantasy: Land of Oberon & Titania Fairies.

Tech for actors: Dec 12,13, 14 with 4 Performances: Dec 15, 16, 16, 18 At: MuCCC Theatre.

ORT requires all actors, crew, and staff to show proof of vaccination. We will be wearing masks during all rehearsals – not wearing masks on stage during performances.

For information Contact: Karen Dieruf, Producing Artistic

Director karendieruf@gmail.com – (978) 317-6740. Visit: ORT's website:

www.theopenroadtheatre.org

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The Open Road Theatre The Open Road Theatre

Witness Palestine 2022 Film Festival

@ The Little Theatre

Saturday Oct 22 3:00 pm

Blue Box

Sunday Oct 23 3:00 pm

Huda's Salon

Saturday Oct 29 3:00 pm

**The Journey
of the Others**

&

Siri Miri

Sunday Oct 30 3:00 pm

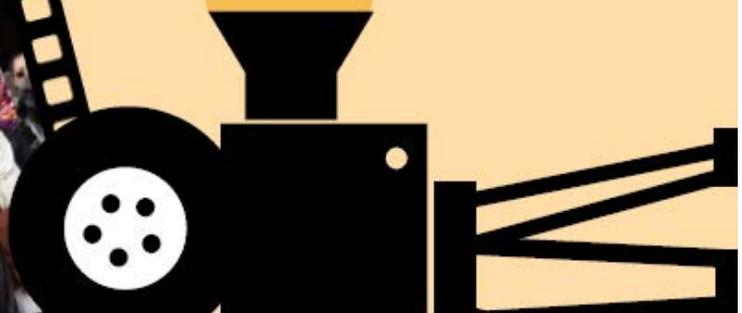
Boycott

featuring

We Never Left, Palestine

by Susan Abulhawa

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OCTOBER 2022

MEETING AND EVENTS

Newsletters arrive the 1st of every month.
Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.

Sunday, October 2, 2022	10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
	10:30AM	Nominating Committee Meeting
	10:45AM	Nursery
	11:00AM	Worship–World Communion Sunday
	11:15AM	Sunday School
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday, October 5, 2022	5:30PM	Justice League Meeting via Zoom
	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 6, 2022	5:00PM	Worship Team Meeting via Zoom
	7:00PM	Congregational & Community Engagement Meeting via Zoom



Sunday, October 9, 2022	10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
	10:45AM	Nursery
	11:00AM	Worship
	11:15AM	Sunday School
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
	7:00PM	Sophia Circle via Zoom
Tuesday, October 11, 2022	10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom
	6:30PM	Deacons Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, October 12, 2022	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 13, 2022	7:30PM	Property Team Meeting



Sunday, October 16, 2022	10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
	10:45AM	Nursery
	11:00AM	Worship
	11:15AM	Sunday School
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom
	7:00PM	Session Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, October 19, 2022	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 20, 2022	12 Noon	Newsletter Deadline
Friday, October 21, 2022	12:00PM	Round Table Book Group Meeting via Zoom
	3:00PM	Gathering in Honor of Isabel Morrison



Sunday, October 23, 2022	10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
	10:45AM	Nursery
	11:00AM	Worship
	11:15AM	Sunday School
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour in the Narthex
Tuesday, October 25, 2022	10:30AM	Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday, October 26, 2022	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal



Sunday, October 30, 2022	10:00AM	Choir Warm-up
	10:45AM	Nursery
	11:00AM	Worship
	11:15AM	Sunday School
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour in the Narthex



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