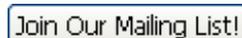
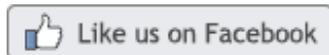




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## Dear Friends of Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery,

Welcome to this week's edition of our e-letter, *Presbytery Matters*. Our goal is to highlight things going on throughout the Church: within our Presbytery, in our congregations, as well as in the Synod of the Northeast and across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We hope that these are things that will be helpful, informative, challenging, encouraging, supportive. In other words, we hope that these things will matter. Your input is valued, and your comments are always welcomed!

## Joys and Concerns around the Presbytery

In our prayers together this week...

- Give thanks for the ordination of Ms. Rebecca Chaffee as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The service will be on Thursday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, DeWitt (5299 Jamesville Rd.).
- Give thanks for the Rev. Mario Bolivar, who formally will become a United States citizen at a ceremony in Syracuse, Thursday morning, June 29.
- Give thanks for the marriage on Saturday, June 24, of Dale Shidemantle and Lacy



Moore. Dale is the son of the Revs. Pete Shidemantle and Karen Dimon.

- Pray for Kevin (South Valley Church), who underwent surgery on Tuesday. He continues his recovery in the hospital.

In the cycle of prayer for our Presbytery, please pray for these congregations, faith communities, and individuals: minister members of the Presbytery who are engaged in specialized ministries, who are at-large members, or who are retired.

If you'd like to share a particular joy or concern with the Presbytery, please contact Steve Plank at [statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org](mailto:statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org).

## Vanderkamp News Updates



and for the many initiatives we are working with the local community to create. (As you may have heard us tell, when the local elementary school closed, it devastated the community here. Vanderkamp is working to "step up" and become the hub for the community in providing services especially for seniors and families, outside of our summer kamp season.)

We have also created a "post" story on Vanderkamp's home page: [www.vk.org](http://www.vk.org). Deadline for Facebook submissions is June 30th!!!

2. We still have openings for all summer kamp sessions! Very frustrating... as we are truly in the best position to offer youth and families an amazing summer at kamp since we arrived 3 years ago. Our Health Director is an RN from Camden School District, Bill completed a training and was approved by the Oswego County Health Department to serve as our Waterfront Director, and our Program Director holds a degree in Recreation. Once again, the bulk of our staff are young adults with a devotion to Vanderkamp's camping ministry because they grew up with it! We passed our Health Inspection Saturday with only a couple of minor items to be resolved before we open. I'm having visions of the movie Field of Dreams... "If you build it they will come." We are excited, prepared, poised, and ready!!!

We would encourage our Pastors and churches not just to focus on children from their own congregations but also from any community groups or other area churches working with youth in their area that they believe could benefit from a week of summer kamp embedded within a loving and supportive Christian community away from the daily routine or stresses of home, school, extra-curricular activities, or the like. With such a small staff, it is impossible for us to get out and meet with community leaders across Central New York face to face. Our Pastors already have these connections. If they could spare a few moments of their time to send even one email or make a phone call, it would really help our amazing summer kamp ministry achieve it's potential and touch the lives of as many young Christians as possible.

I am concerned that our NEW "Family Kamp" offering went unnoticed as no one has signed up! We structured this experience as an affordable way for a family (self-defined so could = a group of friends) to come experience the beauty of God's creation and all the fun and wonder that is Vanderkamp... together! As "families" house and do activities together, we are not bound by Health Department regulations for physicals, immunizations, and many of the other hinderances to attending kamp. Cost is all inclusive for lodging (with bedding and bath linens), meals, and activities (e.g., archery, boating, arts & crafts) at \$50

per person/per night with consecutive 2 night minimum between Friday, July 14 and Friday, July 21.

As an added incentive: We will now slash the price to \$30 per child ages 7-12 years and children ages 6 & under are FREE!!! (Adults would remain \$50 each.)

This year we received a donation for scholarships to assist kampers interested in Stable Club at North Riding that has not been fully allocated. Stable Club is offered during each of our 3 sessions of Uniquely Vanderkamp; the weeks of: July 9-14, July 23-28, and July 30-Aug 4.

As always, we have discounts, kamperships, and payment plan options available to assist families in affording kamp.

Registrations continue throughout the summer for our various programs so there is no hard and fast "deadline" for kamp.

Thank you for your help! As always, anything you are able to do is greatly appreciated!  
Peace, Penny

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## Around the Presbytery

### **Chaffee Ordination Service**

Come and make sure that the Presbytery Moderator and Stated Clerk get this ordination certificate signed! The Presbytery will gather at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, 5299 Jamesville Rd. in DeWitt, this coming Thursday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. for the ordination of Ms. Rebecca Chaffee as a Minister of Word and Sacrament!

# Certificate of Ordination



as

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Rebecca Chaffee

*having been examined under the provisions of the Constitution of the*

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

*and having been approved by the Presbytery, has been ordained, with prayer and  
the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, to the office of*

Minister of Word and Sacrament

*At Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 2017*

*Moderator of Presbytery*

*Stated Clerk of Presbytery*

## King Ferry Pancake Breakfast

We are celebrating our 21st year of providing our monthly "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast" on the first Saturday of every month. Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea, etc. We want to invite everyone to join us. Cost is \$5.00 for Adults, Six to 12 year olds \$3.00 and under Six FREE. This breakfast is a major outreach to the area to visit our Church and join in fellowship with friends and neighbors. The proceeds are used to support the activities of the church and assist in raising funds for the major renovations that is required for our Church building. Serving hours are from 7 AM till 11 AM. The King Ferry Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of State Routes 90 and 34B in the hamlet of King Ferry. We look forward to seeing many of you.



You always may keep abreast on happenings in and around the Presbytery by checking the Presbytery events calendar (<http://cayugasyracuse.org/calendars>) and the church events calendar (<http://cayugasyracuse.org/calendars/church-events>).



