

Hello Everyone –

I hope you were able to relax and enjoy the beautiful summer weather and catch up on sabbath rest. As we turn our attention to fall programming, I pray the transitions have gone smoothly and everything is up and running the way you'd hoped it would be.

It was great to visit with many of you this summer and see the town festivals taking place in each area. Just a quick reminder: please check the presbytery website to make sure your service times are correct and that there is a full street address listed for your church so that GPS can be used to find your location.

I continue to be pleasantly surprised with the level of sharing and the sincere prayers that take place at every committee meeting. The dedicated volunteers serving in these roles are doing an amazing job keeping everything running smoothly – it is an honor to work with each and every one of you. Thank you for all that you do!

You may have seen some of the announcements for the *Bridging the Gap* workshops being offered this fall. These workshops were developed out of the information shared last spring, and are specifically focused on addressing the questions raised there. This workshop will be offered 9am-4pm in four locations:

Trumansburg - Saturday, October 14

Newark – Wednesday, October 25

Hornell – Friday, October 27

Corning – Monday, October 30

Registration links are available on the presbytery website, along with an accompanying devotional booklet for you to use as you see fit. A huge “Thank you” to all of the churches who will be hosting us! Please note, these workshops are also being used as part of a Doctor of Ministry research project – if you'd like more details about that, I'm happy to discuss it with you. I hope you will join us!

Blessings and peace to you always,

Marji Ackerman, Presbytery Leader