

# NewsBrief

♥For the members and friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford ♥

## April 2007

### **Prayerfully Pondering Building up the Body of Christ...**

The next time you happen to be upstairs in our Education Wing, take the time to look at the bulletin boards in the various classrooms – they show a great deal of the personality of the teachers, students, committees, and classes that meet there. At last night's Session meeting in Room 201 (where our Deacons and our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders also meet), I noticed our Adult Education Mission statement: *To Equip, Empower and Encourage lifelong learning for the building up of Christ's kingdom.* The statement is based upon Paul's reminder to the Ephesians that everything we do is, "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12)

And we do! This congregation is marvelous at identifying needs and taking concrete steps to edify God's children or rectify an unjust situation. Two areas of our ministries together make vivid examples: outreach and Christian Education.

Our Outreach Committee recently completed a weekend retreat in which it prioritized the recipients of the \$100,000 raised for mission from our Nehemiah campaign. The amounts to be granted will reinforce our ongoing hands-on commitment and partnership with the recipient entities and are intended to further encourage greater person-in-the-pew participation in these ministries that are changing the lives of God's children for the better.

The amounts to be donated will be in three buckets: the first bucket of 20-30% is for mission outside of Rochester in Pearlinton, Mississippi, the Pollock mission trips, and this summer's senior high mission trip, Jamaican Advantage through Sports for Youth (JASY); the second bucket of 60-70% is for downtown Rochester agencies like Habitat for Humanity, Cameron Community Ministries, Calvary St. Andrews, Wilson Commencement Park, and the Community Microenterprise Center; the final bucket of 10% is in support of the agency this church founded, Pittsford Youth Services, which provides counseling to our school-age children without charge. Representatives of our congregation are working with each of the recipients to further our partnership and ensure the greatest ministry bang for the buck. If any of these sound interesting to you, please let me know and I will delightedly connect you with the people directly building up the body of Christ.

Our Christian Education program continues to promote lifelong learning. The most obvious aspect of this is our wonderful nursery through high school Sunday School programs and youth groups. Over the past few years, adult education has made a triumphant resurgence in our congregation. You might not realize it, but we have had an unbroken string of adult education offerings every Sunday since the fall of 2004 while we were at Nazareth College. A dedicated group of volunteers on our Adult Education Task Force graciously and magnificently led by Jack Holzwarth capitalized on the momentum they gained from our winter 2004 event, The Amazing, to satisfy the demand for Bible Studies, spirituality retreats, fellowship groups, coffee-hour forums, and breakfast gatherings. By rooting ourselves in God's Word, more and more of our congregation are whetting their appetite for lifelong learning and I applaud the upward trend!

As Bill and I approach the fifth anniversary of our ministering with you, we too are doing our small part to build up the body of Christ. We expect Wilson Edward Steven Mitchell (named for his grandfathers and a great-grandfather) will be born sometime around Labor Day. Seeing all the vibrancy in this church, we anticipate continuing to raise our family with yours and celebrating the many ways God calls us together to build up the body of Christ.

Go With God,  
Carrie

Week of Apr. 1 – Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29  
Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16 ; Phil. 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14 – 23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Week of Apr. 8 – Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65:17-25  
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Week of Apr. 15 – Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29 or  
Ps. 150; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Week of Apr. 22 – Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps. 30  
Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Week of Apr. 29 – Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30



**Christ Caring for People  
through People** ~ That's

the motto of Stephen  
Ministry. The Stephen  
Minister's role is to bring  
God's love into the lives of  
people who are going  
through a difficult time or experiencing a  
crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do?  
They listen to you, care for you, support  
and encourage you, and pray with and  
for you. And in the midst of this  
confidential, one-to-one, caring  
relationship, god's healing love comes  
pouring through. If you or someone you  
know is facing a crisis-large or small-  
and could benefit from the caring  
presence of a Stephen Minister, talk with  
one of our Stephen Leaders: *Jane  
Hunter, Alice O'Dwyer, Kay Saxum (385-  
9807), Barbara Smith, Dick Sprenkle or  
Carol Tiemann. Our Stephen Ministers  
are there to care!*



**Youth Musical – It's Cool in the  
Furnace – June 10, 2007**

There's still time to join in and we need  
you! Eight of our youth from grades 2-6<sup>th</sup>  
are signed up already, but we need more.  
Rehearsals begin on Wednesday April 4 at  
4:15 in the Choir Room. Please contact  
Dede Holmes at [dmh91654@aol.com](mailto:dmh91654@aol.com) for  
more information.

**CONFIRMATION: COME CLAIM  
THE CREED!**

The Confirmation Classes of 2006/2007  
began in September with a great  
orientation and retreat. 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
confirmands and their mentors will have  
their last regular monthly meeting  
Sunday April 1st in the Youth Forum  
room between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM for  
faith-building exercises and fun! We  
look forward to a great class! The  
confirmands, their mentors and parents  
will then meet with the Session for a  
celebratory lunch May 13 before being  
received into the congregation on  
Pentecost Sunday, May 27.



**MISSION: POSSIBLE CABARET  
is coming!**

May 18 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM  
Fun, Food, Entertainment, Silent  
Auction, and more! Bring your family for  
a great evening!

\$4 per person

\*\*If you have anything you wish to  
donate, please call Niki at 586-5688.  
Week at a timeshare or cottage, gift  
certificates, skills, etc. are welcome!



**Craft supplies needed for our  
Jamaica Mission Trip.**

When you are doing your spring-cleaning  
and you find all those un-used craft  
supplies consider donating them to our  
summer mission trip. We are looking for  
embroidery thread, yarn, pony beads and  
other small beads. There will be a drop-  
box in the Fellowship Hall and we will be  
collecting throughout the month of April.  
Thank you for your help!



Greetings Jr. High Folk! I hope everyone is gearing up for Easter and the return of spring! We've got some fun things coming up in the next few weeks. Come join us!

Hey Hey to all the Sr. Highers out there! Hope you're all doing great and getting ready for flowers and trees and sunshine! Here's some excellent fun stuff coming up!



Wednesdays from March 28 - May 30... We will be continuing the Living Logos tradition together! 4 PM - 6:30 PM...Meet in the youth room for movies, Veggietales, games, cooking, and more!

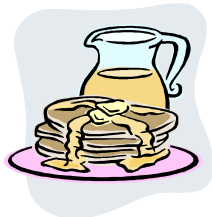
April 28...Get serving together! Mission Madness will be put on by our presbytery! We'll be joining other youth in the area to serve in the city. Meet at church at 7:30 AM and we'll return by 2:00 PM. \$5 to cover the cost of lunch. Grab a form off the youth board or from Niki and return no later than April 15.



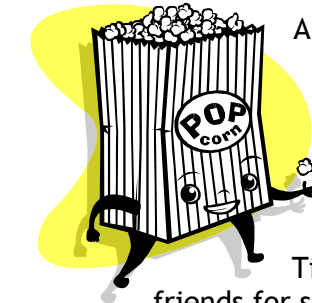
April 22- Game Night at JYF!!! Messy games, silly games, all sorts of games! \$3 for surprise dinner! 6 PM - 7:30 PM.

We have 2 spots left for our mission trip to Pittsburgh, PA!!! Let Niki know if you're interested ASAP!

**\*\*Upcoming youth mission FUNdraisers\*\***  
April 1: Need some cookies? How about some brownies? Come see what we've got at our bake sale after the services! ALL **HOMEMADE!**

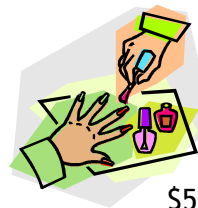


April 22: Come eat some of our famous pancakes after worship! \$4 per person from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.



April 20...Our next Film Fanatics will be in honor of sports and triumph over diversity. We'll be watching "Remember the Titans." Bring your friends for some free drinks and popcorn! 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM. Be here!

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May 11...Sr. High Girls-Only Sleepover! Nails, Ice Cream, Chick Flicks and more! 8 PM - 8 AM...Cost is \$5...bring you and your friends!

Friday afternoons at Starbucks in the Village...3 PM...Start your weekend right!

**\*\*Youth Mission FUNdraiser\*\***  
April 23: Applebee's Dine to Donate... 4 PM - 9 PM at Pittsford Plaza...Grab a flyer!

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## Membership & Evangelism

### MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

from Trudy Bartleson, M & E Committee

#### **Jeffrey Eckdahl and Lara Ochs**

We extend a warm welcome to Jeffrey Eckdahl and Lara Ochs who are engaged to be married. Lara is the mother of two; Emma and Zachary and Jeffrey's children are Ben and Rebecca. Jeffrey is transferring from Fairport United Methodist. Lara is a homemaker and student and Jeffrey is a medical sales representative with I-Flow Corporation. They reside at 3 Green Hill Lane, Pittsford, 14534. Tel. 267-7452.

#### **Audrey Freeborn**

It is such a pleasure to welcome my new friend, Audrey, to our church family. She comes to us from First Presbyterian of Morristown, N.J. and has three adult children. She is a retired office manager from Pennsylvania Hospital, who now enjoys reading, knitting, walking and cooking in her Highland cottage home, 103 Stoutenburgh Lane, Pittsford, 14534. Tel. 264-0201.

#### **Tom Kim and Rochelle Ruffer**

We are delighted to have Tom Kim and his wife Rochelle Ruffer become members. Tom is a chemistry professor at RIT and Rochelle is an economist at the Center for Governmental Research. They come to us from First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio. They have two sons, Jonathan, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and Nathaniel, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Rochelle's hobbies are music, reading and scrapbooking, while Tom enjoys home improvement projects. They reside at 36 Sandpiper Lane, Pittsford 14534. Tel 381-6057.

#### **John Marquardt and Marcia Johansson**

A very hearty welcome to John and Marcia who are among our newest members. John is an orthopaedic surgeon at Lattimore Ortheopaedics, U of R and Marcia is a nurse practitioner at the Division of Vascular Surgery. They have three sons and two daughters. John's interests are college basketball/football and gardening and Marcia's are cooking, shopping and reading. They reside at 12 Rainberry, Pittsford 14534. Tel. 267-7926

#### **Charles and Betty Olin**

We are so happy to have Charles and Betty join us. They have transferred from Rochester Third Presbyterian Church. Charles is a Pediatrician at Goodman Pediatrics and Betty is "keeper of the home" – wonderful title! They have four grown children, two sons and two daughters. Their home is 1823 West Bloomfield Road, Honeoye Falls, 14472. Tel 624-5443.

#### **Tonya and Bradley Polle**

Tonya and Bradley, we are so pleased to have you join our church family. Tonya is an infant teacher at the Penfield Presbyterian Church Day Care. Bradley is a YMCA coordinator. We are delighted to know Tonya is interested in being involved with the Sunday school program and that Bradley would like to join our choir. Their hobbies are music, sports, camping, hiking and working with children. They reside at 40 Gennis Drive, Rochester, 14625. Tel. 248-9084.

#### **Ted and Brook Price**

It is a joy to welcome Ted and Brook to our church congregation, as they transfer their membership from Georgetown, D.C. Presbyterian Church. Ted is an attorney at One Communications and Brook is a homemaker. Their hobbies are gardening, tennis, reading, hiking and cooking. They live at 4230 East Avenue, Rochester, 14618. Tel. 586-6089.

#### **Gus and Mildred Saarnijoki**

We want to warmly welcome Gus and Mildred to our church family. They are coming from North Presbyterian in Williamsville, NY. Gus retired from Buffalo Color; Mildred is a homemaker. Their interests are reading, skiing, gardening, and cooking. They live at 2 Millay Circle, Pittsford, 14534. Tel. 248-0667.

# WELCOME!

## Trip to the Taylor and Boody Organ Workshop

Ellen and I were in Pennsylvania the last weekend in February and took this occasion to drive further south to Staunton, Virginia, to visit the builders of our new organ. When we arrived, our first impression was of a delightful place in the country and foothills of the Shenandoah Valley to build traditional tracker organs. T&B is in an old school house with no visible sign on the building, unpretentious and alone at a road intersection - except for a red brick church and a cemetery.

The entryway to T&B is up some broad concrete steps and through double doors left over from the schoolhouse days. But inside and up more old steps, we were in a large high ceiling room where an organ for Yale University is being assembled. This organ is ahead of ours in production and is expected to be ready by late spring. Listening to George Taylor tell about this instrument, I was again impressed by the extraordinary artistic talent and skilled craftsmanship of the people who are building our organ. The wood frame work of the Yale organ was so lovely that I couldn't help running my hand over the surfaces and joints, and pity that eventually it would all be painted over. As part of the special challenge in building the Yale organ, George showed us the keyboard with 14 keys in each octave, rather than the standard 12 for most pianos and organs.

The Pittsford organ is about 30% complete, although we had to look in various places and storage drawers to see the finished pieces. The basic framework is yet to be assembled but many of the pipes and the wind chests are now complete. Some of the wooden pedal pipes are 8 feet long and hefty, the small ones just inches and ounces, each made from selected wood of locally grown black walnut and poplar trees. We also saw a plastic bag full of our organ keys, dark ebony for the sharps and flats and whites made from the shinbone of cows.

The workshop has some power tools and a few computer terminals for bookkeeping and design layout, but otherwise the feeling one gets is a serene space for working wood in traditional time-proven ways to create organs of lasting beauty.

Check out 'Taylor and Boody' on the web if you can to learn more about this special organization.

Ed Kinnen, Organ Committee



Please know us as: **"THE SANCTUARY CARE TEAM"** from now on.

We are please to announce the two needed volunteers did just that after the February

NewsBrief. Helen and Dick Harper are our new volunteers. They were immediately trained and have been on duty several Saturday and Sundays. There are now nine trained teammates and vacations can be covered. This is a wonderful Mission to The Glory of God to enhance our Worship Services.

Sally Day, Mentor



## OPTIMISTS

Because Good Friday falls on our usual meeting night, the Optimists will hold their monthly meeting **Friday, April 13**. Bring your dish to pass and table service to Fellowship Hall at 6:15 PM. Our member, Supreme Court Justice, Evelyn Frazee, will be the speaker. She serves as Chair of the N.Y. State Parent Education and Awareness Program's Advisory Board, and she will bring us her insight into assistance and positive differences made possible by this program. If you would like to be placed on the calling list, or have questions, call Sue Suter (381-5297).



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL KITS

Kits will be assembled at Youth Mission Madness, Saturday, April 28.

Any surplus items will be donated to Cameron Community Ministries, a ministry supported by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

### School kit items needed:

Blunt scissors

Pads or notebooks of ruled paper 8 ½ X 11', containing 140-200 sheets.

No filler paper, please.

12" rulers

Pencil sharpeners

New pencils with erasers

Large erasers

Packages of colored construction paper

Boxes of 24 crayons

### Special Need!

12"W X 14"L cloth bags with handles and a closure (Velcro, snap, button, etc.)

These can be found at Joanne's Fabrics or Michaels.

**Do you sew?** Pattern is available at <http://www.cwscrop.org/newyour/kits/#a000586.pdf>