

NewsBrief

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

October 2007

From the Pastor's Pen-Cell

“Camp Staph” read the T-shirts that we passed out to all counselors, waterfront, craft, nature center, kitchen and grounds crew at Camp Wakonda. We only wanted them to be infectious about their Christian faith and Jesus Christ. Our campers thought the shirts were funny and we paused for prayer at the beginning of each week that we would all have good health. Homesickness was the primary illness, although cuts, bee stings and poison ivy made regular appearances and occasionally there was something more significant. Ultimately you relied on the Camp Staph.

We have some new staff here at FPC and this might be the place to introduce them to you.

EILEEN VANDERZWAN

Eileen is our temporary associate pastor while Carrie Mitchell is on maternity leave. (Yes, baby and family are doing well.) Eileen knows Rochester well although she has recently graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary where she has been living more recently. She spent time at Siesta Key Chapel Presbyterian Church earlier in the summer and for a year was an assistant minister at Troon Old Parish, Ayrshire, Scotland. Eileen's CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) was at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. She is a graduate of Dordt College in Iowa and has studied music at the Royal Conservatory in Toronto, York University, and then did graduate studies in Choral Conducting and Music Education at Westminster Choir College, also in Princeton. Eileen is the mother of three grown children who are scattered throughout the United States. She enjoys bicycling and is quite personable and approachable. We feel blessed to have Eileen as a part of our staff and encourage you to welcome her. She is a candidate under care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and is certified ready to receive a call. Eileen is ½ time with us and while assisting First Presbyterian Church is simultaneously responding to those congregations who are interested in having her join their staff as a pastor. When that happens, she will be ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament. (In the Presbyterian Church USA you can't be ordained unless you have a "Call" and you can't be "Called" unless you are ordained. It is complicated, but resolvable.)

NATHAN ZAMPELLA

On October 1 Nathan Zampella will be our new Director of Christian Education. Nathan has been married to his wife Sue for seven years and they are parents to Arianna (6), Lydia (4) and Joshua (2). The family lives in Henrietta. Nathan earned a B. S. in Biology from Clarkson University and a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Northeastern Seminary. Since 1998 he has been the station manager for the Pittsford Fire District managing the daily activities for a district that covers 25 square miles, 30,000 residents with 80 volunteers, a fleet of 14 first service vehicles, and an operating budget over \$1.5 million. Nathan has been a ministry team leader for the Walnut Hill Community Church in Pittsford where he has been a Bible teacher and co-directed the nursery program. Nathan has also worked in Pearlington, Mississippi (where many of our response teams have been working) assisting Hurricane Katrina survivors.

EUNYOUNG KIM

On October 1, Eunyoung Kim will begin her ministry with us as organist. She is currently a DMA (Doctorate of Music Arts) candidate at the Eastman School of Music. Eunyoung earned her bachelor and master degrees from Yonsei University in Korea and studied church music in Regensburg, Germany. She has won a number of organist competitions in Denmark, Hong Kong, and Japan. More recently she has been the organist at Our Lady of Lourdes in Rochester. With all of these various experiences you will find it of interest that Eunyoung has strong Presbyterian roots in Korea where her father is an Elder on the Session of her home church. Ms. Kim is a gifted and sensitive woman. Her commitment to God is genuine and we feel blessed that by divine providence, she will be with us when the new organ from Taylor and Boody arrives.

We are glad to have these new additions to a faithful and competent staff. Janet Travis has been on our staff the longest and she oversees our finances. Doris Goodemote is the one who most often greets you on the phone and at the office door. Ernie Bledsoe keeps our building clean and orderly and oversees Bill, our assistant custodian. Niki continues to build bridges with our youth, especially through summer mission projects. James Douthit not only oversees the music program and directs the choir, but is an incredibly gifted and dedicated pianist. His work and ministry is augmented by Dede Holmes, Sharon Peet, and Ruth Hugenbruch who direct our bells and lead our children in music. Throughout the summer Sylvia Fix has been on the staff in Christian Education and we are grateful for her support and behind-the-scenes planning that has made it possible for us to begin our new curriculum this fall. When we have special needs in the office, Betty Willert is there to take your calls and provide information. Together this staff team is eager to serve. We are grateful for their ministry and are pleased that we have these wonderful new additions.

Bruce

Week of Oct. 7 – Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps. 137
2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Week of Oct. 14 – Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12
2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Week of Oct. 21 – Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104
2 Tim. 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Week of Oct. 28 – Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

LOGOS - 2007

from Sylvia Fix
We want you!

Come join us for our -

October 3 - Surprise Night - The word is *Fall-In*

October 10 - Local Mission: Kick-off -
The word is *Mission*.

October 17 - Open Your Eyes to Other's
Needs - The word is *See*.

October 24 - Halloween Costume Party -
The word is *Unique*.

October 31 - No Logos - HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!

November 7 - Pajama Jam and TV Dinner
- The word is *Relax*

November 14 - Giving a Thanksgiving
Celebration - The word is *Thankful*.

LIVING LOGOS

November 7 - Canoe Trip

HEY SENIOR HIGHERS!!! Our theme in Forum this semester is "Challenged by Christ". We'll be talking about parents, money, school, growing in your faith, and more! Come check it out every Sunday from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Greetings, Niki

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our kick-off picnic a success. Not even rain could dampen the spirit of our congregation (or stop the dunking booth!).

To all who have volunteered in our Sunday School Program during September – Thank you!!! You are as follows:

Dan Harrison
Ron Pollock
Bill Gavett
Dwight Burnham
Joe Kurnath
Niki Brodeur
Lucien Rouse
Kelby Ash
Lee Fox
Barbara Bruins
John Messenger
Judy Messenger
Dianne Adams
June Mathieu
Marge Scahill
Margot Ward
Sara Adams
Pem Tyler
Jamie Tyler
Colleen Swetman
Kelsey Swetman
Linda Ashworth
Maddy Ashworth
Kim Finkbeiner

Louise Thompson
Paige Thompson
Allison Werner
Adina Flynn
Laura Hamilton
Kim Tinder
Suzanne Crowley
Jennifer Murray
Willa Broughton
Renate Appelo
Carin Ash
Janette Henderson
Kate Nugent
Kelly Polizzi
Patty Adams
Kelly Travis
Trudy Dublin
Caitlin Amborski
Wendy Amborski
Betsy Wilson
Claudia Williams
Gayle Stiles
Joanne Stiles
Madge Herge
Erica Herge

We appreciate your sharing your time and talents. Each of you offers unique gifts to our program.

Sunday October 4, Paradise Pictures presents "Creation and the Flood". Our next unit is Noah's Ark. Look for rotations to include Music and Movement, Computers and Drama in addition to our Science, Cooking and Crafts.

Our "Walk Thru the Bible" kick-off for Adult Education was great fun. Thanks to Sharon Peet and Sylvia Fix for providing a great lunch and wonderful snacks.

Please check out any of our Adult Education opportunities:

Sundays – History of Reformed Confessions – 8:30 AM - library with Lucien Rouse.
Serendipity Study Bible – 10:00 AM - Library

Monday Evening – Crown Biblical
 Financial Study - Room 203
 Tuesday evening – Walking the Bible
 Room 203
 Wednesday morning – Lectionary
 Bible Study – 9:30 AM – Room 200
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 Bible Study – 9:30 AM – Room 200
 Thursday Morning Men’s Breakfast
 7:30 AM – St. John Fisher Cafeteria
 Monthly Men’s Breakfast – 7:00 AM –
 Mendon Ponds Park (Lodge at the
 intersection of Canfield and Hopkins Point
 Road.)
 Thursday evening – Bethel Bible
 Study with Bruce Boak – 7:30 PM – Chapel
 Enjoy October volunteering and learning!
 Your Christian Education Committee



CDS AND DVDS NOW AVAILABLE

We are currently making DVD and CD recordings of our weekly 10:00 AM Sunday worship service. These recordings are available to the congregation and can be checked out of our church library. Perhaps you are unable to attend church and would like to have a recording on a regular basis, or maybe there was a particular service you missed and would like hearing/seeing the recording. The audio/video recording team is available to meet your needs. Please check out the recordings in the library or contact Doris Goodemote to sign up for recordings on a regular basis (586-5688) or with questions.



DISTINCTIVE HABITAT PINS ON SALE

Buy a Habitat pin and help Habitat! First Presbyterian Church, one of 8 faith groups comprising the Habitat Interfaith Partnership, needs additional funds to meet its financial obligation to this coalition, which has begun construction of its third house. We are selling Habitat Pins in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 AM service. Please stop by. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make out a check to First Presbyterian Church, note that it is for Flower City Habitat, and drop it off at either our Fellowship Hall table or at the church office.

The 2007 Fall Concert Series begins on Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 PM

with the vocal jazz trio “Luminescence”. This trio sings a wide range of songs from the 30’s and 40’s to Manhattan Transfer in the style of the Andrew Sisters. Their back up of piano and drums are part of an improv jazz group, The Westview Project. Come enjoy the easy listening. Suggested donations of \$10 for adults will go to the organ fund. Meet the performers at the reception following.

Excitement is building for the second concert in the fall series, “Sacred Favorites II”. Harold McAulliffe, tenor, James Douthit, piano and the Chancel Choir will reprise beloved sacred favorites inspired by past and present hymnody and Broadway! The concert will again be recorded and be available on CD for a donation to the organ fund. Greet the performers at a reception following. Suggested donations of \$10 for adults will go to the organ fund. Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 26, at 7:30 PM.**



ORGAN UPDATE

Most of the pipes for our organ are now ready to be installed. This is a recent photo of a rank of our metal pipes that are in the Taylor and Boody workroom. These pipes will probably be face pipes, that is, some of the pipes in the organ that we will actually see when we look at the completed instrument. Other photos in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall show some of the wooden pipes that have also been completed. All in all, our new organ will have approximately 700 individual pipes.

Place picture

This photo was taken by Dan Murray when he and Pam visited Taylor and Boody late this spring.

NEHEMIAH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

About 2 1/2 years ago, we began a capital campaign with a goal of \$1,500,000. Of this amount, \$1,050,000 was to cover the cost of completing the church restoration project and repaying the steeple loan; \$50,000 was for financing costs; \$100,000 was for Outreach, while the remaining \$300,000 was destined for Capital Reserves to cover repairs and future work not included in the restoration process.

Actual pledges received amounted to only \$1,109,000, a shortfall of almost \$400,000. To date we have received \$838,000 against these pledges, leaving a balance yet to be paid of \$271,000. In addition, we have received \$25,000 in non pledged gifts, bringing total receipts to \$863,000 and total possible receipts to \$1,134,000, assuming all pledges are paid.

Expenses to date paid out of the Nehemiah Campaign funds amount to \$1,043,000. Most of this has been used for the restoration project and repayment of the steeple loan. The restoration team did such a great job managing funds and projects that we were able to spend less than had been originally estimated. In addition, \$80,000 has been transferred to Outreach already, which has resulted in several grants of \$10,000 to organizations supported by the church. In addition, the Trustees have just approved the transfer of an another \$20,000 to Outreach before the end of the year.

The shortfall in receipts versus expenses required the church to obtain bank loans to cover the difference. The current net bank loan amounts to \$183,000, and will increase to over \$200,000 by the end of the year, with the additional \$20,000 for Outreach, plus financing costs and miscellaneous expenses,

In order to payoff our debt to the bank, reduce our interest costs, and perhaps have a small amount left for future capital needs, it is essential that all pledge commitments be met. We thank everyone who has contributed to the \$838,000 received to date and look forward to receiving the remaining pledged amounts as soon as possible and before the Campaign closes in the first half of 2008.



OPTIMISTS

You are invited! At the beginning of this church year, we would like to extend a special invitation to those who admit to being over 50 to attend the Optimist meetings. Bring a covered dish, your place setting and \$2 -- enjoy the sumptuous dinner, great fellowship, and an interesting program! The first meeting this fall will be Friday, October 5, at 6:15 PM, in Fellowship Hall. Curt Herge, a co-leader of the July mission trip to Jamaica, will show slides and tell of this rewarding experience for our young people. Please join us. If you have questions, or would like to be placed on the calling list, please call Sue Suter (381-5297).



ELDERBERRY EXPRESS – meeting the transportation needs of seniors in our community for 20 years! Currently there are over 140 active clients who are provided a measure of independence when they are no longer able to drive. In 2006, volunteer drivers logged over 35,000 miles in taking clients to the doctor, grocery, dentist, etc. Additionally on Tuesdays, interested Seniors are driven to Pittsford's Van Huysen Senior Center for their weekly program. With two aging vehicles, Elderberry Express is asking for financial support during this significant anniversary year.

INQUIRERS CLASS

If you have any interest in, or questions about joining First Presbyterian Church, please meet with us for an Inquirers class from 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM on October 28. Call Janet at the office, 586-5688, if you plan to come so we may count you in for a light supper.



Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help ~ We're

brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ". God wants us to care for others – and allow others to care for us in our time of need. Stephen Leaders: *Jane Hunter, Alice O'Dwyer, Kay Saxum (385-9807), Barbara Smith, Dick Sprengle or Carol Tiemann*. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



SAVE THE DATE: Once again "Shop til You Drop" will take place the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 26, 6-9 PM at Pittsford Plaza. Participating stores are: One World Goods, blueground, Color Me Mine, and Hands On and Beyond. Dine first at Camille's Sidewalk Café! For the second year in a row, One World Goods is donating 20% of the proceeds. The others and Camille's Sidewalk Café are donating 15% of the evening's proceeds. Help RAIHN while accomplishing some of your Christmas and holiday gift giving needs. Last year this evening's tally was \$2,300 for RAIHN! Join the fun.

NEW TRAINEES – Stephen Ministry is very pleased to announce the beginning of the 50-hour Training course. Barbara Rarrick, from our congregations feels called to join this ministry. Douglas Peet, a member of Fairport Baptist Community Church, will also serve in our church upon completion of the training. Please join in supporting them in prayer as they train.



MISSION REPORT

from Doris Goodemote

First of all, a huge thank you to our Outreach Committee for their support of our trip.

Jim and I arrived in NYC late Wednesday afternoon and attended the Gideon's Victory Banquet that evening. Many Gideons and Auxiliary stood up and gave testimony of what had been happening on their Bible distributions. Distributions were at prisons, Aids facilities, schools and hospitals.

Thursday and Friday, when we were there, the distributions were at nursing homes, hospitals and Cerebral Palsy Units. Both days we were part of a team of six and we went to a number of the CP Units and a couple of nursing homes. All in all approximately 400,000 scriptures were handed out this past week. Again, we thank First Presbyterian Church for their love and generosity and Praise God for His faithfulness.



FPC in Pittsford has been asked to provide 12 more positions for building our Habitat House. The four dates involved are 10-16, 10-17, 10-18, & 10-27. We need 3 people for each date. If you can volunteer please call Bowan and Pat Keller, 442.3373 this week or come prepared to sign up next Sunday. Thank you.