



The Good News

May 2020

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

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MUSINGS FROM TYLER

Hi all, Tyler here! I have the privilege of writing this month's Good News article. By the time this reaches our congregants, you will all have been told that Sarah and I are indeed moving onto the next phase of our lives. Sarah has accepted a position with Amazon in New Jersey and her start date is May 25th. There is, however, a bit more I believe I can do with the church, so I will be sticking around until September 13th. Being around through the summer allows me not only to make sure our youth group comes out on top of everything once Covid-19 calms down, but also help Pastor Aaron in his time of transition to becoming our new pastor. It is my hope that once September comes around, I will have more to say on what God has in store for my personal future. I would like to continue on in ministry and am considering going on to seminary.

Being a part of this church has opened my eyes in many ways. It was my first "real" job right out of college. It has allowed me to grow and experience all the different hardships and joys that can come with ministry, and how our youth always need our help and guidance, even if not in the ways we expect. For instance, one of the biggest factors that I hear from our youth that they worry about is that they are always simply too busy. Too busy to hang out with their friends. Too busy to have family dinners every week. Too busy to simply be a kid or teenager. Every day there is school, plus four or five extracurriculars and *that* is what they are worried about—that they do all of this and are still somehow behind others in life. In my time here, I have had more conversations than I can remember on simply allowing youth to be themselves and allowing them an open space. This is what our youth need now more than ever, and I am proud to say that I have been able to provide this space for them.

It is my hope that the church continues to do this for them and treat them as equals when they need to be heard, but also allowing them the freedom to be what they are—quite literally—children of God.

Thank you for all that the church has done for Sarah and myself. This is a phase of our lives we will never forget.

Sincerely yours, *Tyler*

Tyler Logan, Director of Youth Ministry

Lectionary for May

May 3 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42–47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19–25 John 10:1–10	May 10 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 7:55–60 Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16 1 Peter 2:2–10 John 14:1–14	May 17 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 17:22–31 Psalm 66:8–20 1 Peter 3:13–22 John 14:15–21	May 21 Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15–23 Luke 24:44–53	May 24 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 1:6–14 Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11 John 17:1–11	May 31 Pentecost Acts 2:1–21 or Numbers 11:24–30 Psalm 104:24–34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 or Acts 2:1–21 John 20:19–23 or John 7:37–39
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Christian Education

During the upcoming weeks we are looking for kids who would be willing to record themselves reading Bible passages and prayers supplied by the pastors. We have a Children's Service coming up and would like to get participation from as many families who feel comfortable. These readings would then be included in the live stream.

Rod Frohman is preparing prospective participants in his fall class on Acts with a pre-reading of Acts. This pre-reading will have light reflection questions and discussion. If you are interested please let the office know.

There is still virtual adult Bible Studies on Wednesdays and Sundays. If you would like details on how to be included please let the office know.

Deacon Events

- Saturday, May 2 - 7:00pm - Virtual Game night - we will be playing FishBowl - Family friendly interactive online game using Zoom. It involves charades, word guessing, etc. You must register online at dtraina@rochester.rr.com to get the rules, assigned teams and Zoom invite by 9pm Friday May 1.
- Sunday, May 3 - 5:00pm - Cooking Club - Greek Moussaka - we will be preparing dinner together via Zoom. After each participant makes their own dinner, we will dine online together. All are welcome to join for the fellowship and just watch the chef prepare the meal. Please email dtraina@rochester.rr.com ahead of time to get the recipes and zoom invite.

Penny Pincher Sale

Presbyterian Women is planning on another successful Penny Pincher Sale in October—so please save items for the sale!

Minute for Mission

Cameron Community Ministries

Cameron's Executive Director Jennifer Muniga was recently featured with an interview in the *Rochester Business Journal*. In her role "she sees first-hand the impact of poverty on youth, as 98 percent of neighborhood residents live in poverty, and her work at Cameron is devoted to addressing that issue."

Jennifer says, "You have to celebrate the small successes. Because poverty remains so pervasive here, it can be incredibly stressful and frustrating. The way I look at it and encourage my staff to as well, is that every day, we have the opportunity to make someone's day. We meet folks where they are and provide basic needs: a food basket for a single mom who just can't make ends meet this month, hygiene products for a man just released from jail trying to do things right this time, a hug for a child who had a rough day at school. These small things can have a huge impact on someone's life. Although we cannot help every single person in a big way, the little things add up and we have to take the opportunity to celebrate those things. We're all here because we want to help people, and we are; keeping that perspective is huge."



Members with May Birthdays

Henry Ash	Hannah Marsh	Tony Seacat
Martha Boak	Margaret Mecredy	Frederick Stehler
Ray Brown	Robert Mehalso	Stephen Stott
Rob Dunn	Archie Messenger	Erin Thompson
Allie Finkbeiner	Charles Messenger	Paige Thompson
Ben Gartland	Maxwell Murray	Olivia Valenti
Chell Gilda	JoBeth Nichols	Gretchen Wolk
Jack Holzwarth	Walt Scott	

Wishing you a birthday that is full of laughter, love, and special moments!
(if we missed you—please let the office know)