



The Good News

March 2020

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

MUSINGS FROM REV. STEVE MICHIE

It is my privilege and honor to have been selected by First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford to serve for many months as a new Temporary Supply Pastor. I have had good conversations since early February with Jim Widboom, Carol Anne Strawbridge, Steve Becker, and all the other staff members to begin getting acquainted with your congregation, its officers, and committees. I have begun to connect with members of the Session, Deacons, and Trustees—and I will be a part of the Generosity Team, the Vital Congregations Initiative, and other groups as necessary. Speaking of those two teams, I encourage all members who haven't yet made a Stewardship pledge to do so and consider joining one of the Lenten small groups (overseen by the VCI group) during March and early April, in order to make the Holy Week and Easter worship experiences much more meaningful.



Here is some biographical information so you can get to know my family and my 37 years of ministry (I retired in 2014). My wife Joan and I have been married since 1977, and she worked for 40 years as a Children's Librarian, storyteller, and teacher in several schools and libraries. During the time I was the Associate Pastor at Summerville Church in Irondequoit (1980-1988) our two children were born in Rochester. Julia is 39 and is a pediatrician with Colorado Children's Hospital in Denver. She and her husband Marc Bruckner have two children—Nina is four, and Jasper is two. Jonathan is 35 and graduated from The Eastman School of Music here. He and his wife Marian live in Leipzig, Germany, where he's a member of The Leipzig Opera. Both Julia and Jonathan and our grandchildren will visit us this summer at our house near north Winton Road in the Brown-croft neighborhood. When I was 17, I spent a year in Germany as an exchange student, and two years later I studied German language and literature for a year at Maximillian University in Munich. I graduated from Boston University in 1975, and studied at Union Seminary in New York City from 1977-1980. After I graduated and was ordained, Joan and I moved to Rochester.

I served for ten years each at Huguenot Presbyterian Church in Pelham, NY (from which I retired) and earlier at First Presbyterian Church in Northport (L.I.) NY. After seven-plus years at Summerville Church, I was an Associate Pastor at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church outside Philadelphia. During my first three years of retirement, I was the Parish Associate at the Larchmont Presbyterian Church in southern Westchester County, leading a men's early Thursday morning Bible Study group and doing Adult Education on Sundays. In 1987, 1990, and 2000, Joan and I led 20+ congregants on Ecumenical Study Tours to Europe. In 1989 and 1994, I enjoyed joining two study tours to the Middle East (Israel, Jordan, Palestine,

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and the Gaza Strip). In 2001, I served for a year as moderator of Long Island Presbytery, which was partnered with Havana Presbytery in Cuba, where I traveled on a Presbytery mission trip. While I was a member of Genesee Valley Presbytery I was the chair of its Taskforce on International Human Rights, and was on the Board of Rochester's Samaritan Counseling Center.

I believe God does not call us to be satisfied with who we are, but loves us enough in Jesus Christ to encourage us in what we can become. Our individual discipleship, added together, gives the Christian community its shape and substance. I wish to help lay leaders in the church and other volunteers to be successful. Our congregations welcome and challenge each member to participate in serving others with comforting compassion and healing grace. Rather than rely on assumptions, I try to help leaders and other members identify their gifts, faith convictions, and contributive roles in the church and the wider community. I have sought to guide the churches I've served into tangible connections with the Church in the world. We serve the God of all persons—commanded by our Lord Jesus to work for peace and strive for justice. I look forward to getting to know as many of you folks at FPC of Pittsford as possible in the months ahead!

~ Steve

Generosity

The Generosity Team would like to thank all those who pledged their monetary gifts to our Church in support of our 2020 Vision. We are especially grateful that many of you increased your giving level over your 2019 pledge. We also recognize and appreciate the many members who give of their time and talents without which our Church could not survive.

As we continue to move through this time of transition, your generosity confirms your commitment to God and to our Church. While we fell short of our goal, we have been able to find areas in which we have reduced some expenses and we have challenged all Officers, Staff, and Committee Members to continue to identify areas in which we can save money.

We are committed to continuing our efforts throughout 2020 and beyond. Asking for money is not an easy task, but it is a necessity. We tried some different tactics during the pledging period, such as video vignettes and write-ups in the bulletin to remind members of all that our Church offers. We welcome any who might like to join in our efforts and any comments/suggestions you might have as to how we can improve, where we missed something, etc. Please feel free to communicate with us by sending an email to Faye Casey (fayemkc18@gmail.com).

Your Generosity Team

Vital Congregations Initiative

This year during Lent, many members of the congregation are studying “The Seven Marks of a Vital Congregation” in small groups. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN A GROUP. There is a group for you. Please contact vcteam@pittsfordpres.org and we will send you information.

Small groups are a time to come together outside of church for sharing and fellowship (there may even be food and beverages). The groups aim “to create communities in which people are actively involved in making connections while providing an opportunity to grow personally and spiritually in their faith.” God works through people. Presbyterians believe one sees God more clearly through a community of believers. As Spring springs, come grow with us!

Members with March Birthdays



Carin Ash
Andrew Ashworth
Walter Aydelotte
Alexis Babcock
Trudy Bartleson
Libbie Botting
Barbara Bruins
David Bruins
Faye Casey
Susan Feasey

Stacy Ferris
Hanna Fox
Cecilia Frey
Kimberly Gibson
Lisa Hughes
Ed Johnson
Jennifer Longwell
Donna MacKenzie
Bob Mecredy
Adam Pedersen

Doug Peters
Allison Robinson
Jackie Roblin
Virginia Skuse
Sandra Testa
Philip Tinder III
Clara Travis
Evelyn Van Arsdale
Emily Wilborn



Wishing you a birthday that is full of laughter, love, and special moments!

(if we missed you—please let the office know)

RAIHN

Thanks for the many recent donations to RAIHN! The towels, blankets, and containers for leftovers are now plentiful for our upcoming rotations with housing homeless families. So we do not need any further donations at this time. All of the generous donations and time spent volunteering are so wonderful in supporting this mission! Our next rotation is coming up soon. We will welcome guests beginning on March 15. So watch for the scheduling Time to Sign Up in your emails. Volunteers help with making an evening meal for up to 15 guests, including children, and then our church provides a safe place to sleep for the night. Guest families go to a Day Center during the day, where children go to school and parents receive services from RAIHN staff. For more information or to add your name to the list of volunteers, email to Claire Van Arsdale (svanarsd@rochester.rr.com) or Barb Smith (barbarasmith13@gmail.com)

Habitat House Dedication Coming Soon

A tentative date of Saturday, April 4, has been set for the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity House at 120 Holworthy Street. Our HIP (Habitat Interfaith Partnership) Coalition has been volunteering and working on the construction for our 2019-2020 build. Our next build will be in 2022! Please check the Rochesterhabitat.org site to see if there are any remaining dates for volunteering and watch in the Sunday bulletins for updates on the dedication date and time.

A huge THANK YOU to all those who have volunteered to help in this build!

We hope many of you will come to the dedication, see the results of our labor, and see where your contributions through the Outreach Committee go to help families right here at home.

Lectionary for March

March 1

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15–17;
3:1–7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12–19
Matthew 4:1–11

March 8

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1–4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1–5, 13–17
John 3:1–17 or
Matthew 17:1–9

March 15

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1–7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1–11
John 4:5–42

March 22

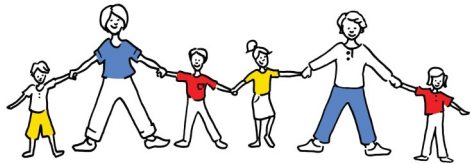
4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1–13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8–14
John 9:1–41

March 29

5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1–14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6–11
John 11:1–45



News from the Nursery School

March at last, at least we can see a glimmer of Spring! It's a long month, but fun filled ☺ This month we will continue with more Afternoon Enrichment classes, watch a performance of Flat Stanley at the JCC, be visited by the dental hygienist, meet the "Music Man" here in Fellowship Hall, and be visited by our favorite Story Lady! We will also, of course, celebrate St. Patrick's Day. March is National Literacy Month; we will focus even more so on the literature in our classrooms. As always, please come downstairs for a visit when you are in the building. Thank you for your continued support,

Teresa Zatyko, Director PCNS

Deacon Events

- Friday, March 6 - Game Night, 7pm, Fellowship Hall - all are welcome
- Sunday, March 8 - Cooking Club, 5pm, Fellowship Hall - Make your own Pizza - We will prepare several style crusts, homemade sauces, using eight types of cheese and 20 toppings along with a few side dishes. Cost is \$7

Sign up in Fellowship Hall after service.

Needle Nellies

Hooray!! We will meet March 31 in Fellowship Hall—last Tuesday of the month, from 11 am-1:30 pm. You can bring your lunch and we'll provide coffee and tea.

Questions? Call Kay Saxum 385-9807

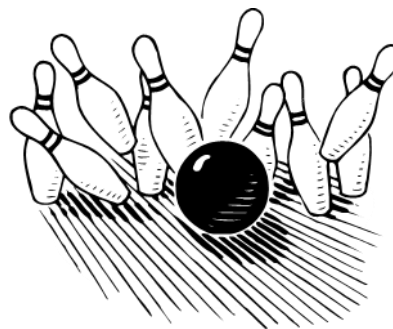
Anthony Circle

Anthony Circle will meet March 18 in Fellowship Hall to wrap Easter gifts for ARC friends.

Cameron's Annual Bowl-a-thon – 2020

When: Sunday, March 22 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Where: AMF Gates Lanes, 645 Spencerport Rd., Rochester, NY 14606



\$25 per person includes unlimited bowling for two hours, shoe rental, pizza & drinks and prizes.

Proceeds benefit Cameron's youth programming!

Hardcopy registration forms in the lobby area.

To register online

https://www.cameronministries.org/event/bowl-a-thon/?event_date=2020-03-22

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer at jennifer.muniga@cameronministries.org

Eve Circle

Eve Circle will meet Monday, March 23, at 12:30 pm in room 200 to discuss Lesson 4 from Love Carved in Stone.

Flowers

A member of our congregation, Eun Hui Loss, a talented and experienced floral arranger, has offered to create flower arrangements at cost! Contact information will be available by the flower sign-up poster located near the elevator.



2020 Lenten Schedule

First Presbyterian Church



Sunday	April 5	8:30 am	Palm Sunday Service
		10:00 am	Palm Sunday Service (Rutter's Requiem with chorus and orchestra)
Thursday	April 9	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	April 10	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service (with FPC Choir)
Sunday	April 12	7:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service (Port of Pittsford)
Sunday	April 12	8:30 & 10:30 am	Easter Sunday Services

Greeters

Are you interested in greeting at a 10:00 am service but you have never been asked? You can be part of a team that is one of the first welcoming faces a visitor sees on a Sunday morning. If you are willing, please call, text, or email Judy Messenger at (585) 746-8883 or messenger5@aol.com.

Easter Lilies

When purchasing a lily you have the opportunity to honor or remember friends and family. The lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday and a listing of all those honored and remembered will be available at the service. Any extra money collected will be donated to support the Presbyterian Women's mission outreach.

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EASTER LILIES- for Presbyterian Women's Mission Outreach Check # _____ Cash

In honor of _____

In loving memory of _____

With thanks to _____

Given by _____ Purchased by _____



\$8.00 each

Checks should be made payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford.**

Lilies will be sold March 22, 29 and April 5 after both church services. You may also mail the form by March 29 to: ATTN. Easter Dedication, First Presbyterian Church, 21 Church St., Pittsford, NY 14534

Youth Happenings

Winter is in full effect! Make sure to keep warm by coming to some of our youth events :)

February 29	Leap Year Messy Game Night	Church, 3-5 pm
March 4, 11, 18, 25	LOGOS	Church, 4-7 pm
March 1, 15	Bob Ross Sunshine Club	Church, 7-8:30 pm
March 8, 15, 22, 29	Sunday School	Church, 10-11 am
March 15	RAIHN Dinner	Church, 5-7 pm
March 21	Youth Escape Room	2-4 pm
March 27	Youth Monthly Movie	Church, 6-9 pm



On March 21, the youth will be trying out our first ever Escape Room! Time should be from 2-4 pm but we will update you if the time changes. We will have different options on rooms depending on how many participants we have! Cost will be \$20 per person, \$15 per sibling if multiple siblings come!



JASY 2021 is coming sooner than you think! We are already planning and we want to hear from you if you're interested in going! Come and talk to Tyler if you have questions about the trip or are worried about paying for it. We'd love to have you along with us!



Christian Education

I'd like to encourage the entire congregation to take the month of March and thank any teachers that you meet. Thank both the secular teachers and all our Sunday school teachers who make the education program here at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford possible. Teaching takes a dedication to forging relationships with our children that can affect them for a lifetime. The volunteer teachers in the church rearrange their schedules, carve out time, and figure out what a lesson means theologically so they can convey it in terms children understand. Please join me in thanking all teachers for the work they do with our children.

Lenten Devotionals Available

This Lenten season we have available both electronic and paper devotionals from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The printed devotionals are available in the lobby area. They are daily devotionals with both scripture and reflection included. Instruction on how to obtain digital copies are included as well.

Upcoming Events	
Men's Prayer Breakfast	3/1 7 am
Anthony Circle	3/18 10 am
Eve Circle	3/23 12:30 pm
Naomi Circle	3/16 12:30 pm
Needle Nellies	3/31 11 am
Not so Basic Bible Study	Mondays 7:30 pm
Prayer Support Group	Mondays 11:00 am
Bible Study	Weds. 7:15 pm
Men's Ecumenical Group	Thursdays 7:15 am
Adult Study	Sundays 9:45 am

Men in Shorts

On Sunday, March 1, men from the morning prayer group will be wearing shorts and their "I love my church" T-shirt. We invite any other members to join us. We do this every year because "our church is so warm we can wear shorts in the winter." Help us celebrate the warm personalities around us.



LOGOS March 4



LOGOS March 11



LOGOS March 18




March 25

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

*Our individual discipleship,
added together, gives the Chris-
tian community its shape and
substance.*

<p>The Rev. Jim Widboom <i>Temporary Supply Pastor</i> Ext. 25; Thursday, Friday, Sunday JCW@pittsfordpres.org</p> <p>The Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge <i>Temporary Supply Pastor</i> Ext. 41; Monday CAS@pittsfordpres.org</p> <p>The Rev. Steve Michie <i>Temporary Supply Pastor</i> Ext. 42; Wednesday, Thursday smichie.sm65@gmail.com</p> <p>Craig Kunkle <i>Director of Christian Education</i> Ext. 30 craig.kunkle@pittsfordpres.org</p> <p>Tyler Logan <i>Director of Youth Ministry</i> Ext. 31 tyler@pittsfordpres.org</p> <p>Britta Konau <i>Office & Communications Coord.</i> Ext. 21 britta.konau@pittsfordpres.org</p>	<p>Maria DiGiambattista <i>Financial Administrator</i> Ext. 23 treasurer@pittsfordpres.org</p> <p>Tim Carder <i>Custodian</i> Ext. 33</p> <p>Dr. Jared Chase <i>Director of Music</i> musicdirector@pittsfordpres.org</p> <p>Dr. Bruce Frank <i>Associate Director of Music and Organist</i> bfrank345@gmail.com</p> <p>Dede Holmes <i>Director of Youth Choirs</i> dmh91654@frontiernet.net</p> <p>Dr. Mary Carlson <i>Director of Hand Bell Choir</i> mcarlson74@gmail.com</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church 21 Church Street, Pittsford, NY 14534 Phone 585 586-5688, Fax 585 586-8090 E-mail connect@pittsfordpres.org Web page www.pittsfordpres.org</p> <p>Worship With Us Please join us for Sunday morning worship.</p> <p>Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:00 am Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month.</p>	 <p>The illustration shows a detailed view of the church building with a prominent steeple, surrounded by trees. Below the illustration is a decorative banner with the text 'FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH' and 'PITTSFORD, NY'.</p>
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