

# The Good News

April 2015

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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN-CELL

### LECTIONARY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

#### Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 5

Acts 10:34-43 *or*

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Psalms 118:34-43, 14-24*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *or*

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 *or*

Mark 16:1-8

#### Easter Evening

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Psalms 114*

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Luke 24:13-49

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12

Acts 4:32-35

*Psalms 133*

1 John 1:1-22

John 20:19-31

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19

Acts 3:12-19

*Psalms 4*

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

#### 4th Sunday

April 26

Acts 4:5-12

*Psalms 23*

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

**Zipcars** are now available in a number of cities, enabling you to drive a car by the hour or by the day, with gas and insurance included.

**Uber and Lyft** are providing an alternative to taxis.

**Couchsurfing** allows you to "surf" on couches around the world, staying as a guest in a host's home.

**Bikeshare** puts thousands of bicycles at your fingertips.

**ShareDesk** offers the rentals of short-term, affordable, flexible office space.



How practical is this, really? Although it doesn't give me a warm fuzzy feeling it works for Neal Gorenflo, a 47-year-old in Silicon Valley. According to *Fast Company* magazine (April 18, 2011), a typical day for Gorenflo involves dropping off his son Jake to a nanny he shares with his neighbor.



Then he drops by a coffee shop and logs onto a peer-to-peer banking site called the Lending Club, which allows him to make a series of small loans to people in need. Then he takes the train to San Francisco, where he hops into a Prius he has reserved for a few hours from City CarShare.

Gorenflo drives to Berkeley for a tour of a cohousing community, which is designed to provide an old-fashioned sense of community. He ends up at the shared office space from which he works once a week. Gorenflo shares because he wants to share -- it helps him to achieve his goals.

Now that we are headed into April, past Easter, we discover that rather than Old Testament readings popping up in the lectionary, we begin to encounter readings from the Book of Acts, the history book of the church. It tells us how First Century Christians began to look after one another in a sharing society of sorts. They especially looked after widows and orphans. Of course they were looking for a quick return of the risen Christ, and so they developed a bit of a sharing society. I've discovered that the 2015 term for this behavior is "Collaborative Consumption."

At Plaza Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, pastor Tom Tate asked, "What could we do to engage worshipers, during worship, to make a different kind of offering?"

So as an alternative they decided to invite people to place a personal statement in the offering, along with financial resources. The announcement went, "As part of your offering today please write a sentence or phrase describing how you will seek to live into this commitment." Tate shared some of the responses that day.

- *I just began mentoring a new teacher at the high school. I hope to share my faith and love for Christ with her.*
- *To sing praises to God every day.*
- *I will call and pray for some close friends who are going through a very difficult time right now.*
- *Ask seniors in my neighborhood how I can help them.*
- *I will try to learn to pray without ceasing.*

These were testimonies to the resurrection life of the Lord Jesus, leading to an experience of sharing the grace of God. "We've always offered material goods," says Pastor Tate. "But now, we're starting to offer our lives."

I thought, well maybe someone long ago was right in saying, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Some of us from FPC headed to Point Pleasant Beach after Hurricane Sandy ravaged the coast. We went there to help home owners repair their homes. While there we learned about a snag that had emerged. New Jersey's Division of Consumer Affairs, tasked with issuing licenses to building contractors, insisted that construction workers display the I.D. number of a licensed contractor on the job site or risk heavy fines.

It was a consumer-protection measure of long standing, a means of keeping fly-by-night contractors out of the state: unscrupulous swindlers who would accept homeowners' deposits then never show up for work. When asked, after the storm, to whom the regulation applied, the state's initial answer was "anyone who picks up a hammer on a job site."

That was the answer state officials continued to give, even to churches who were welcoming volunteer work teams. But, someone from PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) complained and reminded bureaucrats that PDA folks were volunteering like many others, offering their service and help at no cost. No money was changing hands. How could they be swindling? Why must they pay many \$\$ to for licenses to volunteer to line whose pockets? Duh? Apparently, the possibility of anyone giving their labor away and sharing their lives just wasn't on the radar screens of New Jersey bureaucrats.

FPC does collaborative caring, collaborative sharing and collaborative praying. It is a first century thing. No we don't have Zip Bibles to rent, but we will share ours and if you want to Couchsurf in a pew on Sunday it will prove that worship is 100% positive, you are either spiritually inspired or you wake up delightfully refreshed.

**Bruce**

## UPCOMING DEACON FUN ACTIVITIES

**Young Adults Game Night** - Friday April 10 at 7pm in Room 200

**Supper Club** - Sunday April 19 at 5pm Fellowship hall -Cost \$7 -  
Scandinavian Theme

**Garden Club** - Tuesday April 21 at 1pm - Chelsea Garden Show DVD

**Euchre** - Friday 4/24 at 7pm - 45 S. Main St., Pittsford



**Joseph & The Technicolor Dreamcoat**—Production by Spotlight Theater—Sunday April 26 at 2pm at St. John's Catholic Church in Perinton (corner of Ayrault & Rt. 31). We will meet at our church and car pool to the show. Questions? Call Dan Traina



**News from the Nursery School** ~ Spring can not come soon enough! During the month of April we will finish our Spring Break, the 4's children will be visiting Springdale Farm to learn about farm animals and we hope to have a visit from Firefighter Nate. Our YK children will have parent conferences and we will have a school

wide garage sale in Fellowship Hall. Please come visit us, you can view the children's Spring artwork, listen to their beautiful voices and be inspired by their innocence!  
Teresa Zatyko, Director Pittsford Nursery School



### **"God...an ever-present help in trouble."**

Psalm 46:1 suggests that God is our refuge and strength. When a crisis hits, many people have no one to turn to and may end up facing it alone. Stephen Ministers are called to "be there" for people who need a Christian presence amid the struggles of life. They are filled with God's love. They will walk closely with you, keeping everything in confidence while you work through a trouble. Just let us know of your need and a Stephen Minister will be there!  
For more information or to receive help from a Stephen Minister, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: *Jane Hunter, Alice O'Dwyer, Barbara Smith, Dick Sprenkle, Carol Tiemann* or one of our pastors. **Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**



## **2015 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

### **UPCOMING SERVICES DURING THE SPECIAL SEASON OF LENT**



March 29	8:30 & 10:00 AM	Palm Sunday Services
April 2	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
April 3	7:30 PM	Good Friday Service
April 5	7:00 AM	Easter sunrise Service [Port of Pittsford]
April 5	8:30 & 10:30 AM	Easter Services

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**MARY/WELLER** ~ will meet on Monday, April 13 at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your lunch and least coin and enjoy the fellowship and help work on a new blanket. All women of the church are invited to attend. If not a regular member, please contact Shirley Lawrence.

**NAOMI CIRCLE** ~ will welcome spring while having lunch at The Highlands on April 20, 12:00. Eloise Terho will hostess. Plan on picking up lunch tickets (\$11.50) in the lobby. Since we have to let the dining staff know in advance how many lunches to prepare, each member who signs up through their callers will be responsible for the cost of their lunch whether they attend or not. So, please be certain your calendar is clear on that date before signing up! Due to limited parking, plan to car pool if at all possible.

**ANTHONY CIRCLE** ~ is a group of women who emphasize the fellowship and mission aspects of Presbyterian Women. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 9.30 am. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 21 at 9.30 am in Room 200 (upstairs) at the church. All women are welcome. Why don't you give us a try in the new year? For more information, contact Janette Henderson.

**EVENING CIRCLE** ~ will meet Monday, April 28 at 7:00 pm in Room 200 for fellowship and Bible Study. Details to follow in the Sunday bulletin. Any questions call Margaret Mecredy.

**KNITTING GROUP** ~ Meets: Tuesday, March 31

Time 11—1:30 (or whenever you can make it) - Room 200

Two new scarf patterns are waiting for you!!

Bring your lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

Any questions? Kay Saxum

We appreciate donations of left-over yarn.

### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

Program: Women Companions on the Journey

Date: Friday, April 10, 2015

Time: Gather at 9:30  
Program at 10:00

Place: Greece United Methodist Church, 1924 Maiden Lane, Rochester

Leader: Rev. Susan Maybeck

Registration: \$3.00

Lunch: Brown Bag Lunch

**Please bring your Bible**



It is 5 degrees outside, we really love LOGOS!

# Christian Education

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is back on July 20-24. Last year was a great week and we expect to have even more fun this year.

But we need your help! Join the VBS planning team. Come help plan a week of Christian fellowship and discipleship. You do not have to be around in July to help us plan. Contact the church office or a CE member to sign up.



**"The Rebirth of God"**  
*A Celtic Evening with*  
*Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell*

Wednesday, May 20, 2015  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 300 E. Main Street  
 Batavia, NY

**Rebirth of GOD**  
 JOHN PHILIP NEWELL

- This program is free and open to the public.
- Tickets are required for admission.
- A Free Will Offering will be taken.

For tickets and information visit  
[www.fpcbatavia.org](http://www.fpcbatavia.org)  
 or call 585-343-0505

Internationally acclaimed teacher, retreat leader, speaker, author of over 15 books, John Philip Newell, ordained minister of the Church of Scotland, challenges us to explore a new beginning for Christianity in the midst of dramatic changes in Western Christianity. He offers the hope of a fresh stirring of the Spirit among us.

## Adult Educational opportunity

On Wednesday, May 20 at 7pm the Batavia Presbyterian church is hosting a guest speaker. Rev. John Philip Newell will be talking about "the hope of a fresh stirring of the Spirit among us, in the midst of dramatic changes in Western Christianity."

The Christian Education Committee is attending and would like to offer the opportunity to car pool down. Free tickets are required so please call the office early to register.

## Young Adult Fellowship

First Presbyterian Church would like to invite adults ages 18-30 to board game night. Bring your own or play Carcassonne, Settlers of Catan, Dominion, Magic, Forbidden Island, Nuns on the Run, Red Dragon Inn, Heroes of Waterdeep, and more. Snacks and drinks available. Meets twice a month in Fellowship hall.

Upcoming dates: Friday April 10 at 7pm; Saturday April 25 7m

### Upcoming Events

Men's Prayer Breakfast	4/5 7:00 am
Mary Weller Circle	4/13 11:30 am
Optimists	4/10 5:30 pm
Naomi Circle	4/20 12:30 am
Anthony Circle	4/21 9:30 am
Evening Circle	4/28 7 pm
Not so Basic Bible study	Mondays 7:30 pm
Prayer Support Group	Mondays 11:30 am
Wednesday Evening Book Club	Wed. 7:00 monthly
Lectionary Study	Weds. 7:15 pm
Men's Ecumenical Group	Thursdays 7:15 am
Women's Bible Study	Fridays 9:30 am
Adult Study	Sundays 9:45 am

## Coming up for Kid

April 5: Easter Sunday children invited to join their parents in worship

April 12: Pentecost rotation begins

May 10: The books of the Bible rotation begins

# Youth Happenings {7th-12th Grade}



Rock Ventures

Wednesdays @ 5pm

April 8, 15, 22, 29

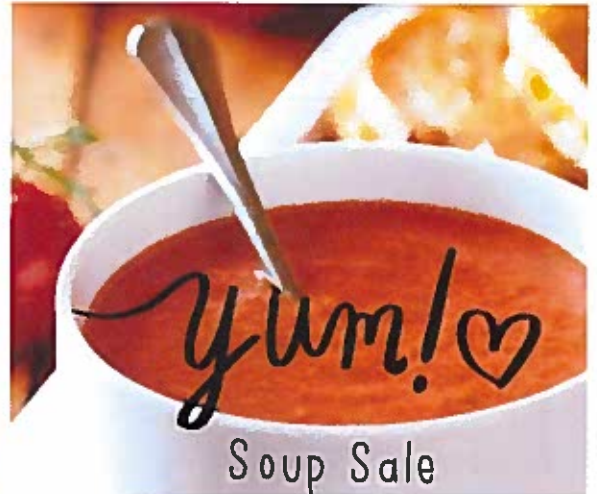
May 6, 13, 20



Clubhouse Fun Center

April 10th

6-9pm



April 19th

(With Texas Roadhouse Rolls)

## *NEXT MONTH...*

RAIHN Car City – May 2nd

Rhino's Soccer Game– May 9th

Hoopla Fundraiser– May 19th

Crazy Game Night– May 22nd

**For more information or to RSVP, contact Joelle at (585)993-0142 OR  
joelle.truax@pittsfordpres.org**

**Children's Musical- June 14<sup>th</sup>      *Peace in the Kingdom***

As some of you are aware, we put on a musical every other year after Logos ends. This year we will be doing ***Peace in the Kingdom*** by Cynthia & Michael Marion. This has been performed twice by our youth; first in 1997 and again in 2003. It is one of our favorites! Through catchy tunes and lyrics, poignant truths are delivered teaching the importance of building community and respecting and preserving all of God's creation. See the Logos Bulletin board in the Lobby for more information and some pictures from the past. Rehearsals will begin April 8<sup>th</sup>...so save the date and I hope you can join us in telling this timeless story.



**OPTIMISTS:** Do you think you know Pittsford? Would you like to know more about the history, and architecture, of some familiar buildings in Pittsford? Join us on Friday, April 10, to hear Cynthia Howk, of the Landmark Society of Western New York, present "Historical Insights of Pittsford." Some know of Cynthia from her walking tours of the Village. A ticket, at \$10.00 per, will get you a catered dinner of ham (with pineapple sauce), scalloped potatoes, "fruited" salad dessert, and deCaf coffee—plus an informative program. We gather at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm—followed by the program.

Tickets on sale, in Fellowship Hall, following both services, on Sundays, March 29 and April 5. Please bring your own table service and a non-perishable item for the Pittsford food Cupboard. Come and bring a friend, or two. We look forward to seeing you!



Thank you to all of the **RAIHN** volunteers! Once again, you have hosted families during the evening, made meals and served them even when you have fewer guests than expected, stayed overnight with guests, inflated and deflated air mattresses, and provided support to guests. We couldn't have done it without you!

If you are interested in becoming a trained volunteer for **RAIHN**, there will be training sessions of March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and April 16<sup>th</sup>. While it is not necessary to be a trained volunteer to help out with **RAIHN**, it is extremely helpful in dealing with issues of poverty and homelessness. We are also looking for leaders for the **RAIHN** program. Please contact Barb Smith if you are at all interested at [barbarabsmith13@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabsmith13@gmail.com).

The next time our church will be hosting **RAIHN** will be starting on the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>. **RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network)** is an organization that helps homeless families. We will be needing more volunteers for preparing and serving meals, overnight staying, preparing the rooms, and assisting our **RAIHN** guests. Please contact Barb Smith if you are interested in helping out during this week in June at [barbarabsmith13@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabsmith13@gmail.com).

**"I WAS  
HUNGRY  
AND YOU GAVE  
ME FOOD"**

*-Matthew 25:35*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS



## *Meet Our New Members*

**Oliver Ash** is a Senior at Sutherland High School, a teacher, cashier and instructor who enjoys Martial Arts, guitar, cooking, video games and writing. Oliver along with his brother has grown up in this church, attending with his parents.

**Jim Barger** moved to Rochester becoming a Senior Vice President for Key Bank. He and his wife have four young adult children. Jim has been an elder and a trustee in previous Presbyterian churches in western New York.

**Chip and Laura Bachmann** have three sons who keep them quite busy. Laura is attending seminary at Colgate Rochester Crosier Divinity School and Chip is a professor at RIT. They moved here from Sydney Australia and before that they lived in Virginia where Chip was a scientist at the Naval Research Lab. They are a family who loves music, traveling and nature.

**Cindy M. Barben** and her husband, Dan own a farm in Mendon where they raise crops such as field corn, hay and straw. They also are bee keepers and have a farm stand, selling corn, pumpkins, sunflowers, etc. Recently their farm was put on the National Register of Historical Places.

**Katie Gaudion** is a pediatric speech-language pathologist who enjoys reading, playing volleyball and spending time with family.

**ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN FOR EASTER LILIES** ~ after Church services on March 22, and 29. Each lily ordered will be \$7, checks to be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Lilies will be purchased for display on Easter Sunday. The extra money collected will be donated to support the Presbyterian Women's mission outreach. When purchasing your lily, you will have the opportunity to honor or remember friends and family by filling out a form. A listing of all those remembered and honored will be available at the Easter Sunday service. Questions? Please call Norma Ryther.

**Michael Mooney** and his wife Nancy have two sons. He is a Graphic Design Professor at RIT and is in professional advertising. Along with his family Mike enjoys swimming and skiing.

**Danielle Privitera** and her husband Dave are expecting their first child in June. Dave is an orthopedic surgeon and practices sports medicine at Rochester General and Danielle is a pediatrician. Danielle enjoys yoga, running and cooking.

**William and Meredith Rietz** have one son who is 3 ½ years old. Meredith works at Christopher Williams Agency and Bill is a manager at Rochester Lumber. They love working outside in their garden, swimming and they own a small business making custom furniture that takes much of their time.

**Jonathan and Erica Trotto** are delighted to join Pittsford Presbyterian Church. Jonathan is an attorney and Erica will be nurturing their first child when it is expected to be born in April. They look forward to meeting new friends and to being a part of such a wonderful community of faith."



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**WORSHIP WITH US**

Please join us for Sunday morning worship.  
**Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:00 AM**  
Communion is offered the first Sunday  
of each month.

