

The Good News

June 2018

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

A WEE WORD FROM DR. WEENINK

Commencement

May and June is the season for commencement ceremonies and all the festivities that accompany them. A few weeks ago, my family gathered to celebrate our middle daughter Justyne's graduation from college. I can remember the first thing I said to the gentleman sitting next to me after the usual amenities and introductions; I showed him a wad of tissues in my hand and declared: "I'm going to cry!" Then I said, "Probably, a lot." Commencement conjures up a variety of emotions. With any commencement there is an element of coming and going.

Commencement is a landmark for an educational career. It marks the completion of a course of study and the conferral of the appropriate degree. With roots in the Middle Ages, the commencement ceremony involves wearing academic regalia. The colored robes, hoods, capes and tassels, and the distinctive caps and mortar boards evolved from attire worn when Commencement was still a religious ceremony associated with ordination.

Speaking of ordination—we swell with pride for Laura Bachmann who recently graduated from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. After some Clinical Pastoral Education hours, and a couple of more Ordination Exams, Laura will become a candidate for ordination to the office of Teaching Elder. Congratulations Laura! Four from this year's Confirmation Class have commenced and were confirmed on May 20. We extend congratulations to Lillian Fantuzzo, Tony Seacat, Henry Walbaum, and Piper Wilson, and their families.

Commencement is a time to affirm each student's search for knowledge and the promise of a productive and prosperous future. We extend congratulations to all who have completed their course of study in High School, College, Technical School and more. We wish God's richest blessings upon our graduates as they commence with all their pursuits.

Some schools hail the event as "graduation." But that implies an "ending" or "finishing up." I like the implications of the term "commencement." The word "commencement" is a simple translation of the Latin *inceptio*, with the connotation of "birth", "beginning", "initiation", "activation."

In any case, commencement implies a time of transition. As we transition from Spring to Summer (Yes, we did have the season of spring for a day or two.), we find ourselves at yet another time of commencement in turning the page on another chapter in our ministry and mission for Jesus Christ. This commencement exercise brings us to the intersection of some endings, some beginnings, and, most importantly, the faithful continuance of our work and witness here at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford.

The work of the Mission Study Task Force is commencing nicely. The compilation of the Appreciative Inquiry interview narrative is coming to completion. The Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey conducted through Holy Cow! Consulting is complete and the results have been interpreted to the Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. The goal is to wrap-up and publish the entire mission study by mid-June. If all goes well in meeting that deadline, upon Session approval, the document will be submitted to the Commission on Ministry for Genesee Valley Presbytery (COM). Once approved by COM, the way will be clear to proceed with electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). With the election of the PNC the search for our next installed Pastor/head of staff can commence in earnest.

In all regards to the life of our vital fellowship of faith, it should be noted that our work and witness is not static. It is not stuck. It is on the move. It is commencing. It is commencing in ways that are pleasing and productive. We have nothing to cry about. Our efforts in worship, study, service, spiritual formation, faith, fun, and fulfillment are in an ever evolving, constant state of commencement in the vineyard of God's grace.

In continuum, in commencement, in Christ,

~Jeffrey

Cameron Community Ministries

Last year Cameron Community Ministries, a multi-service community center in Rochester's Lyell-Otis neighborhood, provided 26, 957 lunches prepared and served by volunteers. The new kitchen supervisor, Rebecca Likens, is an energetic, creative cook and coordinator, and she would be delighted for us to take part in the Hot Lunch program.

Would you consider signing up for a one-time, four-hour food prep/serve shift?

Ideally, we would have a team of 6-10 people work a week day or Saturday from 10am-2pm once a month or every other month, or whenever we can. Participants could rotate in/out of the team and select from a variety of tasks, including simple food prep, food distribution, set up, and clean up. Everything you need is provided and we could arrange carpooling, orientation, and info session if you'd like.

Everyone likes to eat but maybe kitchen work isn't your thing? Then, how about painting, cleaning, or organizing the food pantry? And of course, our two Cameron clothing bins in the niche opposite the welcome area are always waiting for donated clothing in good condition. Writing/school supplies are appreciated for the after-school program too.

A variety of opportunities are offered to interact directly or indirectly with the providers and receivers of Cameron services. As we regroup and renew our congregational and Outreach commitment to Cameron, please consider how you might contribute and see first-hand Cameron's well-run, impactful programs. Start with a quick text or call to Cindy Becker (585-703-4878) and let's see what we can do together!



Lectionary for June

June 3

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
2 Corinthians 4:5–12
Mark 2:23–3:6

June 10

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15)
16–20 (11:14–15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1
Mark 3:20–35

June 17

4th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6–10
(11–13) 14–17
Mark 4:26–34

June 24

5th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49
Psalm 9:9–20 or 1
Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16
Psalm 133
2 Corinthians 6:1–13
Mark 4:35–41

Go Purple for Alzheimer's

More than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, which is the most common form of dementia accounting for 60-80 percent of all cases. That includes 11 percent of those age 65 and older and one-third of those 85 and older. The disease also impacts more than 15 million family members, friends, and caregivers.

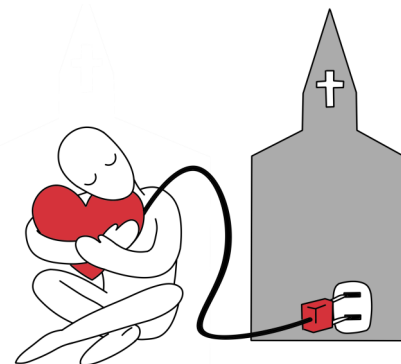
Thank you to all of you who wore purple on Sunday, April 22, to show support for Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association is hoping to increase awareness and education about the disease. There is some printed information on the table in the library at church, including flyers and booklets of spring programming throughout our area. There are also some books available to borrow on a shelf labeled "Psychology/Self-Help". And watch for information about a speaker/program coming up in the fall to continue the education.



Tech for Churches — June 1 and 2, 2018

This free conference at First Presbyterian is meant to help churches work together to learn and navigate the technological and social media driven world. Topics include: Social Media What's new and best practices; Streaming the service; Selecting a ChMS; E-Newsletters ; Taking the mystery out of Wi-Fi; G Suite; Websites & new google sites; Online payment software

Registration at: <http://craigkunkle.net>





News from the Nursery School

Our school year has now ended, but not without many happy and joy filled memories. All our toys and books are packed away waiting for September to be played with again. The children are gone, off on summer adventures, but we think of them often—they are always in our hearts. We offer summer camp during June; hopefully the weather will cooperate! Thank you so much to all of you who helped make this past school year a wonderful success. Though we may be parted, we remember often special memories and the nursery school at the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford!

Teresa Zatyko, Director, Pittsford Nursery School

Happy 50th Anniversary to Naomi Circle!!

Yes, Naomi Circle was started back in 1968! We will commemorate this milestone with a catered luncheon on June 18, 12:00 pm, at the home of Alice Swetman (397 East St.). Plans are still developing but will include sharing photos and memories, eating Scripture Cake, and making a donation to a charity to honor the occasion.

Non-members WELCOME. Come join our celebration! Questions: Beverly Reeve - 248-9229

Eve Circle

Eve Circle will meet Monday, June 4, at 4 pm in the library to finish *Rising Strong* and then prepare dinner for RAIHN. The end-of-year picnic will be June 25 at Margaret Mecredy's. Bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert.

Deacon Events

- Game Night – Saturday, May 26, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall - All are welcome
- Cooking Club – Sunday, May 27, at 5pm in Fellowship Hall - Afghan themed meal. Cost \$7
- Red Wings Baseball Game – Wednesday, June 6, at 7pm at Frontier Field - Cost \$10

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Debbie Matrachisia at 752-5584

NEW and CORRECTED WEB Club

The Wednesday Book Club will meet on June 13 from 2-4 pm in the church library. All are invited to attend whether you have read the book or not. Please contact Nancy Sprenkle at 381-8990 for further information.

June 13 - *Katharina and Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk* by Michelle DeRusha. Led by Ruth Keller.

Their revolutionary marriage was arguably one of the most scandalous and intriguing in history. Yet five centuries later, we still know little about Martin and Katharina Luther's life as husband and wife. Until now.

Please join us for an afternoon discussion of the more personal side of our great Protestant Reformer.

RAIHN Volunteers Needed!

It will soon be time for us to host RAIHN guests here at First Pres! RAIHN provides an evening meal and a safe place to sleep for homeless families. Families stay here at First Pres for one week, four times per year. Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways.

Can you write a short article for *Good News*?
Can you provide a decoration for dinner tables?
Can you assist with scheduling or helping to greet guests? and more...

Volunteering makes a difference for families, happens right here at our church in Pittsford, and provides an opportunity to work with other volunteers from St Paul's Lutheran and Christ Episcopal Church.

Each job is small but the total impact is huge!! More information will be available in Fellowship Hall after church services in May. Come to sign up for email information or to talk with current volunteers about their experiences. AND consider what you might do to help!

Knitting Group

Next meetings are May 29 and June 26, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. No knitting in July or August. Questions? Kay Saxum 385-9807

Mission Visitor from Yucatan Comes July 18 – August 11



Caty Pech has been an on-site coordinator for Tres M Ministerio for the past two decades and will be visiting First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford this summer. Caty is a elementary teacher and is a graduate of San Pablo Presbyterian Seminary. She serves as a leader for an English speaking congregation that nests in a local Presbyterian Church on the Isle of Cozumel where she lives. Caty is a skilled culinary artist in Yucatecan cuisine; a skilled seamstress who has made many marvelous banners that hang in churches throughout North America; and a delightful witness to the faith. She has been an advocate for the emerging role for women in the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Mexico. Look for opportunities to gather with Caty in a variety of venues during her visit.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is gearing up to begin the process of selecting a slate of nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee or PNC. In preparation for that, names of members who are interest in serving on the PNC are being collected. Interested parties should e-mail or text Betsy Wilson blm7@cornell.edu or 585-305-6328, or speak with her personally. There are packets of information that clearly lay out the details of the commitment for anyone who might be interested to review the responsibilities of the PNC. Thank you!

Optimists

June 8 at 5:30pm: 30 years of Sojourning and Serving among the Maya throughout Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula

Thru Tres M Ministerios, Jeffrey Weenink has led ministry teams consisting of multiple congregations working in concert to serve the needs of Presbyterian in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. Many small Presbyterian congregations have benefited from the support and encouragement of the Tres M Ministerios Team providing inspiration, collaboration and work companionship. Seeking a ministry of encouragement and avoiding the perils of dependency, we'll see what works with people who struggle but love God still more. Come see what Jeffrey has to show and tell about all that God is doing in southern Mexico. Similar to the Sunday morning overview offered on April 15, this will be an in-depth look at all that happens when Presbyterians come alongside our brothers and sisters in Presbyterian Ministry in Mexico.



Tickets are \$13 and available in Fellowship Hall on two Sundays before the event, starting May 27. Please plan ahead as we must give an accurate count to our caterer (Fried Chicken Tenders). Bring your own table service and donate a paper product for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. All are welcome.

Upcoming Youth Events—Hey Look it's Spring! No, like, for real this time.

SOSO—May 20 and June 3 from 7pm-8:30pm @ Church

Wonderful Wednesdays—May 23 and 30 from 5:30-7pm at Church

Exam Prep Food Bash—June 9 from 5-7:30pm @ Church

End of Semester Extravaganza—June 17 from 12-3pm

Pittsburgh Mission Trip—July 21-27 @ Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Interested in a summer mission trip with the youth? Look no further!! This summer the youth will be headed towards Pittsburgh, PA to participate in a mission week put on by the PCUSA Pittsburgh Theological Seminary there! We will be staying with them and helping with local Farms and Housing projects through the organizations, Garfield Farm and Open-hand Ministries. The dates for the trip (including travel) are July 21-27!! Make sure to let Tyler know you are interested!



Look out for a couple of our end of the school year events coming up fast! Need a break from cramming for exams? Check out our Food Bash on June 9 where you can come and get a break and eat a lot of food, both good and bad for you. Also don't forget about our end of the semester extravaganza, as we celebrate another successful year we have survived together. Great community and food and fun together on June 17!



Tyler is now looking for new adults, young or old, who are interested in taking part in youth activities! We would love to have some new helpers with different experiences and memories to share with us! You are not needed at every event; we would just love to see you every once in a while, whether it is for a mission trip, or just a regular couple of our events here at church! Let Tyler know you're interested!



Start planning your schedules way ahead of time!! Youth and families, make sure to keep in mind these two upcoming trips all the way in Summer of 2019!! There will be much more info coming about both of these very soon. We'd love to have you involved, in one or both!

JASY 2019—July 5-12

Triennium 2019—July 14-21

We Are Called To Be



Fools For Christ

Vacation Bible School

July 16-20 <> 8:45 am-12:15 pm

Vacation Bible School slides back to the third week in July. After polling parents, Christian Education decided on the July dates. You do not need to be a member to attend. There is no cost.

This year we will be learning what it means to be Fools for Christ. The program is in a relaxed environment with games, arts and crafts, Bible study, and snacks. We will be learning about gag jokes, clowning around, and performance for laughs, all in the context of 1 Corinthians 4. Registration is online at www.pittsfordpres.org/vbs or by calling the church office.

Plan on the Art Show

Do you sew, paint, draw, do pottery, wood working, or work in any medium you would like to display in the art exhibit? On Wednesday, August 29, there is an open house for the public and people from the church from 6:30pm-8:30pm with light refreshments. Post card invitations for you to mail out to your friends will be available Sunday, June 17.

Summer Sunday School

The church begins having one summer service on June 24 at 9:30 am. After the Mouse Report children can meet their teacher in the Narthex for a group Sunday school. Typically we go outside to the picnic table to learn, study, discuss and play. Children can be picked up outside or in the Narthex after worship.

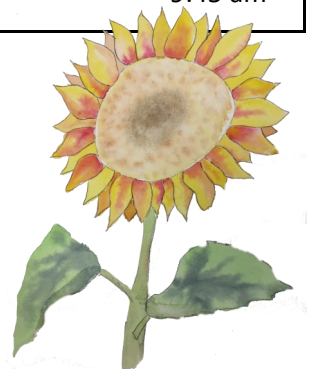
First Watercolor Collaboration

Cindy Barben and Craig Kunkle invite ALL to sign up for the First Watercolor Collaboration. The next date is Thursday, June 21, at 6:30 pm in room 201 upstairs. Painters of all ability levels welcome. We will collaborate on technique and form. Some brushes, paint, and paper provided or bring your own. Bring something to work on yourself or paint the easy picture provided with guidance.

Christian Education

Upcoming Events

Men's Prayer Breakfast	6/3 7:00 am
Optimists	6/8 5:30 pm
Anthony Circle	6/14 10:00 am
Naomi Circle	6/18 12:30 pm
Eve Circle	6/4 4:00 pm
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




Last month we all painted a sunflower

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