



The Good News

October 2014

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

STEWARDSHIP

LECTIONARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5 ~

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12 ~

Exodus 32:1-4

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19 ~

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm: 99

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26 ~

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



Encouragement to be Light

is a theme for our Fall Worship Series and Stewardship program this year. It is rooted in the life of Barnabas in The New Testament who was known as "The Son of Encouragement" and the concept of "light" a theme that runs throughout all of scripture beginning with creation and Jesus statement, "I am the light of the world." However, Jesus also said, "You are the light of the world," too.

- September 21
 - Encouragement to be lights like Barnabas
 - This first Sunday will tell us about Barnabas and what it means to be "light" in the world.
- September 28
 - Encouragement to be Faithful Students of Scripture
 - We will be encouraged to find a Bible study or reading program that helps us connect with God's word. This can be encouragement to read privately, use a devotional guide, or be part of a group who does study.
- October 5
 - Encouragement to be Salt and Light
 - Beginning with the Sermon on the Mount we will examine what it means to do mission. On this day we will receive the sacrament of communion and learn a little about World Wide mission that is part of the outreach of First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford.

- October 12
 - Encouragement to Honor God's Temple
 - The New Testament teaches us that we are God's temple and through our bodies, God can do ministry. We will be encouraged to take care of ourselves. Exercises in church anyone?
- October 19
 - Encouragement to Encourage Others
 - We are encouraged to provide positive affirmation to others. In a world where people tend to draw upon fear to motivate one another, we wonder how effective it would be if we were to motivate each other by encouragement. How might parents do this? Teachers? Leaders? Coaches? Siblings?
 - Estimate of giving cards arrive in the mail to officers this week.
 - We try to get an estimate of who might be present for lunch on November 2 so that we can be good stewards of Food.
- October 26
 - Encouragement to Give of Ourselves
 - Yes, our Stewardship message will happen on this day as well as an illustrated presentation of our budget in order that we might all better understand the needs and opportunities to serve Jesus Christ by the sacrifice of time, talent and treasure. Look for officers who will be wearing lights and encouraging us to also be lights.
 - Estimate of giving cards arrive in the mail this week
- November 2
 - Encouragement to Celebrate God's Gifts
 - Lights for all as we encourage one another and bring to the church our estimates of giving.
 - Lunch for all as we celebrate God's gifts
 - Remembrance of all those who have been lights to us on All Saints Day

OPTIMISTS – OCTOBER 10TH

Social hour at 5:30pm with delicious Pasta Dinner from Rene's Café at 6:00pm We Welcome back Nina Kalen, who has become a frequent guest speaker at Optimists, with her professional book reviews of several "Best Sellers". This year she has select "Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History". Please join us to hear the amazing true story of a Special force of American and British museum directors, curators and art historians who risked their lives to prevent the destruction or theft of thousands of years of art treasures.



Tickets can be purchased for this Pasta Dinner at \$10 in the Fellowship Hall after each service on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5, or in the Church office, during normal business hours. Reservations are appreciated no later than Oct. 8. Please bring your table service (cup, plate and silverware) along with a paper goods donation to the Pittsford Food Cupboard. For additional information please contact Bob Thompson or for meal information contact Betty Willert.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

CONCERT SERIES 2014-2015

This year marks the ninth year of concerts in our Sanctuary beginning with the Chancel Choir performing "Sacred Favorites" under the leadership of Dr. James Douthit on October 29, 2006. Since then a variety of professional performances have brought beautiful music to us: Sacred Favorites II, the "Messiah", the Korean U of R Chamber Musicians, Concentus, brass ensembles, Women of Note, baritone Derrick Smith, pianist Tony Caramia, Nazareth pianists and choral ensembles, organ concerts by Bruce Frank and noted EROI organists, the U of R Choral Extravaganza, saxophone recitals, the Art of Song and many others.

The 2014-2015 Series offerings are:

Chamber Ensemble **Cordancia: PAINTS**
Friday November 7th at 7:00 pm
Sacred Favorites: Christmas
Sunday December 14th at 7:00 pm



We hope you take advantage of the superb musical offerings in our own church.



News from the Preschool

Happy Fall! Here in the Preschool we have decorated our school with pumpkins, apples, Fall leaves and acorns. After a few weeks of school everyone has transitioned into a new and fun routine. The kids are thinking about Halloween and we are too. We are planning a trip to Chase Pumpkin Farm, as well as practicing our safety drills. We are also learning to share with and care about our fellow classmates. As always, please visit us, we are proud to show off our accomplishments. Thank you for your support!



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
(FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)

**ADVENT PREPARATION
BRUNCH**

**FOR FAMILIES OF ALL
AGES**

Sponsored by the Christian Education
Committee
and prepared by Anthony Circle

Watch for more details.

STEPHEN MINISTRY OCTOBER



A Caring Place

As a Christian church, we care about others. When you greet people in church, you can show caring with a bright smile, a sincere greeting, a warm hug and a word of encouragement. And when you meet someone with extra needs, tell them about our Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. They are filled with God's love. They will walk closely with you. Stephen Ministers are equipped and ready to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in crisis, or experiencing other stresses in life. It is free, and confidential!

To learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: *Jane Hunter, Alice O'Dwyer, Barbara Smith, Dick Sprengle, Carol Tiemann* or one of our pastors. **Our Stephen Ministers are here to care!**

WEB CLUB NEWS

Wednesday Evening Book Club
Discussion begins at 7:30 PM

Upcoming

Oct. 15 - **"The Road from Coorain"** by **Jill Ker Conway**—at the home of Tim and Maria Smith.

Please call the host of The meeting if you plan to attend.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PENNY PINCHER SALE

From Joyce Drake

It is time for the Penny Pincher Sale

Drop off your items: Tuesday, **September 23, 9:30 AM—**

5:00 PM and Wednesday, **September 24, 9:30 AM—3:00 PM.** Please do not leave items outside church doors at anytime.

Sale dates are: Thursday, **September 25 10:00 AM—5:00 PM** and Friday, **September 26, 1/2 price 10:00 AM—noon, \$1.00 a bag noon—1:30 PM.**

Items need: small appliances, antiques, books, collectibles, dishes, furniture, jewelry, kitchenware, linens, sorts equipment, tools, toys, and electronics. All electrical items must be in working order and all computers must be complete.

Donations from the congregation for the sale, please have in clean condition. If you donate any linens, it would help us if you could measure the item and put it on the item with tape or a piece of paper.

We will not be accepting the following: exercise equipment, skis, poles, boots, single glasses or cups, outside grills and please no clothing.

Thank you ahead of time for all your donations, time you've spent working and for buying at the Penny Pincher Sale.

Z BEST HOTS ARE COMING!

Returning this year at the annual Penny Pincher sale September 23-26, Jon Zatyko will be selling hot dogs, cheeseburgers, Italian sausage, Grilled chicken and more! He will be located outside near the Church Street entrance to the church. Partial proceeds will be donated to the church. Hours of operation are Tues.—Fri. 11am to 2pm. Please be sure to stop by and indulge in some tasty treats for your lunch!.

ANTHONY CIRCLE ~ Our circle emphasizes mission and women's fellowship. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14 at 9.30am in Room 200—all women are invited to join us. For more information call Janette Henderson.



NAOMI CIRCLE ~ Will meet upstairs in the church (room 200) on October 20 at 11:30. Please bring lunch, mug, and cash contribution for the backpack ministry. The Alzheimer's Association will present a program at 1:00 on "The Basics," including symptoms, providing care for loved ones, and when forgetfulness becomes a concern. Non-members always welcome.

MARY WELLER ~ will meet on Monday, October 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.

The Evening Circle will continue with their Bible study of 1 and 2 Peter, 1-3 John, and Jude, a subset of New Testament letters known as the General Epistles. These letters were written to be shared and read aloud in early Christian communities and they give us insight as to what it means to live in community today as members of God's family. We will meet upstairs on Monday, October 27 in Rm. 200 at 7 PM at First Pres. Please come and explore this topic with us in the New Year! If you need to know more about this Bible Study, call Norma. Copies of lesson 7 will be on the office counter.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Date: Friday, October 3, 2014
Time: 9:30 am—1:00 pm
Place: Waring Baptist Church
1921 Norton St., Rochester, 14609
Speaker: Rev. Shirley Pudney-Eilers
Registration: \$3.00
Complimentary Luncheon
Reservations Requested by calling
The CWU Office at 342-2790

As the days of summer wind down, we look forward to the resumption of our first Friday gatherings that begins with our Day of Reflection. Our Day of Reflection celebration is unique to Rochester's Church Women United and is a day designed for spiritual reflection and renewal.

UPCOMING DEACON FUN ACTIVITIES

GARDEN CLUB – Our next program will be at FPC on Monday, September 29 at 1pm. We will be in Room 201. A Representative from the Nature Conservancy will be our speaker. In the mean time, to learn more about the Nature Conservancy, please go to their website: www.nature.org. Enjoy the remainder of the summer!



SUPPER CLUB – Sunday October 5pm in Fellowship Hall—Supper club—German Oktoberfest Weiner Schnitzel and Spatzel.

Join the FPC Fall Intergenerational Beginning & Intermediate Handbell Choirs!

November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8, 13, 14, 22. Come ring with us!

Opportunities for ringers of all ages and abilities. The Beginning group is open to people of all ages - no musical experience required! Learn and polish your music reading skills and beginning bell

Bell Choir



technique in a fun environment. The Intermediate group is open to people of all ages who have a little bit of prior ringing experience. If you read music and are looking for a little bit more of a challenge, this group is for you! Each group will play two times in worship during this Fall session. Please let us know you're coming by sending us a quick note:

ashley@ashleydanyew.com. Looking forward to ringing with you!

Ashley & Steve Danyew

Meets Mondays, 6:30-7:15 p.m. (Beginning) or 7:30-8:15 p.m. (Intermediate); one Saturday rehearsal with adult choir, time TBD; and two Sundays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our operating deficit thru August is \$13,000, which is well below this time last year when expenses exceeded income by \$56,000. Contributing to the significant improvement is \$24,000 higher pledge income and \$7,000 more in non-pledged offering income. Expenses are lower than last year. Christian Education expenses are lower as we transition the Director of Youth Ministry position, somewhat offset by higher utility expenses as we endured a bitter winter.

Despite our improved operating results, pledge receipts are behind scheduled commitments. Members are encouraged to make timely pledge payments whenever possible to assist our cash flow particularly as we enter the busy fall and Advent seasons.

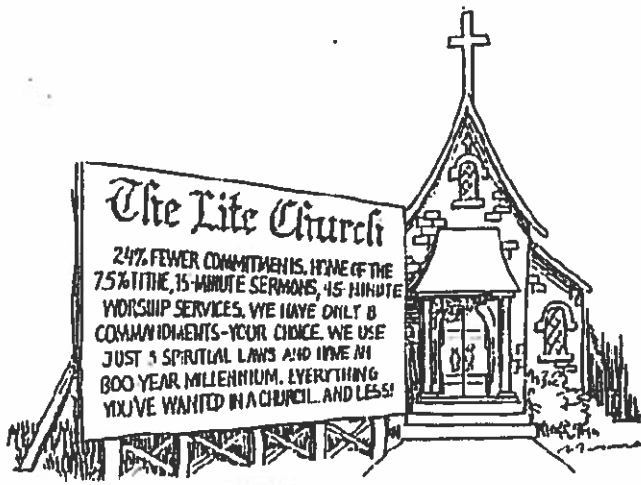
Lastly, there is still an opportunity to make a contribution toward the per capita \$30 annual payment we make to the Presbytery.

Your support of the church helps us fulfill our Mission and indeed be a blessing to others.

PASTOR'S PEN-CELL

Encouragement To Be Light – a stewardship theme for this fall? As I thought about it, I encountered a sketch that I thought might sum-up a winsome example of a church where people are encouraged to be “Lite.”

There is something appealing to a vast portion of our culture about having Christianity ‘Lite’. Lite churches and Lite Christianity would keep faith relatively simple, undeveloped, fairly undemanding while trying to retain affirmations from God that still gives one a warm glow inside. Yes, there is of course absolutely nothing wrong with a simple faith. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the unde-



veloped-ness of our beliefs but Christian faith lite does have some drawbacks and weaknesses. You see, “lite” faith is probably a little like “lite” computer software packages (those pared down to minimum functionality). As long as we relate Christian faith to computer software, we may be able to say that in the Christian life there is a journey of growth. In that journey we are probably going to be continually upgraded in a way that doesn’t happen with the “lite” package. Remember in Hebrews, where Paul writes about the need for progression from spiritual food like milk to spiritual food like meat. Those who are Christian “lite” can probably be pushed around by any doctrine or opinion that floats in the air.

I have often wished to be lighter and for a while thought that consumable foodstuff would be far less calorie rich and contribute to my becoming thinner if it contained the word “lite” on the packaging. It was wishful thinking. The only real way to become lighter was to become more disciplined with exercise, especially the one that involved pushing oneself away from the table.

Well, there may be some folks who would find it attractive for us to become a more “lite” church. But, I should hope that we would a faith fellowship that encourages us to be filled more with the light of Christ.

Martha and I have vacationed for over 40 years in Avalon, NJ where I have preached at the Wells Memorial Presbyterian Church on the weekends and we have stayed in the church’s manse. On the top of the church steeple is a white cross. It doesn’t look that tall but it is actually nearly 10 feet tall including the base. One night, around three o’clock in the morning I received a phone call from the U.S. Coast Guard. They let me know that the light on the cross had gone out and inquired if I could replace it right away. They told me that a number of boats used the light on the cross to note their bearings in relationship to the shoals of Townsend’s Inlet and the jetties off Avalon.

Well, I let the coast guard know that I would try and fix that problem in the morning but didn’t have the ability to repair the light on the steeple at night. As I have thought about it, I have realized that it was the light on the cross that encouraged people to find safe harbor, to chart their way around dangerous reefs and to establish their bearings. That should be the mark of a light church and the faith of a people who embrace what Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.”

YOUTH @ FIRST PRES

Sept 26- Bowling &
Pizza at Clover
Lanes

Sept 28- SO-SO

Oct 5- SO-SO

Oct 11- Haunted
House

Oct 17- Lock IN

Oct 24- Moonlight
Maze

Oct 26- SO-SO

Nov 2- SO-SO

Nov 8- Rock Climbing

Nov 16- SO-SO

Nov 21- Sky Zone

Nov 30- SO-SO

Dec 6- Scrooge Party

Dec 13- Glacier
Ridge Snow Tubing

Dec 14- SO-SO

Dec 18- Throwback
Thursday

Jan 4- SO-SO

Jan 10- Glo Golf &
Laser Maze

Jan 18- SO-SO

Jan 23- The Amazing
Race

Feb 1- YOUTH
SUNDAY

Feb 8- SO-SO

Feb 13- Horizon Fun
FX

Feb 22- SO-SO

Feb 27 & 28- 30 Hour
Famine

March 8- SO-SO

March 14- White
Water Rafting

March 22- SO-SO

March 27- Laser Tag

April 10- Movie Night

April 12- SO-SO

April 24- Clubhouse
Fun Center

April 26- SO-SO

May 3- SO-SO

May 9- Kayaking

May 17- SO-SO

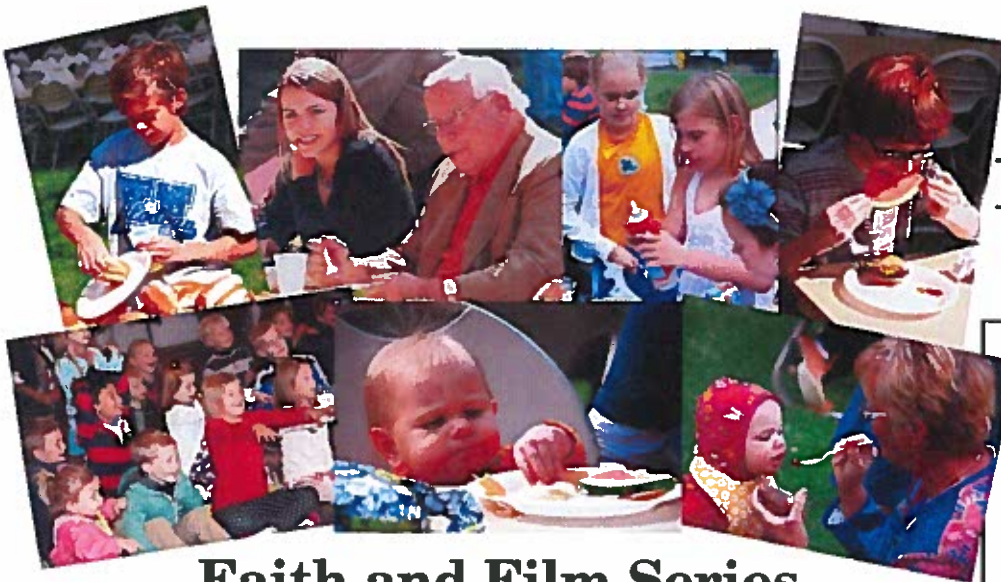
May 22- Crazy Game
Night

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Christian Education



Faith and Film Series

Starting October 3rd on the first Friday of each month at 5:30pm we will be offering a film with underlying Christian themes. We are hoping you will bring a salad or vegetable dish to pass and a readiness to share a film with the family. This year the movies are appropriate for all ages. Childcare will be available.

October 3rd: The Prince of Egypt

Upcoming movies: Daniel and the Lion's Den, Madame Blueberry/Esther the Girl Who Would Be Queen, Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, Long Long Trailer (Lucile B and Desi), Tale of Despereaux, Heidi - 1937, Jonah - A VeggieTales Movie, VeggieTales - The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything



Bible Study and Video Series about ALS

With ALS in the news and social media, the topic is a constant source of conversation. But what is it like to live with this disease? What does our faith really have to say about living with illness?

Ed's Story is a 5 part video series which tells the autobiographical story of Ed, a pastor of a large church, who is diagnosed with ALS. Ed tries to answer the big questions and reflects on living a life of faith with a terminal disease.

This class will be taught at two times starting October 8: Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm in room 200 or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the library.

Any questions or for more information contact Craig in the church office 585-586-5688.

Upcoming Events

Men's Prayer Breakfast	10/5 7:00 am
Mary Weller Circle	10/13 11:30 am
Optimists	10/10 5:30 pm
EVening Circle	10/27 7:00 pm
Naomi Circle	10/20 11:30 am
Anthony Circle	10/14 9:30 am
Not so Basic Bible study	Mondays 7:30 pm
Prayer Support Group	Mondays 1:30 pm
Wednesday Evening Book Club	10/15 7:30
Lectionary Study	Weds. 7:15 pm
Men's Ecumenical Group	Thursdays 7:15 am
Friday Women's Bible Study	Fridays 9:30 am
Friday Night Fellowship	3rd Fri. of month 6:30 pm
Adult Study	Sundays 8:15 & 9:45 am

Spirituality and the Health Care Field: Connections

Come join us, on Thursday October 9th, for soup and light refreshments as we hear from Dr. William Graf, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at St. John Fisher College. Dr. Graf will explore the connections between health care and faith. How does prayer effect healing? What studies are out there that explore these connections? What do these connections mean for us? The light meal will be served at 5:30 and Dr. Graf's presentation will run from 6:00 to 7:30.

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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.

