



The Good News

NOVEMBER 2015

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN-CELL

Lectionary for the month of November

All Saints' Day November 1

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

24th Sunday after Pentecost November 8

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

25th Sunday after Pentecost November 15

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18)
19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Christ the King Sunday November 22

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

1st Sunday of Advent November 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

From the Pastor's Pen Cell

November 1 is All Stars Sunday. There will be communion, a complimentary lunch for all and since this year All Saints Day actually falls on a Sunday, we will be remembering those who have entered the church triumphant. Their faithfulness and commitment has helped to forge the ministry, mission and life of our church. They are our true All Stars. We will also have an opportunity help ourselves and our church leadership make plans for 2016 as we bring commitment cards and dedicate them and ourselves. Indeed our congregation is full of All Stars.



For seven weeks we have been thinking about "stars." There have been star readings, star sermons, star Mouse Reports, star decorations and star hymns. On November 1 we plan to bring our fall 2015 exploration of stars in the Bible to a conclusion. Then we will turn our attention to lectionary passages, something that we have set aside for a while. Some will conclude that we never left our stewardship theme. This is not because the texts contain stars, but because the lectionary gospel reading for November 8 is the story of a widow who put in two copper coins at the temple treasury. The Old Testament lesson that day contains a portion of the story of Ruth. As we come through November we will have Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday of the year in the church's calendar), Thanksgiving and then we begin the Advent season of Anticipation. It will be a full month.

As I thought about the widow and her copper coins passage and Thanksgiving I pulled out an old 3 x 5 card, dirty and dewlapped, forgotten and tucked away in a desk drawer. It has a quote from Harry Emerson Fosdick – "A penny can hide the sun if we hold it close enough to the eye, and a transient difficulty can shut out from a fearful soul all of life's large blessings and all the horizons of divine will."

Preachers of a former era were so eloquent! Fosdick, by the way, was born and raised in Buffalo. He was a central figure in the "Fundamentalist-Modernist Theological Controversy" of the 1920s and 1930s. Yes, he was a Baptist, but he was called to be the preacher at First Presbyterian Church of New York City in Manhattan's West Village. It was there he preached some of his most controversial stuff. Later he became well known as the Pastor of the historic, interdenominational Riverside Church, one of America's most beautiful churches, across the street from Grant's tomb.

I have seen Bill O'Reilly provide his "Factor Tip of the Day." So here is my "Factor Tip of the column." I thought about an ingenious way to make 220 percent on an initial investment without losing a dime. But, it takes pennies. Let me provide a minimal lesson in metallurgy. Before 1982 the penny was made of copper. But that year the cost of copper required to create one penny rose above 1 cent. So, since 1982, the U.S. Mint coined pennies made primarily of zinc. That was cost-efficient until 2006 when the penny production cost rose to 1.23 cents. In 2012 it cost 2.41 cents to make a penny. So – if you have a bunch of old pennies around, they are worth more than their cents . . . melted of course, but worth more, over 220 percent.

If you'd rather think ahead to the Ruth text, and read that Old Testament book, let me quote Amy Bloom who writes for *Oprah Magazine*: "Telling people to take a chance on life is like telling them to get wet when they shower: There is no other way." The Book of Ruth is a story about another widow, Ruth and her widow mother-in-law Naomi. Naomi was a matchmaker and rather quickly got Ruth married. Think Lisa Clampitt.

Clampitt spotted a man at a coffee bar one day where she was getting a triple venti soy, no foam latte. She introduced herself. He was a City University of New York professor. They talked for 20 minutes. Then he asked her to marry him. Two dates later, they sent out evites. That was six years ago. Today Clampitt, 44 is a professional matchmaker and president of VIP Life and the Matchmaking Institute of New York.

I don't know much more about Lisa Clampitt, but I can say that both Ruth and Naomi are true Bible All-Stars and I am thankful for them. It is interesting that last year, according to the Matchmaking Institute of New York, matchmaking generated \$500 million of the \$1 billion dollar dating industry in the U.S. Tired of filling out forms on ChristianMingle.com? Try worship, Bible Study, Coffee Hour, Mission, Singing in an ensemble. There are plenty of match-makers there. And they will do it for love.

Bruce



YOU CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY...

Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: *Jane Hunter, Alice O'Dwyer, Barbara Smith,*

Dick Sprenkle or Carol Tiemann. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!



UPCOMING DEACON FUN ACTIVITIES

SUPPER CLUB - SUNDAY November 15 at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be making Spanish Paella. Cost is \$7

EUCHRE/GAME NIGHT - SATURDAY November 21 at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

HAM SUPPER - Sunday December 6 at 5:00pm followed by a Holiday Sing-a-long in the Sanctuary. More info to follow.



GOLF OUTING

On September 27, a group of NINE played round of golf at Winding Creek. Rick Young, Carl Yaekel, and Dan Traina posted a 31/ Rick and Kim Wilborn along with Craig Kunkle shot a 34. Ed and Sue Oliver with Doug Peters finished with a 35. Everybody enjoyed a SUNNY DAY with temps in the mid 70s.

Conversation was already about next Spring's outing.



Doug Peters—"tough shot"



Report from your Pittsford Food Cupboard (PFC)



Client Totals for August 2015 (September will be reported in mid-October):

Total Families: 253 / Total People Served: 602/
Adults: 393 / Children: 145 / Seniors: 64 /

As both Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, our food needs remain high. Please consider a purchase for the PFC while you are doing your own shopping. Items such as boxed pasta and pasta sauce as well as hearty soups are always needed.

Donations can be dropped off at the PFC, in the Old Pickle Factory, 1 Grove St, Pittsford or at church in the closet just off of the lobby. A bright green food bin next to the elevator in the Pittsford Library is also a convenient drop-off location.

For more information, go to www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net or leave a message at 585-264-9860. Find us on facebook: /PittsfordFoodCupboard

USED TONER CARTRIDGES

Within the congregation there are many users of computers with printers attached. What do you do with your empty toner cartridges? If you put them in with your recycling or just toss them away you are throwing away money. In the Fellowship Hall there is a container for these used cartridges and the church receives money for them, however this amounts to a pittance as very few members return their empty cartridges to that container. Give yourself a reminder and the next time you replace your toner cartridges, set them aside to bring to church with you and let us fill that container and realize the savings.



SANTA IN THE SANCTUARY: Join St. Nicholas in our Sanctuary Saturday December 5 anytime between 10 -11:30am. Share the historical roots of his servant leadership, take your own Christmas Card pictures, and revel in the wonder of God's generosity. Everyone is invited to join us as individual schedules permit. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Mitchell at 586-5688x32 or cnm@pittsfordpres.org HO HO HO!

GENEROUSLY

ALL STARS«SUNDAY

November 1, 2015

8:30 and 10:00am Worship

- * Communion
- * Remembering our All-Stars (our Saints)
- * All Saints Day Worship & Necrology
- * Complimentary Luncheon for All
- * Commitment Cards
- * Extra Hour of Sleep (Savings Time Ends)

November 1 is our All Stars«Sunday, a time for us to reflect on those who have gone before us and the legacy of faith they have given.

We will receive commitment cards that day for 2016. If you haven't received one for your family in the mail, there will be others available at the church for you. We hope that everyone will participate, even if you are still determining commitment amounts you intend to make for 2016. The cards provide an opportunity for you to make a commitment to God for some change you want to make in your service to Jesus Christ or in your life. You can write that on the front or back of the card. Children are encouraged to participate too.

You can use our Church Website for 2016 commitments as well. Please go to the bottom of the opening home page of www.pittsfordpres.org and look on the lower left side. There you will see a tab for "Giving." By clicking on it, you can make 2016 commitments electronically. Cesca Koron, our Financial Administrator can answer your questions or take information over the phone or via email. She is in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office number is (585) 586-5688 and her email address is Cesca.Koron@pittsfordpres.org. Cesca's membership records are confidential and not available to other staff or officers.

An example of a Commitment Card is included in this month's Good News. Feel free to uses it if you wish. Coming to First Presbyterian Church in the near future will be electronic giving.

Please come on November 1 and join with the congregation in worship. In God's eyes, all those who put their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are AllStars«.

COMMITMENT CARD

ALL STARS«

Living Generously

In 2016 I will express my love for God and others by generously giving through First Presbyterian Church

(here indicate gifts of service, time, or talent)

And giving _____ per week, month, quarter, year (**circle one**)

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Offering Boxes yes no

Christmas Pageant Volunteers Needed

Each week of Advent we need volunteers to be Christmas characters, light candles and lead worshippers in prayer. Then on December 20th during Sunday morning worship, all the traditional characters will bring the pieces together in one service.

Children are invited to sign-up to help with the pageant. During sign-up please specify if you are available to help Nov. 29, Dec. 6, or 13 for Advent Candle lighting or Dec. 20 for the full pageant. Contact Craig in the office 586-5688.

Advent Preparation Brunch

This year the Advent preparation brunch will be held November 22 right after the second worship service. There will be delicious treats, craft activities for kids and adults, a time to refresh your advent wreaths, and many laughs with your First Presbyterian Family.



Children's Advent Calendars

Again this year we are happy have available Children's Advent Calendars. These calendars lead children through all 24 days of the Advent season. They will also mirror the large wooden calendar that will be used during Worship.

One calendar will be made for each family with children. Others can reserve a copy by contacting Craig in the office. They will start to be available the Sunday before Thanksgiving during the Advent Brunch.



Family Resources on Display

There will be Videos, Bibles, books and Ebooks available for you to look at in Fellowship Hall on October 25th and November 1st. These resources will be from several sources which the church has been using for Sunday School materials.

Some of these resources are free while others can be ordered at the display. Please come look at what we have.

Christian Education

Upcoming Events

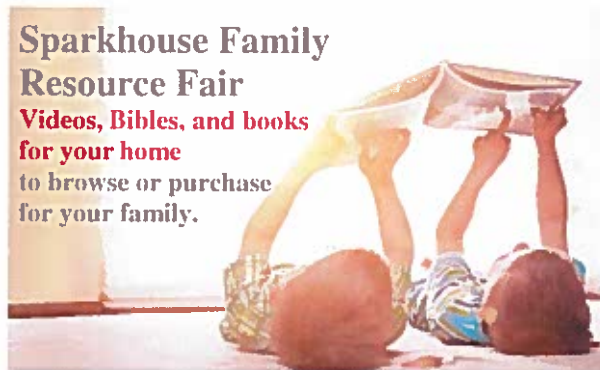
Men's Prayer Breakfast	7:00 am 11/1
Mary Weller Circle	11/9 11:30 am
Evening Circle	11/23 7pm
Naomi Circle	11/16 12:30pm
Anthony Circle	11/17 9:30 am
Not so Basic Bible study	Mondays 7:30 pm
Prayer Support Group	Monday 11:00 am
Wednesday Evening Book Club	Wed. 7:00 monthly
Lectionary Study	Wed. 7:15 pm
Men's Ecumenical Group	Thursdays 7:15 am
Adult Study	Sundays 9:45 am

Upcoming for Logos:

Oct 28th-Ghostly-Stories of Past
Nov 4th- Computer: Build/Tear down
Nov 11th - No Logos
Nov. 18th - Harvest: A Time to Gather
Nov. 25th - No Logos
Dec 2nd - Love: Hope, Joy, Peace

Sparkhouse Family Resource Fair

Videos, Bibles, and books for your home to browse or purchase for your family.



Youth Happenings

Mission:

November 14 12:15pm -4pm

Stuff-A-Bus

December 15

JPC New Journey Christmas
Party @ FPC



October 25:

11:30 am in room 201

Informational Meeting about Triennium and Flower City
Work Camp.

Triennium is a PC(USA) youth conference for youth ages
14-19 which happens every three years in July at Prude Uni-
versity. It stands as a defining moment in many young peo-
ple's life of faith.

Flower City Work Camp is a mission opportunity based in Rochester from
March 28 to April 1. Youth are assigned work sites throughout the city. They
work with children, with housing repairs, and with helping residents find hope.

2016



...into the world
and make disciples

PREBYTERIAN
YOUTH
Triennium

Youth Group all ages, meet in
youth room:

November 8 7-8:30

November 22 7-8:30

December 20 7-8:30



Special Events:

November 20 Sky Zone

December 11 Scrooge Party



HOLIDAY PIES



FOR HABITAT HOUSES



Flower City
**Habitat
for Humanity®**
Rochester, NY



Holiday Pie Sale for Flower City Habitat for Humanity

- Homemade pies are from Kelly's Farm Market in Hilton, NY
- Made from scratch without preservatives with fruit grown on their farm
- Pies are deep 10 inch homemade fruit pies, weighing about 4.5 lbs
- Pies freeze nicely, buy now and serve at Christmas
- Pie proceeds go to Flower City Habitat for Humanity projects in Rochester

**Order your pies by
Friday, November 20th
and you'll have them by
Tuesday, November 24th**

LET YOUR DESSERT DO GOOD, ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY PIES FROM HABITAT TODAY!

HABITAT HOLIDAY PIE SALE ORDER FORM *(Please print clearly)*

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PIE VARIETY	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL ENCLOSED
Apple Crumb		\$16	
Apple Raspberry		\$16	
Pumpkin		\$16	
Christmas Crumb (Apple, Cranberry, Raspberry)		\$16	
Apple Crisp		\$12	

In lieu of or in addition to pies, I would like to make a donation to Habitat for: _____

GRAND TOTAL: _____

Please make checks out to: First Presbyterian Church

And write in the check note section: PIES

CHECK

CASH

News from the Nursery School

Autumn is in the air! How refreshing! Here at the preschool, our time has been well spent helping the children become more confident and feeling secure in their environment. The children have acclimated very well to their new surroundings and we have become their extended family. Our parents got to know each other better at our Fall gathering, fundraising T Shirts have been distributed and we are now full into pumpkins and Halloween! In the month of November we collect food for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. At the end of the month, right before our Thanksgiving Break, we have a feast! We have much to be thankful for. I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving!



FPCP CONCERT SERIES 2015-2016

This year marks the tenth year of concerts in our sanctuary.

The 2015-2016 Series offerings are:

Chamber Ensemble Cordancia	Friday November 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm
The U of R Choral Extravaganza	Sunday February 28, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Bruce Frank, Organist	Sunday April 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Concentus Women's Chorus	Sunday May 15, 2016 at 3:00 pm

You are invited to take advantage of the superb musical offerings in our own church

REMINDER ~ If you would like to make a year-end donation using the sale of **stock**, please plan to have it completed by **December 1** so it will appear on your 2015 statement. **Mutual Fund** donations take a little longer to process, please have them in by **November 15**. If you have any questions please email Cesca Koron at cesca.koron@pittsfordpres.org or call her at 586-5688 - ext. 23 and she will be happy to answer them and walk you through the process.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



ANTHONY CIRCLE ~ Our circle emphasizes mission and women's fellowship. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17 at 9.30am in Room 200—all women are invited to join us. For more information call Janette Henderson 248-9386.

MARY WELLER ~ will meet on Monday, November 9 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 meet November 16, 12:30pm, upstairs, room 200, in the church. Bring your mug and lunch and come hear Rev. Rod Frohman as he continues with his Summary of the First five Books of the Bible.

Non-members always welcome.

EVening Circle ~ will meet Monday October 26 at 7:00 pm in Room 200 and continue our study of Why Jesus Crossed the Road. Our following meeting will be November 23

CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES – Time to say “good-by” to summer and to summer clothing donations. Your generosity was, as always, greatly appreciated at the Cameron Clothing House. We will start accepting winter clothing, coats, boots, hats, gloves, etc. in November. Our first delivery will be November 7, and we will continue throughout the winter on the first Saturday of the month. Remember that new underwear and socks are always needed (any size, style, age, gender) as are hygiene items. Cameron’s Emergency Food Cupboard is up and running and would welcome, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned soup and mac & cheese. There are so many opportunities for us to help this great community center. Please place donations in the Cameron Box in Fellowship Hall in manageable bags and boxes. Questions? Liz – 223-3052

HAM SUPPER ON DECEMBER 6

Join us for the Ham Supper at 5:00 PM, followed by a Christmas Sing-Along at 6:30 PM. There will be faith, fun and fellowship as well as a delicious meal served with a delectable assortment of homemade cookies and punch.



Tickets go on sale in Fellowship Hall aafter worship on November 22: \$8 (Adult) \$3 (Child)

SH-H-H! This is a secret!

There will be a surprise visit from an important someone from “Way up North!

OPTIMISTS: Do you remember in 4th grade singing the song "I've got a mule and her name is Sal, Fifteen Years on the Erie Canal"? On Friday Evening November 13, Tim McDonnell will tell us stories of DeWitt Clinton leading the construction of the Erie Canal in the early nineteenth century. Tim is a retired teacher and newsletter editor of the NY Geographical Alliance. Come learn about a piece of history that flows through Pittsford. We gather at 5:30 and what could be better than a Turkey dinner with cranberry sauce and dressing in November? Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.



Please bring your own table service and a non perishable item for the Pittsford Food Cupboard.

Come and Anticipate the Season of Hope with Those on a New Journey

1st Presbyterian of Pittsford will be hosting the New Journey Christmas Celebration for children and their mothers, mentors and other family members on Tuesday, December 8th, 5:30-7:30 PM.



New Journey, a program of the Judicial Process Commission, provides support to empower female ex-offenders to lead healthy life styles and to become self-sufficient tax paying citizens. 1st Presbyterian of Pittsford is a sponsoring congregation of New Journey through the Presbytery.

The New Journey empowers women to:

- Lead a healthy and stable lifestyle
- Reestablish relationships with children and partners.
- Link with organizations that will provide enrichment to families and children
- Obtain safe and affordable housing.
- Enroll in further schooling including GED, high school or post-secondary training or college
- Become economically independent through employment and be in charge of their choices and lives.
- Break the cycle of poverty and reduce recidivism

Lee Fox will be coordinating the party and she would love various kinds of assistance: cooking, clean-up, child care, games for the kids, table decorations, music offerings and anything else that you think would be festive. All those who are young and young-at-heart, please contact her at lee.freeman.fox@gmail.com or at 585-261-7092.