



The Good News

November 2018

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

A WEE WORD FROM DR. WEENINK

Appreciative Expression—Wine or Water

A long time ago, in an old Spanish village, the people learned that their king planned to pay them a visit. No king had ever done that. They were honored. They were humbled. They were elated. The villagers were so excited, they wanted to find a way to pay appropriate homage to their honored guest. What could they do? These people were not sure what they could offer their king. They were not wealthy, but they usually had more than enough provisions to get by. Ideas began to circulate around some kind of a great celebration that would show their adoration and that would honor the king. How would they find a fitting expression? Someone proposed that since so many of the villagers made their own wine—very good wine—they could offer that as a gift to the king. “We’ll pour our best wines into a large vat and offer it to the king for his pleasure! When the king draws wine to drink, it will be the very finest wine he’s ever tasted!” All were satisfied to find a suitable solution. All agreed that they would participate.

The plan was put that they would all best wine to the big lage square. The vision plings of their finest vin-king. The vat—the ves-in place. The day before people lined up to make honored guest. They and poured their gift at the top. They were king was about to enjoy tasted. Finally, the vat rived. He and his entou-the square. He was ceremoniously presented with a silver cup and was invited to draw some wine, which represented the best the villagers had.



in place. Each agreed bring a portion of their barrel placed in the vil-was to combine sam-tages as a gift for the sel—the barrel was put the king’s arrival, the their offering to the climbed a small stairway through a small opening excited to think that the the best wine he’d ever was full. The king ar-range were escorted to

He was told the villagers were delighted to have him taste the best they had to offer. He filled his cup from the spigot, and took a drink. Everyone watched with great anticipation. He then announced to everyone that it was one of the finest cups of water with which he had ever been refreshed. What?! No accolades about its bouquet, body, or robust blend? How can this be!? The villagers were confused. Had someone stolen all of the wine that was meant for the king? Had some miracle-worker turned wine to water? What happened with the plan to which everyone had come to agreement? Something quite different from the original plan had taken place.

Each villager privately had reasoned, "I'll withhold my best wine and give water instead. There will be so many cups of excellent wine poured into the barrel that mine will never be missed." The plan was preempted. After all was said and done, the king was left with a town full of people who simply went through the motions of showing their love and admiration for him. Their devotion was diluted.

To say that this story describes stewardship at First Presbyterian would be a gross exaggeration. Most people give generously. Many give sacrificially. Some people give annually, some give monthly, some give weekly, some give on-line, and for all those good and generous gifts the church is grateful because those gifts enable mission and ministry to take place. There are some, however, who, rather than give weekly, give weakly in comparison to their true potential! This is not a matter of conjecture or opinion. It's a reality. Our recently completed Mission Study revealed rather clearly and graphically that there are many who only bring water, and have no compunction about imbibing deeply of the vintage Bordeaux when the spigot is turned. There are, no doubt, a variety of reasons for this to be the case.

Sociologists Brandon Vaidyanathan and Patricia Snell in their studies found what they have termed as, "giving illiteracy" to be a significant factor holding back congregational giving. They described giving illiteracy as vagueness around giving levels, lack of clarity around expectations, and misperceptions about where individuals fit in with the rest of the congregation's giving. When people know where their gifts go, and how their giving practices fit in to the whole picture, they are more likely to give. Further, they're more likely to think of giving as something we all do together...

Folks, FPCP holds the potential of making some mighty fine wine and it is well within everyone's reach. That's a fact. How do we get there? Here are some thoughts intended to help eradicate "giving illiteracy." The baseline assumptions of Appreciative Expression are built on the bedrock below:

- Giving is driven not by guilt, but gratitude.
- We all give not out of scarcity, but abundance.
- You are invited to give not so much to build a budget but in order to build your lives and build up the body of Christ.
- Appreciative Expression materials have been mailed to every member household. These materials contain your individualized giving history. Please review that information carefully and prayerfully with consideration toward growth in your participation. As you do, think about the following:
 - ♦ The consumer price index has shown a growth of somewhere between 5 and 6 % over the past 5 years. Likewise, the initiatives in ministry here at First Presbyterian of Pittsford have multiplied. We are accustomed to a high level of ministry and it requires financial resources to sustain and expand as we continue to develop initiatives and implement new ones. Take a look at the giving distribution chart on the next page and track your level of participation.
 - ♦ Remember: Participation that stays the same year after year causes the church to lose ground. The church fights the battle of inflation frugally and carefully. Consider your participation with this fact in mind.
- Finally, Practice Proportionate Giving—choose the proportion of your time, talent, and treasure you will return to God—then do the math... Find ways to make that proportion grow.

If everyone were to honestly, faithfully, earnestly, cheerfully, and appreciatively make the above their practice—we'd cut through "giving illiteracy"; and, we'd all make some mighty fine wine as we individually and collectively engage in some seriously significant, joyfully driven Appreciative Expression.

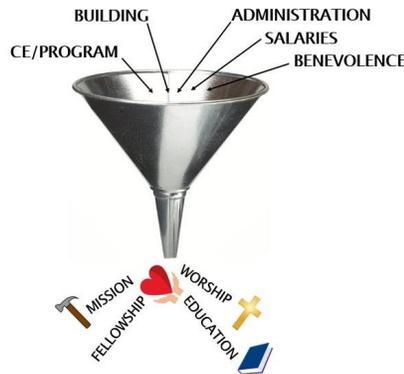
Let's see how we can pop a cork on this together !

From within the Vineyard with you — *Jeffrey*

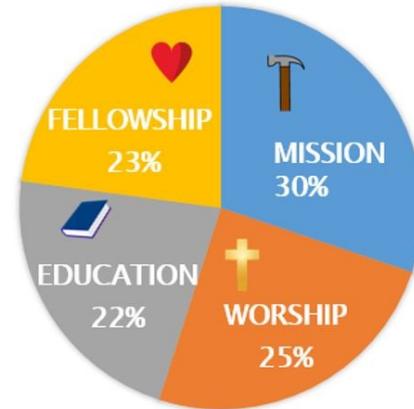
Appreciative Expression

Do you know how important your annual support is to our ministry and mission? The Generosity team has adopted a “Narrative Budget” to better represent the importance of your giving.

Traditional vs. Narrative Budget



2018 Narrative Budget Distribution



While a traditional budget details church expenses (like salaries, building and administrative expenses, etc.) a narrative budget shows how your financial support fulfills our church mission priorities.

As you can see, your contributions fairly evenly support our church mission with the **greatest emphasis on service to others**. While we commonly think of a budget as providing for staff salaries and operating expenses, the Narrative Budget shows how your generosity provides the “spiritual nutrition” that helps us “spread the good news of Jesus Christ.”

Consider the human impact of our many Mission/Outreach programs, the spiritual inspiration provided in worship services with our extraordinary music program, the foundational values conveyed to our children, and the meaningful impact of church family on our lives. Please prayerfully consider your “Appreciative Expression” in support of the 2019 Stewardship Campaign.

2018 Statistics for Stewardship - YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT

In 2018, of those members who return a participation card:

Giving Level	house-holds	amount	percentage
\$10,000 +	9	\$ 137,720	25%
\$ 5,000 - 10,000	11	\$ 73,460	13%
\$ 4,000 - 5,000	13	\$ 61,880	11%
\$ 3,000 - 4,000	13	\$ 47,420	9%
\$ 2,000 - 3,000	40	\$ 105,736	19%
\$ 1,000 - 2,000	52	\$ 80,070	14%
\$ 500 - 1,000	39	\$ 31,364	6%
\$ 500 -	45	\$ 14,334	3%
Total	222	\$ 553,184	100%

- There are 418 potential households of which 222 provide a participation card. There are 196 who do not. That is nearly half of our potential.
- The average gift for participating households is \$2491.00.
- There are several who provide financial support for the church without returning a participation card in the amount of \$95,500.
- If 50 non-participating households pledged \$500 on average this would add **\$25,000**. If all non-participating households participated at a \$250 level, **\$49,000** would be realized.
- The top 9% of participating households contribute 38%; the bottom 38% contribute 9%.
- The point of all this information is to illustrate the importance of everyone prayerfully determining their level of financial participation.

Pastor Nominating Committee

Please include the Pastor Nominating Committee and their important work in your prayers.



Lewis Becker



Beth Collins



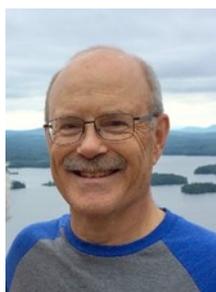
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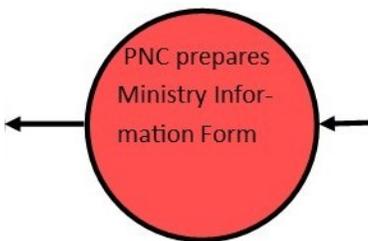


Susie Wahl



Henry Wang

Pastor Nominating Committee Update



The committee has elected Lew Becker and Dan Traina as Co-Chairs, Anne Ferris as Recording Secretary, John Messenger and Henry Wang as IT managers. The other members are Charlie Francis, Judith Van Dorn, Dawn Magnuson, Beth Collins, Todd Pedersen and Susie Wahl. Our next step is to develop a Minister Information Form (MIF). We will utilize the data generated from the congregation in the Mission Study. This MIF Form is then approved by our session and the Committee on Ministry. Then we start the process of posting our open position for a senior pastor.

Appreciative Expression



November 11, 2018

8:30 and 10:00am Worship

- ❖ Celebration Sunday
- ❖ Complimentary Luncheon for All
- ❖ Dedicating our Participation Cards

Please turn in your completed 2019 Participation Cards that day or before. If you haven't received one for your family in the mail, there is one included below and others will be available at the church.

You can use our church website for 2019 commitments as well. On the opening home page of www.pittsfordpres.org you will see a tab for "Giving" on the upper right side. By clicking on it, you can make 2019 commitments electronically. Maria DiGiambattista, our Financial Administrator, can answer your questions or take information over the phone or via email. She is in the church office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The office number is (585) 586-5688 and her email address is Maria@pittsfordpres.org. Giving membership records are confidential and not available to staff or officers, only the Financial Administrator.

Please come on **November 11** and join with the congregation in worship in this meaningful time of Appreciative Expression.



Appreciative Expression 2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CARD

To support our church mission and ministry in 2019:

- I/We intend to contribute \$_____ per (check one) Week Month Year **OR**
 I/We will contribute but prefer not to indicate a specific amount

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to commit my time and talents as follows:

- Please sign me up for MailChimp E-news
 Please send me offering envelopes

Donate on-line at:
www.pittsfordpres.org/giving

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Attention RAIHN Volunteers

I can never say thank you enough times for all volunteers do for RAIHN!



You are invited to a gathering of all volunteers for RAIHN. Volunteers from our support congregations are invited also. It will be held on Tuesday, November 6, at 6:30pm in room 201. It will be a time of conversation, getting to know each other better, and food as well! There are some updates I would like to show you, as well as time to listen to your ideas for improving our rotation. If you are interested in RAIHN, but have not yet volunteered, this will be a good time to come and learn more about the program.

Barbara Smith



Cameron Community Ministries

Working at the Cameron hot lunch program is always a joy and good life experience. We are welcomed, appreciated, and trusted. Think about joining us on an upcoming work day: November 19 and December 17. Hours are 10 am-2 pm, and flexible; carpooling or pickup available too! Call Cindy Becker, 703-4878 or email: cindyleebecker74@gmail.com

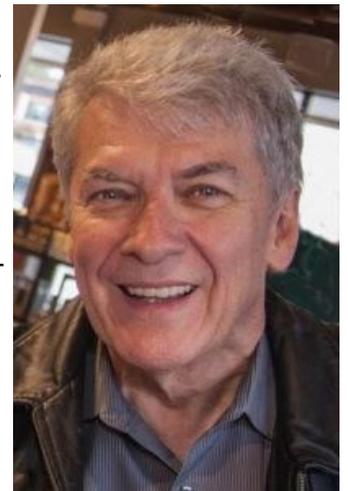
Also, thank you for the generous donations of clothing, kitchenware and school supplies the past several months! The bins in the front alcove always welcome useful items for Cameron families!

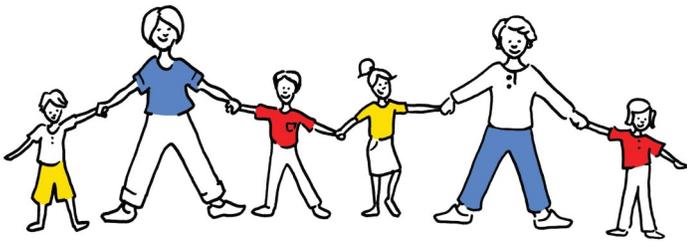
Optimists

November 9, 2018—The History of Corn Hill Jim DeVinney, Presenter

James A. DeVinney has had a very successful career over 40 years of developing programs and scripts for Public Broadcasting and cable networks. He has earned four Emmys (three for writing historical documentaries and one for children's programming), an Academy Award nomination, four Peabodys, and numerous journalism awards. He has also written scripts for videos presented at visitor centers in several National Parks. For ten years, DeVinney taught scriptwriting in the Communications Department at Boston University. Some of his credits include *Eyes on the Prize* in 1986 and 1990 as producer, writer, and director of this history of the civil rights movement. He also was producer, writer, and director of the miniseries *American Experience: The Kennedys* in 1992.

Retired from filmmaking, he has been the Corn Hill Historian since 2014, researching the historic homes and families of the old Third Ward. DeVinney also serves on the Rochester Preservation Board. He will describe the history of Corn Hill as the first residential neighborhood in Rochester, dating from the early 1800's. Many of the prominent Rochesterians—Nathaniel Rochester, for instance, who formed the intellectual and cultural character of Rochester—lived in Corn Hill. It has suffered from aggressive urban renewal over the years but remains as a unique, very diverse neighborhood in Rochester. Mr. DeVinney's presentation will include a slide show that will illustrate the changes in the area over the years and include some of the mansions that are no more.





News from the Nursery School

How quickly life goes while we enjoy our time together! Here it is November already, that time of year when we start thinking about the holidays. We are preparing to donate non-perishables to the Pittsford Food Cupboard, enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast and get our pictures taken by Colorgraphics. We will anticipate the final outcome of our Fund-raiser, Square One Art, the YK parents will meet with their children's teacher at parent conferences and we will continue to learn all things Fall. All the while playing and working together. The children have settled into a common routine, made friends, and their parents are also enjoying their time here at the preschool. We hope you and yours enjoy your family time together as well. As always thank you for your support!

Teresa Zatyko, Director, Pittsford Nursery School

Needle Nellies (formerly Knitting Group)

will be meeting from 11am to 1:30 pm on Tuesday, October 30. We changed the name so those who cross-stitch, needlepoint, quilt, etc. will join us for lunch, laughs, and helpful hints. All are welcome! Questions? Call Kay Saxum 385.9807

Calling All Former Scouts

If you were involved in Scouting in any way, we would like to hear from you. We are looking for individuals to share how being a Scout made them reverent and how Scouting shaped their lives. Scout Sunday is February 10, 2019. Please contact Jeffrey.



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Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet November 19, 12:30 pm, upstairs in room 200. Don't forget your lunch and mug.

After devotions and short meeting, we will focus on our holiday project: filling shoe

boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Please bring shoe boxes (if available) and items to fill your box.

For questions call: Beverly Reeve, 248-9229

WEB Club

On November 14 the WEB Book Club will meet in the library at 2pm to discuss *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson

All are welcome to join us at anytime. We generally meet the

2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the library. Below is

a list of dates we will

be meeting and the books selected. Come join us!

November 14: *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson

December 12: *Comfort & Joy* by Kristin Hannah

January 9: *Gold from the Well* by Josh Apo

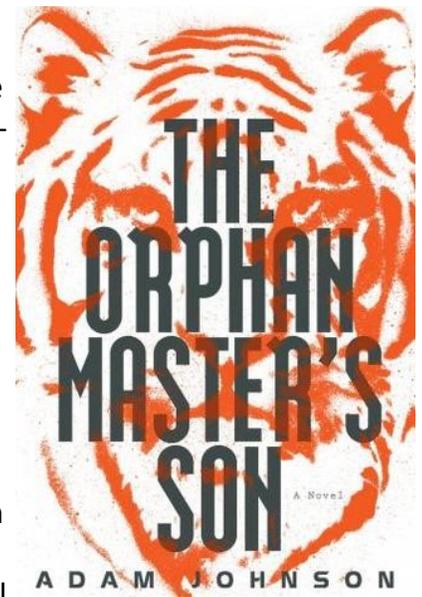
February 13: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

March 13: *Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan

April 10: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

May 8: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

June 12: TBD



Pies Pies Pies – see order form below!

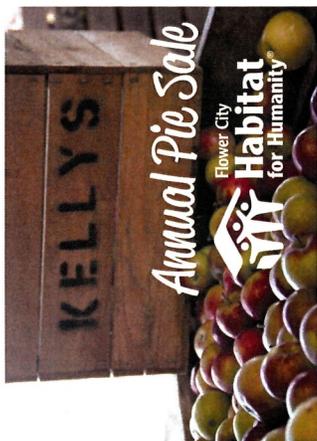
Our Annual Habitat for Humanity Pie Sale for our HIP Coalition has started! Dianne Brown will be taking your orders in the Fellowship Hall between the services and following the 10 am service until November 11. Please remember to bring cash or a check as orders must be paid for when ordering. If you are not going to be in church you may send your order and check to the church office. Your pies will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday, November 20, in the Fellowship Hall between 11am and 4pm.

Pie flavors are: Apple Crumb, Apple Raspberry, and Pumpkin Pies are \$17.00 each and are large 10” pies weighing approximately 4.5 lbs.

Apple crisp is also available with no pie crust and comes in a loaf pan for \$13.

All pies are from Kelly’s Farm Market in Hilton, NY and are made using all fresh fruit with no preservatives. Pies freeze well so buy now and serve for the holidays. If you have a business and would like to have pies to give to employees or customers for Christmas please see Dianne.

Our HIP Coalition is due to build its 7th house in 2019! All money raised by the pie sale will go into this fund. The coalition usually nets about \$2,000 from the pie sale. At this time, we are approximately \$17,000 short of the \$65,000 needed for construction. We are hoping to find other churches and/or organizations to join us to help finance our house. Contributions are always gratefully accepted!



HOLIDAY PIES FOR HABITAT HOUSES

*Homemade pies from Kelly's Farm Market in Hilton, NY
Made from scratch without preservatives
Fruit pies are deep 10 inch pies, weighing about 4.5 lbs
Pies freeze nicely, buy now and serve for the holidays*

Order your pies by: **Sunday, November 11**
Pick them up on: **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**
at: **The Fellowship Hall from 11am - 4pm**

HABITAT HOLIDAY PIE SALE ORDER FORM

NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Apple Crumb		\$ 17	
Apple Raspberry		\$ 17	
Pumpkin		\$ 17	
Apple Crisp		\$ 13	
Donation to Habitat			
Grand Total:			

Make checks payable to: **First Presbyterian Church** CASH CHECK

Fall Youth Schedule—Fall is here! Well, sort of. Join us in celebrating this warm start to fall with the following youth events!

November 3:	Altitude Trampoline Park	1:00-4:00pm @ Altitude Henrietta
November 4:	Soup Sale	9:00-11:30am @ Church
November 4:	Confirmation Class	11:30am-1:00pm @ Church
November 4 + 18:	SOSO/Sunday Night Youth	6:00-7:30pm—7th-8th Grade 7:00-8:30pm—9th-12th Grade all @ Church
November 7, 14 + 28	LOGOS	4:00pm-7:00pm @ Church



It's that time of the year again! Just when you thought it would be a warmer Fall, the cold comes back! But just in time for these colder days the youth have you covered! Join us after both services on November 4th for our first Youth Mission Fundraiser of the year, the Soup Sale! With different recipes varying from Chicken Noodle to Broccoli and Cheddar, we can't wait to see you that day!

Tyler is once again looking for each of our youth's sports/performance schedules! If your 7-12th grade youth has stuff going on we want to know about it! We love to come and support at all sorts of events, and we'll even try to round up a group of youth to support you even more!

Also don't forget to watch for our annual mission of Flower City Work Camp! Student Applications will open up on November 1, and will be due back to Tyler no later than December 15, so make sure to check your schedules now! We will also be looking for a few adult volunteers, so any adults interested in being a part of this week let Tyler know!



Don't miss out on our Youth Excursion on November 3 where we head back to Altitude Trampoline Park over in Henrietta! It's great fun for all youth, plus even some adults if you have the energy!

TRIENNium— Coming up in 2019, from July 13–21, join us for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Purdue, Indiana. This week-long conference brings together 9,000 Presbyterian youth from across the country to bond, worship, learn, and grow together with God! There is more info coming soon, but if you're interested, make sure to talk to Tyler and let him know!

Advent-ure

An Advent gift has already arrived in Fellowship Hall. But no one can open it without your help.



This Advent –ure needs everyone's help to unlock the four locks that keep this gift shut tight. Starting December 4, each week hints will be revealed in worship to unlock one lock. It is up to everyone of all ages to work together to unlock the gift in time for Christmas. This task will need teamwork. To signup or view hint discussions go to <http://advent.pittsfordpres.org> or watch our Facebook page.

Guest Speaker on Dementia and Alzheimer's

On November 18 at 11:30 am, we will have a guest speaker talking about living with dementia and caring for dementia. Nanette Freidman from the Alzheimer's Association will be helping us to understand this disease better. She will also teach us how to engage those suffering with the illness in conversation as a church community.

A Hitchhiker's Guide to Reformed Faith—Adults

November 4 we will discuss the PCUSA and Reformed stance on the role of the faithful in the world. This class will cover the main tenets of the Reformed faith. No matter how confident you currently are in your understanding of our faith, this class will be for all levels. This class will continue to teach and nurture a desire to learn more about your Presbyterian faith. This class will meet on the first Sunday of the month, through June 2019, at 11:45 am in room 201.

Childcare will be provided upon request.



Advent Brunch

This year the Advent brunch will be held December 2, right after the second worship service. There will be delicious treats, craft activities for kids and adults, and many laughs with your First Presbyterian Family.



Children's Advent Calendars

Again this year we are happy to have available Children's Advent Calendars. These calendars lead children through all 24 days of the Advent season. 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 and during the Advent Brunch.



Christian Education

Upcoming Events

Men's Prayer Breakfast	11/4 7:00 am
Optimists	11/9 5:30 pm
Anthony Circle	11/8 10:00 am
Naomi Circle	11/19 12:30 pm
Eve Circle	11/26 12:30 pm
Needle Nellies	11/27 11:00 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

Upcoming LOGOS events:

Oct. 24	Wear a Smile
Oct. 31	No LOGOS
Nov 7	Always Remember
Nov 14	Give thanks & "BE" Present
Nov. 21	No LOGOS
Nov. 28	Ugly Sweater Party

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...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.
Luke 6:38

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