



The Good News

February 2017

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN-CELL

Lectionary for February

Feb. 5—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 12—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 1

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 19—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Proper 2

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

Feb. 26— Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

The oldest person I ever knew was Rhea Steffy. She lived to be 109, outliving her daughter, Maxine Stone, by two days. When the Canton Repository published Maxine's obituary, it said that Maxine passed away at the age of 87 and that she was survived by her mother, Rhea Steffy. Rhea was born February 21, 1893 in Massillon, Ohio, and she married Roy Cover in 1913. She lost Roy in a car accident in 1930. Then nine years later, she married Leon Steffy. I last saw Rhea just after Christmas before moving to Pittsford. She was 107 and she recited from her childhood memory a poem about the birth of Jesus that began, "It was the year, "One." (<http://www.cleveland19.com/story/1058761/woman-109-dies-two-days-after-87-year-old-daughters-death>)

When Rhea turned 105 I visited with her on her birthday. She had a telephone with large numbers which she used to call family and friends. Her eyesight wasn't as keen as it used to be, but her mind was as sharp as ever. I asked her, "Rhea, what is wonderful about turning 105?" Without missing a beat, she said, "Very little peer pressure."

I have come to embrace an observation made by Steve Maraboli who wrote, *Unapologetically You: Reflections on Life and the Human Experience*. He said, "Although initially only few in numbers, it seems my gray hairs have launched an effective peer-pressure campaign to convert the others."

Now there is nothing intrinsically wrong with peer pressure. . . except for most of us when the pressure is coming from someone who is insanely out in front of us in the smarts department, athletic prowess, good looks or whatever. That kind of dominance tends to shut us down from the get-go. But, if we're challenged to be better by people who are truly our "peers," then the pressure can be a good thing.

Thinking about this made me review in my own mind some of the work of the New Testament Pharisees. They are peer-less in the righteousness department. Jesus understood their passion for the law of God. They were supportive of synagogues and schools, attentive to purity rules and regulations. They were the spiritual superstars of their day, exerting an enormous amount of peer pressure on everyone around them. Even Jesus told his followers, "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Not just match them! Exceed them?

Peer pressure is a powerful force in our lives, and it can both help and hurt. David Greene, the host of NPR's "Morning Edition," explained that peer pressure can help us by inspiring us to do the right thing. Sit next to a good student in class, and her study habits can rub off on you. Watch your neighbors install solar panels on their roof, and you might be motivated to do the same thing. But peer pressure can also hurt and that sometimes happens when we are exposed to our very best peers and find ourselves becoming discouraged about ourselves.

Todd Rogers is a professor of public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School who has studied peer pressure. He says, "When you are compared to people who are doing a little better than you, it can be really motivating. But peer pressure turns negative when you are compared to people who are *unattainably* better than you." My take away is that in 2017 I should not decide to train for a 5K race with an Olympic distance runner or New York Marathoner from Kenya. This would be too intimidating.

This is exactly the effect of the Pharisees on the people around them and this includes the apostle Paul. He said, "If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more," he wrote to the Philippians. "Circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee" (Philippians 3:4-5). Paul was a top-performing Pharisee, unattainably better than many of the people around him. You can understand why his peers would feel inferior and want to quit.

Jesus is not interested in making people give up when he says, "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (v. 20). The Pharisees might be better than anyone else in terms of following religious rules and regulations, but Jesus has a new approach to righteousness that is not based on rigorous law-keeping. Instead, he wants his followers to be salt of the earth and light of the world, fulfilling the law in new ways. — as he does.

As Christians, we don't have to feel peer pressure from the Pharisees. Our righteousness comes about in a whole new way, one that avoids faulty assumptions about who are the top performers. Even the apostle Paul, the spiritual superstar who had tremendous confidence in himself, came to see that his achievements as a Pharisee were really losses "because of Christ" (Philippians 3:7).

What do genuinely righteous people look like? They look like most of you. They humbly are trying to bring a little salt and light into the world for Jesus' sake. They offer people:

+ warmth and encouragement instead of being cold and discouraging,

+ to be an energy source for others, so that together we can advance the mission of Christ in the world.

We have one role model for righteousness: Jesus Christ, the one who invites us to be salt and light. He offers us the very best peer pressure, that which inspires us to rise to the challenge of advancing his mission in the world.

You see, the difference between the Pharisees' righteousness and the righteousness of Jesus is that one must work for the former, while the righteousness of the latter is a gift. Paul makes this clearer in Philippians 3. The apostle wants to be "found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith" (v. 9). This gives us a vision that we need not lord

righteousness over others, but that we might show a new way, to help others be inspired to have an encounter with God that lets them be who God made them to be, and not continually try and compare themselves to someone else so that they can demonstrate their worth by getting higher, owning more stuff, or acting superior. Our world needs a new kind of peer pressure rooted in grace.

But if you need some peer pressure to do something special in February, I will say in advance, "I plan to give my favorite person a Valentine." Any of us can certainly tell someone we love that we do love them.

Bruce

Final Stewardship Report

We received 255 pledges totaling \$606,000 for our 2017 Stewardship Campaign. Of this total, 24 pledges totaling \$34,000 were new or from families who had not pledged recently.

While this year's total is \$25,000 below the 2016 campaign, the results are viewed positively in light of economic and healthcare concerns and what many churches and other charitable organizations attribute to "presidential election anxiety". Exceptionally generous year-end pledge and non-pledged offerings resulted in 2016 contributions that exceeded budget by nearly \$35,000. This re-

sponse greatly benefits our budget and planning for 2017. We are most grateful for the generosity of the congregation as we strive to live out our ministry and mission to others.

The Generosity Team

In preparation for the church's annual meeting on Sunday, February 26, following the 10:00 am service, copies of the 2016 Annual Report will be available in the narthex starting Sunday, February 19.

**PLEASE!
NOTE**

Deacon Events

- Saturday, February 11, at 2pm - Widow's Valentine Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
- Friday, February 17, at 7pm - Euchre/Game Night at Matt & Suzie Wahl's house (19 Golf Ave., Pittsford) - All are welcome
- Sunday, February 26, at 5pm - Cooking Club in Fellowship Hall Cost \$7 - Themed meals from France
- Monday, February 27, Eastman School of Music Concerts: Symphony performs Beethoven's 5th (with the most famous 4 notes in history) and Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto #1 These are free concerts put on by the students in Kodak Hall. Meet at the church narthex at 7pm.

Sign up after church or contact Dan Traina at [585-208-6839](tel:585-208-6839) for more information.



Cameron Community Ministries Update

Many thanks for the toys donated for the Cameron Christmas Party! Your generosity is appreciated. We will continue to accept winter clothing, boots, etc. until the end of March. Call Liz with questions.

Upcoming Youth Events

The FPC Youth hope the start of your year has been a great one!

January 22: SOSO Exam Break 7:00pm-8:30pm
January 25, February 1, 8, and 15: LOGOS 4:00pm-7:00pm
February 4: Snow Tubing 2:00pm-5:00pm
February 5: YOUTH SUNDAY!!!
February 5: Confirmation Class 11:30am-1:00pm
February 12 and 26: SOSO 7:00pm-8:30pm
April 17-21: Flower City Work Camp

Be on the lookout for upcoming mission fundraising! Soup Sales are the first of what's to come!!



Thank you so much to everyone who has helped out or donated to JASY for the Sponsor a Camper appeal! Every little bit is put to good use and we here at the camp know that we couldn't do what we do without all of your help! Thanks again and of course, if you need anything, Tyler cannot wait to hear from you!



Thank you to all who contributed to the Reverse Advent food collection for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Our confirmation class had the wonderful opportunity of learning about and visiting the food bank. We all had a blast and cannot wait to contribute and do mission with them again!



Christian Education

January is Heifer Fair Month

The **Heifer Fair**, a bazaar where you can buy all handmade goods, will be Sunday, February 5 this year. If you would like to donate a craft item to be sold with proceeds going to mission, please contact Craig in the church office.



Are you new to our church family?

Do you want to make new friends?

Do you feel like you're just not...

C-O-N-N-E-C-T-E-D ?

**JESUS WAS
IN A SMALL GROUP.
I'M JUST SAYIN'...**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

This year during lent we will be having small group gatherings all on one night. Starting Sunday, March 12, at 5:00 pm, and continuing for five weeks, all groups will meet in Fellowship Hall for a meal, Biblical reflection, and fellowship. We will be discussing "revisiting the reformation".

Starting February 12 you can sign-up in Fellowship Hall to join a table group. These groups will sit together each week. The general topics will be shared as a large group, but discussion and reflection will happen at the table.

An additional opportunity to study this material will be led by Carrie Mitchell on Thursdays at noon.

Lenten Devotionals Available

This Lenten season we have available, starting February 1, both electronic and paper devotions. The paper devotions from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will be available in the Narthex. These devotions are daily devotions with both scripture and reflection included. Instruction on how to obtain digital copies are included.

Upcoming Events

Men's Prayer Breakfast	2/5 7:00 am
@ Messengers Optimists	2/10 12:30 pm
Anthony Circle	2/9 10:00 am
Naomi Circle	2/20 12:30 am
Evening Circle	2/27 7 pm
Not so Basic Bible study	Mondays 7:30 pm
Prayer Support Group	Mondays 11:00 am
Wednesday Book Club	2/8 2:00 pm
Lectionary Study	Weds. 7:15 pm
Men's Ecumenical Group	Thursdays 7:15 am
Adult Study	Sundays 9:45 am

March 5 men from the morning prayer group will be wearing shorts and their "I love my church" T-shirt. We invite any other members to join us. We do this every year because "our church is so warm we can wear shorts in the winter."

Coming up for Kids

Jan. 25: LOGOS - Gavett Tales
 Feb. 1: LOGOS - Winterfest!
 Feb 5: Heifer Fair
 Feb. 8: LOGOS - Show your heart
 Feb. 15: LOGOS - Pajama and Movie Night
 Feb. 22: NO LOGOS
 Mar. 1: LOGOS - Bring a buddy
 Ash Wednesday Service

New Officers' Biographies

Diana Adams – Deacon, Class of 2019: A member of First Presbyterian for 24 years, Diana thinks that “we do a pretty good job of selling our church by doing what we do best—being ourselves.” She loves that First Presbyterian is so welcoming, offers so many opportunities, and is involved in so many Pittsford programs. Currently working as a paralegal, Diana still has two kids and two dogs at home and still finds time to make quilts, knit, cross-stitch and occasionally teach Sunday school.

Gretchen Bartosch – Elder, Class of 2019: Gretchen and her husband Bill, who is a current trustee, joined the church in 2012. Together, they have five sons to keep track of. Gretchen is a school psychologist and family and student counselor and is most excited about the church's outreach potential. In her spare time Gretchen enjoys running, hiking, platform tennis, and knitting.

Veronica Chung – Deacon, Class of 2019: Veronica and her husband Tzong-Jen Sheu have one son, Aaron, who is ten years old. Veronica has been a member of the church for three years and is particularly excited about our LOGOS program and Sunday School. She is a homemaker and enjoys baking and reading.

Dan Fox – Trustee, Class of 2017: Dan and Laura Fox have three children, so it is no wonder that he is excited about the church's growth opportunities for future generations. Engineering building systems and construction, Dan finds time for car restoration, music, and travel in his spare time. A member for 17 years, he appreciates most our pastors, the people and the support at church, and, of course, the music.

Kate Gerew – Trustee, Class of 2019: A member of the church since 2012, Kate and her husband Bill have two kids, Lauren and Jack, 10 and 8 years old respectively. After working as a certified financial planner for 17 years, Kate chose to take a break from her career this past fall and is now focusing on her family, which includes shared activities such as bonfires, lawn games, and water sports. She feels inspired by the many wonderful friends she has found at First Presbyterian and is especially appreciative of the many ways children's faith is encouraged.

Caroline Hill – Trustee, Class of 2019: Caroline and her husband, Stephen, joined the church just over a year ago. A financial advisor at Brighton Securities, Caroline is interested in seeing “how we will continue to accomplish great improvements from an operational and financial perspective by leveraging the tenure and expertise of those who serve.” She enjoys exercising, exploring restaurants, and vacationing on the beach of Maine.

Sam C. Huang – Elder, Class of 2019: A dentist and faculty member at the University of Rochester, Sam enjoys golf and travel in his spare time. He has been a member of this church for three years and especially appreciates the children's programs. When asked what excites him most about growth opportunities here Sam recalls Paul's Letter to the Philippians and responds “pressing on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”

Lisa Hughes – Deacon, Class of 2019: A member of First Presbyterian Church for ten years, Lisa considers it her second family. She enjoys gardening, reading, cooking, and her beautiful granddaughter Lia who is all of six months old. Lisa is a medical technologist at Strong Memorial Hospital.

William Irwin – Trustee, Class of 2019: The owner of an event entertainment company, Will has been a member of the church for over 20 years. He really likes its traditional style and enjoys the fellowship and programs for children. He is looking forward to further involvement in children's programs and getting to know new and existing members better.

Margaret Kilmer – Deacon, Class of 2019: Initially working in advertising and now mother to three beautiful daughters, Margaret likes the “fantastic programs for children” at our church. The inviting and accepting atmosphere too is of great value to her. Margaret enjoys reading, yoga, cooking, exercising, and volunteering at her children's school.

Bill Murray – Deacon, Class of 2019: Bill has been a member here at First Pres for over 30 years and is a returning Deacon. He and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of three children: two sons and a daughter. His career is in insurance and he enjoys swimming, biking, fishing, reading, Scouts, coaching baseball, and old cars. He appreciates how friendly everyone is, our great kids' programs, and our great Sunday worship services.

Noel Nichols – Elder, Class of 2019: An accountant and school teacher, Noel values most the church's people, worship, and mission opportunities. His personal interests and avocations include education, the choir, and raising two grand-daughters. The growth potential in faith, works, and self-discipline are avowedly what excites him most about the future of First Presbyterian.

Sandy Seacat – Deacon, Class of 2019: Sandy, husband Anthony, and their three children joined the church a year ago. Sandy likes the more traditional service and music as well as youth programs—all of which remind

her of the church she attended as a child. Working as a human resources manager, Sandy volunteers with the American Legion Auxiliary and Safe Harbors and is also a member of our Hand Bell Choir.

Tom Thompson – Deacon, Class of 2019: Tom has been a member of First Presbyterian since 1998. He likes the fact that our congregation is relatively small and also appreciates the youth and mission programs, particularly JASY in which he is deeply involved. A manufacturing manager for GM, Tom enjoys hiking, biking, traveling to National Parks, and generally spending time with family.

Kim Tinder – Elder, Class of 2018: “When I first joined, Ted Pollock was talking about his mission work,” Kim says. “I have always kept that joy within my heart.” A teacher, mother of two, and church member for over 20 years, Kim remains interested in mission and greatly enjoys the community at First Presbyterian.

Jane Vesling – Elder, Class of 2019: As she describes it, Jane grew up at First Presbyterian, recently joining the church family formally. She greatly appreciates the different preaching and ministering styles of our pastors and that their sermons are bible-based. Initially working in business, Jane redirected her career about 25 years ago and has been working as an RN ever since. Among the leisure activities she enjoys are gardening, doing crafts (she's a great fan of Pinterest), and spending time with family and friends.

Andrea Tompkins Wright – Elder, Class of 2019: A member of the church for about 5 years, Andrea greatly appreciates its accepting, “come as you are” spirit. She is a real estate attorney, a member of the Brighton Zoning Board, and a Hospitality Chair of PTSA. Andrea looks forward to seeing the church grow its child ministries and connections to young families like her own.

Additional new officers: Aidan Bachmann – Youth Deacon, Class of 2018; Tristan Bachmann – Youth Elder, Class of 2018; Tracey Krimbill – Elder, Class of 2019; Max Murray – Youth Deacon, Class of 2018; Norma Ryther – Deacon, Class of 2019

Concert in the Sanctuary



Harold McAulliffe will bring the **University of Rochester Choral Extravaganza** to our sanctuary on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 3 pm. Come hear collegians singing in the U of R Men's Glee Club, the U of R Chamber Singers, and the U of R Gospel Choir as they each perform a section of the program. Harold and the U of R have made this an annual event to which both the listeners and the students look forward. They love to perform in our sanctuary because of the acoustics and the warm welcome they receive. The individual groups perform in many venues throughout the year, but we are the only ones to honor them with a reception following their concert. College students really appreciate the kindness and the homemade cookies we offer them.

Church Leadership Development Day

Saturday, February 11, 8:30 am-1:45 pm at the Perinton Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley presents Church Leadership Development Day for new and experienced church leaders! Everyone is invited to come learn, share ideas, and become better prepared to serve in their congregations. Participants may choose from eight different morning courses, as well as nine "working lunch" courses in the afternoon. We've got options for Elders, Deacons, Clerks of Session, Treasurers, Trustees, Pastors, CREs, Office Personnel, Christian Educators, Everyone!!

Questions? Contact Cheryl Battaglia at [585-242 0080](tel:585-242-0080) or financialadmin@pbygenval.org.

Cost is \$5 for the morning plus \$5 if you'd like a sack lunch. Facility is fully accessible and childcare is available with prior registration. Registration deadline is Monday, February 6, so register now to be part of this exciting opportunity!

EVE Circle

Evening Circle will meet Monday, February 27, at 7pm in Room 200 to discuss a chapter of *The Rebirthing of God*.

Naomi Circle

The monthly meeting of Naomi Circle is on February 20 at 12:30pm upstairs in room 200. As usual, bring lunch and mug. After lunch, devotions, and a short meeting, Sue Porter with the Judicial Process Commission, will give a presentation concerning their one-on-one mentoring program for mothers who are being released from the county jail. For Christmas Naomi members donated bus tickets to these ladies.

Can your group help make a meal for RAIHN?

Our worship service last Sunday challenged us to move from "prayer (at the beginning) to service (toward the end of worship)". You can "serve" right here in Pittsford! Groups are needed to make a meal for RAIHN guests when we host in our church. A group may be a Women's Circle, a Bible Study group, or just a group of friends who enjoy each other's company! At this time, RAIHN is reorganizing a bit and a leader from each group is needed to communicate for scheduling and planning a meal with the group. Groups will only need to help two or three times each year. For more information, or to sign up to help, contact Barbara Smith 746-0754 or barbarabsmith13@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meeting from 2 pm until 4 pm in the Church Library. Usually the second Wednesday of each month. Call Nancy Sprenkle (381-8990) if you plan to attend.



Wednesday, February 8, *Euphoria* by Lilly King

Euphoria is Lily King's nationally bestselling breakout novel of three young, gifted anthropologists of the 1930s caught in a passionate love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and, ultimately, their lives. Inspired by events in the life of revolutionary anthropologist Margaret Mead, *Euphoria* is "dazzling ... suspenseful ... brilliant...an exhilarating novel."—*Boston Globe*

News from the Nursery School



Once again our February is a short month filled with many activities. February is community helper month: the dentist visits to talk to the children about the importance of taking care of their teeth, graduate students from Nazareth come to screen our children's speech and the postal carrier will visit to discuss their important job. She will then take with them Valentine's cards that the children have made for their parents. We will offer parent conferences for our 3's parents; communication is crucial to good relationships. Our 4's hope to visit Birdsong Trail at Mendon Ponds Park, if the weather cooperates. Of course, we celebrate Valentines' Day with cards and special games. We will also have a family Valentine's Day Party where the children will dance and play! We will have a week off for President's week. Our year is now more than half over. Thank you for your continued support! Teresa Zatyko, Director, Pittsford

Optimists Friday, February 10, 12:30pm

"Music, Brass and Rhythm: My life in a new key" – Herb Smith, from San Diego California is living life on pitch in Rochester. He works with students in Rochester, and travels all over up-state N.Y. doing workshops and presentations on classical music. Smith also plays many gigs with his jazz quartet and is a frequent player for the Chautauqua and Buffalo Philharmonic orchestras. He has played with many notable artists, including Al Jarreau, Natalie Cole, Doc Severinsen, and the O' Jays. A collaboration was composing a full-length ballet for Garth Fagan Dance. It is said "Herb Smith is one of the world's most talented musicians and performing artists. A trumpet virtuoso with classical and jazz chops; History will account for Herb Smith as one of the greatest living trumpeters of our time." He is a graduate of San Diego HS School of Creative and Performing Arts, Eastman Community Music School and Eastman School of Music and began playing with the RPO after graduating in 1991. Tickets are \$2. Bring your own lunch.

News from Family Promise

Here are some numbers Family Promise, a national affiliate of RAIHN, published in their most recent newsletter: 202 Affiliates, 42 States, 6,000 Congregations, 180,000 Volunteers, nearly 60,000 served annually. 700,000 served since founding. 74% served find housing within 9 weeks, on average. An additional 12% move into a shared housing arrangement. 60% of those served are children, most under the age of 6. Per night, a motel stay for a family costs \$48 on average, a night at a shelter \$35, and one at a Family Promise Affiliate \$17.



2017 LOGOS Music Opportunities & BEYOND!

Sunday, February 5- The Junior Kirkringers (our 5 & 6th grade handbell choir) will ring *Morning Has Broken* for the prelude on Youth Sunday

Ash Wednesday, March 1- the LOGOS Choirs will lead with music at the 7pm family service

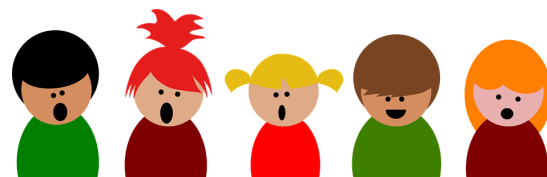
Palm Sunday April 9- the LOGOS Choirs will share during the 10am service

Since Palm Sunday is two weeks after the LOGOS program ends there will be two "post LOGOS" rehearsals for the children on Wednesday, March 29 & April 5 from 4-4:45 pm in the Choir Room. ALL K-6TH CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH CAN JOIN US FOR THESE TWO REHEARSALS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE PALM SUNDAY CHOIR!

POST LOGOS Music Options for K-6th graders

Mother's Day , May 14-We will have a Mother's Day choir. Rehearsals will be on Sundays from 11:10-11:30 am (April 23 and 30 & May 7) and Wednesdays (April 26 & May 3 and 10) This is a good time to give choir a try!

Sunday, June 11- Children's Service- We will have a special musical offering this day. I'm weighing the options depending on interest and availability between a musical which would need a commitment from 10-12 children and another handbell story.



Please email me or let me know if you are interested.

Cindy Barben has been asked to share her recipe for the scrumptious banana bread she makes. So here it is with her comments:

Banana Bread (*I tripled the recipe and didn't use all the ingredients.*)

- 1/4 pound butter (*I made 3 loafs, but I didn't put in as much butter. When I tripled the loaf recipe I only used 2 sticks of butter). 3/4 stick is enough for one loaf.*
- 1 1/2 cups sugar (*I only used 3 cups for my banana bread to which I tripled, because I don't like it as sweet).* 1 cup is plenty for one loaf.
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 tablespoons buttermilk (*I made it, 1 tablespoon of apple cider vinegar to 1 cup of milk*)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed (*mine were really ripe, almost fermenting they were so ripe*)
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cream butter and sugar and add eggs. Sift dry ingredients and add to butter mixture. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into prepared loaf pan and bake at 325 degrees for about 1 hour or until knife inserted in center, comes out clean.

FPC Sponsors Four Boy Scout Units by Jeff Steele

As many of you know, FPC sponsors two Cub Scout Packs and two Boy Scout Troops. The following is a description of the Boy Scouts of America organization.

The overarching organization is the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) who are divided into several programs—Cub Scouts for grades 1 - 5 and Boy Scouts for grades 6 - age 18. There are also programs for older youths such as Explorers, Venture Scouts and Varsity Scouts, but these are not applicable to FPC.

The basic unit of Cub Scouting is the pack. In Pittsford, packs are organized by elementary school. The packs meet at their elementary school, but each pack has a sponsoring or chartering (the terms are synonymous) organization. Cub Scout packs generally have ~30 - 50 Cub Scouts. FPC is the sponsor for two packs—Pack 171 (Jefferson Road School) and Pack 341 (Mendon Center School). As sponsor we have little interaction with the Packs; they meet at their elementary schools, but they use our Tax ID number for which we require financial reports to be included with our annual audit. And they occasionally request use of the Church; mainly for their annual Blue and Gold banquet and Cross-Over Ceremony which occurs in the spring. Other Cub Scout packs in Pittsford are Pack 2/Thornell Road School/Pittsford Rotary, Pack 129/St Louis School/St Louis Church, Pack 291/Park Road School and Pack 617/Allen Creek School/Allen Creek PTSA. There are also Cub Scouts from Pack 2 who may meet at FPC, even though we are not their sponsor.

Each Cub Scout Pack has an adult committee, headed by a committee chairperson. And, a Cubmaster, who deals with the Cub Scouts. Given that these people are, generally, parents of Cub Scouts, we expect them to turnover about every two years.

The basic unit of Boy Scouting is the troop, containing about 30- 50 Scouts. Boy Scout troops, however, are not organized by school. Scouts are free to choose any troop they wish; and during their last year of Cub Scouting they visit various BS troops to decide which one they will join. FPC is the sponsor for two troops: Troop 171 and Troop 341. There are several other troops in Pittsford: Troop 336, sponsored by Christ Clarion Pres., Troop 167, sponsored by the Lutheran Church, and Troop 129 meets at the Pittsford United Church but is actually sponsored by the American Legion Post. Most Pittsford young men belong to a Pittsford troop, but there are several troops who draw from the county at large.

The Boy Scout troops sponsored by FPC meet at our Church. In addition to providing them with space for their meetings and a supply room in the basement, the troops also use our tax ID number and provide us with financial information for our audit.

Each Boy Scout Troop also has an adult committee, headed by a committee chairperson. And a Scoutmaster, who deals with the Scouts. Adult leadership turnover is similar to Cub Scout packs. The Boy Scout troops are with us, and participate in the worship service, on Scout Sunday in early-mid February.

Gentle Yoga class continues Thursday morning at 10:30 am in the chapel with Abby Macrae as instructor. Drop ins are welcome. Bring a mat and \$10.

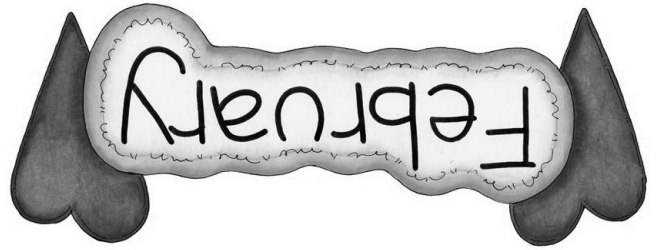


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