



The Good News

July and August 2019

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

CARRIE-ING FORWARD

What a whirlwind couple of weeks this has been! Sharing the news of our moving to New Jersey has been bittersweet. Each time I told somebody, we cried about the physical distance the move would bring and embraced one another over the shared memories we have made together in the seventeen years I have had the privilege of serving this marvelous congregation.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your nodal and daily events. I have cherished officiating 88 baptisms, 36 weddings and 135 funerals. I treasured leading worship, teaching bible studies, visiting homes and hospitals, going on mission trips, planning parties and executing events, hiring new team members, training officers, stuffing backpacks, welcoming RAIHN families, confirming students, breaking bread with thanksgiving in all circumstances, and being a child of God with you.

Bill, Rachel, Wes and I are grateful for the wonder of you. We came to you recently married and you have nurtured us through the birth and growth of our children. You have allowed me to get to know so much of your wisdom by openly sharing the whole of you. I am overwhelmed by God's grace in redeeming all of our brokenness and transforming it for the ministries we have made together. To say that we will miss you is a huge understatement.

The Psalmist knows something of being in a whirlwind: The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. (Psalm 77:18). In the midst of this whirlwind, we cry to God (Psalm 77:1) and this is what the Psalmist said that stilled the spinning: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds. (Psalm 77:11-12).

This is by far not the first time this congregation has experienced change. In its 210 years of existence, the church has withstood not one but two fires, countless pastors and staff, changing demographics, fluctuating membership rolls, wars, civil strife, and depression. Through it all, this church has cast a vision for what it will be going forward. Consider how resilient this church has been after Dick Kesel retired, and after Earl Johnson and Baron Ashfield left. For more recent and non-clerical signs of forward-facing behavior, look at the sanctuary and at the office. Both have undergone dramatic physical transformation with our audio-visual upgrades, change in personnel and workflow. More than the physical changes, the transformations are what we aspire to be: mission-minded, abundance-attitudinal, pro-active and praise-oriented.

There is no doubt in my mind that we will miss one another. But there is also no doubt in my mind that God is doing a new thing within and for all of us. Our whirlwinds will continue for a while. We hope to close on our new home July 10 and start our new callings July 15. We hope to sell our home here (yes, we're burying St. Joseph for the cause). And I would encourage you to live in or into hope for what God has in mind for the next exciting chapter of this church. The psalmist closes Psalm 77 saying: your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock. (Psalm 77:19-20).

Go with God.

~ Carrie

Lectionary for July

July 7

4th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1–14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:[1–6] 7–16
Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

July 14

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7–17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1–14
Luke 10:25–37

July 21

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1–12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15–28
Luke 10:38–42

July 28

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2–10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19]
Luke 11:1–13

Lectionary for August

August 4

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1–11
Psalm 107:1–9, 43
Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21

August 11

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20
Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23
Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16
Luke 12:32–40

August 18

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1–7
Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19
Hebrews 11:29–12:2
Luke 12:49–56

August 25

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4–10
Psalm 71:1–6
Hebrews 12:18–29
Luke 13:10–17



Members with July or August Birthdays

Sara Ann Adams
Wendy Amborski
Oliver Ash
Madeline Ashworth
Robert Avery
Cindy Barben
Nancy Chesterton
Brandon Cooper
Martha Crawford
Dick Crawford
Matthew Crowley
Lydia Diekmann
Caleb Drake

Arthur Falter
David Ferris
Sylvia Fix
Anne Francis
Charlie Francis
Meredith Glenning
Zack Harper
Caroline Hill
Daniel Holmes
Abigail Howard
Mary Jo Hultz
Addie Ivey
Gerry Johnston

Geraldine Kelly
Bob Klie
Alexa Knapp
Sara Loveys
Will Marsh
Daniel Mecredy
Gail Miller
Emily Oldfield
Owen Oldfield
Sadie Oldfield
Sonja Poe
Marissa Polizzi
Joseph Reiners

Robert Shone
Maria Smith
Tim Smith
Kevin Steele
Ryan Steele
Rachel Taylor
David Testa
Carol Tiemann
Evan Michael Tome
Ginny Vorhis
Piper Wilson
Donald Zimmer
Mary Ann Zipfel

Wishing you a birthday that is full of laughter, love, and special memories!
(if we missed you—please let the office know)

Pastoral Transition Team

Transition Team Purpose Statement

A Transition Team was formed at the request of and approved by Session. Members are Anne Francis, Jen Lake, Matt Lake, Heze Simmons, Janette Henderson (co-chair), and Cindy Becker (co-chair).

The purpose of this team is currently two-fold:

- 1) To provide a forum for the congregation to grieve, celebrate, and adjust to the changes resulting from the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Carrie Mitchell.
- 2) To enable the accomplishment of the following tasks:
 - Ensure the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with Carrie is handled expeditiously, being mindful of the grieving, celebration, and acceptance process for both the pastor and the congregation.
 - Ensure provisions are made for the continuation of all pastoral services.
 - Enter into a time of discernment, review, reflection, rediscovery, and visioning based on the 2018 Mission Study, Holy Cow survey, and other pertinent background information.
 - Evaluate and provide our findings and recommendations to the Session and the Senior Pastor.

The team will communicate progress on the above on a regular basis, however, please feel free to contact the co-chairs, other team members, and Jeffrey with questions and concerns. As well, prayers and support for the team, staff, congregation, and of course, the Mitchells are greatly appreciated.

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**Our Habitat Build to Begin July 16 at 120
Holworthy Street!
Important New Sign-Up Instructions!**

The foundation is coming along at 120 Holworthy St. for our HABITAT INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP (HIP) Coalition build. Next is waterproofing, then backfilling the hole, followed by “capping” the first floor to prepare for HIP volunteers to start!

July 16 – August 30 are now open and the campaign page is updated with instructions and the volunteer shifts. Please read through the campaign page for the updated instructions, and click the volunteer button to preview shifts. <https://give.rochesterhabitat.org/ge/hip2019>

One thing that is different from before, HIP will only be able to get to your shifts through the link above (not through the public volunteer calendar). We have had too many people signing up in the wrong spots, so Habitat want to make sure each group gets the volunteer opportunities that they have reserved for them.

Our build will be a 5 bedroom house with a handicap ramp for Zuleika Perez, her 4 children and her elderly mother. Zuleika will be helping us build her house as she contributes her sweat equity. Edwin will be the supervisor on our house and our volunteer scheduling will be for beginning the week of July 16th and forward from there.

For the first few weeks we can sign up for Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Saturday and as we move forward we have the flexibility to open days if needed. Starting NOW the sign-up to volunteer will be available online

at <https://give.rochesterhabitat.org/ge/hip2019>. Once the first few weeks are set up, updating and opening new weeks will be posted on a rolling basis. You will be able to volunteer for a full day or a half day in the morning with the flexibility of staying the entire day if you so choose. If you are already registered go to the above link and use your password when it comes to that point.

You must register with Habitat before you will be able to select dates to volunteer. If you have not registered please go to <https://give.rochesterhabitat.org/ge/hip2019> and follow the instructions to register. If you have any questions or have any problems registering please email Dianne Brown at dibrown@rochester.rr.com.

The construction team has been updated that HIP is hoping for July 27th wall raising and they will let us know if they can make that work. You do not have to have any construction skills to volunteer on this build! Edwin is a great teacher and will find a job suited to you and will teach you what and how to do the job. You do not have to bring any tools to the job site as all will be provided. The web site will give you further information. Please let Dianne know that you have registered as we would like to keep track of our participation in this great mission work.

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Estate Planning: An Abiding Witness

The church has been the beneficiary of planned gifts from the Estates of members and friends. Remarkably, there have been faithful members who have either had no Will and Testament, or may not have been aware of how to include the church in their estate plans. Consider the following reflection as a helpful reminder of how we all can be good stewards of the resources we leave behind.

The life we live is the legacy we leave. But what do we have to say in our farewell address? Your Last Will and Testament may be the last thing you write that anyone will read. Is it enough to say who gets what or is it an opportunity to pass on your values to your heirs? Eloquent Wills of old often contained personal statements that revealed as much about the departed's beliefs as they did about their estates. Today's Wills tend to be boilerplate statements bequeathing all one's earthly possessions to their children equally or grandchildren by right of representation. But where is the lesson? Should we so robotically hand off all the material possessions we worked so hard for with no lesson attached, or are we missing out on our last best opportunity to teach our children our values? A Last Will and Testament or Trust that leaves some portion of your estate—even a small portion—to your Church, a charity or favored cause tells your family in very certain and final terms what you value, and just may leave such a lasting impression that as your loved ones share your estate they too may learn to share your values. What a great legacy to leave.

Regardless of your age, economic status, or circumstance, now is a good time to review your estate plans and remember the church in them. There are a number of advisors from the financial and legal community who are most willing to assist you in this regard especially as you seek to remember your church. If you would like to learn more, the church office can direct you to the most appropriate advisors.

Penny Pincher Sale

The Penny Pincher Sale is planned for October 7–11 this year: Set up 7–9 and the Sale on October 10 and 11.

Please start saving all your “treasures” for us—antiques and collectibles, tools, furniture, garden equipment, computers (complete), sports equipment, holiday items, craft supplies, books, CD's and DVD's, home and office supplies, electronics, dishes and glassware, toys, puzzles & games, small appliances (working), linens. (Sorry, No Clothing!)

Can ya Kenya in 2020??

We are organizing our international mission trip to In-Step Children's orphanage. Departing 12/27/19 and returning 1/8/20. We will be taking a dental team, pediatrician, builders and teachers. We are looking for dental assistants (no experience needed) to help our two dentists. A nurse to assist with pediatric check-ups. We will be constructing a cover hard top dining pavilion and construction workers are needed. And finally, we will be teaching the junior and senior high students. Anyone willing to write a seven day curriculum and teach is welcome to submit ideas and join us. A one-day safari in Nairobi is included in the \$1,800 cost. A three-day safari can be added to the end of trip. We will be fundraising this fall to help defray costs. For more information contact Dan Traina or Dan Harrison at 585-208-6839.

Eve Circle

Eve Circle will meet on Monday, June 24, at 4 pm at Margaret Mecredy's for our dinner meeting. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Come with ideas on what to read and discuss for next year.

Needle Nellies

Needle Nellies will get together in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 25 from 11-1:30. Please bring your lunch, sense of humor and helpful hints or patterns. Questions: Kay Saxum 385-9807

Summer is finally here! Make sure to enjoy the nice warm months! July is jam packed full of trips, so all local youth events will resume starting in August. Make sure to look out for messages regarding what those events will be!



Our summer is full of events this year. July is jam packed with all sorts of big fun trips and groups. This year we start off with JASY, as can be seen in the picture above to the left, where one of our youth is having fun with one of the young Jamaican children we will work with. After that, we head back to Purdue University this summer as part of the PCUSA's Triennium. Some of our youth can be seen in the picture in the top right having fun and collecting pins, an all time favorite activity at this event. Finally, we end July with our annual VBS group. The youth group loves helping out with this event every year and we have a great time putting it on. This year's theme is based around sports, so our kids are pumped up and full of energy to spend! Check out the other two photos on the right for some action from a previous VBS.



Christian Education

Vacation Bible School

July 22 - 26 from 8:45 am—12:15 pm

Everyone is invited to join us this year for Vacation Bible School. This week of Games and Bible Study will help children connect over the summer. Our theme for this year is "Games for the Body, Mind, and Spirit."

We will be inside and outside playing games and finding out how games can help us learn about God. Children should dress in clothes that they can get dirty and participate in craft activities with paint and glue.

Children who are able to use the bathroom independently are encouraged to register. Please let us know of any allergies. Registration is online at www.pittsfordpres.org/vbs - Or by calling the church office.

Upcoming Events	
Men's Prayer Breakfast	7/7 7:00 am
Eve Circle	6/24 4:00 pm
Not so Basic Bible Study	Mondays 7:30 pm
Prayer Support Group	Mondays 11:00 am
Bible Study	Weds. 7:15 pm
Men's Ecumenical Group	Thursdays 7:15 am
Adult Study	Sundays 8:15 am

Plan on the Art Show

Do you sew, paint, draw, do pottery, wood working, or work in any medium you would like to display in the art exhibit? On Wednesday, August 28, there is an open house for the public and people from the church from 6:30pm-8:30pm with light refreshments. Post card invitations for you to mail out to your friends will be available Sunday June 23.

Beginning August 26, we will be taking 1-3 pieces of art from each individual to display in Fellowship Hall. The pieces can then be retrieved after coffee hour has concluded on September 1 or the following Tuesday, September 3.

Summer Sunday School

A great way for children to transition into the next Sunday School year!

The church begins having one summer service on June 23 at 9:30 am. After the Mouse Report, children can meet their teacher in the Narthex for a group Sunday school. We may go outside but will always learn, study, discuss, and play. Children can be picked up outside or in the Narthex after worship.




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Psalm 77:19-20

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