



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PITTSFORD

THE GOOD NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

Embracing and Sharing Christ's Love

CHARTING THE COURSE WITH PASTOR AARON

After a long day of work, it can be very comforting to pull into your driveway, step out of your car, and walk into your house. It is a joy to be greeted by your loved ones, to pet your animals, or to just take in the familiar sounds and smells. At its best, home is about family, and coming home is good.

One thing that I love about the church is that, from its very beginning, its members have viewed each other as family. In those early years, converting to Christianity was controversial and, sometimes, converts were forced to choose between either their families or the church. Often, they chose the church, leading to being rejected by their families, making the church the only family they had. It's no wonder the church was called the "household of faith" (Galatians 6:10), and early Christians called themselves "brothers" and "sisters" (Colossians 1:2), Christ their "brother" (Hebrews 2:11), and God their "father" (Galatians 4:6). This way of talking about the church has stuck over the centuries, because, when it is healthy, the church is where we have our most important relationships. The church is a family, and First Presbyterian Church is our household within that family.

Right now, approximately half of our congregation worships together in-person and the other half worships remotely. COVID is not behind us yet, and some of you have serious and legitimate reasons to continue worshipping remotely. However, I have also heard from many of you who have said that these past two years of COVID have put you out of the habit of attending worship in-person. You would like to begin worshipping in-person again, but it's difficult restarting a broken habit. That's why, in September, the Worship & Music Committee will be hosting a three-week "Homecoming" event. The purpose of the "Homecoming" will be to encourage us to see the church as a family, and home is where our family is.

On September 11, we will be having our annual Kickoff Sunday, including the church picnic that follows the 10:00 am service. "Families have fun together!" On September 18, we will be having a blessing of the animals service at the 10:00 service. The entire service will take place on our Church Street lawn, because you will have the opportunity to bring your pets to church so they can be prayed for and blessed during worship. "Our families include our animals!" Then, on September 25, our worship at both services will be a hymn-sing. In the weeks leading up to that service, you will have the opportunity to tell us what your favorite hymn is and why. Then, we will incorporate those hymns into our service. There will be lots of singing and music that day! "Families sing together, and these are our songs!"

There will be more information coming to you about these services as the dates get closer. For now, mark your calendars and, if you can, make plans to come home to see your church family!

~ Aaron

Generosity/Stewardship Committee

As we get ready to kick-off our new program year the Generosity/Stewardship Committee just wanted to give you a quick update.

Our Stewardship Campaign Theme for this year is **Make a Difference** and **Consecration Sunday** will be **November 13, 2022**. The pledge packets will go out in the mail in mid-October.

Over the next few weeks and months until Consecration Sunday we will be sharing with you articles in *The Good News* and little snippets in the bulletins as well under the heading "Did You Know" (DYK) of ways that we Make a Difference. The following update supplied by Lee Fox of the Outreach Committee is a great example of how we at First Presbyterian Church Make a Difference.

With the guidance and assistance of Keeping Our Promise (KOP), a comprehensive resettlement program for our wartime allies, our congregation made a difference and continues to do so in the lives of one extended Afghan family who has settled in Pittsford next door to the church.

You repaired, painted, cleaned, and set up their home. You welcomed them with smiles, computers, and English lessons. You shopped with them and drank many cups of tea with them. You drove them to the doctor and helped them understand the myriad of bills and paperwork that filled their mailbox. You helped them persevere when Google translate couldn't translate the untranslatable.

Your enthusiasm, assistance, prayers, and donations have all helped to get our new neighbors on a path to success in the USA. We did not know what we didn't know when we agreed to welcome a refugee family in January 2022. But we have had a lot of on-the-job training, a few stumbles, and lots of laughter and more cups of tea. You make a difference.

The Generosity Committee

Lew Becker, Faye Casey, Bill Rieth, Paul Irving, Rob Rhodes, Steve Mizelle, Pastor Aaron Neff



New Mission Opportunity at the Breakfast Café!

The Outreach Committee is partnering with Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (TEPC) in their new venture to provide a free breakfast to anyone in their neighborhood. The church is situated in a low-income part of Rochester (Shelter St. off Jefferson Ave) so their Breakfast Café has been a great success so far with around 35-40 people attending.

The purpose of the Café is to provide a safe, welcoming location for dining and socializing in the neighborhood, while demonstrating Christians in action as a Matthew 25 church. The Café is staffed entirely by volunteers. So far it is open 8:30-11 am on the first and last Saturdays of the month. Volunteers from other churches are being recruited, and we at First Presbyterian would like to send a team to TEPC once a month on the last Saturday of every month.

Staffing consists of a chef/menu planner, one or two sous chefs, two wait staff, and a greeter (who takes everyone's order). If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, contact Janette Henderson at janette.henderson@gmail.com. Your commitment would be 7:30-11:30 am on a Saturday morning when available. Our next date is Saturday August 27. Please consider this exciting opportunity to work with another church in our Presbytery.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Mission Trip

We are going down to New Bern, North Carolina, to aid families effected by Hurricanes Florence and Matthew. We depart Saturday, January 7, and return one week later on Saturday, January 14, 2023. We will be staying in the New Hope Volunteer Village which is attached to the Neuse Forest Presbyterian Church. The Craven County Disaster team has the work sites, tools, and materials available. Volunteers just need to pay for transportation (share the cost of gas). For more information, contact Dan Harrison or Dan Traina.

d365 Devotional Group by Claudia Williams

This group receives a daily email with a short remark on the devotionals d365 and *Upper Room*. Some participants have d365 downloaded on their electronic devices, and some haven't. Some have picked up an *Upper Room* at church and some haven't. I enjoy setting aside time in the morning to read some scriptures and reflect on how they speak to me. Most participants respond on the occasion with an emoji, or a short comment, but mostly when I see them in church they say, "I enjoy reading the devotionals." If interested in starting or furthering your reading of scriptures please join us. You can drop out at any time and no one knows except you and Craig.

Deacon Events

▪ Sunday, September 11 - Church Picnic

Celebrate our return to school and two services with a good old-fashioned picnic following the 10:00 am service. All the food, drinks, and supplies are provided, so just show up and enjoy connecting with your church family.

▪ Sunday, October 2 - Cooking Club - 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Oktoberfest – German-themed meal will be prepared. Cost is \$7.00. All are welcome. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

▪ Sunday, November 13 - Hamilton - The Musical

We have purchased a special block of tickets for the 6:00 pm show. The Rochester Broadway Theater League has these seats at the Auditorium Theater available to our church members for \$70.00. Contact Dan Traina at 585-208-6839 to buy tickets.

Anthony Circle

On Wednesday, September 7, at 10 am we will meet at the Fishers Fire Department on Main Street in Fishers. Please rsvp if you plan on attending so we don't leave anyone behind. Claudia 585-474-3135.

In October we will participate in the Penny Pincher Sale, October 2-7. Please save some time to participate. This is Presbyterian Women's major fundraiser.

New Mission Opportunity with Habitat for Humanity!

Our HIP Coalition (Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Partnership) is planning “warm-up” opportunities to get in shape for our Spring/Summer 2023 house build which will be our coalitions 8th since 2001! On Friday, September 23, and/or Saturday, October 8, we are offering an opportunity to help with Flower City Habitat as an introduction to our upcoming build.

No skills or tools are needed for this endeavor! The Habitat construction team are trained professionals who will walk you through your assigned tasks while volunteering, according to your ability.

We'd love to see some “new blood” in this project as a number of our previous volunteers are no longer able to participate. It is an opportunity to meet enthusiastic volunteers and have fun while helping a family build their future home!

For more construction information go to rochesterhabitat.org and click on “volunteer” and then down to “construction.” To sign-up go to give.rochesterhabitat.org/volunteer_calendar and go to the above dates. Please text Dianne Brown at 585-490-0015 with any questions and also let her know if you are volunteering on one of those dates. Thank you all for your enthusiasm for this mission opportunity right here at home!

Lectionary for September

September 4
13th Sunday after
Pentecost
Jeremiah 18:1–11
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
Philemon 1–21
Luke 14:25–33

September 11
14th Sunday after
Pentecost
Jeremiah 4:11–12,
22–28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12–17
Luke 15:1–10

September 18
15th Sunday after
Pentecost
Jeremiah 8:18–9:1
Psalm 79:1–9
1 Timothy 2:1–7
Luke 16:1–13

September 25
16th Sunday after
Pentecost
Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15
Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16
1 Timothy 6:6–19
Luke 16:19–31

Did You Know?

Our trustees recently completed a project replacing Fellowship Hall lighting with LED fixtures. Energy consumption is cut in half with an estimated annual saving of \$500. Another example of faithful stewardship of your contributions and our environment!!!

Welcome to Our New Members!



Michael, Angela and Grace Chihoski

Mike, Angela, and Grace have joined First Presbyterian as Affiliate Members, their home church being Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. The family, also including Nick who was just confirmed at our church, and JD, relocated to Pittsford for Mike's job as an engineer at the University of Rochester. Angela describes herself a wife, mother, and scientist—a geologist. Their daughter Grace is in high school where she participates in debate and quizzbowl, among other activities. She also likes to hike and travel.



Robert Franklin

A father of two daughters and grandfather of five, all living in California, Bob enjoys home improvement projects, travel, and bicycling in his retirement.

Karen Milla

Originally from Honduras, Karen moved to Rochester ten years ago for a residency at Eastman Dental University of Rochester. She likes to bike and walk with her dog, and going to the beach for vacation.



Katherine Dunn

A devoted mother of three children and one granddaughter, Kathy treasures time spent with family and friends. You can also find her cooking, baking, sewing, and making candy.

Penny Pincher Sale Reminder

This year the Presbyterian Women's Penny Pincher Sale is the week of **October 3-7**.

Table Set-Up: Sunday, Oct. 2 after 10 am service

Drop-off Dates: *DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OUTSIDE!*

Mon.-Tues., Oct. 3 + 4, 9:30 am to 4 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 9:30 am-noon

Sale Dates:

Thursday, Oct. 6, 9 am-5 pm

Friday, Oct. 7, ½ Price Sale, 9 am-noon; \$2 Bag Sale, 12:15-1:30 pm

Load Van & Clean Up: Friday, Oct. 7, 1:30-4 pm

▪ As you clean out, reorganize, or downsize in the next few weeks, please keep us in mind for donations.

Our Wish List: small working appliances, antiques, collectibles, books, CDs, DVDs, sports equipment, holiday items, dishes, glassware, furniture, jewelry, kitchen and household items, craft supplies, stationery/office items, toys, games and puzzles, tools and garden equipment, electronics and linens. *ALL DONATIONS MUST BE CLEAN AND USABLE.* Please mark sizes on sheets and tablecloths with a piece of tape—this really helps. Be sure that all small electrical items are in working order.

▪ We do **NOT** accept: electronics like TVs, computers, stereos, clothing, large exercise equipment, grills, large appliances, skis, boots and poles. If you have a large or unusual item, please ask first. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Sign-up in Fellowship Hall starting Sept. 11.

Eve Circle

Eve Circle will meet Monday, September 26, at 12:30 pm in room 200 to discuss Lesson 4 of Horizons' *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*.

Needle Nellies

Needle Nellies will meet on Tuesday, August 30, 11 am–1:30 pm. Please bring your lunch, drink, and project. **ATTENTION:** We will meet in Room 200. For more information contact Kay Saxum 585.385.9807



News from the Nursery School

It's the most wonderful time of the year ☺ Well, at least one of the most! Once again the teachers and I are preparing for your children and their precious faces, field trips, and so much glitter! I cannot wait to see old friends and make new ones. We were busy over the summer hiring a new teacher and a new aide, both of whom are very excited for the school year to begin. September will see meet and greets, sales of custom clothing, and a family "get to know you better" event. Of course, a lot of learning in so many ways. As always, please come visit our classrooms, view the children's art work, you will find it hard not to smile when you see their faces. Thank you for your continued support! Here's to a wonderful 2022-2023 school year!!

Teresa Zatyko, Director Pittsford Nursery School

OPTIMISTS

Friday, September 9, at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Bring your lunch and socialize. Hot beverages will be provided.

Program: Preview of October genealogy meeting. See you in September!

Yoga Class

As we enter into the Fall, you may have thought about what you have not or could not do yet this year. Is making your health and the commitment to a continuously independent body one of those? Then this is the class for you! A 25-year experienced yoga instructor and nurse will guide you in a gentle, nurturing way to improve balance, flexibility, and strength while making you feel better than ever before! Thursday yoga with Lisa resumes on September 1 in the second floor Chapel, 10-11 am. Please bring a mat, \$10 (first class free for new people)...and bring a friend.



September 25

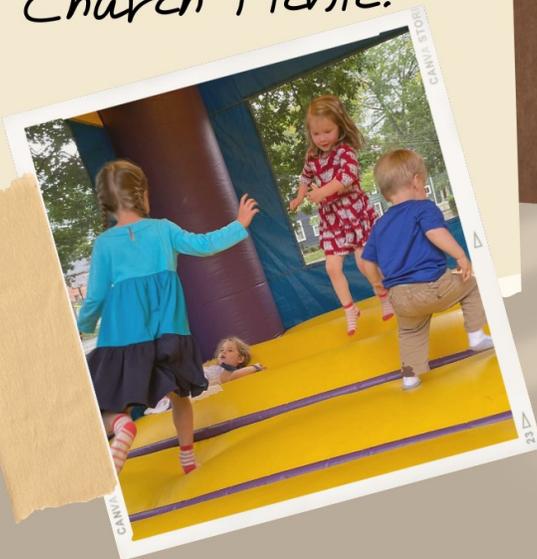
Hymn sing at 10

am service!



Homecoming at
First Presbyterian

September 11
Back to two services:
8:30 and 10 am!
Church Picnic!



September 18
Blessing of the
Animals at 10 am
outdoor service!



Faith & GriefSM

Are you grieving a loved one or know someone who is?

Come find connection and comfort as we host a 6-week bereavement program at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford this fall.

We have partnered with Faith & Grief Ministries to offer their workshop with an evening and afternoon option:

- **Monday nights starting September 19 at 6:00 pm**
- **Thursday afternoons starting September 22 at 1:30 pm**

This is a safe place for those who are grieving. Participants will explore sacred stories related to grief, share their stories in small groups, and be introduced to spiritual practices designed to promote comfort and healing.

To learn more contact Deb Matrachisia at debmat9267@gmail.com or 585.752.5584



Fellow Garden Lovers!

The following dates are for working in the gardens to keep them beautiful for our church!

Wednesday, September 14, 9:30 to 11:30 am (Rain date is the 15th, same time)

Wednesday, October 12, 9:30 to 11:30 am (rain date is the 13th, same time)

Please bring your garden equipment. Snacks and drinks will be provided!

Contact: Debbie Gaudion 749-3878

Let the Bells ring again!

The First Presbyterian Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals soon, but if you've always been a bit curious about our bells and would like to learn a little more, please stop in at the **Handbell Open House** on Wednesday, September 7, from 6-7 pm in the music room. We'll have an assortment of bells out and you can give one a try, also learn a bit about handbell methods and history. No prior experience or commitment necessary.

Regular rehearsals will begin on September 14, weekly from 6:30-7:15 pm, in the music room. We welcome new and returning ringers—the most essential skills needed are patience, humor, and being able to count. Hope to see you soon! Dede Holmes



Children's Choir Opportunities

Children's Choir Opportunities are scheduled during the LOGOS program on Wednesday afternoons beginning on September 14 and during the Sunday School hour. Following is a nutshell version of the groups:

Wee Kirksingers pre-K-1st grade: beginning music skills, learning songs by rote, music & movement

Celebrate Choir 2nd-6th grade: learn vocal exercises, hymn tunes, learn to "read" music, beginning chime and bell ringing

Sunday School songs will be shared for those who would like to join in when the LOGOS choirs sing in worship

Our goal is for our children to share in worship at least once a month. The first opportunity will be during the Hymn Sing on September 25! *Shall We Gather at the River?* Again! The children will reprise their Spring rendition of that favorite hymn tune.

For more detailed information contact Dede Holmes either after church on Sundays or by email dedeholmes1954@gmail.com.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Psalm 95:1



Christian Education

Sunday School and Youth Events Registration

You should have already received an email inviting you to register your child or youth for the programs offered at church. This helps us make sure we have correct ages, grades, and allergy information but also lets us know which programs you plan on engaging in this year.

This form does not restrict you or your family from participating in any program and is used for informational purposes only. Find it here:

<https://www.pittsfordpres.org/family-registration>

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study
8:30 am hybrid

Monday Night Bible Study
7 pm Zoom

Tuesday Highlands Bible Study
1 pm Highlands Music Room

Wednesday Bible Study
7:15 pm hybrid

Thursday Women's Bible Study
Noon FPC Library

Coming up in Sunday School:

September 11

Meet your teachers

Theme: Responsibility for creation

Activity: Planting beans and flowers



September 18

Moses and the burning bush

Theme: God calls us by name

Activity: Ages 4-7 computers

Ages 8-10 cooking



September 25

Loving God

Theme: 10 Commandments

Activity: Games



LOGOS Begins

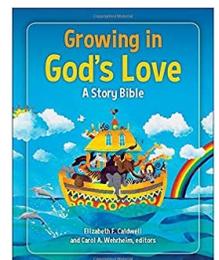
Logos starts back on Wednesday, September 14, at 4:15 pm. Register your school age child at <https://www.pittsfordpres.org/family-registration>. Games, crafts, music, bible study, and dinner connect your child with the loving intergenerational community at the LOGOS program.

Sept 14 -GAGA for LOGOS - WELCOME BACK! — Sept 21 - Mission Introduction—Sept 28 - Bring a Buddy Night— Oct 5 - No LOGOS

Bibles for Second Graders

This year we will be presenting Bibles during worship on September 11 to all 2nd graders.

If you know of any 2nd graders who would like a Bible please let Craig know in the office or by email. craig.kunkle@pittsfordpres.org



Members with September Birthdays



Patricia Adams
George Adams
Kelby Ash
Alexa Ashworth
Alyssa Ashworth
Carole Bell
James Bouchard
Richard Burton
Elizabeth Bynum
Matthew Campbell
Beth Collins

Drew Diekmann
Emmalie Drake
Grace Fox
Barbara Harper
Dede Holmes
Elizabeth Johnson
Hannah Johnson
Marin Kilmer
Grady McElveney
John Mecredy
Jackson Mooney

Donna Osborne
Rob Rhodes
Kay Saxum
Kenneth Shaffer
AnnMarie Simmons
Bradley Tome
Daniel Wilborn
Claudia Williams
Roger Wilson

*Wishing you a birthday that is full of laughter,
love, and special memories!*

If we missed you, please let the office know.

Congratulations FPC Youth!
You made it into the 2022-2023
Presbyterian Planning Calendar
published by PC(USA)!



Youth Events

7th – 12th Grades



Save the DATES!



- September 10 — Service opportunity at Food Truck Rodeo
- September 11 — Kick-Off Picnic after church
- September 30–October 2 — Camping Trip to Cayuga Lake
- November 20 — Service Opportunity Serving at the Advent Brunch
- December 3 — Service Opportunity at the Pittsford Food Cupboard 9:30 am
- December 10–11 — Christmas Caroling and Youth Lock-In
- February 5 — Youth Sunday
- February 19–25 — Mission Trip

Youth @ Living LOGOS

Grades 7th-12th

Drop-in and out anytime between 3pm and 8pm
Dinner is served at 6pm

September 14
September 21
September 28
October 12
October 19
October 26
November 2
November 9

November 16
November 30
December 7
January 4
January 11
January 18
January 25
February 1

February 8
February 15
March 1
March 8
March 15
March 22

🕒 Youth @ Living LOGOS Tentative Schedule 🕒

3:00pm → Homework 📖📚, snacks 🍪, relax 🛋️ in the Youth Room

4:30pm → "Out and About" – Starbucks, Yotality, Canal, downtown

5:00pm → Option 1: Help with LOGOS Games 🎮 or Crafts 🎨
Option 2: Do homework/ hang out in Youth Room

5:30pm → Option 1: Help with LOGOS Bible Study 📖
Option 2: Bible Study/ Devotions with Rev. Erin 📖

6:00pm → DINNER! 🍽️

(The cost of dinner for all 7th-12th graders will be covered by the Youth Budget)

6:30pm → Youth (grades 7-12) Only Activities

Sardines 🐟, Hide and Seek 🕵️, Movies 🎬🍿,
Messy Game Night 🧼🗑️, art 🎨, laser tag 🎯...

8:00pm → pick up at the Locust Street doors 🚗

Congratulations to Sadie Oldfield for being selected to receive the Wurffel-Sills Scholarship from the Synod of the Northeast! The Karl, John, Elizabeth Wurffel Memorial Fund and The Allie L. Sills Memorial Fund was established to assist students with their higher educational goals. Since 1991, the Synod of the Northeast has assisted over 1,000 students with an interest-free student loan, scholarship, or both.



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*... come home to see your
church family!*

Rev. Aaron

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