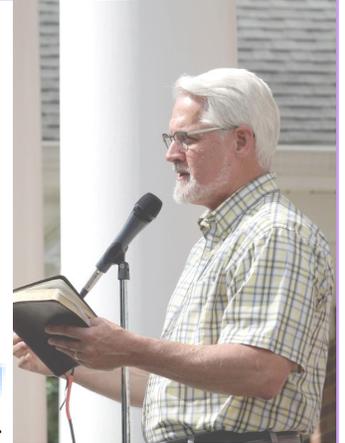


## FROM YOUR MINISTER JIMMY READER

We are in the 5<sup>th</sup> month of the COVID-19 pandemic. I don't need to tell you that. It has changed our lives and the way we "do church." Everything has changed, and nothing will ever go back to "normal." What was "normal" may have not been the best for our world or for the church anyway. We have the opportunity now to find good – and perhaps better – ways to live together as a nation, as a church, as a community, and in our homes. This has become **our biggest challenge**.



**How can we be a church community** without physical presence, without hugs and handshakes and meals and sharing in close spaces? I do hope we will be able to do those things again sooner rather than later, but it may be too long a time for some of us. – We are learning in practical ways how to stay in touch and communicate and even worship together "virtually" – online, by Zoom, via our church app and our website and Facebook. Even now that we have Sunday services in-person, we will continue to record on video and post them online. As we learn to use our church phone app, we will have other ways to connect with everything at our "fingertips." We have been in a new "digital" age for some time, with most people learning and connecting in these ways. Our church has arrived!

Along with the pandemic, racism has reared its ugly head. Some have called it "America's Original Sin." A poll just last week showed a majority of Americans want to see significant changes in how we as a nation treat people of color, especially Black and Indigenous people, and there are organized groups in Pittsford committed to this change. We were planning before all the protests began to do a series of events on Racism, both for our church members and the Pittsford community. It is co-sponsored by the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in Rochester. Their director, Kit Miller, will lead all the workshops and events through the end of the year.

These are the **two events in August**:

- **Wednesday, August 5, 7:00-8:30 pm ... "White Privilege"**

*"You cannot dismantle what you cannot see.*

*You cannot challenge what you can't understand." -Layla Saad*

White privilege is a phrase generated by anti-racism educator Peggy McIntosh. This experiential workshop is intended to help white-identifying participants understand white privilege both as shared social conditioning and as a systemic form of injustice. We will explore and commit to actions for losing our privilege and gaining a more just and peaceful society.

- **Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 pm Aug 19-Sept 16**

**A Book Group on *White Fragility* by Robin D'Angelo**

This book group is for white people who are interested in and committed to deepening their understanding of their own racial identity, increasing their skills and resilience for the work of ending racism in our community and beyond, and in support racial accountability for white people.

Both the workshop and the book group will be a virtual experience via Zoom. It's free and open to anyone, regardless of where they live. Registration is required. Go to our website at <https://ucpittsford.org/white-privilege-workshop>, and complete the registration form. Then we will send you additional information and the Zoom link to join the meeting.

Opposing racism and seeking to change how people of color are treated is a Christian responsibility. The more we understand and the more skills we learn to engage in that transformation, the more we can make a difference. Please join us, and spread the word to others. Thank you.

# ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HIRED!

## Briana Hanson

Out of more than 20 applicants, we chose someone who knows UCP, who understands our mission, and who wants to help the church reach out into the community. **Briana Hanson** will officially begin her work with us on Monday, August 31 and will be in the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to noon. Briana worked as our church admin a year ago during the summer. She helped create our new church website and phone app. She brings great skills to her work in the area of communication and media. And she has tons of energy and a desire to work with everyone. **Welcome, Briana!**



### FROM BRIANA HANSON:

Hello UCP! I'm excited to announce that I will be taking over the office secretary position (some big shoes to fill)! In May, I graduated from Nazareth College with degrees in Spanish and communication and media. I'm looking forward to working at the church and with this wonderful congregation. I hope to help strengthen our communication here as well as continually develop our media and create a more accessible church in these unprecedented times. Thank you everyone for your support over the years. Here's to the future!

*"You can not dismantle what you cannot see.  
You cannot challenge what you cannot understand."  
- Layla Saad*

## WHITE PRIVILEGE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5  
AT 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

AN EXPERIMENTAL WORKSHOP HELPING  
WHITE-IDENTIFYING PARTICIPANTS  
UNDERSTAND AND DISMANTLE  
WHITE PRIVILEGE

**OPEN TO ALL**

FREE REGISTRATION AT  
[UCPITTSFORD.ORG/WHITE-PRIVILEGE-WORKSHOP](http://UCPITTSFORD.ORG/WHITE-PRIVILEGE-WORKSHOP)

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- 8/1 Carol Harrison
- 8/2 Sue Miller
- 8/11 Kelsey Natale
- 8/13 Jenna Liu
- 8/23 Kathy Borden
- 8/25 Adele Fairbrother
- 8/28 Lois Brown
- 8/28 Jimmy Reader
- 8/29 Allen Merrifield



### OUTDOOR SERVICE DATES

August 2, 9 • 10:00am

### INDOOR SERVICE DATES

August 16, 23, 30 • 10:00am

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00am – 1:00pm

# MISSION & MINISTRIES

## PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD

During July and August they could use:

- Cookout condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc)
- Canned mandarin oranges
- Oatmeal
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Tampons
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap

*Thank you for donating and purchasing with a purpose!*



### MISSIONS DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING:

During these times of social distancing we are still collecting:

- Can tabs
- Eye glass and hearing aide items
- Box tops for education

Please just leave these items in the respective church office containers during summer hours : 9:00am – 1:00pm, Tues – Wed – Thurs

## READING THE BIBLE WITHOUT STOPPING?!

*Update on Leta and Anthony*



In an effort to raise awareness and money for their mission trip, Anthony and Leta will be reading all the way through scripture - without stopping - live online starting

**August 9 at 5:00pm.**

The couple invite you to watch, enter to win \$100, support financially, and pray for their mission!

The livestream link will be made available soon.

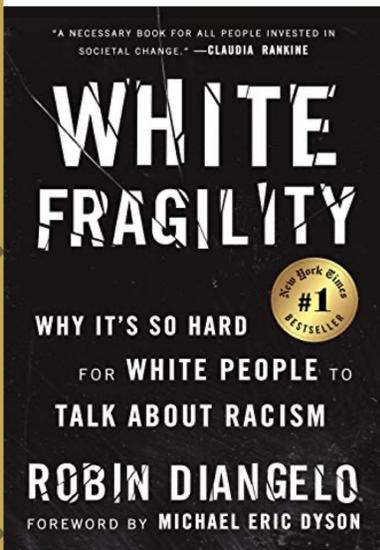
Learn more by visiting their page at

**[tinyurl.com/hungary-for-scripture](https://tinyurl.com/hungary-for-scripture)**



# WHITE FRAGILITY

## VIRTUAL BOOK GROUP



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*Led by Kit Miller, Director of the Ghandi Institute*

**WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM ■ AUG 19 - SEPT 16**

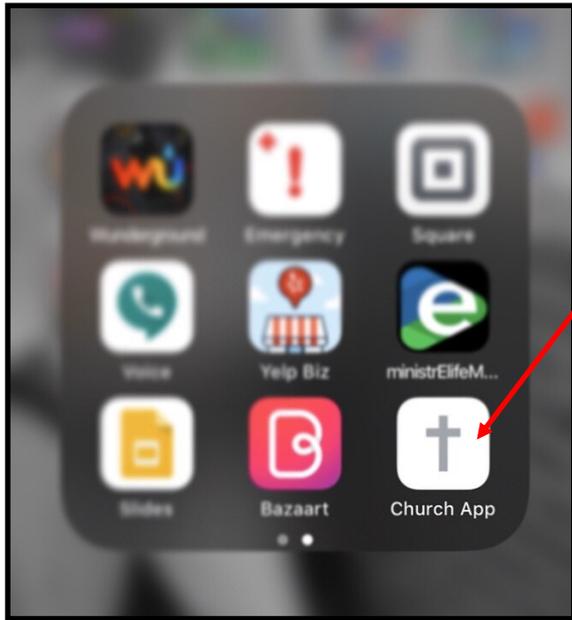
**SIGN UP FOR FREE AT  
[UCPITTSFORD.ORG/WHITE-FRAGILITY-BOOK-GROUP](https://ucpittsford.org/white-fragility-book-group)**

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# CONNECTIONS ON THE APP

Stay up to date with push notifications!

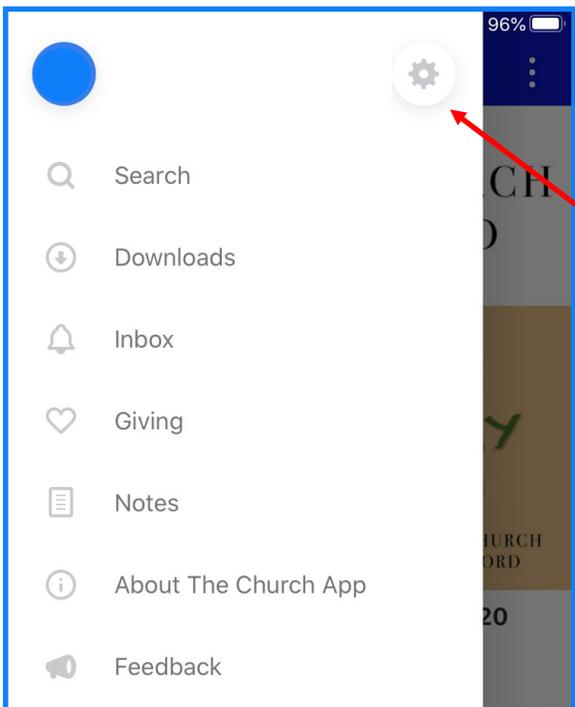
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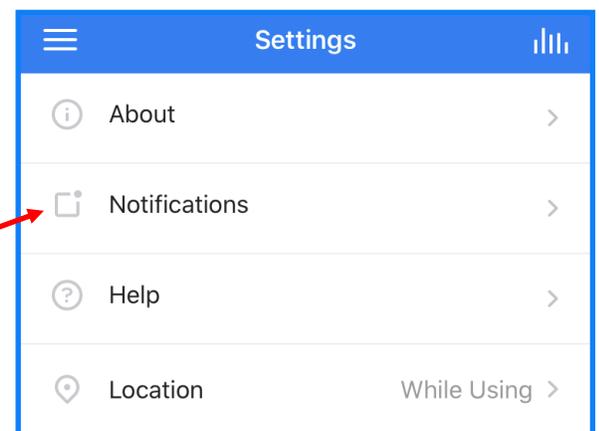
2.) Find the church app icon on your device and select it.



3.) On the home page, click the 3 lines at the top left.



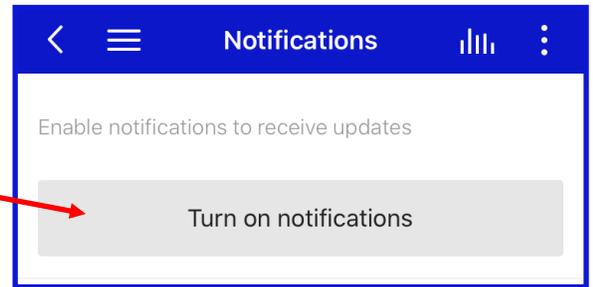
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5.) Click "Notifications"

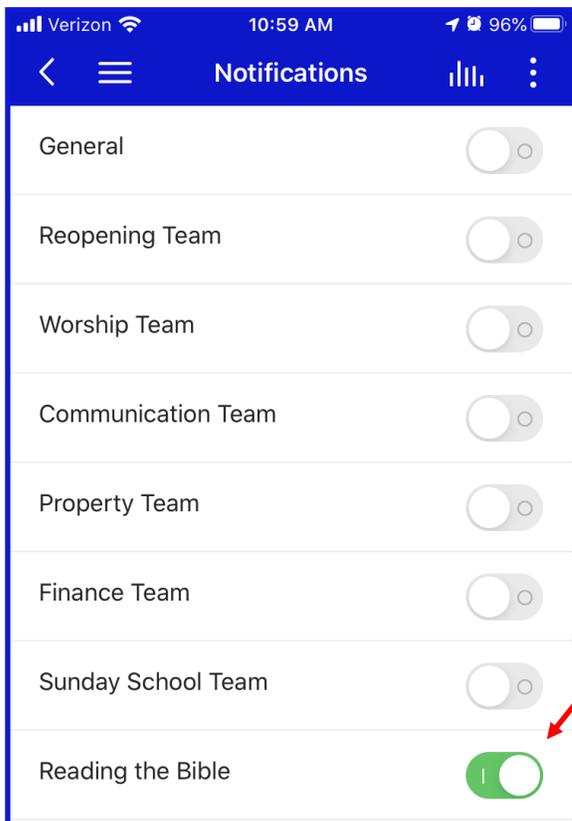
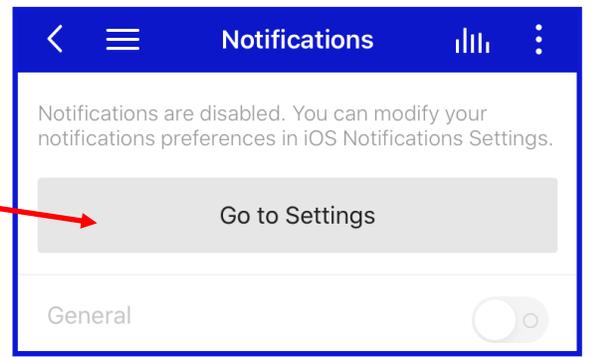
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6.) Click "Turn On Notifications"



7.) Click "United Church of Pittsford"

8.) Your device may prompt you to change the notification settings. If so, click "Go To Settings" and make sure notifications are turned on for this app.



9.) Turn on any "group" listed that you wish to be notified about.

**Thank you for staying up to date!**

The "Reading the Bible" group will take us through the entire New Testament over the next six months – by the end of December. All other teams on the app at the moment will be given direction as we start to open up.

While you're at it, check out videos and other content on the app today!



## OUR UNITED CHURCH CONNECTION



### AUGUST 1: VIRTUAL PEACE CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the **Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's Regional Virtual Summer Conference!**

Mark your calendars for our regional virtual Summer Conference! There will be activities for all ages, music and art. Visit <https://www.bpfna.org/regionales-2020> to register.

Afterwards, come August 29, we'll hold our International Virtual Peace Conference where all the regions will come together for the same online event, to talk about peace and justice. Join us and invite your friends and family! It will be great to see you. More details to come! And



### VICK AND PATHFINDER MINISTRIES OFFER "CAMPING OUT OF THE BOX"

Want to engage with your kids and connect with God this summer? Join in the fun! We are offering six weeks— *two of which are still left!* - of individualized programming for different age groups.

#### **Your Box Purchase Includes:**

- 10+ activities per week including materials - each week is unique, and theme based!
- Twice weekly "sing along" Campfires
- Daily social media challenges
- ...and more!

Learn and grow along with us with many hands on, interactive adventures as we all camp out of the box together! Visit [tinyurl.com/vpcc-camp-box](https://tinyurl.com/vpcc-camp-box)



*Pastor's Note: Joyce Space shared this with me, and we thought some of you might be interested and want to consider what he says.*

### TIME FOR THE CROSS AND FLAMES TO GO REV. EDLEN COWLEY, TEXAS, UM NEWS

I saw my first burning cross in 1979 when I was 10 years old. It was night. My family and I were on our way to Shreveport, Louisiana, from the parsonage of Miles Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Marshall, Texas, where my dad was pastor. We were comfortably talking and riding along when to our right, my mother pointed out a large burning cross just off the freeway. My mother told my brother, sister and me that the burning cross was a powerful image devised to evoke fear in black people.

Read more at [tinyurl.com/no-cross-flame](https://tinyurl.com/no-cross-flame)



### VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Earlier this spring, the Upper New York Conference postponed our Annual Conference with the hope of gathering together on Saturday, Oct. 3. The ongoing realities of COVID-19 and our commitment to the safety of those who will be a part of that gathering, has caused us to change these plans. Bishop Webb said, "Each of us from our own location will gather on **Saturday, October 3 for our Annual Conference session.** This will be an abbreviated session that will only deal with the essential business required. To view the message from Bishop Mark Webb regarding this year's arrangements., visit [tinyurl.com/unyumc](https://tinyurl.com/unyumc)



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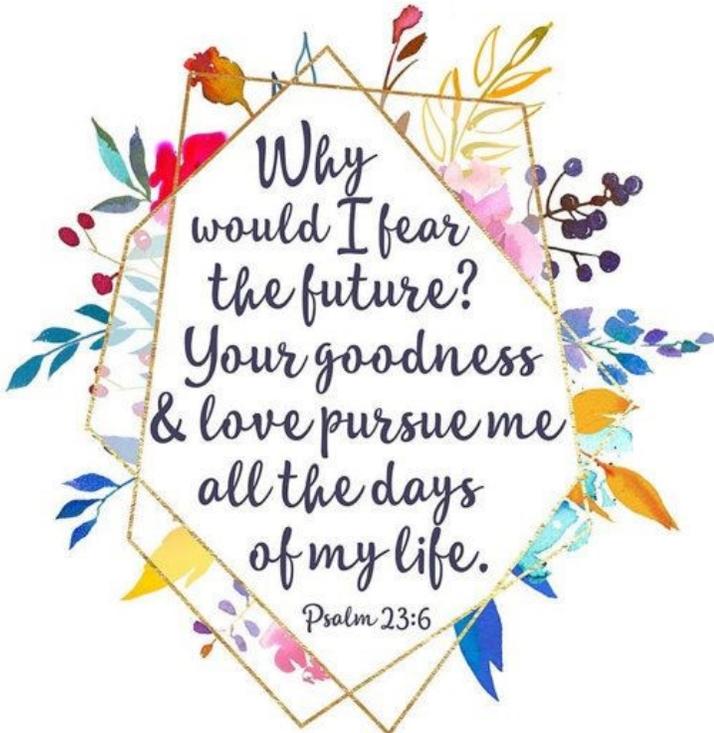


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2 10:00am Outdoor Worship Service	3 6:00pm Scouts (Outdoor Meeting)	4 7:00pm PUNS Executive Board Meeting	5 7:00pm ZOOM Workshop on White Privilege	6	7	8
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# — NAMES AND NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW —

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## COLLECTION CONTAINERS

We have the following containers in the office:

Used eye wear & HEARING AIDS  
(including batteries, etc.):

These go to Lions Clubs International.

Box Top\$ for Education

These go to Pittsford and Brighton School District.

Labels for Education

Discontinued by Campbells Co (2018).

Can pull tabs

(from canned fruits, vegetables, soups, meats, sauces, and beverages):

These go to St. Joseph's Catholic School in Penfield for Schriener project funding.



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