



# The Dialogue

December 2019

## FROM YOUR MINISTER JIMMY READER

By December each year, even with all the busyness of the Christmas and holiday season, we already begin to look ahead to another year. As a pastor, I certainly do that – for practical reasons like nominations and budgets and program planning – and for reasons like asking

*“What do we want to do as a congregation this coming year?”*

Here is a question for us to ask:

*“How can we enjoy our life and work together in 2020?”* -

What changes will be needed? What steps can we take to do what we do in ways that we all enjoy being together and working together toward our mission? I have ideas – don't I always? – but I invite you to think about your own answers to the questions. What ways do you see for us to do things differently to make a real difference in our life together?



We are still in 2019, though, and entering this Christmas season. More information about some of our programs can be found in this Dialogue. Here are the highlights:

- \* **Dec. 1: Hanging of the Greens** – Please join us for worship at 10:00 am for our traditional service of decorating the sanctuary for Advent and remembering the meaning behind it all.
- \* **Dec. 3: Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas?** – Co-sponsored by the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue at Nazareth College, this first of two Community Nights will feature a panel representing the Abrahamic faith traditions – Judaism, Islam, and Christianity – as we take an interfaith look at the holidays which come around Christmas each year.
- \* **Dec. 7: Christmas Craft Fair** – Bring the family, friends, and neighbors for a fun afternoon making various Christmas crafts.
- \* **Dec. 15: Children's Christmas Program and Christmas Tea** – Children and youth will present the annual Christmas program during the morning service, followed by our traditional Christmas Tea. Please join us.
- \* **Dec. 17: Happy Holidays of Merry Christmas?** – This second Community Night will bring together people from other faith traditions, such as Buddhism, Hinduism, and Baha'i, as we continue our interfaith look at celebrating the holidays.
- \* **Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service** – Our traditional candlelight service for the family will be at 7:00 p.m.

*Merry Christmas!*





# Cell Tower Progress



## MUSIC NOTES

### CHOIR NEWS

The Choir has been practicing music for Christmas for over a month now! Watch -- and listen -- for anthems with familiar

songs, as well as one new anthem, "Creation will be at Peace", which we will sing on December 8. We are fortunate that Linda and Dan Burnett are working on a flute duet for the Christmas Eve service. Hearing them play is always a special treat.

We miss Marilyn Grunert, who needs to be at home with Hal for now, and Bob Stookey, who is healing from his fall. With Bob missing, our versatile Michelle Kwarta is helping Dan with the tenor part when it's not too low, and we appreciate that. I greatly value the talents and dedication of the members of our small-but-powerful choir, who come when they possibly can be there.

*Fearless Leader Dot Borden*



# MISSION & MINISTRIES



## ARE YOU A CRAFTSMAN?

We would like to create new, moveable kneeling bench with rails for communion in the Methodist tradition.

If they are lightweight, yet sturdy, we can put them on wheels with locks and set them on the Sundays during the year when we will use them. If you know someone who might be interested, please let us know. Contact the pastor of Don Reeve. Thank you.



## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The trustees are looking for someone who could commit to being at the church on any day it has snowed overnight to clear the entrance and sidewalks by the driveway to the parking lot.

It must be done by 8:30 for PUNS parents to drop off their children for preschool. Two or three people might share the responsibility with clearly-defined schedules. If you are interested, please contact Don Reeve (704-3748) or the church office (586-6870). Thank you.

## SECRET SANTA CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

We are sponsoring one family who recently graduated from RAIHN. If you would like to buy a gift for them (or go in with someone else), check under the green and red RAIHN-brella in Howard Hall on the Missions bulletin board and follow the steps in order to participate.

*Please return all gifts by  
Wednesday, December 11.*



## MITTEN TREE

Once again, we will be collecting mittens and gloves on our "mitten tree" in Howard Hall. They will be distributed to those in need.

*Let the warmth in your heart allow others to feel warmth in their hands!*



## FOOD CUPBOARDS

Serving our community and our city!

### ROCHESTER COMMUNITY

#### FOOD CUPBOARD

**December 1:** tuna

**December 8:** box of tea bags

**December 15:** canned fruit

### PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD

Worship Services Collection Sundays:

**December 22 and 29**

Contact : Marilyn Krager

*Please consider the following items:*

- Hearty Soups ● Canned Meals ● Meats ● Tuna ●
- Vegetables, ● Fruit ●
- Cereals (Cold and Hot) ● Coffee ● Tea ● Hot cocoa packets ●
- Dry Skin Lotion, ● Chap Stick ● Deodorants ●
- Shampoos ● Laundry Detergent ●

### **Donate during the week!**

There is a collection basket in the church office for PFC!

*Thank you for your very generous support of requested Thanksgiving food items.*

*Many families will indeed have a Blessed Thanksgiving meal.*

*Marilyn Krager*

# STUDENT MINISTRY

We are signed up once again to participate in **Flower City Work Camp!**

This is an opportunity for 7th through 12th graders to spend their spring break meeting kids from different schools and serving all throughout the Rochester area!

Applications should be completed as soon as possible.

[www.flowercityworkcamp.org/student-app/](http://www.flowercityworkcamp.org/student-app/)

Please sign up no later than **Wednesday, December 11, 2019.**



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

### "All My Christmas Friends"

In this Christmas pageant, a girl falls asleep while waiting for her family to make it home through a snowstorm for Christmas. She has a vivid dream where people from the Bible tell her all about the first Christmas, bringing the nativity to life in her house.

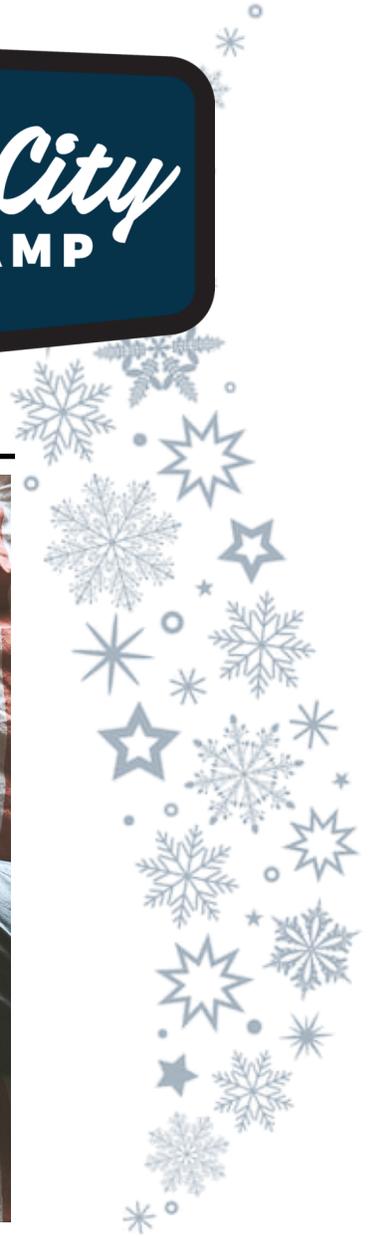
### ATTENTION ACTORS:

*Save the dates!* We will be rehearsing on the following **Sundays at 9:00 am:**

**December 1, 8, 15**

**SATURDAY DRESS REHEARSAL:**

**December 14 at 10:00 am**



### PERFORMANCE DATE:

**Sunday morning**

**December 15**

## FAMILIES OF FAITH

### CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENT:

### 12 ADVENT IDEAS

"You're probably familiar with the classic Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas." In it, a true love gives a gift every day for 12 days – from a partridge in a pear tree on the first day to 12 drummers drumming on the very last. In the spirit of that song, we're giving you 12 amazing advent ideas you can use or share with families to help them prepare their hearts for Christmas. Try one, or try them all. They're our gift to you – out of true love!"

*Read more at*

[childrensministry.com/the-12-ideas-of-advent](http://childrensministry.com/the-12-ideas-of-advent)



Merry Christmas  
or  
Happy Holidays?

Muhammad Shafiq

☾ DIRECTOR OF HICKEY CENTER  
FOR INTERFAITH STUDIES,  
NAZARETH COLLEGE

Amy Fowler

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PRESBYTERY OF THE  
GENESEE VALLEY

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Jimmy Reader

🕊 MINISTER, UNITED  
CHURCH OF PITTSFORD

Tuesday December 3

7:00pm - 8:30pm

123 South Main Street · Pittsford  
(Parking available off Sunset Blvd)

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@ NAZARETH COLLEGE

Join us after  
Pittsford Candlelight Night  
for a panel that will  
invite everyone to dialogue  
about how we differ  
and what we share  
in common.

Hot chocolate,  
coffee, and cookies  
will be available.

No fee · Donations accepted

Saturday December 14th, 8:00 AM–10:00 AM

# RISE & SHINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Sausage Links
- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs

**\$5**

- Maple Syrup
- Blueberry Topping
- Coffee, tea and juice

**United Church of Pittsford**

**123 South Main Street (at Sunset Blvd.)**

**(585) 586-6870 • [www.ucpittsford.org](http://www.ucpittsford.org)**

Proceeds will be donated to the Flower City Work Camp

## HOLIDAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, December 7, 4:00  
White Haven Memorial Park  
*All Seasons Chapel*

Everyone is invited to remember those we have loved and lost. This service is a time for friends and family to unite in a service of reflection. You are also welcome to submit names, photos, stories, and poems. Send to [nate@whitehavenmemorialpark.com](mailto:nate@whitehavenmemorialpark.com) by Monday, December 2.

We will enjoy some music by Madrigalia.

A cookie and beverage reception will follow the service.

For more information, please call 585-586-5250.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



12/4

Leta Williams

12/13

Karen White

12/15

Marty McCollum

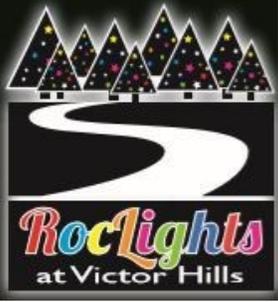
12/22

Jaxon Young

12/25

D'Arcy Dobbertin





## HOLIDAY LIGHTS & FRIENDLY FACES

Check out what Mike and Maggie Broker are doing new this year in Victor -

[www.roclights.com](http://www.roclights.com)

*Pictured below: Maddie Broker*



## COFFEE HOUR THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all the ladies who volunteer to help prepare the coffee for the Coffee Hour in Howard Hall on Sunday mornings. Also a thank you ahead of time for those who have said they will help for 2020.



## USHERS AND SHEPHERDS

A big thank-you to all the Ushers (and particularly their Team Leaders), and to all the Shepherds!

Your dedication to the church and tireless work 'behind the

scenes' helps make UCP the warm and caring community that people appreciate and compliment us on.

Have a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!

*- Donella*

**Save the Date!**  
**Don't miss our popular annual**

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT PARTY

**on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**



**Take a break from the Holiday rush and come join the fun!**

- ❖ Gingerbread houses
- ❖ Salt shaker snowmen
- ❖ Button trees
- ❖ Table decorations with greens, etc.
- ❖ Cookie decorations
- ❖ Pasta or candy trees
- ❖ Decorated balls
- ❖ Pine cone bird feeders
- ❖ and more...

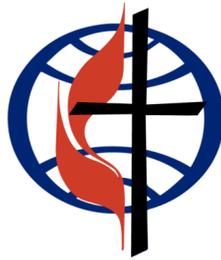
**Suggested donation:**

**\$3.00 per person, \$10.00 per family**

**All ages welcome!**

**Children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends**

**Hot chocolate and other beverages and snacks will be provided.**



### OGHS FUNDS RELEASED IN RESPONSE TO KINCADE WILDFIRE IN SONOMA COUNTY

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 11/4/19) – American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), has released \$10,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Disaster-relief Funds to CrossWalk Community Church, Napa, California.

CrossWalk – which has been a Red Cross evacuation site for many years – has been providing shelter since Oct. 27 for those evacuated from their homes because of the Kincadee wildfire that began Oct. 23 in Sonoma County wine country.

According to news reports, the fire has burned 77,758 acres of both state and private land. The fire has destroyed 352 structures, including at least 94 homes. Another 55 structures have been damaged. Four confirmed injuries are of fire personnel and civilians.

Read more at [tinyurl.com/abc-sonoma-fire](http://tinyurl.com/abc-sonoma-fire)

### WOODS ELECTED AS ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY OF AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 11/10/19) – At the November 2019 meeting of the Board of General Ministries yesterday, the Board voted to approve the nomination of Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods as Acting General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA).

Woods has served in the role of Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries with ABCUSA since 2003. In this role, Woods is responsible for encouraging the health and vitality of the 33 regional judicatories coast to coast throughout the United States. He previously served as Acting General Secretary from September 2018 through February 2019.

Read more: [tinurl.com/woods-abc](http://tinurl.com/woods-abc)



### GATHERING DREAMS OF INCLUSIVE FUTURE

K. GILBERT, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CA, UM NEWS

More than 200 United Methodists from the Western Jurisdiction gathered Nov. 14-16 to cast a vision and dream of a future for The United Methodist Church that is diverse and inclusive of “all God’s children.”

Participants at the Fresh United Methodism Summit at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church included the Western Jurisdiction bishops, delegates to the 2020 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, communicators and other leaders as well as a limited number of observers.

By the summit’s end, a working group of five clergy and five laity were elected as a visioning team. That team will bring a report to the 2020 Western Jurisdictional Conference to be held July 15-18, 2020, in Billings, Montana.

Read more at [tinyurl.com/inclusive-future](http://tinyurl.com/inclusive-future)



### YOUNG UNITED METHODIST ADVOCATES FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

REV. TE MAFORO, HARARE, ZIMBABWE, UM NEWS

The church needs to listen to the voices of young people and offer a safe space for abused children, said a member of junior Parliament during a Sunday service at St. Dorcas United Methodist Church.

“We do not need adults to become voices of the voiceless in the face of abuses against children,” said 17-year-old Melody Rudairo Nyamadzi, who represents the Kuwadzana East constituency in junior Parliament and is a member of United Methodist Youth Fellowship at St. Dorcas. “We have voices.” Her call was echoed by scores of children during a special Sunday service led by the children’s ministry at St. Dorcas. Pre-schoolers and junior scholars recited poems and Bible memory verses around the theme of “Our Faith, Our Rights and Our Livelihood.”

Junior Parliament serves as a leadership development and advocacy arm of the government on the rights and welfare of children. It mirrors the structure of senior Parliament.

Nyamadzi attends Kuwadzana One High

School. Read more: [tinyurl.com/young-umc-stands](http://tinyurl.com/young-umc-stands)



# December 2019



WITH THE  
UNITED CHURCH  
of PITTSFORD

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9AM Christmas Play Practice 10AM Worship Service 11:30AM Welcome	<b>2</b> 8AM PUNS Babysitting 9AM PUNS 7PM Music & Worship Committee	<b>3</b> 8AM PUNS Babysitting 9AM PUNS 7PM Community Night	<b>4</b> 9AM PUNS 6PM Village Squares	<b>5</b> 9AM PUNS 7PM PUNS Cleaning Night	<b>6</b> 9AM PUNS	<b>7</b> 2PM Christmas Craft Party
<b>8</b> 9AM Choir Practice 9AM Christmas Play Practice 10AM Worship Service 11:30AM Way of Life Series 1:30PM PUNS Open House	<b>9</b> 9AM PUNS 7PM Trustees Meeting	<b>10</b> 9AM PUNS 6PM PUNS Staff Meeting 7PM Deacons Meeting 7PM PUNS Full Board Meeting	<b>11</b> 9AM PUNS 6PM Village Squares 7PM Board of Christian Education	<b>12</b> 9AM PUNS	<b>13</b> 9AM PUNS	<b>14</b> 8AM Rise & Shine Pancake Breakfast 10AM Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
<b>15</b> 9AM Choir Practice 9AM Christmas Play Practice 10AM Worship Service	<b>16</b> 9AM PUNS 7PM Church Council	<b>17</b> 9AM PUNS 7PM Community Night	<b>18</b> 9AM PUNS 4:30PM Village Squares Holiday Dinner	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Dialogue Deadline</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10AM Worship Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service			<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10AM Worship Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>PLANNING AHEAD?</b>                      Check out our calendar online!                 </div>	

# — NAMES AND NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW —

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Leta Williams, Minister of Education	315-360-6908
Dot Borden, Choir Director	624-2284
Chen Liang, Organist and Pianist	
Scott Hanson, Moderator	586-6861
Don Reeve, Chair, Trustees	704-3748
Richard Ashworth, Chair, Deacons	381-2189
Jennifer Cranch, Chair, Board of Christian Education	749-4758

*all is calm  
all is  
bright*



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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.

