What are you doing this summer? – When I lived in Kansas, school was out in May and started after Labor Day. We had long, hot summers. In upstate New York, summer is only 10 weeks and beautiful, after a long cold winter and usually rainy spring. So we want to enjoy every moment of summer we can. We plan for camping, outdoor activities, gardening, boating, vacations – lots of fun, relaxing time.

In the midst of all the fun and the beautiful days, what else are we doing? Here are some thoughts:

- In this Dialogue, you will find some recommendations for summer reading. I want to suggest one more, following stories of racism in Pittsford schools. It’s an excellent book and fairly easy reading (although it may be hard to “hear”) – *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo.

- **Sunday worship** happens every Sunday through the summer. Come as you are for singing, sharing, praying, supporting one another, and listening for the Spirit’s voice.

- You will also find in this Dialogue a couple of ideas for **family time** during the summer. Since we don’t have Sunday School, parents or grandparents might want to spend time with their children remembering Bible stories, singing familiar songs, and thinking together about God.

- And remember that **serving, caring, and learning together** is a year-round, every day mission for the church.

Our **Mission Statement** describes what we as a congregation commit ourselves to every day of the year.

- **Who we are** – An inclusive community of hope and love
- **What we do** – Serving, caring, and learning together
- **What we want** – For transformation in our world

I hope you will put this where you can see it often and not only learn it but practice it daily.

**Sanctuary Project Update**

- The carpet is ordered and will be installed in September.
- The chairs are ordered but delivery is not expected until late September, and we hope to arrange it so the sanctuary is not unavailable for long.
- We are working to find a buyer for the pews and hope to arrange the removal just before the carpet is installed and the chairs arrive.
• The baby grand piano has already been delivered and has been used for two Sundays already. *(See additional details in this Dialogue.)*

• The new ceiling fans will be installed during the summer, and the final work on the wiring for the hanging microphones.

• A new gift of $5,000 has been given toward this project – and we invite you to consider a matching gift (or gifts to match the total).

COMING UP:

**July 28, Outdoor Service** – We will begin at 9:00 with a wonderful breakfast in Howard Hall, then move to the front by the sanctuary steps for our 10:00 worship service. Our music will be provided this year by Dave and Patty Wyble (who call themselves “Doctor’s Orders”). We know you will enjoy them. – Please bring your lawn chairs.

**Saturday, August 3, Day Retreat at Camp Vick** – The board of Christian Education invites you to join others for a one-day Visioning and Planning Retreat at the lovely Camp Vick in the Southern Tier. *(See more details in this Dialogue.)*

**September 15, Rally Day** – Put it on your calendars. We launch a new year of Sunday School this Sunday and celebrate coming together in the early fall once again.

**Saturday, September 28, Ice Cream Social** – Stay tuned for more details. But put the date on your calendar when we will have an Ice Cream Social for the community as a church fundraiser. We will have displays for many of the community agencies and groups we support through our mission work so the community can learn more. And if the sanctuary is complete, people can take a peek.

**CALLING ALL ICE CREAM FANATICS**

Come to our planning meeting on **SUNDAY JULY 28TH** after service!

If you can’t, come for lemonade on the lawn on the 21st. There will be ice cream and crazy toppings!

Come “rally” with us from our summer adventures!

Bring bags and backpacks for a special “blessing of the backpacks” during service.

Please join us for a picnic afterwards to celebrate heading back to school!
**The United Church of Pittsford is an inclusive community of hope and love serving, caring, and learning together for transformation in our world.**

**GRAND Addition!**

Yes, we have a new-to-us grand piano in our sanctuary! This was purchased with the help of piano consultant Joe Ross, who services and re-builds pianos, as well as selling them on consignment. The funds for this purchase came from the estate of Don Smith, at his request. We need to thank so many people who assisted in getting the piano installed in our sanctuary, either with advice, physical help, or financial assistance. A hearty round of applause goes to Sara Hoffee, Jimmy Reader, Scott Hanson, Don Reeve, Dan Burnett, Sue Miller, Linda Burnett, the Worship Committee, Brian Kwarta, Wenda Silco, and Audrey Johnson. Caccamise Moving Company moved the piano into the church on Friday, June 28. We have a new "carriage" under the piano so it can be moved easily and a padded cover to protect the piano. (Please remember to NOT put anything on top of the piano!) The support for this project has been tremendous! The piano will be used and appreciated for many, many years.  
-Dot Borden

**BOB’S CHAIR**

The nice easy chair in the library was Bob VanValkinburgh’s favorite chair. His daughter Kerin had it re-upholstered, and all the family were happy to donate it to UCP in Bob’s memory for all to enjoy. A big thank you to Kerin, Kathy, Peter and Kristy.

**MUSIC NOTES**

The Choir is off for the summer so we need soloists, duets, trios, etc., to provide music for our Sunday services.  
*Please contact Audrey Natale 624-9718 if you are interested in making music happen this summer.*
SUMMER READING
Our after-service book discussion group is excited to share some of their favorite books in a church-wide summer reading list! Read along with us!
Add to the list by emailing ucpittsford@gmail.com
- Molokai by Alan Brennert: an account of life and hope through a leprosy colony in Hawaii
- The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah: the story of a woman surviving in France as her husband goes to war.
- The Irresistible Revolution by Shane Claiborne: an exciting account and invitation to a movement of faith in action
- Educated by Tara Westover: a coming-of-age memoir that chronicles a young woman’s efforts to study her way out of a tough childhood in Idaho and find herself through books
- Indianapolis by Lynn Vincent and Sara Vladic: The True Story of the Worst Sea Disaster in U.S. Naval History and the Fifty-Year Fight to Exonerate an Innocent Man

In September, we will discuss how these books have shaped and influenced our life journeys!

FAMILIES OF FAITH
Take the time this summer to spiritually engage the whole family! Here are some ideas to open up a discussion with your kids.

Break down the meaning of a worship song:
Choose a simple one, or your child’s favorite and work together to understand the lyrics

Encourage your kids to invite a friend to church:
Sundays in the summer are usually slow and relaxing. Why not bring a friend to service and get their opinion of it?

Read more here:
https://tinyurl.com/yyjqwm9c

VISIONING & PLANNING RETREAT
It’s not just about Sunday School! As a church, how can we learn together, and continue to learn throughout each stage of life? What things do you want to learn, and how? The BCE will be hosting a Visioning and Planning Retreat for ALL to attend. Please come to share in worship and planning at Camp Vick! The address is 11165 Sandbank Road in Freedom, New York, and the event will be happening on Saturday, August 3rd from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided.
Carpools are leaving church at 8:30am and returning at 5:30pm, or you are welcome to camp overnight!
If you are interested in coming, please email ucchildrenandyouth@gmail.com or sign up in Howard Hall! You will hear further details from Jen or Leta closer to the date.
MISSION & MINISTRIES

FOOD CUPBOARDS
Serving our community and our city!

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD
July 14: Cheerios
July 21: Macaroni & Cheese
August 4: Peanut Butter
August 11: Cheerios
August 18: Tuna

PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD
Feeding Hope, One Family at a Time
Worship Services
Collection Sunday:
August 25

With school children without school lunches in July and August, please consider the following food items:
• Boxed Pasta Salads • Deodorant • Shampoo
• Granola Bars • Cereals • Sunscreen
• Meals in a can • Packaged Lunch Meats
• Jarred Baby Food

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

OUR HABITAT BUILD
We are participants in a Habitat House build at 120 Holworthy Street, Rochester, NY. Volunteer slots are open for July 16 and beyond. Check on the Habitat website and sign up under the Pittsford Coalition if you would like to help.

After 20 years at the Old Pickle Factory on Grove St., the PFC is moving to 3800 Monroe Avenue, Pittsford Business Park!

Opening is scheduled for September (see our September Dialogue for updated donation lists). As always, the donation basket for PFC will be in the church office.

Thank you for your continued support!

BACK DOOR AND HOWARD HALL GREETERES

Please consider being a greeter one Sunday during July/August worship service schedule. Talk to Marilyn Krager if you are willing to help!

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.

You do not have to have any construction skills to volunteer on this build!
FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDS

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 28

It's our annual breakfast and outdoor service. A delicious hot breakfast will be served at 9 AM, followed by our service on the portico at 10.

WHAT TO BRING:
Your own table service and lawn chair.
Music: Doctor’s Orders (Dave and Patty Wyble)

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Thursday the 4th: Brielle Kwarta
Saturday the 6th: Jim Gaze
Saturday the 13th: Dick Krager
Monday the 15th: Scott Hanson, Lee Johnson
Thursday the 25th: Steve Harrison, Lynda Page
Friday the 26th: Melinda Lazenby
Saturday the 27th: Kennedy Martin
Sunday the 28th: Brian Kwarta, Jen Lazenby, Stacey Pum, Anthony Ratzel
Tuesday the 30th: Sue Gaze
Wednesday the 31st: Bradley Kwarta

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Thursday the 1st: Carol Harrison
Friday the 2nd: Sue Miller
Sunday the 11th: Kelsey Natale
Tuesday the 13th: Jenna Liu
Friday the 23rd: Kathy Borden, Bill Zink
Saturday the 24th: Wenda Silco
Sunday the 25th: Adele Fairbrother
Wednesday the 28th: Lois Brown, Jimmy Reader
Thursday the 29th: Allen Merrifield

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BASEBALL FUN

Thanks to Jen Cranch for arranging our Red Wing baseball fun on June 14th! Wish we had all known that Danny Mendick, the 2nd baseman for the Charlotte Knights was a 2011 graduate of Pittsford Mendon High School. His 88 year-old Grandfather Bill Mendick is the longest season ticket holder for the Red Wings. He with his family and many friends of Bill and Danny had fun watching the Knights 2nd baseman play pro-baseball in his hometown. Even though we did not know about this Pittsford pro while we were at the game, we all had fun at this active game with lots of hits and runs. Red Wing won at end of game by 1 run. Danny Mendick is a star of the Charlotte team with a great record.
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES
“SUMMIT BY THE SEA” MEETS IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.
AB NEWS SERVICE
American Baptists traveled from across the world to participate in the Biennial Mission Summit. This year’s theme was “Summit by the Sea.” Service and speech topics were based off this theme, exploring a variety of ideas. A busy schedule kept attendees on their feet, from worship services to business meetings to conversations, each activity contributed to intergenerational discussions and connected everyone involved. This time of worship and fellowship spanned a couple days but each event was different from the previous, allowing for growth and discussion from all who attended. Read more at https://tinyurl.com/Biennial-Summit-Meeting

CAMP VICK
Our very own Leta Williams is back at Camp Vick this summer! She is working with kids to help them grow spiritually and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers this summer as she plunges into the woods and into her love for Christ!

CHURCH HAS SHELTERED IMMIGRANT FAMILY FOR 18 MONTHS
JOHN E. HARNISH, UM NEWS
Flora and Ded Rranxburgaj and their two sons have called Central United Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan their home for the past 18 months. They fled their home country to avoid communist interaction. They moved to the United States of America in 2001 where Ded worked relentlessly to provide for his family. Following the recently aggressive immigration policies set in place, the family sought refuge. The Detroit church voted to become a “sanctuary congregation.” They are the only UM Church in Detroit that house refugees. After 18 months in the church, the Albanian couple’s health took a toll. The stress and hopelessness overtook them. While Ded has a work authorization card, they are not fully safe. The church explains “every congregation needs to ask what it means for them to fulfill the call of Jesus—‘I was a stranger and you took me in.’ Every church can’t be a sanctuary church, but all churches can be part of the sanctuary movement.” Read more at https://tinyurl.com/Sanctuary-Movement

ZIMBABWE CHURCH USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL
PRISCILLA MIZERENGWA, UM NEWS
Zimbabwe churches are taking advantage of the increasingly available internet access. United Methodists are using social media platforms to follow their church programs as well as attend services. This technological step is key in helping those who are physically unable to attend church still participate in worship. Being based online also allows the church to offer support and guidance to members abroad. Read more at https://tinyurl.com/Social-Media-Spreads-Gospel
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PLANNING AHEAD? Check out our calendar online!
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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 Schriner project funding.