June will be an exciting month at the United Church this year. More about each thing below, but here are the highlights:

- June 2 congregational meeting to approve the sanctuary project
- A new statement of our mission to be approved on June 2
- United Methodist Church annual conference and American Baptist Churches national gathering
- A second session for Transforming Lives of people affected by addiction
- Children’s Sunday on June 9
- Summer office admin starting in June

JUNE 2 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please see the Council recommendation for the sanctuary project included in this Dialogue. It will also be in the email blast and bulletin. Please speak with a Council member or with me if you have more questions. We are still gathering some information and will have that available at the meeting. As your pastor, I appreciate the way everyone is working through this process and the different ideas of what to do, especially about pews or chairs.

A Mission Statement (and foundations for it) are printed in this Dialogue. The core statement was developed two years ago in the context of our Legacy Giving Campaign, so it will sound familiar. Once adopted, everything we do as a church will be guided and evaluated by this statement of our mission.

DENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCES

The United Methodist Church, as you know, may divide over major differences in how we interpret the Bible and live out our faith as Christians – as an inclusive Church or an exclusive church, especially around the question of full acceptance of people in the LGBTQ community. On June 6-7, in Syracuse, the Upper New York Conference will meet where this will be a major topic – and what the implications will be for our churches. I will report more to you after that.

The American Baptist Churches have a Biennial – a national gathering every two years. On June 20-23, we will meet in Virginia Beach, and Joy and I will be there. We will represent the church. And the Coffee Connection will have a booth – arranged and paid for by Women in Ministry and American Baptist Women – where they will promote a new blend in honor of a Rochester woman, Helen Barrett Montgomery – the first woman president of what is the American Baptist Churches USA and first women to hold elected office in Rochester before women got the right to vote.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

A second learning event for our congregation will be offered in June. This year-long program focuses on people whose lives are affected by addiction. Most people know someone with an addiction with a major impact on his/her life and on people around them. How can we help people in that situation? But also – in some ways it is true that we all have our own addictions, and this session will look at that as well. We have a leadership team of nine people, and another 8-10 people joined us for the first sessions in April.
The second session will highlight the most important content from the first session and then move on into how we can all experience a greater freedom in our lives and help other people do the same. Three sessions will be offered, and you can choose from any one of them – Wed., June 11, 6:30 to 8:00 pm – Sat., June 15, 9:30 to 11:00 am – Sun., June 16, 11:30 to 1:00 (after church). Please sign up for the one you want to attend. Thank you.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY

Each year we honor the children and all who work with them in Sunday School throughout the year – and we invite the children and teens to help lead the service. June 9 is Children’s Sunday, and we hope you will all plan to join the children for that day.

SUMMER OFFICE ADMIN

Briana Hanson will be our summer office admin, beginning June 23 through the end of August. Leta Williams will be Program Director for New York State American Baptist camping program at Pathfinder Lodge and Camp Vick (http://www.vpccministries.org/) for the summer. Briana will be a senior at Nazareth College in the fall, studying communications and media. Along with running the office, she will work with Richard Ashworth and me to help us create a strategic plan for Communications and Media in the church.

NOTE: At their May meeting, the Trustee board approved a new Memorial Fund Policy which will govern how we process and manage the funds from now on. A huge thank you to Wenda Silco for all her work managing these funds in the past. She will speak individually to the families who have existing funds in our Memorial Fund during the transition to fully implementing the policy.

MEMORIAL FUND POLICY

United Church of Pittsford

The Process

1. Every memorial gift will be acknowledged in writing soon after receipt of the gift.
2. The funds will be deposited into a Memorial Fund account, with accounting to be done by the church treasurer.
3. A record of each gift and any appropriate information, such as a request for specific use of the funds, will be kept in the church.
4. Availability of funds will be reported to the trustees regularly, including any specific requests.

Decisions about Use of Memorial Funds

1. The Trustee Board will approve all expenditures from Memorial Funds.
2. Trustees will consider any family or individual request from use of a gift and will honor that request as it may be appropriate to the needs of the church.
3. If a requested project is not completed within three years, the designated funds will become available for other purposes approved by the trustees.
4. All memorial funds not designated by the donor or the family and approved by the trustees will be used at the discretion of the Trustee Board.
The Bell Choir will be playing for our service on June 2nd. We are eager to hear this small-but mighty group, ably directed by Sara. Meanwhile, the Choir will be singing two more times before taking the summer off. On June 9, they will sing the rousing arrangement of "Jesus Loves Me" for the Children's Sunday. The anthem the Choir will present on June 16 will be "The Light of the World", with a solo by Audrey Nat-tale. We need soloists, etc., for the summer Sundays. Please speak with Audrey Nat-tale if you are able to help out for these Sundays.

I want to thank the members of the congregation for their support for the music program of this church. Many of you express your appreciation on a regular basis for the music presented by the Choir, as well as the carefully-selected, well-played pieces that Sara plays. I also want to thank the Bell Choir and United Choir members, who arrive at church very early for rehearsals and then sing (or play) with proper expression and enthusiasm during the worship service. It is a great joy for me to be able to direct the Choir during this unexpected "second coming" of my career as a church musician! I am very blessed to be able to be here, at this church, working with these people.

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**OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**LAST CHANCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR:**
**MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION!**

*Join us on Sunday, June 9 at 11:30 am!*

Whether you’re an avid reader or you’re okay with skimming and hearing spoilers, we would love for you to participate! We’ll even provide you with a light lunch. Our book selection for the month of May is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Joyce writes the story of an average, older gentleman who spontaneously ventures on the journey of a lifetime!

To obtain a copy of the book each month, please contact me in the office and I will help you find a copy for a discounted rate or free! - Leta

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**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY IS COMING UP!**

On June 9, our children will help us celebrate Pentecost Sunday — otherwise known as the celebration of the Holy Spirit and the very beginnings of the church! We will also take time to honor our volunteers and recognize those who are “moving up”!

We invite you to bring friends and family of all ages, On that Sunday, please don’t forget to wear red!

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUMMER**

Our last day of Sunday School for this coming year will be June 16th, where we will have a fun “year end hunt” where kids will look high and low to seek out the characters and stories that they’ve learned about all year! Over the summer, please continue to pray with our kids, share God’s word with them, and seek out faith-building experiences!
MISSION & MINISTRIES

FOOD CUPBOARDS
Serving our community and our city!
ROCHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD
June 2: canned fruit
June 9: macaroni and cheese
June 16: tuna

PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD
Feeding Hope,
One Family at a Time
Worship Services
Collection Sundays:
June 23 & June 30
There are two Sundays for PFC this month!
(for donation baskets in the narthex)
ITEMS APPRECIATED:
• Cereals • Canned tuna/chicken • Saltine crackers •
• Mustard • Ketchup • Granola bars • Meals in a can •
Donate during the week!
There is a collection basket in the church office for PFC!

A FRIEND IN NEED
Do you have an inexpensive used car that you are willing to part ways with? Someone in our congregation may be willing to buy it off of you! If you have a car you are looking to sell (or would know of a car for sale), please email the office! ucpittsford@gmail.com

Sunday June 8th, 8:00 AM—10:00 AM
RISE & SHINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
• Sausage Links • Maple Syrup
• Pancakes • Blueberry Topping
• Scrambled Eggs • Coffee, tea and juice
$5
United Church of Pittsford
123 South Main St. (at Sunset Blvd.)
(585) 586-6870 • www.ucpittsford.org
Proceeds to Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network

BACK DOOR AND HOWARD HALL GREETERS
I continue to appreciate people offering their assistance and now I am asking for people to consider being willing to accompany a Sunday visitor from the sanctuary down to Howard Hall (or lawn) for refreshments and to introduce them to some of the congregation. Talk to Marilyn Krager if you are willing to help!

CHRISTIAN CAMP VOLUNTEERS
Both our American Baptist and United Methodist Camps welcome volunteers to serve. Specifically, both camping ministries are especially in need of some key healthcare positions. New York State allows for camp nurses to be EMT, Paramedic, RN, Nurse Practitioner, Physician’s Assistant, or Physician certified. Do you know of anyone that would be able to volunteer for a week this summer? If so, please contact the American Baptist Camps at office@vpcministries.org or the United Methodist Camps at info@campsandretreats.org
PS: Both camps are always looking for more campers as well, so sign up soon!
LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

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Please consider volunteering to provide the snacks and host for one Sunday. There’s a sign-up sheet in Howard Hall, and you could team up with someone else if you like. Lemonade and iced tea powder is provided for you to make up at church; the supplies are all on a cart in the kitchen together with full instructions. Just bring some cookies or cakes … or whatever.

Questions? Please contact Donella (381-2189). THANK YOU!

FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDS

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

On May 11th, Brian and Michelle Kwarta celebrated the graduation of their two girls—on the same day, in different states! Brielle Kwarta graduated with her Bachelors in Mathematics, summa cum laude with a minor in Ecology - from the Honors College at Houghton College, and Bethany with a Masters of Science in Nursing as a Nurse Practitioner from the University of Connecticut. Congratulations and blessings, ladies!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Monday the 3rd: Rick Hyde
Friday the 7th: Briana Hanson, Don Reeve
Sunday the 9th: John Tyson
Tuesday the 11th: Judy Wolfe
Thursday the 13th: Marilyn Grunert
Saturday the 15th: Luanne Kuimjian
Monday the 17th: Judy Wallace
Wednesday the 19th: Katie Wallace Zink
Friday the 21st: Jeff Cornell
Monday the 24th: Don Hutchins

GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS

The ‘June Weddings’ group will be having their fifth annual dinner this year. It is always a fun evening. Last year Harry and Jeanne Carley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. It happens to be the 50th anniversary for Richard and Donella Ashworth this year. Why not see if another group of UCP friends for any reason could get together and have fun and friendship, as we have found?

Above all else love each other deeply

- 1 Peter 4:8

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Mission Statement

The United Church of Pittsford is an inclusive community of hope and love serving, caring, and learning together for transformation in our world.

Foundations for the Mission

Community...together
Community happens as people are joined together in heart and spirit to live and work for the common good.
Community refers to the UCP community and its mission within the wider community.

Hope and Love
Meaning and purpose for life come through hope and love – essential for the life God intends.
The gospel offers hope and love to all people, and our call is to be living examples in every way we can.

Serving
Serving God and people lies at the heart of the gospel. Jesus said: “I came not to be served, but to serve and to give my life.”
Service includes all actions that make life good as we live in love for the earth and all its creatures.

Caring
Grace and compassion form a core of the gospel. All attitudes and actions rooted in these forms of love are part of caring.
Caring for one another within the church community extends to caring for people in the wider community.

Learning
“Go into all the world and make disciples,” Jesus said. Discipleship and disciple-making are the foundation of the mission of the Church.
Disciples are life-long learners. All who follow Jesus continue to learn together and practice their learning in serving and caring.

Transformation
Healing, freedom, life, and love are the essence of a new creation in Christ.
God empowers us through the Spirit and to work for transformation in our world.
SANCTUARY PROJECT
RECOMMENDATION FROM COUNCIL

The Church Council recommends to members of the United Church of Pittsford for a congregational vote on June 2, 2019:

1. **New carpet be installed** in the chancel, the main floor, and the narthex, to include the balcony stairs to the first landing at no additional cost. Messner Carpet has quoted a total price not to exceed $18,000, which also includes new carpet in the two offices at no additional cost.

2. **Pews be removed and sold** (except for the balcony and perhaps in Howard Hall). We expect to sell them for about $4,000. All memorial plates on the pews will be saved and put into a larger memorial plaque to honor all who contributed to our 70-year-old pews.

3. **Pew chairs be bought for sanctuary seating** – from Sauder Furniture. The base price for these cushioned, metal frame chairs is $55 each, which does not include options (hymnal and Bible racks; pew card holders; chair arms, etc.). The cost, not including options, for 150 chairs, is $8,250. We expect to have the cost for options and a recommendation for that by June 2.

4. **Baby grand piano be purchased**, using a gift from Don Smith, for no more than $12,000.

5. **Ceiling fans be replaced and microphone wiring finished**. The estimated cost of renting a lift and purchase of fans is $1,500.

The Council recommends that the congregation approve these five parts of the project, knowing decisions remain about fabric and color, process of selling and removal of pews, and how to finish paying for the project. The sanctuary team, led by Scott Hanson, and the Trustees would be authorized to complete the details of this project. The project budget below includes $30,000 of income from Don Smith’s gift, existing memorial funds, and sale of the pews. The remainder of $10,000 (or more, depending on chair options or unexpected cost increases) would come from donations. (We expect to have a total cost for chairs with options to recommend by June 2.)

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CREATION JUSTICE NETWORK MEETING
BRIDGET LIPIN, AB NEWS SERVICE
American Baptists, alongside millions of people around the world, are coming face to face with the devastating effects of extreme weather events that scientists are attributing more and more to climate change. Extreme droughts and wildfires, massive, intense hurricanes and historic cold spells, the melting of glaciers and rising sea levels are destroying entire communities and the natural systems that sustain them and all life. In this context of environmental and human degradation, American Baptists have been and continue to respond with much needed assistance.

[The upcoming] Biennial Mission Summit attendees will have an opportunity to take part in interactive sessions when you register for the Biennial Mission Summit. We want to meet you and work together for the common good of all God’s creation.

Read more at https://tinyurl.com/ABC-creation-care

CAMP VICK
OPEN HOUSE
June 8 ● 10:00 am
Have you ever been curious about our Baptist camping ministry? This is a perfect opportunity for you. Take a tour of the camp before the summer begins. See the space, facilities and program. Ask your questions and meet some of our staff. Lunch will be provided. Come enjoy a beautiful day on the lake and see where people have met God!

BISHOPS MOVE TOWARD EPISCOPAL CHURCH ACCORD
HEATHER HAHN, UM NEWS
At a meeting that saw questions about United Methodist unity, bishops had no debate about moving toward closer ties with The Episcopal Church.

By unanimous voice vote May 9, the Council of Bishops approved asking General Conference to agree to full communion with a denomination that, like The United Methodist Church, has historic ties to John Wesley’s Church of England.

Also, like The United Methodist Church, The Episcopal Church has experienced its own divisions around the role of LGBTQ Christians in church life.

Full communion means each church acknowledges the other as a partner in the Christian faith, recognizes the validity of each other’s baptism and Eucharist, and commits to work together in ministry. Such an agreement also means Episcopalians and United Methodists can share clergy.

Read more at https://tinyurl.com/UMC-bishops-Episcopal

CHURCH AIMS TO EMPOWER ZIMBABWE’S POOREST
PRISCILLA MUZERENGWA, UM NEWS
The United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe is helping link rural communities with business opportunities in an effort to “evangelize through economic empowerment.” That was the theme of a business expo hosted by the church in the Marage District on May 5.

The Rev. Pauline Nyamudzura, the area’s district superintendent, said most of those who live in Marange have no income. It’s difficult to preach the good news to people who are hungry and living in poverty, she added.

Poverty alleviation is one of The United Methodist Church’s Four Areas of Focus. The church believes that empowerment is critical in reducing rural poverty.

Read more at tinyurl.com/UMCzimbabwe
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**PLANNING AHEAD? Check out our calendar online!**

* Dialogue Deadline
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Richard Ashworth, Chair, Deacons 381-2189
Jennifer Cranch, Chair, Board of Christian Education 749-4758

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.

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