FROM YOUR MINISTER JIMMY READER

Spring arrives in March. This winter seems warmer, and perhaps we will have an early spring to enjoy. (That may not be a good sign for climate change, but that’s another topic.) Around the United Church this March, we have several things happening we want you to know about.

Saturday, March 7 (6:00-8:00pm) – Contemporary Christian music night
We hope you’ll join us for an evening of great music and bring family, friends, and neighbors. Dave & Patty Wyble (Doctor’s Orders) and David and Tracy Eckstrnd (Serendipity) are friends of ours and perform regularly at the Greenhouse Café. You will enjoy their music, and it will be an interactive night of contemporary Christian music. Bring a light snack (if you want), and we will provide coffee and tea. Please join us.

Throughout Lent
Lenten Learning Stations – Each Sunday during Lent, members of the Christian Education Board will have a learning station for all ages during the coffee hour after worship. This will be an opportunity for families and individuals to learn each week about the meaning of Lent in an interactive way.
Reading through the Gospels – In the Dialogue you will find a Bible reading plan for Lent. It begins Ash Wednesday, February 26, and there is a reading from the Gospels for each of the 40 days of Lent. I hope you will save this and follow it and read with us through all four gospels during this Season of Lent.

Guest preacher on March 22
Dr. Angela Sims, President of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, will be our guest preacher in worship on this Sunday in Lent. I hope you will be able to join us that Sunday and hear Dr. Sims.

Good financial news
Just a bit of good news for our church’s finances this year. About half of our anticipated annual budget deficit has now been taken care of through increased pledges and significant savings on our elevator maintenance contract. We will continue to do all we can with expenses as we all continue to give generously so we can end the year with a balanced budget.

Progress on a new structure for church leadership
The church council in February decided to be the team to prepare a proposal for the congregation on how to restructure the way we give leadership to our church. This will include outgoing council members who will stay through April to give continuity to our work. We hope to present a proposal at a congregational meeting on April 26. – This group includes Michelle Kwarta, Audrey Johnson, Richard Ashworth, Don Reeve, Jen Cranch, Charlie Page, Scott Hanson, Karen White, Leta Williams, and me.
FROM YOUR MINISTER (continued)

A bold new Vision
I shared with the Council a vision for a Creative Arts Center for the community and a significant expansion of our building where it would be located. The Center would be organized as a separate nonprofit entity operated separately from the church (as PUNS has always been). The expansion off the north side of Howard Hall (in the parking area) could include a beautiful main entrance for the church, a welcome center, offices located on that level, restrooms, storage space, and a large activity room. The significant cost of building the expansion and launching the Center could be raised through community donors and funding, in addition to what the congregation can do. – All of this is just a vision at this point. The Council agreed to doing research and talking openly with people in the community about the potential and practicality of this vision and asked me to let you know about it. If you would like to help with the research into such a project, please talk with me. Thank you.

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR NEWS

We're so happy to have most of our singers back in the Choir, after being absent for illness, vacation, and other reasons! In March, listen for the Choir to sing "The Presence of God" on the 8th and "Lamb of God" on the 15th.

We are pleased to announce that our Organist/Pianist, Chen, will be giving a piano recital on Sunday, March 1, at 7 PM, in Kilbourn Hall at the Eastman Theatre. This is a required recital in order for him to receive his doctoral degree. I'm sure that this will be an excellent musical experience! Please contact Chen or me if you have questions.

Another musical opportunity for you will be a chance to see the musical "Bye, Bye, Birdie"! Audrey Natale is a featured performer in this musical which will take place in Honeoye Falls/Lima School from March 26 - 28. There is a special matinee showing of this musical for Senior Citizens on March 25 at 2 PM in the District Auditorium on Quakermeetinghouse Rd. in Honeoye Falls. It's free! If you have questions about this, please talk to Audrey, or Sharon or Bob Toles.

Fearless Leader Dot Borden
LEARNING STATIONS

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MISSION & MINISTRIES

COMING UP: LENT LEARNING STATIONS
Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26, and not including Sundays, there will be forty days thereafter until Easter Sunday. As Christians, what should we be talking about and doing during the season of Lent? In addition to your own Lenten practices at home, you are invited to participate in the Board of Christian Education’s Lent Learning Stations each Sunday after church during the Lenten season. These will be interactive learning opportunities hosted by each of our board members to help us learn more about the meaning of and reason for Lent. See the next page for the church-wide Lenten reading plan!

FOOD CUPBOARDS
Serving our community and our city!

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD
March 1: peanut butter
March 8: jam or jelly
March 15: tuna

PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD
Worship Services Collection Sundays:
March 22 and March 29
Contact: Marilyn Krager
Items appreciated: deodorants; shampoos; cereals; meals in cans; rice packets, canned fruit.
No more egg cartons at this time- thank you.

Donate during the week!
There is a collection basket throughout the month in the church office for PFC.
Thank you! Marilyn Krager

ELDEBERRY EXPRESS
We want the thank the United Church of Pittsford for donations at the past Pancake breakfast. It is much appreciated.
We are in need of drivers and dispatchers. If you want to learn more or would like to volunteer, please call 585-248-6237. Thank you!

Jim Gaze
President of the Board of Directors
This Lent reading plan walks through each of the four Gospels during the Lent season. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus’ birth, life, death and resurrection?

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Saturday March 14, 8:00 AM—10:00 AM

RISE & SHINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Sausage Links
- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs

$5

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

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Claude Debussy
Complete Etudes For Piano
Chen Liang

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D.M.A. Degree Recital
March 1st 7 P.M., Kilbourn Hall
Estman School of Music

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/5 Michelle Kwarta
3/6 Aiden Ogden
3/12 Aidan Lazenby
3/20 Richard Ashworth
3/24 Dan Burnett
3/26 Jeff Harrison
3/29 Dot Borden
FAMILIES OF FAITH

Enjoy nature
Put a smile on someone's face
Smile
Be honest
Share

Tell Jesus you love him
Be thankful
Forgive someone
Say thank you
Pray for your family
Pray when you wake up
Give $ to Share Life act of kindness
Don't waste food
Celebrate mass
Help others
Respect others
Hug a friend
End your day with a prayer
Praise God
Clean your room
Read the bible
Hug a friend
Ask for forgiveness
Be a good Samaritan
Pray to the Holy Spirit
Celebrate mass
Say a kind word
Let someone else go first
Thank God for your gifts and talents
Obey
Say please
Sing to God
Help a person without being asked
Cooperate

Color in one segment for each day of Lent after you've completed the task!
WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, March 7
6:00-8:00 p.m.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC NIGHT

- Doctor’s Orders – Dave & Patty Wyble
- Serendipity – David & Tracy Eckstrand

Enjoy a casual evening of contemporary Christian music.

Bring a light snack. Coffee and tea provided. For the whole community...bring your friends!

United Church of Pittsford
123 South Main St. Pittsford
(Parking off Sunset Blvd.)
TRAILBLAZERS: AN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES YOUNG ADULT INITIATIVE
SANDRA DORSAINVIL, INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

A new Young Adult project sponsored by the Short-Term Mission (STM) team has been formed. Angela Sudermann, former Coordinator of STM, submitted a Palmer grant application a few years ago, and funds were received to support young adults who are members of American Baptist congregations, and who want to serve on the mission field for a minimum of six weeks. In 2020, STM is delighted to inform everyone that God has sent five young adults to “Go & Serve” in Hungary, Mexico and Spain. The Trailblazers, as they are fondly referred as, will be the salt, light and hope alongside The Goods, Myers and JAMI partners for six weeks. They will leave the comfort of their US homes and travel thousands of miles and discover new countries, cultures and meet God in many places. We keep them in prayers.

To read more—including initial reflections from Anthony Ratzel and Leta Williams—go to internationalministries.org/trailblazers/

THINK TANK TO LOOK AT GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020 POSSIBILITIES
HEATHER HAHN, UM NEWS

General Conference organizers have established a think tank to explore different ways for processing legislation at this year’s gathering of The United Methodist Church’s top lawmakers. The assembly, scheduled May 5-15 in Minneapolis, could make decisions about how to split and restructure the international denomination of nearly 13 million members.

“This is not a General Conference as usual,” said Kim Simpson, chair of the Commission on the General Conference and a lay member in the Central Texas Conference. Some delegates are pushing to consider separation proposals early in the assembly, before any other legislation. Simpson called the Feb. 19 teleconference for the international group of clergy and laity who plan the big meeting.

“I think it’s important that we be proactive and look at ways to help General Conference look at legislation in the best way possible,” Simpson said. The think tank will include the commission’s executive committee, General Conference staff and three additional bishops.

Compare a chart of plans being reviewed for the UMC restructure at tinyurl.com/UMCplans2020
March 2020

Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat
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1 | 10AM Worship Service | 2 | 8AM PUNS Babysitting | 3 | 8AM PUNS Babysitting | 4 | 9AM PUNS 6PM Village Squares | 5 | 9AM PUNS | 6 | 9AM PUNS |
 | 11:30AM Lenten Learning Stations | 9AM PUNS 6:30PM Boy Scouts | 9AM PUNS 6PM PUNS Staff Meeting | 6PM PUNS Full Board Meeting |  |
 |  | 7PM PUNS Learning Stations Meeting |  |  |
8 | 9AM Choir Practice | 9 | 9AM PUNS 6:30PM Boy Scouts 7PM Trustees Meeting | 10 | 9AM PUNS 6:30PM Boy Scouts 7PM Trustees Meeting | 11 | 9AM PUNS 6PM Village Squares 7PM Board of Christian Education |
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15 | 9AM Choir Practice | 16 | 9AM PUNS 6:30PM Boy Scouts 7PM Church Council | 17 | 9AM PUNS 6PM Village Squares 7PM Stamp Club | 18 | 9AM PUNS 6PM Village Squares | 19 | 9AM PUNS: Science Extravaganza 10AM Church Women United Board of Directors |
 | 10AM Worship Service |  |  |
 | 11:30AM Lenten Learning Stations |  |
 | 2PM Scouts Spring Court of Honor |
22 | 10AM Worship Service | 23 | 9AM PUNS 6:30PM Boy Scouts | 24 | 9AM PUNS | 25 | 9AM PUNS | 26 | 9AM PUNS Parent Teacher Conferences |
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**PLANNING AHEAD?**
Check out our calendar online!
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Chen Liang, Organist and Pianist
Don Reeve, Chair, Trustees 704-3748
Jennifer Cranch, Chair, Deacons 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.

If you would like a hard copy of the Dialogue mailed to you, please contact us.