November – the month of Thanksgiving – and in the church time to express gratitude for all we have and show our generosity through a commitment of time and energy for the year to come. By the time you read this, you should have also received a letter from me, along with a commitment form, asking you to consider what you can and are willing to give to God through our church in 2020. During worship on the first three Sundays in November, we will hear stories about why people give and what we are able to do through your giving. Please join us on Sundays and prayerfully consider your commitment for 2020. Thank you.

In November and December, we will continue our new Community Nights on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. We are wrapping up our year-long grant-funded program – Transforming Lives of People Affected by Addiction. On November 5, we will learn how love and grace in relationships leads to freedom from addiction. And on November 19, Joy Bergfalk will lead a session about how trauma and addiction are related and what to do in our relationships.

In December, the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue at Nazareth College is co-sponsoring with us two Community Nights – Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas? On December 3, we will have an interfaith panel (Jewish, Muslim, Christian) to explore how these three Abrahamic religions celebrate “the holidays” this time of year and what we have in common. And on December 17, we will have people from other religions as well to share more about many faiths and how and why they celebrate holidays. Please invite your friends and join us!

After worship about 11:30 we will offer two adult and teen learning events:

- **November 3** – Our “Way of Life” series explores how the Church around the world is changing and how our congregation can be part of that movement.

- **November 10** – Our first “Welcome to UCP” event is designed for anyone new to our congregation and to those who are interested in participating more fully. Just one session.

In November and December, many of us focus our energies on preparing for the coming year in planning our budget and choosing new leaders. Please pray for the Council and boards – and the Trustees, especially – as we work through this process for another year. And as you consider your commitment of energies, please indicate on the form what ways you would like to participate in the leadership. Thank you.

On a personal note – I am scheduled for eye surgery again on November 14. This time they will remove cataracts from the right eye and do a corneal transplant on that eye. If all goes well this time, I should heal quickly and by the new year I might not even need glasses. Thanks for your prayers.
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.

FOUNDATIONS for our MISSION

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.

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR NEWS

We have a special offer for YOU! Join the Choir for the months of November and December. Enjoy singing with a choir again, serve your church by helping with worship, and do all this with a quirky-but-charming group of people! (Aided and abetted by an equally strange-but-pleasant director.) We promise you music that's within your grasp, superb accompaniment by our expert pianist/organist, and a comfortable seat. All you have to do is show up at 9 AM on the November 10 or 17 and rehearse with the Choir. That's all! No auditions ever.

On November 10, the Choir will sing "Psalm 86", with a solo by Verna Hazen. The anthem on November 17 will be "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", with assistance from the congregation. We will begin rehearsing music for the Christmas season in November.

Fearless Leader Dot Borden
THE HABITAT BUILD
Have you seen the progress on the house we have been building? Join us on the build — whether it is for a half day or a full day, or whether you’re a pro or a beginner — the Habitat Interfaith Partnership welcomes you to join in on the cause to bring stability to Rochester families. See Dick Krager!

FOOD CUPBOARDS
Serving our community and our city!

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY
FOOD CUPBOARD
November 3: canned fruit
November 10: hearty soup
November 17: boxes of pasta
Contact : Marilyn Krager

PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD
Serving Pittsford Community; neighboring towns and 2 Rochester zip codes
Worship Services
Collection Sunday:
November 24
Contact : Sue Gaze

Please consider the following food items:
- Chicken broth
- Canned tuna
- Cereals
- Shampoo
- Deoderant
- Coffee
- K-cups
- Hot cocoa packets

Donate during the week!
There is a collection basket in the church office for PFC!
Thank you for your continued support.

CALLING ALL UCP BAKERS!
UCP will have a bake sale on Tuesday, November 5, Election Day. We need your cookies, pies, bread, fudge, jellies, jams, and any other homemade items. As in the past, a portion of the proceeds will be designated for missions. Questions? See Audrey Johnson!

CAMERON’S HOUSEHOLD GOODS DRIVE
Cameron Community Ministries NEW Teen Center is now open for comprehensive, integrated teen development services. An adjacent house was refurbished to include a parking lot and a PEACE Garden for vegetables and flowers. Thanks for all the support for the Cameron clothing house. Now...
Help us support the new teen center!
Donate supplies!

WE NEED:
Large black garbage bags (39 gallon).
White garbage bags, non-latex food prep gloves, toilet paper, paper towels, bulk hand soap, sponges, bleach
Drop items off in the tall box down in Howard Hall!

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 the Rochester area! Applications should be completed as soon as possible. www.flowercityworkcamp.org/student-app/
  Please let Leta know by the end of the month if you’d like to participate!
- The District Council on Youth Ministry is hosting an all-day event called Destination: Games, which promises some life-sized games, delicious food, lasting memories, and a free t-shirt! If you are free November 16 and would like to check it out, please text Leta! 315-360-6908

FAMILIES OF FAITH

Christmas Program
Save the dates! We will be rehearsing on the following Sundays at 9:00 am:
November 10, 17, 24
December 1, 8, 15
SATURDAY DRESS REHEARSAL:
December 14 at 10:00 am

PERFORMANCE DATE:
Sunday morning
December 15

Contact the office for more information!

THE BIBLE UNCENSORED:
Expert Advice on How to Teach Kids
LAUREN HUNTER,
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY MAGAZINE

From the account of Cain murdering Abel, to David committing adultery with Bathsheba, to the woman at the well’s five husbands, to the beheading of John the Baptist, the Bible is fraught with some gruesome and disturbing accounts that expose humankind’s sinful nature. Whether it’s dodging narratives of brutal murder, rape, and incest or navigating Jesus’ crucifixion on the cross, children’s ministers face a unique challenge when it comes to knowing how to teach kids the tougher parts of the Bible.

How do we prayerfully cover all Bible stories for all ages? It’s no simple task—nor one to be taken lightly. For some, the idea of quietly censoring the Bible has its appeal. And it’s true: To a degree, simply leaving out the tough stories of the Bible would be easier.

But—and this is a big “but”—children’s ministers and experts all agree that omitting certain accounts of the Bible is a flawed approach that can result in children developing a flawed faith. So what’s the best approach to handling the racier events of the Bible? Read on to find out…

childrensministry.com/bible-uncensored/
Has someone’s addiction changed your life?
Do you want to know more about what to do?

YOU ARE INVITED TO FOUR COMMUNITY NIGHTS
TRANSFORMING LIVES OF PEOPLE Affected BY ADDICTION

ALL EVENTS ARE 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH
7:00 TO 8:30 PM

OCTOBER 1: ROBERT VEEDEr – how one man came back from tragedy and prison to coaching others in their recovery
OCTOBER 15: MEET THE WOMEN OF THE COFFEE CONNECTION – get to know women empowered in their recovery
NOVEMBER 5: JIMMY READER – Learn how love and grace in relationships leads to freedom from addiction
NOVEMBER 19: JOY BERGFALK – Learn how trauma and addiction are related and what to do

EVENTS ARE CATERED BY THE COFFEE CONNECTION
FREE OF CHARGE • DONATIONS ACCEPTED

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123 South Main Street
ucpittsford.org
ucpittsford@gmail.com
586-6870

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Coffee Connection
www.ourcoffeeconnection.org

PARKING LOT ACCESSIBLE OFF SUNSET BLVD
Saturday November 9th, 8:00 AM—10:00 AM
RISE & SHINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Sausage Links
- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs
- Maple Syrup
- Blueberry Topping
- Coffee, tea and juice

$5

United Church of Pittsford
123 South Main Street (at Sunset Blvd.)
(585) 586-6870 • www.ucpittsford.org

Proceeds will be donated to the Veterans Outreach Center

Save the Date!
Don't miss our popular annual
CHRISTMAS CRAFT PARTY

on Saturday December 7th
from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

More information and the list of craft activities will be published soon in the e-mail blast and posted in Howard Hall.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1    Jason Fisher
11/1    Diane Reeve
11/6    Judi Yaneka
11/7    Qian Song
11/10   Jennifer Johnson
11/11   Audrey Natale
11/13   Logan Hazen
11/15   Bob Toles
11/17   Jeff McCollum
11/20   Verna Hazen
11/23   George Muller
Thank you to all who made our Shepherd Lunches a huge success! We look forward to our continued fellowship and connection throughout the year!
ABCUSA OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY INVITES PARTICIPATION IN GOLDEN RULE 2020

VALLEY FORGE, PA (10/3/19) — The ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary invites participation in Golden Rule 2020: A Call for Dignity and Respect in Politics. On Sunday, November 3, 2019—exactly one year before the 2020 election—American Baptist Churches USA is joining with more than a dozen other denominations and faith-based groups from a broad theological spectrum to be a part of Golden Rule 2020. Jesus commands us in Matthew 7:12, “So in everything, do to others, what you would have them do to you.” Golden Rule 2020 is about looking at how we may live out this Scripture in all aspects of our lives, while elevating the discourse in our spheres of influence. “Dr. King eloquently stated, ‘the church is not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society.’ Our society needs relational transformation and I believe American Baptists can lead in helping our nation live together more respectfully,” said Rev. Marsha Scipio, Associate General Secretary for Missional Initiatives and Partnerships. To learn more or find out how to participate, visit tinyurl.com/abcGoldenRule2020

GENEROSITY IS... GIVING OURSELVES TO GOD

REV. STACY EMERSON, WEST HARTFORD, CT

The Generosity Project aims to help ABC pastors re-frame the conversation around stewardship and generosity in their congregations. Bi-monthly blogs help support new growth and understanding as we deepen our ministry and discipleship. Parker Palmer wrote, “…the most important sentence I’ve ever written is that one word, “Enough.” Said on the right occasion, that word can safeguard one’s soul, and saying it comes more easily with age. These days I say “enough” without hesitation to anything that’s not life-giving for me and for the people and world I care about—whether it’s frenzy and overwork, a personal prejudice, an unhealthy relationship, a societal cruelty or injustice…I no longer ask, “What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to hang on to?” Instead I ask, “What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to give myself to?” Read more at tinyurl.com/generosityABC

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR 2020 DELEGATION AND THEIR WORK

Members of the Upper New York Conference Delegation to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences gathered at the United Methodist Center on Saturday Sept. 28. Those who were unable to be physically present had the option of participating remotely. The morning was spent discussing how the delegation would continue to work together and learning about proposed changes to the clergy pension plan. The afternoon was spent planning their process for the potential Episcopal Candidates from UNY for vetting and then preparing for the Northeast Jurisdictional gathering in July 2020 in Huntsville, MD. More information on the process will be made available soon. Read more from The Bridge at tinyurl.com/unyUMC2020delegation

THE HIGH FIVE RELAY CHALLENGE

Get church members together and take our High Five Relay Challenge! United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) warehouses across the country are starting to clear out due to recent natural disasters near and far. From flooding in parts of Texas to hurricanes hitting the Bahamas and areas along the East Coast, there is a great need for cleaning and hygiene kits. In order to help, Upper New York Mission Central HUB began a high five campaign. Mission Central HUB challenges you to start your own high five relay and raise funds and supplies for items needed to assemble UMCOR-approved cleaning and hygiene kits. So how does the challenge work? Gather your church, committee, or group members together and have a high five relay. Each person contributes $5, or as much as they can, and the total amount is sent to the Upper New York Mission Central HUB. You can also submit your donation online by visiting bit.ly/UNYHUBdonation. Follow the lead of the Conference Office staff and volunteers. UNY Mission Central HUB challenges your church to be next. To see others completing this challenge, visit unyumc.org/mission/high-five-relay-challenge or read more at tinyurl.com/hi5umc
PLANNING AHEAD?
Check out our calendar online!

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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

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.