FROM YOUR MINISTER JIMMY READER

September 29 marked a transition for UCP from 60 years of the beautiful, New England style sanctuary to contemporary sanctuary space for the next 60 years. We honor all who built and maintained the sanctuary for six decades and will create a wall hanging for the memorial plaques on the pews with a photo to remember it. We look forward to all the ways that comfortable, flexible seating and colorful banners and a baby grand piano will combine to provide space both for worship and many events and programs in that space for decades to come. I want to thank all the people who gave so much of their time and energy, as well as financial gifts, to make it possible. (See my notes from Sunday below.)

As of this past weekend, we were about $9,000 short of our goal to completely pay for the sanctuary project out of memorial funds, a bequest, and new giving. I am aware that at least $4,800 more has been given or pledged toward that amount. If you can help us finish paying for it – and matching the Silco’s $5,000 challenge gift – please mark your check or envelope for “Sanctuary” and mail it or bring it on Sunday. Thank you all.

We recently realized that October 14 will be the 70th anniversary of the United Church of Pittsford – the day in 1949 when both congregations voted to join together as one church. We will have a brief celebration on Sunday, October 13, following the service.

Community Nights on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in October, November, and December are one way we seek to live out our mission statement to be an inclusive community of hope and love, serving, caring, and learning together for transformation in our world. This is the first series of four nights, hosted by our church for the whole community. No charge; donations accepted. And in December – Our community nights will be co-sponsored with the Hickey Center for Interfaith Dialogue at Nazareth College. We will have guest presenters to help us learn more about how people of different faiths celebrate the holidays and what we share in common.

Another learning opportunity at UCP, offered once a month after worship services, is our Way of Life Series. This series is based on Brian McLaren’s book, The Great Spiritual Migration – exploring how the world’s largest religion is seeking a better way to be Christian. Perfect for our day when we read and hear so much about what “Christians” believe. The second session will be offered on November 3.

So much is happening at UCP this year –

New outdoor signs for visitors
Paving of parking lot
Families with young children and kids in the nursery
Sanctuary space redesigned
Cell tower construction (this fall)

And most of all – Every one of you who give generously of time, energy, and finances to help us live faithfully into our mission statement.

CELEBRATION OF SANCTUARY SPACE

September 29, 2019

We are glad you are here to help us celebrate the transformation of our sanctuary space. From a beautiful, traditional New England-style sanctuary with pews, we have created a contemporary style with comfortable chairs and the flexibility to arrange the space according to our needs.

For those who may be new – and just to highlight the changes – here is what is different:

A baby grand piano to add depth and beauty to the music
New carpet
New ceiling fans (and re-installation of the sound system wiring)
Pew chairs
Wall banners to add color and a worshipful focus

So many people have worked hard to prepare the space for today. I hesitate to name them in case I miss someone…
Scott Hanson headed the project team. And he and Brian Kwarta and Dick Krager worked up in the air this week to install the fans and change the wiring.

Sue Miller and Lynda Page spent many hours to coordinate the color and texture of carpet, chairs, and banners – and to get the banners installed.

Nate Schunk and Don Reeve, along with other trustees, researched the chairs and worked behind the scenes to oversee removal of pews and installation of carpet.

Richard and Donella Ashworth brought some of their family one afternoon to unpack the chairs, assemble them, and begin their placement in the sanctuary. And before and after their vacation, have been here to help pull it all together.

Dick Krager, as usual, has been at the church daily (I think) to help with several pieces of this project. And with Marilyn, worked on several steps of cleaning, moving, and arranging things.

Anne and Ray Passmore, with Don Reeve and Anthony Ratzel, met the truck delivering the chairs and unloaded all 150 of them – without the lift and the dolly they promised us. – And the Passmores came again to vacuum and clean in the sanctuary.

A number of people were here the night we took everything out, including the library books. And Leta Williams and Anthony moved all the books again because the carpet is not finished for the library to be finished again.

Just so I don’t miss anyone – and so you can see – would everyone who was here at any point to help clear it out and set it up again please stand?

As we celebrate our “new” sanctuary space, we also want to honor those who created the sanctuary space as it was for six decades, in the traditional New England style. The memorial plaques on the pews were removed, and we will create a wall hanging with them and a beautiful photo of the sanctuary as it has been. – Who was here then? Audrey Johnson and Di Dobbertin, Tom Silco, and Sylvia Watkins.

Today marks a transition for the United Church, and we honor and thank all who have gone before – and those who are here – as we envision a wonderful future in the next six decades! – Did you know that October 14 – two weeks away – will mark the 70th anniversary of the decision to form the United Methodist Church from the Baptist and Methodist churches which have been in Pittsford for some 200 years! Happy anniversary to us!

We also want to express our gratitude to families who made this financially possible. Don Smith, before he passed away in March, spoke with a few of us about leaving a generous gift to the church – and how it might be used. Almost more than anything else, Don loved music. He played the piano and organ when he was younger and sang in the choir until the very end.

When we talked about a baby grand piano for the sanctuary, his face lit up! And the remainder could help us finish the project. About the same time, Wenda Silco (who passed away just recently) came to talk with me about memorial funds and how they might be used. Specifically, she mentioned the Molly Thomas memorial fund – a teenager who passed away suddenly and was active in our AGAPE group and the church. Her mother, Kris Thomas, is with us today as we honor her memory through this project. – And when the decision was made to move forward with it all, Tom and Wenda Silco launched the fundraising by giving a major gift toward the purchase of the chairs. Other memorial funds have been used, and we will soon publish a complete list in honor of all.

Tom Silco offered his gift as a challenge to others in the church to match it and go beyond until all is paid for. Right now we are about $9,000 short of that goal. We have “special offering” envelopes today and ask you to consider making a gift today or soon to help us finish it. – And thank you all!

MUSIC NOTES

CHOIR NEWS

Watch for a sparkling new anthem from the Choir in October! With a solo by Audrey Natale, the Choir will sing "The Light of the World" on October 20.

Our Choir is smaller than it used to be because we have lost several choir members over the past few years. We would love to have new singers join us. Please talk with me if you are interested in joining our group. Or just show up at 9 AM on the Sundays when the Choir sings, rehearse with us, and sing for the church service. In October, the Choir sings on the 13th and the 20th.

A CONCERT WITH OLD FRIENDS

The Perinton Presbyterian Church will present a concert on October 27, at 2 PM.

The concert, which has been organized by Norma Albright, will include songs by the church choir, solos, and small ensembles. Our former organist, Ivanka Driankova, will accompany the groups, as well as play some piano solos. The church is located on Rt. 31, across from Wegmans.

—Fearless Leader Dot Borden
ANNUAL PENNY PINCHER SALE
Pittsford Presbyterian Church
21 Church St., Pittsford Village

Thurs., October 10:
10 AM to 5 PM

Fri., October 11:
10 AM to Noon— Half-Price Sale!
12:30 PM to 2 PM—— Fill a bag for $2!

Antiques, Collectibles, Furniture, Household, Toys, Games, Puzzles, Books, Tools, Kitchenware, DVD, CDs, Sports Equipment, Electronics, Linens, Computers, Holiday, Garden, Office, Craft Supplies, Jewelry, Pictures, Small Appliances, Bikes, etc.
Sale is loaded!
Sponsored by Presbyterian Women
to continue our mission work

MISSION & MINISTRIES

FOOD CUPBOARDS
Serving our community and our city!

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD CUPBOARD
October 6: hearty soup
October 13: boxes of pasta
October 20: tuna

PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD
After 20 years at the Old Pickle Factory on Grove St., the Pittsford Food Cupboard has settled in at 3800 Monroe Avenue #26!
Serving Pittsford Community; neighboring towns and 2 Rochester zip codes
Worship Services
Collection Sunday:
October 27

Contact : Marilyn Krager
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.
Marilyn Krager

OUR HABITAT BUILD
- Pie sales are coming up in October to support our HIP house build!
- Thanks to Ray (&Anne) Passmore for much electrical work in many Habitat homes.
- Leta Williams, Verna Hazen and Dick Krager have all helped in several houses.
Sign up to volunteer! Talk to Dick Krager!

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!

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Families of Faith

Six Tips for Reading the Bible with Your Kids
(adapted from an article by David Murray – full article at tinyurl.com/biblewithkids)

1. Give them a good reason to read the Bible. Students do best when they are motivated by the ultimate aim of their studies. That’s why it’s so important to answer the “Why?” question up front, and to keep it in front, when reading the Bible with our children.

2. Establish a routine. Like everything else in life, reading the Bible with our kids is much more likely to happen if it becomes part of our routine. It takes about 6–8 weeks to build a habit by doing something at the same time in the same place with the same person. There will be ups and downs in that period, with times of forgetfulness and catch-up, but it will eventually become part of the fabric of life.

3. Be realistic. It took me many years to grasp the limitations of my children’s minds when it came to my spiritual ambitions for them. However, by the time the boys were about ten or eleven, I’d drastically lowered my goals, and then it began to click. We read less, but learned more.

4. Be systematic. When I was young, if I ever opened my Bible, I did so randomly and just read some verses here and there. The result was a patchwork of Bible knowledge with no sense of an overall story, and no sense of connection between the passages, the chapters, the books, or the Testaments.

When reading the Bible with our kids, let’s do so systematically, reading whole books of the Bible together over time. Doing so will teach them to wrestle with harder passages, expose them to the whole counsel of God, and forge connections within books, between books, and between the Testaments.

5. Ask good questions.

Asking our children questions about what they read increases their concentration, cements the content, and helps them to apply it to their lives. When children are young, the focus should be on content using the familiar what, where, when, and who questions. The aim is to build up their store of Bible knowledge. As our children get older, we can ask questions more focused on the meaning and implications of the passages.

6. Ask God for help.

By praying before reading the Bible, we demonstrate to our children the need for heavenly help if we are to benefit from our reading. We show our dependence upon God as we ask him for light on his Word. After reading together, why not help your children to turn what you’ve read into prayers. What in this passage can we turn into a praise, a confession, a thanksgiving, or a request?
THE OPIOID CRISIS - DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION

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
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Our first monthly breakfast of the new season

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Sausage Links
- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs

$5
- Maple Syrup
- Blueberry Topping
- Coffee, tea and juice

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Proceeds will be donated to Rochester and Pittsford Food Cupboards

WESTERN NEW YORK PEACE CAMP
Friday and Saturday, October 18 –19 2019
Greece Baptist Church
This event will include inspiring worship, speakers, music, workshops, a sand mandala demonstration, and far more. Come relax and share with others.
All meals are catered by the Coffee Connection.
Registration goes by a “pay what you can” system, ranging from $35-$75. (actual cost is about $55/participant)
Register by Thursday, October 10
For more information, see Jimmy or contact Marilyn at Greece Baptist Church by emailing MarilynTatGBC@gmail.com

10/1 Beth Harrison
10/3 Anne Passmore
10/5 Witney Zink
10/7 Molly Coller
10/10 Lynne Vasile
10/13 Colin Borden
10/20 Bev Barnett
10/22 Evan Burnett
10/24 Joy Bergfalk
10/25 Daniel Waldman
10/25 Jerry Weidenborner
Once again this fall the Shepherds and their flocks will gather for lunch to celebrate the program and to socialize.

This year’s lunches will be on October 13\textsuperscript{th} and October 20\textsuperscript{th} at 11:45 AM in Howard Hall. We will again follow a buffet style with all the participating groups cooperating to offer a varied menu.

On the 13\textsuperscript{th} will be the Ashworth, Krager and Page groups.

On the 20\textsuperscript{th} will be the Merrifield, Toles and Wolfe groups.

Your Shepherd will be in touch with you to let you know what to bring, and we hope very much that you’ll be able to join the other members of your flock for a casual meal and friendly conversation. Details of the lunches will also be included in the weekly e-mail newsletters and Sunday bulletins.

A list of all the flocks, their Shepherds and members is included below so you can see who else is in your flock and other flocks.

### SHEPHERD AND FLOCK LUNCHES

**ASHWORTH**
- Cornell
- Duprey
- Hutchins
- Reeve
- Schunk
- #Sheffield
- *Snyder
- Song

**TOLES**
- Borden
- #Brown
- *Hazen
- Johnson
- Martin
- McCollum
- Natale
- Wallace (Judy)
- Zink

**WOLFE**
- Bradway
- Gaze
- Kuimjian
- Silco
- Tyson

**KRAGER**
- DeCotis
- *Grunert
- Hyde
- Krebs
- LaTray
- Lazenby
- Strauf
- Vasile
- Watkins
- Weiss
- Yaneka

**MERRIFIELD**
- Allen (Frank)
- *Barnett
- Burnett
- Carley
- Harrison
- Kwarta
- Miller
- Nellis
- Ogden
- Reader/Bergfalk
- Stookey

**PAGE**
- Blood
- Broker
- Cranch
- Dobbertin
- Fisher (Jason)
- Hanson
- Muller
- Passmore
- Pum
- Ratzel
- *Wallman
- White
- Williams

6 GROUPS
63 FAMILIES
(including Shepherds)

* Substitute Shepherd
# Homebound
ROCHESTER GENESEE REGION PLANS MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico still need our help! The double-whammy hurricanes of 2017 in Puerto Rico left the island devastated. They're still rebuilding, and we can be a part of that process! ABHMS and Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico are partnering in an ongoing volunteer effort to enable teams of volunteers to engage in necessary projects around the island to help Rebuild, Renew, and Restore Puerto Rico.

The Rochester/Genesee Region is sending a team from Sunday, November 3, to Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Learn more by emailing: office@abcrgr.org

ABHMS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNS STATEMENT THAT DECRIES LAUNCHING WAR ON IRAN

VALLEY FORGE, PA

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) Executive Director Dr. Jeff Haggray joined U.S. faith leaders in contributing to and signing a declaration that decries launching war on Iran. To be shared by the signatories with their respective constituencies, the statement was announced yesterday on Washington, D.C.’s Capitol Hill with a news conference hosted jointly by Sojourners and the Friends Committee on National Legislation. “A US war with Iran would be an unmitigated disaster, morally and religiously indefensible,” reads the statement, in part. “U.S. faith leaders must be among the first to rise up, say “No!” – and call for better, more effective, life-saving ways forward.” Read more at: tinyurl.com/abhsms-iran

UNITED METHODISTS FLOAT PLAN TO SPLIT DENOMINATION AFTER LGBTQ VOTE

EMILY McFARLAN MILLER, RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE (RNS) — The United Methodist Church’s deadline for petitions for its next global meeting passed Wednesday (Sept. 18), setting the terms for a final reckoning with LGBTQ issues that have divided the denomination for more than 40 years. The UMC’s General Conference 2020, to be held in May in Minneapolis, will consider the structure of what church leaders hope can be an amicable, and orderly, breakup of a worldwide church that is the second largest Protestant denomination in the United States. The various plans come in response to a vote earlier this year by the church’s decision-making body to strengthen language barring LGBTQ United Methodists from ordination and marriage. Read more about the plan proposals here: tinyurl.com/UMC-plans

BORDER WOES TEST, UNITE IMMIGRATION MINISTRIES

SAME HODGES, UM NEWS

Many of those attending the Rio Texas Conference’s Border Convocation told stories of what their last months had been like. They were not summer vacation stories. The Rev. Eric Vogt said the church he leads, Travis Park (United Methodist) Church in downtown San Antonio, gave overnight shelter to more than 22,000 migrants from March through mid-September, most of them asylum seekers from Central America and other places, released by authorities to await a court hearing. Others described new or intensified United Methodist humanitarian work at the border, as well as legal representation and advocacy against Trump administration immigration policies.

Read more at: tinyurl.com/border-woes
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PLANNING AHEAD? Check out our calendar online!
NAMES AND NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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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

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.