I’m back! Our two-week stay-at-home vacation was restful, with reading, resting, gardening, day trips, Netflix shows, and just time to relax. Thank you for your prayers and well-wishes.

In a “normal” year, October through December would be a time filled with a rush of activities around the church. This year, of course, is different. We are not on total “lock down” anymore, but we are re-opening cautiously. Only 3 out of 50 states this past week had a decline in the number of new cases, and even here in New York we have seen an uptick (though we’re still doing quite well in Monroe County). We will continue to have some of our small group meetings (Council, Trustees, teams, etc.) on Zoom. No meal activities through the end of the year. No coffee hour quite yet.

Here is what we will be doing this fall:

**Worship services on Sundays** at 10:00 am in the sanctuary (with masks, social distancing, no choir or “regular” congregational singing, no handshakes or hugs) – Videos of the live services will continue to be posted on our church app and website each week.

**Sunday School classes** – We begin Sunday School again this Sunday, October 11, during worship. Activities for the children will happen outside, if weather permits, or in Howard Hall, so they have room to “social distance” and to minimize any risk. As they do in school now, children and adults will wear masks and keep any handling of materials to a minimum. Learning will stay as interactive as possible. (*Unfortunately, our cribbery room has no ventilation, so we cannot yet safely have a nursery.*)

With **Sunday School** beginning, we need volunteers. Two adults (16 years old and up) are needed every Sunday. Click here - [https://ucpittsford.org/volunteer-signup](https://ucpittsford.org/volunteer-signup) - and tell us what you want to do and when you are available. And we will send you the lesson plans on Monday each week (or earlier by request).

Freedom, justice, healing, life, compassion – all coming from God’s unlimited love for all creation. This is salvation. This is the gospel. And following Jesus means living into this way of life every day. That has implications for every part of our lives – economic and political … family and relationships … church and community. **You are invited to join my “following Jesus” Zoom group beginning Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet every Tuesday, and it’s open to anyone. Feel free to invite your friends. Register here: [https://ucpittsford.org/following-jesus](https://ucpittsford.org/following-jesus).
Pastoral care has been challenging this year. I reach out to you when I’m aware of a particular need (by email or phone), and I encourage you to contact me in the same way when there is a need in your life you want your pastor to be aware of. I have occasionally made a hospital visit and am usually able to do that, so please let me know if and when you (or a family member) are in the hospital.

2020 has been a “crisis year,” with a unique and challenging combination of a pandemic, economic troubles, political divisions in an election year, schools and businesses closed, being unable to travel and to visit with family and friends. All of this has raised the level of anxiety and depression for many people. That has been especially difficult for people with addictions or with mental health concerns. We have lost over 210,000 people to COVID, and many more have experienced physical health challenges due to the effects of the virus. – We need to continue to pray for one another, for our nation, and for our world. As I write this message, our president remains in the hospital because of COVID. Our national election is less than a month away, and so much is uncertain about what will happen. Get involved. Do what you can for other people. And keep on praying. God will be with us and provide a way through it all.
PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD
10/18 & 10/25

Bags
(Wegman’s style reusable bags)

Hygiene and sanitation products
(Paper towels, Hand sanitizer, Dish soap, laundry detergent, Feminine hygiene products)

Canned goods
(Canned spinach and collard greens, mushrooms, artichokes, tomatoes [crushed or stewed], spaghetti sauce, pineapple, mandarin oranges, tuna, sardines, anchovies, clams, ham, chicken, sausage)

Thank you for your continued giving!

MISSION & MINISTRIES

Cameron needs baby gates

If you have old baby gates, consider donating them to Cameron! You can place them in the Cameron box on Sundays, or call Briana to set up a drop-off time during the week.

COFFEE CONNECTION

Our Coffee Connection is in need of cleaning products such as paper towels and hand sanitizer.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the office to schedule a drop off time!
## IN THE COMMUNITY

**ATTENTION VOTERS!**

You have options this election season. Can’t make it to the polls on election day? Want to vote in person?

*Early Voting Sites and times are listed below!*

**Early Voting 2020 General Election Dates, Times and Locations**

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**Locations:**

- **David F Gantt Community Center**
  700 North St
  Rochester NY 14605

- **North Greece Road Church of Christ**
  1039 N Greece Rd
  Rochester NY 14626

- **City of Rochester Recreation Bureau, 2nd Floor**
  57 St Paul St
  Rochester NY 14604

- **Marketplace Mall, North Entrance**
  1 Miracle Mile Dr
  Rochester NY 14623

- **Roxie Ann Sinkler Recreation Center**
  75 Grover St
  Rochester NY 14611

- **Irondequoit Public Library**
  1290 Titus Ave
  Rochester NY 14617

- **Edgerton Recreation Center**
  41 Backus St
  Rochester NY 14608

- **Harris-Whalen Park Lodge**
  2126 Penfield Rd
  Penfield NY 14526

- **SUNY Empire State College**
  680 Westfall Rd
  Rochester NY 14620

- **Perinton Square Mall**
  6720 Pittsford Palmyra Rd
  Fairport NY 14450

- **Town of Chili Senior Center**
  3235 Chili Ave
  Rochester NY 14624

- **Webster Recreation Center**
  1350 Chiyoda Dr
  Webster NY 14580
Rotary Club of Pittsford

Annual Election Day Supper

Drive-thru Only

Serving

STICKY LIPS BBQ

Half Chicken
Mac Salad
Baked Beans & Cornbread

Tickets available at:
PittsfordRotaryClub.org
or from a Pittsford Rotarian

ELECTION DAY-TUESDAY, NOV. 3
4:30-7:00 PM

THORNELL FARM PARK • PARKING LOT
480 PITTSFORD-MENDON ROAD (Rt. 64)

$7 Sticky Lips coupon included with each meal served.

All Tickets $12
Proceeds to Local Charities

First 200 meals served at the event will receive a Pittsford Farms Dairy coupon for a free serving of ice cream to be redeemed by Nov. 4.
Dear United Church of Pittsford,

The Executive Board of Pittsford United Nursery School (PUNS) would like to express its most sincere thanks for the efforts the Church has made to help us reopen amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts have included increased storage areas, the use of social distancing markers and signage, limits on traffic in our classroom areas, increased use of outdoor space, and continuing to work with us on rent. We are grateful for the cooperative partnership between UCP and PUNS, especially during these challenging times, and we look forward to continuing to work together in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,
The PUNS Executive

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We need your help!
Visit the link ucpittsford.org/volunteer-signup to give your availability!

Questions? Don’t hesitate to ask!

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CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!

We need your help!

We are trying to minimize contact in the church during the school year. If you need to come in during the week for whatever reason, please contact the office first to set up a time or wait until Sundays.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Beth Harrison
10/3 Anne Passmore
10/5 Witney Zink
10/10 Lynne Vasile
10/11 Siena Reeve
10/13 Colin Borden
10/20 Bev Barnett
10/22 Evan Burnett
10/24 Joy Bergfalk
**ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE FORMATION**

An anti-racism call to prayer was held virtually in August. American Baptist Church members participated in prayer and reflected upon the turmoil in the country based off of recent events against racism. ABCUSA President Karen Podsiadly created an application process for those interested in joining an anti-racism task force in the church. In that task force, three subdivisions have been created. These groups are to provide anti-racism resources for individuals, congregations, and institutions of the American Baptist Church.

Watch the call to prayer here [tinyurl.com/call-to-prayer-video](http://tinyurl.com/call-to-prayer-video)

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**CHURCH & POLITICS**

Is the United Methodist Church involved in politics?

Since the founding of the United Methodist Church, members have participated in social and political matters outside the church. Fast-forward to today, the church has made a promise to be involved in creating a world based on justice and peace. This hands-on interaction is fueled by the Methodist Social Creed and Social Principles.

Read more at [tinyurl.com/church-and-politics](http://tinyurl.com/church-and-politics)

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**BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT PLANNING**

The American Baptist Church’s Executive Committee met this past month to discuss and plan the Biennial Mission Summit for 2021. It is set to take place virtually. They also began to plan the summit for 2023. Their hopes are to be able to host it in person in Puerto Rico, but for now their efforts and resources are going into planning the 2021 event.

Read more at [tinyurl.com/2021-mission-summit](http://tinyurl.com/2021-mission-summit)

Sign up for updates here: [tinyurl.com/biennial-sign-up](http://tinyurl.com/biennial-sign-up)

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**BREAKING DOWN GENDER BARRIERS IN THEOLOGY**

Women, and women of color are breaking down barriers and fighting gender norms all over the globe. The fight has been going on for years, in every aspect of life. This time in theology. Sun-Ah Kang, from South Korea, is fighting the “white-man’s view of the Bible” she learned growing up in the church, and starting fresh, learning and teaching the Bible as a doctoral candidate.

Read more at [tinyurl.com/gender-barriers](http://tinyurl.com/gender-barriers)
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**PLANNING AHEAD? LOOKING FOR UPDATES?**
Check out the calendar on our website!
www.ucpittsford.org/monthly-calendar
NAMES AND NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Office Phone Number: 586-6870
Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader, Minister 315-9241
Dot Borden, Choir Director 624-2284
Chen Liang, Organist and Pianist
Briana Hanson, Administrative Assistant 586-6870

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.
- **Can pull tabs** *(from canned fruits, vegetables, soups, meats, sauces, and beverages)*: These go to McDonalds for Shriner project funding.

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

Find us on the church app!