



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PITTSFORD**

THE GOOD NEWS

OCTOBER 2022

Embracing and Sharing Christ's Love

CHARTING THE COURSE WITH PASTOR AARON

I can hardly believe that our Homecoming has already come and gone! We had our annual church picnic to start it off and then also tried some new things. It was great to see so many of you, including many new people—some who were “returning home” and some who were “discovering home” for the first time. Many of you mentioned how meaningful the Homecoming was and that you experienced a renewed sense of kinship within the church. How wonderful!

So... what happens next? It is my hope that you'll continue “coming home.” Relationships are the most important gifts we possess in the church. God's relationship to us is the foundation of our salvation, and our relationships with one another are where God's love takes root and grows in us. If you don't know many people in the church yet, I encourage you to try to deepen your relationship with someone. For you, maybe that means spending some time after the worship service talking with someone over coffee and doughnuts. I especially encourage you to consider joining one of our church groups. Are you interested in learning more about Christian faith while also getting to know people? We have Bible studies on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday! Do you love music and want to meet other people who also love music? Consider joining the chancel or bell choir! Would you like to get to know people while volunteering to help people in need? You'll love joining one of our mission groups! Do you enjoy cooking, knitting, or yoga? We have groups who do those things, too! I don't have space in my article to list all of the ways you can be involved.

If you aren't a member of the church yet, we'd love for you to officially join the family! I'll be leading a three-week new members class on October 9, 16, and 23, and I would love for you to be there. Whether you've been here a long time or are just arriving to the church, know this: this is your family, and there is room for you here.

~Aaron



Generosity/Stewardship Committee

What is a home?

When you think of home, what do you think of? Home can be the place where you currently reside. Or it can be the place where you lived as a child. Depending on your definition of home, we likely all have more than one place we can call home. Wikipedia defines a home as a domicile—a space used as a permanent or semi-permanent residence for one or many humans. Hmm, not very warm and fuzzy!

A home is a safe haven and a comfort zone. A place to live with our families and pets and enjoy with friends. A place to build memories. A place where we can truly just be ourselves. A place of refuge.

Most of us are fortunate to have a home as defined by Wikipedia. We also have a home at First Presbyterian Church. A place to come with our families and enjoy with friends. A place to build memories. A safe haven and a place of refuge. And, even, for the first time, a place for our pets (although only one day). This home is the House of the LORD.

We encourage you to come home to church services. The risk of COVID has, we hope, passed and we yearn to be together again as a church family in our home. And, as we return, let us also invite and welcome new members, as we have been reminded recently in Hebrews 13:2, “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

The Generosity Committee invites you to come home and **Make a Difference** in your lives and the lives of others.

Generosity Committee: Lewis Becker, Chair; Faye Casey; Paul Irving; Steve Mizelle; Rob Rhodes; Bill Rieth, Pastor Aaron Neff

Update on Church Access

In an effort to keep everyone in the church building safe, the Trustees have recommended keeping the double doors on Locust and Church Streets locked during the week from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. If you need to enter the church during this time, please either let yourself in if you have a key, call the church office to be let in, or come to the office entry at 21 Church Street. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Lectionary for October

October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
17th Sunday after Pentecost	18th Sunday after Pentecost	19th Sunday after Pentecost	20th Sunday after Pentecost	21st Sunday after Pentecost
Lamentations 1:1–6 Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1–14 Luke 17:5–10	Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 Psalm 66:1–12 2 Timothy 2:8–15 Luke 17:11–19	Jeremiah 31:27–34 Psalm 119:97–104 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 Luke 18:1–8	Joel 2:23–32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 Luke 18:9–14	Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4 Psalm 119:137–144 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12 Luke 19:1–10



Members with October Birthdays

Amanda Adams
 Jenna Adams
 Erin Amborski
 Susan Bloch
 Linda Converse
 Roberta Faloon
 Madeline Frank
 Rachel Gartland
 Anne Glenning
 Annelise Henry
 Emma Hilger
 Sophie Hilger

Jane Huang
 Sam Huang
 Margaret Kilmer
 Vicki Klie
 Marjorie MacKenzie
 Julie Magnuson
 Luis Martinez
 Dorothy Meusburger
 Dorothy Naylor
 Megan Nead
 Susan Patterson
 James Purpura III

Beverly Reeve
 Lucien Rouse
 Catherine Spare
 Katelyn Stern
 Brenna Swetman
 Kristen Thon
 Danny Traina
 Pem Tyler
 Marjorie Wallace
 June Wilson
 Powell Wright

Wishing you a birthday that is full of laughter, love, and special memories!

If we missed you, please let the office know.

OPTIMISTS

Friday, October 14, 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. We will have social time to start, followed by grace, lunch, and announcements. Two Canandaigua DAR Genealogists will show you paths into your past. Surprises await you - more recent or in 1700s and back. Cal, SAR, can answer guys' SAR questions. DAR Gratuity benefits Rochester Honor Flight.

Please bring your own lunch and table service. We will provide decaf coffee, hot water, tea bags, sugar, creamer, and cookies. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to (585) 586-5688 or connect@pittsfordpres.org by Wednesday, October 12.

Anthony Circle

Anthony Circle will meet at the Penny Pincher Sale for our October meeting. Hope we all can help in one way or another.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
PENNY PINCHER SALE

Thursday, October 6 - from 9am-5pm
Friday, October 7 - ½ Price Sale, 9am-noon
\$2 Bag Sale, 12:15-1:30pm
21 Church Street, Pittsford NY 14534

22 OCT

JOIN US FOR

INTERNATIONAL

HARVEST DINNER

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

COMMUNITY & FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 5:00 PM

21 CHURCH STREET, PITTSFORD



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! FOR RSVP: 585.586.5688

International Harvest Dinner – Erntedankfest – Festa del Raccolto - Høsttakkefest - 세계 추수 감사절

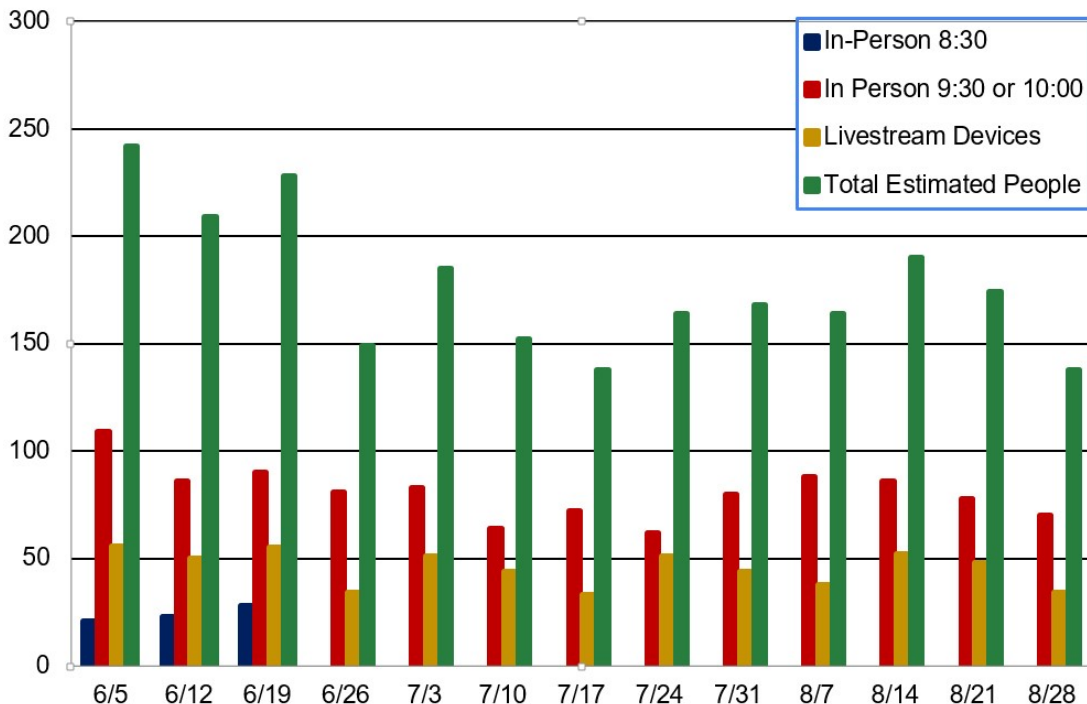
Join us on October 22, at 5 pm for an international harvest dinner celebrating community and food from around the world. This is a collective dinner—please bring and partake in food from another country. This is for all ages and bring a friend! Please let us know you are coming and email the name of your dish and country of origin to connect@pittsfordpres.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Calling All Landscapers

Garden workers are needed on October 12, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with a rain date of October 13, same timeframe. This will be the last request for help this year. Please join us with your garden tools and rakes if you are able.

Thank you! Debbie Gaudion

June - August Worship Attendance



Backpack Ministry - It's For the Kids!

Our church has been providing weekend meals to kids at two schools in the City School district. This ministry helps children get the food and nourishment they need on the weekends when they are not in school, via backpacks delivered to their school every Friday during the school year. We have been working with School 54 and School 35 in Rochester to reach a number of kids that are considered at "extreme risk of hunger". These are kids who, without help, likely would go hungry on Saturday and Sunday.

This is our 11th year of driving this program. We have been blessed with a number of wonderful people in our congregation who have donated time, effort, money, and food to help us reach these needy children. Unfortunately, the problem does not go away. Rochester is now #3 in the country in terms of childhood poverty rate: 56.4%, three times the national average! (Rochester D&C)

Volunteers are needed to deliver to the schools on Fridays. It simply means picking up the food at church and delivering to one or both schools. It doesn't require a lot of time, but our program is entirely dependent upon those deliveries. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Dave Testa at dtesta@rochester.rr.com or 585-355-2000.

Because we now buy prepacked bags of food from Foodlink, monetary donations are especially welcome. Each pack of food costs approximately \$4.00 and we deliver about 56 per week—that's a great value, considering each pack provides lunches and dinners and snacks for the weekend. If you choose to donate, please give or mail a check to the church office made out to First Presbyterian (please note "backpack program" on your check). \$25 would feed six kids on the weekend. Regardless of how you help, we know it will make a difference in the lives of these children.



News from the Nursery School

Autumn is my favorite season. Every season has its good times and not so good times, yet Autumn to me is a return to the norm, a wake up call. It's also very beautiful! Here at the preschool the children are so excited and happy to be back with their friends. This month we are learning about Fall, pumpkins, and of course Halloween 😊 We are planning a trip to Chase Pumpkin Farm, having our photos professionally taken, and preparing for a visit to the village Fire Hall. At the end of the month is the most anticipated Halloween Parade! Please take a moment to watch us on our parade route, Locust Street to Main Street then down Church Street to the church office. We will have two parades to accommodate all, October 27 and 31, each at 10 am. Last, but very important, we welcome two new teachers to our family, Kerry Mascia and Haley Blaszak. Thank you all very much for your continued support!

Teresa Zatyko, Director Pittsford Nursery School



Cameron Community Ministries

Cameron house manager, Madeline Martinez, thanks all the donors to the "Undies" collection. Jackie Roblin used "flying hands" to get the September tandoori meal prepped and baked for Cameron guests.

After a two-year suspension, Sunday dinner is starting up. Get together some friends or family (teens included!) for this mission and see why we love Cameron and why Cameron loves us! For more information contact Cindy Becker at 703-4878 or cindyleebecker74@gmail.com

"If you can't feed 100 people then feed just one." Mother Teresa

Youth Events for 7th – 12th Grades



Save the DATES!



Oct. 2 – Service opportunity immediately following worship; helping set up for the Penny Pincher Sale.

Oct. 8 – Service opportunity staining the Pittsford Food Cupboard Deck

Oct. 15 – LASER TAG (drop off 3pm)

Oct. 23 – Service opportunity following worship – rake leaves OR help at the Pittsford Community Halloween Festival at the Membership and Evangelism booth

Nov. 20 – Service opportunity Serving at the Advent Brunch

Dec. 3 – 9:30 Service opportunity at Pittsford Food Cupboard

Dec. 10-11 – Christmas Caroling and Youth Lock-In

Feb. 5 – YOUTH SUNDAY

Feb. 19 – 25 MISSION TRIP (more details to come!)

Confirmation

Is your child in 8th grade or older and hasn't completed the Confirmation process yet? Are they interested in professing their faith and learning more about what it means to be a Presbyterian? Contact Pastor Jacobson for more information! 585-204-2012 or erin.jacobson@pittsfordpres.org

last year's confirmands! →





Christian Education

Bible and Book Study Sundays after Worship

Romans chapter 8 says: “Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.... If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Starting on October 16, after worship we will be discussing the book *Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development*. This book explores how we as Christians can engage the world and be the hands and feet of Christ. It will both challenge us to be effective in ministry as well as challenge us to be more Christ-like. We will meet after the 10 am worship on October 16, 23, 30, November 6, and 13.

Then on **November 19**, the book’s authors **B. Hunter Farrell** and **S. Bala-jiedlang Khylllep** will be in Fellowship Hall to help us put into context what this vision of companionship means in our lives and our church. This educational day will have two lectures, one at 9 am and one at 10:30 am.

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Morning Bible Study
8:30 am hybrid

Monday Night Bible Study
7 pm Zoom

Tuesday Highlands Bible Study
1 pm Highlands Music Room

Wednesday Bible Study
7 pm hybrid

Thursday Women’s Bible Study
Noon FPC Library

Coming up in Sunday School:

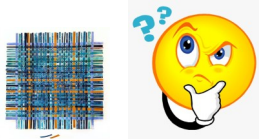
October 2

Loving Others
Theme: 10 Commandments
K-2: Craft: Clay Hearts
3-5: Cooking



October 9

10 Commandments
Theme: The People Give God Thanks
K-2: Weaving
3-5: Puzzle Challenge



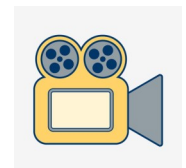
October 16

What Do the Rocks Mean
Theme: Religious symbols point to God
K-2: Paint Rocks
3-5: Show and Share



October 31

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem
Theme: We Offer Gifts
K-2: Super Project for Giving Away
3-5: Video Making




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*This is your family, and
there is room for you here.*

Rev. Aaron

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