



PITTSFORD COMMUNITY
CHURCH

PCC Bulletin Connections

July 17, 2020

Sunday Worship Service (Sundays, 10:30 am)— People are gradually returning to in-person worship while others are continuing to worship via livestream. For the foreseeable future face masks and 6-foot distancing will be the standard, but these hurdles don't prevent us from heartfelt worship!

Spanish Language Service (Sundays, 10:00 am)—Our Hispanic congregation meets in-person in the Apex and via livestream each Sunday. We praise God for this wonderful part of our PCC family!

Fall Worship Schedule—The Vision Deacons have approved a plan to change our worship service times beginning September 13. We'll resume a two-service schedule, with worship services at 8:45 am and 11:00 am. Sunday School classes will meet from 10:00-10:45 am. This schedule will help highlight spiritual formation opportunities for the whole family and allow time between worship services to sanitize the Worship Center.

In-person Bible study at PCC, Sunday Morning & **also on Zoom**.

Title of the Bible study: **Psalms**

Location: **Room 11** off of the PCC Family Life Center

Time: Every **Sunday 9-10:15 A.M**

Teachers: Facilitated by group members, Ken Odell class co-ord.
If you would like to be invited by e-mail for Zoom meeting
contact: Mark Almeter: m_almeter@hotmail.com

Our last **PCC CONNECTION NEWSLETTER** will be this August. All information usually found in our newsletter will be accessible through our website and specific links to the active ministry areas of PCC as well as the weekly **PCC Connect** emails.

Remember to scroll to the end of our Bulletin Connection to get the **sermon outline for this Sunday, July 19th**.



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Download the PCC App!

PCC has begun using an app to check in for services and communicate upcoming events! (Once everything gets up and running again other features will become available as well!). The App is called **Church Center**. It is free to download and easy to use. Simply go to the app store on your smartphone **and download the “Church Center” app**. Find Pittsford Community Church by using your location or typing in Pittsford to the search bar and sign into the app using your personalized log in information. If you need more help, we have created a quick tutorial video. Watch it by [clicking here](#). Currently, we are asking you to use the app to check yourself and your family into our Sunday morning church service. Simply go on the app on Sunday mornings, click the check-in button on the bottom of the screen, and check in! Simple and easy. Obviously, every new system has its kinks so if you have trouble logging in or if you don’t see members of your family on the check-in screen please don’t hesitate to reach out to Pastor Chris (arcadi@pittsfordcc.org) or the church office (mail@pittsfordcc.org)!

Congregational Meeting—All members are encouraged to attend a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, August 2 in the Family Life Center immediately following the worship service (about 11:45 am). This stand-up meeting will be an opportunity for the congregation to vote on releasing funds to make up the projected gap between the purchase price and the designated donations for a new church organ.

Library Repurposing Update—As you know, our Vision Deacon



Team approved plans to repurpose our library space for much needed meeting space. The library books will be redistributed to various age-appropriate classrooms in the building for personal use (no need to check out books, just borrow them as needed and return them when you are done).

Update on the Organ Fund



At our town hall meeting in April we discussed raising funds for the purchase of the new organ. At that meeting, it was decided that we would put a down payment on an organ which had become available and begin to raise funds for the instrument. The sentiment at the time was that we would see what the level of giving was toward the project and, from there, make a determination as to whether or not there was significant enough support from the congregation to move ahead with the purchase. In consideration of the company who is holding the organ for us, the Vision Team has decided it is appropriate to set a fundraising goal and deadline for the project. **To move forward with the purchase of the organ we must raise 75% or \$22,500 of the \$29,500 needed for the instrument by August 2nd.** If this goal is achieved, we would fund the remaining balance from the reserves the church currently has. If the 75% goal is not achieved, then PCC will not replace the organ at this time. **Currently, \$17,840 has been raised toward the project.** If you would like to give to the organ fund, please visit [this link](#) or designate “organ fund” on your offering.

Modified Vacation Bible School

This past week **over 60 children, teens, and volunteers** prepared **over 240 cards and letters of encouragement** to send to two local nursing homes, Aaron Manor and Woodside Manor. With these cards will be specially built garden houses to add cheerful decorations to these facilities. Our VBS team and volunteers did a great job blessing our community, thanks!

Rochester Family Mission is in need of non-perishable food items. Food can be delivered to the church's food boxes (entryways) on Sundays or through the office during weekday office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-12:00/1:00-4:00 pm).

Congratulations to Stephen Ludwig, who graduated from High School last month and has enlisted in the Air Force. Stephen will be shipping out to boot camp in San Antonio, Texas, this Tuesday and eventually make his way to Sheppard Airforce Base for tech school in Aviation Electrical and Environmental Systems. Keep Stephen and his parents, Dale and Annie Ludwig, in your prayers.

Prayer Groups—Consider joining others for weekly or monthly prayer. Simply contact the prayer group “host” to receive an invitation to a Zoom-based prayer meeting:

- Tuesday Night Prayer Group (7:00-8:30 pm), email Al Emmans at alemmans1@gmail.com.
 - Wednesday Virtual Intercessory Prayer Group (7:30-8:30 pm), email Dana Goodnough at goodnough@pittsfordcc.org
 - Sunday Morning Prayer (9:00-10:00 am), email Al Emmans at alemmans1@gmail.com.
 - First Friday Praying for Teens, email Maryann Quirk at sistermar2003@yahoo.com
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Prayer Needs

- **Prayer for the Benedict Family** – Continued prayer for the family and for Brian who is dealing with a kidney stone. Much comfort, peace, and healing are needed through this difficult time.
- **Al Fransen** – surgery recovery
- **Jean McDermott** – Continued prayer for her health, healing, and well-being
- **Steve and Megan Soja** ask for prayer for their daughter, Hope, who will be having heart surgery in Boston on July 28.
- **Dave Brick and family**
- **Pray for our Vertical Youth attending URIMON** and all that God seeks to do in hearts and lives that week, which is coming up on Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31.

Prayer for URIMON—Join a Zoom prayer meeting this Wednesday, 7:30 pm, for our annual youth retreat (URIMON) which will take place July 27-31. Look for details in this week's Prayer Plan.

Saying Goodbye—PCC members Roger and Kaye Wieting are moving to Texas next week. Keep them in your prayers. We'll miss you!

Missions Highlight:
“Why Google can’t translate the Bible?”

UPDATE FROM THE BUSHES
WYCLIFFE



Here at Calvary Homes, all activities were cancelled. No visitors were permitted to Health Care or Personal Care residents—even family. Church was online. The Perspectives course missed the first week of the close-down, then continued on Zoom to the finish.

John and I didn't really mind staying home. We've been trying to simplify our lives, so that did it for sure! Maybe a little more than we had anticipated. Now, as things begin to open up, I have some regrets that I didn't accomplish all the catching-up items that I had hoped to do during the down time. But it has been a more relaxed time, which was nice.

We are so thankful that Calvary Homes has had no Covid-19 cases among our residents. That is amazing considering that the high percentage of virus cases in PA have been in nursing homes. Pennsylvania restrictions are categorized by red, yellow and green. Our Lancaster County has just this past week moved to yellow. But even in green, large groups will be limited. So, the committee for the Aviation Fair has made the decision to postpone the August 15-16 dates. We hope it can be held in the Spring.

Like many people, we have been wondering what God is doing through the terrible pandemic. We downloaded to our Kindle a small book, Coronavirus and Christ by John Piper. I recommend this for his thoughtful conclusions based on well-documented Scripture passages.

Meanwhile mission work overseas is also greatly affected. Some people are delayed in going or returning to their field assignments. Some have been stuck in places where they couldn't leave. They have found different ways to use their time effectively while waiting. But they're looking forward to more personal interaction with people.

Recently we saw an interesting post on some of our Wycliffe information. Some people have asked why Bible translation is so complicated. Why not just use Google Translate?

Here's some good information on it through this link—Why Google can't translate the Bible:

<https://www.wycliffe.org/blog/posts/5-reasons-why-google-can't-translate-the-bible>

May God bless you through this time as you navigate a new normal. May we all learn what He wants to teach us.

Thanks for being a blessing to us!

Our love and thanks to you.

John & Elsie Bush

A Journey with Jesus

The Travel Narrative in the Gospel of Luke

“The Parable of the Rich Fool”
(Luke 12:13-21)



1. The Setting—Christians should be generous because greed is so deceptive (12:13-15).
2. The Parable—Christians should be generous because greed is so foolish (12:16-20).
3. The Lesson—Christians should be generous because greed is so diametrically opposed to faith (12:21).

PCC WEEKLY PRAYER PLAN – July 17, 2020

Prayer application from Sunday's sermon, “FACING ADVERSITY”

Read Luke 12:1-12. When facing religious adversity, our behavior must line up with our belief. If it does not we'll appear inconsistent, hypocritical. But when it does, God can use our testimony to influence others. Belief + Behavior = Influence.

Jesus' encouragements for speaking in adversity

- 1.) Read Luke 12:1-3. Jesus encourages us to speak with integrity in sharp contrast to hypocrisy. Does your speech line up with your faith? Are you honest and trustworthy in your words? Have your words been tested by others and found to support your belief?
- 2.) Read Luke 12:4-7. Jesus encourages us to be bold – to not give in to fear. Do you fear what others think about you? If so, does your fear of God outweigh it? Will you stand up for God in the face of religious bullies? Are you more confident in God's care for yourself than how others will treat you?
- 3.) Read Luke 12:8-10. Jesus encourages us to declare our allegiance to Him. He wants us to acknowledge Him before others. Do you do this? Was there a time when you did not?
 - a. Read Matthew 26:69-75 and John 15:15-17 – How did Jesus respond to Peter disowning him?
- 4.) Read Luke 12:11. Jesus encourages us to rely on the Holy Spirit for our defense. When you share your faith, do you bumble your words? Do you understand it's the Holy Spirit who saves the person, not you? Do you trust He can use your words, though weak, to influence others?

If you have questions or concerns about your personal salvation, your beliefs and/or your behavior, feel free to contact Pastor Dana or Pastor Chris.

PRAYER PLAN

Let's have a special hour of prayer for URIMON

- All are invited to pray for the upcoming youth retreat, July 27-31.
- Join us by Zoom call at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, July 22.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86400416973>

Pray for PCC fruitfulness

- 1.) Pray for clarity, confidence, and understanding of God's will for all Christians during these times. Pray against fear and immobilization. 2 Timothy 1:7, “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline” (NIV).
- 2.) Ask God to help us exercise integrity in our speech, to root out hypocrisy in our hearts, and to put ridiculous faith into action.
- 3.) Ask God to help us approach racial injustice from HIS perspective. Pray for grace amongst us.
- 4.) Pray for disciple formation planning – that the Lord would lead our community outreach efforts.
- 5.) Pray for awakening/revival in our families, community, and nation.

Pray for PCC congregation with various needs

- 1.) Proper spiritual perspective and prayerful action over national unrest and events
- 2.) Continued sharing and reach of PCC's viewership of the live stream services
- 3.) Salvations in our congregation and amongst live streamers
- 4.) SUMMER SAFETY amongst our families and kids
- 5.) Personal needs including employment, sicknesses, mourning, etc.
- 6.) Cross generational involvement in our prayer groups – ask for a call to pray amongst all ages