



September/October 2024 Communiqué

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Engaging the Season of Peace

Cool mornings, leaves changing to the colors of gold, red, and orange, heavy dew on the grass and children going back to school all signal the change from summer to fall with the emphasis on harvests, pumpkins, and families gathering to celebrate special days of joy with gratitude for God's blessings of life.

One such special day is World Communion Sunday when Christians around the world celebrate communion with Christ regardless of nationality or ethnicity as we rejoice in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of all peoples and the grace showered upon all of us by God.

World Communion Sunday is also known as Peacemaking and Reconciliation Sunday because of the special offering received before, during and after World Communion Sunday. This offering called the Peace and Global Witness offering reminds us that September through November is a Season of Peace, a season celebrating the tranquility of everyone having all they need for life and living in mutuality and loving kindness with all our neighbors.

This Season of Peace is described in the scripture readings for each of the Sunday worships during September through November that will we use to reflect about how God desires for communities to live together in peace and abundance and the way God teaches us to be such communities. Especially through the words of the prophets like Zechariah, who casts a vision where there is a sowing of peace, so all peoples of the world-old and young, all genders, and nationalities; those from the north and the south and the east and the west-live without enmity, fear, and destruction in the wholeness of God's kingdom and of a creation restored and abiding in peace because the people have bound themselves together in love for one another, imbued in the them by God, as the Peace and Global Witness minute for mission tells. For it is in God's kingdom where all persons have dignity and worth.

As the Presbyterian Confession of 1967 reminds us, "with an urgency born of this hope, the Church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world," with the followers of Christ becoming "emissaries of peace."

Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church and if we are to be emissaries for peace then Christians are called to sow seeds of peace in every interaction we have

with other people and in the decisions we make. Opening us to the myriad ways we might be emissaries for peace will be the special offering minute for mission readings that we will be highlighting in worship during this Season of Peace, preparing us to make our offering for Peacemaking and Global Witness on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

May we prepare ourselves by praying this prayer from one of the minutes for mission, “God you are the bringer of peace. We recommit ourselves to you as you bring peace to our world. May the works of our hands, the marching of our feet and the meditations of our hearts join with you as we sow the seeds of the peace only you can bring to fruition. In your name, O God, we pray. Amen.”

Pastor Carson

Worship Leaders for 2024 – September through December

September 1	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser	November 3	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser
September 8	Rev. Penni Farrington	November 10	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser
September 15	Rev. Harry Heintz	November 17	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser
September 22	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser	November 24	
September 29	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser		
October 6	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser	December 1	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser
October 13	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser	December 8	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser
October 20	Rev. Harry Heintz	December 15	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser
October 27	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser	December 22	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser
		December 24	Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser
			Christmas Eve Service - 4:00 p.m.
		December 29	

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION

- Paving and repair of driveway is completed.
- Preparation for the new UPK classroom is underway.
- Upcoming Pulpit Supply
 - September 8 Rev. Penni Farrington
 - September 15 Rev. Harry Heintz
 - October 20 Rev. Harry Heintz
- Shaya Greathouse, New Music Director, hired in the Spring and will begin Sept. 1
- Until a new Church Secretary is hired, congregational members have been covering the most needed roles, such as mail pick-up, phone message retrieval, etc. Pastor Carson has also stepped up to assemble this Communique and prepare all bulletins.
- Child, Youth and Vulnerable Individual Protection Policy was revised and approved by Session.

- Sexual Misconduct Prevention will be available in November and December for all Elders and Deacons to fulfill the NYS requirement.
- Boundaries Training will also be required for Session members in the coming year.
- Mission donation of \$100 from Deacons to Project Christmas, the remainder of their funds for Mission will go to the Open Door Mission.
- Mission donation of \$400 from Session to Keeping Our Promise
- The problematic area of the roof will be covered until it can be repaired in the Spring.
- Nominating Committee consists of Elder Ellen Best, Deacon Jan Stever and Member at Large Janet Marventano

DATES OF INTEREST

September 8	Choir Begins under the direction of new Music Director, Shaya Greathouse
September 10	Clarinet Connection Rehearsals begin Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 9/10/24 – 12/10/24.
September 18	Southern Hills HOA meets at JCPC 6:30
September 28	Take-Out Spaghetti Dinner
October 5	Walk to End Alzheimer's – 10:00 AM
October 20	Fall Potluck Following Worship
October 30	Boundaries Training for Elders
November 10	Called Congregational Meetings for Election of Officers for 2025 following Worship.
November 16	Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacons 2024 and 2025
November 17	Installation of Officers during Worship
November 24	Decoration of Church for Advent/Christmas
December 1	First Sunday of Advent
December TBD	Sexual Harassment Training for Elders and Deacons
December 15	Christmas Potluck Following Worship
December 24	Christmas Eve Service 4:00 PM
January 26	Annual Meeting JCPC Congregation and Corporation

Ellen Best,
Clerk of Session

Nominating Committee Needs You!!

We are beginning to think about filling the positions of Elder and Deacons for 2025. Please help us out by prayerfully considering service as one of these officers. If you have any questions about what being a Deacon would require, please ask one of our current deacons— Mark Sundman, Bev Little and Jan Stever. They have also put together a list of responsibilities which you can find in the binder in the office, or we can make you a copy if you would like. If you have questions about being an Elder, please talk to one of our current Elders—Cindy Freeman, Randy Hamilton, Joe Davis,

Ellen Best, John Stever. Although these positions are traditionally a 3-year commitment, we now offer the opportunity to fill a 2-year slot if that is preferable for you. Thank you for considering serving as an Elder or Deacon.

We need you to keep our church thriving.

Many thanks from the Nominating Committee,

Ellen Best

Janet Marventano

Jan Stever, Deacon Representative



Please welcome Shaya Greathouse as our Music Director. She will be directing the choir for the first time on September 8.

Most of you know Shaya for her beautiful voice, singing the anthem for our worship service. Shaya will be a wonderful addition to our worship in presenting us with beautiful and meaningful music. Please introduce yourself to Shaya after worship on September 8.



What: JCPC TAKE-OUT Spaghetti Dinner

When: Saturday, September 28th 4:00-6:00 pm

Something is in the air ... a TAKE-OUT Style Spaghetti Dinner is coming to JCPC Saturday September 28th, and we need your help to make this a successful event. Everybody can help!

Volunteer to work during the dinner as a runner, server, kitchen helper, or cashier. Sign up to bring a dessert (only cookies, brownies, or simple cupcakes please!!). Take and distribute some flyers. Help with the advertising. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the sanctuary.

We are also asking people to donate some of the food items and supplies to help defer some of the costs. Even if you are not able to come that evening, consider donating food, supplies, or money to help cover expenses. If you have any questions, ask Mark Sundman.

So... tell your neighbors. Most importantly, come to the dinner and bring a friend.

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Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's.

On Saturday October 5th at 10:00 am, the JCPC team will once again be walking to raise donations for this important cause of working towards ending Alzheimer's. For the last few years, we have opted to walk in the neighborhood around our church, but the team can decide if they want to do the walk nearby or go downtown and join in with the others in this Rochester, NY event. Please consider donating and/or walking with us—you can register and donate online at act.alz.org. Our team's name is John Calvin Presbyterian Church, so make sure to find our team page. We appreciate your generosity and time!

Thanks,
Ellen Best, Team Leader

Ministry Opportunity

Ticket Information for Dinner & Presentation

Keeping Our Promise “FOOD FOR THOUGHT”

Thursday, Sept. 19, 5:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Hall at Pittsford Presbyterian Church

21 Church St, Pittsford

(HCP-accessible via Locust St Parking Lot)

\$60/person donation – Please purchase by September 13.

(Child, 10 and under, free with adult)

Payment Options:

- 1) https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjEyMTg0 (link to our own registration/purchase site)
- 2) Scan KOP QR code below; specify “Pittsford Food for Thought.”



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- 3) Check payable to Pittsford Presbyterian Church, memo line: “Food for Thought”

Info: FPC Outreach members, Lee Fox 585-261-7092, and Cindy Becker 585-703-4878.

Also: www.KeepingOurPromise.org EIN 85-1918996

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS SPECIAL EVENT!