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Dear Members & Friends of First Church:

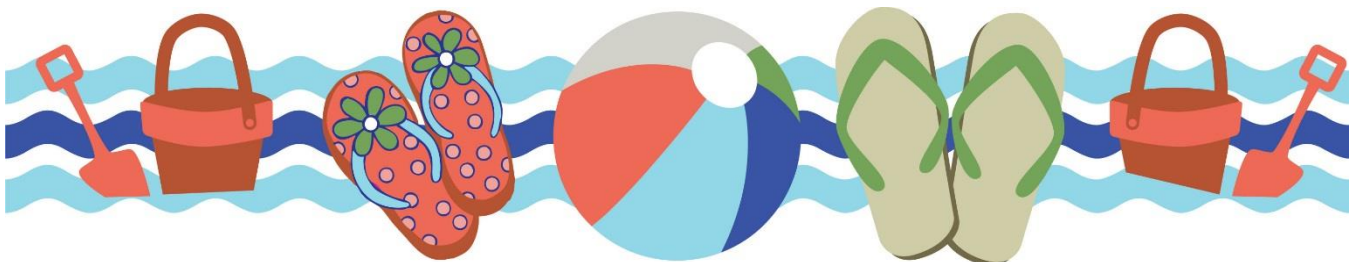
During our Summer Worship Services, we are going to be focusing on some of the Psalms and the Gospel of Luke. We are also going to have very informal and interactive Summer Services, offering people a chance to engage in a dialog during the Message or respond with comments after the Message. If you are interested in leading any part of the Service, please speak to Diana Smith or me.



This Summer we will also be welcoming Katrina Macaluso as our new Assistant Pastor for Youth Education & Family Ministries. She will be engaging our current Sunday School families in community events and activities that will help make our church more invisible. You can read more about Katrina in her bio on page 3.

Since I know that many of you will be away during some or most of the Summer, I will simply say, "Have a restful vacation, and enjoy the Summer!"

Abundant Blessings,
Pastor Greg Rupright





SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS & MESSAGES

(bold font indicates key scripture text(s) for the Message)

JULY 7TH – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion
 Isaiah 66:10-14; **Psalm 66:1-9**; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Message: “Come, See, and Praise”

JULY 14TH – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 Deuteronomy 30:9-14; **Psalm 25:1-10**; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
Message: “Honest to God”

JULY 21ST – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 18:1-10a; **Psalm 15**; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
Message: “When Good Things Happen to Good People”

JULY 28TH – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); **Luke 11:1-13**
Message: “Uncommon Prayer a.k.a. Learning How to Pray”

AUGUST 4TH – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
 Hawaiian Shirt Sunday – Holy Communion
 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; **Psalm 49:1-12**; Colossians 3:1-11; **Luke 12:13-21**
Message: “Death Wisdom”

AUGUST 11TH – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 15:1-6; **Psalm 33:12-22**; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
Message: “Happy Is the Nation”

AUGUST 18TH – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:20—12:2; **Luke 12:49-56**
Message: “Divided by Christ”

AUGUST 25TH – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Message: “Plucking Up, Pulling Down”

CHURCH NEWS

NEW ASSISTANT PASTOR

We would like to introduce, Katrina Macaluso, our new Assistant Pastor for Youth Education and Family Ministry.

Katrina holds a Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. She grew up in Western New York, graduated High School in East Rochester and has since lived in Florida, Manhattan, and Chicagoland. She returned to WNY four years ago and currently resides in Dansville, NY where her husband Eric Thompson serves St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Together they live with their two young children John, age 5 and June, age 2, their two cats, and her Springer Spaniel named Caspar.

Katrina enjoys cooking, watching the Bills and Sabres lose, camping, and swimming. When she isn't at the church you can often find her and her family enjoying a Summer festival or Autumn farmer's market.

Her past experiences include teaching Sunday School and Adult Christian Formation, as well as lecturing and leading quiet days, serving on Outreach Committees, and working as a Parish Coordinator for the Episcopal Partnership for Mission and Outreach. Her last call was to St. Peter's UCC in Perkinsville, NY as their part-time senior pastor. She begins her work with us on August 1st.

Katrina feels blessed to have been called to First Congregational and she is already thinking about and planning for the coming program year. She is very much looking forward to serving this congregation in mutual ministry. She asks for your prayers for a smooth transition from one call to the next and is excited to meet us.

Amy Pasley, Greg Rupright, and Brian Sherry

»» Welcome
to our New
Assistant Pastor
for Youth Education »»



THANK YOU

A BIG thank you goes out to Brian Sherry, AmyPasley, and Steve Smith for all of their hard work and time spent in our search for a Director of Youth Education and Family Ministries.



PASTOR'S VACATION DAYS DURING JULY

Pastor Greg will be taking the following vacation days: Thursday, July 18th & Friday, July 19th. For any pastoral emergencies during these days, please contact Dave Mosher at 585-381-6961 or dmosher@rochester.rr.com

CAN & BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR HONOR FLIGHT

Our bottle drive has returned. We are again collecting cans & bottles with a 5-cent deposit at church but this time it is for Honor Flight. Drop off your cans & bottles in the barrel near the rear entrance to Fellowship Hall and I will take them over to Can Kings in Fairport. If you have too many to drop off at church or cannot bring them in, send me an email and I will make arrangements to collect them. Note that if you drop off your cans directly at any redemption center in Monroe County (not an automated one like Wegmans or Tops), you can specify "Honor Flight Rochester" and they will be credited with the donation.

Help send a Veteran on a free trip to see their memorials in Washington...5 cents at a time.

Thanks,
Joe Charles (jcharles1@rochester.rr.com)



ROCHESTER RED WINGS BASEBALL GAME RPO AND FIREWORKS

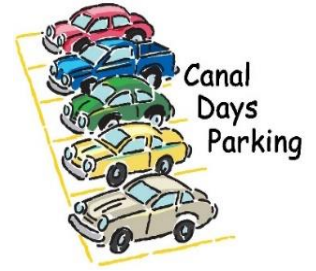


Join us on Saturday, **July 13**, at 6:00 PM as the Rochester Red Wings face the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Tickets are \$6.00 each. We have a limit of 20 tickets available for purchase. The first 20 people to sign up will receive tickets. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Money (EXACT CHANGE ONLY) is due to Vicki Sherry or Dee Jackson by July 3. Contact Dee Jackson to learn how tickets will be distributed at the game.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH CANAL DAYS PARKING

I would like to thank everyone who helped park cars this year. We had a net profit of \$5,950. We would not have been successful without the help of those who volunteered.

Brian Sherry



SUMMER SERVICES FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS



There will be Summer Services for Healing & Wholeness in the Snow Room on Sunday, July 28th and Sunday, August 25th at 10:45 A.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SPECIAL SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Mark your calendars for the following special Sunday Worship Services this summer:

Sunday, June 30th will be our annual Fourth of July Service. The worship service will honor the work of our founding fathers and the birth of our nation.



Sunday, August 4th will be Hawaiian Shirt Sunday. Wear your favorite tropical outfits and enjoy some tropical delights after the worship service.

PART TIME PRESCHOOL TEACHER OPENING

Bertha Agor Memorial Nursery School is seeking a qualified candidate with classroom experience to teach a Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning class beginning Sept. 2019. Call 223-0380 for more information. An application can be found online at www.bamns.org. Please send application and resume to B.A.M.N.S., 26 East Church Street Fairport, NY 14450



YOUTH NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2019 GRADUATES
We are proud of you!

HIGH SCHOOL:

Samuel Deniz will graduate from Fairport High School. He is headed to Rochester Institute of Technology to study Interactive New Media Development.

Marius Eaton

Natalie Grabowski

Nicholas Johansen will be attending St. Bonaventure University this fall, majoring in Finance and Investments. He has played his trumpet in both the Concert and Jazz band at Fairport High School and hopes to continue to play in college. Nick is also looking forward to getting involved in community service projects while at St. Bonaventure.

Holly Maxwell

Olivia Quattrociocchi is graduating from Fairport High School. She will be attending Nazareth College in the fall to study Physical Therapy.

Mark Weidman is graduating from Fairport High School. He will attend the State University of New York at Cortland in the fall to pursue a degree in physical education and health education.

COLLEGE:

Shannon Johansen received her bachelor's degree in Occupational Science from Nazareth College and is continuing to complete her master's degree by this time next year. Shannon is currently working her OT clinical rotation at Rochester General Hospital this summer.

Kelsey Family: The grandchildren of Joanne Kelsey and the late Easton Kelsey all graduated in 2019. Stephen earned a B.A. in English Literature; Lauren earned a B.S. in Nursing; Alexander (Sasha) earned a B.A. in Architecture. They are the children of Marlene and the late Dr. Jeff Kelsey. They all reside in Miami.

Rachel O'Connor graduated Magna Cum Laude from Binghamton University with a B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering. She has been active in Binghamton's InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Pep Band, Relay for Life, and the Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers. She is a member of Tau Beta Pi and Alpha Pi Mu honor societies. Rachel will continue at Binghamton in the Graduate School program to earn her master's Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Kurt Rogers graduated from Norwich University with a degree in geology. He was a member of the Corp of Cadets and the Regimental Band and graduated cum Laude. He now plans on finding a professional job in his field.

Molly Sterriker, granddaughter for Chic and Beverly Gray, has graduated from the University at Buffalo with a B.A. in Communicative Disorders and Sciences.

William Sterriker, grandson of Chic and Beverly Gray, has graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical University as a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Sarah Strong graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Lawrence University with a major in sociology and a minor in statistics. Sarah was elected into Phi Beta Kappa and received the award for Outstanding Senior in Sociology.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

LIGHT THE NIGHT



Thank you to Barbara Strong for lighting the night during the month of June in memory of Frank P. Strong, Jr..

Thanks to Eileen Slocum for keeping the steeple lights burning bright in July in memory of Lester Slocum, Jr..

Thank you to Pat and Bill May for keeping the steeple lights burning bright during the month of August in memory of Sean May.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Charlotte Jackson, Fairport Baptist Home

Gerry Hammond

Mary Lou Woodhouse

Marge Brooks, Heathwood



Next "Epistle" Deadline is
(The "Third Thursday")
August 15, 2019



Frequently our church will take photos or videos of members, including children and youth, involved in church related activities. These photos and videos may be used in church-produced publications, on our website or on social media including but not limited to Facebook. If you do not wish to have photos or videos of yourself or your child used, please see Vicki Sherry in the church office to sign an exclusion form.

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 Monday through Friday (Monday-Thursday in July and August)

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 Rev. Dr. John N. Cedarleaf, Pastor Emeritus
 Administrative Assistant: Vicki Sherry
 Church Moderator: Steve Smith
 Organist: Beatrice Benedict
 Director of Music Ministries: Heather Watras
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 Wedding Coordinator: Betty Shamblen
 Sunday School Teacher: Yaliza Frank



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