

Calendar

AI Anon:
December 5, 12, 19, 26, 10am
in the Lounge

Back Row Boys:
December 4, 9am, Iron Kettle

Bible Study:
December 4, 11, 18, 10am

Men's Group:
TBD, 9am, Fox Run

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 10:30am

Worship Committee Meeting:
December 15, 11am

Pastor Jesse is Coming!

Our new pastor, Jesse Larson will start the new year off with us here at FPCEA! Join us as we welcome him and enjoy a musical service with a concert! Please reach out to Brad if you're interested in singing!

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7pm on December 24th. We hope to see you there!

Advent is Upon Us!

Please join us on Sunday, December 1st after the service to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! Many hands make light work, and we always have a lot of fun in the process! Pizza will be provided. See you there!



Community Engagement News



-On October 29, 2024 Darcy and I took the FPCEA donated gifts in to the Family Promise which is an emergency shelter for homeless families. Our donated household items, including our homemade blankets, assist in keeping homeless families together in these living quarters. The shelter leaders were most appreciative of the volume and variety of items we donated. Check out their web site at fpwny.org which provides more information about this worthy shelter. Thank you to all those church members and friends that made those donations, and thanks to Mark Dechert and Darcy Sowyrda for delivering everything!

-Christmas Giving: Our angel tree is full of reminders for toys and gift cards for the kids at Urban Christian Ministries in Buffalo. Please donate by December 8th. Let's make some children smile on Christmas!

-We are actively looking for members for our group, if you have always had a calling to help those in the world and our community email sgupp44@gmail.com or check the chimes for next meeting.

-If you are looking for something easy but important to help with, we will be looking for volunteers to help with the St Pauly bin, this is bin provides our group much needed funds that we can use for our giving throughout the year! It would only be a once in 3-4 month commitment depending on how many volunteers we can get. Please contact Sara, at Sgupp44@gmail.com. Thank you!

Upcoming Christmas Pageant and Caroling!

The Christmas season is upon us! Our annual Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, December 8th during our service. Afterwards, pizza will be served and then our youth group is inviting **everyone** from the congregation to go caroling and visit some of our friends at home! If you've never participated, it is a time filled with pure joy! You don't want to miss either event. Please join us!



Christian Education Update

Dec 1st – Preparations are in full swing

- Sunday School Pageant Practice (during Sunday School in the chapel) approx. 10:20am
- ALL Church decorating with a hint of cider and donuts (immediately following church) @ 11am

Dec 8th – Includes a “hat trick”

- Christmas Pageant @10am
- ALL Church Pizza Party @ 11am
- Christmas Caroling organized by the FPCEA Youth Group @12:30pm

-In addition to a busy calendar of events, sign up for December thru March Teachers and Assistants is underway. Please consider working with the amazing young people in our church. They are sure to give a new perspective to approaching your spirituality that will invigorate your faith. If you are interested, please use this [link](#) to sign up or sign up on the hard copy located in the Assembly Hall by the events calendar. Thanks in advance!

-Finally, join us in the lounge at 10am on Wednesdays for a bible study among friends. We will be continuing to study the 11 questions that are part of the 2024-2026 Confirmation Program and determining our next study. We would love the addition of new viewpoints to enlighten the conversation in hopes of better understanding our Christian beliefs.

Aktion Club Advent Service

On Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 we have invited our friends from Aktion Club to a special Advent service. Some of the members will be chosen to act in costumes to tell the Christmas story. We will be singing lots of Christmas carols too. We need YOU to be there to share the Christmas joy! Please help by donating cookies and healthy snacks for our reception afterwards. They can be left in the little kitchen. Please label them or just bring them that evening. Questions, ask Barb Wheeler or Darcy Sowyrda. Thank you!

Shared Dinners are Back!

Shared dinners will resume in January. Reminder: hosts prepare the main dish. Three sets of guests will bring either salad and bread, dessert, or a veggie. These dinners will help us get to know our new minister in a casual setting. I will collect names of participants, then email a list of hosts and their assigned guests to all the participants. Then the hosts will contact their guests to set the date and designate the food to bring. If you don't have a partner I will find you one! Call or email me please by Dec 15 so I can get this organized. Thanks! Katherine Gipe, 716-652-5133, gipekat@msn.com.

Stewardship 2025

Please hand your pledge card in if you haven't already! We are currently at \$175,930. If you have not received one either by mail or email, or have any questions, please contact Annie in the office at (716) 652-0160 or office@fpcea.org. The deadline has passed, so please get yours in so session can work on our budget for 2025.

December Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Mark Ackley

Jenny Beyer

Constance Byrne

Catherine Cardina

Kim Danieu

Mark Dechert

Kelly DeMario

Peyton DeMario

Jacob Griffis

Geoffrey Gunner

Judi Hamms

John Johnston

Molly Pearson

Carl Porter

Aubrey Roden

Fred Thornley

Sharon Wesoloski

Barb Zimmerman

Join us for worship Sundays at 10am, in person or on Facebook!

The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month.