

Calendar

- Al Anon:
October 3, 10, 17, 2, 10am
in the Lounge
- Back Row Boys:
October 2, 9am, Iron Kettle
- Bible Study:
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10am
- Christian Education Meeting:
October 21, 6:30pm
- Community Engagement Meeting:
October 8, 7pm
- Deacons Meeting:
October 29, 7pm
- Men's Group:
October 26, 9am, Fox Run
- Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
Oct 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30
10:30am
October 29, 6:15pm
- Session Meeting:
October 7, 7pm
- Women's Group:
October 23, 6:30pm, 42North

Rally Day!

On September 8th, we kicked off the new school year with our Rally Day celebration! The unusually cold weather kept us inside, but fun was still had by all! Thank you to our deacons who coordinated the picnic, Amy DeMario for planning the service and everyone who participated!



Community Engagement News

-As part of our focus on shelter for all, we have wrapped up our collection for Family Promise of WNY. The items will all go to a family starting over after being homeless for a time. Thank you to all who generously gave. We also are excited to donate 10 fleece tie blankets that will go home with kids for some warmth and coziness.

-During October and November we will be offering SENECA SESSIONS, which is a series of talks by our own Jake Clark, who is a member of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. The purpose is to raise awareness of our Seneca neighbors, their rich culture and their struggles. We can learn and be part of the solution! We will gather on a number of Sundays during coffee hour to listen to stories of the Indigenous people and learn some history we may never have known. Dates will be posted on our website fpcea.org and in the bulletin that indicate which Sundays Jake will be sharing with us. Join us for our 20 minute SENECA SESSIONS in the Heath Room. Families, youth and adults are welcome. - Submitted by Darcy Sowyrda

Soup Lunch and Pumpkin Carving!

On Sunday, October 27 Presbyterian Women is hosting a soup lunch and pumpkin carving after service! Lunch will be provided, but please bring pumpkins and carving materials. Get ready for Halloween with some fellowship and delicious food!

We Have a New Pastor!

The Pastoral Nominating Committee is THRILLED to announce we have a new pastor! The congregation voted unanimously, and Rev Jesse Larson will be installed the first week of January. We cannot wait for him to join us at FPCEA! Welcome, Pastor Jesse!

October Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Kenneth Boss	Patricia Evans	Patricia Evans	Ken Krieger	Suzanne Parkhurst	Todd Suckow
Charlotte Carter	Salah Griffis	Salah Griffis	Stephanie Larson	Gayle Parrish	Susan Tapani
Annie Clark	Susan Gurney	Susan Gurney	Patricia Matthewson	Angelo Polisano	Sharon Taylor
Jane Clark	Nancy Heussler	Nancy Heussler	Scott More	Barbara Sleeper	Ginger Thomas
Fiona Danieue	Joshua Krieger	Joshua Krieger	Sue Pagliaccio	Debbie Sleeper	Virginia Wade
					Janice Wolfman

Stewardship Update

As many of you know, October 20th is Consecration Sunday. I write this article with much anticipation as we continue with our Stewardship messages. This year's Stewardship theme "Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve", speaks to us about the strength of our faith and how our lives are enhanced through the growing fulfillment of serving our church.

When I think about the importance of pledging, many things come to mind, such as support for our Youth Group and Christian Education. The children in each of these groups provides me with a visualization into the future of this church as well seeing their lives become further enriched. It is for these children, including my grandchildren, that I want to continue financially supporting FPCEA. I trust we all want our youth ministry to remain stable and strong. For us this means a paid staff including our new Pastor, a CE Coordinator and the Youth Group Leader.

What does FPCEA provide you that is important in your life? Is it Sunday services? Is it the anticipated arrival of Pastor Jesse who begins his work in January 2025? Is it the Community Engagement work we do? Is it our beautiful music program? Is it adult bible study? Is it Sunday school for your children or grandchildren? There is so much that our church offers us. The various services offered by our church should be a daily reminder that this church is truly ours.

Whatever brings you to this church, the importance of pledging cannot be understated. It is your commitment that allows all the things we love about this church to happen. Without your pledge, the Financial Responsibility Ministry Team and the Session is challenged in its preparation of a proper operating budget. With everyone's pledging, a balanced, forecasted budget can be completed that allows us to sustain our church staff, and all our programs. Pledging by all families and friends is essential for our church of today and its future.

Our Stewardship goal for this year is again \$200,000.

As we proceed towards 2025, I urge you to think about what is important to you. What does your Church provide to you and your loved ones? To honor your Church, would you consider a nominal increase of \$250 over last year's pledge amount? For those of you that may not have made a pledge in the past, would you consider doing so now? Let us commit to this church as a total congregation. Together we can make a difference! - Submitted by Mark Dechert

Christian Education Update

-IN NEED OF CE ASSISTANTS: Starting Sunday 9-15 we are in need of assistants for the CE classes offered. Weekly we will need an assistant for the young elementary and an assistant for the middle elementary students. One will be needed on the Sunday's that the Confirmation class meets too. (Confirmation Class begins on 9-22 and typically meet every other week.)

-If you are willing to be an assistant, please type your name in the attached sheet on the date and for the class you will be available to help. In the event, you have an emergency and can not help on the day selected please attempt to fill slot and let me know asap. [Sign-Up Link](#).

-[Thank you](#) in advance for helping! - Submitted by Amy DeMario

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Ms. Bridget's Sprouts

Come each week to join Ms. Bridget and her friend Sprout this fall! Sprouts is designed to enhance your child's early growth & development and increase socialization. Get ready to learn and have fun each Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:30am! Ages 6m-5y. Please contact Bridget Pacholec to register at 716-982-2000.



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.
