

## Calendar

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

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

Christian Education Meeting:  
September 16, 6:30pm

Community Engagement Meeting:  
September 10, 7pm

Deacons Meeting:  
September 24, 7pm

Men's Group:  
September 14, 9am, Fox Run

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:  
Sept 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 10:30am

Presbyterian Women Meeting:  
September 29, 11am

Session Meeting:  
September 9, 7pm

Women's Group:  
Sept 25, 6:30pm, NateMeg Farm  
Winery

Worship Committee:  
September 29, 11am

## Save the Date!

Join us on

**Sunday, September 8th** for

**Rally Day!**

Deacons will provide hot dogs  
and beverages for everyone!

Please bring a dish to pass!

## 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!

## A Note from Our Pastor

One of the things I missed most having lived in California the past six years has been the fall. It is my favorite season. The colder temps and changing leaves always usher in the excitement of a new school year as well as a new programmatic year at church. The lazy, hazy days of summer are ending, and big plans are on the horizon! I think I heard somewhere about a big national election happening in November, and we are all waiting with baited breath to see how the Bills do this season. Here at church, you'll be preparing for some of your special traditions at church, as well as some of our holidays - Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day, Christmas.

Unfortunately, I won't yet be with you all to partake in all the fun. Though I am very eager to begin in ministry with you all, I am needing some time to collect myself and strategize my cross country transition. My previous call took a toll on me; the church I served had been in conflict for several years and it was not uncommon for session members to yell at one another during meetings. There were also some rather unsavory personalities who caused a lot of stress for myself and others. So, last spring, as my call was ending, I applied for a small grant to take a mini-sabbatical. I've been in need of a break and some perspective. My girlfriend, Rowena, and I will be traveling to Europe for the first time in October. We are looking forward to taking in some sites as well as even reconnecting with family and friends (in Sweden and France). Then, upon our return, we'll dive into the details of moving and finding a new home. Ultimately, no transition is ever perfect, but I prefer to begin my call at the First Presbyterian Church of East Aurora feeling renewed and excited, as opposed to feeling drained and rushed. I am so very thankful for your graciousness and patience regarding my delay.

Regardless of my presence, your fall is going to be lovely! I'm sure there will be festivals in town, as well as special gatherings with the church family. I've heard great things about your regular meals at members' homes. Let's all continue to cherish each day as it comes, to savor the good in each day, and to give thanks for all that God has done and is doing in our lives and in the world. Be well and I'll see you in a few months!

-Jesse

## Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Committee is currently mapping out our calendar of this Fall's events for the 2025 campaign as well as our Consecration Sunday kickoff in October. Our Stewardship theme for this year is "Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve". More details will follow next month. Our church is so thankful for all your 2024 pledge payments to date which are so vital in staying current with paying our annual operating expenses.

-Submitted by Mark Dechert

## Community Engagement News

-As house prices and rents continue to go sky high, Family Promise of WNY gives hope to families experiencing homelessness. Their personal, caring approach is quite remarkable! Each family when they get back into a home needs to start over again. So, that is where we come in. We have offered to provide a Welcome Home Kit for one family to get a fresh start. This consists of household items new or gently used. Please check the requested items list on the table in the assembly hall or go to the [Sign-Up Genius link](#) to select an item to donate. Drop off donations at the table through the month of September. Thank you!! Questions- Ask Darcy 716-602-9030.



-Another batch of sub sandwiches was delivered to South Buffalo Community Table (soup kitchen) in August thanks to our Sub Club volunteers and proceeds from the St. Pauly Clothing bin. Yay!  
 -Submitted by Darcy Sowyrda

## Christian Education Update

-We are excited to kick off a new Sunday School Year with a unique service to learn more about our church family in addition to giving the youth a chance to meet their teachers.  
 -There will be a confirmation class starting this year. It is designed to be a two-year program that will conclude in the Spring of 2026. All youth 7th grade or older that are not confirmed are invited to participate.  
 -In an effort to celebrate all the talents of the church, a monthly calendar will be available at church for all attending to note sporting events, concerts, plays, etc. that they are participating in. The goal is to allow our church family an opportunity to get some of these events on our personal schedules in hopes of supporting one another and getting to know each other better.  
 -September 15th- Join us for a brief Sunday School Volunteer Training session. It will only be a ½ hour. The goal is to let volunteers know their role in helping the teachers in the classroom as well as begin sign-ups for the fall session.  
 -For more information, be sure to check out CE's quarterly newsletter that will be posted to the web site in September.  
 -Submitted by Amy DeMario

### September Birthdays! Happy Birthday!

Robert Beyer	Penn Gipe	Ronald Parkhurst
Matthew Boss	Gwenyth Griffis	Acadie Pierick
Lloyd DeMario	Lois Kohler	Emily Pfaff
Richard Depke	Linda Krieger	Larry Poturalski
Richard Fentzke	Brad Meholick	Jean Seeley
Nichole Fischer	Emily More	Darcy Sowyrda
Ian Fisher	Katie Oleksy	Talia Spencer

### FPPS Fall Bulb Sale!

Help Support First Presbyterian Preschool during their annual fall bulb sale! Browse and order online at [fpp.fpfundraising.com](http://fpp.fpfundraising.com). All orders are due by October 10th. Thank you for your support!



### 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.