

Community Engagement Update

We have been very busy the past few months with food outreach through ROC, FISH, and the Sub club; 60 sub sandwiches will be made for delivery to the South Buffalo Community Table on June 1. We have helped support the Aktion club dance. We have enjoyed decorating the outside of the building in seasonal décor and lights. We regularly maintain the St. Pauly bin clothing shed in the parking lot. We work toward future opportunities and annual giving this winter. Are you interested in supporting or taking lead on something that moves you? Let us know! Contact Jake Clark or Sara Guppenberger and look for an upcoming meeting! Thank you all for your meaningful contributions in the blue mission envelopes found in the pews.

More information regarding the STAMP sign on the front lawn:

You may have noticed a new sign out front by the sidewalk. This is supporting The Presbytery of Western New York's letter of Apology to Seneca Churches which was issued on October 20, 2025. Currently there is action which is negatively impacting the Tonawanda Seneca Nation and surrounding people, land, air, and water in Genesee County. A large industrial site with a proposed 100-acre data center is being planned against the sovereign nation. More information, including the complete Apology Letter along with some outreach materials, including yard signs are in the back of Assembly Hall. For more information, contact Jake Clark.

Helping Family Promise of WNY

On Thursday June 11th, Cathy Dechert is asking for help tying blankets for Family Promise. Any available volunteers can meet her at 1:00 PM on the third floor. Thank you!



FISH Collection

For the month of June, we will be collecting boxed macaroni & cheese for FISH of East Aurora!



Ms. Bridget's Sprouts

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



June Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Mason Adams	Lucas Bush	Lyra Griffis	Beulah Hosie	Amy Pecoraro
Adam Beyer	Nathan DeMario	Ethan Hausauer	Brenda Kelsey-Moore	Sean Phillips
Mike Boldt	Jon Fisher	Heidi Baust	Cole Krieger	Serena Poincelot
John Bush	Aidan Griffis	Davis Heussler	Kelsey Moore	Laurie Smith
				Helena Spencer

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.

The Chimes

June 2026

Calendar

- Al Anon:
June 4, 11, 18, 25, 10am
- Book Club:
June 22, 6:30pm
- Back Row Boys:
June 3, 9am @ The Iron Kettle
- Bible Study:
June 3, 10, 24, 10am
- Christian Education:
June 15, 6:30pm
- Deacons:
June 23, 7pm
- Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
June 3, 9, 10, 16, 23, 30, 10:30am
- Presbyterian Women:
June 7, 11am
- Session:
June 8, 7pm
- Worship & Music:
June 14, 11am

Book Club

Our pick for June is "A Well-Trained Wife" by Tia Levings. We will meet at 6:30 on Monday, June 22. Come join us!



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Congratulations to our Confirmands!



After two years, our confirmation class came to a close with 4 confirmands choosing to join our church on May 17. It is always a joyous day in the life of the church we can celebrate our young people and support their journey of faith. There were 7 youth in the class, 3 of whom decided that they were not ready to officially join. I believe that a well-examined faith is important and a seriousness regarding commitment means that these special young people value what they are learning about our faith. We trust that we are planting seeds, and that God's Holy Spirit will nurture them at the right time. In the meantime, we continue to love and support our children and youth, honoring the promises we made at their baptisms. Blessings upon all of our journeys!

Summer Info!

Summer is upon us! Hopefully the weather will continue to feel like summer and not a really rainy spring. As in previous years, Annie will be working from home on Wednesdays from mid-June until September when school resumes. She is still reachable by phone/email on those days! Kevin will be in Tuesday-Thursday!



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Christian Education Update

FIRST, YOU ARE AWESOME!

On behalf of the children, youth and CE volunteers, we want to send out a huge THANK YOU to all that helped make our Charlotte House Mission a success. With your support, we collected \$407 along with the items listed below.

- Multiple pkgs/bottles of paper towels, toilet paper, toilet cleaner, laundry detergent, Clorox wipes, storage bags, freezer bags, napkins and garbage bags.
- Office supplies including copy paper, labels and stamps.
- Coffee to keep all awake.
- Care supplies which include Biotene and Nitrile Gloves.
- And more through online orders.

The items have been delivered to Charlotte House along with a note featuring the artwork and pictures of some of the children and youth involved. Loving, caring and kindness are the words that describe the people of FPCEA that supported this project.

The June CE Calendar: SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 1st Sunday of the Month is Music with Brad
- Pk-2 have Sunday All of the Remaining Days of June.
- 3-7 grades have class June 14th and June 21st
- June 20th, we will recognize those graduating high school and college along with students going to into 9th grade and kindergarten.

BIBLE STUDY

- Will meet at 10am in the Lounge on Wednesday thru June excluding June 17th.
- Bible Study no meeting during the months of July and August. Classes will resume in September.

CE COMMITTEE MEETING- tentatively set for June 15th



A Note from the Pastor!

I was recently introduced to a new term – “Maycember.” This word reflects that May is as busy as December is; it’s full of recitals, sports banquets, performances, exams, etc. We feel intense pressure to cram it all in prior to the arrival of summer. Unfortunately, for many, this time of year has gotten too busy, leaving us feeling stressed-out. In some ways, the church is no different than other organizations like schools or businesses. We also have plenty of big Sundays on the calendar and rites of passage to recognize. Indeed, we recently celebrated the journey of our confirmation class – which is a joy.

But we wonder if it has to be this way? Part of the identity of the church is as a sanctuary from the many concerns of life. Are there ways we can push back against these larger cultural trends? I fear that if the church becomes another institution that puts pressure on our members and leaves us feeling overwhelmed, more and more folks will seek their peace and restoration elsewhere. Perhaps the most important questions for us as a church family is what do we truly value? What do we find to be life-giving as a church? What gives us joy and a sense of purpose, and what are those things that exhaust us or we consider to be something we only do because we have to?

Sometimes, while on the roller coaster of modern, we just want to scream, “STOP! I wanna get off for a while!” I hope that over the coming months and years, our congregation can chat more about these important questions concerning our identity as a church family and what we do and why. As we wrangle with these questions and identify what gives us joy and meaning, we then find that so many other things fall into place. We are able to better focus on sharing our gifts for ministries we are passionate about, while we are also more willing to let go of practices and traditions that no longer serve us in this new era.

To this end, our session and deacons plan to have a joint meeting together in early September to discuss these questions and to then begin putting together a calendar that strikes a healthy balance of meaningful ministry, worship, and rest. And we’ll want to hear from all of you as well. So stay tuned!

As summer quickly approaches, may we prioritize time, both personally and as a church family, for relaxation and restoration. May we take time to dream about what gives us hope and excitement for the future. In a frenetic world, let’s find times to chat together as a congregation about these same topics – in hopes of making ourselves and our world more peaceable, more gracious, more present, more joyful, and more faithful – for we all know time has a way of racing along. - Jesse

