

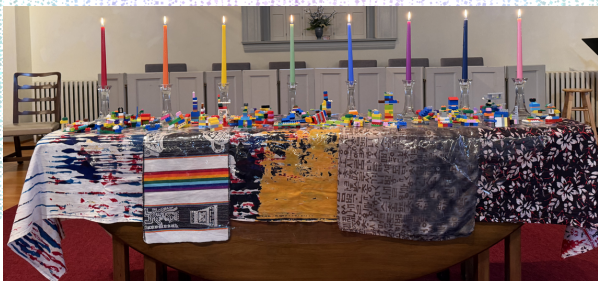
Christian Education Update

Time to embrace all the fall activities!

Just a brief message from CE regarding needs and programing.

- Regular classes began on September 20th. We unrolled a slightly different curriculum for the pK-2 class that focuses on age-appropriate Christian virtues.
- The Confirmation Prep class will meet on October 4th. The Lesson Topic will be: How do we know and trust God.
- Bible Study will meet every Wednesday in October at 10am in the Lounge.
- 3-6 will not have class on 10/11/2026.
- Slots for teachers are filling in nicely but there are a few openings left in the September-December Schedule.
- The need for volunteer assistants is greater. Several individuals have approached me to say that they are willing. Please email me or check the hard copy of the sign-up sheet in the Assembly Hall by the whiteboard to finalize dates.
- Keep an eye out for the 2026-27 Youth Group Schedule. I will email as soon as it becomes available.
- FINALLY- if you are a parent, grandparent, or youth that knows of upcoming events (sports, concerts, plays, recitals...), please let me know or note on the whiteboard in the assembly hall. It is perfect opportunity to celebrate the skills of our youth!

Time to enjoy the amazing fall colors!



On Sunday, Sept 20 we had our first “informal” service, geared more towards the youth of our congregation. The congregation built with Legos during Jesse’s sermon and displayed them on the chancel table, along with candles representing the liturgy of the rainbow!

October Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Ken Boss	Patricia Evans	Ken Krieger	Suzanne Parkhurst	
Charlotte Carter	Salah Griffis	Stephanie Larson	Angelo Polisano	Susan Tapani
Dan Castle	Sue Gurney	Patricia Matthewson	Barbara Sleeper	Sharon Taylor
Annie Clark	Nancy Heussler	Scott More	Debbie Sleeper	Janice Wolfman
Jane Clark	Josh Krieger	Sue Pagliaccio	Todd Suckow	

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

October 2026

Calendar

Al Anon:
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10am

Book Club:
TBD

Back Row Boys:
Oct 7, 9am @ The Iron Kettle

Bible Study:
Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, 10am

Christian Education:
Oct 26, 6:30pm

Deacons:
Oct 27, 7pm

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
Oct 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 10:30am
Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:30pm

Session:
October 12, 7pm

FISH of East Aurora

For the month of October, we will be collecting canned soup for FISH!



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Rally Day Fun!



Another successful Rally Day is in the books! We had a lovely outdoor service and a picnic filled with food, conversation & fun!

Bazaar Time is Upon Us!

The Bazaar (sponsored by Presbyterian Women) is coming November 14, 2026 from 9-2. We will gladly accept your donations of household goods, decorations, toys, tools, and knick-knacks. Please box your clean donations. All clothing should be donated to the clothing bin in the parking lot. We do NOT take electronics!! We will have room for some small furniture. (this can be delivered 11/8-11/12.) Set up will be the week of 11/8. We usually work from 9-12, and then in the afternoon. Helpers will be needed for the set up. Lunch (soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink) will be served from 11-1. There will be a bake sale table.



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Stewardship News

Dear Members and Friends of FPCEA,

As believers in God, we can speak with Him every day or request blessings as you may need. Just for a moment, think what it would it be like to stand before Him and have a conversation telling him about our lives, our accomplishments, share our beliefs or lifelong dreams, or talk about our families and friends, the beautiful things that you’ve seen or witnessed in this world that He has provided? Wouldn’t it be fascinating to have this open exchange in person with Him? You could express your grateful appreciation for all the blessings He has provided you with or the teachings you have received. However, would you feel confident that you have faithfully practiced those teachings through giving, serving, or managing your resources wisely, honoring Him or demonstrating your trust in Him?

Which leads to the question of “How are we serving the Lord”. This of course can be fulfilled in many ways, one of which is through our Stewardship with FPCEA. Our Stewardship can be offered through the giving of time, talents, and gifts. Yet do we allow our giving to reflect our deepest values and commitments?

We know that God looks after us and our church each day. For instance, remember when our church and our members received His guidance during the troubling times of the worldwide pandemic, and more recently through our search during Pastoral transition. We have so much to be thankful for our church as God’s grace continues to rain down on us each day.

This year, as we once again enter the annual season of Stewardship and of making pledges and commitments for establishing our church’s budget, may we all remember God’s love, grace and generosity by continuing our faithful response with praise and thanksgiving. By enacting your Stewardship, it is a way of committing yourself to be a follower of Christ. In giving of yourself, we align who we are with God’s generosity. For example, in Luke 6:38, God said, “Give, and it will be given to you.” It is through our Stewardship that we achieve continued support for our church’s needs, our church staff, all our church programs and ministries, our youth group, Christian Education, bible study groups, music and much more.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge this year and remember God’s generosity by offering your thanksgiving, whether by sustaining your giving, or growing it. This year’s pledge cards will be mailed to everyone. Should you not receive a mailed pledge card, additional cards will be available in the office or at the Deacon’s table near the back of the church. We ask that you please bring your pledge cards with you for pledge offering on October 11, 2026, Consecration Sunday or by no later than October 31, 2026. Cards may also be mailed to the church Office. If you have questions or would like to talk more about making a pledge to FPCEA, please contact Mark Dechert at 716 449-8816 or see Annie in the church office.

Thank you, in advance, for making this year’s Stewardship campaign successful. Let us celebrate all that God is doing in our lives as we continue “Our Journey of Faith and Giving”.

Faithfully, Mark Dechert – Stewardship Committee

A Note from the Pastor!

In many ways, our world is working more towards better physical health – cleaner foods, exercise, rest, medical advancements. And in the past couple of decades, our attention to mental health has greatly increased. But during this same time frame, our churches have been shrinking and few are tending to our spiritual health. It is imperative that we take the time to engage our souls and our deepest longings and questions because so many are feeling so overwhelmed and hopeless by our complicated, broken world. It only makes sense, of course, that I would make this argument as I am a pastor after all! Still, the prime objective of my calling is to help us all find meaningful ways to explore our spirituality and grow in faith.

I’m reaching the mid-point of my year as moderator of Presbytery and have been working really hard on the big “Presbytery Weekend” we are hosting at Camp Duffield on October 23 & 24. I know that we all have jam-packed schedules, but we have landed two exceptional speakers and I’m confident that we will have a wonderful time together. I hope you might be able to attend! Here are the main details:

On Friday, October 23, for those who are interested in spending some time outdoors, you are invited to come and enjoy an overnight at beautiful Camp Duffield. We will have cabins available but if you’d prefer to camp, bring along your tent.

- The camp will be open at 3pm for hikes, games, etc.
- We’ll have a hotdog cookout for dinner, complete with s’mores, some songs, and maybe even some drumming!

On Saturday, October 24, registration will begin at 9am and we’ll be called to order for our Presbytery meeting at 10am – beginning with worship! Most church members will probably skip the meeting, but we really hope folks will be there for lunch and then our speakers! And we hope to find a volunteer or two who can lead hikes and games for those not attending the Presbytery meeting.

At 12pm, we’ll all enjoy a delicious catered Vietnamese lunch from Pham’s Kitchen. We’ll then begin an afternoon of spiritual enrichment featuring keynote addresses by Rev. Cece Armstrong and Rev. PJ Craig. Both are gifted preachers and have served extensively throughout events in our denomination.

- We’ll also have time for break-out discussions concerning the addresses. This will be a very special forum for hearing inspiring messages, sharing about meaningful faith topics, and getting to know one another better.
- Pizza and snacks will be served during the afternoon. We’ll then conclude by 5pm. Do note that we’ll be sure to have vegetarian and gluten-free options for all meals/snacks.

As the date draws closer, we’ll be seeking rsvps – but for now, get this event on your calendars!