

Calendar

Al Anon:
June 5, 12, 19, 26, 10am

Back Row Boys:
June 4, 9am @ The Iron Kettle

Bible Study:
June 4, 11, 25, 10am

Book Club:
June 30, 6:30pm

Deacons:
June 24, 7pm

Men’s Group:
June 14, 9am, Fox Run

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
June 3, 4, 10, 11, 10:30am
June 17, 24, 10am

Presbyterian Women:
June 8, 11am

Session:
June 9, 6pm

Women’s Group:
June 18, 6:30pm, @ 42North

Worship Committee:
June 8, 11am

Scam Alert!

We’ve learned that someone is sending emails that claim to be from Pastor Jesse - THEY ARE NOT. This scammer is posing as him, requesting help to purchase gift cards. Please do not respond. IT IS A SCAM. Please know that Jesse will never ask you to send any sort of financial gift, card, cash or anything online or via text. And, if you have any questions whatsoever, please call him directly.



Book Club

Join us for book club! Our book for June will be “The Handmaid’s Tale” by Margaret Atwood. We’ll meet June 30, 6:30pm in the church lounge. Bring a snack to share.



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 10am! See the calendar for details. Ages 6m-5y. Please contact Bridget Pacholec to register at 716-982-2000.



The congregation sits with the check for Restore Elikia. Our youth helped raise \$1565 to send to the organization!

May Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

- Mason Adams

Adam Beyer

Mike Boldt

John Bush

Lucas Bush

Nathan DeMario
- Jon Fisher

Aidan Griffis

Lyra Griffis

Ethan Hausauer

Heidi Baust

Davis Heussler
- Beulah Hosie

Brenda Kelsey-Moore

Cole Krieger

Kelsey Moore

Amy Pecoraro

Sean Phillips
- Serena Poincelot

Laurie Smith

Helena Spencer

Media Opt-Out



If you wish to limit or refuse the use of your image or a minor child's image by the First Presbyterian Church of East Aurora, scan this QR code.

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 2025

Spring Aktion Club Service!



As always, we had a wonderful time with our friends from the Aktion Club at our spring service. Thank you, Aktion Club for bringing such joy into our lives! We are so grateful for you! If you have never attended one of these services, make sure you join us during advent!

Pastor Jesse’s Installation Service



Jesse's installation was a joyful event! Friends from First Presbyterian Church of Olean (where Jesse grew up) as well as friends from First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo (where Jesse served from 2001-2005) joined our congregation for this service which officially made Jesse the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of East Aurora! A big thank you to all who helped with this service - our musicians, deacons, members, etc.

A Note from the Pastor!

I always connect May/June with graduation ceremonies. How fun to have experienced our young people growing up before our eyes and taking important steps in their journey to adulthood and gainful employment! Summer is also wedding season – and who doesn’t love a wedding and an epic wedding reception? Rites of passage are those unforgettable parts of our lives that stick with us throughout our entire lifetime.

A rite of passage is a ceremony or event marking an important stage in someone's life, especially birth, puberty, marriage, and death. Rites of passage include baptism, initiations, graduations, marriage, and funerals. Rites of passage are significant for both the individual and the larger culture as rites of passage reinforce the values of a culture. We think of 15-year-old Mexican teenage girls celebrating their “Quinceaneras” – a day when a girl is officially recognized as becoming a young woman. When Muslims make a pilgrimage to their holy city, Mecca, their names are expanded to signify this meaningful experience.

All cultures have special rites of passage, and yet, as our world becomes more secular and integrated, many of these traditions are disappearing. Bar/bat Mitzvahs and confirmation have fewer participants as our faith institutions continue to decline. For many, funerals are transitioning from a public ceremony to a private ceremony for family. Even if we are not a member of the family, we still want to honor a life of someone who was special to us.

I hope that we find ways to resurrect some of our forgotten rites of passage or create some new ones. Such experiences help to ground us, give us a sense of who we are, and connect us to one another and our cultures. As we make our way along our earthly journey, many of us regret not celebrating more; we rarely hear someone proclaiming on his/her deathbed, “If only I would have spent more time working!” Life flies by, so we need to find ways to celebrate more often and celebrate those special people in our lives who mean so much to us. What traditions or rites of passage do you celebrate and value? Perhaps we might birth a new rite of passage in our churches for this new era? To connect and celebrate is to live fully into our relationship with one another and with God, and to enjoy the beauty of creation.

-Jesse

Helping ROC

Thank you to the volunteers from Community Engagement who helps packed bags for ROC. They were delivered to children in our own community who deal with food insecurity.



The Bazaar

Presbyterian Women held their annual bazaar after taking a hiatus. As always, it was a huge success, and they raised \$2,353 for their mission work! A huge thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and did the hard work!



Calling All Graduates!

The Christian Education Committee would like to recognize the accomplishments of FPCEA young people. If you know of someone in your family that is graduating from high school, college, or is moving up to 9th grade, please fill in the information by scanning the QR code. Please let Amy know if you need help getting the information to me by emailing her at (ce@fpcea.org). All information should be received by June 7th. Thank you. We are excited to hear about their new adventures!



Check Us out!



Facebook Sound Quality

Do you routinely watch our services at home on Facebook? Do you have a hard time hearing it? If so, please reach out to Annie in the office (office@fpcea.org, 716-642-0160) We want to make it as enjoyable for those of you at home as it is for us in the sanctuary! Thank you!

