

Calendar

Al Anon:
Feb 8, 15, 22, 29, 10am

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

Bible Study:
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, 10am

Book Club:
("The Women" by K. Hannah)
Feb 23, 6:30 pm

Christian Education:
Feb 9, 6:00pm

Deacons:
Feb 24, 7pm

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
Feb 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 10:30am
Feb 10, 6:30pm

Session:
Feb 9, 7pm



For the month of February, we will be collecting donations of canned soup for FISH of East Aurora!

A Note from the Pastor

February is a month filled with chocolates, red, and, if you're lucky, romance! It's all in honor, of course, of Saint Valentine. History is a bit blurry concerning who the real Saint Valentine was – many assert that he was a Roman priest who performed secret weddings against the wishes of the powers that be during the third century A.D. While being imprisoned for one reason or another, Saint Valentine healed his captor's daughter, causing the whole household to convert to Christianity. Unfortunately, this act sealed his fate with the local authorities who then had him beheaded on February 14.

Sadly, the roots of this story are more gruesome rather than romantic, yet Saint Valentine is still considered a martyr – a man of great love and faith. So, in the true spirit of Saint Valentine, I am wondering about what our passions are as both individuals and as a church community. What are those values we deeply believe in? Do we take a stand on behalf of love? Perhaps creating a just community is more of a priority? Are we passionate about offering hope to those we meet or do we want to ensure that all people have their basic needs met? Most of us will agree that most of these values are important, but sometimes a few values stand out above others.

Often taking the time to reflect and consider what really matters to us can help provide us with a road map for ministry of our unique church. Rather than being pulled in multiple directions, if we share many of the same beliefs and values, we can identify one or two ministries that we throw our entire selves into.

While we may not be ready to sacrifice our lives for these values or beliefs the way Saint Valentine did, we can still let others know the kind of people we are and what is important to us. In gray world, defining our vision and purpose as a community is crucial in times like these when people are longing for connection, community, and something beyond themselves.

Happy Valentine's Day,
Jesse

Chili con Party!



On January 24th FPCEA held its first "Chili con Party" party! Games were played, fun was had and bellies were full! Thanks to MaryAnn for organizing this wonderful family event!

Christian Education Update

Having survived the festivities of Christmas and the New Year, we are now working on the goals for 2026. This year we will celebrate confirmation of some of our young people. With God's blessing, we will continue to provide Christian Education programming for all ages which includes Sunday School classes, Youth Group, Bible Studies, Book Studies and potentially a new adult Sunday School class.

I need your help to make the program running smoothly. The Sunday School Classes require that two adults are present in the class. This is a Presbytery rule. We are in need of teachers and assistants. As stated previously, I encourage all to sign up to assist in class. The number of times between now and June is up to you. One day of volunteering would be a great help. Assisting is a perfect way for anyone that might be interested in teaching to get a feel for the class. I will be there to support you in any way that I can, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ce@fpcea.org or by phone at 716-652-1556.

With the school musical season upon us and the winter sports season in full swing, I encourage the youth to share the dates of their performances and encourage the church to attend both for a moment of entertainment and a chance to support our talented young people.

February Dates:

- Sunday School every Sunday
- Youth Group Meeting February 8th
- Wednesday 10am Bible Study resumes on January 7th and will meet every Wednesday.
- CE Meeting will be Feb 9, 6:00pm

Help Wanted!

The Community Engagement Team is in need of volunteers to help maintain the St Pauly bin in the parking lot. Please contact Sara Guppenberger for more information!



The Lenten season is upon us! Ash Wednesday Service will be Feb 18 at 7pm



Ms. Bridget's Sprouts

Come each week to join Ms. Bridget and her friend Sprout this winter! 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! See the calendar for details. Ages 6m-5y. Please contact Bridget Pacholec to register at 716-982-2000.



February Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Marshall Adams
Ronald Beebe
Harper Bindig
Dana Carlson
Curtis Colopy
Mary Ann Colopy

Michael Enser II
Saffrin Griffis
Alexa Hausauer
Jeremy Krawczyk
Elliott Krieger
Matthew Krieger

John Larson
William Larson
Josephine MacBain
Tina Nowicki
John Pagliaccio
Thomas Patterson

Sage Pfaff
Dennis Seeley
Stone Sullivan
Jan Telban
Jane Tomaschke
Barb Wheeler

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.