

Calendar

AI Anon:
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, 10am in the Lounge

Back Row Boys:
Jan 3, 9am, Iron Kettle

Bible Study:
Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 10am in the Lounge

Community Engagement Meeting:
Dec 9, 7pm

Deacons Meeting:
Jan 23, 7pm

Men's Group:
Jan 20, 9am, Fox Run

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
Jan 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 10:30am

Session Meeting:
Jan 8, 6:30pm

Women's Group (NEW!):
Jan 24, 6:30pm, 42 North

Worship Committee Meeting:
Dec 16, 7pm

Christmas Pageant Fun!



This year our Christmas pageant this year was an adaptation of Max Lucado's "The Crippled Lamb." Our middle schoolers took charge of the casting and direction, and the result was a hit! Endless gratitude to Amy DeMario for her hard work and coordination! And a big thank you to all volunteers!



Save the Date!

FPCEA's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 28th immediately following the service. Please join us to discuss our 2024 fiscal year. As it is every year, this meeting is important for congregational members to attend. We hope to see you there!

Community Engagement News

Community Engagement would like to thank the congregation for your continued support. The past few months we focused on Water, working with Water=Life. We were able to collect over \$2000! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Our Angel Tree was beyond a success with over 200 toys delivered to Urban Christian Ministries as well as gloves and hats. Winter Coats were purchased in memory of Debbie Renzi, our faithful team member who we lost sadly and suddenly last month.

At the end of the year, the team selects organizations who will benefit from the remaining mission funds. This year, we sent \$2000 to Urban Christian Ministry, \$2000 to Peace of the City, \$2000 to FISH, and \$1000 To Aurora Adult Day services which was used to purchase an armchair for the participants in this day program. If you are interested in helping with community outreach work our group meets once a month and are looking for more people to help with our group.

-Submitted by Sara Cuppenberger

An Eventful December!



FPCEA was buzzing this December! Brad Meholick wrote a lovely Christmas Cantata with vocals performed by members of the congregation, and accompanied by Parkside Brass with Betty on the organ! On December 13, the church held its annual Aktion Club service. As always, it was full of joy and happiness. We had the biggest congregational turnout to date! Sunday December 17th youth group went caroling to some of our friends at home. We forgot to take pictures of the actual caroling, but the kids had fun packing up plates of cookies for everyone beforehand! I hope your holiday was just what you needed it to be. Happy 2024! - Annie Clark

New Women's Group!

NEW! Beginning Wednesday, January 24th, a new women's group will meet once a month for fellowship and some laughs! Our first meet-up will be at 42 North at 6:30pm! Beat the mid week slump by sharing a beverage with a great group of women!

Join
US!

January Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Sandra Beers
Connor Boss
Adelaide Byer
Lincoln Byer
Colleen Carlson
Shawn Gingerich
Wesley Hernandez

Richard Higgins
Lorny Hurd
Lisa Krieger
Addison More
Adam Murphy
Richard Quick
Sidney Reed

Matthew Seifert
Heather Sinibaldi
Mark Sleeper
Annika Spencer
Noah Suckow
Donald Taylor
Richard Van Slooten

Volunteers
needed

Help Wanted!

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The Facilities Team (formerly "Building and Grounds") could use a couple more volunteers. A person is needed to take minutes at our meetings (maximum 4 to 6 meetings per year); additional persons to help with various facilities tasks which may include landscaping, cleaning, small maintenance projects, overseeing small contractor projects. Contact Mark Ackley or Lloyd DeMario. -Submitted by Mark Ackley

Session Highlights

December 11

- The budget for 2024 was discussed
- Pastor Drew Ludwig will remain on as Bridge Pastor through March 31

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts

You have two chances 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.