

Calendar

Al Anon:
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10am

Back Row Boys:
July 1, 9am @ Iron Kettle

Book Club:
July 27, 6:30 pm @ Carol Griffis'

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:
July 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30am



A huge congratulations to all our graduates! Whether you're moving to a different building or out into the "real world," we wish you happiness and success in whatever you do. We are so proud of you!

Outdoor Service

On Sunday, July 19 (rain date July 26) we will enjoy an outdoor service on the front lawn of the church. Bring chairs and enjoy the sunshine!



Book Club

Join us for book club on Monday, July 27th at 6:30pm at Carol Griffis' house! The pick is TBD for now, so stay tuned!



A Note from the Pastor

"Hot fun in the summertime!" Sly and the Family Stone, and many other bands, hit the nail on the head with their hit that expresses the joy of summer time. I'm hearing of all sorts of travels plans that our members have for the weeks ahead, and I, myself, will also be coming and going a lot this summer, too. Some are going camping, others will hit the beach or the Adirondacks. A few families will be on their way to Canada to enjoy their cottage. And as the days surely race by, all of us hope to carve out some quiet time at home or in the garden, and at least a few cookouts and trips for ice cream.

At this time of year, I'm always reminded of sabbath – the commandment God gives us to relax, rest, and rejuvenate. What's not to love about letting go of many of the stresses of our lives and focusing on what gives us joy? But, sadly, finding the time to actually slow down and enjoy the sweeter, slower parts of life seems to be an increasingly- challenging goal. This reality, then, means that we need to really push back against the busyness of every week and strive to strike a better balance so that our lives would become more grounded, more peaceful, and more faithful.

So, I simply want to wish all of you a wonderful summer, knowing that our entire church might be like ships passing in the night over the next few months. But, it's all good! We'll continue to be a church, offering worship, ways to connect, and ways to serve, through it all.

This summer, I thought it might be fun to delve into that many wild stories about David – one of the great heroes of our faith. Starting on July 19, we'll work our way through the call of David, his defeat of Goliath, his friendship with Jonathan, his scandal with Bathsheba, and his reality-check with Nathan. Although we'll be reading from 1 Samuel for several weeks, each sermon can also stand alone. So, may you cherish these long days of summer and rest well – and we'll see you when we see you!

Mark Your Calendar!

Save the date! Rally Day outdoor service and potluck lunch will be on Sunday, September 13th!



The Chimes will be taking a break for the month of August. We will be back with a September issue, have a wonderful summer!!!!



IT'S SUMMER TIME



Christian Education Update

Whew!!! May and June were busy months. Now comes summer, which is full of family outings, kids' extracurricular opportunities, and camps. During this busy time of year, Sunday School classes and the current Wednesday 10AM Bible study are on vacation too.

Let's recap the adventures of this spring:

April showcased a successful mission project for Charlotte House.

May was a wonderful month of celebration.

- We celebrated 7 amazing youths on May 21st that completed a period of religious reflection. 4 of them elected to be confirmed. All should be commended for the work they did to figure out where they are on their faith journey.
- Eight youths helped deliver the \$407 check plus the eons of goods collected for Charlotte House. The director, Kathy Okiec, was excited to see all that was delivered. She really enjoyed the box created by the youth to collect the items. Charlotte House's thank you note expressed their extreme gratitude for our efforts to support them.



June marked the end of CE classes until September 13th aka "Rally Day" for the 2026-2027 year. June 21st, we acknowledged those young people graduating from high school and college along with celebrating those moving from pk to Kindergarten and those starting high school.

July and August: While no summer classes will be offered. Activity sheets will be available for ages 3-10 on the table at the back. We pray that all have a safe, fun, and reinvigorating summer in preparation for an awesome fall.

FISH Collection

FISH of East Aurora is collecting canned tuna fish for the month of July!



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.



July Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Morgan Adams
Cora Beyer
Barbara Buno
Cathy Dechert



Amy Gipe
Sara Guppenberger
Rick Hausauer
Alyssa Krieger
David Kurtz



Nina Majchrzak
Emma Poturalski
Evan Roden
Marcia Siebert

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.