The Chimes May 2024

#### Calendar

Al Anon:

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 10am in the Lounge

Back Row Boys:

May 1, 9am, Iron Kettle

Bible Study:

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 10am in the Lounge

Christian Education Meeting: May 20, 6:30pm

Community Engagement Meeting: May 7, 7pm

Deacons Meeting:

May 28, 7pm

Men's Group:

May 18: 9am, Fox Run

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:

May 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 10:30am May 7, 14, 28, 6:15pm

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Session Meeting:

May 13, 7:00pm

Women's Group: May 22, 6:30pm, 42North

Worship Committee Meeting: May 5, 11am

### **Aktion Club Spring Service!**

Our Spring Aktion Club Service was held on Wednesday, April 17. It is always such a joy to welcome them and enjoy an evening of prayer, song and joy! Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, Aktion Club! You are all such a blessing to our church!



### **Calling All May Babies!**

Presbyterian Women invite all to raise funds to support PW's mission work. Give yourself the birthday gift of helping others by donating an amount of money to PW that celebrates your age and fits into your budget. (Place cash or checks made out to Presbyterian Women in an envelope designated for PW in the offering plate). For example, someone turning 57 years young can donate \$.57, \$5.70 or \$57. -Submitted by Amy DeMario



### Let's see what interests you!





Do you have a collection you'd like to show off? Tea cups, teddy bears, fishing lures, Beanie Babies, Barbies, fossils, hats? Put them in the Russell Whiteman glass display cabinet. Talk to Carol Griffis to sign up!

# **Boy Scout Troop 513 Celebrates Their 100th Anniversary!**

What do the following FPCEA families have in common? Ackley, Griffis, VanSlooten, Sleeper, Reed, Bindig, Nychca, Sowyrda, Smith (Orin), Pagliaccio and Thornley. The answer is that those families, to name a few, have been members of Boy Scout Troop 513 over its 100 year history. During that 100 years, over 1600 youth and adults have enjoyed the benefits of Scouting as members of the troop sponsored by First Church. Less than 2% of Scout troops have ever existed for 100 years and even less have had the same sponsoring organization for its entire existence. With that said, the troop would like to thank the church for its 100 years of support. The troop will celebrate with a dinner held at the East Aurora American Legion at 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 25th. Any and all individuals (and families) who have ever been associated with the troop are invited. The cost for the dinner is \$20 per person while younger family members eat for free. For more information or to RSVP.... go to www.eastauroratroop513.org - Submitted by Fred Thornley

# Community Engagement News Things to do! Places to go! People to see!

- -We will attend an evening with Peace of the City (POTC) for their fundraiser and message of hope for our inner city youth on May 2. Carpooling with Darcy Sowyrda
- -We are helping ROC by purchasing weekend food for 30 kids in our community and packing it up to take home on 4 weekends of May. We need bag fillers on May 5 after church. Sign up with Jake Clark.
- -We are looking for 6 people to join our "Sub Club" to make 60 subs on May 19th before church. These will be taken to South Buffalo Community Table for their soup kitchen. Sign up with Darcy Sowyrda.
- -Our next focus is on shelter as an essential for all. We will be working with Family Promise of WNY, a shelter for families who are homeless and in transition. Help is needed to make fleece blankets. Watch for opportunities to tie knots on these soft blankets during coffee hour. See Cathy Dechert
- -First Presbyterian Church has been able to make a huge contribution this past year to our local food pantry FISH!!!! We donated \$2,000 as part of our annual mission giving and then secured a grant to buy a freezer for them. Project 5000 resulted in the delivery of 75 bags of groceries along with \$1,000 spent on cases of food. PLUS another \$1,000 donated for their critical needs. All of this due to your tremendous generosity! Thank you so much! Submitted by Darcy Sowyrda







Thank you to those who packed cars and delivered donations to FISH!

### May Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Lisa Adams
RaeAnn Astri
Thomas Best
Henry Bindig
Douglas Crewson
Matthew Crewson
Ava Danieu
Peter Dechert

Ronald Dedrick
Kelli Fisher
Nathan Fisher
Shelly Frier
Brett Gill
Gretta Gill
Simon Gill
Katherine Gipe

Chrisitan Gravino
Carol Griffis
Elizabeth Gunner
Dorothy Henry
Carlos Hernandez
Owen Hernandez
Shannon Holfoth
Elizabeth Injaychock

John Lincoln
Casey McClaren
Mya Mrugalski
Peter Pfaff
Betty Pitcher
Craig Potularski
Annie Seifert
Kenneth Sinibald

Olivia Strzelec Carson Suckow Eva Tapani Michael Tehan Tracine Watson Bridgette Zittel

# Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Our bible study group meets at 10am in the lounge each week. They are currently looking into The Apocrypha: Ecclesiasticus (Book of Sirach) and Wisdom of Solomon. See Amy DeMario if you have any questions!

# Session Highlights: April 8th

- -Communion will be held 5/5 and 6/2
- -The PNC is hard at work. Unfortunately, our last candidate took another job.
- -The Community Engagement team is looking for donations of Peanut Butter and Jelly.
- -Personnel is working on hiring a new CE Coordinator.

### **Ms. Bridget's Sprouts**

You have two chances each week to join Ms. Bridget and her friend Sprout this spring! 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.