

## Calendar

Al Anon:  
May 7, 14, 21, 28, 10am

Back Row Boys:  
May 6, 9am @ Iron Kettle

Bible Study:  
May 6, 13, 27, 10am

Book Club:  
May 18, 6:30 pm

Christian Education:  
TBD

Deacons:  
May 26, 7pm

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts:  
May 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27  
10:30am

Session:  
May 11, 7pm

Women's Group:  
May 19, 6:30pm @ 42North

## Holy Humor Sunday



A big thank you to our brave session members for volunteering to play a rousing rendition of "Jesus Loves Me" with boom whackers during Holy Humor Sunday!

## A Note from the Pastor

After two years of conversations, study, and growth, some of the members of our confirmation class have decided to be confirmed on Sunday, May 17. We celebrate all of our young people as they continue to explore our faith, and we are thankful for this wonderful church that is so passionate about loving and supporting them!

Unfortunately, confirmation is often considered a faith "graduation" for our young people. They have met the required expectations to become a member, but too often they then drift away from church. Confirmation should actually be considered an important beginning on the long journey of faith. Faith isn't something that is "accomplished" or "completed," but rather we continue to attend worship weekly so that we are fed spiritually, and God's Word both comforts and challenges us according to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Life will always be gray and complicated, so we continue to grow our faith as a way of leading us on the path of love as we face the unique opportunities and challenges of every generation. We know that life will be full of many amazing highs and terrible lows, so a mature faith is what keeps us anchored in Christ. So we keep reading our Bibles, we worship, we attend spiritual formation classes and Bible studies, we participate in mission, etc.

Our entire denomination, like many others, is hemorrhaging young people. Our future is very uncertain and we need to face this problem, head-on. We cherish our children and youth and we want them to be valued members of our churches who are also raised with the gift of faith. How might we be more hospitable to youth and incorporate their interests and approaches into worship, mission, and the life of the church? Are we even willing to approach worship in new ways or undertake new mission endeavors – or are our traditions held to tightly? How can we ensure that we hear the voices of our young people and take them seriously?

May God's Spirit be with us as we seek to engage in new ways of moving our youth and children away from the periphery and into the very center of who we are AS a church!

## Potluck

Presbyterian Women is hosting a potluck on Sunday, May 3 after service. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy food and fellowship!



## Christian Education Update

May is a month of anticipation. With summer around the corner and the end of a school year, schedules are beginning to fill up with holidays, sports, and end of year concerts. Please check out the listing of CE happening to update or verify your calendars.

### MAY MOMENTS:

- Confirmation Service May 17<sup>th</sup> join us in celebrating the faith journey completed by seven FPCEA youth. The youth will be recognized for the work they put into determining what is the best path for them at this point in their life.
- Sunday School Classes:
  - grades pk-2: Classes are scheduled for all 5 Sundays in May. We may still be in need of teachers and assistants for some slots. Please contact me via email at [ce@fpcea.org](mailto:ce@fpcea.org) or catch up with me after church.
  - grades 3-7: Classes are scheduled for 5/10 and 5/31 only. There will be no class on the day of Confirmation or the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend.
- Wednesday 11 am Bible Study in the Lounge:
  - We will be continuing our study "Let Justice Roll".
  - NO CLASS on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Final Push:

FPCEA is blessed with an amazing group of volunteer teachers and assistants. The hope is that now that MAY-JUNE school and activities are established, the final set of slots still open can be filled. Also, CE is always looking for additional volunteers. Please consider assisting a class if teaching is not your thing. It truly is an amazing way to get to know all ages of the church. Contact me for additional information or with available dates. Email: [ce@fpcea.org](mailto:ce@fpcea.org)



FISH of East Aurora is collecting canned vegetables for the month of May!



### Women's Group



Women's Group will be meeting on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at 42 North!



### Book Club

Join us for book club on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm! The pick for May is "James" by Percival Everett.



### Ms. Bridget's Sprouts

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



### May Birthdays! Happy Birthday Everyone!

Lisa Adams  
Tom Best  
Henry Bindig  
Kelli Fisher  
Nathan Fisher  
Katherine Gipe

Carol Griffis  
Dorothy Henry  
Carlos Hernandez  
Owen Hernandez  
Shannon Holfoth  
John Lincoln

Sharon Norton  
Peter Pfaff  
Betty Pitcher  
Craig Poturalski  
Olivia Strzelec  
Carson Suckow

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.