The Chimes

Calendar

December 2023

Al Anon: Dec 7, 14, 21, 28

Aktion Club Service: Dec 13, 7pm

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

Bible Study, 10am in the Lounge: Dec 6, 13, 20

Deacons/Worship Meeting: Dec 12, 7pm

Men's Group @ Fox Run: Dec 16, 9am

Ms. Bridget's Sprouts: 10:30am: Dec 5, 12, 13, 19, 20 6:30pm: Dec 5

PNC Meeting: Dec , 7pm

Session Meeting: Dec 11 , 6:30pm

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!



The season of Advent is upon us! Please mark your calendars!

-Sunday, Nov 26 Decorate the Sanctuary after service. All are welcome! -Sunday, Dec 3: Christmas Cantata -Sunday, Dec 10: Christmas Pageant

-Wednesday, Dec 13: Aktion Club Service, 7pm

-Sunday, Dec 24: Services @ 10am and 7pm



December Birthdays Happy Birthday Everyone!

Mark Ackley Jenny Beyer Catherine Burt Connie Byrne Catherine Cardina Kim Danieu Mark Dechert Carter Gipe Janet Goodrich Geoffrey Gunner Judi Hamms John Johnston Genevieve Kukulka

Molly Pearson Carl Porter Aubrey Roden Fred Thornley Sharon Wesoloski Barb Zimmerman

Stewardship Message

This year's Stewardship campaign is progressing with strong support as many people have submitted their pledges so far as we strive to meet our goal of \$200,000. Although we are still waiting for some people to send in their pledges, it's wonderful to see how people continue to support this church with their giving and volunteer work. Next year, our church will have its' expected annual costs for staff salaries, business expenses, utility costs and building maintenance costs. Our expenses will again be challenging as well as those unforeseen costs that are unbudgeted for, but still must be paid. Through everyone's giving, we can achieve our goal.

Your act of Stewardship can also be delivered to our church through many different methods of giving. In addition to your financial commitment, the offering of your time or services is another important form of Stewardship which can be accomplished by stepping forward to volunteer as a Deacon, an Elder or a committee member, a Sunday school teacher, working with our Youth Group, our Community Engagement team, or possibly being a Sunday Liturgist or even leading a Bible study.

The theme word here is "offer". Whatever YOU can offer in terms of a financial pledge, or volunteering of your time or talent will not only be welcomed with open arms by FPCEA, but it will be a spiritually rewarding experience as well. Hopefully everyone can feel the joy of being "Energized by Faith, Prompted by Love and Inspired by Hope". - Submitted by Mark Dechert

In The News



Our Sunday School classes were visited by Rev Elena DelGado and learned about the lifesaving water filters purchased by Water = Life. They have partnered with United Kenya Rising to distribute the filters and train families who are facing the obstacle of accessing clean water. Our Community Engagement team is asking for monetary donations through the end of November.



Presbyterian Woman of the Year



Congratulations to Jan Telban, FPCEA's Presbyterian Woman of the Year! Thank you Jan, for your 46 years of membership service to our church!



Bakers Needed!

Bakes good are needed for both our Aktion Club service on Dec 13 and for Wassail & Carols after service on Dec 17. Thank you!



Community Engagement News

For our Angel Tree this year we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for all ages, gift certificates, warm hats, and warm gloves for our friends at Urban Christian Ministries. UCM has over 50 years of serving the community of buffalo, with youth programs, bible studies, block basketball clubs, they have a food pantry and a free front porch clothing ministry. Last year they were very short on toys to hand out at their holiday party to needy families. I know our church wont let that happen this year!!! Please take a tag or 2 or 3 !! off the tree and shop!! Bring in your new unwrapped toy and put it by the tree in the sanctuary by December 17th. There will be a box to drop your gift cards in. If you can't shop but still want to help write your check out to the church, and in the memo mark UCM and someone on the team can shop for you!! Let's fill the tree in the sanctuary for the kids at Urban Christian Ministries!

Session Highlights

November 13

-The PNC is actively interviewing candidates for our

next pastor.

-Aktion Club Service will be held on December 13 at 7pm.

-The church web site is up! fpcea.org

-Our next communion date will be Dec 3 and Jan 7



Advent Calendars

There are a few advent calendars left for purchase! They are \$50, and are handmade by our own Presbyterian Women! The proceeds will go to selected charities this holiday season. Please contact Polly Boldt: 716-983-5875, Carol Griffis: 716-652-2547 or stop into the office!

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.