**Reflections:**

Where is Jesus now? How does this inform your faith or not?

Who needs this church? Bring them.

**Visitors**

Hi! We know how hard it is to church shop and/or walk into a church for the first time. We take worship seriously without taking ourselves too seriously. We laugh, we cry. We learn, we struggle. We sing like angels or not very well at all. You do you, and we’ll love you.

If you’d like to learn more about this congregation, our ministries, and how you can get involved, please connect with Holly after worship. Or text, email, or call her:

holly@fredoniapres.org

302-530-3221

**Bathrooms:** Once seated in the sanctuary, please exit the door on the left. Go straight. You will find restrooms at the end of the hall. There is also a single, handicapable restroom to the right of the multi-use restrooms.

Please use whichever restroom makes you feel most comfortable.

**Children:** Children are wonderful, and sure, they make noise! We are welcoming of rustling papers, cries, and crayons being dropped.

If **you** are feeling like you and your child need to step away, please make yourself comfortable on the couches between the bathrooms.

You’ll also find **Activity Bags** at the church entrances.

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Morning Prayer:** Holy God, I give thanks this day that your Son ascends in the core of my being as new life arises in me. Open the eyes of my heart this day to seek and serve you in all whom I meet.Amen.

**Evening Prayer:** I repent of the wrongs I have done this day, and seek forgiveness by the grace of your love. Clothe me with power on high this night that my life may rest hidden in you. Amen.

If you’re in need, please connect with the pastor, 302-530-3221.

Invitation to Discipleship

**Choir:** You’re invited to sing with the choir. Practice is at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Please connect with Lily (the pianist) or the pastor to learn more.

**Food Pantry:** Our food pantry is held every 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm. If you’d like to volunteer, please arrive at 9:30am. Food and funds for this ministry are always appreciated.

**Donations for the Food Pantry: any non-perishable items but most needed:**

Pasta & spaghetti sauce Potatoes

Special K Cereal or Cheerios Peanut butter & Jelly Soup

Canned fruits & Vegetables Canned meats (ham) & tuna fish

**The Fredonia Farmer’s Market** will be downtown Fredonia from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Stop in and support the Farmer’s Market. We are there on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays selling Equal Exchange items.

**Deacon’s Fund:** Please use the envelopes in the pews. The Deacons use their funds for members of the congregation and community who may need help and also for funeral receptions held in the fellowship hall.

**One For Mission:** Please use the envelopes in the pews. The Mission Committee uses its funds for local mission projects.

**Coffee/Fellowship Hour help needed:** If you would like to bring in refreshments for the coffee/fellowship hour, please sign up on the sheet in the side entrance. Store bought goodies are always a hit.

**Greeters are needed:** all it takes is a smile and then hand out a bulletin. A sheet is provided in the side entrance for you to sign up to greet.

In our prayers…

Dick Watt Joy Hite Dick Ackley Zachary Dloniak  Deb Harris

Michelle Patterson  Lorraine Withington Sandy McBride Susie Harris Jordan Mendyk

Tracy Jessi Jennifer Kurt Dylan Pillsbury

Tyler Bahr Mary Anne (Janine) Toni-Jo Mitchell Dorothy Ebling Baby Cassandra

Bill Peggy Tiffany Kathy (Om Nohm) Autumn Julie Newell

Mick Marge Benton George Shumaker Eugene Taylor

UPDATE: Marge Benton is back at Fredonia Place, room 113, 50 Howard St. Fredonia

Pray for our Local Partners in Ministry: Compeer Chautauqua

Pray for our Global Partners in Ministry: Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan.

**COMMITTEE HELP**

The Session would like to know if you would like to be on a committee. Members or Non-Members are welcome. If you are interested, see the committee chair person. Here is the list of committees & chair persons:

 Christian Education: Sandy Johnson

 Mission Outreach: Susan Pepe

 Worship & Music: Carol Calarco

 Buildings & Grounds: Jeff McMinn

 Earth Care: Cori Coia

 Food Pantry: Holly Clark-Porter

 Personnel Janine Scaccia

**MAY EVENTS**

**Food Pantry: Saturday, May 20 from 10-12**

**Yard Sale:** The mission committee has set the date for **Saturday, June 3th** from 9-12. You may bring in “treasures” to the library beginning **May 16**. There is usually someone at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 3:00.

 If you can help sort, price, move items to fellowship hall, please let Holly or Susan Pepe know. There will be a work schedule made up soon for you to sign up.

**The Fredonia Farmer’s Market** is in the **Masonic Lodge from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  Stop in and support the Farmer’s Market. Beginning May 20th, the market will be downtown Fredonia starting at 9 a.m. We are there on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays selling Equal Exchange items.

**Rt. 39 Clean Up Day, Saturday, July 7th:** meet 4 p.m. at the Sheridan Liquor Store corner of Rt. 39 & Rt. 20. Helmets and fashionable vests and trash bags are provided. Dress for the weather conditions.

**Hygiene Kits:** Our congregation will be collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. CWS distributes the kits to people around the world (including the US) who have been victimized by hurricanes, earthquakes, wars and other catastrophic events.

**To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:** · One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16” x 32” (no fingertip, bath, dish towels or micro-fiber) · One washcloth · One wide-tooth comb removed from the package · One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package (no metal files or emery boards) · One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper · One toothbrush in original package · Ten standard size Band-Aids®

Please do not add toothpaste to the kit. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. Be sure to remove excess air from the bag and do not add any extra items.

Please consider donating $2 for distribution of each kit.

 **DO NOT ENCLOSE MONEY INSIDE THE KIT.**

You may use the welcome offering envelopes found in the pews, just mark for hygiene kit shipping on the envelope. The dates for this collection are **March 12th to April 9th.**

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| **The Initial Offering envelope**: The National Presbyterian Church, Synod and Presbytery of Western NY, (our church governing bodies), ask each local church to contribute toward their costs of supporting services to the local churches as well as ministry nationally and worldwide. These costs are calculated on a per member basis. The current charge (called per capita) per member is $36. The Initial Offering envelope can be used by a member to help the church with the cost of its per capita payment for 2023. If you don’t have an envelope, you may indicate on your check or a pew envelope “Initial Offering/Per Capita”. |

**Empties 4 Cash:** Bring in your empty ink cartridges, please only small HP or Canon or Collins. The church receives .50/$1 per cartridge. Just a way for you to recycle your cartridges and help the church at the same time. You will find a green box for the cartridges in the Penfold Room in the back of the church.

**WEBSITES OF INTEREST** To learn more about some of our programs and what the national Presbyterian Church is doing, check out the pcusa.org website. To find out about justice programs click on ***Compassion, Peace and Justice*** at the bottom of the home page for PCUSA. At this page, at the left you can see a variety of programs including: ***Enough for Everyone for Fair Trade and Simple Living Environmental Ministries Fair Food Presbyterian Hunger Program Presbyterian Disaster Service*** For information on witness and justice work internationally, go to ***World Mission*** at the bottom of the PCUSA homepage. see NAMI.org

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET & NATIVITY DISPLAY Friday, December 2: 4-6 p.m. / Saturday, December 3: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Sunday December 4: 12 – 2 p.m.** Please sign up to help as cashier, hosts, “clerks” at the SERRV, Heifer, and Equal Exchange tables. If you would like to bring in a nativity for the display, bring them to church. Make sure the box is labeled properly with your name and there will be a form to fill out also.

We will also have a box for hats, mittens, scarves, underwear for school age children.