

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, wheel chair accessible 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.

Morning Prayer: I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

Evening Prayer: O God, in whom I live and have my being, you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer; you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone. As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ, and fill me with your strength, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. Amen.

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

Note: Holly takes Mondays off. Please only emergency calls, thank you.

Ellen is usually in the office on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2

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 organist/pianist) or the pastor to learn more.

Fred Basket-Food Pantry: Our regular food pantry is held every 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm.

The Food Pantry is also held each Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We need 4 people to volunteer each week. If 2 or more could come from 12:30 – 1:30, that would be great. Food donations and funds for this ministry are always appreciated.

Please use this link to sign up: <https://fredoniapres.org> then engage, signups

Donations for the Food Pantry: needed now; canned corn (not available for delivery), fresh veggies (potatoes, cabbage, carrots, etc), and canned hams for Easter selection.

Food of the month for May: canned or dried fruit. Bring fresh vegetables the last Sunday of the month.

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. We are there on the 2nd Saturday selling Equal Exchange items.

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

Announcements: please email holly@fredoniapres.org with any announcements or prayer requests.

In our prayers,

Wayne & Susan	Susan Faust	Aunt Kristi	Carter	Lorraine Withington
Nazari family	Ethan	Xuefei's father, Yi Cheng Li		Nancy Colvenbach
EJ Hayes	Ron Chwojdak	Janey O'Boyle	Matthew Carman	Carl
Dawn & Bob Dopler	Deborah	Jean Dawes	Ed	Connie Griffith
Kathy Hoffmann	John	Thiago Reyna		
Birth and continued thriving of Austen Phillips and the Askin family				

Sympathy to Luis & Thiago Reyna and their families on the death of Gabbi

Pray for our Local Partners in Ministry: the Girl Scouts and Compeer

Pray for our Global Partners in Ministry: Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan. We provide scholarship funds for Neriah through Friends of the PEB as a day student at a school run by the PEB. Pray for Neriah and her family as she grows and learns. Scholarships for Day Students are \$400 a year. To give, use our PayPal and specify PEB or drop your change in the PEB offering plate.

Donations for the Food Pantry: any non-perishable items. Egg cartons are needed as a local farm is giving us eggs.

Deacons of the month for May: Sandy Johnson and Jennifer O'Boyle

SUNY POPS CONCERT: Saturday, May 9 at 6 p.m. in our church.

Mother's Day: Sunday, May 10 Blanket Sunday offering will be received and there will be special music at coffee hour after worship.

Yard & Church Clean-Up: inside and outside - Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. to ?

Pentecost/Brunch: Sunday, May 24 10:30 a.m. no regular worship. We will be in fellowship hall for brunch. Please bring a dish to pass. All are welcome.

The Butterfly Lovers: A Chinese Music Recital for Violin & Piano: Sunday, May 24 at 3 p.m. in our church - featuring our Lily Li and Andrew Lin. All are welcome.

Theology on Tap: All are welcome! Every Wednesday, 5ish-6:30ish at Raven & Thorn on 26 Water St.

Memory Garden: Anyone in the community can purchase a memory slate. The slates are 4x4 and it will be \$15 for one name or \$20 for two names. You can also add a laser engraved picture of a face for \$30. Please email Holly. We have an order form online. Go to fredoniapres.org and click on engage and then find memory garden.

Can King: Bring your redeemable bottles & cans to Can King in Fredonia or bring to church kitchen, large garbage can is marked for them. Can King gives us the deposit money for our food pantry. Thank you for your help in bringing redeemable cans/bottles either to us or directly to Can King!!

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*** ***Fair Food***
Environmental Ministries ***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

SCHOOL NEEDS IN THE AREA: Collection from September 14 through Sunday, October 5.
The needs are very different this year but if people bring in the same kind of supplies as the schools have asked for the last couple of years, that's OK. We'll just add them to the collection.

Dunkirk's School 3 are K-2. No preschoolers. They want to make big deals about kids' birthdays and accomplishments so they are looking for items that you might find in a classroom/principal's prize box.

Items for a prize box
Dry Erase Markers
Crayons

Wheelock is Pre-K through kindergarten.

Underwear Socks
Wipes for kids Water bottles (refillable, Dollar Store is fine)
Backpacks

Per Capita for 2026: 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 \$40. If you would like to cover your per capita, you may indicate on your check or a pew envelope Per Capita. Thank you

Raise Right: We have a new fundraising \$\$\$ platform! Raise Right is a nonprofit helping other non-profits. The idea is simple: people will sign in to our church account online, buy a gift card from one of dozens of available... think Amazon, Walmart, Home Depot, Whole Foods, Kohl's, Panera... Then our church makes a small profit from the company. A few members have done this and say it is quite easy. Our code is XNWWL9KRHYQ6. Choose "join an existing program" and put in the code. Then it is a piece of cake. A video explaining the program is on Holly's April 16 weekly email.

Church World Service – Blanket Sunday offering. Please find information and offering envelopes in the bulletin. Make a check out to Fredonia Presbyterian Church. Place in the offering plate after worship. Thank you.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

From: A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

ENGAGE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our god.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The Great Prayer continues)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & SHARING OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Rt. 39 Clean Up Day, April 26th: meet 10 a.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: Church World Service distributes the kits to people around the world (including the US) who have been victimized by hurricanes, earthquakes, wars and other catastrophic events.

We will be Assembling Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. The collection runs April 1 - April 19. Instead of bringing in hygiene kits you have assembled at home, this year we are asking folks to bring in items needed for the kits. We will have an “assembly party” during coffee hour April 21. There is a basket at church with cards that contain names and quantities of items needed. Hoping everyone will be able to participate, the cards range from 1 Bar of Soap to 5 Hand Towels. • Hand towels should measure 15" x 28" to 16" x 32". No fingertip, bath, dish towels, or micro-fiber. • Washcloth. No micro-fiber. • Wide-tooth comb (at least 6 in. of teeth) removed from the package. No picks or pocket combs. • Fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either is acceptable). • Bath-size bar of soap in the original package. • Toothbrushes should be in the in the original package. • Standard size Band-Aids.

\$2.00 is what postage costs for CWS to transport each kit to its final destination. A donation toward this postage is greatly appreciated. You may use the welcome offering envelopes found in the pews, just mark for hygiene kit shipping on the envelope.

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**.

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 18th, the market will be downtown Fredonia starting at 9 a.m. We are there on the 2nd Saturday selling Equal Exchange items.

The Fredonia Farmer’s Market will now be downtown Fredonia near Barker Commons & village hall from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. We are there on the 2nd Saturday selling Equal Exchange items. Support the Farmer’s Market.

Greening of the Church

Nov 26th: Stay after church to start decorating

Nov 29th, 6:30-8:00 pm decorate, set-up

Nov 30, 6:30-8:00 pm decorate, set-up

Call out for Cookies! We'd love to welcome our guests to the Christmas Market and Nativity Display with homemade cookies! If that's your talent, tell Holly or Sue Pepe; it can be a dozen or more! We're hoping to have cookies for all three days.

CHRISTMAS MARKET & NATIVITY DISPLAY

Friday, December 6: 3:30-6 p.m. / Saturday, December 7: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Sunday December 8: 12 – 1 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.

Dessert Fest and the Cassadaga Band Concert: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 9th** all are invited to enjoy a sample of 3 desserts for \$5.00 or \$2.00 each. We need your contribution so try out a new recipe! Or, bring an old favorite dessert to share with the community. Please sign up for the dessert you will bring. We do need a good selection, and a few volunteers to help serve. There will be a sign-up sheet. Plan to bring your own lawn chair for the band concert on the lawn.

MISSION COMMITTEE SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Crayons (24 pack)	Water Based Markers	Dry Erase Markers	Bottles of School Glue
Glue Sticks	#2 Pencils	Composition Books	Notebook Paper
Pencil Boxes			

They are also looking for educational items that could be used as prizes and taken home to share with their families.

Manipulatives	PlayDoh	Big foam dice	Blocks
Card games where they must match or sort		Items that might reinforce numbers, letters, colors, etc.	

Other items they could use

Dollar Tree Water Bottles Socks and Underwear (sizes 4-8)
T-Shirts – Think Spiderman, dinosaurs, The Little Mermaid, etc. (sizes 4-8)