



The Fredonia Presbyterian

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From Our Pastor

Dear Church Family,

I was asked to do a book review for the PCUSA's publication, *A Call to Worship*. Of course the deadline was the week after Easter and of course I was wishing for another week. But, I really enjoyed reading both of the books and thinking critically about them.

They also asked that I use Chicago Style formats and citations; I wish I could say it was like riding a bike, but I was a bit rusty--on the style and on writing and reading critically. Once it was done and I'd read it to KC five times (thanks KC!), I realized how much fun I had doing this work. One book was geared more towards the average preacher and the other one was geared more towards academia or academically curious pastors--both were fascinating.

After feeling the relief of turning in the article, I contemplated what other areas of my life have become dormant and what can I do to reawaken them? I imagine each of us feel like this from time to time. For you maybe it's: Remember when I used to throw a fabulous dinner party? Remember when I read updates in my medical field? Remember when I basked in the sun or learned new crochet hooks (is that how you'd say that?)?

We are so much more than one thing, but too often we get caught up in the day to day work and weariness, letting the spinning of our days siphon off some of the things we love. There are some things that have had their season--like skateboarding--I probably will never skateboard again and that's just fine. But, there are other things that are worth remembering and picking back up again.

Be good to yourselves. Be kind to others. Learn always. Love hard.

Sympathy is Extended to:

David Tiffany and his family on the death of his brother-in-law, Roland Solomon.

The family of Jack Glenzer who passed away April 10. The service was in our church April 23.

The family of Carol Shrontz who passed away April 22. Cards to Terry Shrontz
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PEACE...one step at a time

by Joe Calarco

On New Year's Day 1953, she walked out of the Rose Bowl parade leaving behind her home, her family and her name. She made a vow to walk for peace. Walking during the Korean conflict and the war in Viet Nam, by 1964 she had walked 25,000 miles. She walked without money nor food. Wearing a blue tunic she carried only a pen, comb, toothbrush and a map. On the front of her tunic was the name "PEACE PILGRIM" and on the back were the words, "Walking Coast to Coast for Peace". Over 28 years, she crisscrossed the country 7 times, walking through every state including Hawaii and Alaska, for more than 43,500 miles. Ironically, after all those years and miles walking, her life ended while riding in a car in a fatal accident.

She believed that the way to peace would be found through "overcoming evil with good, falsehood with truth, and hatred with love", also following the Golden Rule as well. She stated her mission: "I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until I am given food." When asked if she was happy, she replied, "I certainly am a happy person. Who could know God and not be joyous? I want to wish you all peace".

Jesus offers us not a worldly peace, but a spiritual peace. "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not your heart be troubled or fearful." (John 14:27) The peace of Jesus is an inner peace. We must have a personal individual peace before there is peace in our world. St. Francis prays. "Make me an instrument of your peace"

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me. (Jill Jackson/Sy Miler)

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." (Lau Tzu)

The way to world peace begins with a single soul.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion Congregational Meeting				NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM		We're at the Farmer's Market 10-1
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Blanket Sunday Mother's Day				NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
We See Sunday				Session Mtg. 6 PM NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM		Food Pantry 10-12 We're at the Farmer's Market 10-1
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM		
29	30	31				
	Memorial Day 					



The Groats have a problem!

“Not good! House finch nest. Can't remove. Eggs. We are “suckers”!
 Door we use ALL THE TIME (going in and out garage now.....)
 AND.....on our carport/patio where we “live” in summer (which is mostly July and August)
 She's going to have to share the space.”





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Prayer List

Lori Fabritus
 Gina Waite Platt
 Donna Heintzman
 Josiah Robinette
 Dick Ackley
 Michelle Patterson
 Kim Ryczko
 Zachary Dloniak
 Milo Willie



Dick Watt
 Caleb Kaus
 Judy Sumption
 Charles Divine
 Kim Thuman
 Jennifer Osborne-Coy
 Rena Finko
 Bill Johnson
 Stem Cell Recipient

Rodney L. Dutton
 Susan Lauricella
 Scott Foley
 Amy Wroda
 Maryjane
 Paula
 Ralph
 Joe Dolce
 Lorraine Withington

Misty
 Vigo
 Sylvia
 Nancy Cuervo
 Deb Harris
 Dennis Spangler
 Sandy McBride
 Carmen
 Paul
 Sharon Redfield

May Anniversaries

1 Tom & Joan Van Dette

May Birthdays

13 Susan Mintun
 16 Meredith Zebracki
 17 Janine Scaccia
 Maia Amatuzzo
 18 Susan Pepe
 19 Reneé Salamone
 22 Carolyn McMinn



Please keep in your prayers our Local Partners in Ministry: Narcotics Anonymous and Compeer Chautauqua.

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

Donations for the Food Pantry:

Currently there is a need for:

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Canned meats (ham) and fish (tuna)
- Soup
- Potatoes





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Reprinted from the March 23, 2022 Presbytery of Western New York Newsletter this is a weekly feature by the Presbytery's Anti-Racism Task Group. This task group is made up of local Presbyterians who are seeking to grow in understanding of the issue of racism in our communities and churches. We seek to learn about the issues, listen to voices who need to be heard, and explore ways that we and others might respond to, and actively engage in the work of anti-racism. For more information contact Cynthia Wickwire Lundquist at csl12wickwire@gmail.com or Cathy Rieley-Goddard at cathriego@gmail.com.

Seeking to be an Anti-Racist: Living the Love of Jesus

Christians and CRT - Part 2*

One argument used to support anti-CRT legislation is that this material is unpatriotic because it distorts our history and defames the amazing success of our nation by focusing on one aspect of our history, that of slavery and racial tension, over others.

So as a person of faith, how does one respond? Citizens of the United States understandably want to have pride in their nation. As a Christian, however, it is more complicated. Every Sunday, as Christians, we confess our failures. But we know that this does not negate the good we do. It is simply part of our journey of faith to recognize how we fall short of God's intent for us. So, as Christians, we do not fear naming the ways our country has fallen short because we know that speaking truth is the best way to improve and grow stronger. Speaking truth in love (Eph 4.15) should be a guide for all Christians.

It is also argued that such teaching would disturb or upset children in our schools. The NY State Assembly Bill AA8579, which opposes CRT being taught in schools, says that no teacher should teach anything that would mean that "any individual should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish or any other form of psychological distress on account of his or her race or sex."

So, those opposed to talking about racism in schools suggest that it will upset children because they might feel guilt. But what children are they talking about? Clearly, white children. What of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) children? Don't they experience anguish and discomfort as a result of the racism they encounter in their daily lives? The legislation that protects white children means BIPOC children's experiences are not addressed. Are their feelings not as important as the feelings of white children? If we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, should we not be concerned about the discomfort and anguish of all children and find ways to help them all? And that can't happen if racism is not discussed with them.

* In one short column, obviously, the full breadth of arguments for and against this kind of legislation cannot be presented. This is intended as an introduction only.

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Notes from the Session: The Session met electronically in April to discuss Holly's terms of call.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make a kit or donate money toward Church World Service's Kit Program.
We're proud to report that our congregation delivered 42 hygiene kits.

Each of the last few months the Fredonia Food Pantry has been breaking records in the number of clients who are served. April was no exception.
Every box, bag, and can of food Rural Ministry sent the pantry as well as any donations we store on site was used to try and meet the needs of our clients.

Thank you to all in our community who continue to support this important mission through food and monetary donations.

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