



# The Fredonia Presbyterian

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Church

## From Our Pastor

I've become friends with a handful of Chinese people. So, I thought I'd try my hand at learning the language! I'm good at languages, right? I've learned new characters like Greek and learned to read right to left like Hebrew. I got this.

NOPE. Before you even learn the letters, there are four tones that you need to learn to express. I got stuck on page one and gave up.

But, I might have to pick it up again after reading an article on people who learn languages. I was just telling friends that one reason I love languages is that you start to understand whole cultures better because you know the very-different-from-English sentence structure of Spanish or Russian or Farsi and you begin to understand the odd lilts or bizarre phrasing. Like, my college roommate from Mexico who spoke beautiful English but who always said, "For why?" Instead of just "Why?" It's because the literal translation from Spanish to English is two words, "por que" literally, "for why."

I didn't know the half of it though until I read this article.

"Research shows," it says, "people who speak another language are more utilitarian and flexible, less risk averse and egotistical, and better able to cope with traumatic memories." Crazy, awesome. It goes on to talk about how knowing more than one language asks your brain to be more creative and make quick decisions, like "Should I say amarillo or yellow?"

When someone was describing their fears in their second or third language, they were able to calm their fears quicker and more successfully. People with two or more languages also were able to handle ambiguity and change because their minds have already learned how to handle it while speaking. If you've learned another language, that also means you've reached beyond what you know and either have chosen or been put into different cultures, which of course broadens the way you think.

It's a long article and I've not done it justice. (check it out on The Guardian: Language by David Robson) But in the end, my theological ears heard that learning others makes you a better person. It feels a lot like Gospel. Even if we don't know por que, we know that there's magic in meeting people where they are. It's what Jesus does in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. And it's what God did in bushes and waters and wind and doves. So, what will you 學習 and estudiar and amour more.



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## A PERFECT DAY

By Joe Calarco

It was a perfect autumn afternoon. Bright sunlight highlighted the red, yellow, and orange leaves still clinging to the branches as they swayed gently in the cool breeze. Small, puffy white clouds drifted aimlessly across the blue sky. I could not have painted a more picturesque setting for our final home tennis match. We were celebrating Senior Day, when we recognized players who would be playing their last collegiate tennis match.

The three honored players, though not starters, were faithful members of the team and were part of our team-family. Each had been presented a red rose, while their proud parents snapped photos of their smiling daughters.

Previously, I had explained to the visiting coach that I would have my six starters play the official matches and that the three seniors would play exhibition matches. Their parents would be pleased just to see their daughters on the courts playing tennis. The coach agreed. He would bring nine players. It was a perfect plan for everyone.

It is a team tradition, before the match, to form a circle, holding hands. I begin by giving thanks for this day to play tennis, for our health and strength. I then ask a blessing on our family and friends. I conclude with our team motto, "All for one and one for all."

As I told the team the line-up for the match, I explained that the six starters would play for the points and that the three seniors would play exhibitions. When the opposing team drove up, only six players exited their van. The coach explained that three of his players were unable to make the trip. I was faced with a major moral and philosophical decision.

Do I play only my starters to have a chance to win the match or do I play the seniors and perhaps not win the match? As coach, it seemed that whatever decision I made, someone would lose, the team or the seniors.

I turned my eyes skyward and said a quick prayer to the Great Coach above. I needed an answer and I needed it now. I had not noticed that three of the starters were standing before me. They had decided to give up their spots to the seniors. I was over-whelmed with their generous gesture. I agreed. The seniors were excited to play and their parents were thrilled to watch their daughters perform. I felt that it was the right decision, regardless of the outcome of the match.

The seniors won their sets and the team won the match. It proved that our team motto is more than words; it is the spirit of the team. It was a perfect ending to a perfect day.





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**Rt. 39 Clean Up Day, Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>:** meet at 10 a.m. at the Sheridan Liquor Store corner of Rt. 39 & Rt. 20. Helmets, fashionable vests, and trash bags are provided. Dress for the weather and walking in tall grass.

**Sympathy is extended**  
to the Whitfield family.



**Please Pray:**

for the Cuba ministry and Nancy Cuervo.

for the Keryx ministry, Joe Calarco, and the team.

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

Through the Presbyterian Education Board and your generous donations we have been able to sponsor a day student, Neriah Kamal, in her quest for an education. This is the second year we have been able to provide this \$400 scholarship for Neriah and we have made a commitment to sponsor her through her graduation.



Neriah is in second grade at the Sargodha school for girls. She is an only child. Her mother is a village teacher and her father is a chef. She wants to become a teacher. Her favorite subject in school is English and her favorite color is blue. Her favorite TV show is Tom and Jerry. She likes to draw. When she was asked what was special about her she said, "I am very responsible and caring."

Let's pray for Neriah, her family, and all those making sure girls in Pakistan can attend school.

In years past daffodils lined the sidewalk from Central Avenue to the church. If you miss seeing flower beds around our church this article is for you.

The Earth Care Committee is trying to expand the **Memory Garden** with flowers that will welcome all to our doors and provide a beautiful spot to think, pray, and remember a loved one. These flowers will welcome pollinators, cut down on some mowing, and add to the beauty of our church property.

How can you help? The committee is hoping to start planting bulbs this fall and they are looking for donations. Did you split bulbs this fall? See a good price and buy more then you will be able to plant this year? If you have bulbs to share please see Cori Coia.



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## October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship 10:30 Communion	Feeding Fredonia Challenge presented to Village Board 7:30					Farmer's Market 10-1 Barker Commons  Highway Cleanup 10-11
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship 10:30						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Worship 10:30 Feeding Fredonia Challenge Kickoff	12 and 1 Make Boxes for FFC and Deliver to Businesses		Bible Study. Fredonia Place 1 PM	Session Meeting 6 PM		Food Pantry 10-12  Farmer's Market 10-1 Barker Commons
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship 10:30			FFC Food Picked Up	FFC Food Picked Up	FFC Food Picked Up	Feeding Fredonia Challenge Festival
29	30	31				
Worship 10:30						
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The **Food Pantry Task Force** is wondering if the name of the Fredonia Food Pantry should be changed.

Do you have a suggestion for a catchy name? Something that will make it stand out in folks' minds? This is nonjudgemental brainstorming so let Holly know if you've got an idea... no matter how crazy it sounds.

## If You Are Available,

please join Holly at the village board meeting on **Monday, October 2 at 7:30** when she presents this year's Feeding Fredonia Challenge.

### Everyone is welcome!

The Village Board has in the past showed its support by declaring Feeding Fredonia Week and having a picture with the board and church members taken for the Observer.

## Marge Benton

has moved to Washington, DC to be close to her daughter, Holly.

Marge's contact information is  
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We need a new **Fire Alarm System...** very expensive.  
Any and all contributions toward this necessary expense will make us smile.

**Don't forget** to take cans with a deposit to Can King (just tell them to donate the money to the Food Pantry) or bring them to church.

Also, those empty ink cartridges Ellen recycles generate revenue for the church. The box to collect them is in the Penfold Room.



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## Prayer List

Donna Heintzman  
Joe Dolce  
Dick Ackley  
Dick Watt  
Joy Hite

Michelle Patterson  
Zachary Dloniak  
Deb Harris  
Sandy McBride  
Susie Harris

Jordan Mendyk  
Tracy  
Toni-Jo Mitchell  
Mick  
Jennifer O'Boyle

Cheryl Connelly  
Margie  
Kevin  
Julie

Donna Rocque  
Kevin Nelson  
Gary Chwojdak  
Stewart  
Dennis Paul & Family

Lorraine & Joe  
PJ Meadows  
John LaMancuso  
Lucy Thomas  
Rachel Candy  
Elana




## October Birthdays

- 8 David Tiffany
- 9 David Dawes
- 10 Barbara Lucariello
- 12 Leah Bennett  
Jean Dawes
- 13 Brittany Valente
- 14 Kate Piazza  
Glen Bennett
- 16 Tatum Piazza-Harvey
- 20 Rachel Spangler  
AJ Amatuzzo
- 26 James Mintun  
Faith Phillips
- 27 Audrey Divine
- 29 McKenna Miller
- 30 Ellen Foley



## October Anniversaries

- |    |  |              |
|----|--|--------------|
| 2  | Tom & Betsy White                              | 1993         |
| 9  | Brett & Audra Comerford<br>Paul & Trisha Lehen | 2004<br>2004 |
| 10 | Tom Gordon & Cindy Rechlin                     |              |
| 22 | Tom & Reneé Salamone                           | 2011         |

 Please pray for our Local Partners in Ministry:  
**Compeer Chautauqua**



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The Advent Chorale of Western New York announces the start of its 41st Season of rehearsals and performances of Handel's greatest masterwork, ***Messiah***.

Experienced singers in all voice parts are most welcome to join the Chorale.

**Rehearsals begin:**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

6:30 pm Registration

7:00 pm Rehearsal

**Orchard Park Presbyterian Church**

4369 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, NY

The Chorale draws its membership of talent from across the Western New York region representing all walks of life. Gregory White was called to the post of Music Director - Conductor in 2001; the Chorale has emerged as a prominent choral ensemble on Western New York's music scene. The Chorale will be joined by the Western New York Chamber Orchestra, a professional orchestra in residence at the State University of New York at Fredonia. The Western New York Chamber Orchestra has a history of excellence that has been a cultural highlight of Chautauqua County and the Western New York region.

For a schedule of rehearsals, performance dates, times, and locations please visit our website at:

[www.communityadventchorale.com](http://www.communityadventchorale.com)

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**The Feeding Fredonia Challenge will begin  
on October 15.**

Pick up will be on October 25, 26, & 27.

First help needed: Box making and delivery on Monday Oct 16.  
Start making the boxes at 12 pm. Start delivering the same day.

**This year the Challenge will end with a festival on  
Saturday, October 28 at the church.  
Put it on your calendar!**