



The Fredonia Presbyterian

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A MOMENT WITH PETER

By Joe Calarco

Paris, the city of light and love. As Carol and I cruised leisurely on the Seine, we visited all of the major highlights: the grandeur of Notre Dame, the magnificence of the Palace of Versailles, the awesomeness of the Eiffel Tower, the impression of the Arc de Triomphe, the quiet beauty of Monet's gardens, and the solemnity of D-Day beaches of Normandy; yes, we even had a glimpse of the shy smile of Mona Lisa. They were all great moments, but as their memories will fade with time, one will remain in my heart, a special moment with Peter.



While waiting in line to enter the church of Saint-Chapell, I pulled some change from my pocket and felt something hit my shoe. I looked briefly on the ground, but could not find the dropped coin. A boy, around 10 years old, also in line, bent down, picked up the coin, a tarnished American penny, and returned it to me. He refused my insistence to keep the penny. I pleaded with his mother and his two older sisters, but they all smiled in agreement with the boy. When we finally entered the church we were surrounded by hundreds of people, but I spotted the boy across the room. I approached him with my both closed fists turned down and told him to choose a hand. He looked at his mother who smiled and nodded. When he touched my right fist with his finger, I turned over my fist and opened it. His eyes opened widely as he saw a shiny 20 cent euro coin. (Of course, he did not know that I also had a similar coin in my left fist.) I told him that he had to accept it because he "won" it. This time his mother and sisters smiled and nodded, yes.

I returned to the crowd of tourists and was looking upward at the most beautiful stained glass windows in France when I felt a tug on my leg. I bent down and he told me excitedly that the date on the coin was the year of his birth. As I was leaving, I again made eye contact with him and went to say goodbye to his family. When I asked him his name, he replied, "Peter". I asked him where he was from and he said, "Spain". I shook his hand and said that my name was "Joe, from New York." I thanked him for his kind deed with the penny and said he should continue to be kind to others. I opened my arms and when he hugged me, he opened my heart. I told him that God had brought us together. (I recall a song, "Pennies from Heaven"). I left with a blessing, "Peter, may God Bless you always. I will pray for you."

Paris is indeed the city of light and love...and moments.

We ate too many crusty baguettes and chocolate croissants, drank too many glasses of red wine, and walked way too many miles. We had many wonderful moments, but for me, the most special moment, was my moment with Peter.



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School Supplies



The collection of school supplies for Fredonia's Wheelock School and Dunkirk's School 3 went very well. **Thank you to everyone who helped.** Below is the list of supplies we took to the schools. Each school expressed its thanks. Check out the thank you note on the bulletin board.

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| Dry erase markers | 16 | Pencils | 140 |
| Dry erase erasers | 9 | Pencils, colored | 12 |
| Markers, washable. | 190 | Erasers | 5 |
| Highlighters | 5 | Pencil boxes/pouches | 7 |
| Crayons, 24 count | 12 boxes | Glue sticks | 66 |
| Filler paper | 5 pkgs. | Elmer's school glue | 10 |
| Composition books | 22 | Water bottles | 13 |
| Scissors | 2 pair | T-shirts | 3 |
| Games, educational | 5 | Underpants | 112 |
| Playdoh | 47 canisters | | |

Dates for the
Alternative Christmas
are **December 5-7, 2024.**
We will be part of Fredonia's
Christmas on Main Street



You Are Invited!

Art Discover's Community Celebration of Dia De Los Muertos

November 1 from 6-8 pm

Please invite friends and join us for the installation of our ofrenda (a place of joyful remembrance) and artifacts. Enjoy traditional music and foods. Take the opportunity to create a memento of a departed loved one to place on the ofrenda.

Santa for Seniors



Do you know a senior citizen in Chautauqua County who is over 60, lives alone, and gets few visitors? If you think this person might benefit from a visit and a gift from the Santa for Seniors program let Holly or Susan Pepe know.

Images from Bing and Carol Groat.





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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Theology on Tap 5ish at The Next Chapter Book Store. | Food Pantry 1-3 | Narcotics Anonymous 7 Food Pantry 4:30-6:30 | Set up for funeral reception 9 Funeral reception Doris Thompson 1:30 | Farmer's Market 9-1 Barker Square |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Worship 10:30 Communion Kick-off Feeding Fredonia Challenge | Art Discovery 5 | Theology on Tap 5ish at The Next Chapter Book Store. Girl Scouts 6-7 | Food Pantry 1-3 | Joy Hite Funeral 9 Rotary 12-1 Food Pantry 4:30-6:30 Narcotics Anonymous 7 | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Worship 10:30 | Indigenous People's Day Columbus Day Art Discovery 5 | Theology on Tap 5ish at The Next Chapter Book Store. | Food Pantry 1-3 | Rte 39 Clean up 9 Food Pantry 4:30-6:30 Session 6 Narcotics Anonymous 7 | End of Feeding Fredonia Challenge | Food Pantry 10-12 Partners in Kind 1-3 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Worship 10:30 | Art Discovery 5 | Theology on Tap 5ish at The Next Chapter Book Store. Girl Scouts 6-7 | Compeer 12:30-2:30 Food Pantry 1-3 | Food Pantry 4:30-6:30 Narcotics Anonymous 7 | | Sigma Kappa 10-1 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
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October Birthdays

- 2 Reece Lehnen
- 8 David Tiffany
- 9 David Dawes
- 10 Barbara Lucariello

- 12 Leah Bennett
- 12 Jean Dawes
- 13 Brittany Valente
- 14 Kate Piazza
- 14 Glen Bennett

- 16 Tatum Piazza-Harvey
- 20 Rey Spangler
- 20 AJ Amatuzzo
- 25 Lucy Andrus

- 26 Faith Phillips
- 27 Audrey Divine
- 29 McKenna Miller
- 30 Ellen Foley



October Anniversaries

- 2 Tom & Betsy White 1993
- 9 Brett & Audra Comerford 2004
- 9 Paul & Trisha Lehnen 2004

- 10 Tom Gordon & Cindy Rechlin
- 22 Tom & Reneé Salamone 2011



Theology on Tap meets every Tuesday, 5ish-6:30ish, at The Next Chapter Book Store. Bring your own beverage.

Feeding Fredonia Challenge

We need to help Fellowship Hall look like this, again.

The FFC posters are starting to pop up around town.

Stop in one of the many businesses in town to drop off some nonperishable food. Support the businesses efforts in the Challenge so they can help us support the increasing number of families coming to the Fred Basket each month.

October 6 - October 18

If you can help pick up or weigh food October 17 or 18 please let Holly know.





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Prayer List

Donna Heintzman
Joe Dolce
Dick Ackley
Zachary Dloniak

Dick Watt
Gary Chwojdak
Toni-Jo Mitchell
Mick

Cheryl Connelly
Lorraine Withington
Deb Harris
Susie Harris

Jessie
Janine D.
Jennifer O'Boyle
Alba Talavera

Lucy Andrus
Greg Chwojdak
Jimmy
Paul

Anna
Gerald
Ron & Janine Scaccia
Rhonda Daminski

Susan Lis
Jenna
Evelyn Ryan
Elizabeth English

Baby Emma
Elaine
Ryan Williams
David Leffel

Sam
Daly-Griffin Family
Sharyn Duff-Kibbe



Sympathy is Extended...

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Joy Hite** who passed away on September 29. Her service will be held in our church on October 10 at 9 am.

Cards may be sent to her daughter, Gwyn.
Gwyn Hite
23 Orchard St.
Fredonia, NY. 14063

Sympathy is also extended to Susan Guziec and her family on the death of her mother, Doris Thompson. Cards to

Susan Guziec
8818 Reed Hill Rd.
East Otto, NY 14729

In Memoriam

Kathy Peterson

10/29/23

Prayers...

For peace in all countries.

For victims of hurricanes.

For our Local Partners in Ministry, Compeer, Chautauqua Girl Scouts, and Narcotics Anonymous.

For our Global Partners in Ministry, Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan, and the young girl we sponsor, Neriah.



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Notes from the Session:

The session met at 6 pm on Thursday, September 19.

Present: Diane Bell, Rey Spangler, Carol Calarco, Susan Pepe, and Rev. Clark-Porter. Excused: Cori Coia.

The meeting opened with prayer. The agenda and minutes were approved.

Discussed:

- Church school has started with a bang and many thanks to teachers Sandy, Trish, Sharon, and Audrey.
- Student move-in day went very well. Our many volunteers and the bags we gave the students were a big hit.
- Calvin's Baptism was a real cause for celebration.
- Thank you to Carol Calarco for the work she does for our music program.
- Thank you to the Spanglers for taking care of the pew in the sanctuary.
- Thank you to our congregation for making new visitors feel welcome enough to get involved.
- Very cool art installation in Fellowship Hall.
- Holly will be attending the financial leadership conference.
- Holly has started working on the Feeding Fredonia Challenge. Thanks to everyone who joined her at the Village Board meeting where FFC week was declared.
- Holly continues to work with the Committee on Ministry and it goes well.
- Holly has attended the leaders' orientation for FeedMore WNY and FeedMore has done their inspection of our Fred Basket facility.
- Thank you to Mel and Ron Chwojdak for getting and installing the lock on the food pantry.
- Kathy Dloniak was removed from the roll.
- Looking toward the possibility of someday having a campus ministry.
- The August financial report was accepted.
- Theology on Tap is going so well we may soon outgrow the Next Chapter Bookstore.
- An Art Discovery report from Lucy Andrus was accepted.
- The Mission Committee has recently donated \$100 to the Fredonia Fire Department and \$100 to Santa for Seniors. With approval of the Session \$500 is being donated to Koinonia of Jamestown and Chautauqua County. Joe and Carol Calarco have been associated with Koinonia, which fosters Christian fellowship and growth, for many years. Joe will be participating in a Koinonia weekend October 12-14. During the weekend there will be a "mail call". If you would be able to write a letter of support to him and give it to Carol by October 11, it will be included in the mail call.
- School supplies were delivered to Fredonia's Wheelock Early Childhood Center and Dunkirk's School 3. Both schools were most appreciative.
- Santa for Seniors is looking for folks over 65 who may be alone for the Christmas holidays and would benefit from a visit and Christmas gift.
- Our new safe is being used.
- Should we have Narcan on site and would a Narcan training be appropriate?

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be October 17 at 6 pm.

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Route 39 Clean Up

The last clean up of the year will be on Thursday, October 17 at 9 am. Rain date is October 18.
Meet at the Sheridan Liquor Store. Bring gloves and dress to be able to walk in tall grass.

Raise Right

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.

Our code is **XNWWL9KRHYQ6**. Choose "join an existing program" and put in the code. Then it is a piece of cake. Any questions? Ask Holly for help.