



# The Fredonia Presbyterian

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Church

## From Our Pastor

Assuming you had all the necessary skills: If you were on a house building crew, what would your area of construction be? Would you roof, put up sheet rock, work on the trusses? This is the question I asked the 2023 Session while on our retreat held on February 25, 2023. I had no idea what answers I'd get but what I got was better than I could have imagined.

Carol would be the foreman.

Cori would build the greenhouse.

Janine would lay the foundation.

Sandy would do anything but plumbing and electricity. Walls, maybe.

Jeff would bring people refreshments and sandwiches.

Susan would be the clean up crew: sweeping sawdust, washing windows, etc.

I would do the roofing.

There is supposed to be some psychology behind the answers. Do we have a team of all hands-on people? If so, we will need to find some balance. Are we doers or all planners or all organizers or good mix of all? Are we all trying to do everything all at once? You get it. This question tells you more about your people and where their hands, heads, and hearts are and helps lead you the team towards more sound productivity.

These answers were so good. I never thought about the backyard or Gatorade. I never considered sawdust. My head was on the literal structure. Clearly, I shouldn't build a house by myself. What this exercise goes to show is that our Session is diverse, and we are stacked with unique types of people who all have a part to play. In other words, we're not just gonna build a house, we're gonna create something **lasting**.

I was so proud of the Session and the work they did. We did the grueling, more boring stuff; we also dreamed and made goals. We put our house crew to work and I am so excited.

BUT, so that this house can become a home, we will need you too. We will need to call you in for the proverbial plumbing and electricity. As we all build a home in glory to God, we covet your prayers. We would so appreciate prayer for 1. Meeting goals that serve God's calling to FPC 2. Serving our congregation and community 3. Finding solutions 4. Fulfilling our mission

Thanks for cheering on this house of God. May we be not just a roof but a dwelling of faith, hope, and love.



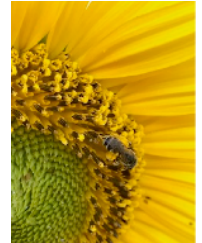


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## PLANTING SEEDS

By Joe Calarco

For Christmas, my 20 year old grandson gave me an unique gift, a living gift. It was a small terra cotta pot with the inscription "I Love You" along the bottom. With the pot was a small package of Zinnia flower seeds. He said, "Papa, since you like plants, you can plant these seeds when you go to Florida and watch them grow, then bring them back home."



Growing up on the farm, we raised raspberries and grapes. Neither one grew from seeds, but from cuttings. We would cut a small healthy branch or cane from the parent plant, stick it into the ground and the following year there would be new roots growing, creating a new plant. However, now, no longer on the farm, I have become a sower of seeds.

Scripture has several references to planting seeds. Jesus tells the parable of the Sower and the Seed. The farmer (God) sows his seed (The Word) on four types of ground. Only on the good ground does the seed/Word take hold and grow one hundred times of the seed that was sown. (Matt:3-9) And also the parable of the Mustard seed : "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed...Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so birds come and perch in its branches." (Matt 13: 31-32)

Paul writes of his missionary ministry, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." (1 Corin. 3:6) I will never consider myself a missionary, but as a teacher and coach, I wonder how many seeds I have sown in the classroom or on the tennis court. The prison is another field where seeds are sown, hopefully they too will grow and blossom within the inmates.

All we can do is to sow the seeds wherever we are. It may be a seed of encouragement, or comfort, a seed of sympathy or joy. The hard part is not being able to watch them grow. After we plant the seeds, another must water and nourish, and God is the One who makes them grow into fruit and flowers. Proverbs:11:30, "The seeds of good deeds become a tree of life."

Yes, I planted the seeds in my little pot. I water it faithfully, sit it out in the warm sunshine and even talk to it. I smile as I watch them peek through the soil, turn green and reach for the sun. I can't wait for the flowers to bloom into colors.



Images from Bing images, PlanetWare, Susan Royal, Carol Groat, and Betsy White.



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## Over the Coffee Cups

Tom and Betsy White spent most of January cruising South America and Antarctica. We began our journey in Santiago, Chile. We enjoyed some wonderful food and wine and had a chance to tour the city before boarding our ship. The cruise made several stops in Chile, one being Punta Arenas, the most southern city in Chile, where we visited a Magellanic Penguin colony on an island off the coast in the Straits of Magellan. We were able to walk among the penguins. These are small penguins that live in burrows in the ground almost like prairie dogs. It was really amazing to be so close to them while in their natural habitat. After crossing the Straits of Magellan, we visited Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in Argentina. While in Ushuaia we visited a King Penguin and Gentoo Penguin colony. Again we were able to walk among the penguins. The King penguins have yellow around their eyes and chest and the Gentoo are a little smaller but largely black and white. These all live above ground. All the penguin preserves we visited are actually places where the penguins chose to inhabit and then the government created the preserves to protect them.



As we left the Straits of Magellan we sailed around Cape Horn then headed through the Drake Passage to Antarctica. We spent 4 days cruising various areas of Antarctica. The scenery is amazing – white glaciers, white mountains. One of the most striking things about Antarctica is the quiet. The only noises are the sounds of ice calving off the glaciers, the sounds of whales blowing water out of their spouts, and occasionally the sound of a sea lion. Ice bergs seem to float silently by with penguins perched atop. The color of the ice and water around the ice bergs is a brilliant bright blue. Simply gorgeous.





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Then it was back through the Drake Passage as we headed north to Argentina. First, we stopped in Port Stanley of the Falkland Islands. One more penguin colony to visit – it was Magellanic Penguins again. This was a huge colony and these penguins migrate to Brazil during the winter months. We finished our journey with two stops in Uruguay where they have some amazing beaches, and we ended in Buenos Aires. This is a very large metropolitan city but they have tons of green spaces, parks and lots of tree lined streets. There is also a wonderful mix of modern buildings and



old European style buildings. We did a culinary walk through a small neighborhood and enjoyed sausage sandwiches, empanadas, steak and gelato along with Argentinian beer and wine. We also enjoyed a performance of the Tango.

It was a wonderful trip. Great entertainment on the ship and off, and wonderful sights to see every day.

Five items the Food Pantry could really use more of for the March 18th pantry are

- Cereal**
- Canned Fruit**
- Spaghetti Sauce**
- Pasta**
- Canned Tuna or Meat**



**Bible Study  
at  
Fredonia Place**

**Sympathy is Extended to:** Sue Rocque and Peggy Sisson on the death of Sue's father.

Cards to: Suzanne Rocque  
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## Notes from the Session:

The session meeting was just held at the Session Retreat on Saturday, March 25.



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**March 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
FH = Fellowship Hall				NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM		Farmer's Market 10-1 Masonic Temple
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion				NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM  Rotary Board 12-1 PM		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Begin hygiene kit collection			Bible Study. Fredonia Place  Compeer Youth FH 4-6 PM	NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM  Session Meeting 6 PM		Food Pantry 10-12  Farmer's Market 10-1 Masonic Temple
	20	21	22	23	24	25
We See Sunday			Compeer Adults FH 12-2 PM	NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			Blood Drive FH 1-6 PM	NA Fellowship Hall 8 PM  Tuba Recital 7 PM Sanctuary		

Donors are needed for the **Blood Drive**.  
The Red Cross requires at least 25 people to register so let your friends and family know that they have the opportunity to save a life on March 29.



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## Meet Norah Kamal, our student from the Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan!

With \$1 from the church budget and \$399 collected in the basket at the entrance throughout the year we were able to sponsor Noriah.

At 6 years old Norah is a day student in grade 1 at the Sarhodha EMS School.

We look forward to sponsoring Noriah and following this cutie pie's progress.



Neriah Kamal

PEB English Medium Girl's School, Sargodha  
Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan, 2022-23



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## Spend a Summer at Chautauqua

The Presbyterian House at Chautauqua is looking for summer employees. The house has 36 rooms and 3 meals a day are served. The House operates as a small hotel/inn.

The Presbyterian House is hiring young adults (graduating high school in 2023), college students, couples, or older adults. They hope for a 10-week commitment but are flexible and will entertain half summer commitments as well as try to work around your other commitments. A variety of positions are available. Each includes a salary (plus tips), room, board, gate and parking passes and flexibility to enjoy what Chautauqua has to offer.

If interested in learning more and/or seeing job descriptions contact Joe Wolfe at [wolfe4evergreen@gmail.com](mailto:wolfe4evergreen@gmail.com) (814-558-5115) or Kathy Taylor at [kathy@presbychq.org](mailto:kathy@presbychq.org) (203-605-1544)



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## Prayer List

Gina Waite Platt  
 Donna Heintzman  
 Dick Ackley  
 Dick Watt  
 Judy Sumption  
 Scott Foley  
 Joy Hite  
 Joe Dolce  
 Michelle Patterson  
 Zachary Dloniak  
 Deb Harris  
 Sandy McBride  
 Adrianna Rodriguez

Susie Harris  
 Jordan Mendyk  
 Tracy  
 Susan Lauricella  
 Jennifer  
 Kurt  
 Jessi  
 Dylan Pillsbury  
 Tom Withington  
 Bill  
 Ron Scaccia  
 Lorraine Withington  
 Fu Suhui

Alice Sanders  
 William  
 Tyler Bahr  
 Mary Ann  
 Nigel C.  
 Toni-Jo Mitchell  
 Nathan Taylor  
 Sheri DeLong  
 Dorothy Ebling  
 Aunt Sally  
 Kathy McPherson



## March Birthdays

8 Kelly McCoy  
 13 Tom White  
 18 Rosie Sanden  
 21 Tom Webb  
 24 Sallie Piazza  
 28 Sharon Mugle

## March Anniversaries

5 Christopher & Megan Kristan 2016

## Ordination

3/22/15 Holly Clark-Porter  
 3/22/15 KC Clark-Porter

## Please keep in your prayers

Our Local Partners in Ministry: Narcotics Anonymous and Compeer Chautauqua.

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

The Chinese people and the people of Nepal.

The patient and the families of all those suffering from dementia.

Our politicians.

All folks trying to recover from hurricanes, snow fall, ice, fire, and flooding.

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**We will be Collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service from March 12 until Palm Sunday, April 9, 2023.**

Each kit should include:

One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32"; One washcloth;  
One wide-tooth comb removed from the package;  
One fingernail **or** toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable);  
One bath-size bar of soap in the original package;  
One toothbrush in the original package;  
Ten standard size Band-Aids.



**All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal.**

**\$2.00 is what postage costs for CWS to transport each kit to its final destination. A \$2.00 donation per kit is greatly appreciated. Please do not put the \$2 in the hygiene kit.**

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