## **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

<u>Bathrooms:</u> 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.

<u>Children:</u> 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:** Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing "alleluia" with my voice, let my life embody "alleluia" as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

**Evening Prayer:** Lord, the days of sadness are over, for you have risen from the dead. As you conquered the grave, free your servant from fear of harm or death, that I may rest in peace this night and in the morning rise to sing "alleluia." 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, will also be each Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. We need 2 people to volunteer each week. 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: any non-perishable items but most needed:

Pasta & spaghetti sauce Potatoes/instant potatoes
Special K Cereal or Cheerios Peanut butter & jelly Soup
Canned fruits & vegetables Canned meats (ham) & tuna fish

**The Fredonia Farmer's Market** is located in the Masonic Lodge on East Main St. Fredonia from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. We are there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday selling Equal Exchange items. Support the Farmer's Market.

**Deacon's Fund:** Please use the envelopes in the pews. The Deacons use their funds for members of the congregation and community who may need help and also for funeral receptions held in the fellowship hall.

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

**Coffee/Fellowship Hour help needed:** If you would like to bring in refreshments for the coffee/fellowship hour, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. Store bought goodies are always a hit.

In our prayers...

| Avery          | Wayne             | Carrie             | Elizabeth English | Chris    |
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| Carolyn McMinn | Carmen            | Ryan               | Haley             | Deb      |
| Jill           | Marlene           | Johnny             | Samantha          | Vigo     |
| Deborah        | Janey O'Boyle     | Sharyn Duff-Kibbee | Carmello          | Lorraine |
| Chris Schwartz | Terry and Marilyn | Claire             | Granny            |          |

Sympathy is extended to Trisha Lehnen and her family on the death of her mother, Sharon Mugle, on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Sympathy is also extended to the family of Louis Vega who died recently.

Please pray for those being bullied and for the bullies themselves.

Pray for student athletes

Pray for the homeless

Pray for those in the Middle East at war.

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

Pray for our Global Partners in Ministry: Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan. We provide scholarship funds for Neriah through <u>Friends of the PEB</u> 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.

Rt. 39 Clean Up Day, April 26<sup>th</sup>: 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.

**MONTHLY FOOD ROUND UP: Carrots & instant potatoes** for the month of April. This will help the food pantry shelves stay stocked.

**HYGIENE Kit collection:** Bring to church between April 6 and May 4. Put items in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag: Washcloth

Fingernail or toenail clipper (packaging removed)

1 Toothbrush (in original packaging)

Bath-size bar of soap (in original packaging)

Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)

Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW only)

Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. Or less, NEW only)

Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. Or less, expiration date of 1 year)

Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed)

As you can see, they have eliminated items such as Band-Aids and a hand towel that we would typically include. And, they have added lotion, shampoo, and toothpaste. Please be aware of the specifics. For example, they need the travel toothpaste to have an expiration date that is pushed out a year... at least April or May 2026. Mailing may be denied if a box is opened and checked and the contents do not match exactly what the shipping order/label says is in the box. The whole shipment may be returned.

**Per Capita for 2025:** 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

**Equal Exchange Farmers Market Attendant:** We're looking for a few new teams to work our farmer's market table. If you're interested, please contact Holly or reply to her email holly@fredoniapres.org