



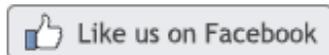
"Equipping Our Churches to Fulfill the Great Commission"



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*John 15:5*

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**Dear Friends of Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery,**

Welcome to this week's edition of our e-letter, *Presbytery Matters*. Our goal is to highlight things going on throughout the Church: within our Presbytery, in our congregations, as well as in the Synod of the Northeast and across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We hope that these are things that will be helpful, informative, challenging, encouraging, supportive. In other words, we hope that these things will matter. Your input is valued, and your comments are always welcomed!

Korean Partnership Team news



The Cayuga-Syracuse Korean Partnership Team is hosting four Presbyterian pastors from Pyongyang Presbytery in South Korea who will be featured guests at a dinner program at First Presbyterian Church of Liverpool on Tuesday, February 28, from 5:00-8:00pm. Members and friends of presbytery are cordially invited to gather at 5pm for an informal social hour offering folks the opportunity to ask questions and explore a variety of topics including US and Korean politics, immigration and refugees, challenges faced by churches, the Korea Peace Treaty campaign, and more. Translators available.

Dinner at 6pm will be catered by David Forrest and a free-will offering will be collected. Reservations are requested by

Friday, February 24, to Kathy Bohnsack at 315-682-8890 or [kabohn1@gmail.com](mailto:kabohn1@gmail.com).

## Joys and Concerns around the Presbytery

In our prayers together this week...

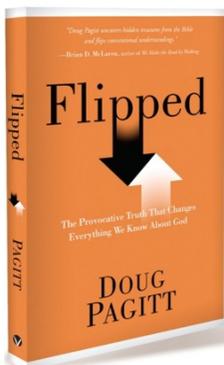
In the cycle of prayer for our Presbytery, please pray for these congregations, faith communities, and individuals: Northminster, North Syracuse; Onondaga Hill; Faith United Church of Oswego; Presbyterian Church of Otisco; New Hope, Parish.

If you'd like to share a particular joy or concern with the Presbytery, please contact Steve Plank at [statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org](mailto:statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org).



## Presbytery-wide book reading

Presbytery-Wide Book Reading and  
Visit by the Author at the  
May 20, 2017 Presbytery Meeting



In *Flipped*, Doug Pagitt challenges us to turn our thinking about God around. How does the biblical claim that God fills the universe with his presence influence our understanding of God's greatness, his power, and his wisdom for living? Insistently biblical in his writing, Pagitt uses the words of Paul, Jesus, and other biblical figures to help us live more intentionally as we learn to experience God's immediate presence.

Opportunities to engage with others about the book:  
Join any of these groups: (please call ahead for more information)

- Wednesday evenings March 8 - April 12 at 6:30 pm at Isaiah's Table, 620 West Genesee Street Syracuse, 315-447-7065
- Wednesday evenings March 8 - April 5 at 7:30 pm at Onondaga Hill PC, 4797 Makyes Road, Syracuse, 315-492-2692 (Dessert and Discussion- please rsvp if

- possible)
- Wednesday evenings May 3 & 10 at 7:00 pm at Pebble Hill PC, 5299 Jamesville Rd, Dewitt, 315-446-0960
  - Thursday evening May 11 at 7:00 pm at Auburn Westminster PC, 17 William St, Auburn, 315-253-3331

Doug Pagitt also will speak in the evening of May 20 from 7-9 pm at Auburn Westminster PC on "Just and Generous Churches and Leaders." More information to come.

Contact Nancy Wind ([nawind86@gmail.com](mailto:nawind86@gmail.com)) with any questions and/or for a copy of the discussion guide. The guide also will be posted on the Presbytery website soon.



There will also be online opportunities - watch the Presbytery Newsletter for details

## Around the Presbytery

### Those pesky GA online reports

Many thanks to clerks/secretaries from our congregations who worked so hard to put together information for the Annual Statistics to be submitted online to the General Assembly. The deadline now has passed for clerks to enter this information. However, they keep the site open for presbytery Stated Clerks to enter any late information. If you were meaning to enter your church's information online but didn't get to it in time, please send that data to Steve Plank at [statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org](mailto:statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org).

### Upcoming events...

- Samaritan Center Benefit Concert by Carrie Newcomer. Saturday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Park Central Church. Tickets available at [www.parkcentralchurch.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.parkcentralchurch.brownpapertickets.com).
- Women Ministers' Gathering. Tuesday, February 28, at 1:00 p.m. at First Pres. in Marcellus.
- First Wednesday Ministers' Lunch. Wednesday, March 1, at noon at Robinson Memorial and Elmwood Churches in Syracuse.

You always may keep abreast on happenings in and around the Presbytery by checking the Presbytery events calendar (<http://cayugasyracuse.org/calendars>) and the church events calendar (<http://cayugasyracuse.org/calendars/church-events>).

## Around the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Church  
LEADERSHIP  
Connection

### UPCOMING WEBINARS

"Everything You Want to Know About Using CLC" March 28st at 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST. This webinar is for presbytery staff, PNCs, and COM Liaisons. Participants will be provided instructions in how-to use CLC to support the call process with special instructions in well written MIFs and evaluating PIFs. [Register for this webinar.](#)

"CLC for Call Seekers" March 29 at 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST. This webinar is for call seekers, CPMs and seminary placement officers. This how-to webinar will provide instructions in effectively using CLC to search for calls and writing PIFs. [Register for this webinar.](#)

### Face-to-Face event

Save the date! July 6-8, 2017 at the Big Tent Event in St. Louis. Registration opens on April 17. More information to follow.

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