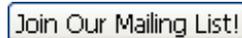
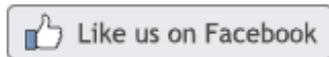


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*John 15:5*

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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!

### Joys and Concerns around the Presbytery

In our prayers together this week...

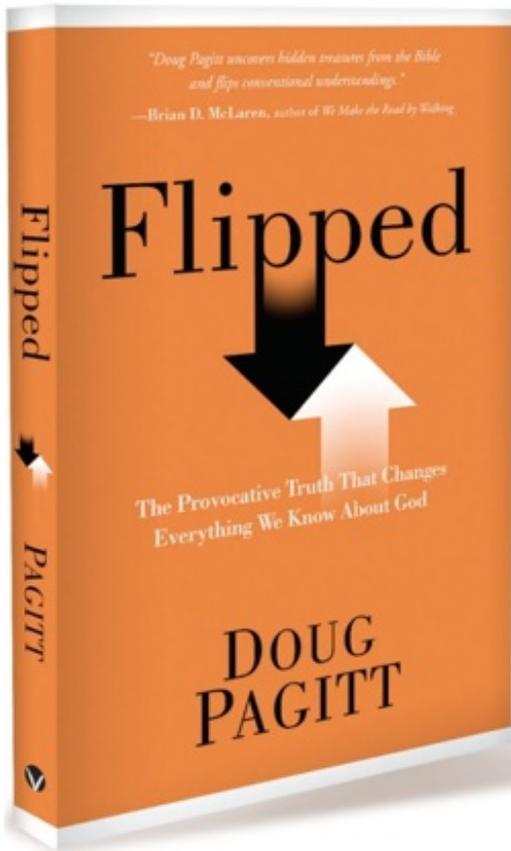
- Pray for the family and friends of Cheryl Potter. Cheryl was a member of the Sennett Federated Church, and she died on Monday.



In the cycle of prayer for our Presbytery, please pray for these congregations, faith communities, and individuals: United Church of Fayetteville; First United Church of Fulton; God's Vision Christian Church, Hannibal; Jamesville Community Church; First, King Ferry.

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).

## Online discussion opportunity about *Flipped* for the Presbytery Book-Read



As you've read these past several weeks, the Presbytery has been invited to read and discuss the book, *Flipped*, by Doug Pagitt. Pagitt will be at our May 20 Presbytery gathering/meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Auburn. This provides us with a first hand opportunity to hear from and engage the author about the ideas he puts forth in this book.

Several of our congregations have offered weekly discussion groups centered around this book. We now want to invite interested people to participate in an online discussion of the book. This will be done via GoToMeeting. Using GoToMeeting, up to 25 people can enter this discussion group. People can either use their computer to sign in to the event, or people can use a phone number that will be provided to simply call in. A couple of people will coordinate the discussion, and people are invited to chime in with their own thoughts, or just listen to what others are saying.

There is no cost to join the discussion group. If you would be interested in receiving an invitation to participate, just drop a note to [Steve Plank](#). You'll then be put on the list. A date and time will be announced shortly. If more than 25 people want to be a part of this, we'll add a second GoToMeeting event and announce the details.

Thanks for considering this invitation.

## Want a 2017-18 Presbyterian Planning Calendar?

If you'd like to order a 2017-18 Presbyterian Planning Calendar, all you have to do is get in touch with ruling elder Linda Russell and let her know how many you and/or your church want. The cost will depend upon how many calendars we can order in bulk. The Presbytery will bill you after the calendars arrive. You may contact Linda simply by clicking [here](#).

## 1001 New Worshiping Communities News



"Living, Dying, Rising," the 1001 New Worshiping Communities 2017 national gathering, outlines the story of the life of Christ and the life of the church. Through the Holy Spirit, the church is freed from fear and invited to journey confidently into new territory as missionaries of shalom. The conference will be held at TradeWinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida, August 7-10, 2017. Presenters will include the Rev. Juan Sarmiento, the Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle, and the Revs. Jeya So and Daniel So. The Rev. Abby King-Kaiser will coordinate worship. Pete Feltman will serve as music leader. [Click here](#) to register or learn more.

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

The final date to apply for the 2017-18 Young Adult Volunteer year is fast-approaching. June 1st is the final day for young adults to apply to a formative year of service at one of our 16 national sites. Thank you so much for all your efforts this recruitment season.

The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is a faith-based year of service for young people during the academic year, August thru July. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation while exploring the meaning and motivation of their faith in community with peers and mentors.

Program benefits include a regular stipend, housing, transportation and student-loan repayment options throughout the duration of the service year. For more info, please visit the FAQ tab at the top of the YAV homepage ([youngadultvolunteers.org](http://youngadultvolunteers.org)) or feel free to contact the GA Associate for Recruitment and Relationships ([blake.collins@pcusa.org](mailto:blake.collins@pcusa.org)). Following @yavprogram is also a great way for candidates to receive a behind-the-scene look into each site. Please encourage a young person you know to [apply today](#) and thanks again for planting seeds of service.



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