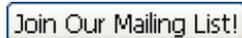
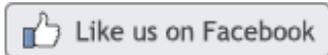




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**Dear Friends of Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery,**

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!

**It's Coming Soon!**



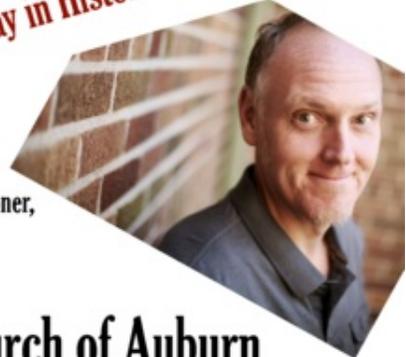
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**John 15:5**

**PRESBYTERY**  
CAYUGA - SYRACUSE



**Saturday, May 20, 2017**  
**Spent the Day in Historic Auburn NY**



### **Presbytery Welcomes Doug Pagitt**

Author, speaker, Podcaster, Organizer, Ultra-Marathoner, Goodness Conspirator and Possibility Evangelist.

The Presbytery Stated Annual Meeting will be held May 20th at First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, 112 South St.

Registration at 8:30 am  
Call to Order at 9:30 am

Chicken Bar-B-Q Lunch with sweet corn and salad buffet will be available at noon for \$7.00\*

\*Bring Cash

Tours of Willard Chapel (\$5) and Seward House (\$8) will be available at 4:00pm. Sign up at registration or by calling Linda Russell (315) 730 6930.

Other options for the afternoon and restaurant suggestions for dinner will be available at the registration table.

### **First Presbyterian Church of Auburn**

108 South Street, Auburn NY - Case Mansion at 1pm - 3:30pm

Jesus' use of "you have heard it said...but I say to you" has been a powerful call for people to see the other possibilities of God's action in the world and our own possibilities. Doug calls this a "Flip" and will invite us to follow this calling in our own faith as well as in the way we organize and engage as communities of faith.

### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

17 William St. Auburn NY - 7pm - 9:00pm

Doug Pagitt invites you to join him for an interactive, multimedia conversation about the changing spiritual landscape of the United States and how activists and people of faith can create pathways of connection, belonging, and robust change.

For more information about Doug Pagitt, visit his website:

<http://www.dougpagitt.com/>



### **Mission Stories**

This is one of the mission stories from our Presbytery's worshiping communities. Is this something that you'd like to explore as a partnership with another faith community? Is this something that you'd like your church to begin or be involved with? What story would you like to share with others in the Presbytery?

This is a follow-up to the Blessings in a Backpack mission program that was highlighted here recently...

"Great news for the Blessings in a Backpack program!! Jamesville Community church will be sponsoring 10 kids and Isaiah's Table will be sponsoring 7 kids. That will bring our total for Delaware School to 124!!!! Kudos to Dan DeBrucker-Cota for his work to get Isaiah's Table involved. Jamesville Community Church saw the article in the Presbytery newsletter."

Send any mission stories from your congregation that you would like to share to Steve Plank: [statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org](mailto:statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org).

## Joys and Concerns around the Presbytery



In our prayers together this week...

Pray for Patrick and Jenna Heery, their families and friends, and the worshiping community at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Auburn where Patrick is the pastor. The funeral for their baby boys, Ezra and Leo, will be Saturday, April 22, at 11:00 a.m. at the church.

- Pray for Mary S (Robinson Memorial - Elmwood) who was recently hospitalized.

In the cycle of prayer for our Presbytery, please pray for these congregations, faith communities, and individuals: Amboy Belle Isle; First, Auburn; Westminster, Auburn; United Ministry of Aurora; First, Baldwinsville.

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).

## Around the Presbytery

### "Be the Church Sunday" in Liverpool

April 30 is the 3rd Annual "Be the Church Sunday" at First Pres. in Liverpool. On that day church members gather at the church at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and prayer. They then go out into the community to serve in Christ's name. Clean-up projects, yard work, helping at Matthew 25 Farms, Samaritan Center, and Rescue Mission are some of the ways we have an opportunity to serve. There will also be some activities which can be done in the Fellowship Hall for those who have mobility concerns.

### Chancellor's Award recipient



Six SUNY Empire State College students from across the state - two graduate and four undergraduates - have been selected as 2017 recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, SUNY's most prestigious student award. One of the recipients is ruling elder Dan DeBrucker from Robinson Memorial - Elmwood Churches.

Congratulations, Dan!

### Vanderkamp News

Once again, Vanderkamp has renewed its membership with the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association. The mission of PCCCA is to equip leaders for vibrant and

sustainable ministries. It seeks to provide a common voice and shared vision for Presbyterian camp and conference ministry. Our thanks to Executive Directors, Bill and Penny James, for maintaining this level of excellence for Vanderkamp!



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.)



Racism is the opposite of what God intends for humanity. It is the rejection of the other, which is entirely contrary to the Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ. Racism is a lie about our fellow human beings, for it says that some are less than others. Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the PC(USA) must stand against, speak against and work against racism.

As part of an ongoing campaign to address racial injustice, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sharing a wealth of antiracism resources - including studies, books and training - to equip the greater church to

work against racism. We hope you'll return to this site frequently as links to new resources are added between now and the 223rd General Assembly in June 2018.

We're launching this effort with a set of resources from the churchwide antiracism policy *Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community*, approved in 2016 by the 222nd General Assembly.

Find out more information, and see all of the available resources, at the website for this vital program: <http://facing-racism.pcusa.org/>.

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