



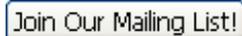
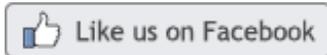
"Equipping Our Churches to Fulfill the Great Commission"



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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!

Presbyterian Planning Calendars



2017-2018 Presbyterian Planning Calendar



Once again this year, the Presbytery is happy to present a bulk order of 2017-18 Planning Calendars from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This 19-month calendar contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. It includes lectionary for Sundays and special days, liturgical days, liturgical colors, resource information for PC(USA) programmatic emphases, updated synod, presbytery and Presbyterian Mission Agency staff directories, color foldout synod/presbytery and world maps.

The cost depends upon how many total calendars are ordered. If you and/or the worshipping community would like to order one or more calendars, please send an email to Linda Russell at [lsruss@aol.com](mailto:lsruss@aol.com). If we order up to 50 calendars total, the cost will be \$12.50 per calendar. If we order more than 50, the cost goes down to \$8.50 each. If you were placing an individual order, the cost would be \$14.95 each. The Presbytery will bill your worshipping community once the calendars are here.

## Joys and Concerns around the Presbytery

In our prayers together this week...

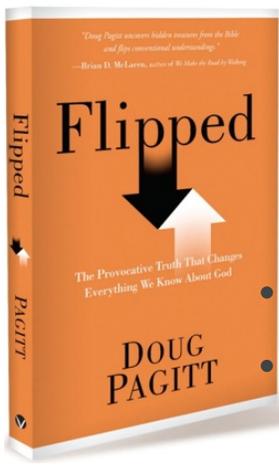
- Pray for Rev. Tom Cornell, who is in St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse with cardiac issues. Tom lives in Weedsport and was formerly pastor at First Baptist Church Weedsport. Tom has preached and officiated at communion at Sennett Federated Church.
- Stuart Sholes (from the Sennett Church) is in Auburn Community Hospital with pneumonia and is receiving intravenous antibiotics. Stuart is weak but is slowly improving.
- Jenna and Patrick Heery, their family and friends, and members of Westminster, Auburn. The funeral service for their twin boys, Ezra and Leo, was this past Saturday, and the burial will be in Ohio this Sunday afternoon.



In the cycle of prayer for our Presbytery, please pray for these congregations, faith communities, and individuals: First, Cazenovia; First, Chittenango; United Church of Collamer; Pebble Hill, DeWitt; First United Church of East Syracuse.

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).

More on *Flipped* for the Presbytery Book-Read



There still are some opportunities to join with others in a discussion about Doug Pagitt's book, *Flipped*. Doug will be with us at our May 20 Presbytery gathering. There also will be some online discussion groups beginning soon. In the meantime, please feel free to join with folks here:

- May 3 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Pebble Hill Church (5299 Jamesville Rd., DeWitt)
- May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Church (17 William St., Auburn)

## Around the Presbytery

### Special Event at Morrisville

The Outreach and Evangelism committee is hosting a covered dish supper on May 13 at 5:30 PM in our fellowship hall. Area churches, our guest pastors and the community have been invited. Bring a dish to pass. Beverages and table service will be provided. This will be an evening of music with a Christian band, comedy performances by some of our members and friends and a time for songs of praise. We are inviting you to come and share with us in this time of Christian fellowship. The church is located at 3824 Swamp Rd. in Morrisville.

### Vietnam Wall Memorial coming to Port Byron

A replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall is coming to two locations in New York State, Port Byron being the upstate location. The wall will be set at the School District Athletic Complex, and will be open 24hr a day with no admission charge. There will be an ecumenical worship service Sunday at 11:00am at the site. Port Byron is expecting 5,000-6000 people that weekend so the Federated Church is going to do what it loves to do - feed people. We will be having breakfast on Saturday morning and a bar-b-que Saturday night. We will also be hosting Doug's fish fry on Thursday June 1st. There will be a number of events and guest speakers during the 4 days. For more info visit [heroes@pbcschools.org](mailto:heroes@pbcschools.org).

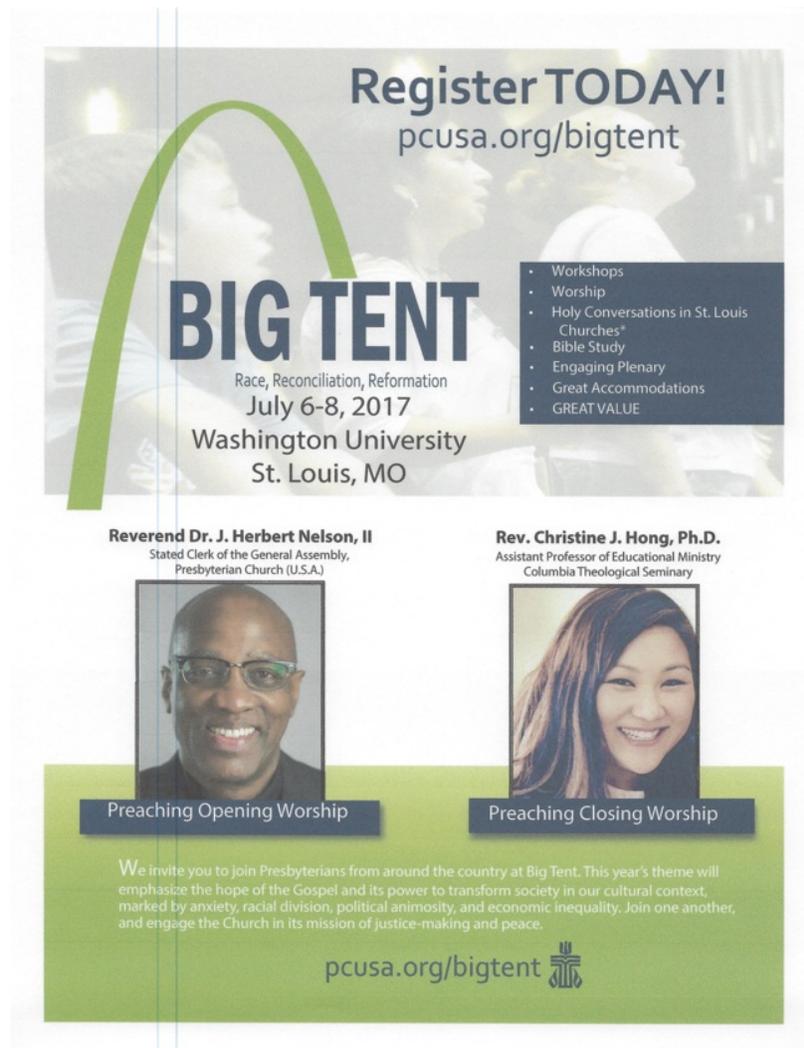
### AGO event at Cazenovia Church

The Syracuse Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is offering a free workshop for all musicians, choir directors, and music teachers on "Online Music and Liturgy Planning Resources." It will take place at First Pres. in Cazenovia (27 Albany Street) on Saturday, May 6 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tech-savvy members of our chapter will be on hand to share numerous web sites that will be sure to be a big help to organists, choir directors, choir members, and any and all who train musicians. Topics will include working with children's' and senior voices, safely-downloaded public domain music, teaching Music Theory, choral warm-ups, holistic "care and feeding" of musicians, liturgical planning, baroque ornamentation, Gregorian chant, and practice techniques. For more information, send an email to Armand Di Scenna at [discenaj@gmail.com](mailto:discenaj@gmail.com).

### Roast Pork Dinner Saturday

Amboy Belle Isle United Church (6190 Airport Road, Syracuse, NY 13209) will be having a ROAST PORK Dinner on Saturday, April 29th. Serving begins at 4:30 PM (take-outs available). Adults \$10.00, ages 5-12 \$5.00, under age 5 free.

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>).



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Preaching Closing Worship

We invite you to join Presbyterians from around the country at Big Tent. This year's theme will emphasize the hope of the Gospel and its power to transform society in our cultural context, marked by anxiety, racial division, political animosity, and economic inequality. Join one another, and engage the Church in its mission of justice-making and peace.

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