

"Red Door" News: Summer News

*Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2026 * Sunday Worship: 10 AM*



Dear "Red Door" members and friends,

To view or print America 250 worship materials, FSA Back-to-School Supplies collection, and/or this RDNews – see attachments

America 250 celebrates when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

May we be as courageous in our own time to work toward a more perfect union as our forebears were who literally put their lives on the line with their signatures.

The Semiquincentennial Community Service held last Sunday in Huntington Park to honor America 250 went very well. Tim Horne was our musician. Revs. Casey Bradley and Mark Montfort offered brief meditations on scriptures appropriate for the day's commemoration. And Pastor Walton-Leavitt led the Joys & Concerns and the Prayers (*see attached*).

Summer Food Program (SFP) Commissioning of volunteers and staff will be held during morning worship THIS Sunday (July 12th). In our Presbyterian tradition we often commission people for a particular work. In this case it is helping to feed our neighbors.

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff from Catholic Charities who prepare lunches in our kitchen which are delivered to pools at Greater Plains and Wilber Park, the summer program at Valleyview Elementary School, and the Oneida Mobile Home Park thru Friday, August 14th.

Oliver Wilson's Eagle Scout Ceremony will be held at 12 Noon on Sunday, July 12th in the social hall. Everyone is invited to join Oliver and his family after worship for coffee hour — and to stay for the Eagle Court of Honor led by BSA Troop 23 which will be followed by a reception. If anyone has any dietary restrictions, please let Oliver know at m@kipwilson.net

Guest Preachers for July / August: Thank you for welcoming the following worship leaders while Pastor Walton-Leavitt is on study leave and vacation —

- CRE Jan Herrick from Schoharie United PC on Sundays, July 19 and 26th has been a Commissioned Ruling Elder for several years assisting many churches with worship
- Rev. Dr. Greg Garis, Lead Presbyter for Transformation, on Sunday, August 2nd will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion with those gathered
- Deacon Sandy Shear, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, on Sundays, August 9th and 23rd
- RE Libby Cudmore from First PC, Oneonta on Sunday, August 16th is beginning her lay preacher studies with our presbytery.

To join us online or by phone using Google Meet --

Every Sunday -- Same Link: meet.google.com/viu-hpxa-mjg

By Phone: +1 301-857-2390 // PIN: 931 769 968#

Church Family News and Appreciations

John & Joan Brooks were grand marshals for the Oneonta 4th of July parade, so John got to sit in the back sit this year instead of driving his antique car. Well done!

Paul Rosa has art pieces this summer in "VOICE! 22" at Martin-Mullen Gallery, SUNY Oneonta AND "New Beginnings Galley Show" at Main View Gallery & Studio, 75½ Main St, Oneonta which opens on Friday, July 17th with a reception from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

July's Mission Emphasis: Family Service Association Back-to-School Supplies

Family Service Association has been offering the Back-to-School program for over 20 years. With costs rising, help us help the children! Deadline for donations is August 16th.

The Back-to-School and Clothing Guild Projects (see list of items to donate attached)

- Is open to all families, regardless of income or where they live.
- Allows children and parents to choose their own supplies and hygiene items
- Socks / Underwear / Sneakers (*new or gently used, all sizes – toddler 9 thru kids 13*)
- Product Donations may be put in the collection box outside the church offices.
- Financial donations may be put in Sunday offering, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to: FUPC, 2 Walling Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820
Make checks payable to *First United Presbyterian* with notation for "FSA Back to School".

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding in Venezuela; A solidarity grant was sent to the Presbyterian Church of Venezuela. To give online go to: <https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/international-disaster/venezuela-earthquakes>

Summer Institute of Theology at Hartwick College is Monday, July 13 thru Friday July 17th

Daily worship in Shineman Chapel is open to all at no charge [M-Th 1:15pm, Fri 8:30AM]

Seminars are \$25 each or \$20 if you register for 3 or more.

Walk-ins are welcome! Go to Clark Hall, Room 252, to register.

For more information, go to <https://sithc.org/this-year>

FUP Book Club will gather at church at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 10th to discuss Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. The next books in order of discussion are Land by Maggie O'Farrell, All the Beauty of the World by Patrick Bringley, and Dangerous, Dirty, Violent and Young by Zayd Ayers Dohrn. All are welcome. For more info, contact Rebecca LaBarr.

Attached:

- 1) America 250: Bulletin, Prayers, and Hymns from July 5th
- 2) FSA Back-to-School Supplies collection - flyer
- 3) This RDnews

Thank you for sharing this news with others – especially those who do not use email...



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