

"Red Door" News: Youth-Grads-PTZ

*Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 * Sunday Worship: 10 AM*



Dear "Red Door" members and friends,

To view or print Carol Sprague Day invite, and/or this RDNews – see attachments

Summer is coming with a heat wave! And encouraging activities are happening at church!

Our PTZ (Point, Tilt, Zoom) camera will be tried out for the first time THIS Sunday – so those joining us online will be able to see more of the sanctuary – and enjoy our young people's presentations. Constructive feedback will be welcomed as we work out the bugs.

Youth Sunday is THIS Sunday when Church School participants will help conduct worship. We look forward to Elizabeth and Everly leading us in song to express our joy in Jesus and the Spirit. Madelyn will read scripture. Oliver will tell us about his Eagle Scout project. Jan and Thais will remind us that faith formation takes many forms throughout our lives.

Congratulations to Graduates:

- **Jasmine Bonadies** graduated in December 2024 with a BS in Human Biology from the University of Albany. She is working as a medical assistant in a dermatology office in Erie, PA and applying to graduate school to become a Physician's Assistant.
- **Scott Genardo**, son of Thais Burkhalter and John Genardo, is graduating on June 27th from Milford High School. In the fall he will attend SUNY New Paltz to study in the STEM field.
- **Andrew Morell** graduated in May 2025 with his Master's degree from the University of Colorado. This summer he is working for NASA and pursuing his PhD.

Mission & Outreach

June Mission Emphasis: Otsego Refugee Resettlement Coalition (ORRC)

Jan Andrews will lead a Conversation with the Children THIS Sunday to tell us more about ORRC welcoming 12 new neighbors from Afghanistan. Thank you for marking donations with ORRC on the memo line. Checks may be made payable to *First United Presbyterian Church*.

Summer Food Program: Ready to volunteer this year to make lunches and/or deliver them? Volunteer Training will be held at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 26th in the social hall at church. If interested, just show up – or email Rebecca Matthews at rmatthews@charitiesccdo.org

Church Family News and Appreciations

The Mid York Concert Band has renamed their annual \$1,000 scholarship the Jones/Sterchak Memorial Scholarship in memory of Mike Jones and his good friend and fellow musician, John Sterchak, who passed away a couple of weeks before Mike.

This award is given each May to a graduating High School Senior from Chenango, Delaware, Madison or Otsego Counties who has played in his/her high school band and plans to remain active in instrumental music after graduation. Donations to this fund may be sent to:

Mid York Concert Band, c/o Evelyn Vincent, Treasurer, 112 Carter Lane, Norwich, NY 13815

FUC Book Club will gather at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 24th at church to discuss The Memory of Water by Karen White. Note: This is a different book from the one read a couple months ago, which did not have "The" in the title. To read ahead, the July book choice is The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. For more information, contact Rebecca LaBarr.

Carol Sprague Day: Honoring Her Work with Us

All are invited to a reception for Carol Sprague at 11:30 AM on Sunday, June 29th in the social hall. This is not a retirement party. It is to offer our gratitude for her 21+ years of service as Church Secretary. She was recently promoted to Office Administrator and enrolled in the new Board of Pensions' Covenant Package which will give Carol a pension and other benefits.

Notes of appreciation for Carol may brought to church during her office hours (8:00 a.m. to 12 noon) // or mailed to the church // or sent to reddoorchurch@stny.rr.com

To help arrange for the proper amount of refreshments,

RSVP by June 27th via email to Jim Mullaney at mullja@yahoo.com

"Around the Church" Notices

Desk for the taking that was formerly in the pastor's church study (and now in the hallway outside the church offices). Contact Carol in the church office if interested.

Upper Room Devotionals (July/August): Many find these daily readings a blessing. Extras are at the sanctuary entrances and outside the church offices.

Church Rack Cards are available at church to share with friends, family, neighbors OR to post on area bulletin boards, etc.

Redeem bottles and cans to support our church: Take to Northern Eagle Redemption Center on Railroad Ave. (next to The Depot restaurant) – tell them the money goes to the "Red Door" Church. Hours: 9 AM to 4 PM Tuesday thru Saturday. Phone: 607-432-0400

Travelers: Save free toiletries often offered to hotel guests or purchase items while you are shopping for your travels. We collect these items year 'round to support human service organizations in our area working with unhoused and other neighbors.

Attached:

- 1) Carol Sprague Day Invitation
- 2) This RDnews

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



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