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## CELEBRATING WITH OUR KIDS

There was great celebration in our children's ministry recently when six students took the next step in their faith journeys- some to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior for the first time, and some to recommit to growing as disciples. The faith candle was lit during worship and the congregation prayed specifically for Allie Dean, Bryan Buffington, Maria Bates, Emma Bates, Jason Gao, and Katie Meza, but also for all the children who are hearing and learning to live the gospel at FPC.

*I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (Luke 15:57)*

## GRADUATES

### High School

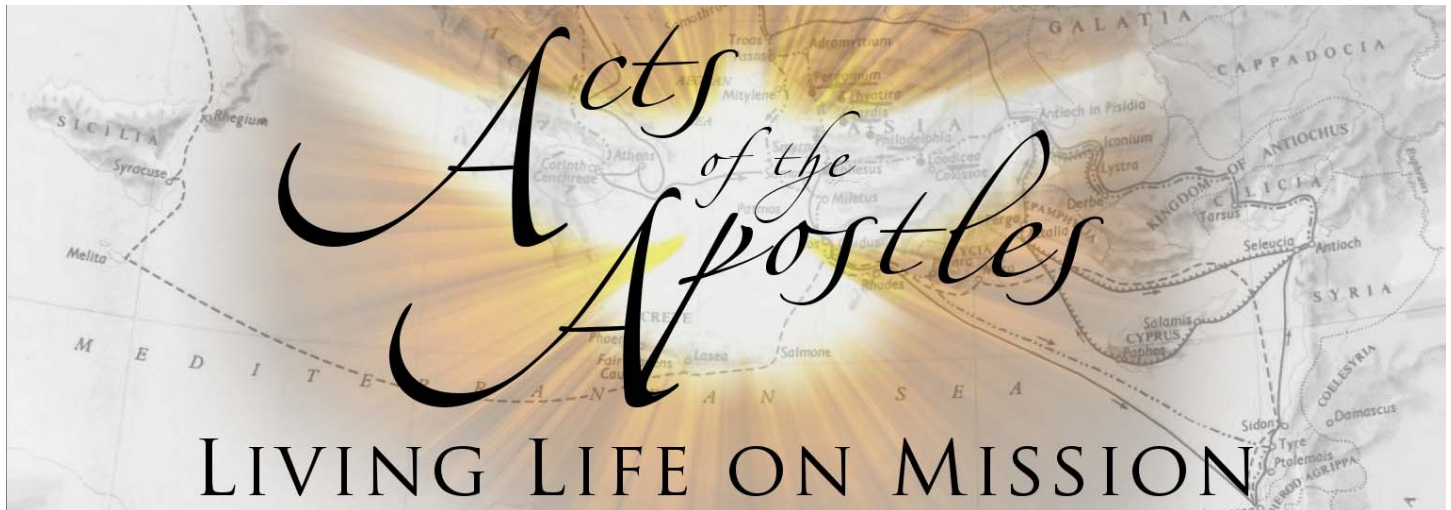
- Kat Barsigian**                      Ross Corners Christian Academy
- Alex Dzury**                              Vestal High School

### College

- Kyle Berner**                              Duke University
- Sarah Early**                              Lehigh University (Master's Degree)
- Erica Eiche**                              SUNY Oswego (Bachelor's Degree)
- Kevin Johnston**                        SUNY Broome (Associate's Degree)
- Emily Preisendanz**                    Virginia Tech (Bachelor's Degree)
- Mackenzie Schofield**                Binghamton University
- Charlotte Wade**                    Cottey College (Associate's Degree)
- Kristen Willets**                        LeMoyne College (Bachelor's Degree)

## OVER 80 BIRTHDAYS

- July 31  
**Elwood Campbell**
- August 1  
**Kent Stoffel**
- August 30  
**Eleanor Taylor**

**PASTORS' PAGE****- JAN AND TIM DEVINE, CO-PASTORS**

***“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)***

We have finished the first eleven chapters of the Book of Acts on Sunday mornings and in small groups. The stage has been set for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth— which we are called to continue today! This is what has happened so far to prepare the way:

- Jesus ascended to the right hand of God and sent the promised Holy Spirit.
- The apostles and disciples were empowered to preach, teach, and heal.
- God used even the horror of persecution for his purposes:
  - Persecution turned Christ’s followers into bold and fearless witnesses.
  - Persecution drove Christians out of Jerusalem, taking the gospel with them.
- God broke down the barriers between Jews and Samaritans, and Jews and Gentiles.

*“The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem . . .” (Acts 6:7)*

*“The church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria. . . continued to increase.” (Acts 9:31)*

*“The word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.” (Acts 12:24)*

The story of the early church is filled with the mundane and the miraculous, human frailty and divine power, crushing sorrow and soaring joy. But if it is to be more than just a captivating story about a long ago time, we must bring the truths that are taught into our 21<sup>st</sup> century lives.

You and I must allow the Book of Acts to speak into our lives. How is studying this book causing changes in your family life? work life? devotional life? level of commitment? passion for sharing the gospel? risk-taking?

What must we learn from the early church in order to be Christ’s church today?

It’s important to be talking about these things together. Keep on working through Acts, studying on your own and with other believers this summer. The schedule is on the next page. Wherever summer takes you, take your Bible and spend time in God’s Word.

**2015 SUMMER READING SCHEDULE**  
**THE BOOK OF ACTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<b>THEME</b>
July 5, 2015 (Nathan Jacobs)	Acts 12	Herod's Persecution and Death
July 12, 2015	Acts 13-14	Paul's First Missionary Journey
July 19, 2015	Acts 15:1-35	The Council of Jerusalem
July 26, 2015	Acts 15:36-16:40	Paul's Second Missionary Journey- Part 1
August 2, 2015 (Ed Fiaschi)	Acts 17:1-18:22	Paul's Second Missionary Journey- Part 2
August 9, 2015 (D/C Hartman)	Acts 18:23-20:12	Paul's Third Missionary Journey- Part 1
August 16, 2015	Acts 20:13-21:14	Paul's Third Missionary Journey- Part 2
August 23, 2015	Acts 21:15-23:11	Paul's Arrest and Trial Before the Sanhedrin
August 30, 2015	Acts 23:12-35	Paul's Transfer to Caesarea
September 6, 2015	Acts 24:1-25:22	Paul Before Felix and Festus
September 13, 2015	Acts 25:23-26:32	Paul Before Agrippa
September 20, 2015	Acts 27:1-28:15	The Voyage to Rome
September 27, 2015	Acts 28:16-31	Two Years Under House Arrest

## WHAT'S NEW AMONG OUR PEOPLE?

– NATHAN JACOBS

*"The days are just packed!"*

– Calvin and Hobbes

This comment from Calvin to Hobbes about the days of summer certainly rings true for those of us here at FPC as well! Much has been happening in our congregation, both easy to celebrate and difficult. Take a read and remember these people in your prayers:

- 1SG Dave Youngs, with 27 years of service, who was honored as a Veteran of Distinction.
- Carole Cockrell's sister, who was able to come home from the hospital.
- Jon and Michelle Beatty, who celebrated ten years of marriage.
- Mitchell Youngs, who graduated from basic training.
- Barb and Gerry Wilcox, who celebrated 57 years of marriage.
- Ethel Whittemore, who has had several surgeries on her back.
- Erica Barney, who went to Nicaragua with her Houghton College volleyball team for a mission trip through Ignite International.
- Janet and Harry Frederick, Emily Preisendanz, and Sarah Early, that God would lead, use, and bless them as they move to new locals.
- Rev. Brown Naik, who is retiring from full-time ministry at Union Center United Methodist Church.
- Charlie Waughtel, who is now home from his hospitalization in NJ.
- Pam Holmes, who is recovering from a successful hip replacement.
- Chris Loughridge, who is recovering from double hernia surgery.
- Isabelle Fongue's sister, who was in a car accident in Cameroon and sustained facial injuries.
- Donovan Cook, who broke two bones in his hand.
- A member of Gloria Johnston's extended family, who has come out of a coma.
- Linda Glajch, who was hospitalized for a kidney stone.
- Keith Wilson, the Kerr's son-in-law, who was admitted to Lourdes Hospital for heart afib.
- Alyssa Beck, who had a routine appointment where doctors discovered two areas of concern that will be observed over the next two months.
- Sheila Beblavy and Connie Stanton, as they mourn the death of their sister, Pearl Davis.
- Jan Devine's family, as they mourn the death of her brother-in-law, Bill, who passed away after a long battle with cancer.
- Those grieving the terrible loss of life of four members of the Tarbox family during a fire in their home.
- The families of those who were killed in the church shooting in North Carolina.

These next two months we also celebrate the joy of having many kids attend Rock Mountain Bible Camp!

### **Mini-Camp (June 26-28)**

Jocelyn Adams  
Colleen Beatty  
Corinne Beatty  
Faith Castoro  
Alise Hunt  
Lydia Hunt

### **Jr. Camp (July 12-16)**

Emma Bates  
Marina Bates  
Olivia Bates  
Mathieu Bauer  
Bryan Buffington  
Allie Dean  
Xandria Heidrich  
Autumn Pellerito  
Evan Pellerito  
Larry Pierce  
Mary Pierce  
Ramsey Sisco  
Kymora Wang



## CONNECTING THOUGHTS

—SHARON EARLY

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

Last month’s newsletter article talked about how small groups could stay connected during the summer months. Members of one FPC small group are staying connected, along with serving both the church and community this summer, by taking care of the planter boxes by the church parking lot and playground. You may have noticed how nice they are now looking and once the vegetables start maturing, they will be donated to Mother Teresa’s Cupboard at St. Ambrose Church on Washington Avenue. Be sure to watch how their garden grows, but more importantly, is there a service project your group could do this summer?! And why would this even be something of importance when many already have their summer scheduled to the brim?



*More Pictures can be found on our facebook page*

Because being part of ECO means that covenant partners (members), *“shall strive to be faithful to Christ by participating in the congregation’s worship, fellowship, and **service** on an ongoing basis. Faithfulness in Christ involves each covenant partner’s **dedication of time and talents for the congregation’s mission and ministry, in accordance to the gifts that God has bestowed upon him or her.**” (ECO’s Polity 1.0305)*

Serving others and our community is really not a new concept at First Pres., but it is always good to explore why we do what we do, so it does not become a ‘law’ to be followed but rather an integral part of who we are because we are Christ’s. I hope other groups will explore how they can serve this summer. Not sure where to serve?! Ask any staff member or committee chair—many have a list of items that we never seem to manage to get to!

This is also a great opportunity to include your kids (or be that grandparent/aunt/uncle to a child who doesn’t have family locally), invite someone newer to our congregation who hasn’t found a group yet, or even call someone that you normally don’t have the opportunity to connect with and serve together!

*And be sure to take pictures! Let’s see how many different ways we can come up with to serve others this summer and spread Christ’s love!*

# THE 3RD ANNUAL JANET COOK SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

-RONNE SISCO, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
-DEREK WASHBURN, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS



A stellar day for a great cause! Thank you to our golfers, teachers, diners, donors, and especially **Derek Washburn** for his countless hours in preparing for this event. It keeps getting better and better—a record high **\$7,000** was raised for 2015-16 tuition assistance!



## Saturday, June 6th, 2015

## Traditions at the Glen

## **SESSION UPDATE**

**-JANET FREDERICK, CLERK OF SESSION**

On June 3 the Session held their regular monthly meeting. Although many important events took place in May regarding the discernment process, and much remains to be done going forward as we go through a transition, we still need to spend time on our regular business. Items dealt with in June included:

- Acknowledged ECO's official letter of acceptance of our application.
- Approved three requests for Letters of Transfer: Kathryn Baine and Kathryn Resovsky to Northminster Pres. and B.J. Heinle to Owego Pres.
- Heard in the Pastors' Report that:
  - Grace Lutheran Church will be holding future worship services at Memorial Park Baptist Church but was appreciative of our offer to hold their services at First Pres.
  - The pastors have lined up guest pastors to preach in their absence this summer while they are on vacation.
  - Tim Devine requested, and Session approved his seeking the position of Girls' Modified Tennis Program coach at Union-Endicott.
- As Sunday School ends for the summer, we noted how grateful we are for all those in the Christian Ed. Program who dedicate their time and talents to this ministry.
- From Mission and Stewardship, we learned of preliminary plans for Peace Sunday, which will be a little different this year since 100% of the money donated will go to our local designee.
- Treasurer Art Davis reported that he had to dip into the Wagner Fund in May, but Financial Secretary Charlene Gebler said that income is coming in at a consistent level.
- The House Committee is looking for more storage space. All are pleased to see the stained glass windows back in place.
- The Personnel Committee has been working with Jeremy Finn, whose position at First Pres. will end on June 30. In addition to needing to consider what to do about the youth ministry position, we will also need someone to do security checks each night, if we decide to continue doing that.
- There will be a reception honoring Jeremy and our graduates on June 21; Janet Cook offered to organize this event.

The "reins" of the Clerk of Session position have now been passed to Linda Willets; I am grateful for her willingness to take over and know she will do an excellent job. It has been a privilege for me to serve in this capacity. Thank you!

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE STARTS THEIR WORK**

**-DAVID JENKINS**

The Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of identifying those who are called to serve as Deacons and Elders for the congregation. The work of this committee is based on discerning God's will for the leadership of this church, and typically includes a period of intentional prayer and fasting. If God has put a church member's name on your heart whom you feel would be a good Deacon or Elder, please contact David Jenkins as chair of the committee or speak with one of the pastors. Materials will be made available in the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to learn more about the role of a Deacon or Elder in the church.



## TRANSITION UPDATE

- JEN HUNT

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

We have spent the past year discerning; looking at theological, missional, and organizational matters; and discussing who we are and what we believe. First Pres. has set a course, the Presbytery has approved our vote, and ECO has accepted us into membership. So now what?

If you've been attending services since all of the above took place, you probably haven't noticed any difference. The pastors are continuing their sermon series on the Book of Acts, the choir, organist and Worship Team are still leading us in worship, Children's and Youth ministries have celebrated the end of another year, we are sharing each others' joys and concerns - God remains at work within the mission and life of our church. And it is our prayer that God will use FPC for his glory and purposes beyond what we can ask or imagine as we move into the future.

Session is ready to move forward into this new relationship with ECO and we invite all who are ready to move forward with us. Active members and active non-members received a letter in June, along with a form for each person who is a part of our congregation to indicate what their plans are with regard to involvement in FPC. If you haven't already done so, please turn them into the church office. Additional copies of the response form are available at the back of the sanctuary.

A joint FPC/Presbytery Commissioning Service will be held on Sunday, August 23, at 4pm, here at FPC. More information can be found on the outside of this newsletter.

As we move forward, we will use this monthly "column" to keep you informed on the progress of this transition. We covet your prayers and involvement in church life as we see where God is leading us.

## SUMMER REMINDER

- MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

*"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'" (2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT)*

As we approach the summer, it is important to continue to fulfill our pledges so that this church is financially able to pursue the purposes God has set before us. Please prayerfully consider how you will maintain the pledge you made as we move into the summer season. One option, especially if you will be away this summer, is to set up automated payments through your bank or online payments. Your bank or credit union can help with this.

## COMMUNITY

### School Supplies

The Deacons will once again be collecting school supplies for the children at Charles F. Johnson School for the fall term. Donations will be accepted starting August 1. Take advantage of the good deals you see now on crayons, #2 pencils, pens, scissors, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, backpacks, 2 pocket folders, tissues, Clorox Wipes, colored pencils, markers, dry erase markers, erasers, highlighters, rulers, post-its, pencil sharpeners with lids, composition books (marbled) and loose-leaf lined paper. All items must be turned in to the church office (Copy Room) by September 6. Thank you in advance for your help!

### College Addresses

Whether you have college students going away to school for the first time or returning to college for their 2nd, 3rd or 4th year, please let the office know their contact information. We do send newsletters to our college students, so names and addresses are helpful. At the Christmas break, a fun evening is organized for students returning home, and that information is usually communicated via e-mail. It would also be helpful if we have cell phone numbers for those occasional last-minute communications. Please let the office know how we can stay in touch with our college students.

### Grell Scholarship

Students who plan to pursue a career in religious education or church-related activities may be eligible to benefit from the Grell scholarship fund, established by William M. and Dorothy L. Grell. Preference is given first to candidates with a current or past relationship with FPC, then to other churches in our Presbytery. Deadline for application submission is July 15. Questions may be directed to Adele Everett at 754-8740 or [adele.j.everett@gmail.com](mailto:adele.j.everett@gmail.com).

### 10:45 Worship Service This Summer

This summer, if the sanctuary is too warm, we will move the 10:45 service into the air-conditioned chapel for the comfort and well-being of worshippers. If we move to the chapel, we will unfortunately not be able to livestream the 10:45 service that day. Those unable to attend service will still be able to tune in to the 9:09 service or watch the sermon on [vimeo.com](http://vimeo.com).

### Share Your Musical Gifts!

Larry Hoey is scheduling special music for each Sunday during the summer months. Contact Larry to volunteer to provide special music this summer: [lhoey@stny.rr.com](mailto:lhoey@stny.rr.com).

### Homebound? Traveling? Missed a Sunday?

Just a reminder that we livestream our services on Sunday morning. If you would like to view our services, contact Nathan at [office@firstpresendicott.org](mailto:office@firstpresendicott.org) to get set up. Also, if you missed a Sunday or would just like to view past sermons, they can be found online at: [www.vimeo.com/channels/fpcendicottsermons](http://www.vimeo.com/channels/fpcendicottsermons)

## THE TRAIN -JANET FREDERICK



As we leave this church which has been such an important part of our lives, we looked for a way to tell you how valuable the relationships we've formed here have been to us. As many of you know, Harry is a pretty serious model railroader so the following meditation caught our eye, and now we want to share it with you with our deep gratitude.

### *The Train*

*At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. However, at some station our parents step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.*

*As time goes by, other people board the train, and they are significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children and even the love of your life. Many step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.*

*The train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.*

*The mystery to everyone is: we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.*

*We wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More important, thank God for the journey.*

*Lastly, we thank you for being passengers on our train!*

*We have been blessed by our time at First Pres. – with love,  
Harry and Janet Frederick*

## MISSION CELEBRATIONS

### Compassion Builders

Early in June, Compassion Builders and the GPMO Board organized to repair and replace the roof on the Tandi home. Thank you to the many hands that worked together. One worker commented on what a joy it was to work with other believers. Seeds were planted in the life of a young adult volunteer, as he observed and listened to Christ-followers at work. Praise God for an opportunity to be Christ's witnesses in word and action!



### Dedication of Kenyan Church Presbyterian Church of East Africa

On May 31, Gitaumba Church (top right) was dedicated during a 4-hour celebration, where 300+ gathered to share the joy of this congregation. The day was filled with worship, song and dance, food and fellowship- beginning with a breakfast of goat, sweet potatoes, bread, bananas and tea. The old church (top left) will be used for a 2-room school house beginning in September.

Though we did not send a team to Kenya this past February to help build, FPC raised enough money to partner in the completion of this church and a 2-classroom school in another location. The school will be dedicated in July.

The plaque at the entrance of the church reads:

*"PCEA Gitaumba Church was built in partnership with FPC Endicott through The Outreach Foundation."*





200 Front Street, Vestal, NY 13850  
www.gpmoindia.org

Dear Friends of GPMO,

There are some great things happening in the little corner of Orissa that GPMO serves, and we want to share them with you in this mid-year report.

In the last update, we mentioned the great need for ongoing, basic health care for the children and staff at Nanda. Here in the United States, we have ready access to medical care that is scarce or too expensive in rural India. We take for granted that our children will be vaccinated or that many diseases have largely been eradicated here. This is not true in India. Malaria is a constant danger, but can be cured if detected early and treated with the proper medication. The children live with chronic infections and other ailments that may not be life-threatening, but do sap their strength and health. Regular check-ups are essential to help detect major medical issues before they threaten the long-term health of the children.

Beginning this summer, we are excited to be able to start providing regular, basic health care for the children and staff. Initial donations we have already received will sustain the program for the first six months, during which we will evaluate the effectiveness and benefits, with the hope that we will find additional donors to continue the program for the long-term. We estimate that it will cost about \$2,000 in start-up funds to purchase equipment, supplies and medicine, and roughly \$8,500 every six months to cover doctor, nurse and lab tech fees, supplies and medicine, etc.

If this is a mission that you are drawn to support, donations can be made online through the GPMO website or by sending a gift to the postal address above.

Other news: The children have come to the end of their school year, and we were heartened to hear that all the seniors passed their senior exams!

We also learned that the government recently visited and evaluated all the orphanages in the district of Kandhamal. Nanda was designated the #1 orphanage across the district! We are grateful for the caring staff and their sacrificial service.

In November, we plan to send another team to India. Prayerfully consider if you might be interested in being part of the team. If so, please contact Graham Upton in person or by using the "Contact Us" link on the GPMO website: [www.gpmoindia.org](http://www.gpmoindia.org).



We continue to seek God's leading as we care "for the least of these" in India. We covet your prayers for direction and resources to accomplish what God has called us to do there in the name of- and for the sake of- Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

# FPC Calendar

# July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Nursery School Summer Program (am only) 6:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>2</b> Nursery School Summer Program (am only)	<b>3</b> Nursery School Summer Program (am only)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Nate Jacobs Preaching 9:09 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional)	<b>6</b> Nursery School Summer Program 5:15 pm Personnel Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> Nursery School Summer Program	<b>8</b> Nursery School Summer Program 6:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Session 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>9</b> Nursery School Summer Program	<b>10</b> Nursery School Summer Program	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Rock Mountain Jr. Camp 9:09 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional)	<b>13</b> Rock Mountain Jr. Camp	<b>14</b> Rock Mountain Jr. Camp 12:30 pm Staff Meeting	<b>15</b> Rock Mountain Jr. Camp 6:00 am Men's Group 1:00 pm Women's Circle III 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>16</b> Rock Mountain Jr. Camp	<b>17</b> Rock Mountain Jr. Camp	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Communion 9:09 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional)	<b>20</b> 24-Hour Fast for Nominating Committee 7:00 pm	<b>21</b> Nominating Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>22</b> Men's Group House Meeting 6:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship Service (Contemporary) 9:09 am 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional) 3:00 pm FPC Women's Gathering	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Staff Meeting 12:30 pm	<b>29</b> Men's Group Worship Team Rehearsal 6:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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<b>9</b> 9:09 am Dave and Carrie Hartman Preaching Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional)	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Women's Lenten Small Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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## VISION STATEMENT

### (What God wants to do)

We believe God wants to transform our community through the saving love of Jesus Christ and calls us to share that hope with the world. To be an agent of hope, our congregation must work together and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to follow Christ, whatever the cost.<sup>1</sup> This commitment, which is grounded in a deep love of God and neighbor,<sup>2</sup> sends us out to share the Good News of Christ through our words<sup>3</sup> and our actions.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *The Great Commitment*, Matthew 16:24-26

<sup>2</sup> *The Great Commandment*, Luke 10:27

<sup>3</sup> *The Great Commission*, Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>4</sup> *The Great Compassion*, Matthew 25:31-40

## MISSION STATEMENT

### (What God wants us to do)

We believe God wants us to share the life-changing power and love of Jesus Christ in such compelling ways that more people become fully devoted followers of Christ.

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

### (The reason we exist)

To reach more people and together grow in Christ.



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## WORSHIP SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

Please join us on **Sunday, August 23, at 4:00 pm**, as FPC hosts a Final Worship Service of Commissioning. Jointly prepared by FPC and the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley, it is part of the Presbytery's dismissal process so that together we can celebrate our common life in Jesus Christ and pray for the effectiveness and well-being of both the congregation and the Presbytery. It also marks the official date that FPC will become an ECO church. All congregations of the Presbytery are invited.