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FIGHTING CANCER



Jen Siegers and Jane Kamper

Our FPC family is hitting cancer hard in the month of May! On the left, you see Jane Kamper and Jen Siegers, who shaved their heads in support of cancer research. There are also two teams from FPC who are participating in the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life* on May 17 at Sammon Field in Vestal. The walk/run begins at 2pm on the 17th and wraps up at 6am on the 18th. If you can attend the event, please do, as both those who walk and those who are there to support the walkers are important to the success of the event.

If you can't attend the day of, consider sponsoring someone who is participating, or donating through one of the pre-event fundraisers: there are raffles already started, with prizes of rocking chairs, quilts, and \$1000 cash. If you are interested in participating, sponsoring, donating, or just want to find out more information, please contact Lori Sholett or Bonnie Moyer.

**OVER 80
BIRTHDAYS**

- May 4
Ralph Tallman
- May 13
Donald Tillotson
- May 21
Eileen Keely
- May 24
Jim Jephson
- May 25
Ede Sornberger
- May 28
George Rynick

PLEDGE REMINDER

-CHARLENE GEBLER, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Dear friends, if you are as bad at settling down each week to write a check before you head out to church as I am, you might find that you have fallen behind in your weekly pledge. As we head into spring and find ourselves out of town more, it is easy to get even farther behind which strains our ability to predict our church income and balance that with year-to-date expenses. Please take a look at where you stand against your pledge and get caught up if needed. Some church members are using automatic bill pay features offered by their bank to have an automatic check payment mailed to the church each month. This is a nice way to keep up on pledge commitments and take the chore out of old-fashioned check writing. Thanks for your continued generosity. Have a great spring!

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

"I always pray with joy . . ."

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

". . . joy in the faith, joy in Christ Jesus"

"But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering . . . I am glad and rejoice with all of you."

The joy of the Christian experience fills the pages of Paul's letter to the Philippian Church. The words "joy" and "rejoice" are used 16 times in this short letter written to Christians in Philippi. But joy does not mean that life as a Christ-follower is easy or comfortable!

Paul personally knew the struggles of the early church. He himself had already faced severe hardships, poverty, beatings, illness, and imprisonment. This letter was written while Paul sat in prison. And yet, in the pages of Philippians, Paul conveys a powerful message about the secret of contentment in all circumstances- a message that is equally important for us today.

The book of Philippians is filled with biblical teachings that lead to practical implications for our lives. For example . . .

- What can we say about the value of suffering when we realize that our spiritual growth and the spread of the gospel are often most evident during these times? (1:12-14)
- What does "*To live is Christ and to die is gain*" teach us about how we should live life and face death? (1:21)
- What does "*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves*" teach us about how we should act and react in our relationships at home, work ,and in the world? (2:3)
- What would our lives look like if our attitude was the same as that of Jesus Christ? (2:5-8)
- What things of the flesh are you willing to "*count as loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord?*" (3:3-11)

We have only scratched the surface of the rich teachings and encouragement found in this book of the Bible. Join us, beginning April 27, as we study the book of Philippians in worship on Sunday mornings, in our personal devotions, and in some of the small groups that meet.

READING SCHEDULE

for preaching series on
Philippians:

April 27, 2014-

Philippians 1:1-11

May 4, 2014-

Philippians 1:12-26

May 11, 2014-

Philippians 1:27- 2:11

May 18, 2014-

Philippians 2:12-30

May 25, 2014-

Philippians 3:1-4:1

June 1, 2014-

Philippians 4:2-9

June 8, 2014-

Philippians 4:10-23

WHAT'S NEW AMONG OUR PEOPLE?

— NATHAN JACOBS

This past month as we celebrated Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we also celebrated two new souls who will someday be raised to life with him. On March 31, Trevor Barney dedicated his life to Christ, accepting Him as Lord and Savior. On Easter Sunday, Caitlyn Verno, having professed

her faith during the Lenten season, was baptized and became a member of our faith community here at First Pres. It is good to see the fruits of God's work in the hearts and minds of His people.

As we rejoiced in new spiritual life, so did we celebrate with Chris and Marion Loughridge as

they welcomed a second grandchild, Simon Christopher, on April 7.

Our church family has had several health concerns this month as well: Alyssa Beck, after surgery and subsequent biopsy, was diagnosed with melanoma for the second time; Doug Kerr had shoulder surgery; Erin Schrader had her

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE...

gall bladder removed; Beth McKeown's father had major surgery; Bill Preisendanz is undergoing cancer treatment; Jane Sprague was hospitalized with pneumonia; Sheila Beblavy and Connie Stanton's father had major heart surgery; Billy Bearsdley had surgery; and Sharon Baumann's mother,

Marie Lindsey, was hospitalized.

This month also saw tragedy in our community as officer David Smith was killed in the line of duty. We continue to pray for his family and the family of James Clark as they struggle with the aftermath of that terrible incident.

Several of our members

could use your prayers as they face the death of friends and family as well: the family of Thomas George at his passing on April 19; Maynard Koplins' friend, Scott Nunn, passed away on April 21; the Luna family, after the death of Paula's sister, Nancy; and Bob Lavin and Family at the death

...AND THOSE WHO ARE RAISED WITH CHRIST

of Serena. Bob and Serena used to live in this area and remain friends of several of our congregation members.

It is perhaps timely that after a month of both sorrow and elation, we come into our new sermon series on Philippians, a study that looks at how we can find

hope, peace, contentment, and joy in all circumstances through Christ.

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under

his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

-Philippians 3:20-21

Memorial Day is a US Federal Holiday which is celebrated every year to remember all men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. On Sunday, May 25, all Veterans, Active and Reserve Military personnel are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church and serve as a special color guard to close out our 10:45 worship service. Our Chancel Choir will sing a special tribute to our fallen heroes as we remember those who gave their all for the freedoms and liberty we take for granted.

FPC YOUTH

Summer Youth Intern Wanted

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN INTERNSHIP THIS SUMMER?

FPC Youth's Summer Internship begins June 22 and ends August 13.

The summer internship program provides opportunities for participants to:

- Understand the developmental characteristics, cultural influences, and the needs of teenagers
- Develop and exercise professional organizational skills
- Acquire experience in managing a volunteer team
- Recognize the importance of communicating and providing resources to parents of adolescents
- Grow in spiritual, emotional, and personal areas of life
- Become proficient in communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Experience the FUN and EXCITEMENT of youth ministry!

Please contact Jeremy Finn if you are interested in this AMAZING summer position. **Applications must be turned in by Sunday, June 1, 2014.**

Jeremy Finn
jmfinn@firstpresendicott.org



Help Wanted

To be continued...

Last month we began looking at the life of Abram. We gleaned an extremely important nugget of truth from Genesis 15:1-2a.

“After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. ‘Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be great.’ But Abram said, ‘Oh Lord God, **what will you give me...**’”

The truth is that WE DO NOT HAVE the wisdom, energy, or faculties to make it through this life victorious. WE HAVE BEEN CREATED TO NEED our Creator - the LORD!

We must come to the the Lord, every day, with a one word prayer: “HELP!” - God give me whatever I

need. I require your intervention to move.

Life is NOT EASY. In fact, as a Christian, we are called to suffer. In Philippians 1:29-30 Paul writes:

“For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also **suffer for His sake**, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.”

Paul is clear. Hardship and suffering will come. God will use challenging times to shape us and remind us that we need Him.

Over the next three months we will continue to process what it looks like to depend on the Lord. We will answer the question, “What is it that we require from the Lord?”

Here is the outline for the next three months:

1. **We Require God's Righteousness**
- 2 Corinthians 5:21, Gen 3:21
2. **We Require God's Wisdom**
- James 1:5
3. **We Require God's Provision**
- Matthew 6:11, Exodus 16-17

Continue with me, praising the Lord in a one word song of praise:

“H E L P !”



IGNITE BIKES

Saturdays - Rain or Shine
Meet at The Warehouse - 1:00pm
Return to The Warehouse - 3:00pm



SMALL GROUP

Sunday Mornings
At the yOuthouse
10:45-11:45am



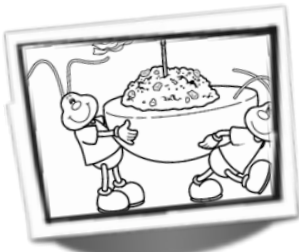
BE THE CHURCH BREAKFAST

Wednesdays
At the Skylark Diner
6:30-7:30am

"A child with a vibrant faith is more important than a child with just good behavior...seize EVERY teachable moment with your kids."

Dr. Michelle Anthony

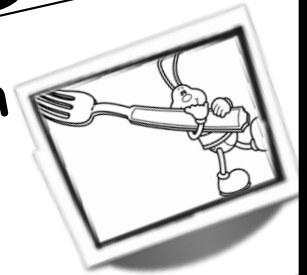
Bring a blanket to sit on and a basket of goodies for your family to share!



FAMILY PICNIC

10:30am - 11:45am

SUNDAY JUNE 1



EAT, PLAY, AND BE TOGETHER!

We are wrapping up our 2013-2014 Children's Ministry season with a family picnic party on the FPC playground! There will be science experiments, games, and simply time to celebrate what God has done throughout the year.

If it rains, snows, thunders, or hails, we will meet in the Rec Room of the church.

Do you believe that your children can learn nothing greater than to serve God with their whole lives? Have you considered that success is not simply retaining Biblical information? Have you asked your kids if they understand that Jesus died to redeem their souls now and for eternity? Do you live a completely surrendered and transparent life so your kids know what you believe just by observing your actions? Is there daily modeling of God's priorities overriding your own? Does God take center stage in your life?

Our prayer is that this summer you will take your job as a parent and as the greatest teacher of faith to your family seriously! Join us in our desire to see Biblical transformation and Godly wisdom that stems from a strong foundation of knowledge. Look for every opportunity to pray aloud, to point out what God has made, to read the Bible with your kids, and to be thankful in all things. Let your faith grow a sure foundation as you rely on God for your every breath. It is in the daily living of life that we flesh out what it means to be a disciple of Christ so give your faith substance this summer!

Sunday, May 25 - NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAM - Happy Memorial Day!



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM THANK YOU!

Without the weekly commitment of our small group leaders and childcare workers, we would not have an active Children’s Ministry at FPC. God works through the team members in mighty, miraculous ways as they follow the Holy Spirit’s lead!

Preparing Bible stories, praying for kids and their families, gathering craft and game supplies, learning verses, strategically creating safe space for kids to share their faith, modeling authentic Godly relationships, brainstorming service opportunities, and truly caring for each child are just a few of the regular things our children’s small group leaders are committed to doing.

Team members attend an annual conference day to challenge them spiritually and educationally. They meet at the end of the summer to discuss curriculum and yearly goals. They communicate regularly with their team members to plan from week to week. They substitute for each other and are willing to jump in wherever and whenever they’re needed. Each team member is vital and we thank God that He keeps tugging on their hearts to grow and serve!

As you see any of the following team members, please say “Thank You!”



Cribroom Workers

Megan Nuffer
Debbie Berner
Connie Stanton

Pre-K Leaders

Beverly Conklin
Jean Jenkins
Grace King
Marisa Pellerito

K-2nd Grade Leaders

Kim Talley
Sandy Cook
Christy Williams

3rd-5th Grade Leaders

Wendy Buffington
Kristen Devine
Christina Pierce
1:1 Aide - Stacy Paradiso

Registration Station

John Early
Jr. High Leaders
Gary Hunt
Ian Wang
Shawn Syzmanski

Sr. High Leaders
Jeremy Finn
Brendan Flannagan
Chris Campbell
Karli Campbell

Rec Room Romp
Karen Castoro

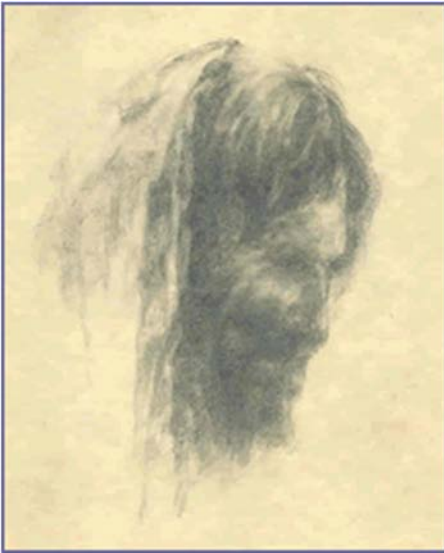
Jungle Jam Team
Alisha Finn
Morgan Talley
Caitlin Berner
Caitlyn Verno
Ciara Davis

Weekly Assistant
Norma Santacrose

An extra BIG thanks to
MEGAN NUFFER
for a year of excellent,
energetic, and
compassionate
childcare! We will miss
her as she begins a
career in nursing upon
graduating this month
from BU.
Congratulations!



CONNECTING THOUGHTS — SHARON EARLY



“*Tears over Jerusalem*”—our Palm Sunday message, seemed at odds with Christ’s triumphant entry into the city. But it was a stark reminder to all of us of how Christ’s heart was burdened for those he came to save. Do we have that same burden in our hearts for those around us? Do we grieve that others don’t know Christ? Do we shed tears for our own community? There are times that I am overwhelmed with all the tragedy, illness and brokenness, and I have tears for those around me. I was feeling that burden on Palm Sunday morning, but then all too quickly I got caught back up in my own life, ignoring these feelings. Why? I don’t totally know, but I suspect it is because life is so hard for so many, that if I let myself stay in the midst of the pain, I would just drown. We tend to not want to deal with pain and find many ways to ignore or ‘anesthetize’ our feelings.

That week I felt fortunate that one of our small groups took on the burden to pray for one of our members who was going through a particularly rough time. This person was someone I had felt a burden for that Sunday morning, but did not know what to do with it. There was nothing I could tangibly do for this person, but I was powerfully reminded that we have a privilege and a responsibility to bring others to God in prayer. *“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.”* (James 5:14-15) We do not always know the type of healing that will occur- physical, relational or spiritual- but we do know God honors our prayers. I was reminded by Tina Houser’s testimony of people praying mightily for her. People prayed for healing but also for relief from pain and the opportunity for her to enjoy a day at the fair, just to name a few. One of the answers to prayer that she was grateful for was the realization that she was not going to receive physical healing from her disease, but that she could have peace with the realization that this was her life and God could use her because of her illness.

This spring as we study Philippians, I encourage small groups to continue to keep each other in prayer. In particular, pray for people to experience a sense of peace and contentment in their lives, no matter what their circumstances are. As we are reminded throughout the Bible, suffering and pain will be part of our journey due to our fallen world and sin in our lives, yet Christ came to triumph over this and we have been given an incredible gift of eternal life. Let’s continue to lift each other up in prayer, and most importantly, continue to pray for others to accept Christ as their Savior and Prince of Peace!

Can You Have

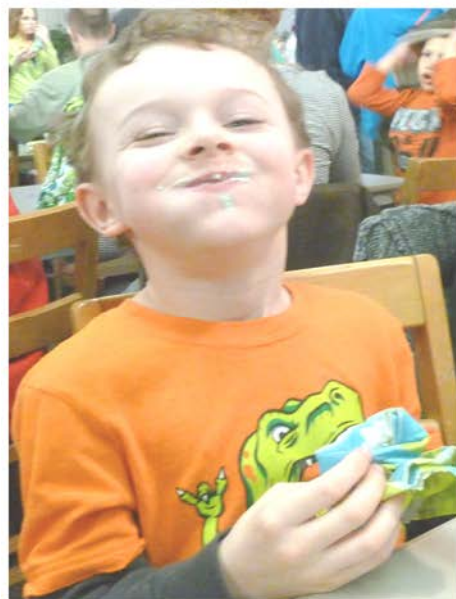
H O P E
P E A C E
Contentment Joy

In All Circumstances?

**THE 6TH ANNUAL E.F.P.N.S. ART SHOW:
A COLORFUL KICK-OFF TO SPRING
-RONNE SISCO, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**



It was our artists' night to shine on the evening of Friday March 28th. Families were charmed as we celebrated the unique expressions of our students. The dining room overflowed with munching faces enjoying the colorful spread so generously donated by our Nursery School families. Our sincere gratitude goes out to art contributors and supporters. We anticipate an impressive final dollar amount that will be dedicated to our school's scholarship fund, which is a blessing to many families during these financially challenging times.



We are still taking golf sign-ups for May 10th's 2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament @ Traditions! Not a golfer? Join us later for dinner instead! Please call or stop by the N.S. Office for more details. Laughs, delicious food and music await!



NARRATIVE ON THE HEALTH OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

- JAN DEVINE AND JANET FREDERICK

Session is using an evaluative tool that the Fellowship of Presbyterians provides for PC(USA) and ECO churches and pastors called *The Narrative On The Health Of Mission And Ministry*. It is part of the way that we and several other church sessions will regularly participate in a peer-to-peer review to strengthen the mission and ministry of each participating congregation. Session has been sharing one narrative question in each month's newsletter, as we evaluate our purpose *to reach more people and together grow in Christ*. Below is Question #5, discussed by Session on 4/2/14:

Describe the moral expression in your congregation – are you more like the world or more like participants in the values of the Kingdom of God?

Positives-

Elders feel that we look different than the world in the ways and extent to which we serve others.

Elders have been told by those beyond our congregation that we are viewed as being different than the world and have a reputation in the community as being more of the Kingdom of God; people are being drawn in by our light.

FPC ministry leaders make a concerted effort to influence our children (Christian Ed, Youth and Nursery School) to adopt and reflect Kingdom values.

Corporately as a church, we respond generously with financial resources to address the needs of others.

Session has defined and made known our core values and beliefs: we know what we believe & why.

While data about the health of marriages and families within the church is anecdotal, people in the church have been serious about walking alongside couples struggling in their marriage/family to help hold them together and bring healing and hope.

Small groups and other discipleship opportunities give people a place to wrestle with Kingdom values in their own lives.

Concerns-

Personally, as Christians, we do not challenge ourselves enough in terms of our finances and pursuing a sacrificial lifestyle.

Our congregation does not reflect the inclusiveness of God's Kingdom ("people from every tribe and nation"). This may be in part because we do not intentionally reach out to other people and include them in the life of our church.

We need to always fight the temptation to gossip, especially as we may hear confidential information in smaller groups within the church.

Do others see us as being too materialistic as they look at our church buildings?

We do not look much different than the world in how we prioritize our time, esp. putting God first.

Question 1 (12/13 FPP)- focused on the ways our congregation is seeking the welfare of the community to which we have been called. Question 2 (1/14 FPP)- focused on how we have/have not extended beyond our bounds through the establishment of new communities of worship and discipleship, expanding the Kingdom of God. Question 3 (3/14 FPP) focused on evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in and through our congregation. Question 4 (4/14 FPP) focused on the primacy of God's Word in shaping our minds, priorities, and actions.

SESSION UPDATE

-JANET FREDERICK, CLERK OF SESSION

The regular Session meeting was held on April 2. At this meeting, and our previous regular meeting, we examined some of the overtures that are being proposed for the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that will be held from June 14- 21, 2014 in Detroit, Michigan. Now a biennial gathering, G.A. brings together commissioners and advisory delegates from 172 presbyteries, as well as delegates and observers from around the world, to discuss, debate and determine matters of theology, mission and witness, finance, and polity/structure within our

denomination.

The Session has been learning about and discussing some of these overtures, and we encourage the congregation to be informed as well. Brief overviews have been developed to describe how things work at General Assembly, the "lingo," and some of the major issues to be addressed. Beginning on May 11, you may access these documents digitally on the church website. Hard copies will also be available at the back of the sanctuary after this date. The PC(USA) website allows you to access all available information: <https://www.pcusa.org/>

events/24273/221st-general-assembly-2014/ and the plenary sessions will be live-streamed.

Action items from the April meeting included:

Gave approval for the pastors to participate in and organize a mission trip to Kenya in February 2015 and made a referral to the Mission and Stewardship Committee to develop a policy for determining which mission trips we should support and also to develop some guidelines regarding fundraisers for mission trips.

Authorized Tim Devine to engage in discussions with the Boys & Girls Club

about the possibility of jointly sponsoring a tennis program again this summer with U-E.

Made a referral to the House Committee to look into how best to maintain the interior of the Monroe House now that it is being used by multiple groups throughout the week.

A number of other important items were discussed, which are explained in other articles in this newsletter. As always, please feel free to contact Session members with any concerns or questions you have that we might be able to address.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grell Scholarship

Students who plan to pursue a career in religious education or church-related activities may be eligible to benefit from this 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. Information on how to apply may be obtained in the church office. Deadline for application submission is May 30th. Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 1st. Questions may be directed to Adele Everett at 754-8740 or adele.j.everett@gmail.com.

ALL IN Artwork by Bob Sloan

We will be offering prints of the original *All In* illustrations that were done by Bob Sloan. Prints will be \$5.00/print with proceeds being split : 10% will go to the Nursery School Scholarship fund in honor of Bob, and 90% will go toward repairing the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. Order forms and examples can be found in the gathering area.

Easter Lillies

The Deacons would like to thank all those who purchased and helped deliver lilies on Easter Sunday. Your contribution and time were appreciated not only by the Deacons but by the many people who received a lily that day. God Bless!

MARY-EL RINGERS

One of the ministries that has become a valuable part of the music program here at First Pres is the handbell choir, named the Mary-El Ringers, in memory of Mary-Ellen Lewis. The bells have been playing regularly for church services for several decades and have participated in bell festivals, even hosting several bell choir gatherings here at the church. Originally begun as a 4- octave bell choir, a donation from Andrea Wade allowed the choir to expand to 5 octaves, giving more people an opportunity to enjoy trying their hand at ringing.

We have been blessed over the years to have very gifted people leading the choir. We especially want to recognize past directors David Jenkins, Mary-Ellen Lewis, Timothy Wetherbee, Heather Randall, and most recently, Andrea Wade.

After 25 years of participating in the bell choir, first playing and then directing, Andrea has now decided to retire as director. Those who have been part of the music program here at FPC know that musical ability alone isn't enough to make a great director. You have to add large doses of faith, energy, good humor, patience, encouragement, vision, and organization. These are the qualities that Andrea consistently demonstrated as she turned new and experienced players into a ringing team that has enhanced both of our worship services. She was recognized for her faithful service to our music program on Palm Sunday, April 13.

Admittedly, Andrea will be a tough act to follow, but we are confident the value of this music ministry will be recognized and that someone will take over the leadership when it starts up again next fall. However, in addition to a capable leader, bell ringers are also needed. In order to utilize all five octaves of bells, we need at least 13 players. So what are the qualifications to be a bell ringer? You need to be able to count! Several in the current bell choir do not read music and have never played an instrument. You'll also notice in looking at our bell ringers that age is not a requirement. So if you're interested, please speak with someone who is ringing or has rung to get more information, and then watch in the fall for the start-up schedule. This is a fun group that enjoys making music together in praise to the Lord!

PEOPLE TO PUEBLO

Have you ever wondered about what happened on the Dominican Republic mission trips? Have you been curious about the community interactions that occurred there? Would you like to know more about the work that has been done there? The chance to hear, see, and learn about the Dominican Republic is coming!! The college group that went to the Dominican Republic in January would like to invite all of you to an Art show displaying our experiences and thoughts about our time there. Coming May 17, 6pm, at the Warehouse, 315 Scarborough Dr. Endwell, experience all of the heart-breaking, heart-warming and hilarious times and communities we encountered there! Stick around until 8pm to hear some personal testimonies about our time in the Dominican Republic. We hope to see you all there!



FPP Calendar

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 2:30 pm CMS Homework Cafe Chancel Choir moved to Tues, April 29 at 6:30pm	2 6:30 pm CMS Love and Truth Network Conference	3 CMS Love and Truth Network Conference
4 9:09 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional) 2:00 pm New Member Class	5 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 5:30 pm Personnel Committee 6:00 pm Membership Team Meeting 7:00 pm Relevant Ministries	6 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 7:00 pm Deacons	7 6:00 am Men's Group 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 7:00 pm Session 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	8 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	9	10 NS Golf Tournament
11 Communion 9:09 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional)	12 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 6:30 pm NS Board Meeting 7:00 pm Relevant Ministries	13 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 6:45 pm Small Group Leaders Meeting	14 6:00 am Men's Group 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 7:00 pm Mission & Stewardship 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	15 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	16	17 Dottie Rice Ride for Christ 9:00 am MAG- Meet with PA churches 6:00 pm DR Art Show Fundraiser
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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.¹ This commitment, which is grounded in a deep love of God and neighbor,² sends us out to share the Good News of Christ through our words³ and our actions.⁴

¹ *The Great Commitment*, Matthew 16:24-26

² *The Great Commandment*, Luke 10:27

³ *The Great Commission*, Matthew 28:18-20

⁴ *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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