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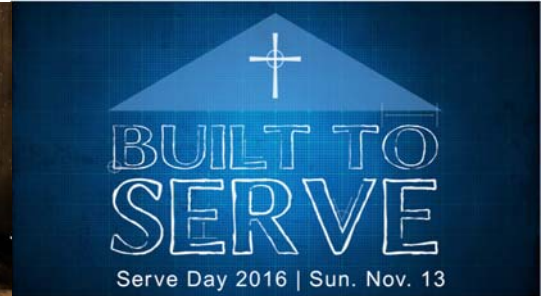
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Men of the Church - On Nov 3 - 5 we will have a men's retreat in Honesdale, PA at our sister ECO church. Travel down Thursday evening after work, do mission work in the community Friday and Saturday, and get to know some other men of the church. Contact Bryan Early or Nathan Jacobs ASAP if you are interested.



Our last Serve Day was a great success and we are really excited to do it again! On Nov. 13, we will send groups out into the community after each worship service. For those with mobility issues, we want you to be able to participate- there will be an opportunity in the church building to still serve the greater outside community.



Join us on Saturday evening, Nov. 19, at 7:00pm for a night of praise and worship! This event will be an ecumenical gathering, with music provided by a joint effort between FPC:E and First Baptist Church of Endicott. All are welcome as we spend time in intentional prayer, reading Scripture, and extended music. Invite your friends, especially those you have been looking for an opportunity to invite sometime other than Sunday morning.



We will meet as a corporate body to elect elders, deacons, and at-large members of the Nominating Committee in-between services on Nov. 20. We will potentially also be voting to accept our revised by-laws. If you are an active participant in our congregation, please plan to attend.

OVER 80 BIRTHDAYS

- November 7**
Virginia Ulsh
- November 13**
Bob Thomas
- November 25**
John Melrose
- November 29**
Vivian Tallman

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

*“To build flourishing churches
that make disciples of Jesus Christ.”*

-ECO Mission Statement

On Friday, October 7– Saturday, October 8, the ECO Presbytery of the Northeast met in Honesdale, PA. We have come to look forward to these gatherings, because we do a lot of work. *WHAT??!*

Yes, we do a lot of work, but it's a different kind of work. Dare we say, kingdom work?

Since we last met in April:

- One church plant became an established congregation.
- Discussions began about church planting opportunities on Long Island and in Boston.
- Seven churches and thirteen ministers were received into ECO in our presbytery.
- Our presbytery grew to 35 churches, with six more churches ready to join pending their release from their current denomination; two churches waiting for interviews to join; and one new church plant.
- The presbytery celebrated an ordination in May; there are currently eight candidates who are completing the process for ordination; and 4-6 people are moving through the process.
- Plans continued in anticipation of multiplying into three smaller presbyteries in 2017, so that we can hold onto our priorities to be flexible, streamlined, and foster authentic community.

So, what did our “work” that weekend look like?

- We WORSHIPPED on Friday evening and Saturday morning.
- The presbytery GAVE \$3,000 from our small budget to a seminarian, as he begins to raise funds to plant a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural ECO church in Jamaica Plains, Boston.
- We continued the process of getting ready to MULTIPLY in 2017 from one into three presbyteries, so that we can remain small enough to connect effectively as pastors, Sessions, and congregations.
- We spent time gathered together in our new presbyteries to BUILD RELATIONSHIPS.
- We met in small groups to get to know each other and PRAY for each other.
- We learned about MISSION opportunities going on in our presbytery, often with invitations to participate.
- An OFFERING was taken to help relief efforts following Hurricane Matthew.
- We WELCOMED new pastors and congregations.
- We LAUGHED with and LEARNED from one another.

There is some kingdom work going on at FPC:Endicott as well:

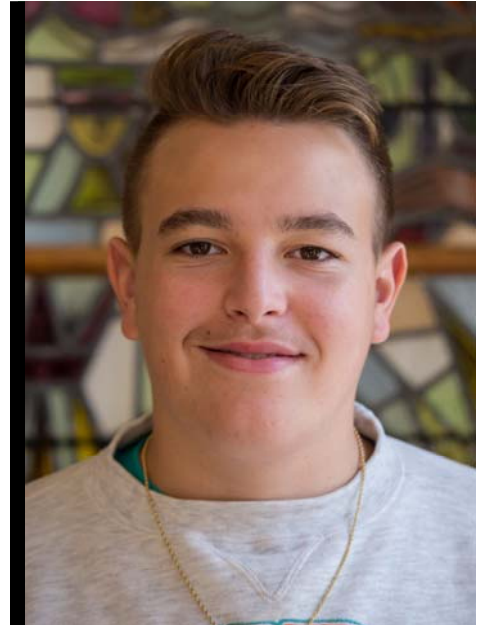
God is stirring spiritual growth among people already here. The Holy Spirit is sending spiritually thirsty people into the lives of those who are asking. People in small groups are asking, “What more does God want us to do within our community to expand His kingdom?” The climbing ministry is bearing fruit. Children and teens have jumped back into learning God's story. Several new people are using their spiritual gifts to serve in the choir, children's ministry, Samaritan Supper, & more. People are committing to seasons of intentional prayer.

What is your part in the kingdom work happening- or yet to happen- here?

WHAT'S NEW AMONG OUR PEOPLE?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Jeff and Linda Willets, who celebrate the engagement of their middle daughter, Kelly, to Brian Gualillo.
- The Laubisch family, as they celebrate Gabby's return home from her long stay at CHOP.
- The Mitchell family, as Jason finished his sentence and was able to come home to his family.
- Kaleya Kublo, who broke her arm.
- Pam Holmes, who is recuperating from double knee replacements.
- Dick Campbell, who is home after a short hospitalization.
- Florence (Happy) Ludlam, who is in rehab following a fall and broken hip.
- Janet Cook, who was in a car accident and is currently in rehab.
- The students and parents who attended Rock Mountain Bible Camp's Fall Overnighter on Oct. 15.
- Rev. Brown Naik, who had spinal surgery in Boston.
- For the worship, fellowship and work that was done at the ECO Northeast Presbytery meeting in Honesdale on Oct. 7 & 8.
- Those affected by Hurricane Matthew and for those who will be part of rescue and rebuilding efforts. If you would like to contribute to the relief effort, ECO has partnered with WORLD RENEW.
- Alisha Finn and extended family; her father, Gary Pridmore, has suffered a series of strokes.
- Helen Jephson, who is facing surgery after the discovery of a malignant spot on her lung.
- Billy Beardsley, who has requested prayer to be able to break his tobacco addiction.
- Dawn Weber, who has requested prayer for the work she is doing in her mental health support group.
- Jane Kamper's neighbor, a widow who is dealing with serious health concerns.
- Beth Engel, pastor of our sister church in Pequea, who is going through a storm of medical crises within her family.
- Benjamin Digal, head of staff at Nanda orphanage in Orissa, as he heals from a recent hospitalization.
- The family of Joe Klima, a friend of Carole Cockrell, who passed away at 78 from a stroke.
- Tim Devine, who is recovering from a knee replacement.
- The family and students of Rick Friend, a U-E teacher who died suddenly on Oct. 16.
- Connie Stanton and Sheila Beblavy, whose uncle died on Oct. 21.



We welcome
Derek Buffington
 as our new Sunday
 Sexton! He has jumped in
 with both feet and is
 already doing a great job.
 Derek is currently a junior
 at Maine Endwell.

We also welcome
Dulcie Malizia
 to our staff as a childcare
 worker on Sunday
 mornings. Dulcie comes to
 us with great experience
 working with children,
 having previously worked
 at The Learning Center
 and currently as the
 School Aged Child Care
 Director at the Boys & Girls
 Club of Western Broome.

YOUTH NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH—SUNDAY EVENINGS

Sunday, November 6

The Meza's House
7 Sunset Court, Apalachin, NY
5:00-6:30PM

Bring your Bible, a snack to share, and a friend!

Sunday, November 13

The Pellerito's House
323 Pierce Ave, Endwell, NY
5:00-6:30PM

Bring your Bible, a snack to share, and a friend!



Sunday, November 20

Meet at FPC:E
5:00pm

Be ready for an adventure!

Sunday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Weekend)

No youth group
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, December 4

FPC:E
4pm

Loving Hands event— see the community page for more information!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH—SUNDAY MORNINGS

Each Sunday morning, high school students gather with Megan and Chris to enjoy waffles with toppings. But even more important, to talk about life and faith . . .

Matthew 14:22-34— Is it hard to recognize Jesus there with you in the midst of a storm?

Matthew 14:25-26— Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, the helper, to us. What does that mean?

Small Group meets at the Monroe House, 10:30-noon.

Don't miss out on the fellowship and a chance to study key passages in the Gospels.

To connect, contact Megan at megmansfield22@gmail.com or Chris at ccampbe77@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS BLACKLIGHT & BOOMWHACKERS

Kids, students, and parents will have a blast this November and December practicing some Blacklight and Boomwhacker fun! If you're curious and want to see what this is all about, check out our practice schedule below.

Any kids ages 4 yrs old - 12th grade are invited to participate! Your family could choose to do both Boomwhackers and Blacklight or just one of them.

If your child is 4 or 5 years old, plan to participate with them as a helper!

Contact Alisha Finn @ 607-427-9565 with questions.

Here is the practice schedule:

THURSDAY, November 3 - 5:30-6:30pm "Boomwhackers!"

THURSDAY, November 10 - 5:30-6:30pm Blacklight

THURSDAY, November 17 - 5:30-6:00 - Blacklight, 6:15-6:45 - Boomwhackers

THURSDAY, December 1 - 5:30-6:00 - Blacklight, 6:15-6:45 - Boomwhackers

THURSDAY, December 8 - 5:30-6:00 - Blacklight, 6:15-6:45 - Boomwhackers

THURSDAY, December 15 - 5:30-6:00 - Blacklight, 6:15-6:45 - Boomwhackers

SUNDAY, December 18 - Morning Services "Boomwhackers!" Performances

THURSDAY, December 22 - 5:30-6:30 Blacklight Dress Rehearsal

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24

4:00PM Kids Get Situated

4:30PM Blacklight Performance

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Upcoming Schedule:

November 6 – Jacob & Esau – Genesis 27

November 13 – Jacob & Rachel (*and Leah*) – Genesis 29-30

November 20 – Joseph – Genesis 37, 39-47

November 27 - Thanksgiving Weekend - NO Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

December 4 – Christmas Lesson & LOVING HANDS EVENT @ 4pm

December 11 – Christmas Lesson

December 18 – FAMILY DAY, Boomwhackers Performances & Christmas Play

December 25 – Merry Christmas! - NO Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

January 1 – Happy New Year! - NO Sunday Morning Children's Ministry



- LOVING HANDS -
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
4:00PM



If you'd like to provide goodies, go to
www.PerfectPotluck.com

Use the information - **Coordinator Last Name:** Finn **Password:** Dec04 to sign in.

SESSION UPDATE**- LINDA WILLETS, CLERK OF SESSION**

*For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,
and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*
Romans 10:10

SESSION EDUCATION/TRAINING:

- As part of the ECO study on the Book of Confessions, the elders studied "The Scots Confession of 1560" at their regular October meeting.

SESSION WORK:

- David Jenkins and Sharon Early were elected commissioners for the October 7-8 Presbytery Meeting.
- Session approved Rev. Dr. Tim Devine, Rev. Jan Devine, Church Program Staff (who would benefit), and elders to attend the ECO National Gathering - January 24-26, 2017 in Greenville, SC.
- A Congregational Meeting for November 20, 2016 was approved to elect the new class of deacons and elders. If revised by-laws are ready, they will also be on the agenda.
- Session approved the proposed 2017 budget as presented by Art Davis.
- A 2% bonus, to be paid in December 2016, was approved for FPC:E Staff. FPC:E staff did not receive salary increases in 2016.

FPC:E MISSION/EVANGELISM:

- Elders reflected on the value of the "Personal Evangelism for Ordinary People" weekend with Chris Walker and the importance of using what we learned to make sharing the Good News a conscious and regular part of our daily lives.
- Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 13, 2016. A 48-hour congregational prayer vigil will begin at 9:00AM on Friday, November 11 through 9:00AM on Sunday, November 13, 2016.
- Men of the church will be going on a mission trip to Honesdale, PA on November 3-5, 2016.
- A mission trip to Kenya has been scheduled from June 25/26 through July 8, 2017.

FPC:E NEWS AND PLANS:

- Personnel reps met with FPC:E staff to communicate changes in Overtime Labor Laws, effective December 1, 2016. Staff members have started to track their hours to comply.
- FPC:E Staff participated in Narcan training on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.
- Plans are continuing for the proposed construction of a new garage.
- Derek Buffington is in place as the new Sunday Sexton.
- Plans are being made for new signage for the interior of the buildings, upgrading some of the lighting, and upgrading the old copier.
- The ECO National Gathering will be held on January 24-28, 2017 in Greenville, SC. Everyone is invited. Please speak to the pastors if you might be interested.

CONNECTING THOUGHTS

— SHARON EARLY

Seasons—I love living in this area and the four seasons we transition through each year. In particular, this time of year is my favorite with all the changing colors and the constant reminder of how awesome our God is! We know this signals a time of change and transition, and for many a grieving for the loss of the warm days of summer. (Others of us actually anticipate the cooler days of fall and winter—no bugs, winter sports and not being so hot all the time!) Because we trust that in the cycle of life we will return to warmer days, we have learned to enjoy each season of the year we are in at the moment.



Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to always translate into enjoying the season of life that we are in currently. Is this because we don't know how to trust God? An interesting question, and one I seem to be wrestling with more and more. I want to trust God, but when I am feeling the pain of loss—friends moving away, groups in transition, etc.—it is hard. I do not always trust that, although painful, I will learn from it and ultimately grow in my relationship with God because I must depend on Him and not myself and others who are in my life.

I have been counseling a few of our groups that are going through major transitions. Even though I remind them it is a season of life and change is constant, it is hard to not take it personally when members can no longer make that specific group time a priority. We might have that head knowledge, but still feel the pain in our heart because of change and transition. My husband reminded me that without change and the transitions of our first couple of groups, others would not have been able to partake in the incredible experience of being in a group that walks with us through life's ups and downs and encourages us to grow spiritually. And I would not have had very meaningful Christian friendships that have grown because of these changes.

So, as we work to see what new groups form and where openings will occur in existing groups, help me by intentionally praying for the following —

- for our church groups to be open and missional to reach others
- for those who are not in groups to be willing to take a step and share life with others
- for new leaders and groups that may arise for a “season” of doing life together

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ”
Ecclesiastes 3:1

A FESTIVE FALL IN THE NURSERY SCHOOL

-RONNE SISCO, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

- DEREK WASHBURN, DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS



Thoughts and healing wishes we send to Janet Cook as she recovers from an auto accident. As a contributing founder and former director of the nursery school, we owe her our deepest gratitude and hope to see her back in action very soon.

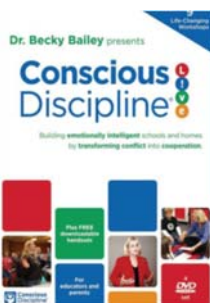


“THINK ORANGE!” was the theme for this year’s Union-Endicott Homecoming Parade. Nursery School families gathered the night before to follow suit and adorn their rides!

The Safari Suite (right) bit into their apple harvest by enjoying a Dr. Seuss read-aloud. Miss McKeon impressed us with “Ten Apples Up On Top”!



Our annual **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Fundraiser** is underway! Can personal sales records be beaten? Will this year’s profits be unprecedented? Join our drive and help our Parent Council raise funds to support the nursery school’s programming as well as its Scholarship Program. Order forms may be picked up at the FPC:E Information Desk in the Gathering Area as well as outside of the 2nd floor Nursery School Office. Orders and money are due by Wed. November 16 for delivery the week of December 5. Questions may be directed to Parent Council’s Mick Bordenet at mbordenet@stny.rr.com or (607) 761-4146.



Join Ronne Sisco for the first of our four part mini-series of **“Conscious Discipline”** – a process built on the premise of developing discipline within children rather than applying discipline to them.

Thurs. Nov. 10 Church Lounge 6:30-8:15 pm Free childcare available!
Register on the pink Sign-ups throughout the nursery school.

COMMUNITY

Succoth Booth

Sukkit, or "Festival of Booths," is a Jewish festival that originally commemorated the end of the harvest season. We have our own Sukkit (Succoth Booth) in the back of the sanctuary. For several weeks in November, the deacons will be collecting food to place in Thanksgiving boxes which will be distributed to church and Nursery School families.

Proverbs 22:9 Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Please help us reach out to those in need by bringing your donations to the Succoth Booth. We will be collecting canned fruits and vegetables, soup, juice, pasta, rice, potatoes, stuffing, pasta sauce, cereal and peanut butter (all in non-breakable containers). Food donations can be placed in the booth through Sunday, November 20.

Kenya Mission Trip 2017

DO YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO TRAVEL? TO MEET PEOPLE OF GOD? TO HELP PEOPLE BUILD THEIR HOUSE OF WORSHIP? TO HELP BUILD A SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN? TO SEE GOD'S BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS?... If you have said yes to one or more of these then you might want to consider joining us as we plan another trip to Africa. We will be leaving around June 29 and returning around July 12, 2017. Please pray as to whether God is leading you in this direction. Watch for more upcoming information. If you are interested please let Jan/ Tim Devine or Art/Pam Davis know of your interest as we have a limited number of spaces and it will be first come, first served.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Each year on All Saints' Sunday (this year it's Nov. 6) we remember and honor the members of First Presbyterian Church: Endicott who have died in the past year. We also offer the opportunity for "friends and family of the congregation" to be remembered as well. This year we are again offering the option of showing a photograph of the deceased during a special "Time of Remembrance" in each service. To submit the name of a loved one who has died since All Saints' Sunday 2015 (Nov. 1), please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Thursday, November 3.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2016

Name: _____

Date of death: _____

Submitted by: _____

Relationship to deceased: _____

Photograph included

COMMUNITY CONT.

Fellowship Christmas Dinner

Fellowship will be celebrating their annual Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 16, at 12pm. We will gather at Good Shepard Village in Endwell. Everyone is invited to join us for wonderful food, entertainment and fellowship. Please call Charlie and Maxine Waughtel at (607) 625-4693 for reservations before December 11. We look forward to celebrating this special season together. Hope you can join us.

Support the Nursery School

Sunday 11/6 & 11/13- Support the Nursery School by ordering Gertrude Hawk candy. Michelle Beatty will be in the Gathering Area between services to take your orders. The Nursery School is a mission of FPC:E and this is a way we can support classroom enrichment and their scholarship program to ensure that more children are able to take advantage of this important first step in their formal education.

Loving Hands

Loving Hands is an event for every age. We will decorate ornaments, sign cards, fill baskets with all sorts of baked goods, candy, fruit, and other treats, and after eating a slice or two of pizza, we will head out to Christmas carol and deliver our gift baskets. Please plan to join us! If you would like to contribute goodies to fill up our baskets, please sign up in the Gathering Area, contact Alisha Finn directly @ 607-427-9565, or go the website at www.perfectpotluck.com and use the coordinator's name: Finn and password: Dec04 to sign up.

Thinking About Membership at FPC:E?

If you have been attending FPC:E and are interested in talking about faith and membership, you are invited to meet on Sunday, November 6, at 2pm in the church library. After attending two gatherings, you will be able to decide without pressure if this is the right time and place to commit to doing life and ministry with others here at FPC:E. If possible, please let us know you plan to come so we can have resources ready.

Conscious Discipline

Join our nursery school director, Ronne Sisco, for the first of a four part mini-series on "Conscious Discipline" – a process built on the premise of developing discipline within children rather than applying discipline to them. Discover how to use the latest brain research to help children progress from physical or verbal aggression to calm self-regulation, freeing them to make better choices and empathize with others. "Conscious Discipline" teaches parents and educators skills that teach children the social-emotional and communication skills necessary to manage themselves, resolve conflict, prevent bullying and develop pro-social behaviors.

Date: Thursday, November 10 **Place:** Church Lounge **Time:** 6:30- 8:15pm

*Please note: Free childcare will be available. Please reserve your spot and material by signing up on one of the pink sheets outside of the nursery school classrooms.

FPC:ENDICOTT'S 110th ANNIVERSARY

The first meeting regarding the formation of the FPC:E was held on May 6, 1906 in:

G. F. Johnson Library A storeroom at Spencer's Furniture Store U-E High School gym
FYI- Sunday, November 6, marks the 110th anniversary of this congregation!

Church Calendar

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 7:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Mission and Stewardship Committee	2 6:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Session 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	3 Honesdale Men's Mission Trip 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 Honesdale Men's Mission Trip 5:00 pm Nursery School Movie Night	5 Honesdale Men's Mission Trip
6 All Saints' Sunday 110 th Anniversary 9:00 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional) 5:00 pm FPC: Youth Middle School	7 6:00 pm Nursery School Board Meeting	8 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 6:00 pm Small Group Leaders' Gathering	9 6:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	10 6:30 pm NS Conscious Discipline 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 9:00 am 48-hour Stewardship Prayer Vigil Begins	12 48-hour Stewardship Prayer Vigil
13 Serve Day Stewardship Dedication 9:00 am 48-hour Stewardship Prayer Vigil Ends 9:00 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional) 1:00 pm BC3 75th anniversary 5:00 pm FPC: Youth Middle School	14	15 12:30 pm Staff Meeting (Labor Laws) 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper	16 6:00 am Men's Group 1:00 pm Women's Circle III 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	17 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18	19 7:00 pm Praise and Worship Event
20 Congregational Meeting 9:00 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional) 5:00 pm FPC: Youth Middle School	21 6:30 pm NS Parent Council Meeting	22 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	23 6:00 am Men's Group	24 Thanksgiving	25 Office Closed	26
27 Communion 9:00 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional) 5:00 pm FPC: Youth Middle School	28	29 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 7:00 pm Personnel Committee	30 6:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal			

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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