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KIDS LEAD WORSHIP!

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A Note from the Pastors



The 2018 Goal for FPC:E is to make sharing the Gospel an intentional part of every ministry and mission of FPC:E.

This was prayerfully decided by the Elders last fall in response to an assessment of our strengths and challenges as a church. As we write, we are 1/3 of the way through the year. It's important to regularly review a goal and to keep it in the forefront of our thoughts, decisions, and actions.

So, how are we doing?

In children's ministry last month, three children took the exciting step of asking Jesus into their hearts. This month a mom, who is in a small group that is focused on raising children in the faith, helped lead her child to make the same decision during evening devotions. We celebrate that children are hearing and responding to the Gospel within the community of faith - in church and at home!

We also heard of people who cared enough about a troubled teen to invite her to Young Life, where she was introduced to the One who can bring peace in the midst of brokenness and chaos. Her life will never be the same!

Committees and Teams are spending time during meetings to pray specifically for the people they minister to and with.

Deacons are becoming more intentional about sharing God-sightings and praying with/for the home-bound and hospitalized.

10:45 worship leaders (pastor, lay leader, Larry/choir/musicians, tech team) are joining together before the second service to pray.

Some members of the worship team and other adults are working to build authentic relationships with our Samaritan Supper guests. They provide a safe and caring space for the kids through God-centered activities. They hear some of the deep needs and desires of adults and have the privilege of praying with them. A couple of our S.S. guests have come to worship on Sunday mornings because of those relationships.

The elders are taking turns leading as Session opens each meeting with a time of Word and prayer, and each meeting concludes with an extended time of prayer for individual situations and for the life, ministry, and vision of FPC:E.

In worship, the Gospel is regularly shared through song, prayer, preaching and reflecting on God's Word, and opportunities are given for people to respond in a variety of ways.

As Compassion Builders is revitalized, sharing the gospel with volunteers and recipients will be a priority of the ministry.

We have a long way to go, but we are taking steps to become a congregation that places the good news of Jesus Christ in the center of every aspect of our life and ministry together.

Jan & Tim

AMONG OUR PEOPLE




During our study of the Holy Habits, one of the weeks covered the topic of prayer. Jesus tells us that one of the greatest things we can do is come before our Father and bring our hearts to Him. Sometimes that is with the strength of many voices in corporate supplication, and sometimes it is in the intimate moments one on one with God. In both instances, even though He already knows our needs, his desire is for relationship—so invite Him into the conversation!

Please pray for:

Deb Eiche, who had eye surgery in Syracuse | **Carole Cockrell's friend's son-in-law**, who is fighting spreading cancer | Praise to God for the **IF Women's Gathering**, and thanks to Kristy Mansfield, Jamie Jacobs, and a whole team of others who made the weekend possible | **David Glajch's uncle**, who had a serious heart attack | **Jane Kamper**, who had foot surgery following an injury | **Laura McKeown**, who is excited that she will be moving to Hershey, PA in May to attend the Penn State College of Medicine Physician Assistant program | **Sharon and Ford Drake's grandson, Kyle**, who is experiencing some serious health issues and undergoing testing | **Vivian Tallman**, who is recovering from a fall | **Harry Frederick**, as he recovers from quadruple bypass surgery | **Carole Cockrell**, who is having some problems with anxiety | **Bryan Early and family**, as they grieve the death of his Aunt Debbie | **Dave**

Jenkins, who fell and broke his kneecap | **Charlie Waughtel**, who is home from the hospital and recovering well | **Carl Petro**, a friend of Nate and Jamie Jacobs, who had a partial knee replacement | **Raili Wrenner's friend, John**, whose recovery from by-pass surgery is slower and more difficult than hoped | **The Banks family**: that Verna Johnson, daughter of former pastor, Dr. and Mrs. Banks, died on March 29; her service will be on May 5 in Pompton Plains, NJ | We celebrate with the Kampers that their daughter, **Lucy**, accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior! | **Weston Hunt**, who broke his arm while doing gymnastics | **Kate Whalen**, who is spending 6 weeks in Colorado for job training | We praise God for the good news that **Paul Everett's** bone marrow biopsy and other tests came back showing no detectable traces of myeloma! Paul and Adele will be in Boston for the month of June as he receives a stem cell transplant | Friends of the congregation, **the Motsko family**, who are grieving the death of their daughter's fiancé—a Marine helicopter pilot who died in the recent San Diego training exercise | **Shirley Wennegal**, who was able to return to Good Shepherd Village and move into the Skilled Nursing unit | **Bob Betka**, who is being treated for two crushed vertebrae | **Michael Sweeney**, who has now been diagnosed with a blood clot in his leg and will need to go outside of our area for treatment | **Jim Davern**, a friend of the congregation, who is fighting cancer | **JoAnn Gay**, a neighbor who fell on the sidewalk | Praise for the safe return of **Doug Kerr** and a fruitful time in Kenya. We also give praise and thanks that Doug is feeling much better after having another heart procedure | **The Luce family**, as they welcomed baby **Kara Ann** to their family on Apr. 26



Robert G. Dealaman
May 9, 1943
—
April 25, 2018

Witness to the Resurrection— 5/1/18

VISIONING

F PC:E hosted the Spring Mission Affinity Group (MAG) gathering on Saturday, April 21, 2018 with Grace Ridge Church, Honesdale. There was

time for fellowship, worship/music/prayer, conversation as individual churches, and small group discussion following a video by Francis Chan, from the 2017 RightNow Conference. Francis talked about how the church can weaken believers by doing too much for them and expecting too little. He encouraged us to help people learn and love God's Word, and challenged us with the idea that sometimes less is more as we are talking about staying focused and alive.

Session and Tina Ide were able to continue discussion about the concepts of Sticky Faith (Fuller Youth Institute), the possibility of partnering with a para-church organization, building strong, intergenerational relationships between the youth and adults in the congregation, and finding ways to place youth in significant roles within the life and ministry of FPC:E.

STUDY

Elders will begin studying the book, *Gospel-Centered Church*, at the May Session Meeting.

LINDA WILLETS CLERK OF SESSION

Each month, Linda provides an overview of the work of our Session. Keep an eye out on this page to see what God is doing through the work of our leadership.



BUSINESS

Session approved Tina Ide and other volunteers to host a weekly summer program on Tuesdays here at the church, free for children ages 4 through elementary school, with a special focus on inviting neighborhood children. The program would include a Bible story along with crafts, games, water play, and more to reinforce the Bible story. She would also like to offer a simple meal which kids can take home when they leave.

Session approved our church to participate in a Growing Young Assessment, sponsored by the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI). Every congregant will be encouraged to complete a 5-10 minute assessment of 6 core areas of ministry at FPC:E. That data will be used as we receive an evaluation and coaching from the FYI to help us establish a vision for our children's and youth ministry.

Session approved the recommendations of the Mission and Stewardship Committee for the distribution of 2018 Session-Approved Causes to local, national, and global missions.

Because David Meza was not able to be in worship when officers were ordained/installed, he took his installation vows for his second term as an elder in front of the other elders, who then prayed for him.

A man with short brown hair, wearing a green and white plaid button-down shirt, is looking down at an open book he is holding in his hands. He is standing in a wooded area with many thin tree trunks and some yellowish-green foliage in the background. The lighting is bright and natural, suggesting daytime. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

HOLY HABITS

LIVING LIKE JESUS

CONNECT



PRACTICES SUCH AS READING SCRIPTURE AND PRAYING ARE IMPORTANT— NOT BECAUSE THEY PROVE HOW SPIRITUAL WE ARE— BUT BECAUSE GOD CAN USE THEM TO LEAD US INTO LIFE— JOHN ORTBERG

As we were exploring what to study post-Lent, we knew that Jesus stayed strong through his trials/temptations because he nurtured his relationship with God by consistently practicing the Spiritual Disciplines. For many, the thought of celebrating a disciplined life, rather than dreading it, is difficult to imagine, but I have found that when I get a taste of the peace that transcends all understanding, it encourages me to do the things that help make peace a constant more often in my life. As John Ortberg states, God can use spiritual practices to lead us into life. I have truly experienced this, yet at the same time, I find it so hard to stay consistent with my practices.

This is why I find for myself, I need to revisit what works with others, and take it day by day to make Spiritual Disciplines a habit in my life. During this series, we are offering two opportunities for follow-up study/conversation about each holy habits: on Sunday mornings (10:30-12:00) or Wednesday evenings (5:30-7:00) in the lounge. The beauty of these group opportunities is that you don't have to commit to come every week. If you find that you struggle with a particular holy habit, or if you can share how you have been blessed as you have learned to practice a certain habit, please join us for that week! Others from our community of faith will be present each week to give testimony about a particular practice, along with additional resources. Feel free to come to just one or two – if that is all your schedule allows. We want this to be a place to learn, explore, and maybe connect with someone else who can walk alongside you on this faith journey that ultimately leads to life!

Holy Habit	Sunday Date	Wednesday Date
Frugality: Less Possessions, More Peace	May 6, 2018	May 9, 2018
Study of God's Word: Less Information, More Formation	May 13, 2018	May 16, 2018
Worship: Less of Me, More of God	May 27, 2018	May 30, 2018

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:7 (NIV)

CM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MAY THEME:

Jesus gives us the reason and the ability to praise God even with life is confusing or difficult.

MAY 20

CHILDREN LEAD
WORSHIP @ 10AM

LUNCHEON &
FELLOWSHIP AFTER
SERVICE

MAY 13

PSALM 1, 100, 110

In the Book of Psalms, God's people cried out for mercy and forgiveness, praised God, and thanked Him. God hears us, too, when talk and pray to Him.

MAY 6

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-11

Solomon discovered that apart from God, life does not make sense. God created everything, and He gives everything a purpose.

COME HEAR WHAT AMAZING THINGS WE'VE
LEARNED THIS YEAR!

The Bible is one big story of God's plan to rescue and redeem his people from sin through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. This year, our walk through the Bible took us on a journey with Israelites this year as they entered the Promised Land, fell into a cycle of disobedience and then demanded their nation be ruled by an earthly king. We are so excited to share what we've learned about God, His Son – Jesus, His people - the Israelites, and how this connects to our own faith stories.



MAY 27

NO CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY
HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

JUNE 3

FAMILY DAY
Wrap Up Celebration,
10:30am
Meet in Treehouse Room

YOUTH EVENTS

ROCK MOUNTAIN CAMPS

For more information or to register, visit rockmountainbiblecamp.org. Church scholarships are available; contact Tina Ide to inquire.

JOSHUA TREK

JUNE 1-3

Father/Son Backpacking

MINI CAMP

JUNE 22-24

Ages 6-10, accompanied by an adult/parent

TEEN CAMP

JULY 8-13

Ages 12-17

JUNIOR DAY CAMP

JULY 15-20

Ages 8-12

JUNIOR CAMP

JULY 15-20 or JULY 22-27

Ages 8-12



July 8-13, Lifebreath Missions (an outreach of Honesdale's Grace Ridge Church) offer teens the opportunity to serve God and study His word through a weeklong, action-packed mission experience in Wayne County, PA. This trip is open to all youth entering grades 9-12. For more details, contact Tina Ide.

YOUNG LIFE All AREA CLUB

Monday
May 21st
7:00pm

Special Guest
TIM TEBOW

First Baptist of Johnson City
1321 Reynolds Road
Johnson City

Families Encouraged



To register, please visit:
<https://binghamton.younglife.org/Pages/AllAreaClub.aspx>



YOUTH

MAY 6

ULTIMATE FRISBEE:
ULTIMATE FUN

3:30pm-5:00pm
Vestal HS Playing Fields

Bring a snack, your Bible and friends! If you need a ride, please contact Tina.

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Ministry continues to meet on Sunday mornings from 10:30am-11:50am in the Monroe House. Join them as they continue their study of the Gospel of Luke.

MAY 13

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
NO YOUTH GROUP

MAY 20

PIERCE FAMILY HOME
5:00pm-7:00pm

633 Anderson Road, Vestal
Bring a snack, your Bible and friends! If you need a ride, please contact Tina.



MAY 27

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!
NO YOUTH GROUP





The Worship Ministry Team would like to salute everyone who helped make the Living Last Supper a wonderful worship experience on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Thanks to Nate Jacobs for producing, Dave Beers for directing, and the cast for their inspiring performance: JD Paff, Bob Betka, Josh Luce, Joe Kocak, Dan Labzentis, Dan Knudsen, Jeff Howard, Chris Loughridge, Jim Martin, Dave Jenkins, Derek Washburn, Trevor Barney, Nate Jacobs, and Adele Everett. Thanks also to our Friday apostles Tim Devine, Brian Dean, and Dave Beers. Thanks to the stage crew of Lou Pasquale, Nate Jacobs, Tim Devine, Derek Washburn, Trevor Barney, Ian Wang, Tony Paradiso, Dave Beers, and Bryan Early for set up and tear down. Thanks to the Costumes and Props crew: Adele Everett and Lou Pasquale. Thanks to Tom Janik at Southern Tier Physical Therapy for lending us stools and to potter Robert Briscoe for supplying the pottery used. Thanks to the media team: Ian Wang, Tony Paradiso, Shawn Syzmanski, and Jesse Paff. Thanks to Larry Hoey for his musical accompaniment. Thanks to pastors Jan and Tim Devine for their support. Many hours were spent preparing and practicing, and we appreciate everyone's time and efforts. Most of all, we thank God for this opportunity to praise Him and glorify Him.



To our FPC:Endicott ladies,
 It was an honor and blessing to share the 2018 IF:Endicott gathering with all of you. As we experienced the speakers' words, the worship music, the fellowship around table, and the movement of the Holy Spirit together, the call to fan our flames felt abundantly clear. We hope that you were as encouraged as we were, and that you remember what you wrote on your matchbooks. We look forward to our next gathering, and won't stop praying for you all in the meantime!

In Christ,
Kristy Mansfield and Jamie Jacobs

Also, a special thank-you to those who helped enrich our 2018 IF:Endicott gathering:
Sue Tuch, Pam Davis, Lou and Teri Pasquale, Marian Loughridge, Patti Dowd, Missy Goetz, Deb Eiche, Linda Willets, Jesse Paff, Jan Devine, Madison Mansfield, Nathan Jacobs, Jim Apicella, Trevor Barney, Kevin Adams, and Tony Paradiso

A big *Thank You!* to all those who helped update the Pastor's Study. Wallpaper was stripped, painting was done, new carpet was installed, chairs were reupholstered, and the result is a nice bright space for meeting, study, and preparation. Thanks to Lou Pasquale, Rich Davey, and Ede Sornberger for all their work!



FPC:E COMMUNITY

Look here for opportunities to serve the Kingdom and grow in your faith through the missions and ministries of FPC:E

- Students who plan to pursue a career in ministry, religious education, or church-related activities are eligible to benefit from the Grell Scholarship Fund established by William M. and Dorothy L. Grell. Preference is given (but not limited) to candidates who have a current or past relationship with FPC:Endicott. Applications are available by emailing office@fpcendicott.org and must be submitted by June 1. Questions may be directed to

Adele Everett—
adele.j.everett@gmail.com
or 607-727-6117).

- For those attending the 10:45 worship service on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 27, there will be a special music presentation to honor our veterans. Those currently serving or who previously served in the armed forces are invited to wear their uniforms to the service that day to be recognized.
- Compassion Builders has been able to get rolling this last month with our first “client” named Moira. Pam Davis has spent a significant amount of time building a relationship with Moira, as they have gone through her

things and donated 3 Compassion Builder trailer loads to the Salvation Army! Rich Davey has assisted me with getting her updated a bit with some electrical work to make her living arrangement a little safer and more efficient. We hope to get a couple larger projects done for her in the coming week so we can move on to our next project lead that we received from Habitat for Humanity. We will be replacing a roof in the next few weeks, so please let me know if you will have any available time to volunteer on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday! Thanks! — Derek

MAY

01

10:00am Calling Hours
for Bob Dealaman
11:00am Funeral for Bob Dealaman
12:00pm Funeral Lunch
5:30pm Samaritan Supper
6:15pm Worship Team
6:30pm AA Meeting
7:00pm Deacons

02

6:00am Men's Group
5:30pm Holy Habits Study Group
7:00pm Session
7:30pm AA Meeting

03

7:00pm AA Meeting
7:00pm Chancel Choir

05

9:00am Clean-up Day

06

9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Children's Ministry
10:30am Holy Habits Study Group
10:45am Worship Service
3:30pm FPC:Youth

07

7:30pm AA Meeting

08

12:30pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Samaritan Supper
6:15pm Worship Team
6:30pm AA Meeting

09

6:00am Men's Group
5:30pm Holy Habits Study Group
7:30pm AA Meeting

10

7:00pm AA Meeting
7:00pm Chancel Choir

13

Mother's Day Communion
No FPC:Youth
9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Children's Ministry
10:30am Holy Habits Study Group
10:45am Worship Service

14

7:30pm AA Meeting

15

12:30pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Samaritan Supper
6:15pm Worship Team
6:30pm AA Meeting

16

6:00am Men's Group
5:30pm Holy Habits Study Group
7:30pm AA Meeting

17

7:00pm AA Meeting
7:00pm Chancel Choir

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Children's Service
Pentecost
10:00am United Service
5:00pm FPC:Youth

21

12:00pm Women's Club
4:00pm Endicott Proud
7:00pm NS Parent Council Meeting
7:00pm Young Life Event with Tim Tebow @ 1st Baptist JC
7:30pm AA Meeting

22

12:30pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Samaritan Supper (Last one until fall)
6:15pm Worship Team
6:30pm AA Meeting

23

6:00am Men's Group
9:00am NS Staff Appreciation Lunch
7:30pm AA Meeting

24

7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm AA Meeting

27

No Children's Ministry
No FPC:Youth
9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Holy Habits Study Group
10:45am Worship Service

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Memorial Day
Office Closed
7:30pm AA Meeting

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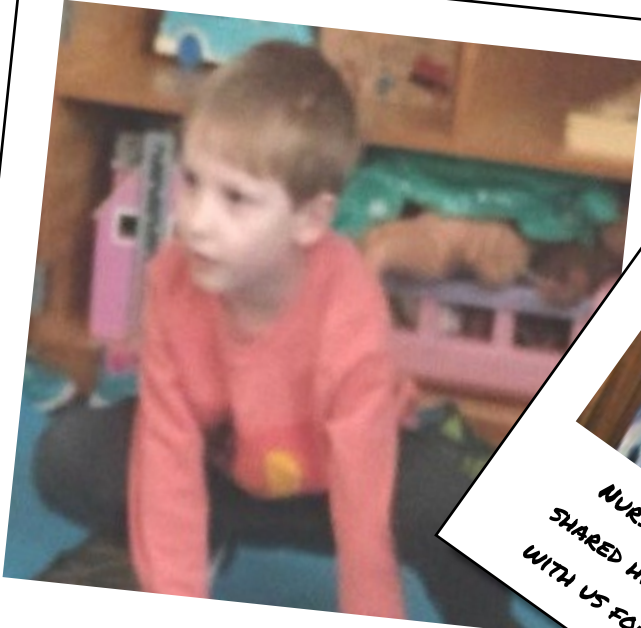
12:30pm Staff Meeting
6:15pm Worship Team
6:30pm AA Meeting

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6:00am Men's Group
5:30pm Holy Habits Study Group
7:30pm AA Meeting

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7:00pm AA Meeting
7:00pm Chancel Choir



KASEN PRACTICING YOGA— "THE FROG"



**NURSERY SCHOOL ALUMNUS SAM OLSON
SHARED HIS TIME AND TALENT ON THE VIOLA
WITH US FOR OUR 10TH ANNUAL ART SHOW!**



PRACTICING YOGA POSITIONS— "THE SANDWICH"



**BUNNY HOPPING @ ENDWELL FIRE STATION,
COURTESY OF PARENT COUNCIL!**



BIRTHDAY SURPRISE FROM A



HAVING FUN IN SCHOOL!



AN OLD FRIEND!



BARK-9 THERAPY DOGS SHARED TIME WITH US

GOLF TOURNEY

Join our effort to help offset preschool tuition costs for area children by rounding up your team for our **6th Annual Janet Cook Scholarship Golf Tournament!**

Thursday June 7 @ Traditions at the Glen
1pm shotgun start with dinner & prizes to follow!

Contact Derek Washburn to register your team: Derek@FirstPresEndicott.org or 748-1744