

Finding Purpose in Christ

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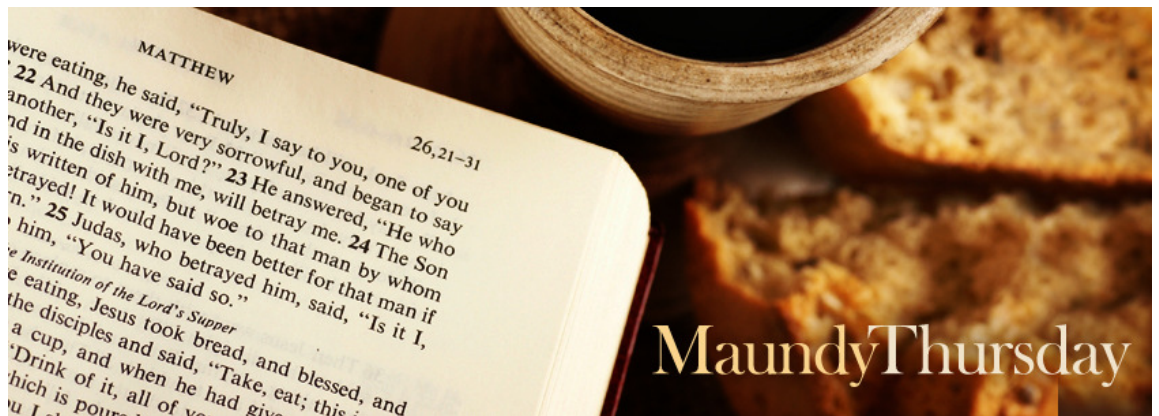
OVER 80 BIRTHDAYS

April 2

Marion Cianciosi

April 4

Janet Cook



An observance of Maundy Thursday (the Thursday of Holy Week before Easter) is not part of our regular weekly routine, so many people do not make the time for it. If you have never been to a Maundy Thursday service, I encourage you to go and be blessed by walking through the remembrance of Christ's institution of communion and his new mandate: "Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos" ("A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you"), from John 13:34. Most scholars agree that the English word Maundy in that name for the day is derived through Middle English and Old French *mandé*, from the Latin *mandatum*, the first word of the phrase above, by which Jesus explained to the Apostles the significance of his action of washing their feet. -Nate

PASTORAL CAREGIVERS

In addition to the compassion and care that Deacons offer to our senior saints, FPC is blessed to have a team of members who walk alongside Jan and Tim to offer pastoral care to those who are hospitalized. These servants cover while Jan and Tim are away or when they are not available to offer prayer before surgery and hospital visits to those recovering from surgery or illness. We are grateful for those who are currently part of this ministry of healing: Maynard Koplín, Linda Glajch, Bev Conklin, Gordie Pollard, Paul Everett, and for those who have been involved over the years.



"Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"
Galatians 6:2

“WHO ARE YOU?” AND “WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR BEING HERE?”
– JAN AND TIM DEVINE, CO-PASTORS

At this very moment as we write, a coalition of 26 countries is trying to solve the mystery of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370. While on a routine flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, the plane simply disappeared with 239 people aboard. For the last 10 days, search crews have been scouring a vast area, half of it in the remote seas of the southern Indian Ocean. No traces of the flight have been found yet. But evidence is now coming out to suggest that the plane’s automated signaling systems were manually disabled and someone in the cockpit reprogrammed the computer navigation system to divert the plane off its flight.

Our news is regularly filled with stories of terrible manmade tragedies- hijacked planes, suicide bombers, school shootings, terrorist attacks. There are no guarantees that we will make it through life without being touched by this kind of tragedy. Safety and security are goals that we work toward, but cannot guarantee.

Installing the security system at the church and training people to be vigilant are two ways that we are trying to protect the children and adults that enter our building. If you come to the church during the week, you are greeted by someone who is responsible for keeping track of who is here and why. She does that by asking two questions: “Who are you?” and “What is your reason for being here?”

It’s interesting that, although not for security reasons, those same questions are part of the Easter story. They were, and still are, asked about Jesus:

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” . . . He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” (Luke 9:18-20)

Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” (Luke 23:3)

We also ask these questions about ourselves as we try to understand our identity and purpose. The answers to who we are and our reason for being here are found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, not of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12- 13).

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matt. 28:18-20)

As we celebrate the Risen Lord, know that in Jesus Christ, you will find your true identity and purpose. Never forget why God has called you and saved you. Live into this reality more and more each day!

WHAT'S NEW AMONG OUR PEOPLE?

— NATHAN JACOBS

The month of March was a busy month for our church. It began with the Agape Supper on March 5, which marked the beginning of Lent and our church-wide study: *All In*. The same evening, we welcomed home Kevin Talley, who has been on the west coast for several months for work. That weekend,

the youth of the church went away to *The Loft* in Pennsylvania for their annual retreat. The weekend was spent in prayer, worship, fellowship, and dialogue as both the youth and the leaders wrestled with the idea that they are made in the image of God, and so are made for more than what this world tells

them. As a result of that weekend retreat, along with follow-up discussion over the course of the next few weeks, Derek Wang decided to commit his life to Christ on Friday, March 21. We celebrated that joy with him during the 9:09 service on March 23. We also celebrated the baptism of the Galli

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE...

twins, William and Jonathan, on March 16 at the 10:45 service. Ford and Sharon Drake are also celebrating new life, as they rejoice in the arrival of their newest grandchild, Terra Esther, on March 21.

Outreach missions continued this month as well. Emily Preisendanz headed to Nicaragua

with a group of fellow students to work with kids there over spring break. Emily and her friends taught Bible studies, first aid classes, and spent time getting to know the kids and their lives. Locally, a group of volunteers went to the Rescue Mission of Binghamton to help paint and renovate a home that will

be used to house clients. The day went well, challenging the group's teamwork and skill as they strived to paint the whole house in a day. Several of our family members faced health concerns this month and could use your continuing prayers: Alice Loudon (several health concerns), Bryan Early's

...AND LIFE WELL-LIVED

father (heart surgery), Stacy Paradiso (gall bladder surgery), Dawn Weber (leg stent), Flo Powley (eye surgery) and Harry Frederick (foot surgery). In addition to health concerns, three families mourned the passing and celebrated the life of loved ones this month. Caroline

Thompson passed away at the age of 105 on March 18. Services were held at Allen's funeral home on March 22. Vivian Bechtel, at the age of 86 and surrounded by family, went to her Lord on March 21. Services were held at Coleman and Daniels funeral

home on March 26. Finally, Leah Roberson's mother, whom Leah had the opportunity to spend time with lately, passed away as well. As we celebrate life, the new, the old, the physical, and the spiritual, let us continue to look to the empty tomb as our hope and joy. Alleluia, Amen.

On February 17, our Schantz pipe organ console was removed from the sanctuary and taken to Parson's Organ Company in Canandaigua. Barring no further unforeseen complications, we anticipate it will take 6-8 weeks to complete repairs from the major damage our pipe organ sustained during a lightning strike on the church. We are truly blessed to have our Steinway piano to use in our worship services until our organ console is repaired.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4 (NIV)

FPC YOUTH APRIL '14



HAVE YOU EVER FELT COMPLETELY HELPLESS, utterly incapable of accomplishing an essential task? We've all been there - probably daily.

No one likes the feeling of helplessness. We spend most of our lives attempting to hide our weaknesses. **WE HAVE BEEN CONDITIONED TO PURSUE SELF-SUFFICIENCY.** We are constantly bombarded with statements that we repeat/repost/retweet. These statements inspire us to find our inner strength. We've all heard some of these motivational expressions:

- You can do anything you put your mind to-
- You are the creator of your own destiny-
- Everything you need is already inside-
- Nothing is impossible-

All of these mantras are designed to entrench in us a belief in ourselves - that **WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.** Here is the problem - **WE CAN'T!** In fact, **WE DO NOT HAVE** the wisdom, energy or faculties to make it through this life victorious. There is a reason for this...**WE HAVE BEEN CREATED TO NEED** our creator.

We are not capable of anything - to our benefit - on our own. This should be a tough pill to swallow but I promise that in doing so you will find precious relief.

In Genesis 15 Abram finds himself at a pivotal juncture. God has promised him the blessings of numerous descendants, a vast land, and a great name. Genesis 14 records Abram's first GREAT military battle victory. However, coming out of this tremendous victory, Abram looks anything but confident and self assured.

"After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. "Fear not, Abram..." - Genesis 15:1a

The 'things' in the verse is a reference to Abram's military triumph. "Fear not...", considering the context, is a curious statement. At this point, it appears that the last thing Abram should be is fearful. He just invaded and destroyed the military forces of four countries (who themselves just invaded and destroyed five countries and traveled back to their homelands with the spoils of victory) in the middle of the night, in unfamiliar territory - his enemy's homeland, with just 318 men from his camp.

IT APPEARS ABRAM WOULD HAVE LITTLE TO FEAR. He easily imposed his will on a group of foreign powers and walked away an undisputed champion. However, God's word to Abram implies he is fearful.

Does Abram's fear imply he is weak? Absolutely! Despite his amazing accomplishments, **ABRAM IS COMPLETELY COGNIZANT OF HIS UTTER INSUFFICIENCY.** Abram understands he can not accomplish anything for God without His wisdom, strength and enablement.

The LORD follows up His command for Abram to 'Fear not' with another statement: *"I [the LORD] am your shield; your reward shall be great."* Why doesn't Abram need to fear? Because **GOD IS HIS PROTECTION AND VICTORY.**

WOW, what a powerfully liberating statement of promise!

However amazing this promise of victory from God appears, there is something unsettling about it. Do you feel it? I do. It is this - "I AM..." That is to say, everything required of Abram - wisdom, energy, and faculties - are not inside of him. In other words I AM implies ABRAM IS NOT.

Why is 'I AM...' so unsettling? It is because it is both countercultural and counterintuitive. It is a call to completely fall on the mercies of God for everything - because HE CAN and WE CAN'T.

So, with tears in my eyes, I pray that God would give you the strength to **LET GO** and believe that HE IS...Will you *"Stop striving and know that [He] is God."*

You might be wondering what letting go looks like. Abram shows us in Genesis 15. His response is stunning. He replies, *"Oh LORD God, what will YOU give me..."* In other words, **HELP!** Give me whatever I need. I require Your intervention to move.

How long has it been since you've fallen on your face and cried out for God's help? We simply don't have the time because our hands/lives are too busy building fortresses for our own protection. It is not a mystery why we fail. **WE FAIL BECAUSE WE MAKE LIFE ALL ABOUT US WHEN IT IS ALL ABOUT HIM.**

It's time to raise the white flag and surrender!

JOIN ME IN PRAISING THE LORD WITH A ONE WORD SONG OF PRAISE:

H E L P



IGNITE BIKES
STAY TUNED FOR PROJECT IGNITE
UPDATES AND INVITES



SMALL GROUP
Sunday Mornings @ the yOuthouse!
10:45-11:45am



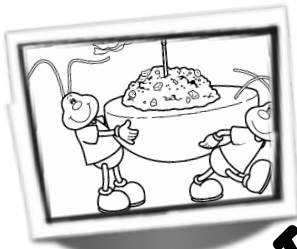
BE THE CHURCH BREAKFAST
EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30-7:30AM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

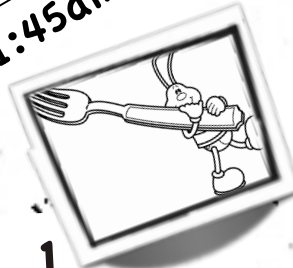
Easter is on the Way!

Weekly Lessons

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 BUILD TOGETHER!

We are wrapping up our season with a family picnic party on the FPC playground!

A BIG
"THANK YOU"
TO DEBBIE BERNER

Debbie Berner has been taking care of our little ones in the cribroom during the 10:45 service for several years. She regularly stepped up in a pinch during the 9:09 service and whenever else she was needed as well. We are incredibly thankful for her willing spirit, warmth, joy, patience, and love for the infants and toddlers of FPC! As she and her family enter a new phase in life in Albany, she will be greatly missed in the nursery. Make sure you give her a BIG hug and a hearty "Thank You" when you see her.



Sunday, May 25

NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAM - Happy Memorial Day!

Sunday, March 23

Last Supper, Foot Washing
John 13:1-17, Matt 26:26-29

Sunday, March 30

Garden Prayers, Arrest
Mark 14:10-12, 32-50

Sunday, April 6

Peter's Denial
Luke 22:54-62

Sunday, April 13

Death, Burial, Resurrection
Matthew 27 & 28

Sunday, April 20

**NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
CELEBRATE EASTER
TOGETHER!**

Sunday, April 27

Doubting Thomas
Luke 24:35-49

Sunday, May 4

Breakfast on the Beach
John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 11

Ascension, Commission
Acts 1:6-11

CONNECTING THOUGHTS**-SHARON EARLY**

As I write, groups have just barely begun the “All In” series, which means I don’t have a whole lot to share. However, one thing I have seen is that it is generating quite a bit of meaningful conversation. Groups are struggling to cover more than a couple of the study guide



questions, because they are truly wrestling with what it means to be “All In,” especially for those of us who aren’t called to be overseas missionaries. As we continue to flesh out what it means to be “All In,” I did want to share in the newsletter some ways that others have used their God-given talents to give us some visuals for this series.



The first is a casket that the Pierce family, Chris Campbell, Trevor Barney and Nathan Jacobs created. It is a stunning reminder each week of the sacrifice the missionaries of old used to make. They would pack their belongings in their casket, understanding they would not be returning and so were bringing their casket with them to be buried in. The visual is not meant to ‘guilt’ us into being overseas missionaries, but for us to remember the sacrifice they made and then question what that would look like in our lives. Take some time to go up and view the casket: reflect on your own life and what sacrifices you are willing to make for Christ. Thanks guys (and gals) for the

awesome job you did!!

The next set of images were created by Bob Sloan, Ronne Sisco’s (our nursery school director’s) father. He is a gifted artist, and we are privileged to receive his gift of the six pictures he created. When we first met with him, we gave a brief overview of the study and loaned him a book. That weekend, Bob read the whole book and came to us with images that reflected what had spoken to him. Along with the various people/scenes that are “All In,” he also gave us the incredible gift of his image of Jesus. The back wall of the sanctuary has the images displayed in such a way that Jesus is looking down on the other five images.



The first grouping of three images depicts some thoughts on what it means to be “All In”! Mary gave her all in her gift of perfume considered to be worth a year’s wages. Her act of worship was judged by others from a ‘worldly’ standpoint; whereas, Jesus saw the act of worship for what it was—valuing his presence with her at that moment.



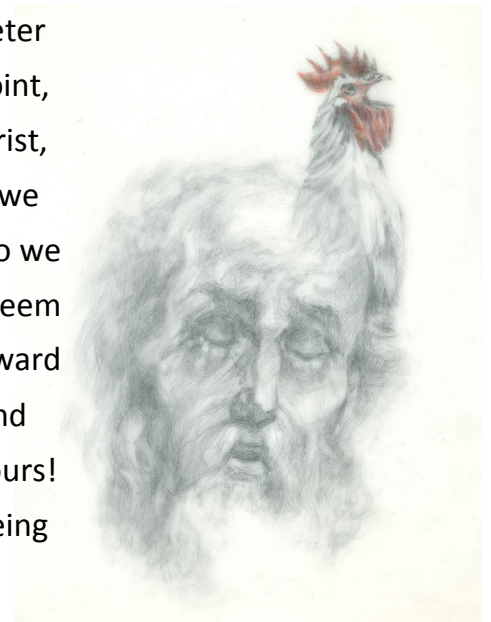
The next depicts a turning point at the battle of Gettysburg, where one soldier’s willingness to charge forward when the situation was quite overwhelming turned the tide of the war. Can we charge forward in our own lives, knowing we are called to follow Christ even when everything around us would indicate our efforts are hopeless?

The burning of the ships represents removing our fall-back plan. Can we so totally trust in God that we would be willing to release our safety nets (money, security, etc.) in order to move forward for God?



The last two images of Judas and Peter are images of ourselves... At one point, both were “All In” and following Christ, and then both faltered. Whom do we model ourselves after in the end? Do we ask for forgiveness, allow God to redeem us, and move forward once again toward being “All In”? Or do we give up and wallow in our guilt? The choice is yours! Choose each day to recommit to being

“All In” for Christ!



SPOTLIGHT ON THE STAFF: LARRY HOEY

- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ah, the things we don't know about this man who has been in our midst since 2009!

Although Larry didn't "inherit" his gifts and passion for music, they were evident very early in his life. When Larry was just 5 years old, he would get up at 6:30 on Sunday mornings to listen to the radio broadcast of *The Bible Study Hour* from Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Actually, at that age he was only interested in hearing Dr. Robert Elmore, organist and church music composer, play the pipe organ. Since he couldn't do it himself, he asked his mother to write a letter to Dr. Elmore saying that he wanted to be just like him when he grew up. How excited little Larry was to receive back from Dr. Elmore a personal letter and photo.



At the age of six, Larry started taking piano lessons. When he reached third grade, this child prodigy boldly informed the school music teacher that she didn't know how to play the piano. He was soundly reprimanded for that unsolicited review, but later, his teacher decided to use him as her accompanist. For the next two years he was excused from many of his own 3rd and 4th grade classes to play for her.

Larry started playing the pipe organ in churches at the age of 10, and he has played continuously for the last 52 years. Before coming to FPC, Larry played for 11 years at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. For the past 33 years, he has served as concert accompanist for the 100-voice "Valley Chorus" of Sayre, PA, and was recently named their administrative director.

Larry's areas of expertise go much beyond music. After doing his undergraduate work at Nyack College, he attended Eastman School of Music and RIT for engineering. He worked for 16 years at IBM as a quality engineer.

For the past 30 years, Larry has owned his own sound business. His focus is on sound system installations in commercial buildings such as schools, churches, and court houses.



Larry and his wife, Karen, live in Sayre in a lovely home that Larry designed and built. They are both passionate gardeners and love to can and cook as well. Karen is a 4th grade teacher for the Athens Area School District.

When we were looking for a new organist five years ago, many of us were concerned because the pool of organists is rapidly decreasing. God is so gracious. Not only do we have a gifted musician; Larry's commitment to Christ is evident in his care for others, his understanding of worship, and his desire to serve God with his gifts. He is a team player who cares deeply about building bridges between our two services. We are truly blessed to have Larry on staff at FPC.

CALLING ALL BOYS AND GIRLS FROM EVERY NATION...
MAY THE TORCH BE LIT FOR

The Silly Olympics!

A week of “messy and marvelous mania” for your 3 – 9 year old:



Spray bottle archery, Olympic torch sponge painting, water pinatas, pie eating contests, salt dough medals, literature and more! Choose which five-day session best fits your summer schedule and return the registration form below with the “Silly Olympics” tuition of \$100.00 to the N. S. Office.
(10% discount for each additional sibling)

Endicott 1st Presbyterian Nursery School’s

Silly Olympics Registration Form

Child’s Name(s) _____ Birth Date(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name _____ Phone # s _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please register my child(ren) for (select one week and time):

July 7 - 11 9:00-11:30am _____ OR 12:30-3:00pm _____ OR July 14 – 18 9:00-11:30am _____

Tuition due with registration: \$100.00. 10% discount for each additional sibling.

Make checks payable to: Endicott 1st Presbyterian Nursery School.

Additional information will be requested before program begins.

Our 2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Saturday May 10th!



Traditions at the Glen will be the site of this year’s challenge with a great time planned for golfers and non-golfers alike! Try for prizes with your 4 Person Captain ‘N’ Crew! Golfing’s not your bag? Join us later instead under the party tent for dinner and dancing to live entertainment by “Brotherhood!” A flyer may be picked up in the back of the sanctuary. Interested in sponsoring a hole or contributing goodies for the Silent Auction? Please contact Derek Washburn @ 607.748.1744 or e-mail him at derek@firstpresendicott.org.



All proceeds go to the Janet Cook Scholarship Fund.

SESSION UPDATE

-JANET FREDERICK, CLERK OF SESSION

On February 22, FPC staff and Session members met together for a time of worship and to discuss our respective roles and responsibilities. This was done in the context of the examination of an article on the characteristics of small, medium and large churches and an evaluation of where we fit with reference to our size and traits. The discussion was a valuable one and set the stage for ongoing meetings to ensure we are all working together toward the same mission and goals.

The regular Session meeting was held on

March 5 after the Agapé Supper. Before the formal meeting, we spent some time closely examining our procedures for serving communion. With new elders coming on Session each year and positions for serving communion changing regularly, we were in need of a "refresher" course and training.

Action items from the March meeting included:

- Approval of the re-establishment of a Vision Team to set a course for discerning God's purpose for FPC.

- Examination of and approval of the Mission

and Stewardship Committee's recommendation for the expenditure of 2014 General Mission Funds, including the Session-approved causes.

- Approval of our participation in a Local Mission Day at the Rescue Mission of Binghamton.

- Action to facilitate the move of Youth House activities and belongings to the Monroe House by mid-May.

As we approach the time for the PC(USA) General Assembly meeting in June, Session is spending an increasing amount of time becoming familiar

with the language and terminology unique to this gathering; we are also looking at some of the overtures that are being submitted for possible action this June. Once more information is received (probably by early May), we will have materials available for the congregation to study so that you can be aware of the types of decisions that will be made by the General Assembly and the possible consequences of those decisions for us as a congregation.

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@stny.rr.com.

ALL IN Artwork by Bob Sloan

A graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, Bob worked 37 years at Link Simulation as a Designer, Illustrator and Art Director. Since 1997, he continues to be a freelance traditional illustrator. His work may be found in the Broome County Arena and Roberson Museum as well as the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio and Fort Rucker, Alabama. The framing of the original illustrations was generously provided by: *A Frame Shoppe Inc., 320 Water Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 (Darrell Dunlap, Owner, 607.722.3503).*

Easter Lillies

The Deacons will be selling Easter lilies again this year. The price is \$12/plant and the deadline is April 10, 2014. See the order form for more details.

NARRATIVE ON THE HEALTH OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

- JAN DEVINE

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 #4, discussed by Session on 11/6/13:

How are you encouraging people to allow God's Word to shape their priorities and actions, and to nurture constant learning and the life of the mind?

- Weekly Preaching (i.e. Fall sermon series on Joseph in Genesis 37-50, coordinated with Children's Ministry and Small Groups, provided us with an in-depth study and application of lessons.)
- The 2012-2013 year-long study of the Bible in worship and small groups, using a chronological version called *The Story*, which emphasized how God's Upper Story intersects with our Lower Story.
- Small groups select study topics and resources that point us back to God's Word to both inform and form us.
- The different types of media we use in worship try to reach people at all levels/ages with God's Word.
- In-depth study of scripture and discussion as a Session when making important decisions:
 - Developing our Core Beliefs and Values.
 - Determining our stand on ordination standards.
 - Studying FOP's Essential Tenets of Faith as a Session, in officer training, and as a congregation.
- Attending conferences such as Equip 2013.
- Weekly discipleship classes on Sunday mornings for all ages.
- Weekly "Be the Church" Breakfast Groups for Youth to discuss how Scripture and life converge.
- Scripture memorization and application in Children's Ministry.
- Bibles and study tools given to children/adults at different ages and stages of faith.

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.

OUR LOSS IS TOPTON'S GAIN - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Folks are well aware that when Maynard Koplin moves at the beginning of May, life here at FPC will look different. Maynard and his wife, Annabelle, will be transitioning to a retirement community in Tipton, PA, where they will move into a 2-bedroom, newly renovated cottage. While acknowledging that down-sizing and moving is a difficult process, they are looking forward to living in this active community which is near many members of their extended family.

Maynard has been a member of this congregation for 6 years. In that short time, he has contributed to FPC life and ministry in countless ways. Maynard has demonstrated his passion for worship by supporting both services and by participating in the music ministry and pulpit supply. He has shared his passion for people by serving selflessly as a Deacon, a prayer warrior and dish washer at the Samaritan Supper, and by being part of the pastoral care team for hospital and emergency visitation. And who could forget Maynard's quiet sense of humor?



Maynard's witness extends beyond the programs and ministries of this particular church. Maynard actively cares for senior saints through visitation, as well as preaching and leading Bible studies in nursing homes. He reaches out to people who are in physical or spiritual crisis by walking alongside them, praying for them, and sharing God's truths and promises. On more than one occasion, Maynard has taken his clarinet to the hospital or a nursing home to soothe people's spirits with music.

We will have a chance to pray with and bless Maynard before they move, but for now we leave him with this proverb as he and Annabelle establish their new home:

*By wisdom a house is built,
and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful treasures. (Proverbs 24.3-4)*

As Maynard said when sharing the news . . . "There is a time for every season."



2nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

Where: Traditions at the Glen Golf Course
When: Saturday, May 10, 2014
Registration: 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Silent Auction Opens: 12:00 p.m. (Closes 30 minutes after the start of dinner)
Warm-up: 12:05 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. (Range is located off-site)
Instructions/Sendoff: 12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tee Time: 1:00 p.m. – Shotgun Start
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. – Music provided by [Brotherhood](#)
Entry Fee: \$90/person–\$360/team
 Includes: Golf, Prizes, Dinner and Entertainment
Format: Four-Person Captain ‘N’ Crew

- **Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and Straightest Drive Contests**
- Prizes awarded to top three teams
- In case of rain out, green fee/cart passes will be given by Traditions
- ***ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 7, 2014***

Contact:

- **For more information call Derek Washburn at 607-748-1744 or email at derek@firstpresendicott.org**

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_____ I would like to enter a four-person team (please list names)

1 _____	2 _____
3 _____	4 _____

*** Team contact **E-Mail** _____

Phone _____

I would also like to: _____ sponsor a hole (\$250) or _____ be a catering sponsor (\$500)

Company and phone #: _____

**Remit Payment & Entry Form to: 29 Grant Avenue
 Endicott, NY 13760 (Attention Derek Washburn)
 Make Checks Payable to: Endicott First Presbyterian Nursery School**

MUSIC REVIEW

-NATHAN JACOBS, WORSHIP TEAM LEADER



1. Always Will (Intro)
2. Always Will
3. You Never Fail
4. **Christ Is Enough**
5. Where the Spirit of the Lord Is
6. **Glorious Ruins**
7. Closer
8. God Who Saves
9. **To Be Like You**
10. **Man of Sorrows**
11. We Glorify Your Name
12. You Crown the Year

13. Anchor
14. Lift You Higher
15. Only You

Hillsong Live’s newest offering continues their tradition of creating praise and worship songs featuring catchy melodies combined with solid theology. If you are unfamiliar with Hillsong, they are the original artists that wrote many of the songs we do in church every Sunday, like *Mighty to Save*, *From the Inside Out*, *The Stand*, and *Cornerstone*. This newest album from the Sydney, Australia based group features

synth-laden tracks with powerful vocals. My personal favorites are marked in bold in the track listing. *Christ Is Enough* is a powerful declaration that incorporates the hymn *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus* as a bridge. The title track, *Glorious Ruins*, is a song of triumph in Christ, even in the midst of despair: “I’ll walk through the fire with my head lifted high and my spirit revived in your story...Let the ruins come to life in the beauty of your name, rising up from the ashes, God forever you reign.” *To Be Like You* is a quieter track

that comes as a heartfelt prayer to realize that God is bigger than self: “All I want, all I need, more of you, less of me.” *Man of Sorrows* tells the story of our redemption through Jesus’ suffering on the cross for our sake. The songwriting here is some of Hillsong’s best, with instantly singable melodies and memorable lyrics: “Sent of heaven, God’s own son to...reconcile the very ones who nailed him to that tree.”

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FPP Calendar

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 7:00 pm Deacons	2 6:00 am Men's Group 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00pm Session	3 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	4	5
6 9:09 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional)	7 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 5:30 pm Personnel Committee 7:00 pm Membership Team Meeting 7:00 pm Relevant Ministries	8 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 6:30 pm Nursery School Board Meeting	9 6:00 am Men's Group 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	10 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	11	12
13 Handbells Palm Sunday 9:09 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional)	14 7:00 pm Relevant Ministries	15 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper	16 6:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	17 Maundy Thursday 7:30pm Maundy service/ communion	18 Good Friday All Day Office Closed	19
20 Easter 9:09 am Worship Service (Contemporary) 10:30 am Children's Ministry 10:45 am Worship Service (Traditional)	21 12:00 pm Women's Club 7:00 pm Relevant Ministries	22 5:30 pm Samaritan Supper 7:00pm Worship Ministry Team	23 6:00 am Men's Group 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal	24 2:30 pm Homework Cafe 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	25 12:00 pm Fellowship Dinner	26
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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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