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through "Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out"

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Joyful Journey to Jerusalem

It has been a brilliantly white, beautifully snowy and bitterly cold three months. And while I have tried my best to delight in the snowy days, I am very much looking ahead to the blossoming of spring and new life all around us. Whether we blame God or the groundhog for the long cold winter, we will have six weeks of spiritual thawing in store for you at the church. See below our plans to gather in the warm love of the Holy Spirit throughout Lent.

Now we all probably have a bit of cabin fever. I got to thinking about how the disciples were locked up in a room following Jesus' death. He then breathed the Holy Spirit upon them and said: 1. Peace be with you. 2. Receive the Holy Spirit. 3. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." So may the peace of Jesus' Spirit, and the spiritual energy we have stored up during a cold winter be poured out upon the world as we are sent out as disciples of the Resurrection and the Life.

Lenten Services and Palm/ Passion Sunday Play

Jesus' and his present disciples' Journey to Jerusalem begins at 7:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, as we share communion and receive ashes. It is a brief and beautiful service.

Sunday worship will be filled with wonderful sacred music at the traditional 9:30 a.m. service and contemporary 11:15 a.m. service between March 9th and April 6th.

A Palm/Passion Sunday play will be presented on Sunday April 13th at a combined 10:30 a.m. service. Wednesday rehearsals will begin on March 5th at 5:15 p.m. Please contact Macada Brandl at mbrandl@comcast.net to sign up your child or with any questions.

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Help save lives by being a blood donor.

Fanwood Presbyterian Church is sponsoring our Spring Blood Drive on Saturday, April 5th from

7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the NJ Blood Services Donor Center located at 2279 South Avenue (about 1 mile east of the Fanwood train station). The entrance is from the parking lot in the back of the building.

You can sign up for an appointment to donate by contacting Kris Adams at (908) 889-7361 or by email krisadams@peoplepc.com. Sign-ups will also be taken at the church on the two Sundays before the drive. Eligible donors between the ages of 16 to 75+ are urgently needed. Written parental approval is required for 16 year olds, special weight criteria applies for teens, and medical clearance by a doctor is required for those over 75. For questions about eligibility, you can go to www.nybloodcenter.org.

This is an ongoing need for all blood types and plasma donations. Our winter drive resulted in 18 donated pints of whole blood. Our goal for this drive is 20 pints. We need your help to reach this goal and to maintain an adequate supply of blood and blood products. Won't you do your part and donate if you are able? Walk-ins are also welcome...so spread the word!

Holy Week Services

Approximately 20-minute Holy Week morning devotionals will be held April 14th-16th at 8:00 a.m. We will remember the Passover, Jesus' Last Supper and strip the church on Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. We lament with Jesus at 7:30 p.m. on Good Friday, including a message from Dr. Dick Sharrett and a moving timpani and organ

prelude written by Director of Music, Tom Berdos. The resurrection will be celebrated at another combined 10:30 a.m. service on April 20th with brass and communion.

Jewish-Christian Fellowship and Dialog During Soup and Devotions- 6:45 p.m.

Some members from the Temple Sholom will join us on Thursday nights at 6:45 pm between March 13th and April 10th as we break bread and share delicious soup in the dining room.

If work prevents you from coming early, please join us at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary when we will watch segments of the award-winning documentary "Jews and Christians- A Journey of Faith" and then break into discussion groups.

We will have a second group meeting for the movie and discussions on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., starting March 11th.

Come learn more about the Jewish roots of the Christian faith and how they were redeveloped in the church. Seeking common ground, respecting differences and working for peace and justice will be the expectations and fruits of this exciting venture.



Upcoming Worship Time Exceptions (just in case you missed it above):

April 13th- 10:30 a.m. combined Palm/Passion Sunday service
April 20th- 10:30 a.m. combined Easter Service

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March 13th- April 10th- Soup and Devotions time change: 6:45 p.m. meal in the dining room and movie/ discussions at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary



Music Ministry

Our music ensembles are gearing up for Ash Wednesday (March 5), for special music during Holy Week, preparing for two concerts, and presenting music each week in our worship services. Many thanks to all who give their time and talent for the glory of God each week in our music ministry.

We are preparing for a sacred choral concert on Palm Sunday, April 13, at which Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass will be performed with professional soloists, chamber orchestra, and small chorus. We are also preparing for our third annual Fanwood Choir Festival, to be held on Sunday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. Both of these concerts are open to the public.

The Lord Nelson Mass, also known as the Mass in D minor (Hob. XXII:11) and the *Missa in Angustiis* (Mass for times of trouble), is arguably one of Haydn's finest compositions. It was composed the same year as his *Creation*. Haydn had recently returned from England where he was captivated by Handel's choral compositional style. In the Nelson Mass we see elements of Handelian grandeur, Classical clarity, and the foreshadowing of Beethoven.

Presentation of the Mass text is a fitting way to begin Holy Week. It is really the proclamation of the gospel – our faith is outlined beautifully in the timeless Latin text. English translation will appear in the concert program. So by the use of classical music, we are proclaiming our faith in Christ to our community. It is all there – his atoning death for us and triumphant resurrection in victory over death.

To offset the necessary expense of professional musicians for this concert we will receive a free-will offering. However, we will also need patrons to fully support this event. Please prayerfully consider being a patron. We will ask patrons for a donation of \$75.00, and their name will be listed in the concert program.

Our Fanwood Choir Festival plans are also underway. Please support this annual fundraiser for the rescue squads of Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Last year we raised over \$4,000.00, which is very exciting! Please plan to attend, and invite people to come with you. There are no tickets to buy, just a freewill offering. We have some excellent conductors joining us and will be singing inspiring music.

If you would like to sing in the Choir Festival chorus, please let me know. Music reading skills are certainly helpful, but not essential. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., from April 23 to May 14, with a couple of additional rehearsals at other times. We have a great time at rehearsal – it's a great way to spend an hour, and for a very worthy cause. Each singer purchases their own music at a cost of \$20.00.

As the host church, we'd love to see as many FPC people as possible in the audience of both concerts as we reach out to our local community. Please also remember these efforts in your prayers. Prayer support for this ministry is critically important, and I thank you for it.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (April 13), and has services on Maundy Thursday (4/17) and Good Friday (4/18). If you are not in the habit of attending some of these special services, I would encourage you to put them on your calendar this year. Celebrating our faith is a privilege, and it is good to be together to mark the highlights of the Christian year. There will be special

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music at each service. Easter Sunday, 4/20, will be a wonderful time of celebration as well, with special music and lots of high praise to our risen Christ!

Please check the board outside the choir room for posted ensemble schedules and announcements.

Thanks for your participation and prayer regarding the music ministry!

Yours in Christ, Tom

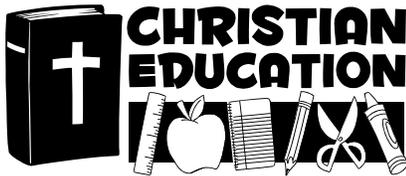
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:6



FPC FOOD BANK

Hello from the food bank

We are in need of 2 lb bags of rice, canned milk, instant coffee and tea.
Many thanks



vacation Bible School!

This summer during VBS we will be teaching the children that God loves them no matter what! We will be using weird animals to show the children that even though we are all different, God loves us the same. VBS will be held July 21-25th, I hope to see you all there!! If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Christie Alston at christianne9@verizon.net.



Experiencing God's Word

At Weird Animals vacation Bible school, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!

Upcoming events:

March 21-23rd: Confirmation Retreat

April 13th: Easter play

May 18th: Confirmation/Youth Sunday

July 14-18: Summer Quest

Christian Education



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN STRETCHING HANDS, MINDS AND HEARTS FOR MISSION.

**Presbyterian Women are all
women in the Church: we**

**encourage each woman to take part
actively in whatever is of interest to
her AND SUPPORT OUR ON-GOING
EFFORTS.**

All are welcome to come see what is
being done and or to join the group.
<mailto:needlenite@fanwoodpc.org>.
<mailto:edlenite@fanwoodpc.org>.

The donated materials used end up in
many forms usable by the charities that
receive them. The Needle Nite participants
then take their newly learned skills for their
use at home.

Small Groups or **Circles** of women meet for
fellowship, service and Bible study.

***Circles are open to all women and new
members would be welcomed.*** Please
call the leader of the Circle that fits your
schedule.

Deborah's Circle meets a 7:30pm on the
third Monday of each month. Women of the
Bible is the study for this year. Ginny Kurek
is the leader

Priscilla's Circle meets at 9:15am on the
second Thursday of each month. Dory
Lesdesma is their leader.

Rachel's Circle meets at 8pm on the fourth
Tuesday in Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., and
May. Diane Knectel is the leader.

For more information about Presbyterian
Women of FPC please call the Church
office at 908-889-8891.

The Reading Group



The Reading Group will meet on March 14 at 2pm at the home of
Cena Pollitt, 352 LaGrande Ave., Fanwood. The members wondered after reading
'Orphan Train' whether the new book would be more about an orphan.

However, 'The Light Between Oceans' takes a very different bend.

M.L. Stedman writes a mesmerizing novel taking place after WWI on an isolated
island off the coast of Australia. The returning soldier with his young wife take the
position of lighthouse keeper with very little contact with the mainland.

After many years and much sadness with miscarriages, the wife finds a boat
washed onto the shore with a dead man and a live baby. This gives them a moral
dilemma and emotional struggles. This book should give the group a thoughtful
discussion.

For further information please call Cena at 889-2019.

Presbyterian Women

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1	Nancy Bassman Barbara Edwards Diane Poulos Evelyn Swenson	9		17		25	
2		10	Zachary Gray	18	David Schwartz	26	
3		11	Abigail Elliot Michael Judge Eleanor Kramps Roseanne Lindermann Richard Lorber James Santo Salvo Jonathan Sot Justin Zimmerman	19		27	
4	Lynn Canfield	12		20	Lucille Lippert William E. Newell jr	28	Michael Hopkins Joseph Turso
5		13	Joseph Donofrio	21	Derek Brown	29	Elizabeth Daniskas Bonnie Oatis
6	Megan Lahetta	14	Cheryl Philhower- Gillick	22	Stephanie Glover Nancy Kohlenberger	30	
7	Jonathan Chaillet Barry N. Gustafson Nicholas Tuyp	15	Henry LeWand Marie Parsons	23	Amanda Magee Grayce Mattos Stacey Tanguy	31	Jean Trumpp Andrew Van Ostenbridge
8	Frederick Kramps	16		24	Bailey Brown Lawrence Caroselli		

Some known and some not-so-known March holidays (From Holidayinsights.com)

March 4th is *Holy Experiment Day* – a day set aside for people to try something they haven't done before to get closer to God. Read to a blind person, take food to the hungry, pray for an enemy, read a chapter of the bible that is unfamiliar. You get the idea

March 4th is also *Hug a GI day* – maybe those two can be related!!

March 11th is *Johnny Appleseed Day* – He was also a preacher!

March 12th is *Girl Scout Day*

March 15th is *The Ides of March* – 1st day of spring on the ancient Roman calendar

March 17th is *SAINT PATRICK'S DAY*

March 20th is *Earth Day*

March 25 is *National Waffle Day* - Mmmmmmm

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