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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear friends,

Since 2010, our church vision and mission has been about 1. growing as disciples of Christ in order to 2. extend the reach of Christ into our community and world.

I continue to see signs of our growth in these regards. Sunday Worship is where the above 1. discipleship and 2. apostolicity begin and our attendance average has increased every year since 2011. We now have a wonderful and consistent Thursday night small group who meet throughout the school year. When we finished for the summer both in 2013 and just last week, the members of the group, many of whom had not known each other, stayed and chatted long after the class ended. Community and fellowship (in the Holy Spirit) had formed and it was a blessing to see.

Director of Music Ministries Tom Berdos has reached out and brought in hundreds from surrounding communities with his choral events, adding a third one this year. In all of them, the gospel is sung beautifully and powerfully and as it is heard, the Spirit plants seeds and nourishes those already planted.

Youth and Children's Ministries Director Christie Alston made both Kingdom Kids and Youth Group weekly events this last year. A relationship with God through Jesus and in the Spirit of friendship was rightly emphasized as well as the importance of prayer and reading the Word.

Our missions to the hungry in mind, body and spirit continues in too many ways to mention here. I bring it up because they are all lay-led and lay-driven. And with seven pillars of the church recently moved or soon to be moving-- the Cavicchias, Chapmans, Seavys and John Spicer-- I ask you to consider how you might have a greater role in discerning, leading and contributing to the many wonderful things The Holy Spirit is doing in and through our church. If a committee or mission team member reaches out to you, please prayerfully discern whether God is calling you to serve in that area or elsewhere within or beyond church walls.

Pastor David

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Session and Committee News



Thanks be to God for a Wonderful New Member Class

The newly christened "Hospitality Committee" has done a wonderful job over the last year of welcoming visitors and making them feel at home as well as reaching out to them at their homes and providing a loaf of bread. This culminated in a class of eleven new members whom we welcomed in worship on June 15th.

- ❖ Beverly Pilato was baptized at FPC last fall. She works as an administrator and is already involved in one of our women's circles.
- ❖ Gloria Morlock was a member of our church many years ago and it is wonderful to have her and her great smile back again.
- ❖ Suzanne Hernandez also came to F.P.C. years ago as a child. She is now a 4th grade teacher at McGinn and brings her lovely children, Henry and Lyla, with her on Sundays.
- ❖ The Larbi family-- Joe, Mavis, Mavis' mom Helena, Isabel, Vince and Michelle— have been coming regularly since receiving our postcard last fall. Mavis works at the U.N. while Joe just completed his MBA while working full-time as well. Helena has after school child-care duties well in hand.
- ❖ Kevin and Melissa Miller started coming to the 11:15 a.m. service about

the same time the Larbis did and recently welcomed their first child John Andrew. Like Joe, Kevin just got another professional license while working full-time. Melissa will be going back to her work in Human Resources after maternity leave.

- ❖ The Millers invited Kevin's parents, Russ and Mary Ann, who will also be joining, bringing much Presbyterian history and wisdom with them. Russ is enjoying retirement from a career in the auto industry and Mary Ann works as a secretary for the Avenel Middle School.
- ❖ Last but not least, our youth and children's ministries director Christie Alston will be joining our church. You have heard in her children's sermons and on occasion, in her sermons to older children from the pulpit, God's Word to our church and we are thrilled that she will be a church member as well as a staff member.

We are blessed with many other regular visitors to the church, many of whom might be considered "common law" members if there were such a thing. We trust that we all have been wed to God through faith in Christ Jesus and we are grateful for everyone's presence and daily offerings of selves and spiritual gifts. We look forward to many years of worship and fellowship in the Holy Spirit and shared ministries of love, peace and justice to the world.

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New Sacred Worship Space for the Summer

We started worshipping in the dining room on June 15th and we will be in there for 5-8

weeks. I look forward to a new ambiance for worship as our sanctuary is made more functional and beautiful through your gracious gifts to the capital campaign. David



Music Ministry

Many people served faithfully and diligently in the past year for the music ministry, and I am grateful to the Lord for all of you. For those who sang, and played, and in other ways assisted in our efforts to glorify God in our worship, heartfelt thanks. You have been a blessing to our congregation, community, and to the Lord Himself!

The Sanctuary Choir and the Praise Band will be providing music for worship during July and August. If you would like to join the choir in the coming weeks, we'd love to have you! The choir will be singing through July 6. Other ensembles are on "summer recess" – have a great, restful summer, and we'll look forward to seeing you in the fall.

On Sunday, July 13, I will be conducting two choral works at the Ocean Grove Choir Festival. Also, I was commissioned to compose an instrumental piece for this festival that will be performed at the same event. Singers are welcome (see http://www.oceangrove.org/files/Choir_Festival_2014.pdf for details). You are also welcome to attend the concert, which is

at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Auditorium at Ocean Grove. Plan to arrive in OG by 6:00 p.m. to find parking. My brass piece will be part of the prelude, so will probably be played a little before 7:00 p.m. Fanwood Presbyterian Church should be listed in the concert program, and I would love to see you there!

The Men's Choir will sing on Sunday, July 20. All men in the congregation are invited to sing. We will rehearse on July 6 and July 13 after worship, and on July 20 before worship. Join us, men and young men of all ages!

I'm looking forward very much to moving in to our new chancel! Thank you for your generous giving to the capital campaign, which brings so many improvements to our church facility that will impact generations to come.

Thank you for your ministry, and thanks for your prayers.

September 10: first rehearsals for Joyful Noise (5:15 pm.), Sanctuary Ringers (6:30 p.m.), and Sanctuary Choir (7:30 p.m.).

If you have any questions, would like to participate, or would just like to say hello, you can always email me at tom.berdos@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you.

Yours in Christ, Tom

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



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Food Bank

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Hello from the food bank

Please give if you can to the food bank. There are still many people in need in our surrounding communities.

Christian Education

Confirmation Class 2014

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future
Jeremiah 29:11



I would once again like to welcome the 2014 confirmation class to Fanwood Presbyterian Church. We are excited that Henry LeWand, Benjamin Jackman, Natalie Jablonski, Alex Poullos, and Timothy Geisseldecided to join our church; but more importantly they have decided to follow Jesus Christ through this journey we call life.

From October through April the Confirmands were challenged to understand who Jesus is and why they should follow him. They learned about the Trinity and why each part of God is not only unique, but also dependent each other, just like we are dependent on God. They were challenged to read their Bibles, pray and attend worship on a regular basis. As they went through this journey they not only grew closer to God, they also grew closer to one another.

We soon found out that Alex has an inquisitive mind, and was always asking great questions. Henry was always able to make us smile no matter what was going on around us. Ben was our quiet peacemaker, who helped bring balance to our group. We discovered that Natalie has a huge heart for those in need as she was often times the first person to offer help to the less fortunate. Tim was our theologian. He was always able to bring insight to the scriptures. Together they formed a wonderful support system for each other. Krista and I have been blessed to play a small role in the faith journey of these 5 wonderful young adults, we are excited to see what God has planned for them. If you have not done so already, please take the time to get to know these 5 and continue to pray for them.

Blessings,
Christie and Krista

Presbyterian Women



**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.**

Circles do not meet in the summer, they will resume in September. We hope that women who are not in a Circle might like to join an on-going one or start one of their own.

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 at 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.

>>No Needle Nite in July at Fanwood Presbyterian Church. <<

There will be no Needle Nite at Fanwood Presbyterian Church in July. The next scheduled Needle Nite will be August 1st at 7:30pm in Westminister Hall on Marian Ave.

The August program will be used to sort fabric for use during the coming year. It will also be the ice cream social night, come prepared to indulge in your favorite treat.

If fabric, batting or yarn is needed, Needle Niters may e-mail their request to needlenite@fanwoodpc.org. The donated materials used end up in many forms usable to the charities that receive them. The Needle Nite Participants then take their newly learned skills for their use at home.

For further information about these projects or directions to Fanwood Presbyterian Church please call the office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail amin@fanwoodpc.org or check the web www.fanwoodpc.org.

The Reading Group



The Reading Group will be reading *The Aviator's Wife* and the discussion will be on July 11 at 2pm at the home of Pat Reyes, 10 Tower Place in Fanwood. Both libraries have this book about Anne Morrow Lindbergh's life.

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