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"Growing in God's Love, Serving All God's People"
through "Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out"

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter to all of my brothers and sisters in Christ! We are an Easter people, filled with joy at the promise of eternal life, the hope it brings and the love it calls us to bear incessantly. Jesus' body was resurrected and has ascended into heaven, leaving us to be his body on earth. So what will you do this Easter season to bear Christ Jesus to the world? Will you sign up to deliver meals to Elizabeth? Will you check out the Thrift Shop or the Food Bank? Will you volunteer at a school or hospital? Or decide to serve on a church committee?

The apostle James says that our works reveal our faith. So faith in the resurrection means living according to the wonderful ways of the Kingdom of heaven and sharing health, abundance, peace, love and fellowship with everyone, with special attention to serving those who are lacking or under-blessed when it comes to the Kingdom. Let Jesus' Spirit of resurrection work through you to lift up those suffering from our fallen world. Find at least a couple of hours a month to serve out of and for God's agape love for all.

God bless our Pakistani brothers and sister in Christ who lost and/or have hurting loved ones following the bombing in Lahore. As one Pakistani Christian tweeted, however, "It is easy to hate. The [terrorists] want us to hate. But they have lost. You know how I know? Because right now thousands of Lahori men and women are queueing up outside hospitals to donate blood.* Tonight, Muslim blood will flow through Christian bodies. And vice versa. You see, in hurting us, you united us." #LahoreStrong

Out of the murders of God's Son and his people will rise the Spirit of Truth, Justice, Mercy and New Life. David

p.s. Give blood at our drive on April 9th at the NJ Blood Services Center at 2279 South Ave.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Session and Committee News



MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the beginning of a new year – Missions would like to give the Congregation a few updates:

Our Meal Ministry continues to flourish – In 2015, we delivered an average of 115 meals on the one Sunday of every month (January through December, thanks to the many wonderful volunteers willing to use a Sunday afternoon to “feed the hungry.”!).

We received honorable mention in the annual Cranford-Elmora Soup Kitchen newsletter: “Fanwood Presbyterian Church continues to bring bags of dried goods and other necessary items, which they distribute to our guests as they leave on the 4th Sunday of each month. They also support us and many other charities with proceeds from their lovely thrift shop... . Thank You Fanwood Presbyterian Church for your constant and heartwarming support.”

We were privileged to hear from Nadia Ayoub (the missionary we support, working with the Roma people in the Ukraine), in person in July of 2015. She is a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, and does amazing work among one group of the world’s much marginalized groups, with limited resources. In her November newsletter, she wrote: “ ...I thank God for his faithfulness through the year 2015. And

I thank each one of you for continuing to be faithful partners with your prayers, encouragements, and support.....

I also went back to visit one family in Ticebokeny. They have nine children and the kids are afraid to come to the Roma Mission Center. The mother asked if we could come and work with their children at home, so we did--- and we had good time with their nine children, and three more children from the neighbors.....There are some signs of change in the people’s behavior, even little changes in a spiritual way. And this is only happening because of your partnership and support for me and God’s work among the Roma”

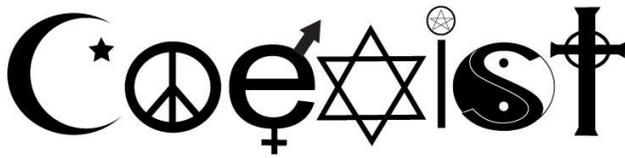
Nadia is a daily testament to God’s grace in this world. The Mission Committee would like to ask everyone at FPC to hold her up in prayer this year, more than ever.

Presbyterian World Mission is in some financial difficulty, and it is questionable whether or not they will be able to sustain all the missionaries in the field this year. Let us pray that Nadia will be able to continue God’s work with the Roma.

As a reminder at the start of the New Year: If anyone feels called to help in a Mission project – particularly with the delivery of bagged lunches to Elizabeth , please contact Jean Fraser at fromage7703@gmail.com or call her at 908 8891507.

In His service – The Mission Committee.

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SPF Ministerium News

1. We will host an interfaith board game night on April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in our church dining room.
2. On April 19th at 6 p.m., the Muslim Community Center of Union County will host an interfaith meeting about Interconnected forms of violence. The address is 964 Magie Ave., Elizabeth.
3. Pastor David is joining Rabbi Joel from the Temple Sholom in an Interfaith Partners for Peace Project.
4. Lastly, FPC plans to join other churches in helping with refugee resettlement.



FPC FOOD BANK

FPC
Food Bank

Hello from the food bank! The food bank is in need of canned meat, canned milk instant coffee. Many thanks for all your donations. Susan Wayman



A Word From Westminster!

Greetings! As I compose this Fanfare article, we have just completed our Westminster Easter worship services, and Bunny Brunches! A great deal of preparation by the staff goes into these events, but they are always so heartwarming and joyful that they are well worth the effort! I wish all of our church families a joyful Easter and a warm and wonderful spring. The staff and I are very pleased to report that registration (for our 21st year) is going very well. Our enrollment is up from this current school year and families are extremely pleased with the school and the Christian Education we are providing. A huge thank you to our church members for spreading the word, and for enrolling your children. This year we will be having two retirements at the year's end in June. We thank Lynne Tanguy and Dee Vasnelis for all that they have done to enrich the lives of young children. Lynne has been on our staff since our opening day. Both talented and amazing educators will be dearly missed. We wish both Lynne and Dee a very happy retirement. Enjoy your next chapter! Happy Spring, Nancy Bantz

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 what-ever is of interest to her AND SUPPORT OUR ON-GOING EFFORTS.

Notice to all Women of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church

We will be hosting the Women of the Presbytery for the Spring Gathering on Monday, April 25th at 6pm. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.

Women in Worship on April 3rd -- Come hear Christie Alston preach at either service of worship, Lorna Everhart serve as liturgist at 9:30 a.m., and Libby Daniskas sing a solo at 11:15 a.m.

The speaker will be Gloria Frederick from New Brunswick Presbytery and on the UN Committee on the Status of Women.

This will be a “Bring our own Dinner” event, but FPC Women, as host will provide the beverage and desserts, also will be needed for set-up and clean-up.

Women of the church are invited to join the Woodbridge women on their retreat June 4th at Camp Johnsonburg. Please save the date and pick up a flyer and respond before may 20th.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN ELIZABETH PRESBYTERY

2016 SPRING GATHERING

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016, FROM 5:30 PM TO 9:00 PM
AT FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LET JUSTICE ROLL ON LIKE A RIVER...



RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE A NEVER-FAILING STREAM. AMOS 5: 24

SPEAKERS:

GLORIA FREDERICK, Moderator of PW in New Brunswick Presbytery and
PW Representative to the UN Commission on the Status of Women;

CHENOA STOCK, PC(USA) Companionship Facilitator in Bolivia, working with
UMAVIDA on issues regarding mining and water.

Registration begins at 5:30; Program begins at 6:45

NO CHARGE...Bring your own supper if you wish.

Beverages & dessert will be provided by Fanwood PW

MISSION PROJECTS: Diapers and baby wipes for Elizabethport Center;

Non-perishable food for Fanwood PC Food Bank

(For directions to Fanwood PC, please visit www.fanwoodpc.org)

Please contact Alicia Tamilio to provide a head count: 908-304-4822 or atamilio66@comcast.net

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News from the Thrift Shop

The Thrift shop has been having 1/2 price sales for the past few weeks and will be cleaning out and sending things to local charities. April the 6th, we will be open for new Spring items. Welcome! Come all and see what treasures you might find. All monies from sales go back out into the community.



Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of Louise Anderson and Barbara Edwards on their passing into God's eternal presence, to the Brown family on the recent passing of Julie's father, to Evelyn Schneider on the recent passing of her husband and to all others who have lost loved ones. God comfort and keep you all in peace which passes understanding and hope which springs eternal.

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Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9	Evan Lake	17		25	Edmund Cox
2		10		18	Diane Johnston	26	
3	Zachariah Chapman	11	Paul Spicer	19	Timothy Geissel Peter S. Thomson	27	
4	Beverly Comer	12	Douglas B. Clausen	20		28	Monika Chapman
5		13		21		29	Julie Brown Heather Saum Diana Shoback
6	John Stueck	14	Jane Clausen	22	Kathy Mattimore Sally Turso	30	Jennifer Gustafson Gloria Morlock
7	Jessica Schink	15	James Drewes Lynne Schwartz	23			
8		16	Dorothy S. Boos Emily Sena Susan Wayman	24	Jeremy Mattimore		