

THE FANFARE

VOL. 61, No. 2

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAR-APR 2016



Fanwood Presbyterian Church
Box 69
Fanwood, NJ 07023
908-889-8891

Senior Pastor
David Jahnke

Director of Children's & Youth
Ministries

Christie Alston

Director of Music Ministries
Marcello Velame

Church Organist

Church Administrator
Judith Bowen

Director of Westminster
Preschool

Nancy E. Bantz



THE FANFARE

FANFARE Editor
Chris Gray
cgray1941@aol.com

Production/Fulfillment
Coordinated by
Shirley Pillow

Next FANFARE deadline is
April 8, 2016
For the May-June Issue

FPC on the web
www.fanwoodpc.org

There are six issues of THE FANFARE published yearly. The deadline is the 2nd Friday every other month. Please put submissions in the FANFARE mail box or contact FANFARE Editor Chris Gray at the e-mail address listed above.

Fanwood Presbyterian Church

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear friends in Christ,

During a staff meeting last Tuesday, I told the staff that God has provided FPC with precisely the wonderful staff God intends to lead us into His abundant future. I am so grateful for Christie, Judith and Marcello's faithfulness and dedication to their callings and the ways they have already lived out the covenant below which we signed. I believe the same principles apply to the church as a whole and encourage you all to commit to this covenant as well. I would love to hear of your interest in striving to embody this Way within the church. Sincerely yours in Christ,
David

Fanwood Presbyterian Church Staff
(and Congregational) Covenant

To be a part of the F.P.C. staff [and congregation] is to be a part of a Christian ministry team. We are here to fulfill our call to help lead F.P.C. to "Grow in God's Love and Serve All God's People through Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out."

We are each an equally valuable part of one Body, serving one God and one vision at F.P.C. We consider our work, individual and collective, to be the work of God's Kingdom. We believe God has called each of us to be here, and it is for this ultimate purpose that we come together to labor, fellowship, pray and worship in Jesus' name.

Our corporate calling to serve Christ guides our attitudes and our actions towards our work and our relationships. Therefore, we are committed to guarding closely the unity of our staff [and congregation] by upholding these standards:

Respect

We respect one another-- our roles, time and value to the team. We consider how actions and plans will impact other staff [and church] members. In the spirit of cooperation we consider the needs of others as well as our own. To the best of our ability we are willing to give and receive help wherever it is needed. *Continued on page 4...*

2016		March				2016	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Session 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	2 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:00p.m. – Play Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. – Middlers 6:30 p.m. – Soup /Devotions 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	3 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word	4 7:00 p.m. Needle Nite	5 HS Youth Retreat Weekend	
6 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	7	8 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Deacons 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	9 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:00 p.m. – Play Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. – Middlers 6:30 p.m. – Soup /Devotions 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	10 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word	11	12	
13 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	14	15 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Committees 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	16 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:00 p.m. – Play Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. – Middlers 6:30 p.m. – Soup /Devotions 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	17 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Trustees	18	19 9:30 a.m. Food Bank	
20 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Palm Sunday	21 8:00 a.m. Morning Devotional	22 8:00 a.m. Morning Devotional 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	23 8:00 a.m. Morning Devotional 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 5:30 p.m. - Middlers 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth	24 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	25 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service	26	
27 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Easter Sunday	28	29	30 No Youth Groups today No Choir today	31			

2016		April				2016	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2	
3 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	4	5 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Session 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	6 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. - Middlers 6:30 p.m. - Meal 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	7 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group	8 7:00 p.m. Needle Nite	9	
10 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	11	12 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Deacons 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	13 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. - Middlers 6:30 p.m. - Meal 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	14 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group	15	16 9:30 a.m. Food Bank	
17 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	18	19 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. - Committees 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	20 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop No Youth Groups today 6:30 p.m. - Meal 7:00 p.m. - SanctuaryChoir	21 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Small Group	22	23	
24 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	25	26 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	27 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 6:30 p.m. - Meal 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - SanctuaryChoir	28 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group	29	30	

Session and Committee News

...Continued from page 1

Trust

Faithfulness to God's vocational call upon us requires a spirit of truth, trust and faithfulness to each other. With Christ as the foundation of our calling, we work to build an atmosphere of trust by demonstrating honesty, openness and integrity in our interactions. We seek direct communication, and do not contribute to gossip— by speaking it or listening to it. We exercise discretion and hold conversations in appropriate settings. We always speak kindly to one another, with a particular intentionality during conflict or confrontation.

Integrity

Our actions and relationships are conducted with honesty and dedication. In all things, we continually encourage one another towards growth and excellence. We use church resources appropriately. We are fair and equitable in upholding standards and in granting special considerations. We humble ourselves by acknowledging our mistakes, extending forgiveness to others, and working as a team towards resolution.

Fellowship

We share Christ's love with one another by genuinely caring for every person. We celebrate our joys together and support one another in difficulties. We worship, pray and fellowship together regularly.

Conflict Resolution

We recognize that there will be times of conflict and strive to see them as opportunities for growth. We seek to resolve disagreements and tensions through communicating directly, and prayerfully seeking God's will and mutual

understanding. In some cases, tolerance and grace will allow us to respectfully disagree.

In cases where a matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of one party, they shall let the other know that they would like to meet with the senior pastor* about it. If resolution is still wanting, the senior pastor will contact the personnel chair and/or personnel liaisons for guidance. All the while we shall trust that "...where two or three come together in my name" the reconciling Spirit of Christ is present. (Matt. 18:20)



FPC
Food Bank

FPC FOOD BANK

Hello from the food bank!

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



HOW TO BE A PHILANTHROPIST--when you are not Bill Gates

March 5, Saturday, F.P.C.

We will gather at 9 am and conclude at 3:00 pm. Cost is \$20. Bring cash or check made out to Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary. We will order lunch.

Brooks Smith will lead us in exploring the great challenge of giving money in a way that is deeply consistent with our values, that leverages our giving and that energizes organizations. We will share our questions, struggles, successes and challenges.

Session and Committee News

Plan to bring a journal and a story or poem or Scripture that inspires your giving.

To register or if you have questions, contact Brooks Smith at smithjbrooks25@gmail.com



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

Session and Committee News

News from the Fanwood Scotch Plains Ministerium

We have a wonderfully unique ministerium in town which not only includes representatives from all main religions (other than Hinduism), but also town officials, the police chiefs and the superintendent of schools. Let David know if you are interested in seeing the Spirit of Christ's fellowship and peace alive at a meeting on a second Thursday of the month. The ministerium is obviously committed to interfaith dialog and peace and we thus present to the community the following interfaith events, hoping you can join us.

1. Interfaith board game night on March 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.
2. March 17th at 6 p.m., Dar ul Islam will host Union County Interfaith meeting. The topic will be an Introduction to Islam and the address is 612 Salem Ave., Elizabeth.
3. 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.

Rabbi Joel Abraham is also looking for members of an inter-faith fellowship committee. I will serve until and unless one of you is interested in this important work. Pastor David



"Jesus-- King of the Jews and the World's Messiah"

Children's Palm/ Passion Play

Sunday, March 20th 10:30 a.m.

Children between the ages of 6 and 14 are invited to participate in our Palm/ Passion Sunday Play which will be presented on March 20th at our combined 10:30 a.m. worship service.

The rehearsals will be on the following Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m.: Feb. 24th, March 2nd, March 9th and March 16th. There will also be a dress rehearsal on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 9:15 a.m.

If your child is interested, please contact Judith Bowen at (908) 889-8891 or Hailey Kim at haileykim07023@gmail.com to let us know.

Christian Education

A Word From Westminster!




One of the sweetest days at Westminster just has to be Valentine's Day! Love was certainly in the air. The children so enjoyed sharing their valentines with classmates, and eating delicious treats! I must admit I made the rounds more than once that day. Delicious!

Now we are looking forward to our upcoming Easter celebrations. We begin with a special worship service together with our parents in the Sanctuary, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Brunch! Also included are our special Easter songs, religious as well as bunny related!

We are always so thankful for the children in our care, as well as our nurturing and caring teachers.

Our 2016-2017 registration is going well, with a few afternoon spots remaining for 3 year olds and 4 plus children. Spread the word, our afternoon 4 plus class is the very best for older 4 year old children, a highly creative and challenging curriculum. Join us! Easter blessings to you and yours, Nancy Bantz

p.s. A special word of thanks to our wonderful Trustees, especially Mr. Steve Falloon, for keeping Westminster Preschool in tip top shape. Often, at a moment's notice, Mr. Falloon is

there to make a needed repair and we are extremely grateful. 



**“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 ONGOING 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.

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.

The Coordinating Team of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery will be meeting at our Church on Monday, February 29th from 5:30 to 7pm. This is an opportunity to be part of the planning for the April meeting.

Please let Cena-- (908) 889-2029-- know if you are interested in attending and are willing to help at either of these events.

Church News

The Reading Group



The Reading Group will meet on Friday, March 11th at 2 p.m. at the home of Pat Reyes, 10 Tower Pl., Fanwood. 908-490-1901. The new book to be discussed is The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. This is an historical Novel inspired by actual figures of the time. It is an extraordinary story of two women and their struggles for freedom. Each is trying to find the wings that will liberate them, one from slavery the other from what society imposes on her. Their relationship spans three and a half decades. Both Fanwood and Scotch Plains Libraries have this book. Anyone wishing to join the group and discuss the books, whether you have read them or not, please call Pat Reyes or Cena Pollitt, 908-889-2029.



The Fanwood Presbyterian Thrift Shop has again opened its doors to the people of Park Hotel. We do this at least two or three times a year. The Shop opens on a Saturday when the Food Bank opens and their guests are welcome to come and gather what they feel they need in their homes, including clothes and household items. We would like to thank everyone who donates to the Thrift Shop and a particular thanks to the women who volunteer their time to assort and or fix items that go into the shop for sale.



Holy Week Services

1. Combined 10:30 a.m. Palm/ Passion Sunday service with Pageant, March 20th
2. Morning devotionals of approximately 20 minutes will be held at 8 a.m., March 21st – 23rd.
3. Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m., March 24th concluding in the Memorial Garden with a remembrance of Jesus and the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane
4. Good Friday Service at 7:30 p.m., March 25th
5. Combined 10:30 a.m. Easter service on March 27th

Church News



Our prayers and condolences go out to Susan Mills and family on the recent passing of former church member, John Williams Mills, "Jack". For the obituary please go to:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/starnewsonline/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=177758820> .

➤➤➤➤➤ March Birthdays ◀◀◀◀◀

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1	Nancy Bassman Diane Poullos Evelyn Swenson	9		17		25	
2		10	Zachary Gray	18	David Schwartz	26	
3		11	Eleanor Kramps ROSeanne LinderMann Richard Lorber James Santo Salvo	19		27	
4		12		20	Lucille Lippert William E. Newell jr	28	Michael Hopkins Joseph Turso
5		13		21	Derek Brown	29	Elizabeth Daniskas Bonnie Oatis
6		14		22	Stephanie Glover Nancy Kohlenberger	30	
7	Barry N. Gustafson	15	Henry LeWand Marie Parsons	23	Grayce Mattos	31	Jean Trumpp
8	Frederick Kramps	16		24	Lawrence Caroselli		

➤➤➤➤➤ April Birthdays ◀◀◀◀◀

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		