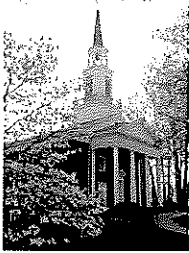


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through "Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out"

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Wonderful and Challenging Summer Changes

Dear friends,

Busy-ness is back. After a restful summer, our programs are back in full swing. And with some wonderful and diligent members moving away, we will need more support from many of you.

There is something called an 80/20 rule that says that in churches, 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. I think that the Fanwood Presbyterian Church is more balanced than most with perhaps a 70/30 rule in place. We would love to close that gap even more and ask you to prayerfully consider serving when called upon.

We could use help with meal deliveries to Plainfield and Elizabeth, youth group, Kingdom Kids, and Sunday school supporters, technology support, building maintenance matters and if you find meetings with good and similarly gifted folk to be a blessing, all of our committees could use new members.

I want to emphasize that God's primary calling to serve is offered to God and each other on Sunday mornings. There is nothing more valuable to the work of Jesus than a vibrant church proclaiming, hearing and bearing God in song, prayer, Word and action. Please come back if we have not seen you for a while for you are missed (even if we get too busy or bashful to personally express this as we ought.) You may not immediately sense the benefits that your presence provides but everyone is lifted up by old and new friends remembered by Word and Sacrament.

Stanley Hauerwas puts worship more desperately in this way, "Being a Christian should just scare the Hell out of us. It's like on Sunday we need to rush together for protection [and for the realization], "Oh, I'm not crazy." That we believe that God was in Christ reconciling the

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5 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Ser. 12:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. Middlers	6 November Fanfare Articles Due	7 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Session Mtg 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	8 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. Kingdom Kids 5:15 p.m. Choir Rehs 5:30 p.m. Girls Bible 6:45 p.m. HS Youth 7:30 p.m. Messiah reh.	9 9:30 a.m. Med. on the Word 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	10 2:00 p.m. Book Club	11
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world is craziness. It's going to make your life really weird. And you just *need* to get together on Sunday to be pulled back into the reality of God's kingdom."

Last spring, multiple confirmands spoke of how the church provides a safe place to believe in God and Jesus in a world that does not, at least not explicitly. They spoke of the blessing of coming together with people who actually do believe. So may our community be for you a safe place of faith lived out in loving action toward a world that too often does not receive us with love and grace. Sincerely yours in Christ, David

Members of the Month- Chris Chapman and John Spicer

I have been thinking and occasionally preaching about honoring one another more often. I even joked about having a disciple of the month in a sermon a few months back. So when someone recently sent me an article about the blessings of introducing active members in this way, I found myself nodding my head in agreement and thus give the first honor to one member who has moved and another who is soon to do so.

Chris Chapman has been gracing us since the late-80s as a confirmation teacher, with wise discernment on personnel and the session, mission leadership and with beautiful jazz piano preludes. More than what he has done, his joyful, peaceful, loving presence has been a source of healing and hope for all who have gotten to know him. (Thanks also to his delightful wife Monika for her child-care leadership and shared spiritual gifts of photo- and videography.)

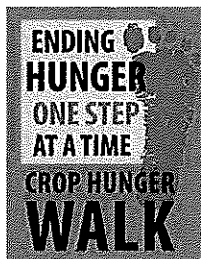
Chris had to put up with John Spicer and vice-versa on session and personnel over the years. ☺ John also blessed us with a tremendous amount of technology help, stewardship leadership, including sermons, and, most recently, has chaired and spearheaded our capital campaign. John's strength in mind, body and spirit along with his dry wit and sheer drive to do things right have all pressed us forward and deeper into God's Kingdom of love, beauty and prosperity.

We will profoundly miss you all and pray God's abundant blessings upon you in your new lives and homes.



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Minute for Mission



CROP is Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

Fanwood Presbyterian Church has been a leader in raising funds for CROP to help feed the hungry of the world. Church World Service does more than supply food they give people the tools, the seeds and the knowledge of how to raise their own food and get clean water.

Church World Service will return 20% of the CROP WALK money raised to Fanwood & Scotch Plains. Why here? Our neighbors working for a minimum wage may be living with nutritional poverty. We don't know what is in their pantry.

The CROP WALK will take place Sunday, October 19th.

Now is the time to make a commitment to be involved. The more people who will work and walk or rock will the better our success.

The walk this year will start at 2pm from First United Methodist Church on Terrill Road. Registration starts at 1:30 pm.

Please sign out an envelope and collect sponsors for this important effort.



FPC FOOD BANK

Hello from the food bank!

We are in need of jelly, peanut butter, canned meat and canned pasta

BEREAVEMENT DINNER

Deacons are hosting a Bereavement Dinner on Thursday November 6th at 6:30 in the church dining room. It is our hope that in the company of one another we can find support and company in the Resurrection faith we share. This year Patti Williams an RN Pastoral Bereavement Counselor will be the facilitator.



FPC would like to thank the people that volunteered on behalf of the church at the Fanwood Recycling Center on May 31. The names are as follows:

Kris Adams	Upendra Chivukula
Jean Gray	Bill Henderson
David Jahnke	Sue Kelly
Hailey Kim	Hank Kohlenberger
Ernest Watts	Nancy Kohlenberger
Rich Ledesma	Shirley Pillow
Emily Sena	Callie SantoSalvo
Jon Wayman	Jim Santo Salvo
Diana Shoback	Grace Wayman
Gary Zakovic	Susan Wayman
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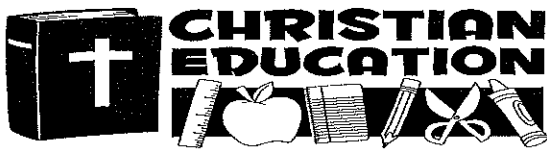


It's fall – back to school, and back to lots of musical activity at Fanwood Presbyterian Church. It's a real pleasure to be back practicing with our ensembles. Welcome to our new singers and ringers!

It is a wonderful privilege for us all to move into our newly refurbished sanctuary. Thanks be to God! Also, I would like to thank the many who contributed toward this project, and those who have worked tirelessly to facilitate the work.

Messiah is Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. Rehearsals will begin on October 1. Singers that would like to participate should contact me. Tickets are \$20.00, and will be available in October – watch for announcements. As we did last year, we are also seeking those who provide extra support by being patrons. Patrons make a donation of \$75.00 or more, receive two concert tickets, and have their names listed in the concert program. The patrons really make a critical difference – many thanks to all who offer this extra support.

Again this year we will have a full professional orchestra and professional opera soloists for Messiah. We are expecting a chorus of 60 or more singers. It should be a glorious sound. Please make attending Messiah part of your Advent season, and encourage friends and neighbors to attend with you. Singers are drawn from many local congregations, as well as other



Hello all,
I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are enjoying having your kids back in

places. It promises to be a very special event for our church, and for our community.

Thanks be to God for our choir members, bell ringers, praise band, singing children, and all who lead in the music ministry. Your sacrifice of time and effort makes our worship very special. Thank you for giving to the Lord in this very meaningful way.

Please pray for all of our ensembles as well as for the Messiah concert and preparations. Prayer is the lifeline for the music ministry, and thank you for your part in that.

Musicians, please check the music ministry bulletin board in the hallway outside the choir room for ensemble schedules.

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

Movie Night Rescheduled – October 3rd

Please join us Friday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. in our newly refurbished sanctuary to watch, "Heaven is For Real."

school! 😊 The youth programs started up again the week of September 14th. (Please note that some days and times have changed from last year.)

If you have a child in **8th or 9th grade**, please let me know if they will be participating in confirmation class this year.

Christian Education

Also, I would like to start a girls Bible study (grades 8-12) so please let me know if your daughter is interested.

Starting the week of September 14th:

Middle School Youth Group:(Grades 5-7): Sundays 4:30-5:30 pm (starts 9/14)

High School Youth Group:(Grades 8-12): Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm (starts 9/17)

Kingdom Kids:(Grades 2-4): Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 pm (starts 9/17)

Starting in October: Dates TBA

Girls Bible Study (Grades 8-12): Every other Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm

Confirmation Class (Grades 8-9): Every other Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm

I am looking forward to a fun year! If you have any questions, please email me or call me at 732-598-3183

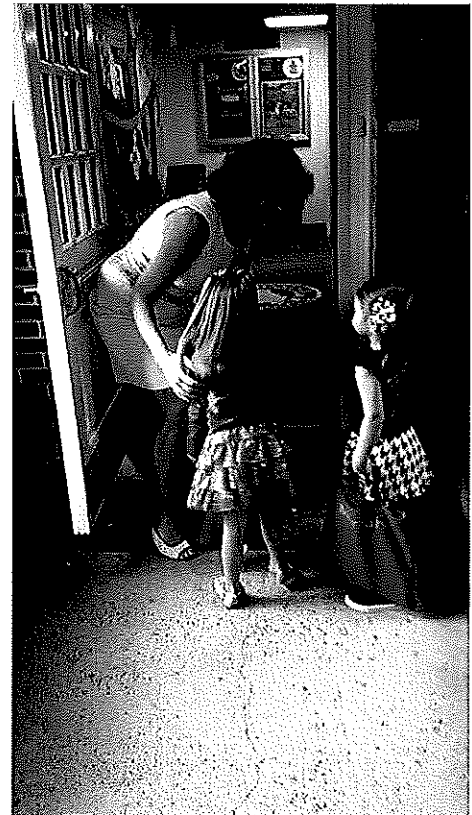
-Christie Alston



A Word From Westminster Preschool

We had a wonderful opening and all classes are doing beautifully! On opening day two deer were peeking in our classroom windows! This delighted the children and provided a great distraction as well! The teachers are doing a fantastic job creating a warm and caring environment for the children. The classrooms are bright and cheerful, and we look forward to worship on Fridays in our newly renovated sanctuary. Did you know? Our parents often remark how much they enjoy and value the religious aspect of our program, especially in today's world. It is extremely important.

Best wishes to all for an exciting school year! Nancy Bantz



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.**

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.

There are tentative plans for a circle for new mothers and young women.

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

The reading group is meeting October 10th at 2:00 PM. For further information please call Cena at 889-2029.

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Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9		17	Jacqueline Depew Brendan Gerrity John Gerrity Robert Johnson	25	Dietrich Jahnke Nicholas Poullos Kay Taillon
2	Katherine Judge	10	Carlos Mattos	18	Anna Chapman	26	Stephanie Judge Shirley McGuinness
3	Lorna Everhart	11	Logan Gray Daniel Hopkins Richard Sharrett James Tway	19	Patricia Camfield Peggy Phillips	27	Susan Burgard Kelsey Mattimore Jonathan Schwartz
4	Sara Ledesma	12		20		28	Catherine Prelusky
5	Freda Brown Virginia Kurek Joseph Marta	13	Kristine Adams Kaitlyn Jackmin	21	Betty Gustafson	29	
6	Chris Gray	14		22		30	Shirley Pillow
7		15	Ashley Donofrio Janet Krey	23	Michael Caroselli	31	
8	Gary Zakovic	16	Laurence Andrews	24	Christine Roser		