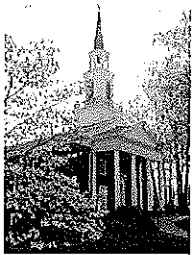


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## Fanwood Presbyterian Church

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




Dear friends in Christ,

Every year in October and November we celebrate the abundant gifts of God and the good work God's Spirit is doing in and through us as we live as stewards of our bodies, the church and creation. The wonderful Spirit of outreach at FPC is seen in four out of five Sundays dedicated to Christ's mission to the poor in body, mind and spirit.

October 19<sup>th</sup> was our **Crop Walk Sunday** when once again, FPC reminded our community of the hunger and thirst of God's children in the developing world and raised thousands of dollars for them. October 26<sup>th</sup> provided shoes to the displaced and impoverished through a **Souls4Soles Sunday**. On Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, our deacons will encourage us to donate life-giving blood in remembrance of the saving blood of Christ Jesus on our **Blood Drive Sunday**.\* And finally, on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, our children lead our **Heifer Sunday** which raises money for animals that sustain families and communities. Thanks to Cena Pollitt, Jean Gray-Fraser, Diane Poullos and Christie Alston for their leadership in these regards.

These missions and so many more, including the foundational missions of worship and Christian Education, are driven entirely by our members' offerings of time, talents and treasures (t, t, & t). We are so grateful for the faithful giving of God's people and we will honor this in worship as we listen to member testimonies from Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> during our stewardship campaign. You will receive t, t & t pledge cards in the mail and we thank you for your prayerful consideration of how God is calling you into the self-giving life of the divine through the programs and missions of the church.

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2014		November			2014	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Cont. Ser. 12:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal No Youth Groups Family Movie Night	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Session Mtg	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop No Youth Groups 5:15 p.m. Joyful Noise 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers 7:30 p.m. Messiah reh.	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 6:30 p.m. Bereavement Dinner 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>7</b> 7:30 p.m. Needle Nite	<b>8</b> <b>1 Turn Clocks Back</b> Nov 2 @ 2 a.m.
<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Cont. Ser. 12:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal No Youth Groups	<b>10</b> December Fanfare items due	<b>11</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Deacons  <b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. Kingdom Kids 5:15 p.m. Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers 6:45 p.m. HS Youth 7:30 p.m. Messiah reh.	<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. Med. on the Word 7:00 p.m. Bible Study- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30 am Turkey/ Ham Collection 9:30 a.m. Food Bank
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<b>23</b> 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner 3:00 p.m. - Piano Recital 4:30 p.m. - Middlers	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop No Youth Programs No Choir Rehearsals	<b>27</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> 	<b>28</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Cont. ser. 12:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal No Youth Groups						

# November Church Programs

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These two wonderful months will culminate with our **Thanksgiving and Stewardship Sunday** on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> which will start at a combined 10:30 a.m. service of worship followed by a Thanksgiving lunch, led deliciously every year by Andrea and Barry Daniskas to whom we give thanks, along with Carol Thomson who will be delivering God's Word that day. May your November be filled with the joy that comes from the gratitude of knowing that all of Life is a gift from God. Pastor David

*\*The blood drive is on Saturday morning Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at the New York Blood Center on 2279 South Avenue.*



## Pizza and Movie Night



Please set apart Nov. 2nd as a Pizza and Movie Night for families. The fun begins with breaking bread (with cheese and tomato sauce on top) in the sanctuary narthex at 5:30 p.m., followed by the movie at 6:00 p.m. We will look forward to winter with the animated movie of the year Frozen. All ages are welcome.

If you would like pizza, please r.s.v.p. to Pastor David by Sunday morning Nov. 2nd.



## FPC FOOD BANK

FPC  
Food Bank **Hello from the food bank!**

November 15<sup>th</sup> is the date to drop off your turkeys and fresh hams in the church parking lot. We are looking for 43 Turkeys and 38 hams this year. We will be in the parking lot at 8:30 am until 10:00am to collect your donations. This year we need 48 turkeys and 30 hams.



## Scout Food Drive

On the 22nd of November we have our annual Boy Scout food drive. As always we need plenty of volunteers to make this go smoothly. Our shift times are: 9 am to 11 am and 11 am to 1 pm. As always we will be providing donuts and coffee to keep you going. Once again there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex in the next few weeks

Many thanks in advance for all your donations and help

## Music Ministries



### Music Ministry

We are in the busy time of year preparing not only for the Messiah concert, but for weekly and seasonal worship services. I am grateful for the earnest contributions of each singer and instrumentalist in our music ministry. Thank you for giving to the Lord and being a blessing to all who attend our worship services.

Messiah is Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. The chorus should number around 75 singers, drawn from near and far. They are sounding great in rehearsal! Tickets are now available to the general public. 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 made a critical difference last year – many thanks to all who offer this extra support.

If you have not already done so, please purchase your tickets early. It is quite possible again this year that we will sell out. I would hate for members and friends of FPC to miss this concert because tickets were not purchased in time. To order tickets, please speak to Jon and/or Susan Wayman, or call the church office.

Many people work together to make the Messiah concert happen. Many thanks to the Waymans for their help, as well as Janet Newell, Jean and Iain Gray, Cena and Dyke Pollitt, Jay Goetz, Sally Drewes, Deborah Berdos, the Worship and Music committee, the musicians, and others that spend hours of time, energy, and prayer for this outreach.

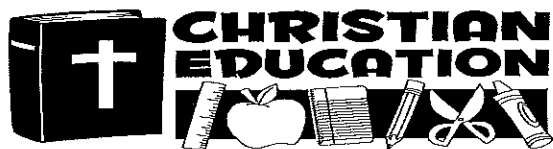
Our Christmas Eve schedule will include a children's pageant (5:00 p.m. service) and a beautiful candlelight service at 9:00 p.m. (new time this year). An extended prelude will begin around 8:30 p.m.

Please pray for all of our ensemble rehearsals, concert preparations, and for the leading of the Holy Spirit in our music each week in worship. Prayer is the lifeline for the music ministry, and thank you for your part in that.

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](mailto:tom.berdos@gmail.com). I'd love to hear from you.

Yours in Christ,  
Tom

## Christian Education



### Advent Heifer Mission Project, November 06, 2014 during Coffee Hour after worship in Westminster Hall

- ❖ Sunday school on 11/16 will prepare the children for the Heifer Market directly following the traditional service. The children will host the congregation in Westminster Hall from 10:35-11:15 am.
- ❖ Get some Christmas shopping done early with no lines and no hassle! You can “purchase” various animals as meaningful alternative Christmas gifts. A family in need around the world gets the animal and your friend or relative receives a Christmas card acknowledging your animal contribution in his/her name.
- ❖ Support the FPC children and youth who sponsor this mission project. Involve yourself in mission by giving to families in need. Recipients receive training along with an animal which provides the income to feed themselves, educate their children and live in a future free from hunger and poverty.
- ❖ Involved in this mission since 1987, so far our children and youth have raised over \$50,000 worth of animals for families in need.
- ❖ Give a gift that keeps on giving hope to the hungry. A family that receives an animal pledges to give an offspring of their gift animal to another family in need. Thus your gift continues to give hope to others.

## 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.**

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

# Presbyterian Women

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

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

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



## *The Reading Group*

The Reading Group will meet on Friday, December 10th at 2pm at the home of Dory Ledesma, 42 Fieldcrest Drive, Scotch Plains. The members had a very good discussion at their last meeting about the book 'The Chaperone' by Laura Moriarty and would recommend it to other readers.

The next reading will be 'The Boys In The Boat' by Daniel Brown. The most remembered athlete of the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin is Jesse Owens. There were, however, nine other Americans who took gold in those games, in the then popular competition of rowing. Daniel Brown takes from the depression era these young boys from the University of Washington and highlights one figure in Joe Rantz to represent the determination to overcome odds and to become an ideal hero.

Both the local libraries have this book. For further information please call Cena at 889-2029.

## ▶▶▶▶▶ November Birthdays ◀◀◀◀◀

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9	Richard Ledesma	17	Lenore Klein	25	
2	Robert Lindermann	10	David Trumpp	18	Nicole Tanguy	26	
3		11		19	Harrison McClure Norman Schwartz Michael Sot	27	
4	Amy Ledesma Candice Sot	12	Alexander Pelusky Melissa Remo David Thompson	20		28	Richard Warwick
5		13		21	Molly Van Ostenbridge Ernest Watts	29	Ellen Geissel Bing Prestridge
6	Jessica Prelusky	14	Bud Holzlohner	22		30	
7	Sam Whitefield	15	Jonathan Gardner Carol Thomson	23	Michelle Gustafson Teresa Gustafson William Henderson Thomas Marta, Jr.	31	
8		16	Joni Elliot Deborah Kinder Darcie Lubalin Christopher Turso	24	Susan Judge Evelyn Schneider		

## More Church Programs



### Help save lives by being a blood donor.

Did you know that:

- Someone needs blood every two seconds.
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives.
- There is no substitute for human blood.
- Giving blood will not decrease your strength.
- There are 4 easy steps to donate blood: medical history, quick physical,

donation and snacks. (*American's Blood Centers*)

Fanwood Presbyterian Church is sponsoring our Spring Blood Drive on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 8:00 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, at <http://tinyurl.com/fwpresbyterian> Sign-ups will also be taken at the church on the October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. Eligible donors between the ages of 16 to 75 are urgently needed. Written parental approval is required for 16 year olds and medical clearance by a doctor is required for those over 75. For questions about eligibility, you can go to [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

There is an ongoing need for all blood types and plasma donations. Our goal for this drive is to retrieve 15 units. We need your help to reach this goal. Blood products, especially red blood cells are perishable and therefore, require ongoing donations.

Please donate a part of yourself that truly comes from your heart. Bring a friend and donate together ...spread the word! Walk-ins are welcome. For further information or questions, please email Diane Poullos at [dianepoullos@verizon.net](mailto:dianepoullos@verizon.net)

### Advent Small Groups

Join us for a "Journey...to Bethlehem" with Mary and Joseph in our Advent Small Groups. We will be looking in depth at the pre-birth narratives of Jesus in Luke and Matthew through an Adam Hamilton d.v.d. series. It is sure to be wonderful preparation for Christmas and the promised return of Christ Jesus. Small Groups will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 7:00 p.m on Thursdays the weeks of Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.



- Nov. 23<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m. combined holiday service due to the Thanksgiving Dinner

