

March 27, 2011 ANNOUNCEMENTS (Pull out section)

OUR PERU CONNECTION:*Exploring how we might accompany the children and families of La Oroya, Peru, in their struggle for justice and health . . .*

Sundays, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 9:30 am

JUST EATING? PRACTICING OUR FAITH AT THE TABLE

Study led by Shawn Cribari and Jean Post-Winget

Drawing on Jesus' story and the rituals of the Christian faith, this study will examine four aspects of our lives with food: the health of our bodies; the access others have to food; the health of the earth and how our food choices affect it; and the ways we use food to extend hospitality and enrich relationships.

Sunday, April 10: "THE DEBT GAME"

An enlightening and fun experience in global economics. Join us after the 10:45 worship for lunch and to participate in playing an economic simulation game!

The Debt Game will help us to understand by actually experiencing it, what is meant by a shift into a global economy. We will participate in a simulation of the chain of events that have led to overwhelming debt in many parts of the world. Rev. Rick Ufford-Chase, Co-Director of Stony Point Center, will lead us through the game.

Confirmation Class: Next meeting times are: **March 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge, April 3 at 4:30 p.m.** Confirmation Class is taught by Rev. Chip Low and team members Nicole Mulcahy, Pam Darreff and Dave Monk. Confirmation will take place **April 10** this year.

GIVING UP GOD FOR LENT: Book Study led by Rev. Chip Low

The book *Suspicion & Faith* by philosopher Merold Westphal asks a challenging question. What if we took the atheists' critiques of Christianity seriously? Westphal, a committed Christian in the reformed tradition, argues that the atheists' call to repentance may be just what the Church needs! Wednesday evenings, **March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 7:30 pm.** [March 9 – possible class following Ash Wednesday worship service] **Thursday mornings, March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 10:00 am.** Books available for purchase: *Suspicion & Faith* by Merold Westphal [\$22]

Food Pantry, Rm 16: 9-11 a.m.: Mar. 26 (Katharine Frase, 962-0490)

Cereal Tea Instant Coffee Hot Chocolate Crackers Peanut Butter
Pasta Soup Cookies Paper Products Diapers Personal Hygiene Prod.

Third Grade Bible Skills will begin at 9:30 in room 16. Contact Barbara Humphrey.

Sunday, March 27: Special Worship Service & "Sermon for Lunch"

Merold Westphal will be our guest preacher and also join us after the 10:45 worship for lunch and a discussion of "the Religious uses of Modern Atheism." Merold Westphal is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University, and an elder in the Reformed Church in America.

Knit Togethers meet **March 28, 10-11:30 a.m., Room 15.** All are welcome. Yarn donations appreciated. Call Norean Radke, 962-4370/Lois Ostling, 962-2809.

Whiffenpoofs are coming! Whiffenpoofs are coming! Whiffenpoofs are coming!

April 3 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

We need arrangements for April 3, 10 & 17. Arrangements: \$25 each. Call 245-2186.

When ordering, donors will be asked if they plan to remove one or both bouquets after sanctuary use, or make them available for distribution by the Deacons. *Worship Commission*

Prayer Shawl Group **Apr. 6, 9:30 a.m., April 20 at 10:30 a.m.;** This group meets before the women's circle on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and the third Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Call Marianna (737-8294).

Attention All Women! Women's Bible Study: Apr. 6, May 4 at 10:30 a.m., Rm. 15 Join Rev. Tami Seidel on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. (Lounge, Room 15) for a women's Bible study and fellowship that focuses on the topic "Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today". Call Marianna Sherman (737-8294) for more info. All women are invited.

Youth Midnight Run: Friday, April 15, 2011. (confirmation class).

Please put items in Midnight Run Bins in the gathering place.

Toiletry The small size items are important, as full-size items are cumbersome to carry for people on the street. Toiletry items to bring, in order of importance:

Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Washcloth, Razor, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, Lip balm or moisturizer, Feminine hygiene products, Small supply, No Candy! Candy = soap-flavored chocolate!

Clothing Items

Here's what you should collect and sort for a typical run, with the most essential items at the top (the priority of items changes with the season).

- **Durable pants.** Again, large sizes are preferred, but sort into waist sizes between 32 and 40 and above, with inseam size marked. Blue jeans are preferred over khakis. Mostly men's sizes, but bring five or so pairs of women's pants as well.
- **Socks.** Tube socks, rolled in pairs. White or dark.
- **Underpants.** Jockey style. Sizes 32 through 42. (few pairs of women's briefs also)
- **Sweaters, sweatshirts and long-sleeve shirts.** Large and extra large. Dark colors preferred. Hooded sweatshirts are especially useful.
- **T-shirts.** Medium through extra large. Any color.
- **Hats.** Knit and warm for winter. Baseball caps for summer.
- **Gloves.** Ski gloves clipped in pairs or knit gloves rolled together. Dark colors.
- **Shoes.** Sizes 9 through 12 and above. Lightly worn sneakers or athletic shoes (no spikes), soft-soled shoes and work boots are preferred.
- **Long underwear.** Large sizes. Any color.
- **Belts.**
- **Backpacks.** Not essential, but coveted by folks on the street.

EASTER FLOWERS may be ordered to celebrate the joy of Easter, in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. This year lilies, tulips and daffodils are available for \$10 each. To order, fill out this form and return it to the Church Office or you may call in your order to the Church Office, 245-2186. Orders must be received by **MONDAY, April 11.**

Name _____

Plant Preference: Lily (\$15) _____ Tulip(\$12) _____ Daffodil (\$12) _____

Inscription for Bulletin: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Flowers may be picked up after 11:45 a.m. on Easter or left for the following Sunday.

The Operations Commission has set the date for its Annual Spring Cleanup. Mark your calendar for APRIL 16 from 8:00am-1:00pm with a Rain Date of April 30th.

We plan on clearing the effects of another winter on our gardens and lawns, re-positioning concrete parking bumpers, clearing the East Yard Cemetery, and giving Craig Hibben a jump start on the many plantings and planting beds that he maintains. Interior work will include giving all of the rooms and windows the once over, and cleaning and dusting off our beautiful Sanctuary. The Annual Spring Cleanup is truly an example of many hands making light work. The Church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages for all, and you are invited to bring your favorite side dish. The Operations Commission is in the process of evaluating the projects it plans to undertake and at this time is open to any suggestions. Should you identify anything that needs attention please call or leave a message with Ian Spence or Barbara Darragh (245-2186). Look for sign up sheets for the various tasks in the next few weeks and come prepared to spend an invigorating morning of wholesome work and conviviality.

SENIORS' LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 12 noon for lunch on the following schedule.

April 20 & May 18: Potluck lunch at church. **June 15:** Lunch at 'The Cove', on the Hudson.

Jan Peek Volunteers: April 23:???Call Bud (245-6475). Thanks to the **Diane Hawlk & the Marsh family** for the March dinner.

Are you interested in a mission trip? The Mission Commission would love to have **your** input! To help us plan a trip that will best fit the interests of our congregation, we have designed a brief survey. Please take just a moment to complete our survey online:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/G357ZZ8. Please have each interested member of your family take the survey. We will also provide paper copies of the survey at church on Sundays during March if you can't take the survey online. Thanks so much for your

Sanctuary is open: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for meditation or prayer.

A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR: Coffee hour could use some treats! We all enjoy socializing at Coffee Hour but we can make it special if all of us at sometime could bring some cookies, coffee cake etc. You can leave your treat in the kitchen or even in the freezer marked "Coffee Hour". The Congregational Life Committee always needs a helping hand to continue the Coffee Hour tradition with treats, setting up the coffee and cleaning up. If you can give some time to help that would be fantastic.

Announcements Email List: Do you know about the church "announcements" email list? This is an email-based system for sending alerts to the church community - anything from deaths within our church family to Worship Service schedule changes due to snow cancellations. Signing up is simple - just send an email to: **FPCY_Announce-subscribe@googlegroups.com**

Reach our pastor, Chip Low, by e mail: chip@fpcyorktown.org or through the church office (245-2186) or (office@fpcyorktown.org). Chip is off on Monday. Office is closed on Fridays.

As part of a different project: we are collecting dates of adult birthdays (including the year, but we will not publish it) and wedding anniversaries. Please share yours with Barbara in the office at bd@fpcyorktown.org or 245-2186.

Giving Opportunity: Jocelyn Ramage has discovered that De Cicco's Market (on Rt. 6 across from the JV Post Office) will rebate 2% of your purchases to the charity of your choice, which also includes churches. Jocelyn has registered our church and **all you need to do is mention it to the cashier when you make your purchase.** Talk to Jocelyn 962-0320 for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 27

- 8:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary, 9:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. **CHURCH SCHOOL**, CE building; **ADULT FORUM**, Rm. 15
CONFIRMATION CLASS, Lounge 15, **3rd Grade Bible Skills, Room 16**
10:45 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary, 11:45 a.m. , 11:45 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
12 noon **SERMON FOR LUNCH, Room 16**

Monday, March 28

- 9:15-11 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:00 a.m. **KNIT TOGETHERS**, Lounge 15
10:30, 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
2:00 p.m. Recovery, Inc., Lounge 15
7:30 p.m. N.A., Room 1, beginners
NarAnon, Room 3
Families Anonymous, Room 4

Tuesday, March 29

- 9:15-11 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:30, 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Fellowship Hall , 11:45 a.m. Noon Unity Women's Meeting, Rm 17
6:30 p.m. SPARC, Kitchen 10
7:00 p.m. A.A., Al-Anon in Fellowship Hall
Al-Anon, Room 4, Beginners Meeting
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Regular, Room 4

Wednesday, March 30

- 9:15-11 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:30, 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
7:30 p.m. **SUSPICION & FAITH SMALL GROUPS, Lounge 15**

Thursday, MARCH 31

- 9:15-11:00 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:00 a.m. **SUSPICION & FAITH SMALL GROUPS, Lounge 15**
10:30, 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
3:30-6:30 p.m. Simona, lessons, Board/Music Room 14
6:30p.m. Boy Scout Troop 165, Fellowship Hall, Rooms 2, 3,
BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, Board/Music Room 14
7:30 p.m. N.A., Room 1, STEP
8:00 p.m. **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL, Board/Music Room 14**

Friday, APRIL 1

- 10:30, 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
6:30 p.m. SPARC, Room 1
Brownie Troop, Room 2
time? CONFIRMATION TRIP TO ISLAMIC CENTER
7:00 p.m. A.A.(closed), Beginners, Fellowship Hall and STEP/TOAC Room 3
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 4

Saturday, April 2

- 9:00 a.m. A.A., Room 1,
11:00 a.m. Gregory Memorial Service, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 3 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

- 8:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary, 9:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. **CHURCH SCHOOL**, CE building; **ADULT FORUM**, Rm. 15
3rd Grade Bible Skills, Room 16
10:45 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary, 11:45 a.m. , 11:45 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
12 noon **SERMON FOR LUNCH, Room 16**
3:00 p.m. **WHIFFENPOOFS CONCERT**, Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. **CONFIRMATION CLASS**, Lounge 15,

