

the Disciple

The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown May 2011



**BEHOLD,
CHRIST HAS RISEN!**

Regular Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship, (Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month)
 9:30 a.m. Church School & Adult Education
 10:45 a.m. Worship, (Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month)



The Sanctuary is open: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for meditation, prayer or contemplation. Use the door at the top of the ramp.

Doubt Sunday - May 1st

Ever doubt things you believe or believe things you doubt?

Ever have a question you were afraid to ask in church?

“Will God strike me down if I ask that?”

“Will the church think less of me if I ask that?”

“Will I be shunned if I ask the obvious, the hard, the unpopular or the unanswerable question?”

Share your doubt and ask your question on Sunday, **May 1st** during the worship services.

Ask the question that lives in you.

The story of our faith on this Sunday (John 20:24-29) invites us to be real and to be ready to encounter mystery.





Mark Your Calendars

Mothers' Day Cards

The Mission Commission is once again sponsoring the Healthy Women, Healthy Families Mothers Day Project, a year-round PC(USA) ministry that cares for women and children in Africa. Besides efforts to stamp out malaria, this initiative now addresses many other health issues for this group including: prenatal and obstetrical care, fistula surgery and cervical cancer screening for women, and immunizations, health screenings, primary care and nutrition programs for children.



We will be offering Mothers' Day cards following the worship services May 1. The requested donation is \$10 per card but any amount will be welcomed. This is a fine way to recognize the mothers in your family while helping other women and children across the world. Questions: Marsha Henderson at 245-3924 or Squeegee Mills at 845-621-3178.

Youth Arts Group of Rural and Migrant Ministry to visit Yorktown

Sunday May 1st, 2011 at 5p.m. the Youth Arts Group from Rural and Migrant Ministry will be visiting our youth for a presentation on their visit to Peru in January 2011. Andres Chamorro is their leader and some of the group attended a conference in Lima, Peru, Joining Hands (Uniendo Manos)

Refreshments will be served. All high school aged students are invited to attend.

Prayer Shawl Group: May 4, 9:30 a.m., May 18 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).

Women's Bible Study: 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". For info call Marianna Sherman (737-8294). All women are invited.

Film: “For the Bible Tells Me So”
Friday, May 6, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

For more information, see Adult Education on page 17.

The Knit Togethers

Next Meeting Dates: May 9 & 23 and June 13 & 27

We continue knitting warm lap blankets, baby sweaters, and baby blankets for community giving. Our meetings are held on 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00am to 11:30am, in Lounge 15. All who knit and crochet are welcome. Join us in the joy of creating and giving to others in the community. For information: Norean Radke (962-4370) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).

10th Annual Spring Concert
Sunday Afternoon, May 15th at 4:00 p.m.



You are invited to the 10th Annual Spring Concert on May 15th at 4:00, featuring our Choir, soloists, invited guests and Handbell Choir. The Concert will present a spring bouquet of classical and romantic music including selections from Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Vivaldi, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky, -- as well as more contemporary gospel selections. The concert begins with the Vivaldi double concerto for oboes, with guest soloists Rita Mitsel and Alexandra Detyniecki. Conductor Simona Frenkel has compiled movements from several Bach Missa Brevis which feature the choir and guest soloists Daniel Malckentin Tenor, and Patrick Blackwell, Bass-

Baritone. Come prepared for an exciting smorgasbord of musical delights! A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.



Senior Lunch Bunch

May 18: Potluck lunch at church.

June 15: Lunch at ‘The Cove’, on the Hudson.

Graduate Sunday will be June 19. Please call 245-2186 or email the office (office@fpcyorktown.org) to tell us about high school or college graduates in your family. The list will appear in the Disciple and graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 19.

Save the Date -- Saturday, June 11th -- Progressive Dinner



- Appetizers together in Location #1
- Entrée in a Host Home – small groups
- Dessert together in Location #3

Watch for the Sign Up sheets in Fellowship Hall.
 Signup Sheets will come down on Sunday, June 5th.
 Cost per person will be \$8.00.

Do you have a **favorite, easy, crowd-pleasing recipe** that we should try? Please submit to ksgerth@aol.com at your earliest convenience or place in the suggestion box in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Dates in Worship

June 12: Pentecost Sunday and Children's Sunday as well.
 Beginning of one service at 9:30 for the summer

June 19: Trinity Sunday

Sept. 4: last 9:30 service of the summer schedule

Sept 11: Parish Picnic and Worship at Downing Park at 10:45 a.m.

Sept. 18: two services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. returns

Time to Register for: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 27 to July 8, 2011. 9:00 to 12:00 Monday through Friday



Every year our church joins with St. Andrews Lutheran and the United Methodist Churches for two weeks of songs, bible stories, snacks and games. This year we will be at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Yorktown. Come join the celebration !!

Registration forms now available! Check the church website for downloadable forms!

Questions? Contact Barbara Santagata 528-5226, Debbie Amorese 245-6501
 or Nicole Mulcahy 603-3324



A word of appreciation

Many thanks to all who have been so supportive following the passing of my mother, Tweet Timmons. The thoughtful cards, phone calls, email messages, kind words, hugs, and the presence of those who attended and participated in her memorial service are all greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

With sincere gratitude for this caring and amazing community of faith,
Ann Timmons



From the Editor

To all Disciple Contributors: There will be no July/August Disciple, so please get all your summer or September news ready for the June issue. The deadline for hard-copy submissions is May 15, and for all email submissions is May 17. The deadlines for the September issue will be August 21 and 23 respectively. Thanks!

Deacon Highlights

The new Moderator for the Deacons in 2011 is Jill Pagliettini. Within the past month, Jill's mother died while on a Caribbean cruise with her father. Upon return of the cruise a service was held in mid April. The Deacons want Jill to know that our prayers and thoughts are with her and her family at this time.

Last September three recent college graduates spoke at our church and were sponsored by our church. Those three were among the many young people who joined the Presbyterian "Young Adult Volunteers (YAV)". They are Lauren Rampy, Evan Ponder and Katie Turpen; they were assigned for a year to three different mission groups in New Orleans. Our Deacons have taken on the task to maintain contact with them and to show our church's appreciation for the charitable job that they are doing. We sent them "thank you gifts" in November and then again in December. In April for Easter we sent them each a box filled with home baked goodies, candies, and gift cards for several places. God bless the work that they are doing.

We attempt to let those connected with our church know that we are thinking of them and that we support them. Within the past month 24 Easter cards were sent out to those homebound or at facilities, to the YAVs mentioned above, and to all the members and friends over the age of 90. Please join us at this time to remember those who require and deserve that special reminder that we are here for them.

We are especially thankful for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Sunday School Class of Kathy Anderson for the Palm Sunday palm crosses that they made. The crosses are to be delivered to the homebound as well as to the Seniors at their Lunch Bunch luncheon. One cross was given to a client of Guiding Eyes; transportation was provided to her to attend church on Palm Sunday. She was very appreciative and plans to take the cross home with her after her stay at Guiding Eyes to pick up her new dog Evan.

Many visits were made to those of our church homebound or at facilities. One in particular, Miriam Huibregtse, has received several visits by Deacons and others as she was transferred between the Bethel Rehab facility and Hudson Valley Hospital several times within the past month. Our prayers are with this long time member and those in her family that grew up in our church.

Finally, don't forget that you also can help join in giving to others by visiting the homebound, giving meals to those needing assistance and by giving food and/or time to the very active Food Pantry (May 14 & 28) of our church.

Blessings to All from the Deacons, *Deacon Chuck Radke*

Food Pantry

Next Dates: May 14 & 28; June 11 & 25

Hours: 9 a.m. to 11a.m.

Volunteers to help load bags from 8-9 a.m. are always appreciated. Call Katharine Frase (962-0490) if you would like to help out one Saturday.



Food Pantry Always Needs :

Instant coffee	Tea	Cereal	Oatmeal	Pasta
Spaghetti sauce	Peanut butter	Soup	Cookies	Crackers
Paper products	Toothpaste	Soap	Diapers	Personal hygiene products

We also need plastic bags - grocery size. Bring to room 16.

Your monetary contributions are also appreciated. We “shop” at Food Bank of Westchester where a dollar will buy more food than you can imagine, thanks to government and corporate donations. **We have a “matching” Trust Fund that will double the effectiveness of every dollar we donate to the Food Pantry.** Let's make good use of this wonderful gift.

YORKTOWN POSTAL FOOD DRIVE: Saturday, May 14

We can use lots of "people power" on Saturday afternoon of the Postal Food Drive to help sort and store the food.

COMMISSION CORNER

Mission Commission

Jan Peek Volunteers

May 28: Monk and Coccodrilli families June 25???? July???



The 4th Saturday of each month, we provide dinner at Peekskill's Jan Peek House (a shelter for 19 men and women, which is part of Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, C.H.O.P.). It is rewarding to share food and conversation with the residents and it is an important part of our congregation's ministry to the community. Information and sign-up list are on the SIGN-UP bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall doors. Contact: Bud Coccodrilli (245-6475).

Thanks to the Child and Eliasson families for the April Dinner.

What's New with Operations?



- Considerable progress has been made on our refurb of the front wall of the Sanctuary. All of the cracks have been opened, primed, spackled with compound, fibrataped, spackled more, sanded and then finished with a light coat of spackling compound. The entire wall has been first coated with the final color; including, the dark gray molding at the ceiling and all of the wall surfaces.

Much of the white surface has been scraped and caulked. We will soon be starting the first coat of white paint on all surfaces which are now white. We hope to do the second and final coats of paint on the upper molding and wall during the week of April 18th. I am hopeful that the entire front of the Sanctuary will be completed in early May.

- The folding doors on the Banner Closet have been refurbished. A new track was required for one set of folding doors due to breakage of an internal part.
- A new door handle with lock has been installed on the closet door in Room #12. We had some destruction of Mommy & Me materials and therefore, have had to resort to a locked closet.
- Two of the old Food Pantry cabinets have been refurbished and relocated to Rm #2. These will handle overflow and longer term storage for the Food Pantry.
- Two new Food Pantry cabinets have been installed in room #16 and have been reinforced in their bottoms so as to provide longer life. Also, these new cabinets have been bolted together to make them much more stable. We expect the third new cabinet to arrive shortly.
- Craig Hibben has made great progress on revamping the median strip in the North Parking Lots. He has also cut back the wild rose bushes along the rail fence---a really tough job which was done expertly! Thanks, Craig!

- All of the materials necessary to conduct our annual Spring Clean-up have been purchased and are ready for either April 16 or 30. We have many jobs to do and will really appreciate all the help we can get for the Spring Clean-up day!
- The new “cable cabinet” has been fabricated along side of the Audio Cabinet in the rear of the Sanctuary. I have only the doors to complete and that addition will be finished.



Many thanks to the following people for helping at crucial times: Bud Coccodrilli, Matt Hager, George Forbes Freeze, Ian Spence, Ed de Jong, Deanna Collins for rounding up volunteers when needed, John Collins, Tim Chin, Bill Talbot, Claire Damon and Mable Seymour. A really BIG THANK YOU to Jose Sandoval for his expertise on spackling and painting. Our progress on the front wall of the Sanctuary could not have been achieved without Jose’s dedication and expertise.

Please let me know of any issues that need to be addressed.

Thanks!

Dick Seymour for Operations Commission.

Communications Commission

Are you taking advantage of all the ways you can stay connected to our church family throughout the week?

The Email Announcement List: FPCY maintains an "Announcements" list for sending alerts to the church community. These alerts can be anything from prayer requests, notices of deaths within our church family, or weather related schedule changes. To sign up, simply send an email to FPCY_Announce-subscribe@googlegroups.com . Questions? Speak to Mark Linehan or any member of the Communications Commission.

Facebook: we are now an “organization” on facebook. If you are already on facebook, enter a search for "First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown" and “Like” our organization to get updates sent directly to your newsfeed. If you don't have a facebook account, you can still check out our facebook page and see what it’s all about. Go to our website, www.fpcyorktown.org, and click on the facebook icon in the upper right corner of the screen.

Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Committee has a new suggestion box in Fellowship Hall.

- If you have an idea for fun and fellowship ... please drop it in the box.
- We are collecting new entrée recipes to consider for the Progressive Dinner in June. If you have a delicious and easy recipe, please drop it in the box.



Coffee Hour Volunteers:

- We need your help. Take a look at the new Coffee Hour sign up book. The tasks have been broken up into smaller groupings, making it easier for you to help.



New in the Church Library



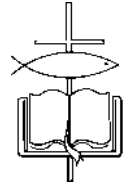
Kicked Out, edited by Sassafras Lowrey, with a foreword by Judy Shepard, the mother of Matthew Shepard, is a collection of stories told by the teens who were kicked out when their parents learned that they were gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. My partner Anne and I heard Sassafras Lowrey speak at a Loft event. Sassafras is one of those who were kicked out; she has become a community organizer, artist and story-teller, and believe me, these are powerful stories. Most of us can't imagine telling our kids to leave because they are "different." And that's exactly why I thought that our church library should have a copy of this book-Sassafras tells us about kids without families, runaways, homeless, because of who they are and how they love. Call number: 305.38 L.

Reviewed by Connie Knapp

Christian Education

Church School Chalkboard

During the month of May, the children will be studying the “Walk to Emmaus”.



The disciples were able to witness to the presence of God when they saw with their hearts as well as with their eyes. We must allow ourselves to do the same. The children will learn that the eye can deceive you. We must always be looking for signs of God’s presence, even when it seems that there are no such signs to be seen.

Reminders:

The 3rd graders continue their eight week Bible Skills rotation – their last session is on May 22nd. On May 29th, they return to regular rotation and the PreK’s move back to Room 7.

On May 8th, we will be holding a Mother’s Day group event in Fellowship Hall. All mothers of Sunday School students (Prek-5th) are encouraged to join their children for this event. Whether you can join us or not, we want to wish all the mothers of our children a very Happy Mother’s Day!

June 5th is the last day of regular Sunday School for this year.

Children’s Sunday will be held on June 12th. There is only one 9:30am service on that Sunday. We hope all of our Sunday School students and their families to attend this very special and joyful celebration of the gifts of our precious children!

JoAnne Marsh and Amy Coccodrilli, Church School Co-Superintendents

What’s Happening in Middle School Church School

The children in Grades 6, 7 and 8 do not follow the rotation model of the rest of the church school so the usual report from the church school really doesn’t tell us about these students. That doesn’t mean they aren’t involved! They volunteered to cook and serve at the Lenten Pancake Supper. More recently, they made a large number of Palm Crosses for the Senior Lunch Bunch and for the Deacons who will be distributing them to our homebound members.

Another recent service project was for the Midnight Run. The class sorted the donated toiletries, and then put together 48 kits that were distributed by the Confirmation class on their recent outing.

The class has been following the distressing news from Peru, including the unprovoked attack on the children as they were painting a mural. In response, the class wrote a letter

to our state representatives stating their concerns. This last Sunday, the class wrote 15 letters to the children of LaOroya. Because of the language barrier, they class wrote their letters in Spanish using a “word bank” of basic phrases. They told the children how they felt about the attack, expressed concern that they are recovering from their injuries, and told them that they are in our prayers. They are hopeful that they will get letters back!

Adult Education

Film: “For the Bible Tells Me So”

Friday, May 6, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

An award winning documentary about five families of faith, each with a gay or lesbian child, who choose the overarching message of the Bible – of God’s love for all – over the selected Old Testament passages that are often referenced to condemn homosexuality.



Bible Study: “This I Know”

Sundays, May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 9:30 am

Wednesdays, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 7:30 pm

Inspired by the film “For the Bible Tells Me So,” this study examines in depth, the cultural and historical context of the scripture passages that are used to condemn homosexuality. Progressive Christian thinkers who contributed to this study include Marcus Borg and Brian McClaren.

Sermon for Lunch: Calling all Parents

Parents of toddlers to teens – how can the Church community support you in your parenting? Would you like a parents’ support group? Parenting workshops? Come share your challenges and what kind of support might help you manage them more effectively.

Sunday, May 22, 12 noon, immediately following 10:45 worship.

Sandwiches and child care provided.



From the church office



Thank You To:

Sally Martin for helping to collate bulletins and do mailings.

Pat Prauda for help with mailings and bulletins.

John Prauda for maintaining all the literature in the pew racks in the Sanctuary.

Carol Jensen for help preparing bulletins.

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.

Reminder:

- 1.) Please remember to **DRIVE SLOWLY** on the unpaved parts of our parking lots.
- 2.) Please use plastic trash bags when putting stuff in the dumpster. Please do not put anything in there loose. It is messy and creates opportunities for rats.

Members and friends are encouraged to donate flowers for Sunday services. Donors will be asked by the office when they purchase the flowers if they plan to remove one or both bouquets after sanctuary use, or make them available for distribution by the Deacons to hospitalized or homebound persons of the church. Arrangements are \$25 each. To order, call the office (245-2186). **May 15, 22 & 29; June 5, 19 & 26** are available.



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