

Holy Week

Sunday, 4/13

Palm Sunday

8:30 & 10:45

Wednesday, 4/16

7pm *Contemplative Service*

Thursday, 4/17

Maunder Thursday

7:30 Service

Friday, 4/18

Good Friday

7:30 Service

Sunday, 4/20

Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Service at
Downing Park followed by
breakfast in fellowship hall

8:30 & 10:45 services
in the Sanctuary

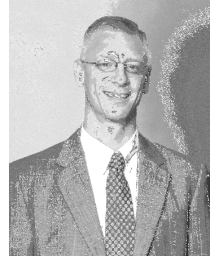
The Disciple

Easter at Last: Dying to Sin, Rising to New Life!

Studying the Seven Deadly Sins, or Capital Vices, and going through a period of self-examination puts Holy Week into sharp focus. In some ways, Holy Week is an inevitable outcome. To study the sins is to realize how disordered our love of good things has become. As Dr. DeYoung writes in *Glittering Vices*, when we study the sins “we recognize the way the vices powerfully articulate distortions of deeply human desires.” “The vices,” she writes, “have such attractive power because they promise a good that seems like a true human perfection and complete happiness.” And yet, in our own self-examination, it is hard not to realize that we have substituted something else for God, and the result is brokenness, hurt, and separation from God, one another and all of creation. Holy Week articulates that through the services of Maunday Thursday and Good Friday, the movement from a last supper into the darkness of death. Death, however, is not the final word, nor is the grip of the vices in our lives because in the midst of it all, it is God who goes through those days to bring us release.

That is the other reality of studying the seven deadly sins and going through self-examination. Done well, it should always lead us back to the new life God offers us and the grace that sustains our lives. We do not go through them simply or only to feel bad about ourselves. We study them to name the grip of sin on our lives, but also the power of grace to set us free and raise us to new life. Studying the sins leads us to ask how we are living into the new life that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Examining the role of the vices and practicing the virtues is like the encouragement in scripture to “put away” our sinful

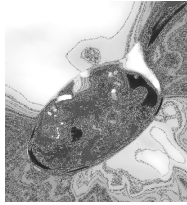
nature and “clothe ourselves” with the character of Christ. We are living into the good news God gives us Easter morning, resurrection, new life. As Dr. DeYoung writes, “the moral project for a Christian is to die to the old self and rise to new life in Christ.”



Rev. Chip Low
Pastor

I hope and pray that our study this Lent has led us to that conclusion. I have appreciated what you have shared in worship and in personal conversation about wearing the reminder strings each week. I have been truly awed by the interest in this study. We’ve sold more books for this study than any previous one. There is something powerful about naming the sins in our lives, but there is something even more powerful about experiencing new life of resurrection, as we live into the virtues that re-form us and redirect us toward healthier, more faithful ways of life. My hope at the beginning of this study remains true at the end—that you and I will know what it means to find our true identity in being called children of God, and that the vices will lose their power in our lives as we let that identity guide our living. In the words of I Peter, “God’s divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness.” May that be true every day and especially on Easter morning as we gather around the empty tomb to celebrate God’s victory over sin and death.

Chip



We are continuing our collection of recyclables! Bring your rinsed recyclables with deposit and place them in the box in the Gathering Space.

Church School “Chalkboard”

Spring has finally arrived! The daffodils are dancing and the sun is shining. The weather and preparation for Easter gives us renewed hope of better days to come. The church school children have already begun exploring Easter traditions around the world. There are many ways different cultures celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The abundance of traditions helps us to remember Jesus' victory over death. The memory verse in this unit is “So, whether you eat, drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

We celebrate the last two Sundays in Lent by continuing to help the food pantry. The following items are on their wish list:

4/6 – Cereal

4/13 – Canned Fruit

Any donation you can provide would be gratefully accepted!

Looking ahead to May, we invite all parents to join us on Sunday, May 11th as the church school children celebrate both mothers and fathers on that day.

It is hard to believe, but there are less than 10 weeks left in this Sunday school year!! The children are soon going to be practicing for Children's Day. Please try to come a little earlier so we can not only get our regular lessons in, but have time to practice together before departing the sanctuary for our rotations.

We would also like to encourage any parents or other congregation members to become a shepherd for the 2014-2015 church school year. We all have so much fun!

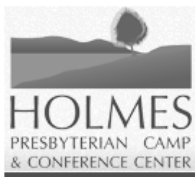
Happy Spring and Happy Easter!!

Jocelyn Fontana and Jen Dixon
Church School Superintendents

Women's Circle Study

Only two more months left to take advantage of the Bible Study that the Women's Circle is doing. It is called "An Abiding Hope" - the presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy. We are learning so much from Tami Seidel who is our leader. The first Wednesday of the month is our meeting day and 10:30 is the time we begin. After coffee and refreshments and a prayer time, we dig in to our study. Each lesson is unto itself so don't be concerned if you haven't come before. This is a unique opportunity for fellowship and an opportunity to grow in your knowledge of the scriptures. Please call me if you need more information.

~ Marianna Sherman (914)737-8294



Summer Camp Opportunities at Holmes.
Day Camps
Resident Camps
Adventure Camps
Creative Camps and more
for children and youth of all ages.
Check out holmescamp.org for more info.
Financial assistance is available.
Please speak to Chip or Tami about it.

Lenten Contemplative Service & Study - *An Invitation to Transformation*

Our Lenten journey continues. We invite you to participate in a quiet, contemplative service at 7pm on Wednesday evenings.

We also invite you to join our Lenten book study offered at three different times: Sundays at 9:30 am, Wednesday evenings at 7:30 following the contemplative service, and Thursdays at 10:00 am.

Glittering Vices: A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins and Their Remedies

The traditional “Seven Deadly Sins,” have been trivialized by contemporary culture, to the point that they are seen as attractive “glittering” traits and not really sins at all. This is, perhaps, an over-reaction to the guilt-ridden “beat up on ourselves” approach to Christian discipleship that characterizes many churches.

This is unfortunate, because, historically, the study of the Seven Deadly Sins – and their opposing virtues – was a practical and effective tool for self-examination and spiritual formation. In her book *Glittering Vices*, Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung reclaims the riches of this tradition. Her book describes these vices – and their remedies – to help us become the persons that God created us to be.

The Wednesday contemplative services and the study groups will be team-led by Chip Low, Tami Seidel, Shawn Cribari, Ted Crockett, Connie Knapp, and Jean Post-Winget.

Youth Happenings

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We have an action-packed schedule for the rest of our calendar year. Get these dates and events on your calendar now so that you don't miss any.

You'll find all the latest details on the Youth website, fpcyyouth.weebly.org.

April:

We take a broad view of this month's theme, Stewardship of the Earth, by including *all* God's creatures. On Friday the 4th, we look at ways into caring for ourselves in the Spirit. On the 26th, we attend the graduation ceremony of the helper dogs and their partners at Guiding Eyes for the Blind. The theme will flow into May as the Youth join the larger Church family to care for the earth right where we live: the Church! Friday, April 4th 7 - 9 p.m.
Sat., April 26th 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

May:

Our theme this month, *Trigger Peace*, is designed to help us think about, and be, God's peace in a world that might not seem too hospitable to the idea.
Friday, May 2nd 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Friday, May 9th 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 31st 10 - 1 p.m.

June:

Who will take care of the least of those among us? Us? But how do we do it? Join us to discover more!
Sun., June 1st 5 - 7 p.m.
Friday, June 20th 5 - 8 p.m.
Sat., June 28th 4 - 8 p.m.

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Reflections on Our Youth Ministry

As of April 1st, I will be beginning a new job for a global technology company in lower Westchester. I had the privilege and joy of serving as your interim Youth Coordinator.

As I reflect upon these past few month's experiences, I am proud of all our accomplishments thus far...the consistent group of attending youths, the ever increasing number of events, the enthusiastic engagements and dedication of both the Design Team and the monthly Program Team leaders, the Youth Group's presence on the church's website, and so much more!

The accomplishments since the start of this program year give much hope for this ministry. If we are to enact upon the vision of this ministry, which is to provide our youth and their friends a community which Surrounds them with an unconditional love that fosters genuine relationships; Engages youth in the joys and traditions of the Christian faith; Energizes youth to extend the love

of Christ to the world, I hope you recognize the importance of your involvement and the role each of you play in the lives of these youths. For indeed, it does "take a village". If we continue to introduce events and discussions that are meaningful, fun, and relevant, "they will come".

I'd like to leave the youth with this verse...**"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity." 1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)**

Thank you for offering me the opportunity to serve our Lord in such a rewarding way. I pray that all of you will also hear the calling to be involved and supportive of this Youth Group ministry because only with the active engagement of both components ... parents/adults and the youth, will this ministry yield success.

Alice Chin, Interim Youth Coordinator

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VBS 2014: Imagine & Build with God

Mark Your Calendars!
July 7-11, 2014 from 9am-12noon
 to be held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church

Register and Pay Online!
www.cokesburyvbs.com/yorktown

Adult and Youth Volunteers,
 please register online, too!

Save the Dates:
 Adult Volunteer Training, Saturday, April 5 from
 9:30-11:30 am @ St. Andrews
 Youth Volunteer Training, mornings of July 1,2,3 @ St. Andrews



Register Online!

Usher Ministry Debuts



The Worship Design Commission is pleased to announce the debut of the new Usher Ministry on April 13th! This new form of providing welcome and hospitality to our members and guests as they gather for worship replaces the former "call and chase" method of providing ushers for the worship services, and centers on a committed group of usher teams who provide the ministry of hospitality throughout the year. The Usher Ministry held a get together and planning meeting in February and created shared "Hospitality Values" they held important to

guide the ministry. The Ministry consists of 48 people who comprise twelve teams of four ushers each who rotate throughout the year, with each team serving 3-4 times during the year. A list of "subs" rounds out the nearly 60 people who have committed to sharing in the ministry. The Worship Design Commission is very grateful to Pat Prauda and Terri Froelich for their years of service in weekly calling to obtain ushers. We celebrate with Pat and Terri their retirement from this task, and welcome them on the Team!

A Bit of History in the 1920's

Our benevolence giving during 1927-28 was about \$500, given on percentage basis for national missions. This included B.L. Stewart, Flagporch, TN; Foreign Missions Stations; Tsinaufu, China; Board of Education to the College of the Ozarks \$35 and \$55 for Presbyterian Missions. The assessment received from the Presbytery of Westchester for communicant members during 1925-28, based on a membership average of 125, was \$0.15 per member. The amount apportioned by Presbytery of Westchester to the Yorktown church 1925-29 each year for benevolences averaged \$575. A report of

the treasurer for the years 1927-28 shows receipts of \$322.40, disbursements of \$157.32, balance in bank of \$175.08. The income was from a strawberry festival, sociable at members' homes, and donations. This society always helped the Trustees with the minister or sexton salaries, or much needed painting and repairs.

The Ladies Aid Society in the early years of the church was a supporting column of the church as you can see in the 1920's.

~ Dick Hunter

Spring Concert is April 26, 2014

The 2013-2014 Concert Series will conclude its thirteenth season on Saturday, April 26th at 8:00 p.m. The concert, which is divided into two parts, features a collection of Alleluias by anonymous composers, followed by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man; A Mass for Peace*. Music Director Simona Frenkel describes the anonymous alleluias as the "unknown soldiers" of the musical evening, which is followed by Jenkins' powerful anti-war Mass. Yorktown's favorite cellist Serafim Smegilskiy is featured in both sections, as well as other professional musicians including violin, oboe, trumpet, percussion, recorder, flute, bells, vocal soloists, and choir. The Mass for

Peace is a popular contemporary anti-war piece

drawn from the elements of the traditional mass as well as other musical forms based on texts from the book of Revelations, Psalms, and the 15th century catchy

folk song *L'homme armé*. This very popular and melodic piece is performed by choir, orchestra, and bells, and a film created for this production. A reception to meet the artists will follow in Fellowship Hall.



The Ministry of Our Deacons - "Love One Another"

"Love one another as I have loved you and you shall be blessed. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live in my love. Love one another as I have loved you and you shall be blessed – and you shall be blessed." This is from a beautiful choir anthem based on Jesus' teaching found in the Gospel of John.

So what does Jesus mean when he says "Love one another as I have loved you?" An interesting question and one which the Deacons considered during their annual overnight retreat in February.

Discussion centered on the concept of hospitality. What does hospitality mean in the context of our faith, our church and more specifically for the ministries of the Deacons? To take it even one step further, what does it mean for each of us as Christians and followers of Jesus' teachings?

After much fruitful and lively discussion, HOSPITALITY, as we are called to live it as Christians, is an active reaching out to people – all people. Hospitality is finding ways -as many as we can - to show the same kind of caring, compassion and love that Jesus showed to all persons. For us as Christians, it must be an "active" welcoming, embracing, wanting to serve, to care for the sick and the needy, to provide for the distressed, to nourish and to uplift! Did you notice these are verbs?

Our retreat focus was on what we are doing and how we can do it even better. How could we do it with an active mindset, intentionally, mindfully and enthusiastically for Jesus' sake? How could we continue to reach out to our members, the community and the world beyond? How could be

continue to be Jesus' hands and feet to show our love for all as Jesus shows his love for us?

With this in mind, the Deacons resolved to meet with Session to see how our ministries may overlap – to see how Deacons could partner with the commissions to make our commitment to extend God's love as Jesus commands even more effectively.

We spoke of ways in which we can engage all of you – the congregation – in participating with us to enlarge our reach of hospitality, to extend it in as many ways and as effectively as we can.

Pictured this month are Christine Lazarus and Todd Child. Christine is Moderator of the Deacons which means she will now organize and preside over our monthly meetings while continuing her visitations to the sick and homebound and bereavement support. Todd has been coordinating the food pantry and reports that he processes orders for up to 4,000 to 5,000 pounds of food each month. Can you imagine? 50,000 pounds of food a year?

So, the next time you see any one of your Deacons at church why not take a few minutes to ask, "What can I do? How can I help? How can I, too, become part of the "radical hospitality" Jesus calls us each to show to our brothers and sisters?

"And you shall be blessed – and you shall be blessed."

Carol Thorne-Gaetani for the Deacons

**Food Pantry
"Hearty Soups"
Canned Vegetables**

**Next Dates:
April 12 & 26
9 to 11 am**

*We need volunteers to
load bags from
8-9 am on the
pantry days.*



Knitting Groups

Knit Togethers April 14 & 28 and May 12, 2014

Practicing the virtue of generosity: Jeanne Berlin, Angelyn Forbes-Freeze, Kim Wertz and one anonymous person. Thank you so much for your generous gifts of yarn and knitted baby items. We appreciate your kindness.

We are busy knitting lap blankets, baby blankets and sweaters, and children's mittens for our December giving. Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10 to 11:30am, in Lounge 15. For information: Norean Radke (962-4370) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).

Prayer Shawl Group meets on Wednesday morning, April 16 at 10:30am. Please join us!

Mother's Day Cards, A Mission Opportunity

The Mission Commission will offer Mother's Day cards to support the PCUSA program *Healthy Women, Healthy Families*. The cards will be available following both services on April 27 and May 4. The recommended donation is \$10.

Healthy Women, Healthy Families supports a range of programs of Presbyterian partner churches globally that promote health, education and development of women and children. These programs are aimed at alleviating poverty and suffering of women and children, and include: primary and pre-primary education, prenatal and essential obstetric services, trauma healing and psychosocial support, early-childhood health and nutrition programs, health and hygiene education, food security, and fistula repair surgery. This fund enables Global Partners to implement programs that directly impact the lives of the most vulnerable community members.

For more information, please call Marsha Henderson at 914-245-3924.

Please remember
in your prayers:

Kathy Anderson
Peg Bertsch
Deanna Collins
Carol Cornish
Allan Damon
Gertrude Dineen
Natalie Dineen
Frank Fang
Evelyn & Lynn Fischer
Phillip Gresh
Lisa Gunther
Mary Hamblen
Ken Hardy
Craig & Eleanor Hibben
Ruth Hickey
Marie Hodgkinson
Nellie Keller
Caryl Kerber
Bonnie Konnerth
Jim Kutter
Sarah Linehan
Jim Lunday
Florence Malcolmson
Janet Mazzaroppi
Dave Monk
Janet Nelson
Kyle Nelson
Sue Palicz
Genevieve Palmer
Dixie Robinson
Ruth Selman
Kim Sherman
Delia Siemers
Dottie Slechta
Cameron Spence
Kathy Swenson
Cal Weber
Teddy Wilson

New in the Church Library

Chase Falcon, pastor of a mega-church, has had a crisis of faith. His elders have insisted he take some time off, so he travels to Italy to retrace the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. *Chasing Francis, a Pilgrim's Tale* (248 C), is "written in a genre called wisdom literature, which is a delicate balance of fiction and non-fiction, pilgrimage and teaching." Author Ian Cron writes not only a fascinating and imaginative story, but also includes a guide for individual or group reflection. As one reviewer wrote: "Caution! Reading this book may cause spontaneous kindness, charity toward others, and a total overhaul of the way you think about what it means to be a follower of Christ."

Carol Jensen, Church Librarian

Note: I plan an inventory of the church library shortly. If you have library materials that you have finished with, please return them so I won't think they are lost. Thank you!

Jan Peek Meal

Jan Peek House in Peekskill is a shelter for 19 homeless men and women, run by Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill (CHOP). On the 4th Saturday of each month, we provide dinner at the Jan Peek House. 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. New volunteers always welcome. Call Bud Coccodrilli (245-6475) to talk about it. Thanks to the Humphrey & Santagata families for the March dinner. The April dinner will be prepared by Dinae Hawlk and the Shermans. Call Bud to volunteer for future months.

Senior Lunch Bunch

Senior Lunch Bunch will be having a Pot Luck Luncheon on Wednesday, April 16th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Won't you please join us? Bring a dish to share and enjoy good friends and good fellowship. Save the date: May 21 we will be going to Little Sorrento's Restaurant for lunch. More info will follow.

Pat and John Prauda
for the Senior Lunch Bunch

Noontime Meal

FPCY's Noontime Meal preparers will mobilize again on April 8 at Peekskill Presbyterian Church. We invite any of you to consider one or two hours of volunteer work per month on the Tuesday prior to the second Wednesday. This is a rewarding task and many hands make the work light and fun. Call Squeegie Mills (845-621-3178) or Ken Sherman (914-737-8294) for details.

Offering Hospitality

COFFEE HOUR

Please remember when you do a little baking or picking up goodies to bring in items for coffee hour and place them in the freezer. We all enjoy something with our coffee on a Sunday morning, so please help out and drop it off in the kitchen freezer anytime marked "FOR COFFEE HOUR" and it will get put out as needed. Also if you can help to reset and clean up on a Sunday morning for the 10:45am coffee hour, please sign up in the book on the table on a Sunday morning or give Pat Prauda a call at 737-4674 and she will walk you through it. Don't forget our Communion Brunch on the first Sunday of each month. Please bring a dish to share and stay a few minutes longer for fellowship after both services.



Homefront Project on May 3

Plan to be a part of our Homefront Team! We are asking everyone to take a simple skills assessment that will help us find the best project for May 3rd.

Please go to <http://bit.ly/homefrontskills2014> and check off all the skills you have. If you have skills not listed, please add them in the comment section.

HomeFront is a community-based, volunteer-driven home repair program that provides FREE repairs to low-income homeowners, thus enabling them to remain in their homes with an improved quality of life. Currently serving Fairfield, Hartford and New Haven Counties in Connecticut; and Westchester County, New York.



HomeFront Team 2013

Operations Update

Floor Remediation:

Our retiling project in the Gathering Space, Cross Hallway and the Coat Room has been completed. This entailed ripping up the old tile, putting down a ¼ inch 5 ply subfloor and then laying down new vinyl tile. All cove moldings were replaced. The new tile was scrubbed several times, sealed and then waxed with three coats of prime wax. In addition, the West Hallway was stripped of all wax, cleaned thoroughly, sealed and waxed with three coats of wax. The kitchen floor has been scrubbed each time we were working on the newly tiled spaces. We plan to retile Fellowship Hall in the near future as it is in need of remediation.

Improvement Project:

Jose has been diligently working in the Treasurer's Office repairing, spackling and painting.

Routine Maintenance:

All fluorescent & incandescent bulbs throughout the facilities have been checked and replaced where needed. Several ballasts have also been replaced. All of our timers for outside flood lights have been reset for daylight savings time. Two flood lights which shine on the steeple are not working.

We are awaiting an appointment with the electrician for correcting the issues with these flood lights.

Spring Clean-up:

We have established a new date for our Spring Clean-up, May 31. (Rain date is June 7) We will begin work on May 31 at 8:30am and work until noon, at which time we will have lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendars and reserve these times. We need all the help we can get as we will have a lot of jobs both inside our facilities as well as outdoors. As we get closer to the date we will advise about the kind of tools which will be handy in doing the work.

If you see something, please say something:

We are striving to keep our facilities in first class shape. If you see something that isn't quite right, please bring it to the attention of any member of Operations or myself. We will endeavor to remedy the issue quickly or plan for a longer range improvement if that is what is called for.

Dick Seymour, Chair of Operations/Facilities Coordinator



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APRIL

	1 7:30pm - Session	2 9:30am Prayer Shawl 10:30am Women's Circle 7pm: Service 7:30: Glittering Vices Book Discussion	3 10am Glittering Vices Book Discussion 6:30pm - Bells 8pm - Choir	4 Youth Group at 7pm	5 Memorial Service for Larry Konig at 2pm	
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