

March 6, 2011 ANNOUNCEMENTS (Pull out section)

Sundays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 9:30 am

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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

New Member Classes...

will be held on **March 6, 13 & 20** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 17. New members will join with the church on **March 20**. If you are interested in becoming a member or exploring the possibility, please call Barbara in the church office at 245-2186 or email her at office@fpcyorktown.org.

Confirmation Class: Next meeting times are: **NO Mar 6; Mar. 13 & 20: at 4:30 in the lounge, March 27 at 9:30 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.

An Evening of Swing Dancing

featuring Members of the Bob January Orchestra

Sunday Evening, March 6th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The toe-tapping, jive music of the Big Band sound returns to Fellowship Hall for an evening of dancing (or listening and watching!). This very popular event "sold out" two years ago, and returns just in time to celebrate Carnavale before Lent. Reservations can be made following worship in the Gathering Space from February 13th until seats are gone, -- or by calling the office. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. So invite your favorite dance partner, and polish off your dancing shoes! Refreshments will be available.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 8

Join us for a delicious pancake supper on March 8. Pancakes and all the trimmings will be served from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the night before ash Wednesday. Bring your family and join the fun! Donations: Adults are \$3 and Children are \$2. (Those under 2 are free).

Ash Wednesday Services March 9, 11 AM and 7:30 PM A light lunch will follow the 11 a.m. service. All are welcome.

**GET REAL! Doing Authentic Church in the 21st Century
PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE Hosted by FPC Yorktown
Saturday, March 12, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

For more info & to register: <http://www.hudrivpres.org/index.php?n=5&o=5>

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Food Pantry, Rm 16: 9-11 a.m.: Mar. 12 & 26 (Katharine Frase, 962-0490)

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

We need arrangements for Mar. 13, 20 & 27. 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*

Knit Togethers meet **March 14 & 28**, 10-11:30 a.m., Room 15. All are welcome. Yarn donations appreciated. Call Norean Radke, 962-4370/Lois Ostling, 962-2809.

Prayer Shawl Group **March 16 at 10:30 a.m.;** **Apr. 6, 9:30 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).

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

March 16: St. Patrick's Day lunch at Kirby's

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

Sermon for Lunch: March 20 Meet with Pastor Chip after the 10:45 worship in the lounge for food for the body, mind and spirit.

March 20, TALENT SHOW at 2:30: Come see how talented all your friends are. Come see!

Jan Peek Volunteers: **March 26:** Diane Hawlk & the Marsh family. **April 23:???**Call Bud (245-6475). Thanks to the **Confirmation Class** for the February dinner.

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.

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.

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.

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

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Rev. Charles “Chip” Low, Jr., Pastor

Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Church School & Adult Education: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Barbara Darragh, Administrative Assistant; Simona Frenkel, Organist, Choir Director

Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool (962-8712); Jose Sandoval, Custodian

JoAnne Marsh, Amy Coccodrilli, Church School Co-Superintendents;

Mayra Chica, Crib Room Caregiver

Stephanie Hare, Disciple Editor; Dick Hunter, Historian

Mark Linehan, Carl Anderson, Webmasters;

Tom Travis, Frank Hodgkinson, Tricia Dineen Co-Treasurers; Lisa Graham,

Ruth Deemer, Tellers; Ellen de Jong, Rod Drysdale, Gary Eliasson, Auditors

Deacons:

2011: Mallory Eliasson, Julia Kelly, Ryan Mulcahy, Jill Pagliettini, Chuck Radke, Mable Seymour,

2012: Katharine Frase, Terri Froehlich, Barbara Humphrey, Sue Nelson.

2013: Angelyn Forbes-Freeze, Matt Hager, Dorrit Nelson, Walter Oudheusden,

Moderator: Jill Pagliettini, **Vice-Mod.:** Chuck Radke, **Sec.:** Sue Nelson; **Finan. Sec.:** Dorrit Nelson

Elders:

2011: Carolyn Blaney, Pam Darreff, Karen Gerth, Bill Herman, Frank Hodgkinson, Kyle Monk, Ian Spence

2012: Ellen Miles, Carol Myers, Barbara Santagata, Lynda Spring, Ann Timmons, John Winget ; **2013:**

Kathy Anderson, Ruth Deemer, Ellen de Jong, Jeff Kephart, Mark Linehan, Michael Stewart

Clerk of Session: Gordon Braudaway

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.

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JOURNEYS THROUGH REVELATION

Women’s Bible Study led by Rev. Tami Seidel

A time of fellowship and study that focuses on the “Book of Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today.” All women are invited.

First Wednesday of the Month, 10:30 am, in the library

March 2, April 5, May 4. For more info, contact Marianna Sherman, 914-737-8294

SPECIAL LENTEN STUDIES

All studies meet in the library-lounge unless otherwise noted.

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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 6

- 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
NEW MEMBER CLASS, Room 16
10:45 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary, 11:45 a.m. , 11:45 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m. **YOUTH BELL REHEARSAL**, Board/Music Room 14
4:30 p.m. **NO CONFIRMATION CLASS**, Lounge 15
7:00 p.m. **SWING DANCE**, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 7

- 9:15-11 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
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
Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting, Rm. 2
NarAnon, Room 3
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE, Board/Music Room 14
Families Anonymous, Room 4

Tuesday, March 8

- 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
5-7 p.m. **PANCAKE SUPPER, Fellowship Hall**
6:30 p.m. **NO SPARC**, Kitchen 10
7:00 p.m. A.A., Al-Anon in Fellowship Hall
Al-Anon, Room 4, Beginners Meeting
MISSION COMMISSION, Board/Music Room 14
7:30 p.m. **WORSHIP COMMISSION, Lounge 15**
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Regular, Room 4

Wednesday, March 9

- 9:15-11 a.m. Mommy & Me Program, Child Care Room 12
10:30, 12:45 p.m. Noon Unity (closed), Room 16
11:00 a.m. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**, followed by light lunch in Fellowship Hall
6-9:30 p.m. Caring Circle by Hospice, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen 10, Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 17
6:30 p.m. **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**, Board/Music Room 14
7:30 p.m. **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
8:00 p.m. **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**, Board/Music Room 14

Thursday, MARCH 10

- 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,
7:30 p.m. N.A., Room 1, STEP
SUSPICION & FAITH SMALL GROUPS, Lounge 15

Friday, MARCH 11

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

Saturday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. A.A., Room 1,
FOOD PANTRY, Room 16
9-3 p.m. **Presbytery Leadership Conference, Rm 1,2,3,4, Fellowship Hall**

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- 8:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**, Sanctuary, 9:15 a.m. **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
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