

Sundays in October
8:30 and 10:45
Worship Service
9:30am
Church School
Adult Ed

DATES TO NOTE:

October 5
Communion Brunch
following the services
2pm Blessing of
the Animals
3pm Confirmation Class
4:30pm Middle School
Youth Group

October 19
9:30am Special
Congregational Meeting

October 26
4:30pm Middle School
Youth Group
6pm High School
Youth Group

The Disciple

A New Vision for Pastoral Leadership at First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown

After a six month period of discernment and reflection, the Session of FPCY is inviting the congregation to begin a new journey by considering The Rev. Chip Low and The Rev. Tami Seidel to be called as **Co-Pastors**. In considering this new model of pastoral leadership, the Session continually asked itself this question: **What is going to help FPCY move forward with vision and faith toward greater engagement and growth in our ministry and mission?** At its May meeting, the Session voted unanimously to propose the co-pastor model to the congregation.

What are Co-Pastors?

The roles of co-pastors have biblical precedence. In Acts 18, Romans 16:3, 1 Corinthians 16:19 and 2 Timothy 4:19, the persons Aquila and his wife Priscilla, co-workers with Paul for the gospel of Jesus Christ, are introduced to us. Aquila and Priscilla are likely the first representatives of something looking like a “clergy couple”, using a “co-pastor” model of doing ministry.

Co-pastors have been present for some time in other PC(USA) churches, not only among married clergypersons who serve together, but also between two clergypersons who have partnered in serving as co-pastors. Titles such as “Senior Pastor” and “Associate Pastor” commonly imply differences in status and authority. The title of “Co-pastor”, however, seeks to diminish those distinctions. Instead, the emphasis is placed on a pastoral team of equals driven by a mutually shared vision and goals in the mission of the church.

Co-pastoral ministry allows for flexibility in defining roles, tailored to best promote the vision of the church, while capitalizing on each pastor’s strengths and gifts. Co-pastoral ministry also invites the Session and the congregation into a greater sense of shared ministry. In Presbyterian theology and tradition, ruling elders, deacons, and teaching elders [pastors] are all ordained as “ministers”, as are *all* members of the Church. The Apostle Paul uses the various functions expressed in the one body, using the strength and function of each, as an example of this.

We clearly understand that this co-pastor model would involve a learning process for all involved. This new co-pastor model is something that all of us would be exploring together as it unfolds. It will take a period of time for all of us to adjust to this new way of doing things.

What would the Co-Pastor Model look like?

The co-pastor model proposed by Session is for **two co-pastors serving in ¾ time positions** with identical terms of call. From the start, the co-pastors

would intentionally share equally in the public roles of the office of pastor/teaching elder – preaching, worship leadership, pastoral care (including weddings, funerals, and baptisms) and in moderating the Session. Beyond these public roles, the co-pastors and Session would discern what other specific areas of ministry would be staffed by each co-pastor. *It would be one of the first priorities to develop a clear understanding and agreement for the staff and congregation as to which pastor will relate to which areas of ministry, with an eye towards considering future needs of the church and staff development.*

Based on projections, implementing the co-pastor model for 2015, by itself, could be accomplished with an 8% increase in pledged giving to the church.

How will this help us grow?

As part of the Session’s discernment and reflection, it was apparent that the vision, ministry and mission of FPCY are bigger than that which one pastor can support. The co-pastor model would allow for expanded ability to serve our church family and the community. It would help to build capacity for greater engagement, not only by the pastoral team, but also by the whole congregation – **broadening leadership, deepening connection, equipping for discipleship and service**. Two pastors bring a diversity of gifts and strengths, skills and perspectives that would enhance the pastoral ministry of the church.

Next Congregational Meeting:

A Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, October 19, 2014, at 9:30 am** to review and discuss the co-pastor model, and to vote on creating the positions and approving the Terms of Call, if the way be clear.

In the intervening time, opportunities for further discussion and exploration, questions and explanations will be held after each Worship Service on October 5 (at 9:30 am & 12 noon) and October 12 (at 9:30 am & 12 noon).

If you have further questions, please contact any member of the Co-Pastor Task Force:

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Exploring a New Vision for Pastoral Leadership: Session Thoughts on the Co-Pastor Model for FPCY

Look how far we've come!

In thinking about the new model for pastoral leadership, the Session took some time to reflect on how different things are at FPCY since Chip joined as our pastor five years ago, and Tami joined us as a parish associate almost two years ago. We are not the same place we were before!

Here are just a few ways in which we've noticed how our faith community has grown and changed:

- We received a "Challenge to Change" grant to update our website. We now have a professionally developed and maintained web presence, with many visitors to our site each week.
- We received a "Challenge to Change" grant to update our sanctuary with appropriate technology. This allows us to participate in Presbytery wide events, as well as to enhance our worship experience.
- Membership in 2010 was 348 and pledged giving \$376,217. In 2013, membership was 375 and pledge giving was \$423,765.
- Our adult faith formation opportunities have grown. We have a very active Women's Circle Bible study. We have been able to have two adult forum groups: one on Sunday between services, and one on Wednesday evenings. We have a Thursday morning group. We have engaged the entire congregation in Lenten studies for the past two years (remember those *Glittering Vices* last spring?).
- We have developed and strengthened ways to engage our youth, from confirmation class to our unfolding youth ministry.
- We have researched, selected and implemented a new curriculum across the entire Sunday school that more fully meets the needs of all our children. Specifically, there is a separate, targeted curriculum for 5th & 6th grade, and for 7th & above, which has resulted in some of our 9th graders continuing with Sunday school for the first time in recent memory.

We are identifying ways to connect and share our faith in our everyday lives, such as the Blessing of the Animals and the Blessing of the Backpacks.

We're sure you can think of others! In what ways have *you* noticed that our church community has grown and changed?

~ Debbie Bernardini and Connie Knapp

Wow, a chance to lock in a great resource like Tami to compliment along with Chip, is truly a blessed opportunity! I have grown my faith and look forward to learn more with Tami and Chip's unique styles. May their calling be a faith growing model for us all! ~ Tim Chin

We have grown and flourished in the time that Chip has been with us and we have been the fortunate recipient of the gifts that Tami brings, primarily through her own initiatives. We have an amazing opportunity to glean more of those gifts in the co-pastor model. Tami would be able to add to the pastoral care which she cannot do now in her current part time position. She would be able to continue enhancing the adult education portion of our church and would partner with Chip on new initiatives which have yet to be conceived. They are already an extraordinary team. As co-pastors they would be even better. ~ Marsha Henderson

The co-pastor model provides an innovative opportunity to further our church's vision and growth by expanding Tami's ministry in a way that affirms our commitment to principles of equality. It is biblically rooted, yet progressive, and I hope that implementation of the model will support our outreach to young adults and families, with whom the spirit of equality and collaboration may particularly resonate.

~ Jessica Mayes

We are being offered a unique chance to gain the skills of an outstanding pastor, who is at a position in her life to expand her pastoral responsibilities, just at a point where our church is able to take advantage of her talents. Just as Chip has pushed us in new directions, the addition of Tami as an equal partner will add vision and momentum to our growth. ~ Donna Gresh

To me, the co-pastor model is not so much about growth as it is about sustainability and fairness – sustainability of Chip and fairness to Tami (plus more access to Tami's excellent skill set that we are currently underutilizing). And, if with that we get some extra vision/ventures, then that is a bonus. ~ Dave Monk

The two most important reasons why I support the co-pastor model wholeheartedly are my daughters, Ellen and Margaret. Last year, I watched them grow in their faith by leaps and bounds as they participated in the activities of our newly reconstituted youth group, and, for Ellen, our confirmation classes. And yet, I want even more for them - and for all of our youth - as they continue on their faith journey. I want them to have a future full of opportunities to witness and carry out God's work in the world and to inspire others with their own expressions of their faith. In the co-pastor model, with all the wisdom, talent, energy, and, above all, long-term vision for our church that Chip and Tami bring, I see that future for our children.

~ Beth Gruber

Over the past few years, I have heard Susan Andrews speak at several events. Each time she has addressed the Session and/or Congregation, she has never failed to congratulate us on being one of the healthiest Churches in the Presbytery. This is not gratuitous praise, but rather recognition of the fact that we put no limits on ourselves and the visions of what we might accomplish. As we strive to do more as Gods' people, we must recognize the simultaneous need for additional spiritual leadership. We are fortunate to have what we

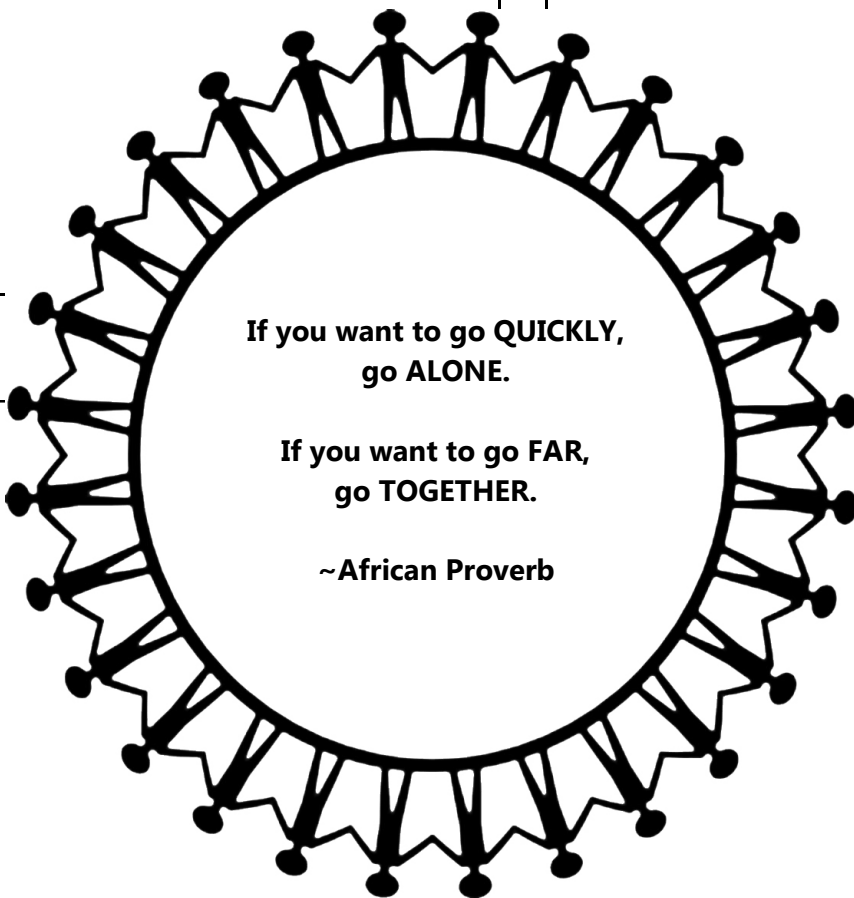
need in place in Chip and Tami, two unique and equally suited individuals well equipped with the tools needed to guide us on our journey.

~ Ian Spence

I support the co-pastor model because I am excited about the path our church is following. The last four years have revived a sense of excitement, renewal and growth. There is joy in worship, and vision in all the Commissions. We have too much we want to do, and need additional pastoral support. We have gotten to know and love Tami, and appreciate and benefit from the talents she has already brought us. She is a gift in our midst. I believe we are

called to be the hands of God in our community, and that Tami and the co-pastor model will support our vision for the future.

~ Christie Herman



**If you want to go QUICKLY,
go ALONE.**

**If you want to go FAR,
go TOGETHER.**

~African Proverb

The Co-pastor proposal is one that may only come around once in the lifetime of our Church. In Tami & Chip, we have two ministers of the very highest qualifications, who are known to us and are loved. We called Tami last year as Parish Associate in recognition of the need for additional pas-

toral leadership in our Church. We now have the opportunity for which Tami and Chip have volunteered to expand upon that initial increment of additional pastoral leadership by calling Tami to be a co-equal partner with Chip in leading the Church. Tami has accomplished a great deal during this year and last in adult and Youth Education, providing leadership to the Education Commission and sharing the pulpit with Chip. Her presence is felt throughout the Church. Adopting the Co-pastor model affords us a tremendous opportunity to grow as a Church and to individually grow in our faith. ~ Dick Seymour

We have a wonderful opportunity to model leadership in a different way, a true partnership model, with two equal pastors. And what a terrific opportunity for all of us, and especially our youth, to see a man and a woman in leadership roles. Each of us on Session has prayerfully discerned what will help our faith community be all that God is calling us to be. I believe that moving to this new model of leadership will move us forward in fulfilling our vision. ~ Connie Knapp

importantly, they both have earned our respect and the respect of the congregation to serve in that role very effectively.

I like the idea of adding capabilities and a heightened amount of focus to the many good things our church is trying to accomplish without any of the risk of hiring an unknown (new) pastor to help our congregation grow in different ways.

I think this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to do something that can have a profound impact on the way we live into Jesus' church and vision for us. To borrow a quote from Mark Twain:

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." ~ Eugene McGrath

Having first heard of the co-pastor model at the January 2014 Session retreat, I didn't know what to think of the idea. However, since that time I have had the opportunity to read some available research and participate in MANY conversations about the model. The Session has heard from several people who have been part of the model in other churches.

Because of the things we heard and read, I am very excited about the model. I love the idea that we get two different, energetic, vibrant people to serve as our pastors. They each have the skills, knowledge, temperament, experience, etc... to be the senior pastor of our church. Maybe more

FPCY YOUTH

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, October 26, Meeting

CONFIRMATION CLASS begins on Sunday, October 5, 3:00-4:30pm. After that, classes are on Sundays at 4:30pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Come on **Sunday, October 5** and **Sunday, October 26** from **4:30-6:00**. This year our theme is *stewardship* and this month we're getting to know one another and starting to build our team spirit for a good year of growing.

Parents, we need completed permission forms by the 26th so that your child can participate in our activity on the 26th. You may download that from the youth website & bring the completed, signed form on October 5.

The Middle School Youth Website is Your Go-To Information Spot!

- * Details about each meeting, such as, what to bring or wear, where we're going, what we'll be doing
- * Video messages from Chip, with a few short Bible passages to think about each month
- * Announcements about special events
- * Photos
- * And lots more!

Go to www.FPCYorktown.org and click on the **FPCY Youth Group** link at the bottom of the page.



Church School "Chalkboard"

Ladies and gentleman, boys and girls what a fantastic start to our new church school year we've had! It's been a busy month!

A big thank you to each and everyone of our staff members, both newcomers and old in introducing our New Curriculum: Spark Activate Faith PreK - Grade 4, Connect Grades 5-6 and Re:form Grades 7 and up. We've had growing pains and learning curves, technical frustrations and challenges, joys and delights and through it all your commitment and dedication made it work for the children. Well done! Without your talents, gifts, skills and faith these wonderful programs would not be possible.

PreK-grade 4 will be wrapping up their Baby Moses rotation (Exodus 2:1-10) and will begin their next rotation The Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1-15) on Oct 12th. Connect has begun to take our Tweens on

a journey through the Old Testament by exploring biblical text, watching cool DVD's and creating art, projects and more and Re:form has begun our youth formation series, an exciting program for both staff and students. To all the parents we thank you for these opportunities to work with your children. We encourage you to connect family faith with everyday life. Open up that activity filled spark family devotional and have fun with it, you'll receive the October issue soon. A couple of reminders: please register your child if you haven't already. Also if any parent does not want their child's picture taken during church school please sign the photo opt-out form.

We are looking forward to a fun filled and educational 2014-2015 Church School Year!

Jen Dixon and Liza Placido, Co-Superintendents



Sunday Morning Adult Ed

Making Sense of the Bible:

Rediscovering the Power of Scripture for Today

Join us for coffee (or tea!) and conversation about the Bible, guided by the insights of Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton. FPCY members have enjoyed Rev. Hamilton's Advent and Lenten books and studies. This is a new study in which Rev. Hamilton provides some scholarly background to the scriptures while bearing witness to the gospel with his wise and generous pastoral heart.

Sunday mornings, 9:30 am in the Lounge

September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 26 and November 2.

Note: No class on October 19 due to 9:30 Congregation Meeting

Questions? call Shawn Cribari – 914-275-8015

Spirit on the Move!

On **Saturday evening, November 8 at 7:30**, the First Presbyterian Church's fourteenth annual Concert Series will present the voices of the **Antioch Baptist Church Choir**. This evening of rousing, hand clapping, spirit-filled music will kick off the 2014-2015 concert season, and promises to inspire even Presbyterians to clap along! The Antioch Choir, under the direction of Earlena (Brown) Thevenin has been in existence for almost as long as the Antioch Baptist Church in Bedford Hills, which celebrated its 120th Anniversary in September 2014. The choir's repertoire includes anthems, spirituals, and hymns but they enjoy singing Gospel music. The evening will feature a journey through the

history of Gospel music, featuring the original Gospel songs, and then their modern, contemporary interpretations. The Antioch Baptist Choir enjoys sharing the Good News through song, lifting their voices, clapping their hands and praising God with a variety of instruments. Please join us for this joyous evening of song. A reception will follow the performance. A donation to support the concert series is requested at the door. All are welcome regardless of ability to pay.



**Gospel Concert
November 8
7:30pm**

Join in Creating Beautiful Music!

Have you ever wanted to sing in The Messiah? The Adult Choir is open to all who love to sing. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. Previous choral singing experience is not required, but a basic ability to read music is a help, and singers are encouraged to participate as their schedules allow. A friendly core group of experienced singers welcomes newcomers and helps them feel secure. The Adult Choir will begin rehearsing Handel's Messiah on Thursday, October 16. Those who love to sing, whether they have sung the Messiah before or not, are encouraged to come and join in singing this popular Christmas favorite. Music is provided, and rehearsal cd's are available to help in learning your part. The Messiah will be performed at our annual Christmas Concert on December 6th.

The Adult Bell Choir is open to older youth and adults, and rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. The Youth Bell Choir rehearses on Sundays at noon from October through May. Children and youth in grades 3 through 12 are invited to learn and practice musical skills, and form new friendships through music. Those interested in learning bell ringing and participating in either bell choir are encouraged to speak with our choir director, Simona Frenkel, or leave her a message in the office.

The Ministry of Our Deacons

This summer, through the Food Pantry, the Deacons were able to deliver 210 "Back to School" Kits to children from age 5 to 15. It is such a pleasure to provide school supplies and encourage children in their studies as they head back to school. Can you just imagine how sad it must be for children who head back and have no needed supplies or encouragement from anyone?

Kathy Winsted coordinates our "Diaper Mission" and organizes the distribution of diapers. Each month 10-12 cases of small diapers are distributed and that does not come close to covering the "need" that is presented.

"Loaves and Fishes" have been coordinated by Jane Amato for several months. This summer 6 meals have been provided where needed. Please let the Deacons know if you or a loved one is returning from a recent hospitalization and in need of a good home-cooked meal. We have volunteers available and willing to make and deliver meals.

Todd Child reminded us that when the Food Pantry first opened approximately 25 years ago, we would distribute about 30 bags of groceries to people in need. Today we have an organized Food Pantry that is open two Saturdays each month and distribute upwards of 270 bags of groceries!

The Deacons' yearly budget and accumulated funds received from current donations is not sufficient to meet the needs of the people who are coming to the church for assistance.

Some time ago our church received an endowment grant for the support of the Food Pantry that was set up as a "matching" Fund. That means that for every dollar that is donated to the Food Pantry, an equal amount would be added to "match" that amount for use in operating the bi-monthly Food Pantry distributions. The grant/endowment allowed for a match of up to

\$10,000. per year. So far this year the Food Pantry has received \$4,315. Your donations through the end of the year will help us meet our needs and receive the matching grant.

We are asking that you all prayerfully consider giving generously to the Food Pantry so that we receive the full matching grant. You can make your gifts by writing a check to "FPCY" and sending it to the church with "Food Pantry" in the memo, or you can do it through the online giving section of our website.

As always, we Deacons are grateful to all of you for your support throughout the year. We thank God for God's graciousness to us to be able to carry out the missions of the Deacons with your support and God's loving guidance. As a reminder, if any of you are interested in helping, the Deacons can ALWAYS use extra "hands" on any Food Pantry Saturday to set up, pack food, register clients, distribute food and organize. We'd love to have you join us if you have free time in your schedule. May God's Peace and Love be with all of you.

Carol Thorne-Gaetani for the Deacons

**Food Pantry
Item of the Month**

Soups & Stews

**Next Dates:
October 11 & 25
9 to 11am**

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

Knitting Groups



Prayer Shawl Group meets on Wednesday, October 15 at 10:30am. Please join us!

Knit Togethers meet next on October 13 & 27 and November 10 & 24, 2014

All are invited to see our annual Amazing Show & Tell on Sunday, November 16. Mittens, scarves, baby blankets & sweaters, and lap blankets will be displayed. See this amazing and colorful exhibit of our year's work; all are to be given to others before Christmas.

All who knit or crochet are welcome to join us. We plan to continue a busy fall season of knitting hats, scarves, baby blankets, and lap blankets for our December giving.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00am to 11:30am, in Lounge 15. For information: Norean Radke (962-4370) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).

New in the Church Library

I admit it: I'm a senior citizen and I don't "tweet." So Jana Riess' book *The Twible; all the chapters of the Bible in 140 characters or less* (220 R) is not pitched to me! For example, here's the 23rd Psalm: "G's my shepherd. He lets me nap in green pastures. He protects me from the wolves. Sometimes it rocks to be a sheep, y'know." Or the second creation story in Genesis: "G forms Adam from dust; very green, 100% recycled material. Eden good. Don't eat *that* tree. Yep, that one." But I see that there's some truth to these summaries, and maybe they can provide a fresh perspective on some very familiar material. Have a look!

Carol Jensen, Church Librarian

Jan Peek Meal

Jan Peek House is a shelter for homeless men & women, run by Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill. On the 4th Saturday of each month we provide dinner at Jan Peek. 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 Ruth Deemer & GFWC Women's Club for the September dinner. Call Bud to volunteer for future months.

Senior Lunch Bunch

Join us for our October pot-luck lunch in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, October 15 at 12 noon. All are invited! Bring a dish to share and enjoy good food and fellowship. A sign up sheet will be available for the Thanksgiving Feast which will be Wednesday, November 19, Please mark your calendars and save the date. On December 17 we are going to the Dinner Theatre. If you have made your reservations, the second payment is due to Pat by October 30. She will start accepting payment at the October lunch. Please make checks out to Pat Prauda. We have 2 tickets left! If you are interested please see Pat.

Pat and John Prauda for the Lunch Bunch

Noontime Meal

FPCY's Noontime Meal preparers will mobilize again on October 7 at Peekskill Presbyterian Church at 2:30pm. 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.

Please remember
in your prayers:

Peg Bertsch
Deanna Collins
Evelyn & Lynn Fischer
Phillip Gresh
Mary Hamblen
Heidi Haring
Ken Hardy
Eleanor Hibben
Marie Hodgkinson
Nellie Keller
Caryl Kerber
Bonnie Konnerth
Kay Lieberman
Dave Monk
Genevieve Palmer
Dixie Robinson
Ruthann Scheffer
Kim Sherman
Dottie Slechta

Mission Commission News

Thanks to everyone who made our last Midnight Run possible—we came home with an empty van. Special thanks to Jack Shaughnessy for driving, and to Matt Hager for picking up and returning the van. We fed over 100 people; we gave away lots of clothing. Thanks to the 32 folks who: sorted clothes, made sandwiches, made coffee, put together toiletry kits and prayed for us.

The Mission Commission supported the work of the two advocacy offices of PCUSA (the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations (PMUN) and the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness) with a donation inspired by the "Changing the Conversation: Claiming Our Voice" conference held at Stony Point on September 27 and 28. Many of us attended the Sunday service at 10 AM that was simulcast from Pleasantville Presbyterian Church on the 28th.

Please consider joining us at the "Just Food" conference on Saturday, October 18th from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. You can register at <http://hudrivpresjusteating.bpt.me/>

The fee is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch. Keynote address from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). CIW is a worker-based human rights organization and a partner of the PC(USA) that is internationally recognized for its achievements in the fields of corporate social responsibility, community organizing, and sustainable food. For more information please email lori@hudrivpres.org. Plan to join us on Sunday, November 9th, for Peace and Justice Sunday. Our guest preacher will be Reverend Margery Rossi—we'll be talking about discipleship, and how does the experience of being in the Holy Land affect one's sense of a calling, of discipleship.

Offering Hospitality

COFFEE HOUR

Communion Brunch will start on October 5 after each Service. Please bring something to share and plan to stay a little while longer and chat with friends. Help with coffee hour is always needed. Check with Pat or check the book on the table by the goodies to sign up. We all love a cup of coffee, so any help would be appreciated!

Do you want to receive the Disciple by e-mail only? Send an e-mail to Kim in the office and we'll save the stamp and the paper!

Dinner Dance

We will be having a dinner dance for the FPCY congregation on November 15 from 7-10 pm at Ceola Manor in Jefferson Valley. All are invited. There will be seating for adults and also an area for youth group (grades 6-12). The DJ will be sure to mix the music up to keep the youth, the old folks, and everyone in between happy and dancing. This is a great chance to get to know each other a little better. Price for dinner and dancing is \$45/adult, \$23/youth for tickets purchased by October 30. For tickets ordered after October 30, the price will be \$50 and \$25. Last day to purchase tickets is November 10 (or when sold out). You can buy tickets at the church office, by putting a check in the plate or the mail (dinner dance noted on memo) or online at our online giving site www.fpcyorktown.org/giving (using the "other" line). We had a great time at the last dance – let's make this another night to remember!

Are You Connected?

Are you getting all the news of FPCY and messages from Chip in your email inbox? You can sign up for our eNewsletter right from our home page: www.fpcyorktown.org to get your name on our mailing list.

Are you on Facebook? "Like us" and get our updates in your news feed. Just search for us on Facebook or click the Facebook icon on the homepage to get connected.

Operations Report

I offer a big shout out and Thank You to Jose for completing a huge job over Labor Day weekend in stripping the wax from the floor in Fellowship Hall and applying three new coats of wax. This is usually a two person operation, but I was on vacation at the time we had an opening in the schedule for Fellowship Hall. Jose persevered and got the job done in superior fashion. As previously reported, Jose has also waxed the preschool entrance hallway and the kitchen. Again, in solo fashion. Thanks, Jose!

Fall Work Party: We are planning our Fall Work Party to take place on October 18, 2014 beginning at 8:30 A.M. We will be doing a lot of trimming of bushes around the property, weeding, cutting back the weeds in the swale on the West side of the North Parking Lots and rehabbing the hill at the corner of Rt's 132 and 202. We will need many volunteers as this is a major work party. We also have many jobs to do inside the buildings in dusting, washing windows and vacuuming radiators.

We will have lunch at 12:30 P.M. Deanna Collins has graciously agreed to again pair-up people with tasks. If you can join us for this half-day of work, fun and camaraderie, please mark the date on your calendars and let Deanna know what kind of work you are willing to do.

For inside work, please bring a vacuum cleaner if you can, dust rags and window washing materials. For outside work, please bring gloves, lopper shears, cutting shears, pointed round nose shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and a willingness to "get dirty".

We have much work to do to ready things for our new Fall Season and welcome all who can volunteer for this half day. Should there be rain (anyone remember that term), we have the

date of November 1st as a fallback.

Other Maintenance & Improvement Efforts:
We have begun to work in the balcony of the Sanctuary to repair many chips and much peeling of paint. This is a huge job and all sanding must be done by hand to minimize dust. We will work on small sections at a time so that we can completely clean-up following our work efforts.

We plan to strip the wax in the Board/Music Room as soon as we can get an available schedule and I can be there to help Jose.

We have removed a dead Memorial Tree (Colorado Spruce) that was located in front of the Sanctuary that had died and planted a new specimen in its place. Big Thank You's are offered to Bud Coccodrilli and Jose for their help with this project.

Our furnaces and propane hot water heater have been professionally serviced and are ready for the Fall and Winter seasons.

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.

Thanks!

Dick Seymour, Chair of Operations & Facilities Coordinator



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5 Worship Services 8:30am & 10:45am 9:30 Church School Adult Ed 2pm Blessing of the Animals 3pm Confirmation Class 4:30 Middle School Youth Group		7 9:30am Covenant Noontime Meal Prep @ 2:30pm	8 7pm Covenant	9 10am Faith Study 6:30pm - Bells 8pm - Choir	10	11 Food Pantry @ 9am
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