

DATES TO NOTE:

May 30
Spring Clean-up

May 31
Covenant Sunday

June 7
Legacy Sunday

June 13
Progressive Dinner

June 14
Children's Sunday

June 21
Graduate Sunday

June 29 - July 1
VBS Youth
Leader Training

The Disciple

It Takes a Church...

Over Memorial Day weekend, our family went to Lancaster, PA to visit my parents and to be present in worship when they were honored as 50-year members of the First Presbyterian Church there. As we reminisced about their 50 years of active membership, I was truly amazed by the many ways my parents have served God through their church – youth group leaders (before I was even born), elder and deacon (numerous times), moderator of deacons, chair of the board of trustees, Sunday school teacher, chair of a major campaign, Stephen minister, mentor to seminarians, worship committee (helped purchase hand bells and refurbish historic organ), Christian education committee, mission commission (helped resettle Cambodian refugees), and the list goes on and on... There are very few jobs in that church that they haven't done. Although they would hate me calling attention to it, their legacy – the giving of their time, talent and resources – is both deep and wide. I am just one of many, many people in that congregation and community who have been touched by their generosity and service.

In fact, my faith is the result of not only my parents' faith and commitment, but also the faith and commitment of countless people in my home church – the Sunday school teachers and youth group leaders, the pastors and people in the pews, the musicians and mentors, the elders, deacons and trustees, and so many others who shared their time and talents, their faith and love, in big ways and small, in ways I'm probably not even aware of – so that I could experience the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of Spirit in my life. ***Just like it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a whole church to raise a disciple of Jesus.***

Thanks be to God that I could say the same about so many of you, the faithful members of FPCY. You have shared your time, your talents, your resources, not for your own benefit, but to build up the faith of our children, youth and adults, so that they too can experience God's love and grow in faith.



Join us in the coming weeks as we celebrate some of the many ways we share this journey of faith together. On May 31, the Covenant Bible study groups will share how their experience studying scripture together has continued to strengthen the foundation of their faith. On June 7, we celebrate the continuing legacy of Simona Frenkel's 15 years as our music director and consider more intentionally the legacy we each hope to give to the future of our ministry. On June 14, we celebrate the many ways our children and youth have grown in their faith over the past year and we say "thank you!" to all who are involved in our educational ministry. On June 21, we honor our graduates and lift up the men in our lives who have given us a glimpse of God's love and grace and who have been role models of faith for us. All month long, we prepare to share God's love with our community and world through Vacation Bible School and the upcoming mission trips to New Jersey and the Dominican Republic.

Jesus' Great Commission calls us all to "go and make disciples...." Far more than just money or a building, our legacy as a church is the faith we grow in people and the disciples we send out into the world in Jesus' name. Let's celebrate and recommit ourselves to this legacy!

Jami

Stewardship Commission

Planned Giving: Living Forward, Giving Forward



Our church family has been a blessing to us throughout our lifetime, an integral part of our spiritual journey. But when it comes to our estate planning, do we consider our church family in our plans?

Our church believes in being able to serve God and our community in the next few days, months, years, and even decades. [After all, the Christian Church is the oldest organization in continuous operation – for two thousand years - in the world today!] Planned Giving is about making a choice to give toward a better future for those we care about – including our church family.

There are many different ways to give a gift to the church for the future: wills, charitable trusts, and insurance policies, to name a few. The most common form of a Planned Gift is through a will. Now is a good time to review our wills and estates in any event, since too many Americans put

off this effort, and sometimes end up failing to provide for those they love.

A simple statement like this can be included in a will: “I give and bequeath the sum of \$ ____ (or the percentage of ____) to be used for the general program of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown in Yorktown Heights, NY, 10598, USA.” A will is a unique document and must be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of each individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which each of us lives.

To support Planned Giving, our Session approved the establishment of an endowment fund, into which we recommend Planned Gifts be directed. As that endowment fund grows, our church will benefit from the resources the fund generates to further our church mission, but more importantly, future generations will see the benefits as well. We can also contribute directly into the endowment fund with cash gifts during our lifetimes, as the story of Nellie Keller relates (see below).

Please contact any member of our Planned Giving Committee or the Stewardship Commission with any questions. The final choice is, of course, up to each individual, and when we make a Planned Gift through a will, we must access legal counsel, separate from our Church, to finalize our commitment. But this commitment will extend well into the future, to support the most enduring endeavor we can imagine, the work of God.

Members of the Planned Giving Committee: Frank Hodgkinson, Tim Lupfer, Emily Monk, Jack Shaughnessy, Carol Talbot, Carol Thorne Gaetani.

Members of our Stewardship Commission: our co-pastors, Gloria Coccodrilli, Pam Darreff, Tim Lupfer, Jessica Mayes, Mariana Sherman, Cathy Talbot

Thank you from the Stewardship Commission

THE LEGACY OF NELLIE R. KELLER

We celebrated the life of Nellie Keller a few months ago, when she passed away at the age of 106. Nellie held the current record for longevity at our church, being a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown for 74 years, although her daughter, Barbara Wilkens, is catching up with 71 years as a member of our church!

The church was a big part of Nellie's long and prosperous life. She taught Sunday school and played the piano at church. She would arrange flowers for the church, picking them from her garden and arranging them in the church for whatever event was happening. She had seven children, five girls and two boys. All seven children were confirmed in our church, and all five daughters were married in our church.

At the service honoring her life, the many aspects of her legacy were celebrated: as a great-great grandmother, she had over 100 direct descendants. Her zest for life and her sterling character were described with great affection. Think of all the epic events she witnessed during her lifetime: two world wars, women winning the right to vote, the Great Depression, profound social changes, and technology that took her from the horse-drawn carriages of her youth to traveling the world by jet as an adult.



But Nellie was also the first member of our congregation outside of the governing body of the church to give to the new endowment fund, donating a gift in 2014. As her daughter Barbara described it, “She heard about what the church was trying to establish, and she just thought it was the right thing to do.” So in her 106th year, this amazing woman extended her legacy even further, giving generously to support the mission of our church well into the future.



*Celebrating
15 years
with
Simona*

Fifteenth Year Celebration for Simona on June 7th!

During both worship services on June 7th, the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown will honor Simona Frenkel who has been our Director of Music since 2000. Over the last 15 years, Simona has developed and nurtured a dynamic musical program to enhance the worship life of our church, adding a youth hand bell choir, and introducing instrumentalists and professional musicians to Sunday worship and special services. She is welcoming to all members of our church with an interest in music, and is always encouraging newcomers to join the choir! Simona is also the Musical Director of the FPC Concert Series, which recently completed its fourteenth season, offering 66 concerts to the church and surrounding community.

Did you know she began her solo career at the age of eight with a solo debut at the Hall of Columns of the National Philharmonic of Ukraine? And in 1994 was celebrated as the youngest organist to receive *Honored Artist of the Ukraine*, one of the most prestigious musical awards in Ukraine? A reception in her honor will be held following the 10:45 worship service in Fellowship Hall.





The Ministry of Our Deacons

*Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little Ones to Him belong;
They are weak, But He is strong.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know,
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them Come to Me."*

Hymn by Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859 & William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861

Remember this hymn?! It's so simple...so sweet....so dear... I don't hear it sung very often, yet when I do it brings back such a good feeling from childhood. I remember Sunday school and Vacation Bible School days when we all would sing that hymn and just wail out the refrain: **YES, Jesus loves me! Yes, JESUS loves me! Yes, Jesus loves ME! The Bible tells me so.**

What an incredible feeling, as a child, to think that, YES!, Jesus loves ME. And the Bible does tell us so. In three of our Gospels – Matthew, Mark and John, the story is told of mothers who wanted to bring children to Jesus to have him bless them. Sometime later we know that a young boy will bring a few loaves and fished to Jesus and Jesus will feed 5,000. The Disciples had started to turn that boy away too before Jesus rebuked them.

In each of the Gospel versions of the story the Disciples rebuked the women. Rebuked! I looked it up. Rebuke – v. to scold in a sharp way – to force back, n. a sharp reprimand.

Imagine the scene. The mothers who love their children are eager to approach Jesus whom they have heard so much about. He heals the sick, the lame, the blind. Jesus has raised a Centurion's daughter from the dead and she was not even Jewish!

The Disciples were firm. They told the mothers to go away. They believed they were doing the right thing. After all, Jesus is a busy man... He has more important things to do. But wait! What happens next? Jesus calls the children over to Him. He lets them come and sit on his lap. Jesus blesses each one of the children. He shows his love for each and every one of them. Then he turns to his Disciples and says, "Let the little children come to me! Never send them away! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who have hearts as trusting as these little children's. And anyone who does not have their kind of faith will never get within the Kingdom's gates."

Indeed, that was Jesus' message all along. God our Heavenly Father loves each and every one of his children – and especially the youngest and most vulnerable of all – the little children. This message may not sound very important to us – we've all hear it so many times – but for the Jewish people it was new and radical. In their minds their God, the God of their forefather, was a God of the "group." The Hebrew, as a group, were God's chosen people. Here is Jesus saying, "No, you are mistaken...God loves each and every one of you individually – unconditionally - even and especially the children! This is radical!!

As a congregation we are committed to looking for ways

and means and places to carry out Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us and as God loves us. You are aware that the Deacons have many ministries that are aimed at sharing God's love by helping others.

We have recently recognized a need and have committed to a Ministry of delivering diapers whenever we can to clients of our Food Pantry with young babies who are struggling to

afford clean diapers for their children. We have become aware that there are parents who, out of necessity, reuse soiled diapers because they simply do not have the means to provide what is needed by their child. The Deacons have been praying and looking for ways to make this ministry more effective and are reaching out to you to help them make this a reality.

Be a Diaper Sponsor - Help Cover Bottoms in Need!

The Deacon Diaper Ministry is a new initiative to help the youngest in our community. Diapers are expensive! Parents struggling financially are often choosing to change diapers less often so that they can purchase food and other necessities. This leads to discomfort and other health issues for their babies.

While we can't offer an unlimited diaper supply to all, we want to help lighten the burden. Our goal is to set up a table at one Food Pantry per month where we will provide a 5-day supply of diapers for Food Pantry clients who request it.

Through the generosity of the Deacons Fund, we are able to provide diaper assistance for just over HALF of the people who ask. We don't want to turn away people in need, so we are extending our call for help! We have reached out to businesses and foundations, and now we are reaching out directly to the FPCY Faith Community.

Donations in any amount can be sent to the office or dropped in the offering plate marked "diapers", or entered through our online giving page. Or you can also select one of the "sponsorship" levels in the chart to the right.

Monthly Sponsorships

1 child	5-day supply	\$6
4 children	5-day supply	\$24

Yearly Sponsorships

1 child	5-day supply, 12 months	\$72
4 children	5-day supply, 12 months	\$288

In-Kind Donations

Donations of bags and boxes of diapers (especially larger sizes – 4,5 and 6's) are also accepted and can be dropped off at the church office.

As a reminder, the Diaper Drive is a ministry of the Deacons. This is operated entirely through the Deacons Fund and is handled separately from Food Pantry donations.

Join Us on June 7th after worship for our last Sunday Brunch until Fall



The first Sunday of the month for brunch is coming up on June 7th. This will be our last one before we break for the Summer.

Bring a dish to share and join us in a feast. Please drop off your brunch food (with any instructions) in the Fellowship Hall kitchen on the center island. All food contributions are welcomed!

We will resume again in October!



For over 30 years, the FPCY Food Pantry has been serving the less fortunate of our community.

And as with many things, it started small. As a matter of fact, it was a closet. The Deacons had been reactivated in 1984 and one of their first initiatives was to open a Food Closet in 1985. Yes, it was one of the closets in the office, where food was stored and distributed as needed. Members of the church would go to Food Patch located in Millwood and bring food items to resupply the Food Closet. As the number of needy clients grew steadily in the early 1990s, so did the Food Closet. We moved out of the church office and expanded into TWO closets in Room 1.

Interesting Statistics:

most of our clients only come 3 or 4 times to fill short term needs

we serve a significant number of elderly people and veterans

while our pantry's unrestricted geography brings in additional clients, it also allows us to obtain increased grant funding.

Over time Food Patch grew and so did we. Food Patch became the Food Bank for Westchester and we became an officially recognized Food Pantry Agency with the Food Bank in 1992. To maintain agency status we must comply with sanitation, food safety, quality of food bags (i.e. balanced, nutritious food), and record keeping on clients and number of meals provided.

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month with the exception of November and December when the schedule is modified to address the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

In the early 1990s we benefited from a newly established delivery system which brought our food order to the church. We operated out of Room 1. We would distribute between 40 to 60 bags at each pantry day, and the food products that were offered were all "dry and canned" grocery products such as: powdered milk, spaghetti, tomato sauce, canned and dry beans Soup, rice, canned fruit, and our favorite item, USDA canned pork product. In addition bread was distributed when it was available.

The Food Pantry experienced a large increase in demand in the late '90s and we were fortunate to be the recipient of grants ranging from \$15,000 to \$20,000 each year. In this period we were also able to greatly enhance the range of food offered. This included fresh produce and fruits (Green Thumb Program), breads from Panera and JV Bagels, and quality meat products e.g. whole chickens.

The next move was to Room 16 on Pantry Days to accommodate increased demand and to offer flexibility in moving clients thru the process. Room 2 was made available to store inventory. Our limited freezer space was augmented with one grant supporting the purchase of the double door freezer currently in the kitchen.

By the year 2005 we were in crisis mode because corporate and other agency grants that underpinned our funding were disappearing, but client numbers were on the rise. Especially following the Great Recession in 2008, our clients' needs have skyrocketed. The price of food continued to climb but wages had stagnated so those who were on the edge of poverty before now found themselves in it. But major funding was running out.

To our great good fortune we were awarded a donation from The Frase-Stockwell Fund leading to the creation of the FPCY FOOD PANTRY TRUST with a Matching Grant of \$100,000. Our yearly draw down is about \$10,000 a year which goes to matching congregation (and community) donations of approximately that amount.

Current Facts:

Numbers of clients
150 families, 500 individuals per pantry

Food Supplied
average 5000 lbs per pantry

Volunteers
average 15-25 per pantry

If you would like to donate to the food pantry (your gift will be matched by the Food Pantry Trust!) you can write a check to the church specifying "Food Pantry." For those who use online giving, there is a Food Pantry line item for this!

Looking forward, we will endeavor to continue this wonderful community outreach program which connects FPCY directly to needy individuals.

Adults and teenagers are invited to join us at 8am to help prepare food bags, distribute the food, and help recipients carry bags to their cars. Just show up at the Church any Food Pantry morning.

Food Pantry Item-of-the-Month

Canned Tuna

Next Dates:

Jun 13, 27

Jul 11, 25

9 to 11am

What's new at the Mission Commission?



From Stacey Kennealy, the director of the GreenFaith certification program:

It is my great pleasure to welcome your church into the GreenFaith Certification Program. Your application was outstanding, clearly demonstrating leadership and commitment to environmental stewardship. We are proud to welcome you into a thriving Certification community, with over 75 congregations from 24 states.

GreenFaith includes organizations from diverse religious traditions who wish to demonstrate and grow their commitment to environmental stewardship. The certification program is a two-year process which includes activity requirements in the areas of Spirit, Stewardship, Justice and Communications. Some components of the requirements are including ecological themes in some of our worship services, participating in interfaith environmental activities, conducting educational programs on the theme of environmental justice, and implementing good stewardship practices, examples of which might be reducing our energy usage, implementing composting, or conserving water. The program allows great flexibility in how we choose to fulfill the requirements, allowing us to choose activities which best match how we see God asking us to care for our world.

Your GreenFaith team includes Connie Knapp, Jean Post Winget, Tami Seidel, Dave Ramage, Andy Mavian, Robin Corpolongo, and Donna Gresh. Contact any of us if you have questions or would like to help in this process!

"BECOME GOD'S HANDS AND FEET"; YOUR MISSION TRIPS: Our congregation is committed to Mission; relieving suffering and sharing God's love, especially in the areas of hunger and safe housing. Some of our members feel called to do the physical "hands and feet" work. Others can't at this time. We would invite the whole congregation to be hands and feet in our church's mission trips through prayer support and through direct support of our team members.

Beginning this month, we will offer the opportunity to sign a foot or a hand for a donation to support your teams. These will be hung in the Fellowship Hall as a show of support for your Mission Teams:



Point Pleasant, New Jersey in July

for Hurricane Sandy rebuilding

Mission trip to the Dominican Republic in August

to work with Bridges to Community

Middle School Trip to Stony Point Center Farm in September

to learn about organic farming and food justice

You may not physically be there but you can learn, "travel" and "work" vicariously through YOUR MISSION TEAMS. Look for our tables starting in June and come along for the ride to become one

of God's hands or feet in our Missions in NJ and Dominican Republic.

-Heidi K. Haring for the Mission Commission

FPCY YOUTH

Thanks to everyone for a great year!!!

Important Dates**June 29-July 1**Vacation Bible School
Youth Leader Training**July 6-10**

Vacation Bible School

July 19-25Point Pleasant, NY
Mission Trip**August 1-9**Dominican Republic
Bridges to Community
Mission Trip**September 13-15,
2015**MS Youth Group
Mission Trip to Stony
Point Center Farm**News & Notes**

Due to overwhelming busyness on the part of our youth group members and volunteers, we put the brakes on our programming for June, and instead, ended the year with a fabulous bowling party on May 31st at Cortlandt Lanes.

The **Design Team** has begun an extensive process of assessing this year, the second of our new Youth Ministry initiative. So far, we are all reflecting on how challenging it is to bring a new model into the church culture! As we proceed, all aspects of the youth programs will be assessed including: the frequency, format, and content of our youth group meetings for both the Middle and High School groups; our effectiveness in carrying out the goals and vision we described in 2013; how volunteers are recruited, trained and supported; how the youth ministry dovetails with the larger congregation. We are deeply appreciative of everyone who has journeyed with us this year. We look forward to continuing next year, but maybe not in quite the same ways... We welcome your comments/feedback as we enter into an intentional time of assessment and planning for next year. We also welcome your prayers.

For more information, photos and videos to see what we've done this year, upcoming mission trips and what's coming up in the fall, go to: <http://fpcyouth.weebly.com/>.

Summer Community Service Opportunity – Vacation Bible School

Youth in 7th Grade or above: Would you like to spend a whole week at Vacation Bible School helping children discover God's love all around us? At G-Force VBS, we will help children experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and put God's love in action through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music, and hours of fun! "In God we live, move, and exist." - Acts 17:28a CEB

See <http://fpcyouth.weebly.com/vbs.html> for details, schedule and an application.

Mission Trip Updates

Middle School Mission Trip to **Stony Point Center Farm**, September 13-15, 2015
Interested youth in grades 6-8 for the 2015-16 school year will spend the Rosh Hashanah holiday at Stony Point Farm in Rockland County: learning about and participating in small-scale organic farming; matters of food justice and earth care; while learning why we, as Christians, are called to care about these important issues.

Please contact Margery Rossi at youth@fpcyorktown.org to sign up. Applications will be made available to interested youth & chaperones as the date draws nearer.

We have two mission trips taking place this summer. In July, Heidi Haring will lead a group of High School students (and a few adults) to **Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ** to join in Presbyterian Disaster Assistance efforts to restore homes and community destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. In August, Stephanie Hare will lead a group of adults and two high school aged youth to **Dominican Republic** to work with Bridges to Community in the remote mountainous central region of the island of Hispaniola. While applications are no longer being accepted for these trips, we ask that you hold these groups in your prayers as they represent our congregation with energy, enthusiasm, compassion and presence, both near and far!

**Summer Camp Opportunities**

Day Camps
Resident Camps
Adventure Camps
Creative Camps
& 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.*

Church School

We are continuing with our final unit "Lydia" from Acts 16:11-15. Lydia was a seller of beautiful purple cloth. A leader in business who became a spiritual leader.

1. **READ IT** - Spark Story Bible pages 532-535 or Spark Bible page 1224

2. **TALK ABOUT IT**- What is your favorite color? Who do you tell about Jesus? When were you baptized? Was anyone else baptized with you?

3. **LIVE IT** - use purple napkins this week during mealtimes. Eat purple foods. Wear purple. Enjoy purple and remember all about Lydia!

The children have learned the song "We are marching in the light of God" and if you were to take a peek you would find them marching in step around the sanctuary during gathering time!

Thank you to all of our families and creative and talented staff that make Church school great !!



Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Jen Dixon and Liza Placido
Church School Superintendents

Yorktown Community Vacation Bible School @ FPCY

Children, Youth & Adults: Save the Dates and Get Involved!



July 6-10 ~ 9 am – 12 noon for children Pre-K through 6th grade

Youth Leader Training: **June 29-July 1, 9 am – 12 noon**

Register your kids or Volunteer at
cokeburyvbs.com/yorktown

Volunteers Needed:

Squad Leaders
to shepherd kids through activities
Preschool Leaders
Decorating Crew
to turn our church into an Adventure Park
Helpers with Snacks and Registration
Teen Helpers

Items Needed

120 Cardboard cylinders (empty containers from oatmeal, breadcrumbs, cornmeal, etc.)
120 8 oz. clear plastic cups
120 plain white paper plates
Cardboard tubes (paper towel and toilet paper rolls)

Please leave donations in the bin beneath VBS Sign in the gathering space

Questions? Contact:

Debbie Hager (mdhager@hotmail.com) or Tami Seidel (tami@fpcyorktown.org)

Operation Commission



Improvement Projects

Sanctuary: Several areas of the ceiling and balcony walls are in need of repair. The north wall (behind the pulpit) was reworked by Dick Seymour and Jose Sandoval in 2011 and remains in good condition. On the ceiling however, there are areas of peeling which have gotten worse over the past year as well as numerous hairline cracks in the balcony walls. Dick requested Tom Clemmens of Clemco Construction for a proposal to refinish these areas and it was subsequently approved by Session on May 5th. This work is a significant undertaking in that the entire space above the downstairs pews must be scaffolded in order to safely refinish the ceiling. As a result we will lose the use of the Sanctuary for the 3 last Sundays of June. Unfortunately there is very little wiggle room in dates and this will cause some disruption to planned events, notably the Children's Sunday service which will now be held in Fellowship Hall. There are sufficient funds in our Maintenance Reserve Fund to cover the cost of this project. In order to minimize both expenses and disruption to Church life, people have volunteered to help with painting preparation and clean up however, we will be calling for more assistance to help set up Fellowship Hall for the June 14th Children's Service and the prior evening's Progressive Dinner dessert gathering.



Maintenance

Spring Work Party: Please mark May 30th on your calendars with a rain date of June 6th. This will be a Church wide effort to accomplish much work outside and inside our facilities. Minutes for Mission will be offered to the congregation this month to make everyone aware of this work effort.



Other Items: As previously reported and thanks to Jose who has done the bulk of the work, we have completed the rehab of the pews and front wall of the east balcony along with all of the white woodwork around the windows and along the baseboard. The South wall is nearly completed and work has begun on the pews, wall and white woodwork on the west side of the balcony.



The crabapple trees along the east walkway and the dogwoods on the west side of the paved parking lot were professionally pruned and thinned by SavaTree in January. Many branches were trimmed, chipped and taken away from the property. SavaTree has also been contracted to do several spray treatments of the dogwoods along route 132. Last year, we lost one tree and had to take prune many stressed branches. This spraying treatment will help to keep these trees in good health.



The entire north parking lot has been leveled and the stone spread evenly over the surface by Dick. Hopefully, as a result of the work, we will not need to engage Lawton Adams Construction this spring as previously envisioned.

Finally, now that warmer weather is upon us all air conditioning units have been uncovered and are ready for use when needed.



Thanks,
Dick Seymour, Facilities Coordinator and Co-Chair of Operations
Dave Ramage, Co-Chair of Operations

FPCY is now on Instagram — Follow Us: @FPCYorktown

Calling all Instagrammers and Shutterbugs! We need your help populating our feed.

How would you share FPCY to the world using only pictures?

Use your smartphones to snap square shots that capture the essence of FPCY

All groups & activities wanted! Email your contributions to Lisa in the office LisaF@fpcyorktown.org



Knitting Groups

Prayer Shawl Group will meet next on June 3 at 9:30 am which will be followed by the last women's study at 10:30 am. Summer dates will be: June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12, August 26 at 10:30 am. We will return to the 9:30 am time on Sept 2 - the first Wednesday in September. Anyone who would like to join us in knitting is most welcome. In addition to the regular knitters who come on Wednesdays, we have at least seven off site knitters. Any questions please call Marianna Sherman at 914-737-8294 or Fran Schiel at 914-245-5396.

Knit Togethers will meet on June 8 & 22 and July 13 & 27, 2015. We are planning to have a busy summer knitting lap blankets, baby blankets and sweaters, children's hats, mittens and scarves for December giving to help others in the community. All who knit or crochet are welcome to join us. Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00am to 11:30am, in the Lounge/room 15. For information: Noreen Radke (962-4370) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).



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.

Thanks to Diane Hawlk and the Shermans for volunteering for May and to the Coccodrilli and Simkins families for covering June!

**New volunteers always welcome.
Call Bud Coccodrilli (245-6475) to talk about it.**

Lunch Bunch

Join us for a Picnic Lunch on **June 17th** in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be supplied; please bring a salad or dessert to share.

July 15th and **August 19th** will be our traditional pot luck lunch.

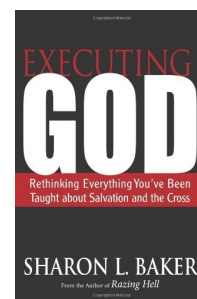
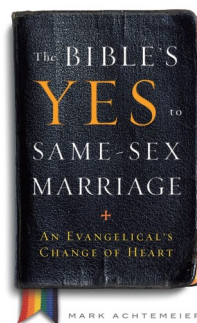
All are invited to join us throughout the summer in our air conditioned Fellowship Hall.

Any questions please speak to Pat Prauda

Check it Out! New in the Church Library:

Two new books by theologians who have completely re-oriented aspects of their beliefs:

The Bible's YES to Same-Sex Marriage (305.38 A) begins "This book is a story of a change of heart." Author and Presbyterian pastor Mark Achtemeier was a leading opponent of ordination of homosexuals in the 1990's. He gradually realized that the anti-gay stance of the church was causing pain and alienation for gay people. His "spiritual travelogue" with the Bible led him to the conviction that the best Biblical insights about marriage and sexuality make it possible for all Christian couples to experience God's blessings, no matter their sexual orientation.



In Executing God; Rethinking Everything You've Been Taught about Salvation and the Cross (231 B), Sharon L. Baker begins, "Once upon a time I was a fundamentalist, Southern Baptist and I had God all figured out." A crisis in her life forces her to reexamine the concept of atonement, resulting in her basic premise that Jesus is the best representation of God. And if that is true, then how do we reconcile the God of compassion, love, and forgiveness we find in Jesus and the God who demands a violent death in order to extend his forgiveness? If you've asked this question you'll want to read this accessible discussion of a difficult topic.

-Carol Jensen, Church Librarian

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	1	2 9:30am Covenant 7:30pm Session	3 9:30am Prayer Shawl 10:30am Women's Circle 6:30pm Covenant	4 6:45pm Bells 8:00pm Choir	5	6
7 Legacy Sunday/Simona's 15th Worship Services 8:30am & 10:45am 9:30am Church School/Adult Ed 12:00pm Youth Bell Rehearsal	8 10am Knit Togethers	9 9:30am Covenant 2:30pm Noontime Meal 7:30pm Worship	10	11 10am Study Group	12	13 9am Food Pantry 5:30pm Progressive Dinner
14 Children's Sunday Summer Worship Service 9:30am 11:30am VBS Planning Meeting 4:30pm MS Youth Group	15	16 9:30am Covenant 7:30pm Operations Mission	17 10:30am Prayer Shawl 12pm Lunch Bunch (all invited)	18	19	20
21 Graduate Sunday Summer Worship Service 9:30am	22 10am Knit Togethers	23 7:30pm Education	24 9am Stewardship	25	26	27 9am Food Pantry 6pm Jan Peek Meal
28 Summer Worship Service 9:30am 12:15pm VBS planning meeting 4:30pm - MS Youth Group 6:30pm HS Youth Group	29 VBS Youth Leader Training 9-12	30 VBS Youth Leader Training 9-12 7:30pm Communications	June			