

DATES TO NOTE:

May 3
Confirmation Sunday
Sunday Brunch

May 10
Women of the
Church Sunday
Mother's Day

May 24
Pentecost (wear red)

May 30
Spring Clean-up

May 31
Covenant Sunday

June 7
Legacy Sunday

June 13
Progressive Dinner

The Disciple

Legacy

Sunday, June 7th has been designated by our Stewardship Commission as Legacy Sunday. That day in particular is meant to raise our awareness of the legacy of faith, life and ministry we are leaving to future generations. While it's only one Sunday, thinking about the legacy of our lives is an important exercise throughout the year. What do we leave behind for the next generations? What are the values, the church, the faith, the life, the world, we pass on to them? In what shape are those gifts? And, what investment are we making now to insure that our children and all children know what we believe to be important?

In an article I read recently entitled "Teaching People to Die," Bob Kaylor writes, "It's an interesting exercise to consider what life will be like without you in it. According to some statistics, more than half of Americans do not have any sort of will or estate plan. The reasons are myriad. The expense of working with an attorney will make one consider whether that history degree could've been put to better use in pre-law. Some people believe that they don't have enough assets to want to bother with them. For most people, however, I suspect that the main reason they avoid putting together an estate plan is that they don't want to think about dying because somehow they believe that talking about it will make it happen sooner.

"Preparing to die, however, is actually the quintessentially human thing to do since it's the one thing besides birth that all of us will experience. We all have an expiration date, and, no matter how much maneuvering we attempt to avoid it or put it off, it's something we have to think about.

"For Christians, however, thinking about death should be a natural thing. After all, the first act that most of us undergo when we come to Christ is the death of baptism. We die spiritually long before most of us die physically, which acts as a kind of practice. Indeed the whole Christian life is actually a practice in the process of dying--dying to self, dying to our lives before Christ, picking up a cross and walking behind the crucified Christ...The more we can teach people to die



in the way of Christ, the more likely they are to find new life in the present and in the future."

There is much to consider in Kaylor's words. They point us toward the legacy we will leave behind, whether intentionally or not. Yet, as I consider them, I am aware of the legacy of new life we are already creating.

I give thanks for another year of team teaching confirmation classes with Ellen Miles, Pam Darreff, Gordon Braudaway and David Monk. I give thanks for the opportunity to nurture the faith of ten young people, who I believe will make a difference in this world, and to celebrate an important moment in their faith journey on May 3rd.

I give thanks for the women of our lives, mothers biological and/or spiritual, who have passed on a legacy of what it means to be the people God created us to be, and for women everywhere who are working for a better world, oftentimes at great risk to themselves (May 10).

I give thanks for the birthday of the church on Pentecost (May 24), a reminder that we have received a faith, ministry and mission that started long before us and will go on long after us and that we are called to receive it and pass it on faithfully to the next generations.

I give thanks for the legacy of growth and learning experienced by our two Covenant

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Bible Study groups which we will celebrate on May 31, and for all the education ministries of our church, including our church school and Children's Day (June 14).

And on June 7, we celebrate not only Legacy Sunday, but the wonderful legacy of music in our church as we celebrate Simona's 15 years as our music director.

All of this has happened and is happening because of the faithful giving of so many who make our ministry together possible. Your faithful financial giving during the year is amazing! Plus, planned giving donations by our church members, faithfully cared for by our Finance Committee, are making it possible to supplement your gifts to send teams of middle school and high school youth and adults on mission trips this year and to think about new ways to engage our young people in our faithful, relevant, growing witness. (BTW, if you are able, we hope that you make a special gift to send someone on a mission trip.)

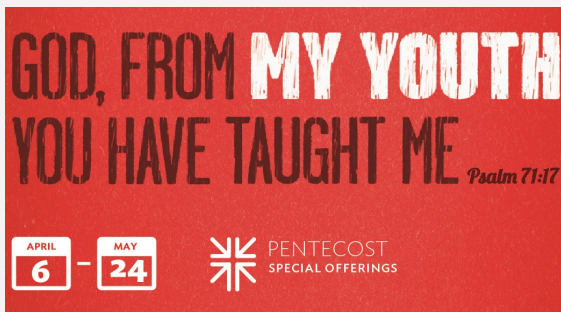
Through all these celebrations and faithful giving, we have a wonderful opportunity to live life as a gift

given to us by the many who have come before us and an equally important responsibility to hand it on to the those who come next. What are our children learning from us about life, faith, giving and the new life of Christ? What investment can we make to make sure that the legacy of our ministry and faith continues long after us? I hope you will join us in May and June to celebrate our living legacy of spiritual nurture, role models of faith, our ministry and mission as a church, music and your generosity. All of these are building our legacy and clarifying our mission and asking us to invest in the new life of the risen Christ made real in this world God loves so much.

Chip



Chip Low
Co-Pastor



Special Offering for Pentecost

Your gift to the Pentecost Offering unites young people in Christ and inspires them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Global Reach

25% Supports young adult volunteer experiences around the world

Locally-minded

40% Stays with our congregation, helping youth in our community

Sustained Impact

25% goes to ministries with youth and 10% ministries for children at risk

A Note from Kim

Although it seems like quite a long time, it's only been 2 months since I "officially" left my position at FPC Yorktown . . . and just over one month since we settled into our new home in Pennsylvania. Over that time the snow has melted and the trees are blooming. And throughout that time, I've continually been reminded of how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to be a part of the FPCY community.

Life has an interesting way of building upon experiences. I'm continually reminded that my experiences at Yorktown have changed and shaped me and prepared me for what lies ahead. For that I am thankful. I'm currently working in the office at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church and I am also applying to be the Director of Music. Deric is enjoying his new job with the Washington Crossing Council and we are excited to get to know and explore another beautiful area of the country.

My sincere thanks to Chip and Tami for their leadership and friendship. Thank you to everyone for the monetary gift, the gift cards, the beautiful scarf, the well-wishes and kindness . . . and most importantly the care and friendship that you shared with me over the last three years.

With gratitude,
Kim Wertz



Church Leadership as of January 2015

Session of Ruling Elders

Clerk of Session: Gordon Braudaway

Moderators: Reverend Chip Low, Reverend Tami Seidel

The Session is the governing body of our Church. It consists of “ruling elders” elected by the members of the Church. One class of about six members is elected each year, serving for three years in a rotating membership arrangement. In addition, two Youth Elders are elected each year for one year terms.

Class of 2015

Josie Buckhout (Youth Elder)
 *Tim Chin (Congregational Life)
 *Robin Corpolongo (Education)
 *Marsha Henderson (Worship)
 *Bruce Johnson (Personnel)
 *Connie Knapp (Mission)
 *Tim Lupfer (Stewardship)
 Julia Wanamaker (Youth Elder)

Class of 2016

*Debbie Bernardini (Worship)
 *Donna Gresh (Communications)
 Beth Gruber (Personnel)
 Jessica Mayes (Stewardship)
 Eugene McGrath (Communications)
 Ian Spence (Personnel, Operations)

Class of 2017

Kirk Larsen (Operations)
 *David Ramage (Operations)
 Suzy Rishel (Education)
 Linda Swift (Communications)
 Cathy Talbot (Stewardship)
 Kathy Winsted (Mission)

**indicates chair of the committee*

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Christine Lazarus

Vice-Moderator: Chuck Radke

Secretary: Cynthia Fritz

Financial Secretary: John Chessa

In the Book of Order:

“The Office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.”

The primary work of the Deacons involves responding to the needs of our congregation and our Food Pantry. Deacons also serve 3 year terms. In addition, two Youth Deacons are elected each year for one year terms.

Class of 2015

Emma Capichioni (Youth Deacon)
 John Chessa
 Todd Child (Food Pantry)
 Wanda Diaz
 Christine Lazarus
 (Bereavement & Visitation)
 Justin Leftwich (Youth Deacon)

Class of 2016

Carl Anderson
 Cynthia Fritz
 Chuck Radke (Transportation)
 Carol Thorne-Gaetani
 (Communications)

Class of 2017

Bud Coccodrilli (Food Pantry)
 Debbie Hager
 Marianna Sherman (Visitation)
 John Winget

What's new at the Mission Commission?



Feel called to serve but aren't sure where? The Mission Commission can help! We are blessed with many opportunities to connect with the world locally, nationally and internationally. Here are just a few.

You might have noticed that we are a "food church." We feed people through our **FOOD PANTRY** here at our church, the **NOON TIME MEAL** that is cooked in the commercial kitchen at Peekskill Presbyterian Church and served at the Salvation Army, and the meals that are cooked (usually by two FPCY families) at Jan Peek House in Peekskill once a month. The Mission Commission supports these activities and wants to make sure that everyone knows that each of these opportunities to serve are available to everyone. The food pantry is an activity primarily of the deacons, coordinated by Todd Child and Bud Coccodrilli. Squeegie Mills was the "point person" for the Noon Time meal for many years; Andy Mavian has taken over the reins there. And Bud Coccodrilli has coordinated the meals at Jan Peek House since 2003. Thanks to all of these "saints" and the many others who make these things happen.

These activities are sort of like background music in a movie; we only notice when the music is missing (or is awful!). And maybe you haven't noticed these activities because they run, well, like background music! So show up on a food pantry Saturday, or contact Andy to help cook the Noon Time Meal, or sign up to serve a meal at Jan Peek House.

Times change, people move on but the need doesn't go away. In particular, it's time to find someone else to coordinate our mission to feed the homeless at **JAN PEEK HOUSE**. After 12 years Bud Coccodrilli would like to transition out of this role. He'll help whoever is interested in coordinating, and coordinating is the main job-making sure that two families have signed up to serve the meal, making sure that Jan Peek knows we're coming. Bud has a great step-by-step sheet he provides to participants that tells exactly what is to be done. Feel called to be involved? Contact Connie Knapp (caknapp@acm.org) or Bud Coccodrilli for more information.

The **AMNESTY LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN** is another way we connect with the world. Amnesty International identifies human rights issues and provides information and templates for letters. You can learn more here: <http://www.amnestyusa.org/get-involved/take-action-now>. Carol Myers has coordinated the Amnesty Table for nine years. Some years she's had help from a high school student or a member of the congregation. She's looking for someone to help out and take over-interested? See Carol at the Amnesty table or contact Connie Knapp (caknapp@acm.org, 914.671.5114).

We also connect with the world through **MISSION TRIPS**. *Can't go on a mission trip? Don't worry, help send someone!* Later this year during a worship service we will be commissioning those who are using their own hands and feet to go on a mission trip on behalf of the rest of us (to Point Pleasant, the Dominican Republic or Stony Point). The Mission Commission has some funds to support these activities, and the congregation can support them with prayers and financial contributions. Look for "hands and feet" in the fellowship hall in June (see Heidi's article below). Can't wait? You can contribute on-line, at MyFPCY, under "mission trips."

You can help support women and families by making a donation for a Mother's Day card Sunday May 3rd in the gathering space. The donations support **HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES PROJECT** of PC(USA). You can learn more here <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/mothers-day-cards-information-sheet/>. Thanks to Marsha Henderson and Squeegie Mills who have faithfully managed this over many years.

-Connie Knapp

"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 in June, 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 (New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy rebuilding in July and the Dominican Republic in August to work with Bridges to Community). 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



The Ministry of Our Deacons

I cry to the Lord. I call and call to him. Oh! That he would listen. I am in deep trouble and I need his help so badly. All night long I pray, lifting my hands to Heaven, pleading. There can be no joy for me until He acts. I think of God and moan, overwhelmed and longing for His help. I cannot sleep until you act. I am too distressed even to pray! Psalm 77:1-4

Did you know that the Psalms in our Bible were for the Hebrew people what our hymns are for us today? They were sung for all occasions just as we sing hymns and praise songs today. The Psalms reflect every human emotion, mood and feeling that may be brought to God to be blessed. Many of our familiar Psalms reflect joy, thankfulness, faith, hope, joy and praise. The Psalm above reflects sorrow, hopelessness, despair and doubt.

How many times in your life have you experienced these very emotions? How many times have you sat alongside and waited

with someone – a loved one or a friend – and watched helplessly as they experienced emotions like the ones in Psalm 77?

As Deacons it feels like we are always traveling between the highs and the very lows of emotions as we meet with, serve and try to help those of our church community and beyond. Recently the Deacons have witnessed and experienced significant hurts and losses as they have seen several of our long term and beloved members and their families through dark and difficult times. It is often hard not to give in to these feelings of hopelessness, helplessness and despair ourselves.

Thankfully, though, the Deacons have many ways in which we can support and encourage each other in

our faith and remind ourselves to trust in the eternal promises God makes to all of us. We meet on a regular basis and exchange experiences, thoughts, information, feelings and reactions. We also use texts and emails as well as traditional telephone calls. The many Ministries of the Deacons also give us concrete things we can do to help others.

Chuck Radke is our Deacon coordinating the Transportation Ministry. If there is a funeral service for one of our members, for example, Chuck arranges for transportation for anyone who would like to attend but is not able to get to church on their own. Likewise, if there is a special function and you would like to come, Chuck can arrange transportation for that too. Most often he does it himself!

Wanda Diaz sends cards and letters to those who may be

grieving, sick, hospitalized, homebound or otherwise in need. Thankfully, she often sends congratulations for significant birthdays, anniversaries or other major joyful events in someone's life. She even sends "Thank You" notes.

Recently, our Deacon, Carl Anderson, has written grant requests and has been able to obtain donations from area merchants and organizations to support our Food Pantry, School Supply and Diaper Ministries. Here a "Thank You" note from Wanda is another JOY to celebrate!

John Chessa manages the Deacons' finances and keeps us on Budget. He reports to us as your gifts come into the Deacons' Fund. We are always grateful for your prayers and support and continually welcome your gifts to expand and enhance the Ministries that are so vital to those in need. John also rotates with others like Bud Coccodrilli to organize the "Loaves and Fishes."

Our Visitation and Bereavement team consists not only of our current members – Christine Lazarus, Marianna Sherman, John Winget, and Chuck Radke, and Tami Seidel – but also continues to be served by faithful Deacons that are no longer in office but have grown to love and value this ministry and the people we serve.

The Food Pantry Ministry is coordinated by Todd Child and Bud Coccodrilli and assisted by dozens and dozens of volunteers twice each month as an amazing amount of food and groceries (tons!) pass through our church walls and out again into the community.

Among our new members on the Board of Deacons, in addition to Marianna and Bud, are Emma Capichioni, Justin Leftwich and Debbie Hager. They serve alongside in these many Ministries including ushering during services.

Yes, there can be much pain and hurt in the world around us. Yet there is always hope, joy and peace that can be found as we individually and together as Brothers and Sisters in faith look to God our Heavenly Father and Jesus our Brother and Savior to direct us, guide us, and sustain us as we live out our lives. We are renewed and strengthened along our life journeys by the encouragement of Tami and Chip and the blessed assurances that God loves us and will walk with us through it all.

The Lord is our Shepherd and we shall dwell in His house forever.
Psalm 23

God Bless you all!!

-Carol Thorne-Gaetani

Food Pantry Items-of-the- Month

Cereal

Next Dates:
May 9, 23
Jun 13, 27
9 to 11 am

We need
volunteers from
8-11 am on the
pantry days.

Operation Commission

Spring Work Party May 30—Starting at 8:30 am with lunch provided at 12:30 pm

Help us set a new record for the number of volunteers participating in the Spring Work Party! This is a time not only of work to clean-up and spruce-up our grounds and facilities, but also a time of camaraderie and fun. The Spring Work Party is our Big attempt to get things back in order after a tough winter. We have tasks for all comers. There will be "lite" work and some rather heavy work. Deanna Collins is our coordinator and she works very hard to match volunteers to specific tasks. Feel free to give Deanna a call and find a task that is just right for you. If you call Deanna, it will make her job much easier.



Outdoor activities:

- Weeding and mulching of the iris beds
- Clean-up and weeding of all gardens and beds
- Placement of the concrete stopper chocks that got knocked out of place
- Mulching around the trees
- Raking gravel around the periphery of the north parking lots
- Weeding the berm and Island in the north parking lots
- Blowing all walkways, driveways and the paved parking lot

Indoor activities:

- Clean-up and scrub down of the kitchen
- Dusting throughout the facilities
- Washing of as many of our windows as possible
- Vacuuming of pews in the Sanctuary and furniture in the Library

Improvements:

Our work continues in the balcony of the Sanctuary. The bulk of this work is being done by Jose. I am hopeful that I will be able to contribute to this effort soon. This project entails hand sanding where necessary of all of the white woodwork and then priming the sanded spots and painting the entire area. As previously reported, the east side of the balcony has been completed and much of the south wall has been done. We are now working in the west side of the balcony.

North Parking Lots: A portion of the rail fence bordering the west side of the parking lots got crashed and one of the posts was broken off. This has now been replaced along with several of the rails. Due to the nature of our north parking lots, a lot of the stone covering the surface gets pushed around when the lots are snow plowed. I have been working with my machine to bring the stone back into place and form an even surface. At the Spring work party, we will do some raking of the stones from the grassy areas and bring the remaining stone back onto the parking lots.

Routine Maintenance:

Pest Management: Our contract with J.P. McHale for on-going pest management has been very successful. We have had no recurrence of ants and less evidence of unwanted critters in the cellars.

Lighting: We have had several lighting ballasts fail recently. This required replacement of the failed ballasts. We are monitoring this situation to try to determine why the ballasts have failed. Also, we are tracking our usage of electricity carefully to determine the effect of changing all of our lighting over to LED's or CFL's. It will take several months to get a good picture of how we are doing.

Conclusion:

Our rather extensive facilities are used by well over twelve hundred people each week. This is a blessing as it is a fundamental part of our mission work and community outreach. However, as a result of our high usage and the increasing age of our facilities, routine maintenance is required on a daily basis. We don't always see something amiss as soon as a user of the facility or a member of the Church does. Therefore, we continue our requests to please let us know if you see something that is not up to par. We will endeavor to remedy any issue quickly or plan for a longer range improvement if that is what is called for.

Thanks!

Dick Seymour, Facilities Coordinator and Co-Chair of Operations

Dave Ramage, Co-Chair of Operations



A special thank you to David Lee for refurbishing our benches near the back parking lot and in outdoor worship space. He did a fantastic job!

FPCY's Newest Members

Carmine & Deneen Furci are high school sweethearts who started dating in 11th grade and have been together ever since. They have 15 year old twins, Carson and Brielle who are freshmen at Yorktown High School. **Carmine** has been a volunteer firefighter in Yorktown for 28 years with two terms as Chief. He works in Stamford at a printing company that he and his brother owned for 21 years and just recently sold. **Deneen** works for Time Inc., the magazine, in Stamford as an Associate Director of Print Production and has been with them for 11 years. She is very much into health and exercise and encourages the family to do healthy activities together such as skiing, hiking and bike riding. **Brielle** plays lacrosse and field hockey, loves math and science and is very interested in the medical field. **Carson** plays lacrosse and football, enjoys social studies debates and politics as well as science.

Jennifer and Patrick Burns III live in Mahopac. They have been married 25 years, and have two children, Cheryl and Patrick IV. **Jen** works for a special education agency called Kinder-Wise in North Salem. She previously worked as a teaching assistant for the Mahopac school district and as church secretary for the Presbyterian church in Mahopac. She has a BFA in Visual Arts from Purchase College. She loves to draw, paint and write, and enjoys being outdoors, especially swimming and gardening. **Patrick** works at Montefiore in Tarrytown. He previously worked at Consumer Reports in Yonkers and Fujifilm in Valhalla. He earned a Master's in History from Western Connecticut State University. He likes to read books about the American Revolution. He enjoys watching baseball and football (Mets fan and Cowboys fan) and looks forward to the family vacation in Maine each summer. **Patrick IV** is finishing his freshman year at the University of Hartford as a Psychology major and Art minor. He graduated from Lakeland High School last year. He enjoys photography, drawing, reading, and listening to many genres of music on vinyl. **Cheryl** will be graduating from Brandeis University next month, with a BS in "Health: Science, Society and Policy." She is also a music minor. During the summers, she works as the organist for Bryn Mawr Park Presbyterian Church in Yonkers. She hopes to find a full-time job in the healthcare field. She enjoys playing and writing music, and has always loved to read.

Lisa Tieche lives in Cortlandt Manor with her husband Todd and two sons, Maxwell (14) and Theodore (6). Shortly after **Todd** relocated from Ohio to New York, he met Lisa while they were both in Geneva, Switzerland on a business trip. Lisa spent 25 years of her career working for various European companies as the Director of Marketing and Communications. After traveling extensively in her roles, she decided to focus on her family and is now the owner of a marketing and public relations firm. She enjoys cooking, gardening, photography and peaceful walks. **Maxwell** attends Hendrick Hudson High School where he plays soccer, basketball and participated in many track events. He's very interested in math and history and also loves traveling. **Theodore** attends Furnace Woods Elementary School and is an avid artist; he loves to draw and create with Legos. Lisa and her family are looking forward to becoming active members of the FPCY community.



Carmine Furci



Deneen Furci



Patrick Burns III



Jennifer Burns



Cheryl Burns



Lisa Tieche

Save the Dates

June 5

Homeless Awareness
Sleep-Out

Join us for an overnight experience in the church parking lot, to see what it is really like to live without the comforts of a home. More details will follow soon...

June 20

Prepare Meal for
Jan Peek Shelter
Participating youth will receive community service hours.

June 28

End of School Year
Celebration
Middle and High School Youth Groups

June 29-July 1

Vacation Bible School
Youth Leader Training

July 6-10

Vacation Bible School

September 13-15, 2015

MS Youth Group
Mission Trip to Stony
Point Center Farm

FPCY YOUTH

NOTES FROM THE DESIGN TEAM

It's been two years since the Design Team began to work on fulfilling the church's goal of engaging youth and adults in a sustainable youth ministry program. The Design Team will be meeting in May to look in-depth at what has worked and what needs to be changed in order to continue to grow the program. Here are a few things we've noticed:

Then	Now
One youth group for Middle School	Two active youth groups! 8-10 in MS Youth Group, 10-12 in HS Youth Group
Two youth went on a mission trip	More than 10 HS youth will accompany adults on domestic and international mission trips
No middle school mission trip	A middle school mission trip is in the works for the fall

This growth tells us that our vision and mission statements are on target.

Special thanks go to all of the adults who led meetings with the youth, met on one Sunday after worship to plan, or volunteered with chaperoning, driving, etc. We will continue to seek to expand the connection between youth and adults in the church community.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

May 17*& 31*; June 5 & 14 – Stewardship of Our Neighbors
On May 31, we bring our lessons to life with the Stewardship of Bowling (details to be posted on the youth website).

Permission slips to travel off-site must be on file in the church office. If you have not yet filled one out for your child, you may download one from the Youth website, www.fpcyouth@weebly.com, complete it, and bring with you to youth group, OR drop it off in the church office.

**dates were changed to accommodate Mother's Day & Memorial Day.*

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

May 31*, 6-8 PM – JOIN the G-Force!

We will host an orientation meeting for all middle & high school youth interested in volunteering as Youth Leaders for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Come and find out about this exciting opportunity to learn leadership skills, ask important questions about your own faith, and share God's love with the children of our community. All participating youth leaders will receive community service hours. Join us and find out what's in store this year with G-Force!

**moved from May 24th, Memorial Day weekend*

-Karen LaBonte



Summer Camp Opportunities at Holmes for children and youth of all ages.

Check out holmescamp.org for more info.

May 17, 2015 Summer Camp Open House

at Holmes at Westminster Lodge 2:00 to 4:30pm

Come take some camp tours, meet some of the summer staff, ask your questions, go boating (if the weather is great) and enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers fresh off the grill.

Last chance for early registration discount with full camp fee payment.

Financial assistance is available.

Please speak to Chip or Tami about it.



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)

Church School “Chalkboard”

Spring is upon us at last! On May 3rd we will be finishing our Love Is... Rotation from 1 Corinthians 13, God Loves you so you can love everyone, too. The children have learned of Paul, Corinth, Love, God's Love, Faith and Hope!

Family conversation questions:

1. How do you know when someone loves you?
2. How do you show someone you love them?
3. How do you know God loves you ?

Family Activity: Try writing a letter together that uses words describing what love is and isn't. Who could you send this letter to? What kind of response do you think might happen?

The children have learned the song "They will know we are Christians by our love" and it's wonderful to hear them belt it out during gathering time!

Our Pre-K group have joined the rotation and our 3rd and 4th graders have begun their "Bible Skills program" to further develop and sharpen their Bible Skills.

On May 10th we have Parent's Day in the Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about how we honor our Father and Mother and the children will make some wonderful crafts and gifts for their parents and loved ones. Please encourage the children to join us after for Service. Also if you haven't already done so please remember to bring in your One great hour of Sharing Fish Banks Thank you!

On May 17th Church School will begin our last Rotation of the Church School Year on "Lydia" the amazing woman many people learned from, who sold purple cloth!

Save the date—June 14th— for Children's Sunday

Thank you to all of our families and staff that make Church school the wonderful program that it is!

Jen Dixon and Liza Placido
Church School Superintendents



WE'RE HAVING A PARTY AND YOU ARE INVITED.

The 22nd Annual Progressive Dinner

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 13

This is a great event and offers a chance to meet new friends or become better acquainted with other Church members over appetizers and cocktails beginning at 5:30pm. At 7pm we will separate into smaller groups at the home of various hosts. The evening will end with dessert and coffee at a place to be determined.

To make this party a success, we will need hosts for dinner. You provide the house and the guests bring the dinner. Wine will be provided as well. We welcome any suggestions for the dinner menu or wine favorites.

The costs remains at \$8.00 per person and can be paid on two Sundays May 31 and June 6 between services in the Gathering Space. Just look for Louise Fang, Sue Nelson or Barbara Humphrey. For any questions on dietary needs or babysitting please call Louise Fang (962-4515).

Annual Mother's Day Project



The Mission Commission will once again offer Mother's Day cards to support the PC(USA) program HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES.

The cards will be available following both services on April 26 and May 3. Donations of any amount are welcome. The recommended donation is \$10.00.

Health 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 245-3924.

from Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Commission has purchased new green table cloths to be used for Special Occasions such as Funerals. There are 12 round and 4 rectangular. The maroon covers are also in the closet and can be used but only 8 round and 2 rectangular remain. We also have 4 white round covers that were given to us several years ago. They are also in a plastic container in the kitchen closet. If you use any of them, please clean and press them and return them to their proper containers in a timely manner in case someone else needs to use them. There is a drawer over by the stove that has table covers to be used for Sunday coffee hours and any other meetings.

The Commission also purchased 2 large Thermos Coffee Jugs and a smaller one for water to be used at meetings held outside the fellowship Hall. This will prevent folks carrying hot coffee or tea through the halls. They are in the bottom of the kitchen closet for now and as soon as a space is found in another cabinet for them they will be moved and you will be notified.

Amnesty International Letter Writing

You are invited to the Amnesty letter writing table in Fellowship Hall on May 10 as we again send letters of support for those whose human rights are being violated. We have received some information on previous cases. **Last month** we sent letters on behalf of five women activists in China, who were detained as they prepared to stage public protests against sexual harassment on public transportation. They have been released from custody, but are still being monitored by the police. In **February** we advocated for Raif Badawi of Saudi Arabia, who was sentenced to 10 years and 1,000 lashes for the creation of the Saudi Arabian Liberals website. The flogging has been discontinued, but his sentence still stands. His wife has written to Amnesty, thanking the members for the many thousands of letters. The public outcry in both of these cases, which includes our letters, has sent a message to officials in both these countries that the world is aware of and concerned about their actions. Hopefully, continued pressure will result in full justice for these victims. Thanks for all who participated in these vital missions.

-Carol Myers

Knitting Groups



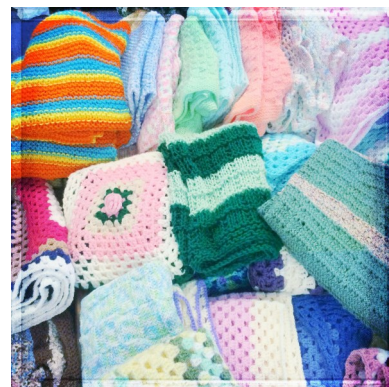
Prayer Shawl Group 114 blankets were donated to Project Linus on April 15th! We are grateful for this opportunity to serve God in bringing hope and healing to many children and young adults. For May and June we will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The first Wed. is 9:30 am and the third Wed. is at 10:30. 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 meet next on May 25, June 8 & 22. We are busy turning recent yarn donations into baby blankets, sweaters, hats, mit-

tens, and lap blankets to give within the local 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 Lounge 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 the Mavian and Prauda families for the April meal and to Diane Hawlk and the Shermans for volunteering for May!

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

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be going to Little Sorrento for a family style lunch on May 20th from Noon to 3pm. Reservations are required and payment (\$24 per person) should be in by Friday May 15th. Checks should be made out to Pat Prauda and left in the office with Lisa or mailed to Pat Prauda 25H Springvale Rd, Croton-on-Hudson, 10520.

We will have our picnic at the Church on June 17th at Noon. More details to follow. July 15th will be a Pot Luck. So mark your calendar and plan to join us at one of our events!

Church History



Have you seen the latest historical facts about FPCY? Check out the bulletin board in the hallway!

Check it Out! New in the Church Library:

Two books new to the Church Library are heartfelt and emotional responses to life crises. *Caring for Mother; a Daughter's Long Goodbye* (155.9 O), by Virginia Stem Owens, describes the seven years she spent caring for her mother, who had Parkinson's disease and dementia. In addition to vivid descriptions of the challenges she faced, at the end she details a number of specific suggestions for caregivers, based on her experiences.

John Karlik, a California lawyer, faced fraying family relationships, possible bankruptcy, and health issues. When he thought it couldn't get worse, he received a thank-you note in the mail. Inspired by that, he resolved to send a thank-you note to someone every day for one year. These acts of finding something to be grateful for paid big dividends in both his outlook and his personal life. In *A Simple Act of Gratitude, How Learning to say Thank You Changed my Life* (248 K), he describes his journey from desperation to hope.

-Carol Jensen, Church Librarian

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