

July/August 2015

DATES TO NOTE:

July 6 — July 10 Vacation Bible School

July 19 — 25 Point Pleasant, NJ Mission Trip

August 1 — 9 Dominican Republic Bridges to Community Mission Trip

> August 30 YAV Sunday

The Disciple

Throw a Water Balloon

The cartoon The Wizard of Id, a cartoon I grew up reading as a kid (in something called a newspaper) is running a series of cartoons entitled "Six Things You Should Do This Summer". In one of the cartoons, set in medieval times, two soldiers are high-fiving each other after setting off their catapult. The object they have shot is about to land on the king and his aide, and the caption says, "Throw a water balloon." That is good advice for summer. Throw a water balloon. The point is that it's different than what's expected. It's new. It's fun, and it's certainly less harmful than the expected boulder. What are five more things you could do this summer that might bring a little splash into your life, that would be different than what's expected of you so that your summer might be more meaningful, new, different?

Our church is doing some things that are different and new as a part of our six things this summer. We are hosting and leading Vacation Bible School at our church this summer for an estimated 100 kids who will learn about G-Force: God's Love in Action. We are sending a team of high school youth and adults to **New Jersey** to work on Hurricane Sandy Relief. We are doing Green Faith audits around our church (thanks to a PC(USA) grant and our mission budget) to see how we care for creation with our building and ministry. We are sending a team of adults and youth to the Dominican Republic to work on various projects there. In September, our Middle School Youth Group with adult supervision is going to Stony Point Conference Center to learn about farming and food justice for three days. And, hopefully, our sixth event of the summer will be rest, rest during the vacations we take, rest in our worship together, rest in our fellowship, resting to know the presence of God in new ways. None of these is quite like throwing a water balloon, but maybe we'll throw one sometime during these events.

More importantly, all of these activities are new and different ways we can live our mission as FPC Yorktown to "Connect with God, One Another and the World." Each of them in their own way invites us to see what God is doing in new ways and places, how God wants to work in and through us, and how we can learn from others about our connections to God, one another and the world. Each of them invites us to have open minds and hearts and learn from others about their lives and culture. We aren't just fixing people in these events; we are learning about the lives of others and what it means to know them and be known by them. Each of them invites us as a



church to see how our ministry connects with the world around and beyond us which God loves so much.

We do all of this because of something Jesus said to his disciples. "Go on your way. See, I am sending you out..." (Luke 10:3a). One fundamental characteristic of disciples of Jesus Christ is that they go out because lesus sends them. To be stationary too long is to become ineffective for the gospel of Jesus Christ. To connect with God, one another and the world is to be actively involved in the work God is doing. So, Jesus calls us to ask, "What is God doing? How are we getting involved in it? How is our ministry on the go, sending us out to share the good news?" When Jesus' words begin to take hold, it won't be just a one-week Vacation Bible School or week-long mission trips in which we live his words. Everything we do will be about embodying them, from church school to youth ministry, from adult education to worship to our year-round work to serve our community. You and I will go. We will do these things because God has sent us to be with children and youth. God has sent us to be with the poor, lonely, and the left out. God has sent us to be a place where the broken find healing. The Bible has a word for people who understand their lives and faith as being sent by Jesus. Apostle. The Greek word means "sent".

What six things are doing this summer to be on the go, to be a disciple who understands that Jesus sends you? How will you live your calling to be an apostle of Jesus Christ with a living and active faith? I'm looking forward to hearing how you answer those questions and what God does in and through you.

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Stewardship Commission



A big thanks to our congregation! As we hit the halfyear mark, the Stewardship Commission wants to thank everyone who gives to our church for your amazing support and dedication. Our trends for giving this year are very positive. This means that the pledges are coming in as promised, and that gifts that have been donated

without an annual pledge are also coming in at a rate similar to previous years. We'll give the congregation more details on this at the service on July 12. Your generosity is what makes all the activities of our church possible, from the mission trips to the fixing of our sanctuary. With everyone's continued support, we can finish the year on a very positive note.

-Jessica Mayes and Tim Lupfer, for the Stewardship Commission

Thank you, all Party Goers for a wonderful 29th Progressive Dinner Party!

A special Thanks to Beth and John Gruber for hosting a wonderful Hors D'oeuvres Hour. It was a beautiful Summer evening on the Gruber's terrace.

A big thanks to Hermans, Winsteds, Ruth Deemer, the Wallaces, Nelsons and Fangs for hosting dinners and of course all our happy participants.



From Louise, Barbara and Sue

Hope you will join us next year!

ONLINE GIVING HELP:

Did you know that we have 2 different log-in pages on our website? One is for myFPCY (membership directory, giving statements, etc.) and the other is for managing online gifts (actual transaction scheduling and changes). If you're having trouble accessing your online giving page, you might just be using the wrong link, username and password. For online giving, you need to go here: http://tinyurl.com/fpcygiving

A message from the FPC Concert Series...



Looking back at the 2014-2015 Concert Series, I am so amazed and grateful for the many gifts and talents that come together in our church family to produce our annual Concert Series. So many people said that this year was "the best yet" – meaning I think the wonderful variety of music (from Gospel to Classical to Pop) and the high caliber of the performing artists. I think no one who heard violinist Dmitri Berlinsky's violin concert with Simona will ever forget that night! We are blessed with the time and talents of the 18 members

of the Concert Series task force, our Musical Director Simona, and everyone who welcomed, ushered, moved pianos and risers, operated sound, hung lights, designed flyers and art work, provided receptions, watched over the budget, promoted and spread the word, created videos and most importantly came to enjoy. Thank You – Bravo! Did you know over 60% of our audience are not members of the church? -- and many of those return each year.

Our 2015-2016 season will be our Fifteenth Year! And the calendar is beginning to come together! To offer a sneak preview – there will be Jazz in November, an annual Christmas Concert, a Lenten Concert, classical candlelight concert, and Spring Concert of popular favorites. More to Come!!

-Christie Herman, for the FPC Concert Series

Connecting with God, One Another and the World



Where in the world are FPCY members? (with apologies to Waldo, and Carmen Sandiego)

We are headed for the **Dominican Republic, Point Pleasant New Jersey** and **Stony Point**. And you can be a part of this through your support and your vans. Yes, your VANS. The folks heading for the Dominican Republic are all set to get there if they can only get to the airport.

Airport rides are needed for:

Saturday, August 1, to leave the church parking lot around 11 AM for a 3 PM flight Sunday, August 9, to meet a flight arriving at JFK at 9 PM.

If you have a van and can help out, please tell Lisa Flanagan in the office (<u>lisaf@fpcyorktown.org</u>) or call Stephanie Hare at 914-826-1227.

We are grateful to the "saints" of this church, and especially to Bud Coccodrilli and Pat Prauda. As many of us know, Bud has coordinated the meals at **Jan Peek House** since 2003. A big thank you to Bud for his faithful service. Beginning right now, Pat Prauda will be coordinating and you might hear from her soon. Welcome Pat!! <u>We need two families to cook and serve meals in July and August.</u>

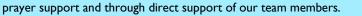
The **Amnesty Letter Writing Campaign** is another way we connect with the world. Amnesty International identifies human rights issues and provides information and templates for letters. You can learn more here: <u>http://www.amnestyusa.org/getinvolved/take-action-now</u> Carol Myers has coordinated the Amnesty Table for nine years. We staff the table from October until June. Some years Carol'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 Myers or contact Connie Knapp <u>caknapp@acm.org</u>, 914.671.5114.

We're gearing up for a **Midnight Run**. Interested in driving? Let our coordinator Jean Post Winget know at jeanpostwinget@live.com. We'll also need folks to go, so let her know about that, too.

And at the end of August we'll be commissioning three YAVs – **Young Adult Volunteers** – from our denomination who will be ending a week of training at Stony Point before serving for one year all around the country and the world. You can read some of their stories here <u>http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/yav-stories/</u>

-Connie Knapp, for the Mission Commission

"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



We are still offering 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

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Food Pantry

Item-of-the-Month

CEREALS –

HEALTHY

CHOICES!!

Next Dates: Jul 11, 25

Aug 8, 22

9 to 11 am

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The Ministry of Our Deacons

You may remember the Prayer of St. Francis. I found it on the internet again recently. It was so easy to find!

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy;

Many people love this prayer and use it regularly to center themselves, guide their plans and actions or to find some inner peace in this fast-paced, high-technology world we live in. I remember a special version of St. Francis' prayer that the choir used to sing that was particularly touching to me because of the wording that was used. Towards the end we sang: "As much as we give – that much we are given. I die to myself – at last I am living!"

"I die to myself – at last I am living!" Isn't this what Jesus taught us? Isn't this the example he set for us? We don't need to actually die to fulfill Jesus' command to love one another as He has loved us – as our Heavenly Father loves us. But we can find that in dying to our own small selves, concerns and personal pursuits and by finding ways in our lives that we can offer ourselves, share our resources, make connections and help others, that the very thing we are looking for – to live fully and meaningfully – can be found. It seems paradoxical and it is! Yet it is the very thing God promises us over and over again. It is in first giving that we find we receive bountifully from God's lavish abundance.

Our church offers us many opportunities to "die to ourselves" and experience the inner JOY of living ! Modern technology has made it even simpler and easier for us. You can go to our church website online at <u>www.fpcyyorktown.org</u>. Next O, Divine Master, grant that I May not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

go to 'Give Now' on the home page where you can easily set up a one-time gift or a recurring monthly donation. There are so many places and Ministries that offer opportunities for giving. Whatever you choose, whether it is the Diaper Ministry, School Supplies, Food Pantry, Planned Giving or other, you simply have to note it in the

"Comment" section and it's done! Naturally, you can always make your gift by placing a check in the offering plate. Just remember to make a note in the Memo section as to where you want your gift to go.

Please note: If anyone is interested in assisting Chuck Radke with the transportation of people needing rides to church, Lunch

Bunch, Concerts or doctor's appointments, please call Chuck at (914)962-4370. He will welcome your assistance. God Bless you all.

-Carol Thorne-Gaetani for the Deacons

It's time to start bringing in School Supplies!

On Saturday, August 8 our Food Pantry will distribute school supplies to children.

We will be purchasing kits of supplies for the younger grades, and asking the congregation to bring in supplies for children in grades 6-8.

<u>The following would be most appreciated:</u> Pens, pencils, erasers, pencil cases, pocket folders, spiral bound notebooks, composition books, I" binders, looseleaf paper, and highlighters.

Cash/checks are also welcome. Just mark "School Supplies" on your gift.

Thank you for helping the Deacons with this ministry!

Please contact Debbie Hager (mdhager@hotmail.com), Emma Capichioni or Justin Leftwich with questions.

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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	4 children 5-day supply, 12 months					
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.

The YAV Experience

Want to know what to do with your life? Want to put your faith into action? Want to grow as a leader in Christian service? Want to see what God is doing in the world while serving a local community? The YAV Program might be just for you... a year of service for a lifetime of change

On Sunday, August 30, we will commission Young Adult Volunteers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to a year of service.

YAVs are young adults from 19 to 30 years. They live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August - July, as they explore God's calling in their lives. Volunteers are placed in community agencies or local churches, with jobs depending on the needs of partners and the skills of the Young Adult Volunteer. YAVs are exposed to some of the hardest problems in the world – poverty, violence and reconciliation, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ – while living and reflecting with other volunteers on the meaning and motivation of their Christian faith. All YAVs receive health insurance and student loan repayment is available for qualified applicants. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), you and your supporting congregation and presbytery, and some placement agencies share funding of this program.

Join us Sunday, August 30 to commission YAVs from across the country. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to a year of service, exploration and discernment.

Learn more at: www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/



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FPCY YOUTH Just because we aren't having youth group meetings doesn't mean that youth ministry isn't happening this summer! There's a lot going on!

- ▼ Teens from three churches will gather to volunteer at Vacation Bible School in early July
- A Mission Trip to Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ will happen in late July
- Another Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic will happen in early August
- * A third Mission Trip to the Stony Point Center Farm will happen in Early September
- Adults are busy planning for next year's programming
- ♥ We're keeping watch for community service opportunities for youth

Phew! I think that's everything. So, keep an eye on your email for more information about each activity as the time draws near. We will be shutting down our current website in the coming weeks and will begin the next school year with web pages that are integrated into the church website. Stay tuned.

Mark your calendars: The Middle School Youth Group will meet (generally) on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month 4:30-6 PM. (A calendar will be available shortly.) The Middle School program year will kick off with our **Mission Trip to Stony Point Center Farm, September 13-15, 2015**. There is still room for a few more participants. 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 <u>youth@fpcyorktown.org</u> to sign up. Applications will be made available to interested youth & chaperones as the date draws nearer.

As we bring this school year to a close, we need to extend gratitude to the people who held on to the big picture this year, in the midst of many changes and decisions that needed to be made.

- ✤ Thank you, Karen LaBonté, for your faithful service to the youth ministry at FPCY; visioning, planning programs, and maintaining the website for two years. We give thanks for your time, dedication and perseverance, and pray for your success as you step down from this role and turn those formidable skills to completion of your doctoral dissertation.
- ✤ Thank you, Dave Monk, for your faithful service to the youth ministry at FPCY; visioning, planning programs and representing youth ministry to the Education Commission for the past two years. We give thanks for all the gifts you have shared so willingly with youth, and pray that you find peace and wholeness as your life and your participation with our program move in new directions some as yet to be revealed.
- Thank you, Alice Chin, for your faithful and ongoing service to the youth ministry at FPCY; visioning, planning programs, coordinating and supporting our youth with unconditional, nurturing love. We give thanks for your huge heart and faith, and look forward to your continued service, however it might fit into your very busy life!
- Thank you, Chip Low, for your faithful and ongoing service to the youth ministry at FPCY; visioning, planning programs and providing a voice of pragmatism, purpose and permission. We give thanks for your pastoral presence and hope for what the future holds. We look forward to continuing work together as we experiment, design and adapt to the ever-changing tug of the Holy Spirit!

See you all around church. I pray that you get outdoors to enjoy the beauty and warmth of summer and that you get at least a little time to rest and relax.

-Margery

Church School "Chalkboard"

Our Church School year has come to an end and what a wonderful celebration on Children's Sunday we had!!

It was truly fantastic to see all the children participating from Pre-K through Youth.

We wish to thank each and every staff member for their commitment, hard work and dedication throughout the year and families for allowing us to work with your extraordinary children.

-Liza Placido and Jen Dixon 2014-2015 Church School Superintendents

Coming this Fall — Save the Dates! September 13th: 2015-2016 Staff Orientation September 20th: First Day of Church School Have a wonderful fun-filled and relaxing summer! Peace, Liza Placido and Michele Mosca 2015-2016 Church School Superintendents

Welcome to Our Newest Members-Confirmation Class 2015





Michael Blaney

Kianna Mack





Kevin Rishel



Brielle Furci

Megan Switzer



Margaret Gruber



Michael Switzer



Sarah MacDonald



Max Tieche

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A Reflection on Covenant Bible Study, by Karen Gerth

To tell the truth, I started out better than I finished.

Covenant Bible Study seems to be a thorough, methodical review of selected Bible texts broken into 3 study guides. I. Creating the Covenant, 2. Living the Covenant, 3. Trusting the Covenant.

I have always enjoyed small group gatherings at church. I really appreciate being with friends that want to know God better. (That isn't a conversation that I have at work).

When I had the self-discipline to do the daily readings, "my take" on a reading could be very different from my classmates ... but Tami created a safe environment to question, explore and even laugh about what we read. It was okay to read tough scripture and be stuck on "what"? or "why"?

Some of the episodes I enjoyed the most were entitled:

- New Instructions for a New Kingdom
- Grateful Love Serves
- Love Never Fails
- Renewing the Covenant
- What is Good for My Life?
- Seek Good
- Hospitality is Christian Love in Action
- Living with Crisis
- Don't Abandon Each Other

I fully admit I only selected the "warm, fuzzy" titles. I did not include titles that included Lament, Tragedy or Civil Disobedience (there were plenty of those)!

I did get frustrated for a while with Old Testament readings. I became resistant and would skip some. Those Old Testament people worshipping other gods and turning their backs on a God who loved them and wanted to be in relationship with them. At one point I decided I must be a New-Testament-only Christian ... Just tell me what Jesus had to say – but as I sat with that thought for a week or so ... I have come to believe that I'm not a fan of the Old Testament/ worshipping other idols ... because I may be more like them, than I realized or am comfortable with.

I struggled with keeping a daily reading practice ... but that said ... I practiced. I read the Bible every week, if not every day ... and for me that was a good step in my personal faith journey.

I'll close by highlighting how I grew in affection for my classmates. We spent months together exploring the Bible, in discussion, watching a weekly video and considering something new that you might have missed. This was very cool. It was another way to be in community.

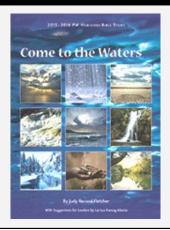
I feel like we have just scratched the surface of all that God might have to say to us. However, His Word is right here for us and I plan to continue to build a daily reading practice, with renewed discipline and willingness to be in relationship with the God who loves us.

Come Join Us At the Table! - Beginning again in September 2015

If you would like to learn more about Covenant Bible Study or participate in a group, please contact Tami Seidel (tami@fpcyorktown.org).



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The Women's Circle — Save the Date — September 9

The Women's Circle will start up on September 9th at 10:30 AM. Mark your calendars.

> Our study is entitled "Come to the Waters". Our very able leader is Tami Seidel.

Any questions call Marianna Sherman 914-737-8294

Operation Commission

After many years of faithful and selfless service on the Operations Commission including serving as Facilities Coordinator, Dick Seymour has announced that he will be stepping back from these roles at the end of June. Please join me in thanking Dick, and of course Mable too, for all their efforts. Over the next month we will be working in concert with Tami, Chip and other Commissions to reallocate responsibilities where appropriate.

Improvement Projects

Sanctuary: work was completed on schedule and we were able to resume our usual worship in the Sanctuary on June 28th! Be sure to look up and check out the ceiling and walls above the balcony. Thanks to all who helped make our temporary worship in the Fellowship Hall possible by moving chairs, hymnals, etc. Thanks to all for being patient and flexible during that time!



Maintenance

Spring Work Party: A sincere thanks to the more than 50 volunteers who came out on May 30th to clean the church interior, tend gardens and work on the outside grounds. The daunting "to do" list was almost entirely completed and knocking off those very few remaining items is being coordinated by Deanna Collins.



Other Items: The woodwork on the east outside wall from Tami's office to the Boardroom is showing signs of moisture and sun damage. Plans are to replace the drip molding as well as re-establish a concrete ramp on the sidewalk where the Food Pantry supplies are brought in.

The dogwoods along Route 132 appear to be doing fine. SavaTree is performing spraying treatments and there are no longer signs of disease on the older trees that we saw last year. Also, the pachysandra on the hill at the corner of Routes 132 and 202 has come through the winter in good shape.

The head of the office cooling system was not working properly necessitating replacement of the float/condensate pump. This repair ran close to \$1,000 and we will be reviewing once again the most cost effective maintenance program – on call or scheduled contractor visits.

Thanks, Dave Ramage, Co-Chair of Operations

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SAVE THE DATE:

PARISH PICNIC Sunday September 13, 2015

Come to the 10:45 worship at Downing Park and stay for a picnic.

Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share and the church will supply the hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages.

> Help is needed to make this a success. Sign up in the gathering space.

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.

Thank you to Bud and Gloria Coccodrilli and the Simkins Family for covering June and to Jeff Gephart and Donna Gresh and the Mayes Family for July!

If you would like more information or would like to do a Dinner for Jan Peek, call Pat Prauda 737-4674

Knitting Groups

Prayer Shawl Group's summer dates will be: 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 July 13 & 27 and August 10 & 24, 2015. We are planning on a summer busy with knitting lap blankets, baby blankets & 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, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, in Lounge 15. For information: Norean Radke (962-4370) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).

Lunch Bunch

Summer Wednesdays - Pot luck Lunches

Wednesdays July 15, August 19 and September 16 at noon in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall,

Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship, meet up with old friends and who knows maybe meet a new one or two!

Hope to see you there!

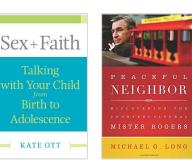
-Pat and John Prauda coordinators

Summer Reading! New in the Church Library:

Parenting can be overwhelming! Although there are many parenting books, when it comes to speaking with children about Christian faith and sexuality the choices are slim. In Sex + Faith; talking with your child from birth to adolescence (248.8 O) Kate Ott, Professor of Christian Social Education, helps parents share values in a healthy way as well as respond with confidence to the queries of children and teens. This book could be a resource for parenting groups; it includes chapters for each age group, quizzes for parents, and lists of additional resources.

When my children were young and watching "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," I assumed that Fred Rogers was just a gentle person who helped children feel OK about them-

selves. Michael G. Long's, book *Peaceful Neighbor; discovering the countercultural Mister Rogers (261.8 L)*, reveals that Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister, deeply committed to peace and wholeness in the world. The author places Fred Rogers in the context of his time (Vietnam War, race riots, Cold War, Gulf War, etc), demonstrating that through his TV series he shared his values of radical nonviolence and unconditional care for one another, animals, and the earth.



-Carol Jensen, Church Librarian

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