



Connecting with God, One Another and the World
First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown

July/August 2016

DATES TO NOTE:

July 19-23

Presbyterian Youth
Triennium

July 31—August 5

Atlanta Mission Trip

Saturday, August 13

Red Cross Blood Drive
School Supplies—Food
Pantry

August 15th

Fellowship Hall Floor
Replacement

Sunday, August 28

YAV Sunday

The Disciple

Don't Forget to Pack Your Faith

One of my favorite things about our annual family vacation up to Puzzle Lake in Ontario is that we can really disconnect from the rest of life. Cell coverage is spotty and expensive. We don't have TV or internet, just a radio with the occasional weather report and Canadian newscast. We can really take a break from the fast pace and demands of our daily routine. We can get away from the unending clamor of the 24-hour news cycle. Instead, we are surrounded by the beauty of creation, the company of family and friends, the sounds of fish jumping, kids playing, loons calling. I can literally feel my body, mind and spirit breathe a sigh of relief when we drive into camp.



On our recent trip to Texas, I was pleasantly surprised to achieve almost that same sense of disconnection from the outside world. In many of the places we stayed, the free WiFi was so slow or unreliable, I stopped checking email or going online. It was much more pleasant to stay present in the moment, to enjoy the scenery as we learned about Texas history and geography, visited family and friends, and ate way too many donuts, TexMex and BBQ.

Life has a funny way of finding us, no matter where we go. So occasionally, we caught snippets of what was going on in the wider world – the presidential election circus, the bombings in Istanbul and Baghdad, the police shootings in Minnesota and Louisiana. Then we woke up on our last morning in Texas to the news of the horrific sniper attack on police officers in Dallas the night before.

As I prepared to lead our congregation in prayer our first Sunday back, it struck me that the Sunday before we left for Texas, 3 weeks prior, I had been struggling to find words to encompass the sorrow and frustration after the terrible attack in the Orlando night club. Now here I was, just 3 weeks later, still struggling, still praying for God's help and mercy as we coped with even more tragedy, more unnecessary violence, more insidious misunderstanding, racism and hate.

As I got caught up on Facebook, I came across a quote that I have held onto as I've re-entered daily life after vacation. It is attributed to the Talmud, a collection of early Jewish writings by rabbinical scholars who were trying to help people live the Torah faithfully.

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.

Do justly now.

Love mercy now.

Walk humbly now.

***You are not obligated to complete the work;
but neither are you free to abandon it.***

This quote has reminded me that even in the enormity of our sorrow and grief and the complexity of the issues facing us (racism, mental illness, terrorism, just to name a few), as people of faith, we are called to keep on keeping on, following our Savior Jesus Christ, who through his life and death has shown us who God calls us to be in every moment of our living. This quote has been something of a lifeline for me over these past few weeks, helping me to stay connected to God, one another and the world.

Our family is doing a lot of traveling this summer, and I've realized yet again that no matter where I go, the challenges of life will probably catch up with me. This is why we always need to take our faith along with us, so that we have a lifeline or a touchstone to remind us of who we are as God's beloved children and who God calls us to be as faithful disciples.

So wherever you go this summer, for work or vacation, near or far, don't forget to pack your faith, so that you can stay connected the One who loves us and calls us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

See you in church,

Jami



Ryan Chin
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Steph Hare
Sophie Low
Chip Low
Yoham Ortiz
Natalie Swift
Max Tieche
Luke Torres-Rossi
Mary Vezzuto

These are your Hands & Feet - Summer 2016

Thank you so much for all the ways that our congregation has already supported the Hands and Feet of FPCY, whether it be with prayers, monetary donations, rides to and from the airport, or any other way that you have shown your support! This summer our adventures are leading us to both the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University and as volunteers to innercity Atlanta, GA. Both of these trips will give our travelers opportunities to be of service, grow in their faith, and see the face of God in others.

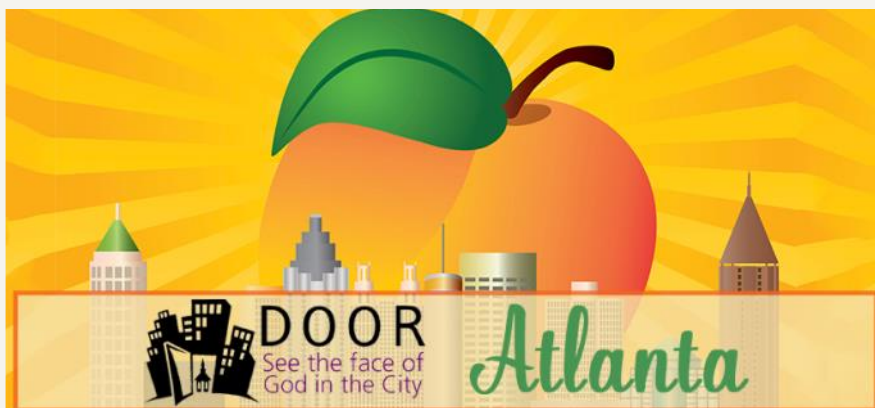
From July 19th through the 23rd, eight of our youth and their chaperons will gather together with thousands of other Presbyterian youth at the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Triennium is a gathering for youth from the PC(USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that occurs every three years. The 2013 Triennium had over 5,000 participants from all over the US as well as other countries from across the world.

The theme for the Triennium 2016 is "GO": GO and See; GO and Do Likewise; The Way I should GO; Let My People GO; GO into the world. Based on this theme, participants will explore areas of faith including discernment, advocacy for the marginalized among other issues. There will be plenty of worship, music, and fun. Triennium is a life giving, life changing, faith moving experience!

From July 31st through August 5, 13 folks from our congregation will travel to Atlanta to work with DOOR, Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection, a faith-based network of cities that provides opportunities for service, learning, and leadership development within the urban context. DOOR's Atlanta location partners with 32 social service agencies across the city. Our group will stay at the Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Atlanta and have opportunities to meet and reflect with other groups of volunteers as well.

Our service projects will be varied and different each day. Some of the projects that we will work with may include: service in a local soup kitchen; packing and sending medical supplies to third world countries; working on a local urban farm in order to combat poor nutrition for residents of a 'food desert'. We will also visit The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change ("The King Center") to learn more about social justice and the changes the city of Atlanta has experienced because of the Civil Rights Movement.

We appreciate your continued support as we journey out to live and learn the Gospel!



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Food Justice Corps Essay by Patrick Burns IV



Over the course of the past year I had the opportunity to intern with Hudson Valley Food Justice Corps. At first, admittedly, I was a bit apprehensive about what this would entail- the people I'd meet and what I'd be doing. However, as our time together progressed I began to feel a sense of community, as we not only discussed worldly issues, but did hands-on work like gardening and composting. I think that things that I learned which pertained to me - good dietary choices, gardening techniques and so on were very useful, as I was previously rather accustomed to the dietary choices of a nineteen-year old- microwavable anything, and energy drinks with ingredient names comprised of twenty random syllables, starting with "x", that vaguely sound like chemical warfare agents. Such a diet is easy, requires no effort and offers a momentary energy burst that will help me write a paragraph or two and promptly crash. It wasn't until I started with this group that I learned the lasting value of healthier organic foods, which can help one perform better throughout an entire day, rather than an hour. And not only that, but these foods are affordable given the space, time, and energy to grow them. I learned that vegetables that look and sound like they'd be gross may very well not be, and this in and of itself seems like a valid enough reason to have spent my time in the group.

However, I think that I learned the most through people I met. I had the pleasure to work with and learn from Will Summers and Lori Hylton, the group leaders, as well as Luke, Alec, Francesca, and Ellis. In addition to being pleasant people who were fun to work alongside, I feel that everyone contributed substantially to the dynamic of the group. Also, I feel that I learned a lot from people that I met on our overnight trip to Liberty, NY. We met with disenfranchised people, such as an immigrant who escaped gang violence in El Salvador with her child. She works at Hudson Valley Foie Gras duck farm, whose owner requires her to work four hour shifts, with four hour breaks for the entire day. Furthermore, since he legally owns the small trailer she lives in, he can unlock the door at any time to demand unpaid favors. Although deprived of required R.E.M. sleep and a decent standard of living, she told her story with such audacity that I was left speechless. We also learned about the lack of access to affordable, healthy foods in urban communities caused by wealth and opportunity inequality. Sadly, people born living in abject poverty are still forced into bad eating habits and poor standards of living because they are expected to create their own jobs out of thin air in jobless communities as silver spoon hedge fund managers spend the equivalent of their yearly salaries to replace tires on their Bugatti's.

Some of what I learned during the time I spent with Hudson Valley Food Justice Corps, I had already had a rudimentary grasp on, but the information I learned not only fortified my awareness but gave me new ways to think about things. I believe that the things I learned empirically, through meeting plenty of amazing people, was the most fulfilling part of the trip, as well as the most compelling reason to continue learning about information I could have only obtained through the people I met while interning. I would like to thank the Session, Youth Group Leaders, and congregation of FPCY for giving me this opportunity.





Labyrinth project progress... (From the Green Team)

How does our labyrinth grow? After a busy month, work has slowed as we allow nature to take over. The space has been transformed and the grass is growing!



Questions about labyrinths?
This is a good place to start: <http://www.veriditas.org/New-to-the-Labyrinth>



Operations

Thanks to the Space Audit Review Team we now have a plan to change the layout of some rooms which will better serve the needs of Sunday School and Food Pantry while adding storage space. We have performed a walk-through of the plans at the church with a contractor and expect a cost estimate during the second week of July. Given the size of the project we will seek more than one bid. Renovation work is planned to start later this fall. Separately, the retiling of Fellowship Hall will begin on August 15th and be completed that same week. Tile color will be selected by Session on July 12th in order to facilitate timely delivery of materials.

Other odds and ends that have been completed or are underway include pruning of dogwood suckers, getting estimates to fix the exterior door outside the office, adding plants to the north parking lot flower bed, assisting with the creation of an outdoor labyrinth, mulch spreading, sign repainting and parking lot leveling to name just a few. Although no longer a member of the Operations Commission, Dick Seymour has been front and center in much of this activity.

Finally, we would like to give a big shout out to the Gardeners of Eden. They have been doing outstanding work in beautifying the church grounds, including the Memorial Garden and our property looks great.

Dave Ramage, *Operations Commission*



Ecological Reflection for Summer

The Holy Spirit Sustains & Animates Creation –
and Urges us to Treat It Well

Note: Many of us have been engaged in "greening" the church. Some of us studied Fletcher Harper's book, *Green Faith*. Some of us have been using the devotions in *The Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*, by Sam Hamilton-Poore. Others of us have studied the link between faith and science. And some of us are on the church's GreenTeam, moving us through the process that will result in us achieving GreenFaith Certification. This reflection by Fletcher Harper helps to tie all of this together. ~Connie Knapp, for the GreenTeam

adapted from Rev. Fletcher Harper (Executive Director, GreenFaith)

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
Genesis 1:2, New International Version

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.
Genesis 2:7, New Revised Standard Version

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great. ...
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

Psalm 104:24-25, 30



As the fruits of the Spirit "incline us to 'serve one another through love' (Gal 5:13), they may also dispose us to live carefully on the earth, with respect for all God's creatures. Our Christian way of life, as saints like Benedict, Hildegard, and Francis showed us, is a road to community with all creation."

From "Renewing the Earth," US Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1991

**Have you ever stopped to wonder what holds the universe together,
what makes the earth function as remarkably as it does?**

The scientific community teaches us that a dazzling array of physical forces provide the answer, giving the universe and the earth their structure and coherence. They teach us that the sun provides the energy for life on earth, that water and soil and air support the growth of all plants and animals, and that creation's various parts participate in a vast, interconnected drama that has produced life in abundance. If you pause for a moment, the way in which the earth is structured and brings forth life – with each form finding its own place within the structure of the larger whole – is mind-boggling. For example, scientists have recently reported that as of 2009, the Marine Ocean Census had identified over 17,500 new species of marine life alone that live more than 200 meters underwater – so deep that light is no longer able to penetrate. One of their favorite finds? "Jumbo Dumbo" – a 6-foot swimming creature that propels itself by "flapping earlike fins", reminiscent of Walt Disney's flying elephant. Creation's creativity, its raw abundance of life-forms, and the ways in which they combine to create thriving ecosystems, is a stunning and beautiful reality.

Where scientists see physical and evolutionary forces at work, holding nature together and fueling its fruitfulness, Christians can see the work of the Holy Spirit – working through natural structures and processes while also serving as the source of these same structures, these same processes. Just as it does at the beginning of time (Gen. 1:2), the Spirit of God draws order out of natural chaos, creates structure and fruitfulness in the midst of bleak, sterile conditions, and makes a home for life in settings where survival might seem impossible.

These are the first two teachings, then, about the relationship of the Holy Spirit and Creation. First – the Spirit stands behind and within the structure – the deep architecture – of Creation, creating the foundation – the "natural laws" – on which everything rests – visible and invisible. And second – the Spirit animates Creation, gives it life, and impels its creativity forward. Psalm 104 says it best. After listing multiple forms of life – all made by God – the Psalmist makes the concluding statement, "When you send forth your spirit, they are created." (Ps. 104:30) In Genesis 2, God "breathes" into the human creature, fashioned from clay, and it comes alive. This inspiration of God's spirit is the first cause behind the emergence and development of all life.

There's another teaching about the relationship between the Holy Spirit and Creation – and it has to do with how the Spirit urges us to behave towards Creation. In Galatians, Paul writes that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. ... And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." (Gal. 5:22-25) Christians traditionally have interpreted this passage as a guide for our behavior towards other people. Theologians now increasingly recognize this passage's application to our treatment of the earth. This raises important questions. What would it look like for human beings to behave with love, joy, peace, and kindness towards Creation? How can our churches teach our members to act with generosity, gentleness and self-control towards the earth? These questions matter – and it's important for churches to take them seriously as they seek to shape their members' identity and lives.

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 28, 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 28 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/

Have you kept up with our 2015-2016 YAVs?

Here are some of their stories: <http://fpcyorktown.org/?s=YAV&x=15&y=23>

Church School “Chalkboard”



God is Counting on You!
Church School 2016-2017

Coming this Fall — Save the Dates!

September 11th: 2016-2017 Staff Orientation
 September 18th: First Day of Church School

See you soon!
 Michele Mosca and Jessica Mayes
 2016-2017 Church School Superintendents

Church School Is Counting On You!

This year's Church School theme is "God Is Counting On You!" in which we will cover some BIG numbers in the Bible. Our children are counting on you, the congregation, to make this year exponentially fun!

We need your help:

Bible Skills & Games teachers (2-3 adults to co-teach)
 Science teachers (2 adults to co-teach)
 Connect teachers (1-2 adults to work with 5/6th grade)
 Pre-K Teachers and Shepherds

If interested in any of these positions, please contact Michele (michann731@gmail.com) or Jessica (jessica.h.mayes@gmail.com).

Middle School & High School Youth Groups

Save the Date for our Fall Kick-off:
Sunday September 18

**Strengthen Your Roots in Faith,
Service, Fellowship & Fun.**

Thoughts? Questions? Ideas? Contact Steph
youth@fpcyorktown.org



Thanks to all volunteers who made this year's VBS a success. Thanks to Tim Chin for the great pictures!

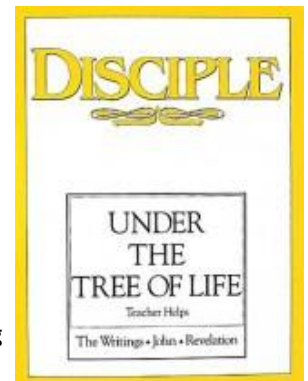
Exciting Travel Opportunities through Bible Study

Who knew that you could travel to exotic places and exciting times in history by reading the Bible? Ken and Lynn Shulman share their experience in the Covenant Bible Study program this past year:

Back in September, Ken and I made the decision to join the Covenant Bible Study class - or as I like to refer to it.....the Bible Skills Journey (after all it was an experience traveling back in time). I have to admit the commitment to the class was a little intimidating at first, but Ken and I decided to take the 'road trip' together. We were pleasantly surprised to realize how manageable the daily readings were, and in those instances whereby we fell behind (sorry to admit it but it happens) we also discovered how manageable it was to catch up. My expectations of this experience changed soon after our first meeting. I was quick to discover that what I read throughout the week had different meanings to others in the class. Sometimes I sat in silence pondering the thought of "did I read the same passages that everyone else did?" Hearing different perspectives from fellow 'travelers' was equivalent to looking through a kaleidoscope. One glance revealed a colorful geometric picture and with one slight twist the beautiful colors are still there but now different.

So to sum up this journey of reading the Bible, Ken and I are grateful for the experience and would highly recommend this opportunity to others. Chip and Tami did an excellent job in being the "tour guides" and kept our discussions on track but also allowed us to veer off course every now and again. Oh yes, when we achieved certain milestone destinations we managed to share an occasional dessert or two! ~ Lynn and Ken Shulman

If you are interested in this kind of Bible study journey and experience, we are hoping to start new groups this fall. We will be offering Disciples Fast Track, Covenant and other study opportunities to travel through the scriptures and grow in your faith. Please contact Tami Seidel and let her know of your interest and when you are available to meet (during the day, evenings, etc.).



It's time to start bringing in School Supplies!

On Saturday, August 13 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.

The following are needed:

3 Ring Binders, Pencil Cases, Filler paper, pocket folders, Pencils, pens, highlighters, Composition books

Look for the bin in the Gathering Space.

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) with questions.



Deacons' Corner

*Ready to go where you will lead.
I'm ready to serve.
Ready to love as You love me.
I'm ready to serve*

Ready to Serve

*Chorus: I'm ready, ready Lord.
I'm ready to serve.
Walkin' in faith and offering praise,
I'm ready to serve.*

Words and Music by Sarah Moore

This is a Summer Vacation Bible School song written for children. Can you just imagine a group of youngsters singing this lively song?

In a letter from the bother of Jesus written to Jewish Christians sometime around 45-62 AD, starting in Chapter 2, James writes: "Dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim that you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, if you show favoritism to rich people and look down on poor people?....

Listen to me my brothers and sisters: God has chosen poor people to be rich in faith, and the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs, for that is the gift God has promised to all those who love him....

Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith and are Christians if you aren't proving it by helping others? Will that kind of faith save anyone?...So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is no

faith at all — it is dead and useless... Faith that does not result in good deeds is not real faith."

Fast forward to the 21st century, Yorktown Heights, New York. Come to FPCY any day of the week and see what's happening. There are always several Bible studies along with the Knitting circles, AA and Unity Meetings going on. The Boy Scouts have used the facilities as their "home base" for years. There are Choir rehearsals, Nursery School classes morning and afternoon, Commission meetings, Session meetings, Food Pantry Saturdays, Youth and Adult Sunday School, piano lessons, voice lessons, quarterly concerts, coffee hour and more. There is something happening almost everywhere in the building on a given Sunday. There was even a recent study of the facilities to see if there were things we could do to maximize spaces, arrange and rearrange spaces, empty spaces or enlarge spaces in order to further increase the usable space of our facilities.

The point here is that this is a "happening" place and there is almost no end to the ways in which anyone can get involved, learn, grow, participate and share their talents, abilities and interests. But more importantly, it's a welcoming place, a nurturing place, an open place and a place supported by a fellowship of Christians committed to showing God's love in the world and working to offer a safe and loving place for all people to come and gather and participate and belong. We are each truly blessed to be able to be part of this community - living Jesus command to love one another as He has loved us.

Food Pantry Item-of-the-Month

Canned Fruit

*Next Dates:
July 23 & August 13 & 27
9 to 11am*

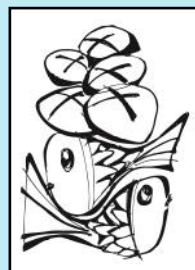
The Deacons want to be sure to let you know of several Ministries that ANY of you can join in to help us with our ongoing work. We need your help! We welcome your help! And As Christians we all need a place where we can serve...increase our awareness of our connectedness to our Lord and each other and make a difference. This summer the Deacons want you to be aware of the **Backpack Ministry** and the **Blood Drive** which are happening in August. You can participate. You can help! You have an opportunity to serve! Almost 190 backpacks will be distributed to eager children of our Food Pantry clients. Monetary donations are always needed to support our Ministries.

And...the blood drive on August 13th is a onetime event this year in which you...each of you... can take just a few minutes to literally give the "gift of life" to someone. Summer is a time when the Blood Banks run dangerously low in their supplies of blood. Please see the insert in this month's Disciple for details.

Our "**Loaves and Fishes**" Ministry provided both meals as well as love and support for members and friends of our congregation. Please consider signing up for this "hands on" Ministry. It's such a simple yet incredibly effective way to offer service. We need volunteers at this time and expect that you will probably be called on once or twice a year. Please consider sharing your love and experience of cooking with a family or person in need. Hey, you could even go to the grocery store and buy a roasted chicken! They are delicious and a great time saver! We have them at home at least once a week. To learn more or to sign up, contact Terri Froehlich (tfroehli57@gmail.com, 914-528-0154).

We hope you are enjoying some leisure time this summer and have a chance to catch up with family and friends. Remember that even during these warm, lazy, relaxing summer months there is still much work to be done for The Kingdom.

God Bless you all. Shalom,
Carol Thorne-Gaetani, *for the Deacons*



POWER in the BLOOD



You can put the power of faith into action
and help save a life.

First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown — American Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, August 13, 2016 | 10:00am—3:00pm
Open to the Public!

SAVE THE DATE:**PARISH PICNIC
Sunday September 11, 2016**

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.

Knitting Groups

Prayer Shawl Group's next dates will be: August 3 and August 17 at 10:30 am. 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 737-8294 or Fran Schiel at 245-5396.

Knit Togethers will meet on July 25 and August 8 & 22, 2016. We are busy knitting hats and mittens, lap blankets and baby blankets for December community giving. At our meetings we enjoy trading patterns and viewing everyone's progress on projects.

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/Room 15. For information: Noreen Radke (962-4370 or radke30@msn.com) 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.

Thank you to Linda Swift and family and Robin Corpolongo and Family for the July Meal and Beth Gruber and Family and Nance Thompson and Family for the August Meal, it is greatly, greatly appreciated!

We are still in need of 2 families to make and serve the Jan Peek Clients a meal on Saturday, September 24th and Saturday, December 24th. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, call Pat Prauda 737-4674

Lunch Bunch**Summer Lunch Bunch**

Wednesdays, August 17 at noon
in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall

Please bring a salad or side. Entrée and dessert will be provided. Meet up with old friends and who knows maybe meet a new one or two! Catch up on what others are doing to beat the heat or hear about a trip someone has taken out of town or around town.

Hope to see you there! - Pat & John Prauda

**Upcoming Amnesty Sunday:
August 21**

Here's a chance to "do justice and walk humbly with your God". Come sign a letter, address an envelope and help stand up for those who are falsely accused, abused, etc. Letter campaigns have succeeded in securing prisoner releases and have in some cases, effected change in the way people are treated. Come help make a difference!



July/August/September					22	23 9am Food Pantry 6pm Jan Peek Meal
					Youth Triennium in Indiana	
24 Summer Worship Service 9:30am <div></div>	25 10am Knit Togethers 7:00pm Adult Ed 7:30pm Church School	26 7:30pm Communications	27	28	29	30
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Mission Trip to Atlanta						
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28 Summer Worship Service 9:30am YAV Sunday	29 7:30pm Church School	30	31 9:30am Stewardship	1	2	3
4 Summer Worship Service 9:30am	5 Labor Day <i>Office Closed</i>	6 7:30pm Session	7 9:30am Prayer Shawl 10:30am Women's Circle 7:00pm Green Team	8	9	10 9am Food Pantry
11 9:30am Church School Staff Orientation 10:30am Worship & Picnic in the Park	12 10am Knit Togethers 7:30pm Church School	13 7:30pm Worship	14	15	16	17
18 Blessing of the Backpacks 8:30am Worship Service 9:30am Adult Ed, Confirmation & Church School 10:45am Worship Service 12:00pm Deacons	19	20 7:30pm Operations Mission	21	22	23	24 9am Food Pantry 6pm Jan Peek Meal

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