



DATES TO NOTE:

July 5-7
VBS Teen Training

July 9
Ice Cream Sunday
Mission Teams
Commissioning

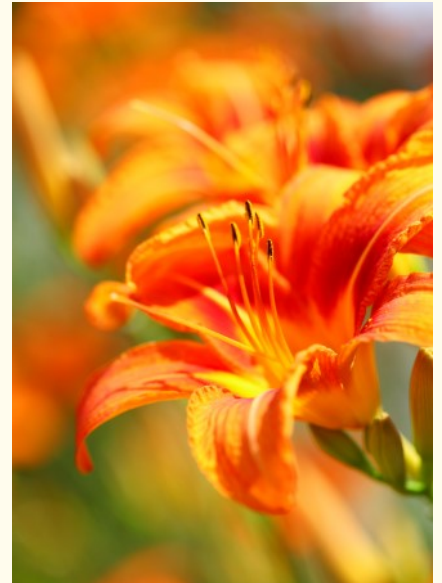
July 10-14
VBS @ St. Andrews

July 15-22
Annapolis Mission
Trip

July 29-August 6
Dominican Republic
Mission Trip

The Disciple

Nature gives us so many wonderful ways to think about faith and life. Thanks to the Gardeners of Eden, the vibrant reds, oranges and yellows of the lilies outside the church office welcome us to church. The flowers, shrubs and trees around our church property and the ways in which nature's beauty is surrounding our prayer garden and labyrinth are all signs of nature's desire to grow and share life with us and reminders of the power of prayer in those places. They are also witnesses to the life which has been cultivated by many gifted gardeners.



While summer may be a slower time in our program year, the work to cultivate faith, outreach, hope and justice continues. Vacation Bible School will invite children and youth to discover their strength in God. Two teams will travel on service-learning trips to Maryland and the Dominican Republic to work on a variety of projects, to learn about issues of concern in those areas and then to come back with eyes more open to ways in which we may faithfully serve God in our community. We are supporting children and youth who want to attend summer camp at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. Even our Silent Samaritan Fund has been tapped to support families in need. Plus, we continue to feed the hungry and host many community groups that promote healing and wholeness. All of these are signs that God continues to cultivate life in us and through us as we worship our Creator and grow in faith and ministry together.

Like nature's display of life, there is so much life to celebrate in our ministry. It seems appropriate that we would return to our Stewardship theme on Sunday, July 9 and celebrate the many ways our ministry and our lives have been and continue to be fruitful. "Fruitful" is a very helpful way to understand that God intends to grow life in us and to share that life with the community and far beyond. The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1-20) celebrates this and says that there is only one faithful outcome. When the seed of faith finds "good soil", we "hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."



At the same time, it is important to discern what God wants to do next in us and through us. To that end, the Session has created a Ministry Development Team to be in conversation with our congregation. How do we build on the good work and ministry that we are doing? What is emerging from the energy and passion of our ministry together that needs our further support and encouragement? What is waiting to be born next in our ministry? These questions invite us into the future God has for us and believe that our participation in conversation, prayer, and discernment together will reveal God's next steps for our life and ministry together. So, please look for opportunities to meet with the Ministry Development Team.

Throughout this summer, I pray that God will cultivate the new life of Christ in you as you rest and enjoy time with family, as you join in worship and service, as you travel and stay home. May you discover the new life God has offered us in Jesus Christ and may that life show through you for others to see and enjoy.

In Christ,

Chip



Join us on Sunday, July 9th to

Commission two Mission Teams:

Annapolis, MD

Caimonial, DR

These are your Hands & Feet - Summer 2017

Team Maryland

Debbie Bernardini
 Ryan Chin
 TJ Chin
 Tiffany Foxworth
 Debbie Hager
 Daniel Hager
 Steph Hare
 Heidi Haring
 Sophie Low
 Yoham Ortiz
 Tami Seidel
 Max Tieche
 Luke Torres-Rossi
 Lionel Wadsworth

Team DR

Beth Gruber
 Ellen Gruber
 John Gruber
 Margaret Gruber
 Steph Hare
 Barbara Humphrey
 Karen Mack
 Chip Low
 Sophie Low
 Linda Swift
 Marisa Swift
 Natalie Swift
 Max Tieche
 Mary Vezzuto
 Kathy Winsted

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 inner-city Annapolis MD and rural Caimonial Dominican Republic. 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 15th through the 22nd, Our Maryland team will work with the First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis on a week of literacy camp. The summer "readers theater" is part of a year round program that supports young students from under-served elementary schools who read below the expected level for their age group. Additionally, our team will learn about the African-American history of Annapolis, and visit the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington DC which works to translate the church's deep convictions about justice, peace and freedom from words into reality.

From July 29th through August 6, Our team traveling to the Dominican Republic will work in partnership with Bridges to Community and local community members to work on homes in severe need of repair in the village of Caimonial. This area in the central highland area of DR is one adversely affected by poverty, deforestation, and high emigration rates. We will also work in an organic tree nursery that supports local food security and combats deforestation, while learning about the causes of systemic poverty as well as the key tools of sustainable development.

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

We Still Need

⇒ Our Maryland team needs **AIR MATTRESSES** to cushion our sleeping quarters which will be the floor of First Presbyterian Annapolis. Does your family have one (or more) we can borrow from July 15-22?

⇒ Our DR team needs **RIDES TO THE AIRPORT**. Do you have a largish car/van/SUV and time to give us a ride to or pick us up from JFK? We will leave at 5 am on Saturday, July 29 and we will be returning at 9 pm on Sunday, August 6.

⇒ Your **FINANCIAL SUPPORT** is also needed to make these trips affordable for all participants. Make a donation via MyFPCY - Choose "Mission Trip Donations" from the list of funds; or type in fpcyorktown.org/missiontripsupport. With a donation, you can place your name on a "hand" or "foot" that will hang in the Gathering Space to show your support for our teams.

Deacons' Corner

The Deacons wish you and enjoyable and restful summer.

In the midst of our blessings, however, the Deacons ask that you remember those who are not as fortunate as we are. Summer is no holiday for those among us who are experiencing hunger, illness, loneliness and mourning. No matter what the season, the Deacons are ready to offer help, whether it is through Loaves and Fishes, Transportation, Visitation, Food Pantry and Bereavement. We ask that you join us this summer and through the year in lending a helping hand and heart to those in need.

Three particular opportunities to help this summer are with our School Supplies and Food Pantry missions as well as with an important summer blood drive for the Red Cross.

Through the special offerings we are able to purchase school supplies for the elementary-aged children of our Food Pantry clients, and what a difference it makes to them! For the middle-school and high-school children, we rely on donations of the items themselves (see box below for our current needs).

Why not use the more relaxed time of summer to come experience the hands-on mission of our Food Pantry? Come join us at 8-11am on Saturdays July 8, July 22, August 12 or August 26.

Did you know that just one car accident victim can use as many as 100 units of blood? Summertime is a more difficult time for blood banks to get donors, so after last year's successful blood drive, we are going to partner with the Red Cross once again on August 26 from 10am-3pm. Beginning the week of July 17th, donors can start making appointments by going to www.RedCrossBlood.org and entering sponsor keyword: FPCY.

We are grateful for the support of our congregation and community. We welcome your suggestions, your participation, and your prayers for our ministry.

**Food Pantry
Item-of-the-Month... for Summer**

**Shelf stable milk
(1 quart size)**

Next Dates:
July 8 and 22, August 12 & 26
9 to 11am

***It's time to start bringing in
School Supplies!***

On Saturday, August 12 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, college rules one-subject notebooks, 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 with questions. mdhager@hotmail.com)



Be a Hero This Summer



First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown
Saturday August 26th
10:00am - 3:00pm
Open to the Public

GIVE BLOOD



FPCY YOUTH



Youth volunteers needed to water the potato plants in the Memorial Garden this summer...



especially during the weeks of July 16-22 and July 30-Aug 5.

The potatoes can be checked in on Sundays and at least one time mid-week.

Can you help? Tell Steph!

Following the progress of our potato project on Instagram:

Follow us @fpcy_youth or #FPCYPotatoProject

Sunday School Chalkboard

Save the Date

Sunday School Begins
& Blessing of the Backpacks

September 17

Registration will be available soon!

YAV Sunday is August 27

On Sunday, August 27, 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 27 to commission YAVs from across the country. And for those who are eligible, prayerfully consider if God is calling you to a year of service, exploration and discernment.

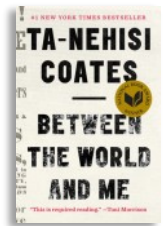
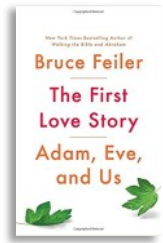
Learn more at: www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/



Last year we commissioned Savannah Fraser (New Orleans), Ben Evans (Washington DC) and Catherine Warren (Peru)

Church Library Summer Reading Suggestions

- Bruce Feiler has written extensively on Biblical topics and presented television series such as *Walking the Bible*. In his latest book, *The First Love Story; Adam, Eve, and Us* (222 F), he reimagines this central story for our time. From searching for the actual Garden of Eden through references in works of art and literature, he reveals the equality (or inequality) of the sexes, the importance of connection, the nature of love, good and evil, and how these particulars are newly understood in each generation. In short, we get the Adam and Eve we deserve! He wants to give us a new parable and a new Eve fit for the current moment, not with a theme of temptation but a celebration of Eve's curiosity and the variations of any healthy marriage.
- *Between the World and Me* (305.8C). In this small book, Ta-Nehisi Coates writes to his adolescent son about race in America, asking "What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it?" He is not optimistic about the state of current American society, but this is an eloquent and beautiful examination of the hazards and hopes of black males today.



Carol Jensen, Church Librarian

Knit Togethers

will meet on July 10 & 24 and August 14 & 28

We recently gave 13 lap blankets to Somers Manor Nursing Center. The Recreation Director was very appreciative, saying "thank you" and "bless all the knitters."

Come and join us. All who knit or crochet are welcome. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, in the Lounge Room 15.

For information: Norean Radke (call 962-4370 or email radke30@msn.com) or Lois Ostling (962-2809)

Prayer Shawl Group

will meet next on July 5, 19 and August 2 and 16 at 10:30am.

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.



Congregational Life

It's never too early to start planning for the church picnic, Sunday, September 10!

Congregational Life is looking for volunteers to help with the planning and execution of the church picnic. We would like to make this a fun event for all ages!

If you are interested, please contact Deb Bernardini or Alyssa Bauer.



Jan Peek House

We need 2 or 3 families to prepare and serve a meal for the 30 clients at the Jan Peek House on August 26th. If you would be interested in preparing a meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway across from Fellowship Hall. Questions? Speak to Pat Prauda (call 737-4674 or email ppladyofscotland@aol.com).

Lunch Bunch

Join us for monthly Pot Luck Lunch on Wednesday, July 19th at noon in Fellowship Hall.

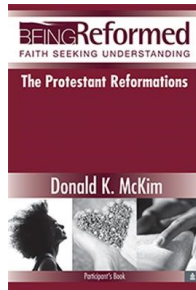
Bring a dish to share or a dessert. Coffee, tea and cold drinks will be supplied.

Bring a friend, meet someone new or just catch up on what is happening at Church. All are welcome!

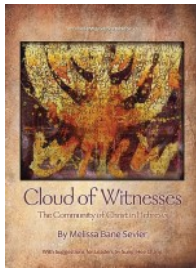
Get ready to go back to school in the Fall with Adult Ed!

This fall our Sunday morning study will be looking at the reformation as we approach the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing his theses on the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral.

We'll be using Donald McKim's book **The Protestant Reformations**. Please plan to join us!



The Women's Circle will continue to meet on the first Wednesday morning of each month, from 10:30 until noon. The group will be led by Tami and will follow the Horizons curriculum, **Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews**. All women are welcome to attend one or more of these meetings. You don't have to attend every session to get a lot out of the study!



Our Thursday morning class will be choosing a study from a few of the Great Courses, as we did last year.

We'll be running a Disciple: Fast Track Bible study class this fall.

Please let Chip, Connie or Tami know that you are interested. Current Disciple groups will be choosing a curriculum from the available Disciple studies.

We're also planning a guided labyrinth walk, an activity (or two!) with the new Interfaith Sisterhood, and a series for the men of our church. **Stay tuned!**



On behalf of the YPP (Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool) board, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new YPP director Mrs. Betsy Alberty I have asked Betsy to share with us a little bit about herself and here is what she had to say:

"Hello, my name is Elisabeth (Betsy) Alberty and am delighted to be the new Director and 4 year old teacher for Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool. My educational career began in a cooperative preschool on Long Island, where parents played an active role in the classroom. That experience sparked a desire to continue to learn best teaching practices and a goal to teach in a classroom of my own. As a New York State certified teacher possessing a Masters in Elementary Education from Long Island University, C.W. Post, I have had administrative and teaching experience in both traditional and non traditional educational settings. I managed a child care program, developed and ran outdoor education programs at Planting Fields Arboretum and have taught students ranging from preschool to high school.

Before taking this position, I was a stay at home parent to my seven year old daughter, Lily and five year old son, Bobby. My son Bobby is a YPP alum. I experienced first-hand the quality and collaborative nature of YPP and feel honored to lead YPP into its next chapter. My goal for each child is to harness their inquisitive nature to help them grow intellectually, socially and emotionally."

Congratulations Betsy!! we welcome you to YPP and wish you success, joy and peace in your new position and hope that you will find YPP to be as great as we know it to be!

Liza Placido,
Co-chair YPP board



Something New from the Mission Commission

Save the Date — Saturday November 18

FPCY will be holding an Arts & Crafts Fair to support our various Mission projects.

Come and explore the vast range of artisans that the Hudson Valley has to offer (including our own Barbara & Gary Santagata). All of the vendors that you meet will be peer-reviewed and selected from the local area. Perfect for that one of a kind holiday gift — Clothing, jewelry, artwork, home décor, pottery, soaps, and tasty treats!



Are you a potential vendor or do you know of one?
To learn more, help us spread the word (we have to start early) and to keep up-to-date on the vendors that will be coming,

LIKE our page on Facebook and INVITE friends to like us, too!



@FPCYArtsAndCraftsFair

July/August

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2 10am Summer Worship	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 10:30am Prayer Shawl	6 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study	7	8 9am Food Pantry	
VBS Teen Training & Set-Up @ St. Andrews 10-noon							
9 10am Summer Worship Ice Cream Social & Mission Teams Commissioning 6pm Ted Talks & Food Trucks	10 10am Knit Togethers	11 7:30pm Session	12 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study	13	14 7pm VBS closing ceremony @ St. Andrews	15 5pm Wedding Rehearsal	
VBS @ St. Andrews, daily 9-12							
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Mission Trip to Maryland							
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July



July 10-14, 9am-noon
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Yorktown Cooperative VBS



Ice Cream Social ~ Sunday, July 9th
Celebrating Our Fruitful Ministry : Signs of Abundance

TED
Talks

&



Discovering our Common Ground

Sundays at 6pm ~ July 9, 16 and 23
First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown
Join us for dinner at the food truck and
hot topic discussions on
community, climate change and social status.