



**DATES TO NOTE:**

**March 4**

FPCY Talent Show  
3:00pm

**March 17**

Concert at 7:30pm

**March 21**

St. Patty's Lunch Bunch  
Corned Beef & Cabbage  
12:00pm

**March 25**

Palm Sunday

**March 29**

Maunder Thursday  
7:30pm

**March 30**

Good Friday  
7:30pm

# The Disciple

Love is



The way the calendar falls this year presents us with a strange and wonderful opportunity! For the first time since 1945, Valentine's Day fell on Ash Wednesday. The day we give each other cards, chocolates and flowers coincides with the same day we receive ashes and communion to prepare ourselves for the Lenten journey toward Easter. How wonderful! On the same day that we tell people how much we love them, we also get to hear about God's love for us and the world. This uncanny coincidence has inspired our Lenten theme for this year: "Love is..."

Over the six weeks of Lent and Holy Week, we are going to take a deeper look at this word we use for just about anything and everything. What does the word "love" mean? What does the Bible say about love? What does love look like? What does love do? Lent this year is an opportunity to name six things that love is, and we hope that you'll add to our list. But, our goal, as with our faith, is not simply to create a list of answers to what love is. Our goal is to use the journey through Lent this year to deepen our awareness of God's love for us, our love for God, and what it means to make love a core practice of how we live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Christian faith can be summed up with these familiar words: "for God so loved the world". God's love led God to act for the salvation of the world by sending his Son to live among us, to teach us God's ways and to re-

store a broken relationship with God. Only because of God's actions in Jesus Christ can we love God at all. We love God because God first loved us, the Bible says. We respond to God's action in our lives and in this world God loves. We model our lives after God's actions, in us, among us, and most clearly displayed for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This order of things, God's love, then our love, is important in the Christian faith, because without God's love first, we would not know the depths of God's love or what it means to love deeply with commitment, sacrifice, and the belief that we are the people God created us to be through love.

A few weeks ago, at the beginning of this year, I preached the sermon on the journey of the Wisemen to the manger. I introduced for us the idea of peregrination, the journey we take to seek our resurrection. That is in essence of what the season of Lent and all of life as searching disciples is about. We are seeking our resurrection. Not just once, but all the time, in the way we live, the words we say, the kind of church that we are, the ministry that we do together, and most importantly, the way we open ourselves to let God transform us and make us new. Putting love into practice is opening our lives to welcome God and God's love into us, to heal us, to shape us, and to lead us in God's way.

Chip



## Save the Date for the Summer Mission Trip: July 15-20, 2018 Come find out more information on Sunday, March 11!

We will again be partnering with DOOR, as we did two summers ago in Atlanta, but this time in Chicago! Chicago has a long standing commitment to activism and community organizing, making it a great place to learn about race, poverty, and other issues of

injustice. DOOR Chicago is housed at First Church of the Brethren in the East Garfield Park neighborhood, a community full of potential with a rich history of strong community leaders and activists. DOOR Chicago partners with established, well rooted organizations and churches that have been serving the city for many years to provide service opportunities for participants.

Service Opportunities may include:

- ⇒ An elderly care center that allows groups to interact with senior citizens of differing abilities through playing games, participating in crafts, and sharing stories
- ⇒ An urban gardening network throughout the city that allows groups to garden alongside neighborhood stakeholders
- ⇒ A local church committed to being peacemakers in their neighborhood parks and invites groups to play alongside their neighbors
- ⇒ An outreach center that provides opportunities for groups to serve in the three shelters of their homeless prevention program: a daycare facility, a free store, and a soup kitchen

We'll have an informational meeting at 12 noon on Sunday, March 11 in the Library. This trip is for Adults and Youth who will have completed 9th grade by this summer.

Questions? Contact Steph 914-826-1227, [youth@fpcyorktown.org](mailto:youth@fpcyorktown.org).



## First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown Concert Series 2017-2018

First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown Concert Series presents

# *Songs of the Heart and the Wanderer*

The music of Gustav Mahler, Ralph Vaughn Williams, and Samuel Barber




Kirsten Sollek, Contralto and Richard Lippold, Baritone  
with Alexandra Beliakovich, Pianist



**Saturday, March 17th at 7:30 pm**

First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown  
2880 Crompond Road ~Yorktown Heights, New York 10598 ~ (914) 245-2186 ~ [www.FPCYorktown.org](http://www.FPCYorktown.org)  
Reception to meet the artists following the performance ~ Suggested donation is \$20

On Saturday evening, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. the Yorktown Presbyterian Church Concert Series will offer its third concert of the 2017-2018 season featuring New York City professional singers and newly established Cortlandt Manor residents Contralto Kirsten Sollek and Baritone Richard Lippold in their first joint Westchester performance with songs of Mahler, Vaughan Williams, and Samuel Barber.

There will be a reception following the concert to meet the artists. The concert is open to all, and a donation of \$20 is suggested. The church is located at 2880 Crompond Road, Yorktown Hts. For additional information: [www.FPCYorktown.org](http://www.FPCYorktown.org) or (914) 245-2186



## New Member Classes

We will be holding the classes for new members beginning on Sunday, February 25, and continuing on each successive Sunday to March 18. On that fourth Sunday, the new members will meet the Session and be received as members at the 10:45 AM service.

A brunch will follow the service.

Please contact Chip, Tami, or the church office if you would like to attend. New members keep our church active and dynamic, so if you are thinking of joining our church, please join us for these classes!

## Supporting FPCY

As our stewardship year begins again, we wanted to share a few important annual reminders.

### CHECK/CASH GIVERS

Giving Envelopes for 2018 are available for those who requested them. Envelopes are dated for each week providing givers a helpful way to keep track of weekly/monthly giving. If you would like a box, please tell Lisa in the office as we have extras.

Have you considered giving online? While we appreciate any way in which you choose to give/fulfill your pledge, it is easier than ever to go paperless! Set-up an account at [myfpcy.org](http://myfpcy.org). Whether you set-up weekly or monthly recurring gifts or choose to give "as you can", online giving can work for you. Log into [myfpcy.org](http://myfpcy.org). At the bottom of the home page, click "Give Now" and select "recurring gift". See more info below. And remember, pledges are intended for the General Fund.

### ONLINE GIVERS

Thank you for your online gifts to FPCY in 2017! We hope the new system is working well for you. Did you know...

- Recurring gifts expire at the end of the year. If you want gifts to automatically be made to FPCY in 2018, you need to log into [myFPCY.org](http://myFPCY.org) and set-up recurring gifts for 2018.
- When you make a pledge for the new year, your payments aren't automatically scheduled. MyFPCY allows you to set-up payments to FPCY, but the church office has no access to your bank account. If you wish to pay your pledge online, you will need to log-into [myFPCY.org](http://myFPCY.org) and set-up your gifts in a way that suits you (i.e. weekly, monthly or as-you-can)
- Pledges are made to the General Fund. We always appreciate gifts to special offerings and ministries of the church (eg. Mission Trips, Food Pantry, Easter Offering). However, pledges are intended for the General Fund in order to support the overall ministry of the church.
- If you pay online using a credit card, we lose a small percentage of your gift to fees. We allow gifts via credit card for the convenience of those who prefer that method of payment. We do ask that if you do so that you consider adding 2-3% to help cover the fee.

### FOOD PANTRY MATCHING GRANT

With the start of the new year, the Food Pantry grant matching program begins anew. Throughout the year, every dollar is matched up to at least \$10,000. Please consider supporting our Food Pantry, an outreach that provides food to over 200 clients twice a month throughout the year. Gifts can be given via mail, in the collection plate or online. Make sure to mark gifts "FPCY Food Pantry" when submitting a check or cash.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to the mission of FPCY,  
Stewardship Commission



**Grace &  
Gratitude**

## Deacons' Corner

From Carol Thorne-Gaetani:

As my term as a Deacon (and the Disciple reporter) has come to an end, I wish to thank all of you for walking beside me as we have worked together in our ministries to help as best as we can—to love the lost, the weak, the poor, the lowly. We are always trying to brave uncertainties—how to manage a particular problem—or to find ways to provide for the dear ones that come to our church doors with their needs and concerns. Thank you all—both Deacons and Church friends for all of your support, your love and your dedication to serving the one who came down to us from heaven - our dear Lord of All. Let us continually yield to his example and love one another as He has loved us. God bless you all.

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From Judy Chessa, *Moderator*:

Thank you to our outgoing Deacons (Bud Coccodrilli, Carol Thorne-Gaetani, Debbie Hager and Marianna Sherman). Carol, your Disciple contributions have been inspiring—thank you.

Welcome to our new Deacons: Patrick Burns, Pam Darreff, Andy Torres and Jean Post-Winget. Personally, the privilege to say yes to being a Deacon came to me two years ago, and, now, as I enter my third year, I continue to be in awe of the caring and generosity of our Deacons and our congregation.

I saw this definition recently which seems to encompass what it means to be a Deacon:

“Deacons are the ‘servants’ or ‘caregivers’ of the congregation. People have all kinds of needs—they are recovering from surgery, grieving, lonely, ill, or otherwise in a time where they welcome the ministry of care. In a very real way, Deacons are the hands and heart of the Church in our ministry of caring.” And with our Food Pantry as an amazing example, we extend our hands and hearts to those in need beyond our church doors.”

**Food Pantry  
Item-of-the-Month**

**Canned Fruit**

Next Dates:  
February 24, March 10, 24  
9 to 11am

~ Sunday, March 4 @ 3PM ~  
The curtains go up on the

**TALENT**  
*Fpcy*  
**SHOW**

All proceeds benefit the Food Pantry Diaper Ministry

Join us on March 4th at 3:00pm for a fun afternoon of entertainment supplied by fellow members and friends!

The only price for admission is a suggested donation of \$20, or whatever you can afford.

All proceeds will be used to support the Deacon's Diaper ministry which serves clients of our Food Pantry.

**Deacons' Doings:**

- \* Welcome to Patrick Burns, who will be our new Deacon reporter.
- \* Please remember to contact us if you or someone you know is in need of a meal, a ride to worship or just a phone call. Our Visitation and Loaves and Fishes teams are here to help. If you wish to help our Loaves & Fishes team by preparing and delivering a meal, please contact Deacon Sue Nelson.
- \* Our February Food Pantry is set for Saturday, February 24. The Food Pantries in March are March 10 and March 24. We could use your help on Fridays 3 pm to set up for the Saturday Pantries and Saturday mornings: set up 8 am, 9 am-11 am, Food Pantry hours. Please contact Katharine Frase if you have any questions. Thanks to all who have volunteered!



**It's Time for the Deacons Fund Offering!**

The Deacons rely exclusively on funds received from the congregation and other donors to carry out their work (see graphic). Please consider including the Deacons' fund in addition to your regular giving in February. You can put a check or envelope in the offering plate labeled "Deacons' fund," or if you give electronically using the "Give Now" link on our website (there is a special line to direct your gift to the Deacons). Thank you for your generosity!



- Food Pantry
- Diaper Ministry
- Loaves and Fishes
- Toys for Tots
- Cards and Letters to sick and shut-ins
- Hat & Mitten Tree
- Visitation Team - contact with the sick and homebound
- Communications
- Transportation
- Bereavement Support/ Reception after funeral



Thinking about Spring Cleaning?  
Don't toss those old treasures!  
Donate them to the FPCY Tag Sale.



Collection of Items begins on April 4th

**The Tag Sale will be held on Saturday April 7**

Contact Barbara Humphrey if you are interested in helping with this year's sale.



### 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

What a week this has been! Of course, I feel like I've been saying this about every week lately – with all the exciting things we have going on here at church – leadership retreats and annual meetings, food to share and pancakes to flip, prayer shawls to knit and Bible studies to attend, bells to ring and songs to sing, – all this along with unexpected challenges and crises to be managed, flu germs to avoid, snow and ice to shovel, doors to fix and people to help. Add to this all the things going on in the world – earthquakes in Mexico and even here in Putnam Valley, the Super Bowl and the Olympics, the stock market's rollercoaster ride and the ongoing division and debates, not just in our nation's capital, but everywhere, over issues like immigration, taxes and the opioid epidemic.

This week was no different. For the first time since 1945, Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day, prompting Catholic bishops to counsel their flocks to abstain from eating meat but to enjoy other romantic pursuits instead, after they go to church, of course. No steak dinner this year! On Facebook, memes suggested alternative Valentine cards like:

- ♥ Won't you be my Valentine, you miserable sinner?
- ♥ You may be dust, but you're awfully loveable dust.
- ♥ Roses are red, violets are blue, Lent is beginning, no chocolate for you!

And how about those candy hearts? Instead of saying things like "Love You," "Cutie Pie," and "U R sweet," they said "Repent," "Mea culpa" and "U R dust." When our adult education team met last month, we decided that maybe this was a timely invitation for us to look more deeply at what love is really all about, and especially what love means for us as Christians.

Unfortunately, many of our hearts broke on Wednesday, when we heard about the horrific school shooting in Parkland, FL. On the day we were supposed to celebrate our loved ones and remember our mortality, we were all painfully reminded of the fragility of life and our human capacity to wreak havoc and bloodshed upon each other. Yet again, we are faced with the sad consequences of our society's inability to adequately care for the mentally ill and our nation's love affair with firearms. Yet again, we are faced with the dark

shadows of human existence and the reality of sin and death and its grip on our lives.

This really hit home to me when I saw one of the many powerful photographs to come out of Florida this week. It was of a mother who had rushed to the school and was comforting a student, presumably her daughter. Clearly visible on her forehead was a cross of ashes. In that cross of ashes, I saw Jesus on the cross right there in Parkland, FL. And Jesus on the cross is precisely where this season of Lent takes us, right into the unconditional, sacrificial love of God as revealed in the life, death and resurrection of God's Son, who both lived and died so that we might be free from the powers of sin, death and the evils of this world.

Our Lenten journey to better understand and live God's love is no Hallmark card or sweet sentiment. We begin this morning with not only one of the most familiar passages about love, but one of the most familiar Bible passages period – 1 Corinthians 13. Have you ever seen the movie *Wedding Crashers*? Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn play two guys who spend their weekends crashing weddings in hopes of picking up women. In one scene, the two guys are sitting in the pew at some unsuspecting couple's wedding, and the priest invites the bride's sister up to the lectern for the scripture reading. Owen's character leans over to Vince's and says, "20 bucks says its First Corinthians 13." Vince shoots back, "Double or nothing, Colossians 3:12." And then we hear the famous words, "And now a reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Love is patient, love is kind..." The words fade as Vince's character pays up. It's a funny moment, especially for us pastors, but it goes to show how many of us associate this passage with weddings. So this morning, I'd like you to strip away the images of white dresses and flowers, tuxedos and romantic love so that we can look at what Paul really meant when he wrote these words.

Paul wrote these famous words to a fledgling church community he had founded in the Greco-Roman port city of Corinth. Corinth was an incredibly cosmopolitan city full of people from all over the Roman empire, people from different cultures who practiced many different religions. It was also known as the Las Vegas or Red Light district of the Roman empire. And the Corinthian church itself was a real mess. Its members were fighting about anything and everything. Was it OK to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols? (remember Connie's sermon from 3 weeks ago?) What was the best way to worship God? Which spiritual gifts were the most important? What moral standards were they supposed to live by – the culture's or the church's? One church member was having an affair with his father's wife. Everyone thought they were right and the others were wrong, and the whole church was divided into factions.

Worship services in Corinth must have been pretty wild. Some believers had these ecstatic experiences when they just burst out talking and shouting in strange languages. Others stood up and prophesied. Women, who normally had no place in such public gatherings, were showing up with their

heads uncovered and speaking up about how they had been liberated in Christ Jesus. And then some of the wealthier members of the church were eating all the food during the Lord's Supper and not sharing it with the poorer members.

Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians to get them back on track, to bring their focus back to the one thing that was most important. "I will show you a still more excellent way," Paul wrote. That one thing, that more excellent way is Love.

When it comes to talking about love, we who speak the English language are at a real disadvantage. We basically have one word for it, "love." We use this word to talk about everything from our favorite flavor of ice cream to the people most near and dear to our hearts. When in the same breath, we can say, "I love pizza, I love my job, and I love you," what does love really mean? It's power and significance have been so diluted that the word is practically meaningless to many.

The Greek language in which Paul was writing is much more nuanced and offers us far more possibilities for communicating the real meaning of the word love. There is **eros**, which refers to romantic love, that rush of feelings, that physical attraction that draws two people together. There is **storge** which refers to the love between family members, parents and children, brothers and sisters, the bond of family. There is **philia** which refers to the deep bonds of friendship that form between people but which also encompasses a more general love for all human beings, especially care, respect and compassion for those in need. Think of the name Philadelphia, which means city of brotherly love, or the word "philanthropy" which literally means love of humankind.

Finally there is *agape*, which is deeper, broader, higher and more challenging than them all. Agape is far more than feelings or even a sense of loyalty or commitment or charity toward someone. In fact, the word agape wasn't even used that much in the Greek culture until the early Christians adopted it and used it to describe first and foremost, God's love toward us – unconditional, infinite, sacrificial, steadfast – especially as we see it in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. One commentator even suggests that you could actually substitute Jesus' name for the word love in verses 4-7 and it still makes perfect sense:

Jesus is patient; Jesus is kind; Jesus is not envious or boastful or full of himself. Jesus does not dishonor others, nor does he selfishly insist on his own way. Jesus is not easily angered, nor does he keep a list of all our mistakes and shortcomings. Jesus does not rejoice in wrongdoing or evil, but he rejoices in the truth. Jesus bears all things as he did when he took on human form and died on the cross. Jesus believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things for our sakes and for the sake of the world God loves.

This kind of love is not just a feeling or a character trait or even the highest of virtues. Rather agape is an active state of being. When we say that God is love we mean that God's very being is love in action. In fact, when Paul describes love in our scripture lesson this morning, he uses verbs. In our translation, they look like adjectives, but in Greek they are verbs. Love shows patience and lives kindness. Love does not envy

or boast. Love does not think that I'm better than anyone else and Love doesn't dishonor another person. Love is get angry very slowly and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love rejoices, bears, believes, hopes, endures.

For Paul, this love in action is the essential condition, the ground of being, the basis of every thought, word and deed in the Christian life and community. As God has loved us, so we are called to love one another. For the church, love is more important than being right or powerful or honored in the eyes of others. As one commentator wrote, "To belong to God's church in Corinth [or anywhere else for that matter] is to be an agent of God's love in the world, not seeking one's own advantage, but working on behalf of others."

Quite simply, love is at the core of who we are as children of a loving God, as followers of Jesus Christ who shows us God's way of sacrificial love, and as temples of God's Holy Spirit of love. Without love, we cannot live the life God created and calls us to live. Without love, we cease to be the church, the Body of Christ in the world. As preacher Haddon Robinson once said, "Love is that thing which, if a church has it, it doesn't really need much else, and if it doesn't have it, whatever else it has doesn't really matter very much."

In her famous song, Tina Turner asks, "What's love got to do with it?" Our answer this Lent is absolutely everything! Over the next six weeks, we are invited to focus our attention on the love of God we know in Jesus Christ. Then we are called not just to think about it, but to practice that love in our daily lives.

This week, we start with Paul's words to the Corinthians, "Love is patient, love is kind." The list goes on and it's a tall order, but I would encourage you to start simple with patience and kindness. How could we be more patient and kind with the people we encounter every day – our children, our neighbors, the clerk in the store, the other drivers on the road, the people we disagree with, our friends and even our enemies? How can you make patience and kindness verbs on a daily basis?

When you wake up in the morning, pray that God would help you see new opportunities to practice patience and kindness, not only when it's easy, but when it's hard. And then at the end of day, take some time to reflect back. When and where did you experience patience and kindness from others? When and where was God patient and kind with you? Make a valentine for yourself – cut out a paper heart and write the words Patient and Kind on it. Tape it to your bathroom mirror or carry it in your pocket. Do whatever will help you walk the path of God's infinite, unconditional, steadfast love. For this is the path that leads us to the cross and beyond to the glorious promise of new life in God's eternal love. Amen.

Sermon preached by Tami Seidel  
at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown  
on February 18, 2018



# FPCY YOUTH

Hey everyone! Thanks to all who helped make February such a fun month! Big thanks to all who helped cook, serve, greet, set up, clean up, and - of course - eat at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! And thank you to everyone who came ice skating at Bear Mountain - especially to our adults who drove us there and back. What an amazing day it was to be outside, enjoying the picturesque setting and each other's company.



## Save the Dates

### March 11

Middle School Youth  
4:30 – 6 pm  
High School Youth  
6 – 8:00 pm

### March 25

Middle School Youth  
4:30 – 6 pm  
High School Youth  
6 – 8:00 pm

Looking forward into March and April, stay tuned for more information on an Interfaith fellowship event, an evening of prayer, a chance to connect with some Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteers who are out doing amazing things in the world, and an opportunity to get to know some of the senior members of our church family.

Planning for summer volunteer opportunities? 6th graders on up, mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! We will be hosting VBS here at FPCY July 9 -13, with training and set up on July 5 and 6. Teen helpers make VBS successful and we want you to be part of the fun. See the info about registering for our Rolling River Rampage and sign up as a teen helper!



Questions about anything? Call, text, or email Steph: 914-826-1227, youth@fpcyorktown.org

**Missed Our Pancake Supper? Not too late to help send our Youth to Montreat**

**Make a Donation at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCYmontreat18>**







And along with our music theme this year, the children learned a song version of the Lord's Prayer during Gathering Time.

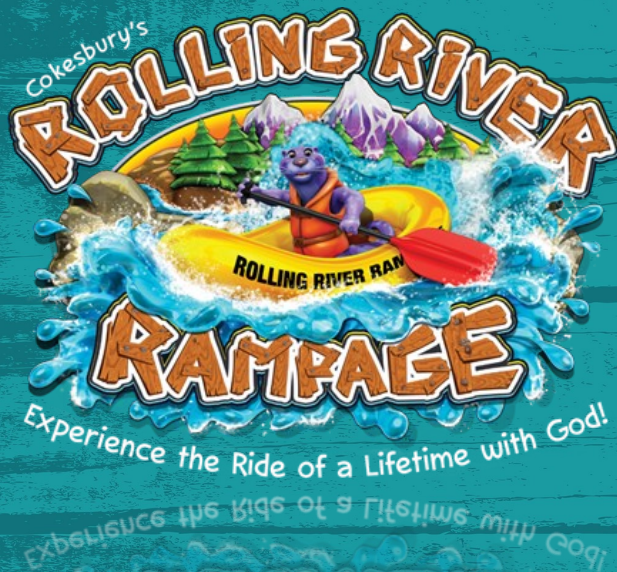
See you on Sunday!

Peace,  
 Jessica Mayes, and Abby and Andy Cross  
 Church School co-superintendents

Happy New Year to all our Church School families!

The K-4 group began the year with a unit on the Lord's Prayer. How do you engage children of varying ages with such a topic? Here are some examples from the Spark curriculum:

- Praying hands: decorate hand prints in Art
- God hears us: telephone play in Preschool, "listening salad" made with ear-shaped pasta in Cooking, Sound Scavenger Hunt in science
- Daily bread: prayer collages representing our basic needs, for the older children in Art



## Get ready for VBS 2018!

July 9-13, 9 am -12 noon  
 First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown

Teen Training — July 5 & 6,  
 9:00am-Noon

Go to [cokesburyvbs.com/yorktown](http://cokesburyvbs.com/yorktown)  
 to register.

Interested Adult Volunteers are invited  
 to attend a planning meeting on  
 Saturday March 3 at 9:30am

Questions? Contact Tami Seidel.

## Adult Education Commission

Did you notice that Valentine's Day fell on Ash Wednesday? This got the Adult Ed planning team thinking about love.

And so our theme for Lent is "Love is..."

Love is what? Love is patient and kind, love is forgiving, love is generous, love is healing, love is fearless, love is sacrifice, love is life!

These themes are also the themes for worship, so on Sunday mornings we'll dive right into the scriptures. We'll begin on the first Sunday in Lent with 1 Corinthians 13. You don't need to be a Biblical scholar to contribute (none of us are, really!). Many of us have found that studying scripture in community is the best way to learn—just ask anyone who is in a Disciple study group!

Join us for some laughter and learning on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the library. We'll be there every Sunday except Easter Sunday.

The following sessions are on-going:

- The Women's Circle continues to meet on the first Wednesday morning of each month, from 10:30 until noon. The group is led by Tami and is following 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!
- The men's breakfast will be held on Saturday March 3 in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 AM.
- Thursday mornings, 10 - 11:30 AM in the lounge/library. Join us at any time—you don't have to attend every session.
- We are currently running two sessions of Disciple II Bible study classes, one on Tuesday morning and one on Wednesday evening. Please let Tami, Chip or Connie know if you are interested in the first Disciple course, Disciple I. We are hoping to schedule a class soon, based on interest.

See you in class!

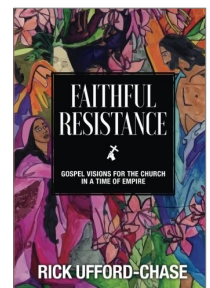
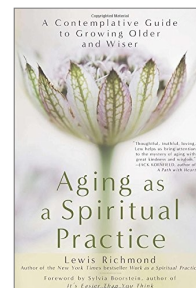
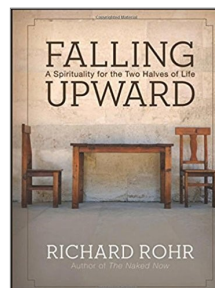
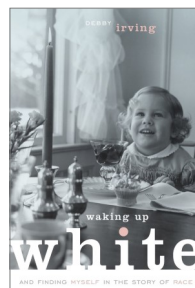
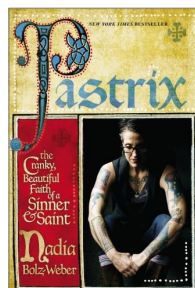
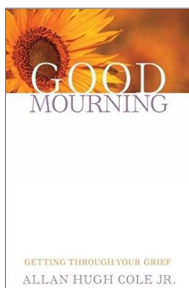
Connie Knapp, for the Adult Ed Planning Team

## New in the Church Library:

*In Good Mourning: getting through your grief* (155.9 C), Allan Hugh Cole wisely and gently guides the person who has suffered a loss, first through grief and then through mourning. He offers an array of down-to-earth steps to guide the hard labor of grieving, applicable to any kind of loss (not just death of a loved one). In distinguishing among bereavement, grief, and mourning, he writes that "...we need to grieve before we can mourn. I will use the term mourning to refer to the process by which a bereaved person gradually changes her relationship to what has been lost, so that an emotional investment in new relationships and other aspects of life may occur." This slim volume is a helpful guide, either for individual reflection or group discussion.

The Library now owns all of the books that were profiled by the Adult Planning team in the December 2017 Disciple (*Pastrix*, by Nadia Bolz-Weber – Biog B, *Waking up White*, by Debby Irving – 305.8 I, *Falling Upward*, by Richard Rohr – 248 R, *Aging as a Spiritual Practice*, by Lewis Richmond – 268 R, *Faithful Resistance*, by Rich Ufford-Chase – 285 U). They are on the New Book Shelf. Feel free to borrow them -- just sign and date the card in the back of the book and leave it in the box right above the New Book Shelf.

Carol Jensen,  
church librarian



## Prayer Shawl

The **Prayer Shawl Group** will meet next on March 7 at 9:30am and March 21 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.

Last fall the Prayer Shawl ministry committed to making scarfs for children in the Bronx for a Christmas gift after hearing of their need for some joy. The kids were more than pleased to receive them (see picture at right). They each sent a thank you to our prayer shawl group.



On Wednesday, March 21st, we will have our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch. Reservations for this are required.

The cost is \$18 per person. RSVP and give money to Pat Prauda by Sunday, March 18.



## Knit Togethers

**The Knit Togethers** will meet on March 12 & 26 and April 9 & 23. In 2017, we gave 200 knitted items to Arch Care, Deacon's Mitten Tree, The Field Home, Somers Manor Nursing Center, and the YWCA—White Plains.

Come and join us as we make plans for 2017. All who knit or crochet are welcome. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00am to 11:30am, in the Library/Lounge Room 15. For information: Norean Radke (call 962-4370 or email radke30@msn.com) or Lois Ostling (call 962-2809)



## Noontime Meal

Noon Time Meal Preparation will meet at 10:30 am on Tuesday March 13 in our own kitchen.

Prep time is about 1.5-2 hours and serving time is about 45 minutes. If you can help, please just stop by; you will be welcome. For further information speak to Pat Prauda.

Wanted: dessert makers for Noon Time Meal! Pies, cake, brownies or cookies...we all like a little sweet after our meal! You don't even have to bake— just watch for a sale on entenmann's! If you can help out with this please contact Pat Prauda.



## Jan Peek Meal

Jan Peek House is a shelter for people experiencing homelessness including several veterans. They depend on a meal from our congregation on the 4th Saturday of each month. If you would be interested in preparing a meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway across from Fellowship Hall. We still need a family to help Diane Hawlk for the Meal May 26th, other dates available are June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd and the Holiday Months November 24th and December 22.

The February Jan Peek Meal was prepared and served by Jessica Mayes and Liza Placido and their families. The Burns family has volunteered for March. Thank you!

~Pat Prauda, 737-4674 or e-mail [ppladyofscotland@aol.com](mailto:ppladyofscotland@aol.com)



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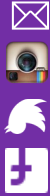
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