



DATES TO NOTE:

December 8
Giving Sunday
Congregational Meeting
& Pot Luck lunch

December 15
Nativity Fair and Cookie
Walk

December 21
Longest Night Service
7:00pm

December 24th
Christmas Eve
Family Service
3:00pm
Candlelight Services
7:30pm and 11:00pm

December 29th
One Worship Service
10:00am

The Disciple

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the new born King!*

Welcome to the season of Advent, the four weeks of preparation for the second biggest celebration of the Christian year, the nativity of the Christ child. (Bonus points: do you know what the biggest one is?)

One of my favorite parts of decorating for Christmas is putting up the nativity scene in our house. Actually, I like to collect nativities, so we have quite a few to unpack and arrange each year. Some of them are very small – just the three figures Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. Others include a whole cast of angels, shepherd, magi and animals. We have nativity scenes from Israel, Kenya, Peru and several other countries. Some are tiny, some are ornaments to hang on the tree, and some take up a whole bookshelf. It’s amazing how many different ways people have envisioned this holy scene!

This year our theme for Advent is **Living the Nativity**. Most of us are familiar with a living nativity, a re-enactment of the Christmas story using live people and animals. Our children put on a live nativity every year during the Christmas Pageant. If you’ve ever seen the Radio City Christmas show, you’ve seen one of the most extensive living nativities complete with townspeople and camels.

The very first nativity scene was a living nativity created by Saint Francis of Assisi in 1223 in Greccio, Italy. As Larry Peacock explains in his Advent devotional book *The Living Nativity*, “Francis wanted everyone to see, in their own time and place, what the love of God looks like and the extent to which God would bend to restore human dignity.”

Isn’t that what we’re supposed to be about here too, as people of faith, as a church, especially during this season of Advent? To help everyone see, in their own time or place, what the love of God looks like and the extent to which God will bend down toward us to restore to us, not just our dignity, but our healing, wholeness and hope for the world and the future? What might it mean for us to “live the nativity,” make the nativity come to life in our own lives? How can we show the world what God’s love looks like? How do we bring the good news of Christ’s coming to life today, in our lives and in our world? This is our hope and challenge this Advent season.

As we begin our Advent journey and travel towards Bethlehem, as we gather at the manger on Christmas Eve, as we follow the star to Epiphany, let’s not just put up the nativity. Let’s live the nativity and share the Good News of Christ’s coming with the whole world.

See you in church,



Year-End Gifts and Stewardship

As we head into 2020 (and beyond), we ask you to help us finish this year strong by making an end-of-year financial gift to FPCY. You can make a donation by mailing a check to the church, dropping it off on a Sunday, or online at www.fpcyorktown.org/giving. **Tax deductible gifts for 2019 must be postmarked and/or given before December 31, 2019.**

If you haven’t already done so, we also ask you to make a pledge toward our ministry and mission in 2020 (see page 2 for more information). Your faithful giving allows us to better plan for the year ahead.

Your generosity sustains our church, providing opportunities to deepen our faith and fulfill our mission to connect with God, one another and the world. Thank you for sharing in faith and ministry with us as we work together to share Christ’s love with all.

Stewardship Spotlight

2020 Annual Campaign: *Growing in Gratitude*

Have you made a pledge for 2020? If you missed Commitment Sunday, please submit your pledge to the Annual Campaign via the offering plate, the church office or by logging into myFPCY.org as soon as you are able. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

To make your commitment online.

Go to www.myfpcy.org, log into your account (if you are a member, but don't have an account, please contact Lisa in the office).

1. Click Giving on the main menu.
2. Click "+ Pledge", enter your pledge information, and save.
3. Entering your pledge online does not set-up actual electronic gifts. To set-up a one-time or recurring electronic gift to the 2020 Annual Campaign, click on "Giving" on the left side of your screen.
4. Click "+ Give", enter your payment amount, choose "General Giving 2020" from the drop down menu, select frequency and gift date(s), press continue, enter payment info, then press the blue button that will save "Give \$x.xx).

If you are not yet an official member of FPCY, but would like to set-up a one-time or recurring gift to support our 2020 Annual Campaign, you can do so here: <https://onrealm.org/myFPCY/Give/PBGBRICIME>



A Special Meeting

of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45am Worship Service for the purpose of:

- the election of two Youth Elders, for the period September 2020 through August 2021;
- the election of six Ruling Elders, Class of 2022;
- the election of one Ruling Elder, Class of 2021;
- the election of two Youth Deacons, for the period September 2020 through August 2021;
- the election of four Deacons, Class of 2022;
- the election of two Deacons, Class of 2021;
- and to conduct any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

After the meeting is adjourned, we will hear a report and update on the Capital Campaign. Tours of the Sanctuary basement project and Room 7 will be available. Bring a dish to share for the Potluck Lunch during the meeting (see note from Congregational Life below)

Congregational Life

We are celebrating Advent with a pot luck lunch (pots of soup, chili, or stew), breads, biscuits, green salad, and desserts. Materials to make ornaments will be on the tables for you to make and take home. A carol sing will conclude our celebration.

Looking forward — We are hosting the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, January 28. We are inviting you to make some cookies for the lunch that we will serve (bring them to church on Sunday January 26). If you are able to come to the church at 8 am to help set up the refreshments and morning snack, or from 11 am – 1 pm to set up and serve the luncheon, please contact Nancy Caswell to sign up.

Also, the FPCY Annual Meeting will be held on February 2. Of course, this is our annual large pot luck, so check for the sign up poster in the Gathering Space in January.





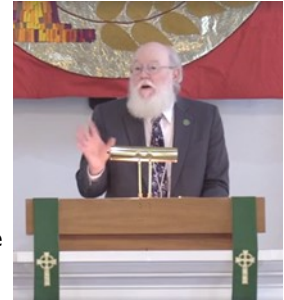
Recent Mission Commission Activities

On Saturday October 26th, an **Interfaith Celebration** was held at the **Garden of Hope**. Tami Seidel was among the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist religious leaders who led the service. The event also featured a speech from Heidi Haring and musical accompaniment by members of our bell choir. Working together with several other organizations in our community, garden workers raised over 3000 pounds of

vegetables and distributed them to our Food Pantry and others in our area. Please contact Heidi Haring if you'd like to be involved in our garden effort next year.

On November 9th and 10th, the **Mission Commission and the Faith Formation Commission co-sponsored a special Peace & Justice weekend** visit from Rev. Donald Gaffney, a Sandy Hook alumnus and author of the book *Common Ground: Talking about Gun Violence in America*.

On Saturday evening, Rev. Gaffney led a community discussion entitled "Searching for Common Ground: Christian Perspectives on Gun Violence". The 90-minute event offered a respectful, balanced treatment of gun control and gun rights perspectives. After Rev. Gaffney's presentation, he engaged the audience in a guided, active and constructive discussion that encouraged participants to share and listen to one another's diverse perspectives. The audience included members of our church and other Presbyterian churches in the area, as well as members of Temple Beth Am. On Sunday, Rev. Gaffney preached at both services, led an adult education discussion, and led a sermon for lunch that was attended by over 30 of our congregants. The Mission Commission is now working with the Gun Violence Prevention team to discuss further steps. Please contact Jeff Kephart or Abby Cross for more information.



On November 17th, the Mission Commission sponsored a **Mental Health Awareness Day**. We plan to continue our work in this important area and are planning a Faith4Life study in the spring. Members can find a permanent source of resources on our website at <https://fpcyorktown.org/mental-health-resources/>. Please contact Jen Burns or Jeff Kephart for more information.



#GivingSunday

December 8th is Giving Sunday, an FPCY tradition.

Choose one or all.

1. Coats for Kids (to augment the Marine Corps Toys for Tots on December 14): Children's new jackets (sizes XS, S, M, L, and adult S), and new insulated gloves.
2. Hat & Mitten Tree: A bounty of hats & knit gloves from our knitters will be distributed at the two Food Pantries in December. Please bring homemade or store-bought hats & gloves to add to the tree.
3. Toiletries for Jan Peek Clients: such as shampoo, body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, and feminine products (as they now have several women living at the shelter). Please no trial sizes.
4. Also, gifts to the Christmas Joy Special Offering of the PCUSA can be made, by special envelope, by labeled check, or online.
5. Food Pantry Cards: suitable for a variety of occasions will be available for sale in the Gathering Space. All donations, large or small, will help us provide funds for 2020 operations.



Please bring all items unwrapped. If you are unable to attend services on December 8, you may drop off items in the church office. Monetary gifts can also be given. Mark your check or envelope "Giving Sunday".



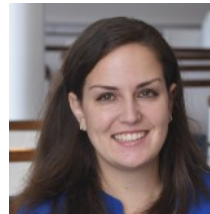
As 2019 comes to a close, we wish all of our Sunday School families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoy the tree in Fellowship Hall that our kids decorated to reflect the Bible stories we've learned this year as we Set Sail With Jesus.

We look forward to more fun times in the months ahead as the voyage continues!

If you are new to the church or just visiting, your kids are welcome to join in the fun any Sunday from 9:30-10:30! To learn more, please reach out to Bridget Bentley at bridget.bentley@gmail.com.

Peace,
Bridget Bentley and Kristy Berlin



Calling All Angels and Shepherds

Join us in sharing the joy and wonder of the Christmas story with our congregation! On Christmas Eve, our children will lead us in worship with the Christmas Pageant at the 3:00 pm Family Service. If your child (up to 6th grade) would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant, please contact Tami Seidel, by Sunday December 1st.

Rehearsal Schedule

- December 7 @ 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
- December 14 @ 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
- December 21 @ 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
- December 23 @ 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
- December 24
 - 1:30 pm (dress rehearsal)
 - 3:00 pm **Worship Service & Pageant**



FPCY YOUTH



Save the Dates

Sunday, December 8:
MS Youth Group 4:30 - 6 pm;
HS Youth Group 6 - 8 pm

Saturday, December 14:
Cookie baking and decorating
in the church kitchen 4 -6 pm

Sunday, December 15:
Cookie Walk (all morning -
sign up for a volunteer spot
at the cookie table)

Sunday, January 12:
Montreat Youth Conference
Info Session for current 8th -
12th graders and parents,
12 noon.

MS Youth Group 4:30 - 6 pm;
HS Youth Group 6 - 8 pm



Cookie Walk

Sunday,
December 15

Proceeds will go to help
send our youth to the
Montreat Youth Conference
in the summer.

On Sunday, December 8, we have Youth Group meetings at our usual times: 4:30 for Middle School and 6 pm for High School.

Then the following weekend, we're putting on a Cookie Walk!

What is a Cookie Walk? It's a special kind of bake sale that is all about cookies: round cookies, bar cookies, fancy cookies, classic cookies! Our Cookie Walk is going to happen in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 15 and will be accompanied by a Nativity Fair: displays of nativity sets on loan that day from members of our congregation. It's going to be a super festive day!

On Saturday, December 14, from 4-6 pm, we'll have cookie baking fiesta at the church for all Youth, 6th grade on up, to come help bake and decorate cookies and get the tables in Fellowship all set up.

Youth and their families can help out by baking at home, baking all together on Saturday, 12/14, or selling cookies on 12/15. Sign up to help make the Cookie Walk a success by going to tinyurl.com/fpcy-Cookies2019.

Questions about anything? Reach out to Steph Hare youth@fpcyorktown.org, 914-826-1227



On Friday, November 22, members of the Confirmation Class attended a Shabbat service at Temple Beth Am. After the service the students and teachers had the opportunity to talk to Rabbi Robbie Weiner. Rabbi Robbie gave the class an up close look at the Temple's historic Torah scrolls, including this one, which escaped being destroyed in the Holocaust.



**Current 8th - 12th Graders and Parents
Save the Date for Montreat Youth Conference:
August 1 - 8, 2020**

Montreat Youth Conference (MYC) is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.

Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship.

Join us for an info session about Montreat on Sunday, January 12, after the 10:45 service to learn more!

Food Pantry Cards



Need a gift for someone who has everything? Looking for an alternative to the commercial Christmas gift? Need a hostess gift to take to a holiday party?

Why not make a donation to our Food Pantry in honor of a friend or family member? Donations can be made in any amount AND they will be doubled via our matching program with the FPCY Food Pantry Trust!

For each donation, you can select a card that you can mail or deliver in-person. Stop by the office or look for the table in the Gathering Space soon!

Food Pantry

**We need volunteers on Fridays from 3-4:30 PM — December 6 & 20
and Saturdays from 8-11:30 AM — December 7 & 21**

Please contact Katharine Frase (kfrase98@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up to volunteer...even "drop-ins" are welcome, however, we can make the best use of your time if we know you are coming.

Come and join us. Live out Jesus' command to love one another as He has loved us. As always, we thank you in advance for your donations, support, blessings and prayers. God Bless you.

They can only take out what we bring in.

The majority of the food we offer at the FPCY Full Choice Food Pantry comes to us from **Feeding Westchester**. Some items we like to distribute are in short supply; your contribution can help fill that gap.

We thank you for bringing in
Macaroni & Cheese



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE FARRELL
(debbefar@aol.com)



**Saturday, December
14 from 9-11 AM**

FPCY will once again be spreading holiday cheer this season by hosting a Toys for Tots distribution on Saturday, December 14 from 9-11 AM. Please note that FPCY will collect new "Coats for Kids" to augment the toys that are collected by the Marines. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event so contact Debbie Farrell if you can help.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour — Help Needed

Calling all those who enjoy a cup of coffee and a sweet bite to go with it on a Sunday morning, this is for you.

When doing your holiday baking or buying (see info on the Cookie Walk on page 5), how about making an extra batch of cookies, cake, pie or loaf of sweet bread for coffee hour. If we can't use it one Sunday we have plenty of freezer space that can hold it for the following week, all donations are accepted.

If hospitality is one of your strengths, why not help our Coffee Hour Team?

It takes volunteers to keep the coffee and goodies flowing on Sunday mornings. There are several ways in which you can help so please take a look. Why not grab a few close friends and sponsor a coffee hour together?!

Check the sign up sheet next to the coffee hour table on Sunday morning and see how you can help, or speak to Nancy Caswell, Emily Monk or Pat Prauda.



Hey Sports fans, I know it's December, but I wanted to share some thoughts about what I witnessed this year in baseball, other than one of the best seasons for Houston I've ever seen in my life.

When baseball season begins, so does the singing season for Americans. People will stand during the seventh-inning stretch and belt "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." They will feel the pleasure of singing a bouncy, easy song with thousands of other fans while holding a hot dog and a beverage that costs somewhere between \$80-\$100. Despite the financial investment, they will be cheered by the sunny lyrics, even if their team is down (look at Detroit). They will lose themselves in a bond stretching around the stadium, a few minutes of carefree unity.

And when the season's over, that's it until next spring.

It's no secret in this church, but adults need the outlet of singing (check out a karaoke bar sometime), but as civic engagement declined, our store of true folk songs evaporated. You can blame all the usual causes for withering "social capital," from dependence on electronic entertainment, to reduced free time. Personally, I feel the elevation of American Idol, The Voice, and America's Got Talent have really stabbed into our outlook of singing – emphasizing talent, unique stories, and the choice of famous people over others.

Let's say a dozen people gather in a park and they all know the words to classics like "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "This Land is Your Land," and "Down By the Riverside". Would they want to sing? Or would a combination of self-consciousness on the one hand, and diverging ethnic, political and religious backgrounds on the other, prevent them from sharing in all three tunes? Stadium singing succeeds because of numbers, because the songs are fun and uncontroversial, but also because those participating aren't shackled by their own worries of self-doubt. Belting at baseball games is an example of something essential and no one there is worried about whether they're good enough.

That's a wonderful feeling—that's what I think we need to restore in our community—not necessarily this church. The sense that: I'm good enough. I'm a happy amateur singer. I'm just going to let it out."

If you know someone in your life that needs the outlet, please invite them to be a part of our huge music ministry. It's a great way for those who aren't sure of where God is in their life to be involved, feel welcomed, and build our community. Let's take them out to the ballgame.

Garrett Artman, *Director of Music Ministries*



Did you know that Amazon will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to FPCY if you set the church as your designated charity in the Amazon Smile program?

Just go to smile.amazon.com to set the church as your charity, and from then on, every time you shop at smile.amazon.com the contribution will automatically happen! There are even browser extensions that will redirect you automatically to smile.amazon.com every time you shop at Amazon.

So consider going to smile.amazon.com today to set things up!



Please join us for one - or all - of the many discussions, bible studies, and book studies scheduled for this fall. All are welcome to attend.

Faith 4 Life
Lifelong and Ongoing



Merry Christmas!!

Actually, do we say Happy Advent? December 1 is the first Sunday in Advent, so get those Advent calendars out! We'd love to have you join us for one (or more!) of these studies. And if you are interested in the materials but not able to join us you can purchase any of these books

in the office. They are on a display cart with the price list-you can pay online or see Lisa in the office.

Starting Sunday December 1 at 9:30 AM, Tuesday December 3 and Thursday December 5 at 10:00 AM we'll be reading **Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent**, by Amy-Jill Levine. This four week study by University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School (yes, you read that correctly!) includes a DVD. The four weeks are: 1) The Meaning of Memory, 2) The Promise of Potential, 3) The Journey to Joy, and 4) The Gifts of the Gentiles. Each session will be led by a member of the Faith4Life Planning team. Join us for one, two, three or all four sessions (even if you have to come late, or leave early, or can only "drop in," we'd love to see you!)

We will be revisiting **Painting the Stars** Sunday evenings from 6 to 7:30 PM in January and February. This seven-session thought provoking study looks at "evolutionary Christian spirituality." Plan to join us even if you have discussed these videos before. We will have a full 90 minute session that will give us room for rich discussion.

The first Wednesday of each month the Women's Circle meets from 10:30 until noon, following the Presbyterian Women's curriculum, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*.

The Men's Breakfast with Chip Low will be held at 7:30 on Saturday December 21, 2019 and Saturday January 18, 2020.

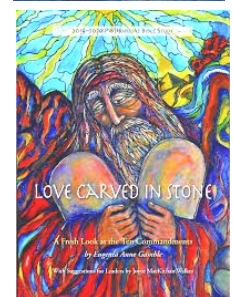
Connie Knapp, for the Faith 4 Life Planning Team



AMY-JILL LEVINE
LIGHT of the WORLD
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ADVENT



PAINTING THE STARS
Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith



New in the Church Library

In Tokens of Trust (230 W) Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, uses the Apostles and Nicene Creeds as the scaffold for reintroducing us to our Christian faith. He reminds us that the word "belief" has nothing to do with mental assent to a proposition or emotional agreement with a cause. The root of the word means "to have faith in." This means that "Christianity depends on trusting the God it talks about before it asks you to sign up for a complete system." Williams helps us understand that in the resurrected Christ the universe is recreated and we now have something we can depend on.



Tokens of Trust

An Introduction to Christian Belief

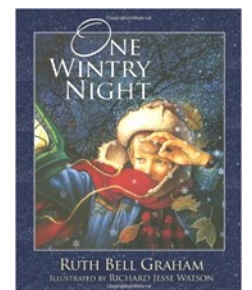
ROWAN WILLIAMS

Since the Christmas season is upon us, here are a few seasonal books from the church library:

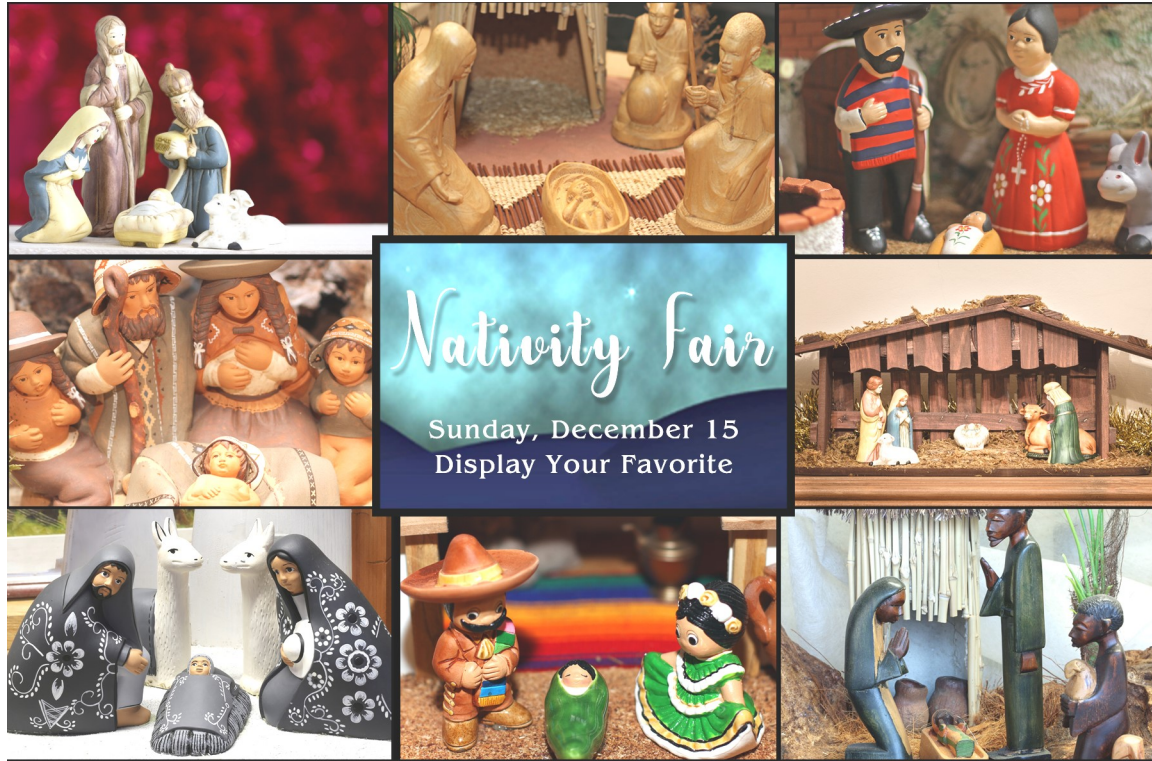
Christmas is Not Your Birthday, by Mike Slaughter (248 S). A reminder that Christmas is Jesus' birthday, not ours!

And a companion volume of daily readings, **A Different Kind of Christmas; Devotions for the Season** (242 S). **Tracks in the Straw** (232.9 L). A collection of original stories centered around the birth of Christ.

And for children: **The Fourth Wise Man** (the beloved classic), **One Wintry Night** (an injured boy, caught in a snowstorm, takes refuge in a cabin and hears the Christmas story), **Song of the Stars** (All creation celebrates Jesus' birth. Especially for young children.)



Carol Jensen, Church Librarian



Nativity Fair
 Sunday, December 15
 Display Your Favorite

Nativity Fair—Come and share in one of the most cherished traditions of the Christmas season! On Sunday, December 15, the Faith Formation and Worship Design Commissions will hold a Nativity Fair in the Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space after both worship services. Folks and families are invited to bring one or more (no more than 5 please) of your favorite nativity sets to display at the church. Then, grab some cookies at the Youth Group Cookie Walk and discover how many different ways this wonderful story has been told! We will set up the Nativity Fair before and during the 8:30 service. Please plan to take your nativities home with you after the second service. Questions? Contact Tami Seidel, tami@fpcyorktown.org.

Holiday Service Schedule



Christmas Eve Services

- 3:00pm - Family Service & Children's Pageant
- 7:30pm - Candlelight Service
- 11:00pm - Candlelight Service



Sunday, December 29th
 One Service Only - 10:00am



News from your Green Team

Have you seen our solar panels? We hope so! As part of our Capital Campaign we have been able to put solar panels on our roof. Not only will we be getting our energy from a renewable source, we are also showing our neighbors that we “walk the talk.”

Our congregation joins others in the Hudson River Presbytery, including Rye Presbyterian and Pleasantville Presbyterian churches, that have benefited from the HRP Green “Solarize Your Congregation” program.

Over the past three years your Green Team has:

- ◆ Led the congregation to become Green Faith certified through Green Faith, an interfaith program
- ◆ Joined other congregations as an Earth Care Congregation, a PC(USA) program
- ◆ Made us all aware of ways that we might care for our planet in both big and small ways

Donna Gresh and I have co-led the team through this period, and now we are inviting new leadership. Are you looking for a way to get involved in environmental stewardship? Want to learn more about the issues? Do you have some ideas of ways we might step up our commitment?

We’d love to hear from you!

Connie Knapp, *for the Green Team*



Please remember to bring your returnable bottles & cans to the bin at the main entrance to the Fellowship Hall on a Sunday morning or any time you are at the church.

All proceeds support our Mission Trips. From January to July \$206 was collected!

**Monthly Men’s Breakfast
Third Saturday of the Month**

**Join Chip on
December 21**



*Longest Night Service
Saturday, December 21 @ 7:30 pm*

Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news
that will cause great joy
for all the people.
Luke 2:10



Knitting Groups



Prayer Shawl Group will meet next on December 18th 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.

The Knit Togethers will meet on December 9 and January 13 & 27. Thank you to Nance Thompson for her huge yarn donation. Thank you to Marylou Santoro and to Mary Erhardt (by way of her friend Carol Annacone) for their donation of many knitted items for the Mitten Tree. We are busy packaging over one hundred items for local giving and about one hundred items for the Mitten Tree. Come and join us as we make plans for our Christmas giving. 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: Noreen Radke (962-4370 radke30@msn.com) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).

Lunch Bunch

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall, cost will be the same as last year \$20 and reservations and monies should be into the office or Pat by Sunday, December 16th. Make checks payable to the church and with "lunch bunch" in the memo line. Musical entertainment is being coordinated by our new Director of Music Ministries, Garrett Artman.

If you are coming to the Luncheon we ask that you bring a toiletry item for Jan Peek Clients, this can be for a man or a woman as they now have several women at the shelter. Please no trial sizes. All are welcome and bring a friend.

Noon Time Meal

All are invited to join our team of Noon Time Meal volunteers as we prepare a monthly meal for the Peekskill Salvation Army. We prep the meal on Tuesday and they cook it on Wednesday. If you can scrub potatoes, clean carrots, chop ham or pull chicken off the bone, come and lend a hand! We work for about 1.5 to 2 hours. We will meet in our kitchen on Tuesday December 10th at 9:30 am. If you can't make it or prefer supplying a dessert, that is welcome, too. Need more information? Speak to Pat Prauda.



Jan Peek Meal

Jan Peek is a homeless shelter in Peekskill which depends on outsiders to supply meals for their clients on the weekends. The shelter supplies a hot meal, bed and warm showers to approximately 40 clients.



FPCY is responsible for supplying the meal on the 4th Saturday of each month. Thanks to Sharon Larson and Victoria Lodewick for preparing and serving the meal in November and thanks in advance to Robin Corpolongo and Debbie Bernardini for taking on the December.

Thanks to all of you who volunteered this past year and to those who have already signed up for 2020. Dates are going fast, so if you are thinking of helping, please check the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space hallway and see what months are left.

Many of our members & friends remember their loved ones at Christmas by helping to decorate the Sanctuary with Poinsettias.

Please fill out the form below or contact Lisa in the office (914-245-2186) or office@fpcyorktown.org by December 15.

Names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You may purchase as many flowers as you wish. Each can be in honor/in memory of as many people as you wish. The cost is \$10 each.



Name: _____

How Many: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Inscription: _____

The Disciple

December 2019

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Current Resident or:

1 Advent #1 8:30am & 10:45am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Faith4Life Confirmation 12:00pm Youth Bells 5:30pm Campaign Project Team	2	3 10am Faith4Life 7:00pm Session	4 9:30am Prayer Shawl 10:30am Women's Circle 7pm Disciple 7:30pm Disciple FT	5 10am Faith4Life 6:45pm Adult Bells 8:00pm Choir	6 3:00pm Food Pantry Set-up	7 9:00am Food Pantry 1:30pm Pageant Practice
8 Advent #2 8:30am & 10:45am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Faith4Life, & Confirmation 12:00pm Congregational Meeting & Advent Pot Luck Youth Bells 4:30pm Middle School Youth 6:00pm High School Youth	9 7:30pm Worship Design	10 10am Faith4Life, Noontime Meal Prep	11 7pm Disciple 7:30pm Disciple FT	12 10am Faith4Life 6:45pm Adult Bells 8:00pm Choir	13 4pm Nominating Committee	14 9:00am Coats 4 Kids/ Toys For Tots 1:30pm Pageant Practice 4:00pm Youth Group Cookie Baking
15 Advent #3 <i>Nativity Fair & Cookie Walk</i> 8:30am & 10:45am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Faith4Life, Confirmation & Parents Meeting 12:00pm Youth Bells	16	17 10am Faith4Life 7:30pm Mission & Operations	18 9:00am Stewardship 10:30am Prayer Shawl 12:00pm Lunch Bunch 7pm Disciple 7:30pm Disciple FT	19 10am Faith4Life 6:45pm Adult Bells 8:00pm Choir	20 3:00pm Food Pantry Set-Up	21 7:30am Men's Breakfast 9am Food Pantry 1:30pm Pageant Practice 7:00pm Longest Night Service
22 Advent #4 8:30am & 10:45am Worship 9:30am Sunday School, Faith4Life Confirmation 12:00pm Deacons Youth Bells	23 1:30pm Pageant Practice	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 1:30pm Pageant Dress Rehearsal 3pm Family Service 7:30pm & 11pm Candlelight Services	25 <i>Office Closed</i> Merry Christmas!	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28 6:00pm Jan Peek Meal Served
29 10:00am Worship	30	31 <i>Last day for 2019 Gifts to be post-marked.</i>	1 Happy New Year <i>Office Closed</i>	<h1>December</h1>		