

DATES TO NOTE:

November 8
Midnight Run

November 9-10
Community Discussion
on Gun Violence,
Peace & Justice Sunday
Guest Speaker:
Donald V. Gaffney

November 17
Mental Health Awareness
Sunday

November 23
Craft Fair

November 24
Interfaith Service
@ St. Mary's

November 30
Hanging of the Greens

The Disciple

This fall we have been growing in gratitude together as a congregation. Along the way we have learned:

Grateful people are inspired and inspiring.

Our gracious God and our vibrant church inspire people to deeper levels of faith and faithfulness. Some sing and play music that lifts our hearts and spirits to God. Some grow in faith and engage the complex issues of our day through multiple Bible studies and discussion groups. Some paint pictures, sew banners, and fuse glass to beautify our space. Some write spiritual reflections that help us all learn to live life with an attitude of gratitude. Some seek sustainable ways to use God's resources and take care of our facility (check out those solar panels!). Some go on mission trips to rebuild homes, communities and relationships.

Our church is also inspiring new ministry. With a new full-time director, we are growing our music ministry. We are launching new mission initiatives related to mental health, gun violence prevention, hunger, and the Garden of Hope. We are developing a new website to welcome more people to our church and share our church with them. Every day you inspire us, and we are so grateful!

Grateful people are gifted and giving.

Our generous God has blessed us with so many gifts, both as individuals and a congregation, gifts that we are called to put to work for God's mission in the world. Some share their time and talents, serving as Sunday school teachers and youth group leaders, making meals and feeding the hungry, crocheting prayer shawls and knitting hats and mittens, pulling weeds and planting flowers, visiting the sick and listening to the lonely, maintaining and remodeling our facility to welcome many from the community who are in need of healing and hope. Some share their treasure, giving generously to the budget so that we can both keep the lights on and reach out into our community and world with the light of Christ. Your commitment of time, talent and treasure has made all this happen, and we are so grateful!

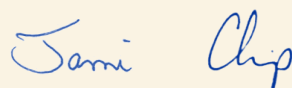
Grateful people are generous.

All that we have said above and so much more are clear signs of the generous spirit at work in our lives and our life together. Our generosity is what enables our church to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with people near and far. Seeking to be as generous with others as God has been toward us is what makes us faithful to God and a community that makes a difference in people's lives.

To continue our faithful and vital ministry, we are asking everyone to increase your financial giving in 2020. We want to continue to support our staff with a salary that affirms their work and helps them live well. We want to continue building a new music ministry and a sustainable youth ministry. We want to send people on mission trips and welcome the community into our church. AND we want to do all this in a financially sustainable way that lives the faithful generosity of us all.

In the coming weeks, we hope that you will take some time to prayerfully discern how your giving reflects a new level of trust in God's provision and a faithful expression of your commitment to impacting people's lives with God's love. On Sunday, November 24, we will dedicate our gifts and pledges for 2020 in worship as we commit ourselves to living lives of faith and gratitude to God. We invite you to join us in grateful and generous giving to our shared ministry and mission of God's work in the community and world.

Gratefully,





Stewardship Spotlight

On Sunday, November 10, we will be celebrating our living veterans. Please note that this is not a celebration of war, but instead, a recognition of those who put themselves at risk for their country.



2020 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Growing in Gratitude

Children & Youth Commitment Card

I want to give \$_____ each week to our church for God's work in our church family, our community, and around the world. At the end of the year, my gifts will total \$_____.

I also want to use my gifts:

- Attend Sunday School
- Bring a friend to Sunday
- Support the Sunday School
- Share my musical gifts
- Help at the Food Pantry
- Other: _____

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

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2020 Annual Campaign: Growing in Gratitude

Our 2020 Annual Stewardship Commitment Campaign has begun. You should receive a letter and pledge cards in the mail soon. We ask that you prayerfully ponder these materials in advance of commitment Sunday — November 24th.

Jane Amato, for the Stewardship Commission



2020 Annual Stewardship Campaign Commitment

Grounded in Gratitude for God's many blessings, I/we want to move Forward in Faith as we support the ministry and mission of FPCY.

to give \$_____ weekly \$_____ monthly \$_____ over the year as I/we are able for a total _____ toward the mission of FPCY by (check all that apply):

- This represents a 30% tithe.
- electronic funds transfer (sign up at www.myFPCY.org)
- my/our bank bill pay system
- check or cash Would you like offering envelopes? Yes No
- stock gift (learn more at www.fpcyorktown.org/giving)
- I/we are unable to make a commitment, but will give as I/we can of my/our time, talent, and money)

Names: _____ E-mail address: _____

It is understood that this commitment may be revised or cancelled at any time by request.

Pledge Online:
www.myFPCY.org



Campaign Projects

Have you seen our new office entrance?

- The columns are in place and painted.
- Speaking of paint, doesn't the new door look fantastic? The main back entrance now looks like a main public entrance!
- The wider office door with ADA compliant accessibility is installed and working. If the door is unlocked and you need assistance opening the door, simply press the round button on the column and the door will slowly swing open (and close behind you).



Ongoing Operations Projects

- Sanctuary Basement project is in its final phase. The moisture remediation is complete and the new air handlers are being installed. Many thanks to Dick Seymour for overseeing this project.
- The aging (and failing) fire panel has been replaced with a newer (and smaller) model.
- The Fall Clean-up was a success and our property is ready for winter (even if some of us are not).
- Thanks to Dick, Bud and Jerry for some outdoor restoration work on the Sanctuary and CE Building (sanding, caulking, priming, painting, board and window replacing).

We have more exciting projects in the planning stages -- and the support and generosity of the congregation makes all of this possible. If you haven't yet made a commitment, please prayerfully consider participating in this campaign for the present (and future) of our ministries of faith.

Pledges can be made via myFPCY.org. One time gifts can be made at: <http://tinyurl.com/FPCYCapital>

Gratefully,
The Campaign Project Management Team



How do you discuss mental health issues with your family and friends?

What are you doing to take care of your own mental health?

Ten years ago the Presbyterian Church (USA) started an initiative called "Comfort My People" to encourage congregations to talk more openly about mental health.

The Mission Commission, in response to this, wants to explore this initiative in our church. The commission has been working to gather resources that can be helpful for talking about mental health with family and friends as well as a ministry of our church.



Mental Health Awareness Day

Sunday, November 17

On **Sunday, November 17**, we will lift up *Mental Health Awareness* in worship and make resources available to the congregation in the Gathering Space at the new welcome desk. We are also working with the Education Commission to have an Adult Ed book study in the spring. The Mission Commission welcomes your ideas on how we can talk about mental health in open and supportive ways. Please contact Jennifer Burns or Jeff Kephart. Here are some interesting facts...

1. "Statistics from the National Institute of Mental Health indicate that approximately 26% of American adults suffer from a diagnosable mental illness in any given year." - www.pcusa.org/today October 2012
2. "At any given time, about 6% of Americans are depressed, but because of a mix of factors, including fear of stigma and a sense of isolation, fewer than half of them seek treatment." - Better Homes and Gardens magazine, May 2019 issue.
3. "College presidents and deans tell repeatedly that they've had to make managing students' anxiety and other mental-health issues a priority. They're overwhelmed with the demand for mental-health services on their campuses. I hear this again and again. It's really striking." - Wall Street Journal, 5/11-5/12/19 issue
4. "The job of the church is to run to chaos, not run away from it." says Rev. Dan Milford of Covenant Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, as quoted in an Outlook article on the Presbytery mental health initiative.
5. Mental health issues are at the heart of substance abuse, violence/gun, homelessness, and imprisonment. These are issues the church already addresses. Good mental health is at the heart of living at peace with yourself, living peacefully with others, working for self-sufficiency and providing for families. These are goals already the church works toward.
6. When initiating conversations, IWillListen.org states that "identifying yourself as someone who will listen in a non-judgmental way is important, so that when people want to communicate, they know it's OK." Executive Director Wendy Brennan says, "Instead of focusing on a person with the issue, focusing on family members has a lot of resonance because the whole issue of mental illness is about, not just the person who is affected, but rather the whole ecosystem."



The Mission Commission will once again host the **FPCY Arts & Crafts fair on November 23** from 10:00am—4:00pm. Follow us on Facebook @FPCYArtsAndCraftsFair

Our next **Midnight Run will be on November 8th**. Help us make this local mission a success as we share human compassion, fellowship, food and clothes to people experiencing homelessness in NYC! There are many tasks that need to be done. So that you can think about which task would fit into your schedule, here are some ideas of what is available to do:

- going on the actual Run
- buying underwear, socks, toiletries, etc.
- putting together lunches,
- kitchen clean-up the day after the Run
- donating clean, used warm jackets, sweaters, jeans, sweat pants, clean shoes— sneakers, long sleeved knit tops, t-shirts (no dress pants or dress shirts, please). We can also use a few women's coats, pants and sweaters.



Sign-up sheets for various tasks and a drop off bin will be in the Gathering Space.

You can also sign-up online at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCYmr> Questions? Please contact Heidi: hkharing@optonline.net.



It's hard to believe that we are sailing into November already!

Our kids in Pre-K through 4th grade are learning about The Red Sea and Jonah and the Big Fish in their Art, Science, and Cooking rotations through hands-on activities.



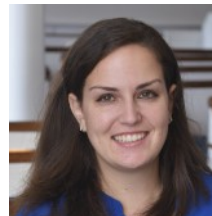
Our older kids are having fun, too! They learn new vocabulary words and ask deep questions as they read and discuss Bible stories, yet always find the time for something silly!



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



Youth Group activities in November and beyond!

Middle and High School Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, November 10** at our traditional times: 4:30-6 for Middle Schoolers and 6-8 for High Schoolers. Anyone is welcome to join whether you're a youth group regular or you've never tried it before.

On Sunday, **November 24**, we will celebrate with our friends of all different faith traditions at the annual *Yorktown Interfaith Service of Thanks*, this year hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Mohegan Lake. The service starts at 5 pm and will be followed by an interfaith Youth activity for all who attend. Folks who want to carpool can meet at FPCY at 4:30 pm.

And calling all cookie bakers! Mark your calendars for **December 15th**. The Youth Groups will be putting on a Cookie Walk - a bake sale of sorts that will feature a variety of cookies. We invite youth and their families to bake family favorites at home and bring them on December 15, and we will also have an opportunity for a big baking blow out at the church in advance of the 15th. Watch for more details on that coming soon. *Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will benefit our trip to this summer's Montreat Youth Conference.*

Wait, did someone say something about summer? Yes, it's not too early to start thinking about summer plans. Watch for details coming soon about this year's Youth Conference in Montreat, NC!

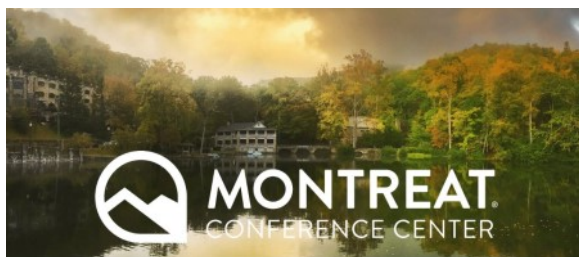
Questions about anything? Reach out to Steph Hare youth@fpcyorktown.org, 914-826-1227

Save the Dates

November 10
4:30pm MS Youth Group
6:00pm HS Youth Group

November
11/24
4:30pm meet at the church to
carpool to the
Interfaith Community
Thanksgiving Service at
St. Mary's. An Interfaith Youth
event will follow.

December 15
Cookie Walk



Do you know a College Age Young Adult?

Tell them about

College Conference @ Montreat!
It's coming up: January 2-5, 2020

College Conference at Montreat convenes a thousand college-age young people from across the country each January to explore

their faith and discern God's call in their lives. CCM includes keynotes, worship, discussion groups, music, energizers, and workshops. It's a super fun conference in a gorgeous setting!

This year's theme is *Remembering Sabbath*. We live in a society that tells us to go non-stop. We celebrate those who are constantly busy and consider those who take time off to be unproductive. The practice of Sabbath invites us to be still and know God, any day of the week.

Sound interesting? Have questions? Let Steph Hare know at Stephanie@fpcyorktown.org or 914-826-1227 (cell). Registration is open now, so folks should start thinking about winter plans and let Steph know ASAP if this is something that sounds intriguing and she'll start working on transportation and housing details.

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 Thanksgiving dinner or 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

DID YOU KNOW? The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown Food Pantry has a matching Grant that is critical to their ability to serve the hungry. This Grant will match, up to \$10,000.00 each year, all of the monetary donations that individuals give! The gifts given and the matching funds cover about 50% of the Food Pantry Operating Budget each year.

DID YOU KNOW? So far in 2019 the Food Pantry has only received \$4,000.00 in Individual contributions, putting our 2020 Operating Budget in jeopardy. At this rate we will lose out on \$6,000.00 of the matching funds.

DID YOU KNOW? You have the power to change that! Please make a Food Pantry gift before the end of this year. Don't wait until December 31st. Do it NOW. We have very nice cards that you can use to let someone know that for their Birthday, Thanksgiving or Christmas you have given a Gift to our Food Pantry in their honor or in celebration of a special event. (see above)

DID YOU KNOW? We need your Gifts to continue the work that our Congregation has committed to!

**We need you on Fridays from 3- 4:30 PM — November 8 & 22 and December 6 & 20
and Saturdays from 8-11:30 AM — November 9 & 23 and 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.

This is a particularly exciting time of year. Along with the Food Pantry, you can help the Deacons with the distribution of Coats For Kids/Toys for Tots and the "Hat and Mitten" tree which are both coming up in December. Keep your eyes out for more information (see page 10).

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.

100% of our Thanksgiving Offering will buy pork roasts to supplement the food we give through our December Food Pantry.

Christmas Pork Roasts are an "extra" that would not normally be provided.

Please give generously so that we help everyone enjoy the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Offering 2019





Stop performing and start leading.

*I am a musician.
I am a teacher.
I am a student.
I am now guided by faith – not fear.*

Being a middle school music teacher in a public school was probably the hardest job I've ever had in my life. Being a capable adult (arguably "capable" and even arguably an "adult") I took it upon myself to do everything that needed to be done. When I say everything, I mean everything. I photocopied and stuffed 200 music binders, I wrote in dynamic changes, marked breaths, gave them their starting solfege, played their melody for them before they had to sing, I even had a special "binder hospital" for when they accidentally ripped their music and needed a fix; all they had to do was show up. I wanted to be the super teacher...not because they needed me to do everything for them, but because I wanted to

perform. Changes really started to happen – but not in a good way.

My choirs were fine enough, and were capable of doing everything I asked, whether they did it or not is another story. Our December concert went off with a huge performance, complete with poinsettias on stage and snowflake paper art. The kids felt great and slowly filtered out of the performance hall and then left for winter break. It was here I just broke down and wasn't even mentally capable of walking to my car and driving home. I sat paralyzed for an hour or two completely drained, listening to nothing but the light hum of the fluorescent lightbulb above me.

We had a great performance, but what did we learn? In a classroom discussion I learned that "Grandma liked the piece where we clapped" or "the flowers on stage looked really nice". Not one student had anything to say about the music, or the progress which took place from September to December, despite my scaffolding questions. They didn't have to think about it because I did everything for them. It was in that moment I realized these kids didn't learn anything I wanted them to because I didn't show them how to learn it, I just told them to do it.

Yes, it's wonderful to perform, and you really can learn a lot; However, I didn't allow my students to fully experience music because I was afraid, and I let fear guide me. I took it upon myself to do everything but didn't explain what it was that needed to be done. I showed them where to breathe in their music but didn't explain why it was important to breathe there. I showed them how to sing "do-re-mi" with hand signs before a piece, but never had a discussion about why I want them to sing random syllables. I played the correct melody for them before they even sang taking away the opportunity for them to figure it out.

I remember back when I was interviewing to become the new DMM here at FPCY. Talking with Tami and Chip, we discussed how life is a lot like jazz. The most successful jazz musicians let go of deliberation and control; they surrender their consciousness to embrace spontaneity. The band members create as they play, improvise, and build on each other's notes. They deliberately face the unfamiliar by creating their own challenges. In an uncertain world, adaptability is a competitive advantage, not a choice. By embracing the unexpected, rather than resisting when things don't go as planned, that's how your team thrives in a changing world. I gave my students responsibilities and showed them what I would do, but how they could do it differently and be just as successful. It was here I noticed the amazing changes taking place in my choirs. Students were learning how to learn and gaining a passion for music and each other. Identifying problems before they occurred, and most importantly for me, taking chances when there was no certainty of success. It allowed students to test their faith in each other and in themselves, overcoming obstacles that wouldn't have been there, to be guided by faith – not fear.

Garrett Artman, *Director of Music Ministries*



Personnel Corner

Last Month, you were quizzed. Did you figure out who our 3 full-time FPCY employees are?


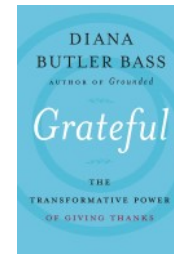
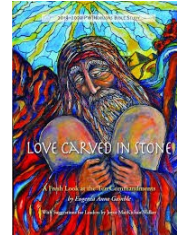
Drumroll, please... They are Lisa Flanagan (our Office Manager), Jim Gerth (our Caretaker) and Garrett Artman (our Director of Music Ministry). Our Co-Pastors Chip Low and Tami Seidel both work $\frac{3}{4}$ time (which equates to 37.5 hours/week based on a 50-hour work week as defined by Hudson River Presbytery). Stephanie Hare works 25 hours/week as Director of Youth Ministries and 5 hours/week as bookkeeper. John Harrigan works 15 hours/week as part-time custodian.

We are so very grateful for all time and energy our talented and dedicated staff give to our ministry here at FPCY!

Nance Thompson, *Chair of Personnel*

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

Join us on Sunday mornings as we explore the practice of gratitude and read Diana Butler Bass's book **Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks**. Books are \$12 and are available on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week. The sessions are led by members of the Faith 4 Life Planning Team.

The first Wednesday of each month the Women's Circle meets at 10:30am to study **Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments**. The study book is available in the office.

Our **Men's Breakfast** meets at 7:30am on the 3rd Saturday of each month. See you on November 16.

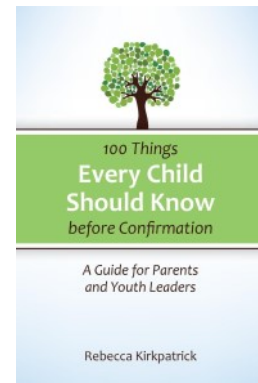
Tuesday and Thursday Morning Classes will begin new studies soon. Stay Tuned!

Connie Knapp, for the Faith 4 Life Planning Team

New in the Church Library

As I looked over *100 Things Every Child Should Know before Confirmation; a Guide for Parents and Youth Leaders*, by Rebecca Kirkpatrick (248.8 K), I wondered how many I (at age 70+) knew nothing about. Turns out not too many, but I did wonder what "Ordinary Time" is (see item #85 to find out), and I could certainly learn something about the history of Israel. Each of the topics, such as Bible stories, characters, church traditions, etc. is divided into sections for study and conversation with young people: "planting the seed," "feeding the soil," and "watching them grow." As useful as it is for its intended audience, it could be an interesting review for all of us.

Carol Jensen, Church Librarian




Monthly Men's Breakfast
Third Saturday of the Month

Join Chip on
November 16



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!

An Invitation from the Mission Commission, Faith 4 Life and the Gun Violence Prevention Team

“Guns and gun violence seem to divide our country more than just about any topic. We have preppers and pacifists, and 100 million gun owners standing in the middle.” ~ Donald Gaffney

COMMUNITY EVENT - PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ 7PM

Common Ground : Christian Perspectives on Gun Violence



Led by **DONALD V. GAFFNEY** PASTOR AND SANDY HOOK ALUMNUS

This 90-minute event offers a respectful treatment of ‘gun control’ and ‘gun rights’ perspectives led by Rev. Donald Gaffney, a Sandy Hook alumnus and gun owner. After his presentation, he will engage the audience in a guided, active discussion of the topic from multiple diverse points of view. Coffee and snacks will be served afterwards, during which time Rev. Gaffney will sign copies of his book entitled “Common Ground: Talking About Gun Violence in America.” You can bring your own copy, or purchase one at the event. “Common Ground ...” presents information from across the spectrum of resources, and was written for those who seek a more balanced approach than that provided by many other books on the subject.

The Interfaith Council of Yorktown, in partnership with Race Amity of Northern Westchester and Putnam (RANWP), is hosting a series on Race & Faith.

The final session will be held on **Thursday, November 7th** here at FPCY. We’ll be viewing and discussing a video series that ran on PBS, “Race – The Power of an Illusion.” Join us for a thoughtful discussion of race and faith. This free event is suitable for high schoolers and older. Refreshments will be served.

RANWP is part of the [National Center for Race Amity](#) a national organization whose purpose is to advance friendship across lines of culture and race. RANWP meets the second Sunday of the month at 2PM at Somers Library.



Interfaith Celebration of Thanks — Community Service Sunday, November 24th, 5:00pm at St. Mary’s Church, Mohegan Lake

Join us for this culturally rich time with our neighbors. Free-will offering to benefit area food pantries. Fellowship and refreshments with friends and neighbors.

An Interfaith Youth Event will follow the service.



#GivingSunday

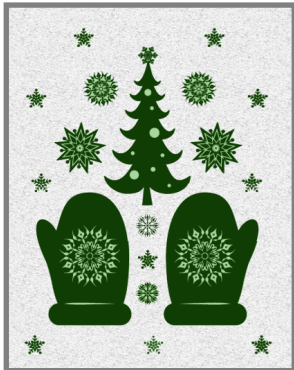
Time to put the Annual Giving Sunday on your calendar: Sunday, December 8.

Choose from one (or all) of the following giving opportunities:

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.



Toiletries for Jan Peek Clients, such as shampoo, body wash, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors, and feminine products (as they now have several woman living at the shelter). Please no trial sizes.



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.

Also, gifts to the **Christmas Joy Special Offering** of the PCUSA can be made, by special envelope, by labeled check, or online.



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 reach the \$10,000 matching grant goal for the Food Pantry, providing funds for 2019 operations. Donations to date total \$5000.



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!



Deck the Halls—Saturday, November 30

All are welcome to become part of this holiday tradition as we decorate our Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Many hands make light work as we put up candles, greens, roping, wreaths, a Christmas tree and the Christmas Creche.

Donuts and coffee will be provided.

All ages welcome! **We'll start at 8:30 am.**

This year our Prayer Shawl group donated 45 blankets to the Linus Project.



Knitting Groups



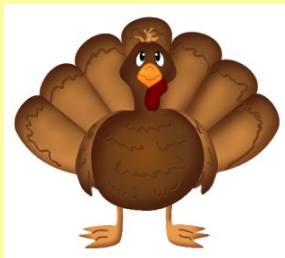
Prayer Shawl Group will meet next on November 6th at 9:30 am and again on the 20th at 10:30am. Anyone who would like to join us in knitting is most welcome. In addition to the regular knitters who come on Wednesdays, we have at least seven off site knitters. Any questions please call Marianna Sherman at 914-737-8294 or Fran Schiel at 914-245-5396.

The Knit Togethers will meet on November 11 & 25th and December 9. Thank you to Janice and Louise Fang for their generous gift of yarn. We are using it to knit lap blankets for nursing home residents. We are busy making scarves and hats for the Food Pantry December 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: Norean Radke (962-4370 or radke30@msn.com) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).

Lunch Bunch

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch Bunch on Wednesday November 20th in Fellowship Hall. This catered luncheon costs \$20 per person. Reservations and monies must be in by November 10th. Make sure to note "lunch bunch" on your payment. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

All are invited. Meet someone new, bring a friend, hang out and socialize. Pat will be happy to answer all of your questions.



Noon Time Meal

All are invited to join our team of Noon Time Meal volunteers who 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 November 12th at 10:00 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

One of the missions of our church is to serve a meal to the clients of Jan Peek in Peekskill on the fourth Saturday of each month. There are 40-45 clients at the shelter, so ideally, we'd like to have teams of 2 or 3 friends/families/couples work together.



Thank you to Mary Vezzuto and Linda Swift and their families for preparing and serving the Jan Peek Clients dinner on Saturday October 26th.

We have volunteers lined up through the end of the year, so thank you to all who have committed to taking care of the monthly meal! If you are interested in finding out more on how you can help out with Jan Peek, please see Pat Prauda. The 2020 calendar is posted and filling up, so you have a chance to pick a month that suits you.

Congregational Life Event—Advent Sunday Potluck

The Congregational Life Commission invites everyone to an Advent Lunch on Sunday, December 8 immediately following the Congregational Meeting. Lunch will be pot luck so please bring something to share such as a crockpot of soup or chili, bread or rolls, a salad, or a dessert (cookies?). After our quick meal, there will be supplies available for making a decoration or two to take home. Our celebration will be complete with a carol sing led by Garrett. For those of you who remember the Advent Supper from years ago, we thought we would offer this for old times sake. So add it to your calendar and we'll see you there!

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour — Help Needed

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.

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