

DATES TO NOTE:

July 8-12
VBS @ St. Andrews

July 14
Ice Cream Sunday
Mission Teams
Commissioning

July 14 & 21
Ted Talks & Food
Trucks

July 15-21
Triennium @ Purdue

July 27-August 4
DR Mission Trip

August 17
Blood Drive

August 25
YAV Sunday

The Disciple



On Father's Day, I shared some of my experiences from my pilgrimage on the Camino Frances, the Way of St. James. I had a powerful experience walking a portion of the Camino, mainly because I walked it as a pilgrim rather than a tourist. Pilgrimage is an ancient spiritual practice. As Arthur Paul Boers writes, "Pilgrimage 'unites belief with action, thinking with doing' and requires that 'the body and its actions express the desires and beliefs of the soul.' Pilgrimage is about integration, body and soul, feet and faith." That's why I walked. My soul needed healing. My faith needed a walk. My feet and my body needed movement. I wanted something more than just getting away. I wanted unity and integration, healing and wholeness, faith and action. So, I went for a walk along the way that tradition says James, one of the twelve disciples, walked to Europe to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

I'm so grateful for the experience of walking this ancient path that people of faith have walked since the tenth century. It slowed me down. It kept me from thinking too far ahead. It opened up my awareness to the beauty of creation. It allowed me to meet other pilgrims, hear their stories and share my own. And, it gave me the space to reflect on my own faith and God's presence in my life. All of that was the integration I wanted to experience in this spiritual practice, something that that daily grind of life doesn't often encourage.

Ultimately, the pilgrimage helped me see something really important again. Outside the town of Pamplona (yes, where the bulls run) on the Camino, I came upon a sign in both Spanish and English that offers an insight that I, and perhaps all of us, need to hear and reflect on

over and over again. "No olvides: siempre estás en camino." Don't forget: You are always on the way. This is a message of hope – that more often than we know or realized, we are all pilgrims traveling through this life with an opportunity to become more and more aware of this life we have, the beauty of creation, our traveling companions and ultimately, that God is our companion on the way of life in Christ.

Where are you going or what are you doing that invites you to be a pilgrim in this life rather than a tourist, to raise your awareness of the path you are on with family and friends, with your faith and God? Traveling to worship on Sundays is an important part of our pilgrimage to meet God and build relationships with people. Walking the labyrinth at our church helps making walking a prayer practice. Setting aside the schedule on the calendar and taking a hike. Doing some yoga or other movement that is intentional. Becoming aware of neighbors and strangers around us and how God is present in them as we travel. Summer opens up some space to try different things that will unite belief with action, thinking with doing so that we aren't just tourists of this life, but pilgrims on a journey.

My hope and prayer for you and for all of us this summer is that you will add the spiritual practice of being a pilgrim to your everyday life as well as any traveling you may do. May life and faith, healing and wholeness, faith and action, be united in you as you move. No olvides: siempre estás en camino.

Buen Camino! (Have a good walk!)

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Pray for this summer's FPCY Faith Travelers

From July 15 through 21, nineteen FPCY Youth and chaperones will join other youth from the Hudson River Presbytery and head to the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. This is a once every three years gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches. Keep them in prayer as they travel and enjoy five days of conversation, recreation, learning, worship, and fun!



Then from July 27 through Aug 4, we will send a team of fourteen to build a house for a family in La Guama, a community where 60% of the residents live below the poverty line. We are partnering with Bridges to Community, who builds service learning trips around community-led programming that gives volunteers a chance to live and work side-by-side with the local population through projects that focus on housing, health, and education.

Our Mission Team to Dominican Republic needs a lift!

We're looking few fantastic volunteers who like to drive to help us get to JFK airport on Saturday, July 27 and back again on Sunday, Aug. 4.
 If you can help us out with one leg of the journey (or both!),
 please text/call Steph at 914-826-1227 or email at stephanie@fpcyorktown.org.

Outbound flight: we'll meet at the FPCY parking lot on July 27 at 4:45am to load up cars and depart by 5am. Return flight: we should be ready to be picked up again at JFK on Aug. 4 at approximately 11 PM.

These life changing experiences are made possible in large part by the generosity of our congregation. Please consider making a contribution to help move our teams along on their journeys. Donation can also be made in church, in the office or online through MyFPCY: select the "Mission Trip Donations" Fund.



The roofing project has begun!

We will alert both the congregation and community groups when/if particular entrances will be affected, though our contractor believes this will be minimal. Thank you for your patience as the construction phase begins!



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>



Interested in Local Food Justice? Become a Community Gardener



In mid-April of this year, our Mission Commission started a new initiative whereby we are raising organic produce at the Garden of Hope, located on the property of the Westchester Korean Seventh Day Adventist Church on White Hill Rd., one driveway to the east of the Wilkens farm. We are working two 2×80 foot plots: rows #26 and #8. So far, we have delivered to the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown Pantry 60 heads of lettuce along with some kale and swiss chard. Later this summer, we expect to harvest beans, peppers, squash, and tomatoes, and other vegetables. Other charitable organizations, including various houses of worship and some scout troops, share the Garden of Hope with us, and we're beginning to forge relationships with them that

are giving us a greater understanding and awareness of the need that exists within our community and of related efforts to address that need. Some may even start contributing their produce to our Pantry.

GET INVOLVED — BECOME A COMMUNITY GARDENER—Three times per week, our rows need to be watered and weeded. On the Thursday or Friday before a Pantry Saturday, we need people to help us do the harvest. And when the tomatoes become a bit bigger, we will need to stake them. To help us organize these various activities, we have created an online signup site. If you are interested in being one of our gardeners, please contact Jeff Kephart at jeffkephart@gmail.com. He will add you to the signup list, and you'll receive a link to our signup site. There, you will see a list of available dates and tasks. Once you sign up for a particular task and date, you'll receive an email confirmation and a reminder email a few days before the date. *Many congregation members have asked for more local Mission opportunities. This is a great opportunity to help those in need, to serve God, and to learn more about food justice needs in our community and (through your work and our publicizing of it) to bring that awareness back to our community.* Children are welcome to participate with adult supervision.

INSTRUCTIONS — Find detailed info about the garden's location, how to get in, and procedures for watering and weeding on our website: <https://fpcyorktown.org/mission/garden-of-hope-how-to-guide/>

GARDEN HOURS — The garden is accessible throughout the weekdays and weekends, yet garden participants are asked to work around the schedule of the worship services at the adjacent church facility:

Westchester Korean Seventh Day Adventist Church—Saturday Bible Study 10:00 AM, Saturday Worship Service 11:30 AM
Taconic Christian Church—Sunday morning worship service 9:30 AM, followed by bible study groups
Assemblies of God—Sunday evening worship service

If you find yourself parking during a worship service or bible study, please allow the congregants to use the more favorable parking spaces, and engage in quiet gardening activities only. Many volunteers find weekday evenings are ideal for gardening on the way home from work, in the cooler evening conditions, etc.

EXPLORE WHERE GOD'S POWER CAN TAKE YOU AT VBS THIS SUMMER AS WE GO "TO MARS AND BEYOND"!



VBS 2019: JULY 8-12, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
at Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

Registration is now open for children completing Pre-K (age 3) - 5th grade. All teens completing 6th grade are eligible to be a Teen Helper, a great community service opportunity. We could use adult helpers, too!

Register or sign-up to volunteer at
<http://2019.cokesburyVBS.com/YORKTOWN>

The cost for campers is \$35.00 for one child, \$45.00 for two children, \$50.00 max per family.
Scholarships are available. See Tami.

Teen volunteer hours

Training: July 2,3 * 9-12noon
VBS - July 8-12 * 8:30-1pm
Closing Service, July 12 @7pm

Adult volunteer hours:

VBS - July 8-12 * 8:30-12:15
Pastor devotionals (optional): 7/8-7/12 @ 12:15-12:45
Closing Service, July 12 @7pm

Interested volunteers should register online or contact Sonja Letizia ASAP
at let5nsam@aol.com or 914-424-1614

Deacons' Corner

Summer is here, and many of us are looking forward to taking vacations, relaxing, getting away from it all. While we are away, the work of the church continues, fulfilling the needs of our congregation and helping our neighbors. Read on for updates on a few of the ways the Deacons will be involved, and how you can help/participate.

Food Pantry

Our expanded Food Pantry, "Pantry Plus" is off to a great start in our expanding mission to serve our community. Our Beyond Hunger / Pantry Plus initiative recognizes that necessary household expenses like hygiene products (for all ages, including diapers and incontinence supplies) and school supplies reduce the funds available for nutrition. Your ongoing financial support of Pantry Plus enables all of these ministries. We are also grateful for Item of the Month food donations to fill gaps in our ability to offer balanced food choices to our clients, and for diaper, elder care and school supply donations or coupons.

We have begun the distribution / offering of elder care products (such as Ensure protein drinks and several kinds of incontinence products) to our Pantry clients, as well as to our Beaver Ridge delivery clients. We have also begun providing food and elder care supplies to the Wynwood Oaks facility in Shrub Oak, enabled by partnership with the Senior Nutrition Center in Yorktown and a grant from the Field Hall Foundation.

We continue to enjoy terrific support from the community, in the form of both volunteers and donations. The Postal Carriers drive on May 11 yielded 6 SUV's full of food donations for our Pantry, and many community members have donated elder care and school age supplies for our use. Our diaper ministry continues to make a real difference to families with young children. And on June 8th, we were able to distribute the first produce from the Mission Commission's Community Garden initiative.

School Supplies and Blood Drives

On August 10th & 24th our Food Pantry will distribute school supplies to children. We will be purchasing kits of supplies for the younger grades, and asking the congregation to bring in supplies for older children. Thanks to a very generous donation from Office Max, we presently have enough pens, pencils, highlighters, and one subject notebooks, plus half of the binders and composition notebooks we need. See the chart to the right for our remaining needs.

FPCY will once again host a Blood Drive. This year mark your calendars for August 17th from 10-3! For more information, please get in touch with Deacon Wanda Diaz.

Deacons Fund

In closing, I'd like to encourage your support for the Deacons Fund. Although we are always glad to accept donations, the Deacons do have a special offering opportunity in August. This appeal will be in support of Deacon ministries such as Visitation, Bereavement and Cards. And we continue to need financial support for all the ministries of the Pantry, including food, elder care products, diapers, and school supplies.

Patrick J. Burns III, *Vice Moderator of Deacons*

Be a Hero This Summer



First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown

Saturday, August 17,
10am-3pm
in our Fellowship Hall.
Open to the public

GIVE BLOOD



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

Canned Fruit

Next Dates:
July 13 and 27,
August 10 & 24
9 to 11am

It's time to start bringing in School Supplies!

On August 10 & 24th our Food Pantry will distribute school supplies to children. We will be purchasing kits of supplies for the younger grades, and asking the congregation to bring in supplies for older children. Here are our remaining needs:

2" 3-ring binders
Filler paper,
Pocket folders,
Composition books (college-ruled)

Look for the bin in the Gathering Space.
Cash/checks are also welcome.
Just mark "School Supplies"
on your gift.

Thank you!

Please contact
Pam Darreff
with questions
Via email
darreffp@gmail.com





Teacher reflection, by Liza Placido

Why do I teach cooking?

Well, the children are fun! They are the coolest and cooking with them is very exciting! If you have never seen a three year old crack an egg, or a four year old whisk up some cake mix, (batter everywhere) then you do not know what you are missing! Together we learn to scoop out egg shells bits, see through clouds of flour and wipe away different types of spills, with smiles, giggles and enthusiasm all around.

In the Kitchen we bring Bible stories to life using cookies, pasta, cupcakes, pizza pies, fruit salads, and more. It's all quite amazing. I love to teach cooking!

I registered my own three children for Sunday school when they were two years old, four years old and five years old and I'll tell you this, at that time with them so young, I trusted no one. So I sat for an entire year in the pre-K classroom (like a spy) to "See" what they would be learning. To my surprise and delight I observed two wonderful teachers, Beth Coccodrilli and Debbie Flynn care for them, read to them, play play dough with them and make crafts with them. They were patient, loving and kind to all the children in class, and helped them to share and socialize. My oldest who was in the kindergarten rotation, across the hall, (media, art, moved by the spirit, bible skills or cooking) was also receiving God's love, nurture, and support from dedicated staff. Do you know how I knew that? I sat in those classrooms too!

Beth asked me if I would shepherd the following year which I did, that was easier said than done! I found out, children like to run all over the place. Then the year after that she asked if I would co-teach PreK with Debbie which I did, we became great friends and really enjoyed working with each other.

Now, here I am today teaching cooking. I am not a teacher by profession, I've avoided children (pediatrics) as we say in occupational therapy, throughout my career. I'm neither well versed in bible stories nor comfortable sharing the word God with anyone, let alone a precious child. However, I discovered I had in me a passion for children that I didn't realize existed. I began to consider them all an extension of my own family. Regardless of how insecure I felt, I took the chal-

lenge! I felt responsible to try and teach, care for, be patient with, and treasure each and every child with the words and stories of God, just as those wonderful teachers had done for my own children. I gave it a go! as we say in England and have not looked back since.

Children to me are God's gifts to all of us, each child important, valued, and especially the little ones, completely adorable!

I come to church on Sundays with ingredients and curriculum in hand (curriculum is very easy to follow by the way, in case you are interested) and a willing heart to try my best. We have a cooking team, myself, Barbara Wanamaker, TJ Chin, and our shepherd helpers. Each week is an adventure. I commit it all to the Lord in prayer with hope that what I'm doing will help, in some small way, lay a lifelong faith foundation in the precious little hearts of our church families children.

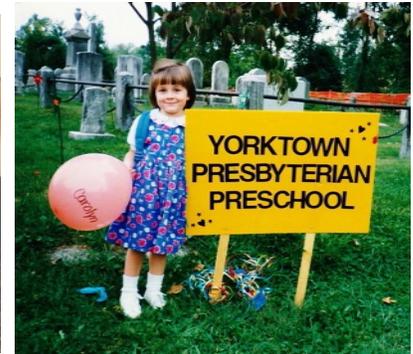
Interested in joining the ranks of our fabulous Sunday School staff?

Not all tasks require a weekly commitment, and many are shared amongst two or three. In addition to teachers (who teach in teams that switch off when possible), we can always use snack helpers; shepherds, who help out in the classroom (and quite literally "herd" the children from Gathering Time to class, then to their parents); and substitutes, to serve as a back-up when someone is ill or away.

Let us know if you'd like to know more!

Come find Bridget Bentley and Kristy Berlin (the co-superintendents for 2019-2020), or email us at sundayschool@fpcyorktown.org.





A Reflection of Thanks and Challenge, Jean Post Winget, 6/9/19

I'm going to tell you the story of how and why, 32 years ago, this congregation started the Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool, how YPP grew and flourished, and why we are here today to both celebrate and mark the end of this ministry. Then, I am going to offer up a congregational challenge.

During the early and mid-1980's, this church leased classrooms to a private, for-profit preschool. While this had a positive impact on our church budget, the tenant relationship was, to say the least, challenging, and concerns were raised that the preschool's educational approach did not complement our congregation's values and understanding of how to nurture young children and families. These observations were shared among members of the Education and Nurture Commission who began a process of prayerful discussions. They felt that the Holy Spirit was nudging them to do something to address the needs of families with young children. With the approval of Session, a task force was established which began a two-year process of study, research and Biblically-grounded discernment about how we, as a congregation, might better meet the needs of young children and families within our congregation and the community. The task force took field trips to visit nursery schools and day care centers in and around Yorktown, researched the daycare and preschool certification and licensing regulations, took surveys and opinions, and they listened. The outcome was to recommend to Session a new ministry for young children and families through the founding of a parent-cooperative preschool modeled after the Circle School in Croton. This was to be an active part of this church's ministry, and to further reinforce that, it was to be named the Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool. A cooperative model was chosen to keep the program as affordable as possible for young families and because it was believed that a cooperative model would most clearly welcome and support parents into a wholistic, family-centered early childhood experience. YPP would be a play-based and developmentally appropriate place where a family's faith traditions would be supported and encouraged and freely discussed. A daily prayer would be offered at snack time. Oversight would happen through a Board which was always to be chaired by a church member, with a parent rep from each class and with a church member to match each parent representative, one of whom would be a liaison with the Session through the Education Commission. It was the intention that the church would always maintain the deciding vote on the Board.



In the spring of 1987, the search for a director/teacher began. Connie Stringer was hired, the first Board was established and the very first class of both 3- and 4-year old children was registered for September. In that first class, 4 out of those 7 or 8 children came from this congregation: Christina Gaetani, Drew Lodewick, DJ Keith and Bryce Kaufman. That first board included Carol Gaetani, (chair), Karen Mancke (treasurer), Gail Kaufman (parent member) and me (liaison to the Education Commission).

From the start, YPP earned an excellent reputation as a very happy, child-centered place where play, and not worksheets, were understood to be the basis for learning. There was music and movement and dressing up, learning how to share and to take turns and to "Pass the crackers, please." There were field trips to apple orchards, the library and the dentist. There was hatching of chicks and butterflies and visits from the nature center. Parents or grandparents or special aunts were always welcomed and involved in whatever ways they could be.

Over the years YPP flourished and grew to a point where it would typically have a waiting list for a coveted spot in one of its classes. Local elementary school teachers knew that children coming out of YPP were well prepared for the next steps in their formal education.



But, **times change**. In the past, many of YPP's kids came from this church. The last child from this congregation enrolled at YPP is now 8. It has become increasingly more difficult to find church members interested in or willing to serve on the Board, and currently no one is liaison with the Session. The connections felt and shown by this congregation have grown weak.

Times change. We assume that many young families today are looking for different models of preschool and childcare for their children that better accommodate the realities of working parents with demanding work schedules.

Times change. Our world feels less safe. Sadly, last year seemed to bring out the worst in a few of the parents at the expense of pastoral, staff and leadership time, energy, happiness and money.

Times change. To feel safe, today the doors are always locked and alarmed with cameras rolling. Now YPP is even more separate from the rest of the church.

Times change. Connie Stringer retired as director after 25 years and was succeeded by Lisa Eliasson for 5 years before she moved south. We have been blessed for the last 2 years to have Betsy Alberty as our director and one of the teachers. Betsy is greatly loved and has done an excellent job through some very challenging times. However, changing demographics, the availability of tuition- free universal PreK, and the changing needs of families have resulted in fluctuations in enrollment and budget deficits.

In the end, the YPP Evaluation team and the Session realized that times really have changed, as has the current sustainability of YPP. YPP is running in the red and we, the church, seem no longer to have the passion or interest or investment of willing time and talent for a ministry to young children and their families called Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool. This is why, after much difficult reflection and discernment, and with great sadness, the Session decided that the time has come to close YPP.

However, just because YPP as a ministry of this church is coming to an end doesn't mean that we cannot celebrate the commitment of so many in this church who made YPP a faithful ministry or the positive difference this ministry made in people's lives and in our community. Today we have much to celebrate and give thanks for. Three decades ago, a group of people from this church looked at our community and saw a need. They asked, "How can we minister to young children and their parents?" YPP was this church's answer to that question for over 30 years. What we need to hear God say to us today is "Well done" and to give thanks for this wonderful ministry that has had such a positive impact on many children's and families' lives.



Now, here is our challenge:

As a church we are still called to minister to the needs of young children and families.

Yorktown Presbyterian Preschool may no longer be the answer to the question of "how" we do it. But that doesn't mean we stop looking around our congregation and our community, listening, searching for the next way forward, asking, "Where is the Spirit leading us next? Where is the Spirit leading us now?" Paraphrasing one of this congregation's favorite hymns ("Here I Am, Lord"):

"Here we are, Lord!" How will FPCY, how will WE,

continue to be a church family that reaches out to, commits to, and nurtures young children and families?





Repair Cafe -- From the Green Team

We all know about "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," right? Do you feel frustrated when you have something that is broken and you don't have the skills to fix it? You hate to throw it out, but what can you do?



You can take it to a "Repair Cafe." Grace Lutheran Church in Yorktown will be holding a Repair Cafe on July 27! They will show you how to repair fabric, knitted and crocheted items, wooden items, ceramics, lamps, and appliances. They have people who can help with broken jewelry and gardening problems.

They also have experts in all sorts of technology issues (computers, laptops, mobile devices!)

Check it out at 3830 Gomer Street in Yorktown Heights from 10am to 2pm.

You can find more information about this event on their website:
<http://www.repaircafehv.org/calendar/2018/7/28/yorktown-repair-cafe>



PRESCHOOL CLOSING



Preschool items, children's toys, classroom furniture, books, games, educational tools, arts and crafts supplies

A "take and donate" sale, larger items priced.
 Everything must go.
 Thursday, July 11, 3pm - 7pm



Bottle & Can Return

Please keep bringing in your refundable bottles and cans to the Gathering Space. The money will be given to the Mission Trip Fund. Every nickel helps!

Personnel Corner:

Summer is here and I want to remind everyone that we are in prime vacation time for all staff. In addition to vacations, our co-pastors and our Youth Leader Stephanie will be participating in some or all of our summer trips, including the mission trip to the Dominican Republic (Chip/Steph) and the Triennium Youth Conference (Tami/Steph). But have no fear, we will have coverage for both custodial and pastoral care throughout the summer. In the event of hospitalization or some other need for pastoral care including visitation, please call the church office and speak to Lisa Flanagan who can tell you which Elder and/or Deacon is on call for pastoral support. There is also always another pastor in the community who is on call to help when needed.

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to help provide coverage for our Office Manager's vacation. This would entail checking messages on the church phone and answering emails. If God is calling you to help provide coverage please call the church office.

Nance Thompson, *Personnel Chair*



Congregational Life

Thank you to the Progressive Dinner Planning Team, (Louise, Gloria, Jane, Sue), for organizing a wonderful evening of tasty food and fellowship on behalf of the Congregational Life Commission. Thank you to the hosts for opening their homes, and to Dave Humphrey and Suburban Wine for help with the wine for the appetizers. And, thank to you all who joined us (72 people) and made the evening a wonderful opportunity to be together as FPCY. We hope all feel welcomed to join us in the future.



It's never too early to start planning for the **church picnic**, Sunday, September 8!
 Congregational Life is looking for volunteers to help with the planning and execution of the church picnic. We would like to make this a fun event for all ages!

If you are interested,
 please contact Nancy Caswell or Emily Monk, *Congregational Life Co-Chairs*



Knit Togethers

will next meet on July 8 & 22, and August 12 & 26

Thank you, thank you: Diane DeVaul for a recent large yarn donation and to Paula Polidoro (Diane Hawk's friend) for a recent yarn donation and many fashionable scarves for the December Mitten Tree. These donations help us to continue our mission of knitting for others in the community. Come and join us as we make plans for the Fall giving. All who knit or crochet are welcome. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10am to 11:30am, in the Lounge Room 15.

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

Prayer Shawl Group

will meet next on July 3, 17, and August 7 and 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



Lunch Bunch

Join us for monthly Pot Luck Lunch on Wednesday, July 17th and August 21 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

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

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

Jan Peek House

Thank you to all who signed up to do a Jan Peek Meal this year — our entire year of service opportunities is booked! In fact, two months of 2020 have already been taken. So, if there is one that you would like to volunteer for, please contact Pat (patprauda@gmail.com)

Noon Time Meal Preparation Group Rather than our usual meal prep, for the summer months we will provide dessert and iced tea/lemonade and cater wedges and salads from Coles Market for the clients. Our group will resume our regular monthly prep on Tuesday September 10th. Wishing every one a Happy, Healthy Summer.

School's Out for the Summer!

And returning in the fall with an array of possibilities. Over the summer your planning team will be looking at ways our adult education offerings can support us as we live as Christ's disciples—what do we need to learn/study/do to support a Christian way of life? A Christian way of love? If you've got some ideas, please let Connie or Tami know—we'd love to have help planning!

Reverend Jim Atwood will be joining us for Peace and Justice Sunday. Reverend Atwood is a retired Presbyterian minister, an avid deer hunter, and the author of *Gundamentalism and Where It Is Taking America*. In preparation for his visit, we'll be holding a series of Sunday evening discussions during October around the book *Common Ground: Talking About Gun Violence in America*. You can read about this book here: <https://wijkbooks.com/Products/0664264557/common-ground.aspx>

Our own Timothy Lupfer will talk about Martin Luther on Reformation Sunday, October 27. He traveled to Germany, the land of Luther, and will be sharing his experience.

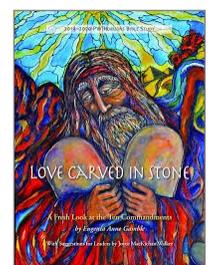
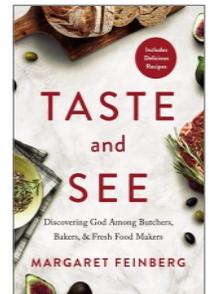
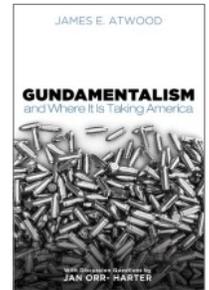
Thursday mornings at 10 AM we'll be reading *Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers & Fresh Food Makers* by Margaret Feinberg. Each week we'll explore a different food in the Bible—bread, olives, wine. You can learn more about this book here: <https://margaretfeinberg.com/tasteandsee/>

During January we will revisit *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*. This provocative seven session series looks at issues that face both science and religion, and ask us to expand our minds and beliefs systems to encompass the mystery. You can watch a trailer here <https://vimeo.com/71904225>

The first Wednesday of each month the Women's Circle will meet to discuss *Love Carved In Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, the Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study for this year.

Have a great summer!

Connie Knapp for the Adult Ed Planning Team



YAV Sunday is August 25

On Sunday, August 25, we will commission Young Adult Volunteers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to a year of service.

YAVs are young adults from 19 to 30 years. They live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August - July, as they explore God's calling in their lives. Volunteers are placed in community agencies or local churches, with jobs depending on the needs of partners and the skills of the Young Adult Volunteer. YAVs are exposed to some of the hardest problems in the world: poverty, violence and reconciliation, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ – while living and reflecting with other volunteers on the meaning and motivation of their Christian faith. All YAVs receive health insurance and student loan repayment is available for qualified applicants. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), you and your supporting congregation and presbytery, and some placement agencies share funding of this program.

Join us Sunday, August 25 to commission YAVs from across the country. And for those who are eligible, prayerfully consider if God is calling you to a year of service, exploration and discernment.

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



July/August

	1	2	3 10:30am Prayer Shawl	4 Independence Day <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6
		VBS Teen Training/Set-Up 9-12				
7 10am Summer Worship	8 10am Knit Together	9 7:30pm Worship Design	10	11 3pm YPP Closing Sale	12 3pm Food Pantry Set-up 7pm VBS closing ceremony	13 9am Food Pantry
VBS @ St. Andrews, daily 8-12						
14 10am Summer Worship <i>Ice Cream Social & Mission Teams Commissioning</i> 6pm Ted Talks & Food Trucks	15	16 7:30pm Mission & Operations	17 9am Stewardship 10:30am Prayer Shawl 12:00pm Lunch Bunch	18	19	20
Youth Triennium Trip (Indiana)						
21 10am Summer Worship 11:30am Deacons 6pm Ted Talks & Food Trucks	22 10am Knit Together	23 7:30pm Session	24 7pm Adult Ed Committee 7:30pm Campaign Project Team	25	26 12pm Sunday School Committee 3pm Food Pantry Set-Up	27 4:45am DR Team Departs 9am Food Pantry 6pm Jan Peek Meal
28 10am Summer Worship	29	30	31	1	2	3
Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic						
4 10am Summer Worship	5	6 7:30pm Session	7 10:30am Prayer Shawl	8	9 3pm Food Pantry Set-Up	10 9am Food Pantry & School Supplies Distribution
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25 10am Summer Worship YAV Sunday 11:15am Education	26 10am Knit Together	27 7:30pm Education/Communications	28	29	30	31

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Current Resident or:

Summer Events

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Discovering our Common Ground

Join us for dinner at the food truck
and hot topic discussions!

Save the Date
Sundays @ 6pm
July 14 & 21



Register for VBS 2019 today!
(Pre-K through 5th Grade)

July 8-12, 9 am -12 noon
@ St. Andrews
Teen Training — July 2 & 3,
9:00am-Noon

Register: cokeburyvbs.com/yorktown
See page 3 for more information & ways to help

Mid-Summer Celebration

Sunday, July 14 following the 10:00 service
Ice cream social
Meet the new Director of Music Ministry
Commission groups for Triennium and DR Mission trips