

*Lord, What Would You Do  
Through Me?*



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**FPCY STEWARDSHIP 2021**

# A NOTE FROM OUR PASTORS



In our Capital Campaign vision brochure, we wrote that we were investing our time, talent and treasure in improving our capacity for worship and ministry for the future. We had no idea at that time that our “expanded capacity” would be put to the test with unprecedented restrictions brought about by a global pandemic that would strike just 2 years later. With the dedicated efforts of the people of FPCY and our supportive community, we’d like to answer the question **“LORD, WHAT WOULD YOU DO THROUGH ME”?**

“ A year when normal life stopped... but, our beloved co-pastors, Tami and Chip, have maintained a degree of normalcy almost unimaginable, with inspired sermons and services that kept us centered and connected, that seemed normal despite being given in an empty Sanctuary, that were often the high point of the week. ”

~Gordon Braudaway



*Early in the pandemic, it was clear that preaching to an empty room was a bit cold and strange. Filling the Sanctuary with photos of our members and putting them in the pews was one way to feel connected while apart.*

# COMPELLING WORSHIP



## Online Worship Service

2020 saw us shift to all-Virtual Worship during the Pandemic lock-down...

- Livestreaming, compelling video production
- Tech support for all ages in this new virtual world
- Virtual Choirs, guest musicians, small groups
- Home video submission for collaborative worship
- Outdoor services, Blessing of the Animals
- Drive-by communion, palm, advent pickups
- Capital Work Continues—upgraded lighting

“ Live streaming church reminds me that the presence of God is there even through technology just as much as He is present in the Sanctuary. ”

~Karen Mack

Virtual Worship has expanded our reach beyond our current members to past members who've moved away and visitors alike. Available at 10am on Sundays and then anytime on Facebook page. We've had viewers from 21 states and 7 different countries!



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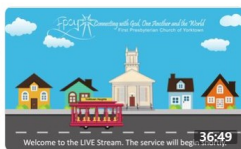
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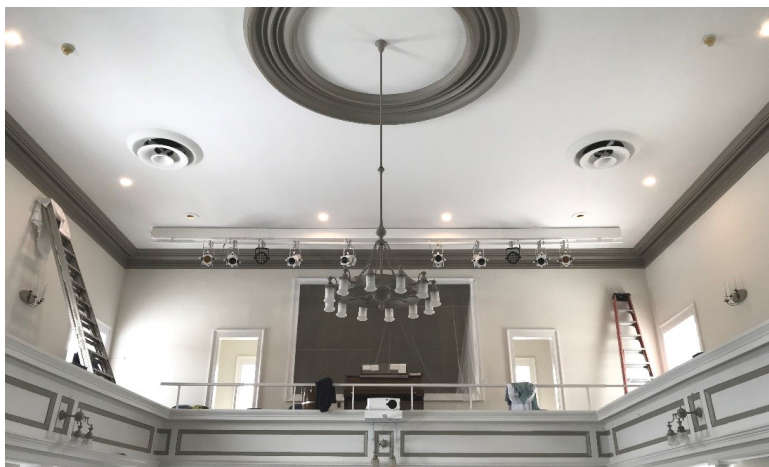
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Capital Campaign Projects continue—lights to improve livestream quality as well as lighting for the balcony seating have been installed.



# INTENTIONAL FELLOWSHIP

How does one continue fellowship while apart? How do we continue our service to the greater community during a public shutdown? Pandemic Creativity...

- Our Congregational Life Commission sponsored virtual activities—Games Nights, Lunch Bunch, Coffee Hours with seasonal themes, speakers & crafts
- Our Worship Commission enlisted virtual greeters to interact with fellow Sunday morning Facebook viewers
- We opened our building to the Red Cross to host emergency blood drives
- Once it was safe for small gatherings, we opened our doors to self-help groups for hybrid meetings



“ Whether the theme for a Congregational Life ZOOM event is shared coffee or a game, it is always great to reconnect with old FPCY friends and new. We find out what is happening in their lives and in the church's life, and we are reminded that they care about us. We are glad that we have them. ”

~Fred and Sue Mintzer



# TRANSFORMATIONAL MISSION

With massive layoffs and job losses, the number of folks in need in our community has grown. With generous donations from members, neighbors and businesses, we were able to continue our outreach. Our Pantry alone served over 19,000 individuals from over 4,700 families with over 160,000 pounds of food, double that of the previous year!

- Food donation bins were placed outside to receive 24/7
- We shifted to a successful drive-thru model for Pantry volunteer and client safety
- We partnered with local businesses to provide the monthly Salvation Army Meal that we'd normally prepare in-house
- Volunteers continued to provide a monthly meal to Jan Peek
- Our knitting groups worked independently from home
- Capital Project Work Continues— Kitchen improvement plans and permitting work underway, Pantry storage was relocated to room 5 where deliveries and distributions became easier

“ Participating in several of FPCY's ministries has allowed me to witness God's love and his call to action. It is a privilege to be a part of God's clear and tangible presence.”

~Sue Caruso





Aerial footage of our twice monthly drive-thru pantry distributions.



Terri, Sue, and Marianna meet with their Linus Project contact to donate the 79 blankets our Prayer Shawl group completed. Our Knit Togethers produced 130 hand-knitted items given to Birthright in Peekskill, the Deacon's Mitten/Gift Tree & more.

# LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION



Our many educational offerings shifted to Zoom classrooms for all ages. Bible-based courses as well as Social Justice and Race issues were explored.

- Weekly online classes are thriving
- Special Presentations – Christianity and Epidemics
- Multiple Sunday School Zoom Classes Created
- Youth Group Virtual Meets
- Capital Improvement Work Continues - looking forward to the day we can meet and study together in-person, updates to classrooms have continued with a newly created multi-use room 7, youth room and more

“Every Sunday I look forward to the online church meeting/service. It brings me joy to learn about and worship God with others”

~Joshua Placido

“ I appreciate the Faith4Life Sunday morning meetings tremendously. They allow me to virtually connect and socialize with church family members; we support each other in prayer with joys and concerns, and we reset for the week ahead as we learn together and discuss God’s word. ”

~Liza Placido



### Christianity and Epidemics: A Long History

Join us for this fascinating  
online presentation given  
by historian Tim Lupfer,  
**Thursday, October 1**  
**at 10am**



# INSPIRATIONAL STEWARDSHIP

Under the careful and thoughtful direction of our Operations Commission, the Capital Campaign Project Management Team and our Caretaker Jim Gerth, improvement work continues around our beloved church property taking advantage of the temporary emptiness brought about by the pandemic.

- Solar production continues to save on energy expenses
- Grant applications and awards have helped offset operational and programming costs
- Capital Work Continues - New, more efficient heating and cooling systems are being installed
- Dangerous trees have been removed to avoid damage to our historic Sanctuary

“ I know that my gift to FPCY is used smartly. It is comforting to know that my church is spending wisely for the present and the future.”

~Barbara Humphrey



Tree work above and some of our solar panels at left. See all of the panels in the aerial view on the mission page.

## NEW PROGRAMMING

To meet the growing needs of our church and our local community, FPCY is working to become a **HUNGER ACTION CONGREGATION**.

We are also developing a **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY** that will offer support programs and train volunteers to walk with those who are struggling.

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Because of God's dedicated people, we at FPCY were able to continue doing God's work in amazing ways under the most challenging restraints of a global pandemic. But our work isn't done. The effects of the many COVID-19 shut-downs are still being felt. While so many have generously increased their giving, others have had to cut back. Each year we have our annual stewardship campaign in the fall to help our Budget & Finance Commission plan our budget for the coming year. The pandemic has made it unusually challenging to plan for 2021 as we still haven't heard from many of our usual givers.

Do you normally pledge, but haven't yet because of financial uncertainty? Do you normally skip pledging and instead give only when the offering plate is passed on a Sunday? We hope that you have seen in this brochure what your gifts allow us to do to further God's work. **WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER WHAT A GIFT TO FPCY WOULD LOOK LIKE FOR YOU IN 2021**. Making a pledge helps us to better plan for expenses and programming. While it is a goal you set for yourself, life changes do happen and pledges can be adjusted. *Gifts of all sizes make a difference.*

**ALREADY PLEDGED**, but have unexpected stimulus money? Consider an additional gift to FPCY.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUSTAIN AND GROW OUR MINISTRY!**



**PLEDGES** can be entered via MyFPCY.org or phoned into the office. 914-245-2186 or via email [office@fpcyorktown.org](mailto:office@fpcyorktown.org). Pledge a monthly or weekly amount or just a flat amount that you'd like to give by the end of the year.

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Online:** <https://tinyurl.com/FPCYgive>  
or scan the code to the right.



**Mail:** via US mail or dropped off in the secure wall mounted mailbox next to the office entrance

**Stock Gifts:** order a transfer between your brokerage account and the church's brokerage account. Details: <http://www.tinyurl.com/FPCYstockgifts>

“ Pledging is an important part of my faith journey because it is a commitment over time, a way to link the present with our shared future.”

~Tim Lupfer



*Join us for Holy Week 2021*  
*Streamed on Facebook*



**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP PACK PICK-UP**

Saturday, March 27, 1-4pm

**PALM SUNDAY— MARCH 28**

10am Online Worship

**MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 1**

7:30pm Online Worship

**GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 2**

1-3pm In-Person Meditation

7:30pm Online Worship

**EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 4**

Sunrise Service—6:30am In-Person, Outside

Easter Worship—10am Online Worship