



Worship-10:00 am
Fellowship following Worship
Sunday School

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From our Pastor's Heart ...



Dear Friends,

As we continue our journey of Lent I want to share with you a writing by Donald K. McKim from his book Living into Lent.

McKim writes:

"Our Lenten journey is a constant process of looking to what we are "becoming" in Jesus Christ. As Christ's disciples, we always seek his will. For our own lives, we want to know what person Christ wants us to be. This involves listening to God's Spirit, seeking Christ's ways, and looking to the larger purposes of God for us."

"We are part of this process of "becoming" because we have turned away from living life on our own. We have said, "No" to ourselves and our desires for how to live and what to seek. We have said, "Yes" to Christ's call to follow him. This is the contrast of what the New Testament refers to as "flesh" and "spirit." Flesh means what we want; spirit is what God wants from us."

"Amy Plantinga Pauw puts this clearly for us when she notes that Lent means affirming that our life "according to the flesh is dead." We do not give in to our selfish urges. Lent is a time to affirm that "new life and peace" can be and is ours through the Spirit of Christ. The possibilities of becoming who Christ wants us to be, to live in fullness, or "eternal" life, to be at peace with God and with others -- all this and more are possible through the Spirit of Christ."

This Lent can you lean into this new life and peace offered by a life in Christ? What will it take for you to be liberated from a life in the flesh so that you can embrace more fully a life in Christ? How might you describe your life in Christ to someone else?

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to walk with you as you make your way to Jerusalem.

Blessings,
Pastor Deb

A prayer from McKim:

"O Spirit of God, bring me into the life you desire for me; make me new. Give me your gift of peace. Amen."

(I put it in the first person. McKim had it in the third person)

Music Notes by Ruth Rabby



YOUTH MUSICAL: RULES FOR RELATIONSHIPS

If all goes as planned, on April 7 in worship young singers/actors of the church will present a homegrown musical which they have created, rehearsed and are ready to share with the congregation.

In conjunction with the Renewal Workshop on the topic of relationships conducted with the larger congregation on March 17th, the youth explored the concept of relationships and drew the connection between the Ten Commandments and the subsequent teaching of Jesus on the greatest commandments. They then developed a visual and vocal script to present this to the congregation in the form of a mini-musical.

With maximum creativity and minimal rehearsal time the piece was prepared to be presented at the first opportunity which turns out to be April 7th. Come see what they've accomplished.

CARILLON

Friday, April 5 4:30-5:00 regular rehearsal

Friday, April 12 4:30-5:00 regular rehearsal

THURS, APR 18 4:30-6:30 Maundy Thursday*

Friday, April 19 Good Friday regular rehearsal

Friday, April 26 4:30-5:00 regular rehearsal

Sunday, April 28 YOUTH SUNDAY*

*Playing in worship



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Nikki Hogarth, Leader

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Palm Sunday is April 14th!! All kids and youth are invited to meet in the restless room at 9:55am for the processional at the beginning of worship! See Nikki for Questions!

Calling all Youth!!

Youth Sunday will be Sunday, April 28th! This is Pastor Deb's last Sunday before her sabbatical and we want to send her away with a bang!

Jennifer Thacker and Nikki Hogarth will be working with the youth to prepare the worship service. Please let them know if you are planning to attend and your child(ren) would like to participate!!

nikki.hogarth@gmail.com OR djgarbo@yahoo.com

**Intertwine**

Youth Mission trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan June 16-21, 2019.

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 13th
"VBS Reunion: Family Fun Night!"**

This year our volunteers are taking a break from the traditional Vacation Bible School and holding a "VBS Reunion: Family Fun Night!" We are so excited to invite ALL our friends who have joined us over the years for a night of FUN with PIZZA, Singing and Dancing from VBS' over the years, and crafts for the whole family!! We can't wait to see everyone again! Please RSVP to nikki.hogarth@gmail.com

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP & SEDER MEAL

April 18th – 6:00pm in the Social Room

The Passover (Seder), the most ancient of all Jewish festivals, commemorates the formation of the people of God out of a mass of slaves, the very beginning of our Judeo-Christian heritage. It is a joyful but serious religious service. When the angel of death passed over the Israelites homes which were marked with the blood of a lamb they were able to escape bondage in Egypt (hence, Passover).

Since that time a “talk feast” has been observed telling the story of God’s providential act, teaching especially the children the significance of the exodus. Observed as a command of God, the meal is a memorial to freedom, the events of deliverance being relived sacramentally: unleavened bread (hasty exit before the bread could rise), bitter herbs (bitter experience in Egypt), fruit and wine (mixture representing bricks made as slaves).

In observing the Passover, we identify ourselves with the children of Israel in Egypt, and their exodus becomes real to us. We conclude our meal with the celebration of Christian Communion as a New Testament congregation.

We will gather in the Social Room at 6pm for a full meal of the symbolic sacrificial lamb served along with the traditional storytelling and partaking of symbolic elements. **Reservations are requested** so that we may be adequately prepared to serve everyone. Please call church office or note on pew pad the number of people attending.



EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 All Church Breakfast

9:00 Egg Hunt

10:00 Worship with Communion

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATES

It has finally arrived! IF you have not picked up your copy at church, please call the church office.

Apologies to the Macri Family whose picture was left out.

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LECTIONARY

April 7	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philemon 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
April 14	<i>Palms:</i> Luke 19: 28-40; Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Passion:</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalms 31:9-16; Philemon 2:5-11; Luke 22: 14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
April 15	Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalms 36: 5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12: 1-11
April 16	Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalms 71: 1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36
April 17	Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalms 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
April 18	Exodus 12: 1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 19	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
April 20	Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18 9:8-13; Psalm 46; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Exodus 15: 1b-13, 17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-6; Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6; Psalm 19; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Psalm 42 and 43; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 143; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Psalm 98; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 114; Luke 24:1-12
April 21	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12 EVENING: Isaiah 25: 6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
April 28	Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20: 19-31



FPC RENEWAL GATHERINGS

This past Sunday in our renewal gathering we studied the Currency of Relationship. Relationship is the internal and external networks of mutually respectful connections that Staff, Leadership and Members of FPC have. During Sunday's activities Internal connections were looked at to determine the vitality of our current relational dynamics here at FPC. We also looked at our external connections which included constructive relationships with non-members, people with resources and people with needs in the community, civic and community leaders/organizations, ecumenical and interfaith partners and local businesses.

If we take an inventory of the relationships as Staff, Leadership and Members of FPC both internally and externally, we will discover where our strengths and deficiencies are in our relational currency. We can develop a stewardship plan to establish new mutually respectful relationships outward in places where we are lacking. We can strategically develop a stewardship plan to nurture our internal relational currency by strengthening existing relationships within our church so that our church community can work together toward creating wellness and speaking the truth inside and outside our church. I hope that you enjoyed Sunday's activities and getting to know each other, as we cultivate becoming deeper relationally.

Please continue to join us as we journey through these five currencies. Our **next Renewal Gathering will be May 19th, 2019**. We will be discussing and working through the Currency of Truth.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session approved the Child Protection Policy.

Session approved the background check policy.

Plans for renewal and sabbatical were discussed. Hand outs for schedules, pastoral care and worship procedures were given.

There will be a Delaware County All Presbytery Church retreat at Kirkmont September 27 through September 29, 2019.

There will be a Seder meal on Maundy Thursday April 18, 2019.

Next Communion is April 21, 2019

New members class will be held March 24, 2019.

IN SYMPATHY

Maxine Paca passed away at home on February 26th, 2019. She and husband, Ned, have been faithful members here at FPC since 2005. A Memorial Service was held on March 16th at Willow Brook Christian Village. During this difficult time please hold Ned and his family close.

Joanne Wilkinson passed away March 1st, 2019. A member of FPC since 1989 she served on the Worship and Music Committee prepping Communion for 20 years. Please keep her husband, Paul Wilkinson, daughters: Tricia Shaw and Diane Welker, as well as the rest of the family in your prayers.

Please remember Rob and Laura Planisek and family in your prayers following the loss of his mother, Rebecca (Becky) Fish. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family.

FPC offers condolences to the family of Ron Barnhart, Apartment 1 tenant, who passed away March 2019. He was known to many of us and will be missed.

Nadine Butler's sister, Kathy Clever, passed away March 20th. Please keep Nadine and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

New LED lights installed in the kitchen

Utility cost comparison figures reviewed- decision made to stay with current providers.

Peebles- Herzog Company to replace 20 stop action magnets in church organ.

Apartment #1 tenant passed away. Trustees to clean, etc. at an upcoming time and get ready for a new tenant.

Lawn contract for summer lawn care signed and returned.

Insurance Update- Two trustees met with our new insurance rep as he went through the church thoroughly. Price quote is forthcoming.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your support and words of encouragement in Will and Charlie's performances in *Seussical*. It was so great to see and hear from so many of you. We are lucky to have such a caring community to share in our many roles. So, thank you for taking the time to show us the love of this faith community.

Love from the Thacker family

The family of Joanne Wilkinson would like thank all for their outpouring of sympathy, love and prayers through this difficult time. Thank you to Pastor Deb; and thanks to the Deacons and company for a beautiful and delicious meal after the service and burial. We felt well-loved.

Diane and Rex Welker and family
Tricia and Steve Shaw and family
August Wilkinson and family
Paul Wilkinson
Donald and Linda White and family

PRESBEES

Presbees begins a new program year on April 17th with **Robbie Apt** from the Delaware County District Library's Outreach program. Following lunch she will fill us in on "What's new at the Delaware Public Library? How is it reaching out to folks at Willow Brook Christian Village and Willow Brook at Delaware Run?" She will also answer questions about the library's homebound services and the bookmobile.

A **light lunch at noon (donation of \$8)** in the Social Room will be followed by the program. **All are welcome.** For more information contact Chuck or Peggy Stringham 740-816-0295.

Programs in future months include: Biking Across the Country, "what you may not know about Abe Lincoln", travelogues to Australia, China and Tibet, and a look at our own Apostles Banners.

The May meeting will be May 22 which is a week later than our usual third Wednesday of the month.



DEACON HIGHLIGHTS

Ellen gave opening devotions about “Taking One Day at a Time” based on Luke 12: 22-31. Care Team Concerns were discussed and handled.

The April duties include: Deacon of the month: Maddy Herzog, Willow Brook Worship: Kit Gordon and Maddy Herzog, and 4th Thursday Meal Delivery: Teri York and John McNeal.

We plan to use the donated Easter flowers from the service to give to our home bound families. This could work especially well since Easter falls on Willow Brook Sunday.

The low attendance at 4th Thursday Meals was discussed. It was brought up that Common Ground is open on Thursdays and provides a meal to those that come. This could be taking some folks that previously came to FPC. This conflict needs to be reviewed with the 4th Thursday committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2019.

WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

The Elizabeth and Eugene White Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2019-20 university school year. Consideration will be given to students who show academic promise and have financial need related to their post-secondary education. Applications may be picked up and returned in the church office and must be completed in full for consideration. Like most scholarships, there is a limited amount of award monies to be used and some applicants may not receive awards. The deadline for completed forms is April 15, 2019.

FPC FAMILY REFLECTIONS



Thank you to FPC for helping Hilary Jones Foster in her early travels to Latin America. Bolivia and Nicaragua were 2 mission trips sponsored by the church—FPC helped her start a life in the wider world. Here she is in action!

Kris Jones

FINANCE



*“For if the willingness is there,
the gift is acceptable according
to what one has, not according
to what one does not have.”*

2 Corinthians 8:12

Are you one of the lucky ones to
be getting a tax return this year?
Consider sharing your blessing

with those less fortunate. Give a portion of your return to one of these
special ministries here at the church:

Funeral Meals	Provides a meal for family and friends of the bereaved here at the church following the funeral or memorial
Intertwine Youth Mission Trip	Support our youth as they prepare for their mission trip to Michigan in June
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	Help your Delaware neighbors who come to the church for assistance with utility bills, gas for their autos and medical/dental
4 th Thursday Meal	Support our team that cooks a delicious hot meal on the 4 th Thursday of each month for – open to all!
Presbyterian Disaster Relief	Provide food and supplies for the first responders who help out victims of natural disasters in the US and around the world

Simply write the name of the fund you wish to designate on the memo line of your check.



