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CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY**

Bulletin Deadline Wednesday at Noon

Newsletter Deadline NOON on the 20th of each month
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(Pastor Deb is on vacation so Rev. Randall is filling this spot!)

TRIBUTE TO RUTH RABBY

Dear FPC Old Friends,

I want to add to Pastor Deb's recent tribute my expression of love and fond appreciation for Ruth Rabby's music ministry when I was your pastor from 1987 to 2002. Collaborating with Ruth in planning worship was one of my greatest joys in 40 years of ministry. However, beyond those weekly conversations were what I consider Ruth's two most outstanding achievements in our 15 years together: the annual children's musicals and three productions of Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Those musicals were marked by creativity and a surprising sophistication. A generation of children and youth internalized Biblical stories and history from singing and clever dialogue. Joe Musser's accompaniment and Bo Rabby's staging, props, and assistance in directing contributed to semi-professional performances year after year. What a joy it was to be in the whirlwind of those yearly productions!

And then there was "Amahl and the Night Visitors." With Ruth playing the role of the mother, Joe Musser and me as two of the three kings, my wife, Margaret leading the orchestra, choir, and soloists, and Bo Rabby directing - our amateur opera performances were highlights of a lifetime.

In 35 years Ruth Rabby touched so many lives in so many ways, including mine. In the words of King Casper, "Thank you, thank you, thank you! Oh, Thank you!" God bless you, Ruth!

Rev. Paul Randall
Pastor Emeritus



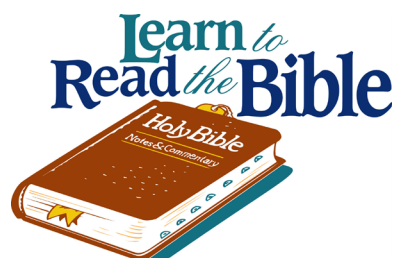
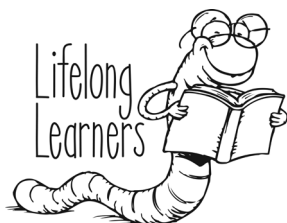
Music Notes



One of the many areas in the Choir Room that show the results of the *Choir Room Angel Organizers!* Robes, both red and white, are gathered with their appropriately colored scarves, marked with names AND all the extra robes and parts are in a separate section. Thank you!

LECTIONARY

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| August 2 | Genesis 32:22-31; Psalms 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21 |
| August 9 | Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33 |
| August 16 | Genesis 45:1-15; Psalms 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28 |
| August 23 | Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalms 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20 |
| August 30 | Exodus 3:1-15; Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28 |



REOPENING

Session has postponed the AUGUST outdoor service; with tentative plans to wait until September or October.

FPC in person worship is **still on hold**.



When you stop at the backdoor of the church- you will meet this official greeter. PLEASE make it feel welcomed and used!



Practice safe social distancing and DON'T forget your mask!

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Nikki Hogarth, Leader

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Arrangements for the scheduled Congregational Meeting will be shared at a later date.

Rally Day for Sunday School will be observed in September!

ADULT BOOK STUDY FOR FALL

What is Grace? What does it look like? Why can only Christians reveal the Grace for which the world is searching?

Beginning in mid-September the adult study groups will begin a study of Philip Yancey's book "What's So Amazing About Grace?" In this 12-week study Yancey gives us a probing look at Grace: what it looks like and what it doesn't look like. According to one reviewer, this book may give readers a Christian shake-up.

Used copies are available thru Amazonbooks.com starting at \$6.00; new copies are \$11.00. It is also available thru other book stores and thru christianbook.com. Those who are interested in the class are urged to order their personal copy of the book early, allowing 2 weeks for delivery. Participants may want to order the companion Study Guide for the book. We will be using the author's questions as part of our group discussion for each class. However, discussion questions will be sent out via e-mail each week for those without the Study Guide.

Classes will be offered via Zoom Monday evenings at 7 p.m., Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. For ease of group participation, each session will be limited to no more than 8 people. In-person small classes may be offered at the church if safe distancing protocols can be assured.

Please register for the class with Peggy Stringham at 740-834-9025 or at casnpeg@msn.com. Please indicate which date and time you prefer and whether you would be interested in an in-person class if it is offered.

FINANCIAL REMINDER

From Barb Ross, Financial Secretary: If you have different ministries/accounts of the church you wish to make a donation, please make out a separate check for each donation. It is very hard for Barb to split up the donations with only one check number. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you for the gift card you got me, I love spinning records, and thank you for caring and teaching me all throughout my time at FPC.

Sincerely,
William Thacker

Thank you so very much for thinking of the kids and I at this time. Your charity and prayers have been a comfort. Joshua has enjoyed his time with Troop 318 at your church for years. Everyone has always been so kind.

Bless you all.
Sarah Reynolds and Joshua, Alex, Ashley Bentley

Thank you so much for all the FUN you have facilitated this week. Please accept this small offering of thanks. I know you generally collect for a "cause" but understand COVID this year made things different. We wanted to offer something though. God bless you all!

The Okunlola Family

Thank you for your drive-through VBS program. My children enjoyed the videos, activities, and lunch (especially the sweet treats)! As a parent who has made approximately 900 quarantine meals for my family (I exaggerate), I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I was to not have to think about "what's for lunch" for a week!

Thank you again for welcoming us into your church program. You're a blessing to our community in so many ways. Please use this donation for your area of greatest need.

Sincerely,
Stacey Blankenship

FROM THE OFFICE

We were so looking forward to this time of worship together! HOWEVER, due to the increased concern of rising Covid-19 case numbers, the outdoor worship service scheduled for August 9th **has been postponed** until further notice. Worship will be held virtually (online) on FaceBook as usual.

These Days devotionals are still available! Just let Wenda know by phone or email and I will get one to you.

TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The cast iron drain cover in the parking lot was replaced- thanks to Steve Gordon, Rex Welker and Bob Wattenshaidt

Approved Pony Landscaping to clean up, spray weeds and grass, pull weeds, and mulch around the apartments.

Learning — and laughing — on the fly

Faced with the sudden move to livestreamed church services, many pastors and worship leaders had to learn new technology quickly during the pandemic. As they were “winging it,” bloopers and bobbles added levity to the tense time.

For instance, a fake tree fell on a drummer while a worship song was being broadcast from Georgia. After getting too close to a candle, a vicar in England had to pause to extinguish flames from his sweater. And several preachers appeared on screen with cartoon-like features after inadvertently turning on social media filters.

“This wasn’t planned,” wrote the pastor about the falling ficus, which didn’t cause injury but quickly went viral. “But God used it to bring laughter to the hearts of many. For that, we are thankful.”

CONGRATULATIONS



New Babies
Congratulations!!

Kit and Steve Gordon are grandparents again! Their daughter, Emily and husband Dave welcomed a baby boy, Wheeler James Johnson, on Monday, July 13th. This is the third child for the couple and he is doing great.

Evan Jones, child of the congregation, and his wife Jamie Katz welcomed Solomon Steven Jones on Thursday July 16. Parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, cousins & friends, CELEBRATE! The new family lives in Austin, Texas. G’rents divide time between Charlevoix, MI and Richmond, VA



CELEBRATION!

Organizing and decorating in the OWU parking lot on Park Avenue!



Celebrating **Joan Cornell's 93rd Birthday** with a drive by parade!



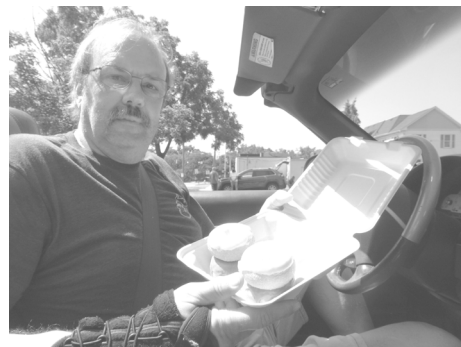
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session discussed the possibility an having an outdoor service in Sept and maybe October.

Congregational Meeting to elect officers has been postponed temporarily.

Joe Musser will be interim choir director.

Dick reported the 4th of July donut drive through went well.



SADLY MISSED

With heavy hearts we share the news that FPC member Tim Shaw passed away Tuesday, July 14th at Grady Memorial Hospital at the age of 61. Tim was a member here at FPC for 21 years. He sang in the choir occasionally and served as a Trustee . He was employed as an electrician and took great pride in his family. Please keep his wife, Rhonda, and sons: Michael, Jonathan, Bradley and Jace in your thoughts and prayers.

Will F. Saam (Nora Hiland's late husband) passed away July 18 at Kobacker House. Will was in the Physics Department at the Ohio State University, where he was Chair until his retirement in 2008. Please keep Nora, his children and their families; as well as his step-children including the family of Eric and Vicki Batterton in your thoughts and prayers.

QUARANTINE BLUES/SIGHTINGS

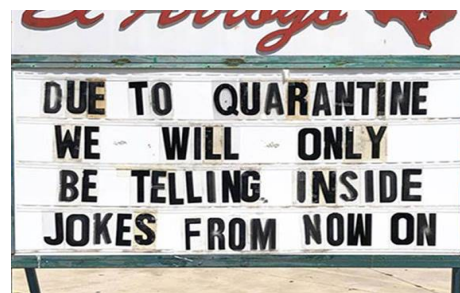
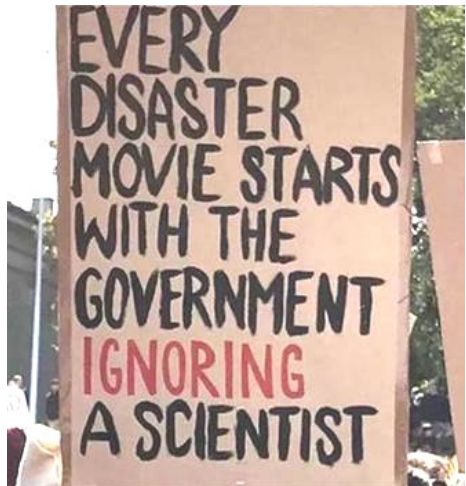
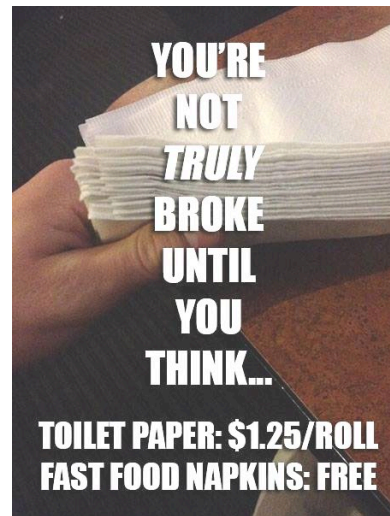


GOD is CONSTANT...and so is our church bell! It continues to be rung at 7:00 each evening! (If you'd like to be a guest ringer- email rwelker1@columbus.rr.com.)

Seen posted on FaceBook:

I've never been so thankful to be low maintenance. No nails, no lashes, no crazy hair upkeep, no tanning, no botox. I'll just be the same hot mess coming out of all this as I was going in.

UNINSTALL 2020-It has a VIRUS!



We Need YOUR HELP!

SourcePoint's nutrition team is hard at work preparing extra treats for our Meals on Wheels clients. We need YOUR help to make them extra special! We want to include a personal note in each senior's goody bag that shares some *positive, inspiring, heartfelt words during this challenging year*. We need hundreds of notes to reach our seniors! Your only limit is the size—a small postcard, index card, or note card **no bigger than 4 by 6 inches**. If you or your group would like to participate, *please mail or drop off your cards **by Friday, Aug. 7**. We have a plastic bin outside our main doors at 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware. Thank you for supporting our seniors!

IF each person in your family could create ONE postcard-FPC could easily supply over 200 notes. *YOU may drop them at the backdoor of FPC by 7 PM (8/6) Thursday evening and Diane will take them to SourcePoint on Friday. Here is a template but feel free to make your own. YOU can be CREATIVE!

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