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**Growing in God's Love, Serving All God's People  
through Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out**  
*Here are David's recent Mailchimp articles for those  
who do not have email.*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ judges and threatens our personal and social status quos like nothing before or since. It vindicates Jesus as the Messiah (King of kings and Lord of lords) and demands that we take Jesus' discipleship and fellowship in the Spirit more seriously than anything else (except perhaps the worship and mission of our Lord although these things are all interconnected.) Do you believe Jesus was resurrected? Will you commit to learning his way every week in worship, small groups and/ or individually through online Bible Studies and Facebook Groups? Will you commit to the wonderful fellowship events below? Will we all commit to holding our possessions in common so that everyone can be nourished and healed which is what the early church did following the resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit? God help us to do so and have mercy on us when we do not.

**'What is the Gospel  
(Good News)?  
And Why Should  
We Share it?'**

**Small Groups**

- Tuesdays at 1 p.m.,
- Thursdays at 7 p.m.
- Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

**JESUS IS the  
GOSPEL**

**WORKING OUR WAY  
THROUGH  
THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

**ReGeneration**  
Worship, Friendships & Missions in God's Love

## Session and Committee News

We are studying Mark in our small groups. See Dr. NT Wright's commentary on Mark 4 linked [here](#) or google 'NT Wright Videos on Mark.' An important qualification to Jesus' reason for teaching in parables -- that these mysteries must be kept secret for the time being so that those whom God plans to judge might NOT repent and thus be forgiven!! -- this qualification must be added: that the secrets held in parables which, for now, are for those on the 'inside' (i.e. the disciples and followers of Jesus); these secrets will be revealed to all as Jesus makes clear right after his explanation of the parable of the sower. Mark 4:21 He said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? 22For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. 23 Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" So God DOES want to forgive and welcome in ALL (even if for a certain time and place, this was not God's will.) See 1Timothy 3:God our Savior 4 ... desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.



Congratulations to our good friends, Doug and Jane Clausen, on their 70th wedding anniversary last week! God bless and keep you and thanks for all that you have done for Fanwood Presbyterian.

Free Beginner Spanish Classes!

ABC

MUCHO

Verbos

\*From absolute beginners to almost intermediate levels welcome

April classes on Wednesdays, April 10th and 24th

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Pastor David has started a Spanish class which has seen many guests in our Colville Room over the last month. Let him know if you are interested in joining this class. Pastor David is probably going to start teaching this weekly with the next class on April 17th. Pay attention to your email.

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
9:30 A.M.  
MON. - FRI.

Closing time

- Mon. & Thur.: 12PM
- Tue. & Fri.: 1 PM
- Wed.: 11:30 AM

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9:30 a.m. - noon, Mondays and Thursdays (Kay)  
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays (Hailey)  
9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays (Kathy)



### Better Serving Your Spiritual Needs

How hungry are you for the Spirit of Jesus' Love, Peace, Joy and Hope? What do you want to do at church to be better filled with these heavenly gifts? Please fill out this linked [survey](#) so that we can know how to better nourish you and your family with the Holy Spirit alive and well at our church through missions, fellowship and discipleship events and programming. Let the office know if you would like a paper copy of the survey. Thanks!

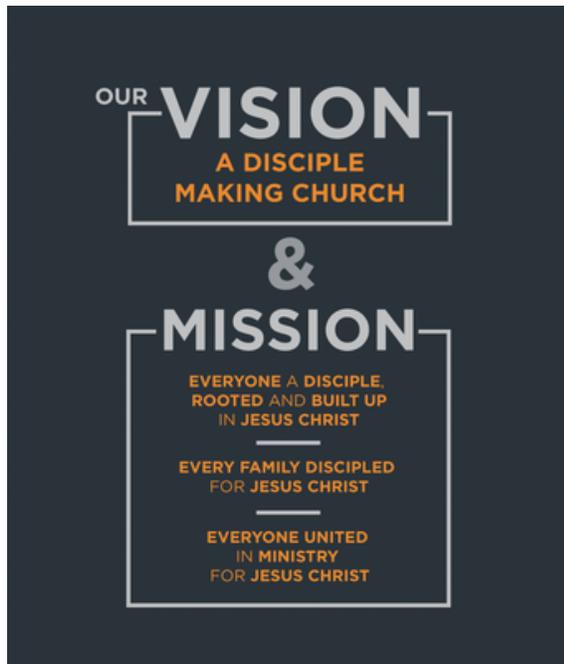
### Family Ministries - Save the Dates!

We hope to celebrate most of our confirmands and other new member inquirers on this blessed evening. Please rsvp to Kay at [klauore.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:klauore.fpc@gmail.com)



Wines, meats, cheeses and veggies? Let us know your thoughts and whether you can help with this great event that Kay has planned. Please rsvp to Kay at [klauore.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:klauore.fpc@gmail.com)

## Session and Committee News



The session met with Rev. Huston in February and we are going to have a church-wide retreat on April 27th with details to be forthcoming. We need to hear from as many of you as possible regarding who you think we are as the Fanwood Presbyterian Church (vision) and what you think we should be doing (mission.) Above is just a picture but I like what it says! Pastor David p.s. Please let us know if you are interested in attending the retreat which will probably be at Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

### Hard at Work Carrying out Christ's Mission of Feeding the Hungry with the Bread of Life



Thanks to everyone involved in our meal assembly for the hungry two weeks ago after worship. A special thanks to Michael Donofrio for buying all of the groceries and Luke Donofrio for helping to set up. Sorry to cut you off Mike Sr.!



We had a wonderful time meeting Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church's food ministries volunteers and passing on our own lunches for the hungry. May this partnership blossom in the abundance of God's Kingdom. **I am looking for someone to deliver 75 lunches to them in the next week or two.** Tuesday mornings work best but other times are available. Let Pastor David know if you are interested.

## Session and Committee News



We hope many of you are available to cook some chili this Sunday, **April 14th, at 11:30 a.m.** Thanks to Joy Henry, Annette Madarusz, Kris Adams, Diana Shoback, Libby Travis, and Debbie Glover for their leadership. Let us know if you are interested in joining a cake-baking team so that the hungry in Elizabeth can enjoy some dessert. I believe it is a simple yellow cake recipe. Please also let us know if you would be interested in helping us shop for ingredients or browning meat with taco mix. You may register for this and other events on our church homepage: [fanwoodpc.org](http://fanwoodpc.org)

FPC - 2024 YTD Thru Jan 2024.xlsx

<b>FPC Financial Activities Report - 2024 YTD Thru Jan 2024</b>			
<u>Income</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Contributions	\$ 17,525	\$ 16,667	\$ 858
Other Income (incl. rents)	\$ 6,992	\$ 7,066	\$ (74)
Transfers In (incl. Foundation)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 54,517	\$ 53,733	\$ 784
<u>Expense</u>			
Personnel costs	\$ 18,921	\$ 18,236	\$ (685)
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 18,471	\$ 14,292	\$ (4,179)
Committee & local mission expenses	\$ 1,463	\$ 1,906	\$ 443
Per Capita	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expense	\$ 38,855	\$ 34,434	\$ (4,421)
<u>Income minus Expense</u>	\$ 15,662	\$ 19,299	\$ (3,637)

Thanks to David McDede for keeping our financial accounts in order every month; and to his wife Kathy for helping with the offerings and other important matters.

## Session and Committee News

**Tuesday 4/16**  
Middle and High School  
Youth Groups from  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Friday 4/12**  
6:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids  
(Pre K-4th grade) and adult  
small group. NO MEAL so eat  
before or after.

Please contact Kay with  
questions and RSVP at  
klaurore.fpc@gmail.com

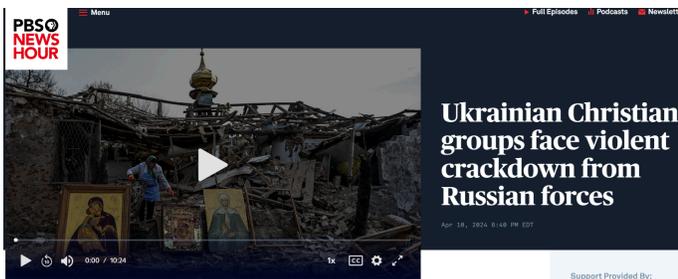
Check your email and texts every week  
to learn when and where youth groups  
and Family Events are meeting.

# FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Children's,  
Youth &  
Family  
Ministries

AND  
TUESDAY NIGHTS

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Did you know that our protestant sisters and brothers are being terribly persecuted in Russian-occupied parts of Ukraine? See more info. and video [here](#) or by googling the above info. in the pic. It is an important piece of journalism. Thanks for your prayers.

# SCUBA

diving into friendship with god

## Vacation Bible School for 2024

July 13 to 19, 2024  
9 am - 12 noon  
Children ages 4 (by 9/24)  
through those entering 6th grade.

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To Register

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✿ □ □ □ □ **April Birthdays** □ □ □ □ □

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9		17		25	
2		10		18	Diane Johnston	26	
3		11	Jonathan Miller Paul Spicer	19	Timothy Geissel Peter S. Thomson	27	
4		12	Douglas B. Clausen Robert Saum	20		28	
5		13		21		29	Heather Saum Diana Shoback
6	John Stueck	14	Jane Clausen	22		30	Jennifer Gustafson Michael Dembiec Gloria Morlock
7	Jessica Schink	15	Lynne Schwartz	23	Christina Hill		
8		16	Dorothy S. Boos	24			

□ □ □ □ □ **May Birthdays** □ □ □ □ □

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9		17		25	Brian McGuinness
2	Kenneth Geissel	10		18	Foster Bartko	26	
3	Christopher Swenson	11		19	Janet Dunn	27	
4		12	Jill Stueck	20		28	
5		13		21		29	Linda Francavilla
6		14		22		30	
7	Theodosia Ashie	15	Debra Khalifeh	23		31	
8		16		24	Ryan Miller		

*Sorry if we missed your birthday or have it mistaken. Please let us know, if so.*

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