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## Fanwood Presbyterian Church Growing in God's Love, Serving All God's People through Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out

Dear friends,

Humans are both incredibly awe-inspiring and horrifying at the same time. The awe-inspiring aspects of our condition come from being made in God's image and letting God shine through us through faith at work in love and creativity. We are horrifying when this image gets distorted and we think we are lords of our lives and the world rather than beloved children of God and stewards of the world.

The development of industry, modern medicine and technology reinforced the distortion more than the Original Image. We have received many blessings from these developments but we have not sufficiently resisted the curses. And we are losing touch with God and the purpose for which we were made – to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. The turn to the self as Lord has led us to want to be served instead of serving, thinking we deserve it all rather than giving it all to God.

Into this distortion comes the clarity of Jesus, who came to serve and to love and bring us back to the Love of God and others. Will you be a part of shining the light of Jesus on SPF in the year ahead? Will you help us to build up Beloved Community as an example for how the U.S.A. can overcome the radical individualism and skepticism and division which are rampant?

“Where 2 or 3 (or 20 or 30 or 200 or 300) are gathered in my name, My Spirit is present.” Call on Jesus' name in your homes and be a part of the rising of the Spirit at the church where all are gathered in Jesus' Name. Pastor David

## Session and Committee News

### Thank You!

Thanks to the session and congregation for the first portion of my mini-sabbatical. I was very blessed to get back to God, family, nature and activities that bring restoration to my body, mind and soul. I hope that everyone else had times of restoration after years of Pandemic sickness, fear and isolation.

### Possible Changes to Midweek Worship

Throughout Covid, our worship team offered a recorded Midweek Worship. The session will be thinking about whether to make this an in-person and live streamed event. We are hoping that those of you who have other Sunday morning commitments would be blessed by joining 20-30 minutes of worship and fellowship on a Wednesday night. Please let Pastor David or an elder know.



**September 10:30 a.m. Worship (Aug. 28 is contemporary)**

9/4 - Mostly Traditional (and communion in postponed)

9/11 - Traditional worship in the sanctuary concluding with a communion feast and fellowship in the dining room, along with playtime in the gym for kids.

9/18 - Contemporary Service

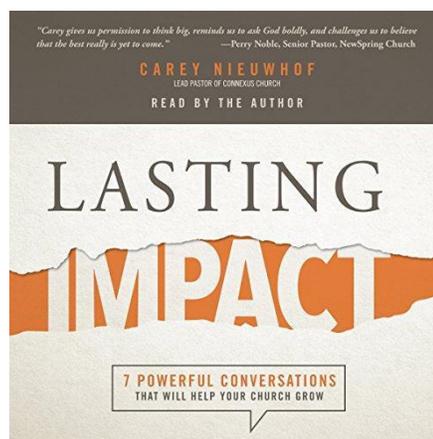
9/25 - Mostly Contemporary Service

### Will You Help Us Have a 'Lasting Impact'?

This fall, the session will be getting back to a book called 'Lasting Impact -- Seven Powerful Conversations that will Help Your Church Grow.' We will be looking at the following suggestion from the book at our September session meeting and would love to hear your thoughts.

'Identify your single biggest obstacle to coming alongside infrequent church attenders and unchurched people. Once you've identified it, create a six-month plan to remove it. In addition, identify two to five other key obstacles in your path. Now design a one- to two-year plan to address each of those obstacles. Make sure you assign responsibilities and accountability and meet periodically to evaluate progress.'

Please let us know what would help you make it to church programs more often. And if you would like to see more people in church, perhaps you would like to join some church officers in reaching out and checking in on infrequent attendees. Some of you did this when Covid started and we would appreciate your continued outreach.



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### Outdoor Movie Night

Our outdoor movie night is coming up on August 30th! It is open to all ages and we will be watching Evan almighty! This event is open to all ages and adults are welcome to join for the movie! This is always a very fun final event of the summer!



### Youth groups in the fall

Youth groups will be on Monday nights starting in the fall and kick off on Monday September 19th. Kingdom Kids will be from 4:15-5:00 pm and is for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Ignite Middlers GROW is from 5:00-6:00 pm and is for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Ignite high LEAD is from 6:00-7:00 pm and is for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade! We are excited to begin meeting weekly again, growing in fellowship, our faith and friendships!

### Women's Study & Gen X and younger study

Our women's study has been meeting through the summer and we meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month! We are currently doing an amazing study on Elijah and we welcome anyone who is a woman to join us! Our Gen X & younger study for everyone under the age of 55 will start back up again in September after taking a break for the summer. This will be a virtual study come fall and participants can join on zoom! Day and time is still TBC so watch this space!



### FPC TOTS

Parents of toddlers and infants have been meeting once a month before church since May to connect with each other and enjoy their kids playing with each other. We have breakfast for the kids and get to enjoy some time meeting with other parents. This group is open to all parents who have toddlers and infants!

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## Family Game Night

Mark your calendars because on Monday, September 12th I will be hosting a family game night at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room! We will have dinner together and the kids/youth will battle against their parents in trivia! Prizes and fun for all the family! See the flyer for more information.



FPC YOUTH PRESENTS:

**FAMILY  
GAME  
NIGHT**

<b>Monday SEPTEMBER 12TH @ 6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>WHERE: DINING ROOM OPEN TO ALL AGES/FAMILIES</b> <b>COME FOR FAMILY FUN, PIZZA, PRIZES AND TO HEAR ALL ABOUT WHATS COMING UP THIS FALL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES!</b>
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We are kicking off the fall with a family trivia game night where our children & youth will battle against their parents in trivia and a whole host of other fun challenges! RSVP to Lauren at [lcomerfordfpcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:lcomerfordfpcyouth@gmail.com)



We celebrated God's Monumental Awesome Greatness at Vacation Bible School with 45 children, 25 youth helpers and 9 adult leaders – a great team working together. If you missed our Vacation Bible School Sunday (July 24), it's still available on YouTube. -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_6cDu\\_iicJE&t=22s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6cDu_iicJE&t=22s)

The success of VBS is due to God's amazing love empowering us to change and testify to His love with all. Thank you for your prayers, contributions, and participation. This summer we had five families ask to be part of the mailing list for future family events. See some great VBS pics below.

Stay tuned to the exciting plans on the calendar that are highlighted in other articles. We're looking forward to summer 2023 and new adventures. Please check out the amazing possibilities for growing in faith, fellowship and understanding listed in other parts of the Fanfare. Our spiritual lives need nurturing and growth just as much as our physical bodies need nourishment.

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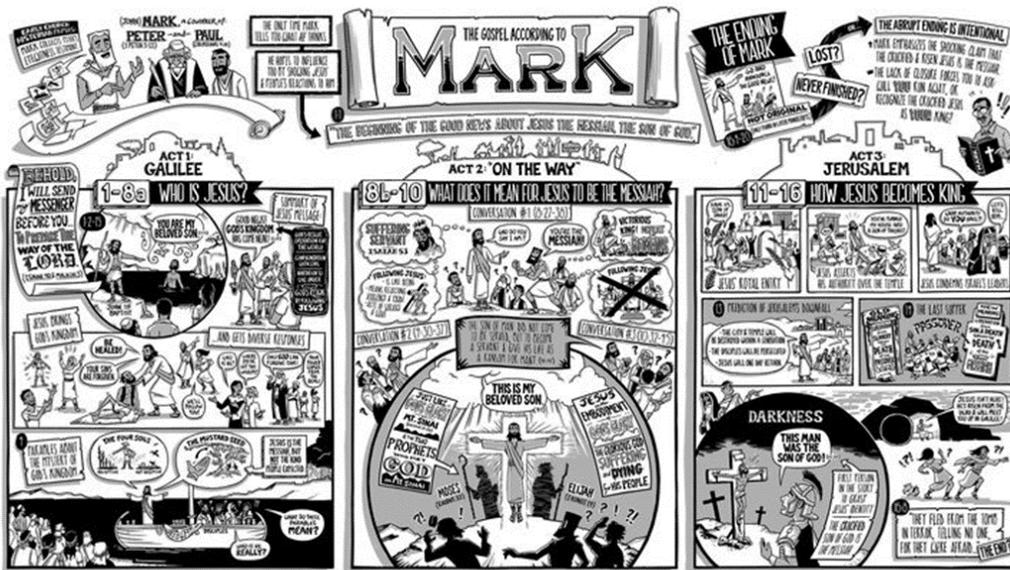
I highly recommend the e-book below which is on sale at Amazon for \$5.50. See this Sunday 8/28's Message theme below. I encourage you to try and untangle yourselves from the barrage of notifications vying for our attention and give more attention to the gospels, people around you and the Holy Spirit of Love, Grace and Peace in which you live, move and have your being.

**Week 2**  
**August 28th,**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Are we mostly taking sides or coming alongside everyone?

Will we peacefully accept God's Providence or insist on our own way?

**New Sermon Series**



**Our Journey through the Bible (Project)** continues in Small Groups this Fall. We will be focused on the Prophets and the New Testament this year on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the

Colville Room and via zoom. In addition to the excellent videos, the Bible Project also puts out great Podcasts for your drives or while doing housework (which is when I like to listen to spiritual podcasts.)

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## Sept Birthdays

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1	Evan Zakovic	9		17		25	
2	James McClure	10		18		26	
3	Clifford Stueck	11	Virginia Kraus	19		27	Ross Charnock
4		12		20	Sharon Van Ostenbridge	28	
5		13	Mark VanOstenbridge Kristen Kosmaczewskit	21	Dorothy Ledesma	29	Ryan Canfield
6		14	Nicole Turso	22		30	
7		15		23		31	
8	Chris Poullos	16		24	Kelsie Lubalin		

## October Birthdays

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9		17	Michelle Howell	25	Dietrich Jahnke Nicholas Poullos Kay Taillon
2		10		18		26	Shirley McGuinness
3		11	Logan Gray James Tway	19		27	Susan Burgard
4		12		20		28	Linda Macari
5	Freda Brown Virginia Kurek	13	Kristine Adams	21	Betty Gustafson	29	
6	Chris Gray	14		22		30	Shirley Pillow
7		15	Ashley Donofrio Janet Krey	23		31	
8	Gary Zakovic	16		24			

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

Amazing job with VBS this year everyone! Thanks so much!!!



