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

Dear friends,

We had a blessed Youth Sunday with 6 youth sharing memories of Lauren and many more participating in the service. My Word to the graduates was rooted in Lamech, Cain's offspring, and both the good and the bad that came from him. The good was three successful sons named 'Brook', 'Stream' and 'Creek', pointing us back to the rivers that flowed out of the Garden of Eden and a daughter named 'Delight' which is a synonym for 'Eden.' It is pointing toward Cain's descendants thriving in the city Cain built and, in many ways, bringing humanity back to the blessings of the Garden of Eden.

Sunday worship showed how our families have been blessed with smart and talented youth who have prosperous futures ahead as they attend to God's calling. We send them into the next adventure knowing that God is with them. May every generation of youth be so formed in the teachings of Jesus and His Spirit that they never forget the Love, Truth, Purpose and Hope which constantly calls them forward into Kingdom Life. May God thus, "keep them from temptation and deliver them from evil." Here is a link to the entire service and here is a link to a 1-minute reel from my sermon. (Those of you reading this on paper can go to our Church Youtube and Facebook pages and find the videos.)

On June 25th, nine youth, along with Lauren and David, headed to Pittsburgh to do God's mission work. We will let you know the details of that work when we get back. We hope to have a Mission Trip Sunday with the

youth sharing portions of their experience on July 16th. Pastor David

For those of you without email, here are our weekly Mailchimp's...



5-27-23 A new member of our Tuesday small group spoke powerfully about how she used to strive a lot from her own power and how lately, she was relying more on God's grace and Spiritual power. She also pondered how to discern the call of God — when to act and in what ways? It is a wonderful question. I suggested that the primary determinant of the content of God's call is the ways God's Spirit has blessed us with spiritual gifts. In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul encourages everyone to gather and to bring the gifts of the Spirit when they do: prophecy, "a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation." There are about 15 more spiritual gifts according to the Bible and if you are not sure what yours are, take this 10 minute survey and find out. And then get involved in church programs related to your gifts (or let us know if you have any new ideas) so that you might gain and share more of the fruits of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Gal. 5:22-23)

6-3-23 I am feeling emboldened by the Spirit to reach out to many of you and have a visit or lunch in order to find out how we might better serve you and see you more often.* I know how busy you are but we want to do everything in our power to help you find the joy and peace of fellowship in the body of Christ and through fulfilling God's particular ecclesiological (church) vocation (calling), in addition to God's vocations in your workplace and/or home. Please return my call, email or text if I do not reach you or reach out to me first! Church Shepherds are supporting this ministry of support and encouragement as well. Blessings to all and I look forward to talking and praying with you, perhaps while breaking bread together.

6-17-23 Happy Father's Day weekend to everyone. We give thanks for all our dads who have striven to be like our Father in Heaven, loving children and godchildren, nurturing them in wisdom and justice, providing for their physical, emotional and mental lives, protecting the weak and vulnerable and caring for the sick.

*I had a blessed lunch together on 6-21 with Anne Teets, Betty Gustafson and Shirley McGuinness. Mid-day Fellowship will be

meeting again the week of July 11th, probably just for fellowship over lunch again. Let Pastor David know of your interest.





Happy upcoming Fourth of July. In the USA, we celebrate this as our Independence Day. We often take this freedom for granted. Do you know around the world there are approximately two million children trafficked a year! They are sold to other people for hideous reasons. Instances are increasing as these traffickers realize they can sell a child multiple times a day while they can only sell their drugs and arms once. This July 4th, there is a movie coming out showing true stories of God's warriors fighting to find and free these children. It is called Sound of Freedom by Angel Studios and stars Jim Caviezel who played Jesus in the Passion of the Christ movie. You might think this is a taboo subject and that many people turn a blind eye because it is such a harsh reality. But God says "feed my sheep."

They are encouraging 2 million people to attend the movie over July 4th to represent those 2 million children. Matthew 18:6 "If anyone causes one of these little ones - who believe in me - to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." Let us not be complacent but educate ourselves and make a difference. I encourage you to consider going sometime over that weekend. Pray for the children and those seeking to find and release them. Karen Edwards

Stewardship & Finance update

	FPC Financial Activities Report - 2023 YTD Thru April							
<u>Income</u>	2023 Actual		2023 Budget		Variance			
Contributions	\$	67,565	\$	73,733	\$	(6,168)		
Other Income (incl. rents)	\$	32,661	\$	30,333	\$	2,328		
Transfers In (incl. Foundation)	\$	11,217	\$	28,100	\$	(16,883)		
Total Income	\$	111,443	\$	132,166	\$	(20,723)		
<u>Expense</u>								
Personnel costs	\$	71,169	\$	72,104	\$	935		
Buildings & Grounds	\$	63,375	\$	45,963	\$	(17,412)		
Committee & local mission expenses	\$	6,095	\$	7,518	\$	1,423		
Per Capita	\$	12	\$	3,147	\$	3,147		
Total Expense	\$	140,639	\$	128,732	\$	(11,907)		
Income minus Expense	\$	(29,196)	\$	3,434	\$	(32,630)		



FPC FOOD BANK

The food bank is always looking for donations to help the needy. Canned goods, packaged dry goods (oatmeal, cereal, pasta, rice, for example. Please check for expiration dates.

Food can be dropped off and placed in **the blue carts in the parking lot on Tuesdays 3-5PM**. There is also *plastic bins* labeled food bank on Martine Ave. and the back door of the church closest to the parking lot (follow the playground fence) where you can drop off items anytime (if Tuesdays does not work for you). Also **the YMCA on Martine Ave** has a box outside for donations labeled FPC.

July Children and Youth Summer Movie Night on the lawn!



Updated Worship Schedule

- **July 2** Traditional Worship with communion and 'My Country Tis of Thee'. Dr. Ken Macari preaching.
- July 9 Traditional Worship. Rev. Betty Tom preaching. (David is on the Mission Trip from June 25 July 1 and then taking some vacation and mini-sabbatical time until July 11th.)
- **July 16** Mission Trip Sunday. Contemporary worship and ordination of Nemat and Dietrich. Mission Trip youth, please plan to attend.
- **July 23** Contemporary VBS Worship and Farewell/ Commissioning Lauren into God's next callings.
 - July 30 Traditional Worship. Rev. LL BuBreil preaching
 - August 6 Traditional Worship with communion. Dr. Ken Macari preaching.

JOB OPENING FPC

FAMILY, YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR



30 HOURS PER WEEK

SEND YOUR COVER LETTER, RESUME AND QUESTIONS TO PASTORDPJAHNKE@GMAIL.COM



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The registration form can be printed and returned. Alternatively you can register your kids online via our website: https://www.fanwoodpc.org/vbs

Get ready to Shine Jesus' Light at Vacation Bible School!

Join us for an illuminating adventure with our captivating theme:

'Stella - Shine Jesus' Light.'

July 17th - July 21st 2023 9:00 am - 12:00 noon Children from 4 yrs. old (by 09/05/23) to those entering 6th grade are invited to attend **Vacation Bible School**.

Date		Date	Date		Date	
1		9	17	Ann Swenson	25	Joan Gustafson
2	Andrea Hill	10	18		26	
3		11	19	Anne Teets	27	Keith Middleton
4		12	20	Robert Jackmin Maryann Miller	28	
5		13	21	Carol Zimmerman	29	
6	Robert Ditzel	14	22		30	
7	Kelly Saum	15	23		31	
8	Jason Kosmaczewski Norman Swenson	16	24			

□□□□□ August Birthdays □□□□□

Date		Date	Date		Date	
1		9	17	Marlowe Canfield	25	
2	Patti Baird	10	18		26	
3	Aiden Turso	11	19		27	Marcena Pollitt
4	Griffin McClure Russell Miller	12	20	Pastor David Jahnke	28	Stella Whitefield
5		13	21		29	Tamara Jackmin Charlotte Middleton
6	Megan Middleton Oliva Charnock	14	22		30	
7	Edward Baird Julie Glover	15	23	Carol Medrick Kimberly Whitefield	31	Christine Korteling
8		16	24			

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

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