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

Dear friends,

One of the lectionary readings for Ash Wednesday comes from the prophet Joel who was writing at a time in which neighboring nations, Egypt, Edom and Greece, were condemned for waging war against and otherwise oppressing God's people; a people whom God subsequently called to beat plowshares into swords and pruning hooks into spears to prepare for battle against their oppressors.

Russia's leadership has decided to wage war against God's people in Ukraine, 70% of whom are Christian, and God's Word and Spirit condemn this aggression. Even though we will not be entering into a military war, it is time to gird up our loins and stand up to Putin's war and his plan to take away a nation's freedom, sovereignty, and resources, after bringing destruction to so many and forcing many more to flee in fear. May our strength and sacrifices help to bring the peace to which God is calling the world.

The sanctions and the help we provide to Ukrainians and their neighbors will be a sacrifice to our pocketbooks. But we may be in for a long battle as other former Soviet republics with a 'Russian' heritage are threatened and/or acquiesce to aggression and a new Russian empire.

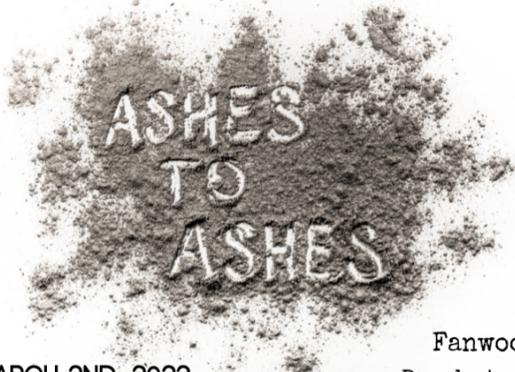
A part of our response needs to be continued encouragement of Russians protesting their own leaders' aggression; and to keep calling on Christians in Russia and neighboring republics to proclaim the judgment of God upon this war-mongering.

Since we are in this for a long haul, please put on the following armor of God as Paul calls all Christians to do in the service of peace.

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Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. Pastor David

Ash Wednesday Worship Service



MARCH 2ND, 2022
7:30 P.M.

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We hope you will join us for a special remembrance of communion and how we 1. came from dust, 2. will return to dust and, and 3. be re-created from the dust, along with beautiful, traditional music by our guest organist, Sarah Zimmerman and our choir.



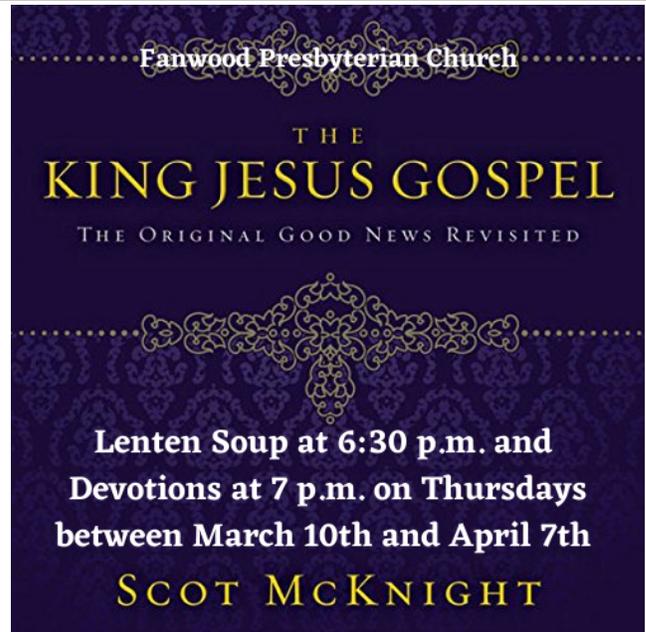
All are invited to a time of feasting before a season of fasting. There will be activities for children too!



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Campbell.

"My parents are giving up desserts for Lent. So I'm balancing the family diet by giving up vegetables."

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We hope you will join a blessed celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We expect 'trumpet blasts', beautiful singing, playing and a joyful proclamation of the best news that Jesus brings to our world. 10:30 a.m. 4/17/22

Come join us for soup and fellowship and/or a time of learning about the heart of the gospels. Let Pastor David know if you would like the book above which we will be studying, along with watching Bible Project videos about the gospels.



To some, Lent means "giving something up" — maybe chocolate or television or beer. But Presbyterians are encouraged to take something on — to commit themselves to doing something that will deepen their faith during Lent, be it daily Scripture reading, working in a homeless shelter, or cutting back their own spending so they can give more to help others.

April 15, 7:30 P.M.

'Our only comfort is knowing that we belong to God in life and in death.' Please bring your sorrow and prayers to our Good Friday Service.

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Per Capita

Please note that the Per Capita amount for 2022 is \$40 per confirmed member. Our church must pay this amount for every member whether or not each member contributes their Per Capita share. Therefore, any shortfall will be taken from other church missions. Your Per Capita contribution supports the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Thank you for doing your part! The Stewardship and Finance Committee



A short announcement about Vacation Bible School. Summer is a few months away, but plans are already underway preparing for a MONUMENTAL adventure celebrating God's greatness and love. Save the dates of July 18 to July 22 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. We'll have music, Bible stories, activities and crafts. We'll be exploring the American Southwest, and the life of Joseph. More details in the weeks ahead. But mark your calendars NOW. We'll also need lots of help from young and old alike. Contact Jessica Miller, Michelle Howell, Lauren Comerford and Linda Macari for more info.



Lenten Mission Project

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a children's clothing collection. Clothing for school aged children, elementary, middle-school and high school are being requested. New items are especially appreciated, although gently used items will be accepted.

Collection bins are in the narthex and near the parking lot door. We will be collecting during the months of March and April. Thank you for your generous support.

Family, Youth and Children's Ministries

What have we been up to?

In January we hosted a family feud game night where we had 5 families and a team of high schoolers compete against each other in a game of family feud! It was a fun night of fellowship as we ate dinner together, battled against each other, and enjoyed quality time as a family with our kids! The event was a lot of fun and something I hope will become a FPC family tradition every year! In February we hosted a special family valentine mission project where 10 families came and prepared individual valentine-themed bags for food bank clients. Together we decorated and packed 80 individual bags full of valentine-themed goodies to spread some of God's love to food bank clients during valentine's week! Another event that was a great success and intend to host again next year!

Congratulations to Brian and Shirley McGuinness for winning our Spider Man Bible Theme Contest. Thanks to Nancy DiTomaso for the Smuckers Gift Basket Prize. Consolation prizes still available

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What is coming up?

As we dive into the season of Lent we begin pageant rehearsals for the Palm Sunday pageant starting March 8th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Our confirmands are going on a day retreat on March 19th to Johnsonburg. Very soon Easter week will be upon us and we have a family easter egg hunt being planned for Tuesday, April 12th, so keep an eye out for more information about that! We still have our women's and Gen X & Younger Bible studies once a month that started back in September. They are open groups that anyone can join anytime in person or via zoom! Contact Lauren at lcomerfordfpcyouth@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved.



I used to ask God to help me.
Then I asked if I might help Him.
I ended up by asking God
to do His work through me.”

HUDSON TAYLOR



Middle & High School Curriculum in March

What is the Gospel? And is there a chance we've only looked at all it has to offer from only one angle? The word "Gospel" means "good news," but hearing something is good and knowing WHY it's good are two very different things. In this series, as we take a closer look at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we'll find that the Good News of Easter may be bigger, bolder, and better than we ever imagined, and in doing that, discover a new way of engaging Jesus and five things He doesn't want any of us to forget.

WEEK 1: You can be close to God.

WEEK 2: You can be part of making wrong things right.

WEEK 3: Because of Jesus, we can have life to the full.

WEEK 4: Your past doesn't have to hold you back.

WEEK 5: You're never alone.

Elementary Curriculum in March

*Jam Session: Everyone has a part to play
Cooperation is working together to do more than you
can do alone.*

Week One

Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1, 3; 31:1-11; 35:21
God wants us to work together.

Week Two

Exodus 17:8-13
Work together to help someone succeed.

Week Three

Luke 5:17-26
Work together to help someone in need.

Week Four

Acts 2:42-47
Make a habit of working together.

MEMORY VERSE

"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."
Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIRV

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A Word From Westminster Preschool

The children have been very busy learning about the winter season, animals in the arctic and doing some fun science experiments in the classrooms. We had some volcano eruptions, slime making and hypothesizing about what will sink or float! The children always love these “hands on” experiences in the classrooms. We also had Picture Day and a wonderful Valentine’s Day. The children all wrote valentines to our amazing teachers and a parent came in to surprise us all with posters. It was so special for all of us to read what the children wrote.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks. Dr. Seuss week is approaching and each day will be filled with fun from one of his many books. Eggs will be arriving in March for us to hatch again this year. We will welcome Laura Sassi, a local author, to visit the school as well to read to the children and sign copies of her new book [Bunny Finds Easter](#).

Registration is still ongoing and we look forward to welcoming new families into the preschool.

Sincerely, Kim Russo

Church Renovations

All the major renovation work is almost completed. The bathroom floors have been replaced, the windows are almost completed and the Air Conditioners have been installed. Some minor clean up work will be necessary once the windows are done and we will be asking the Trustees to help with this. We will need to touch up the walls and window areas and paint the wall that has now been repaired. We will also need to tidy up the Wi-Fi cabling in the downstairs area. Hopefully, once all this is done we will be back to ‘normal’ maintenance.

Join the Good Work of Our Committees!

Thanks to all officers and our committee chairs! We are looking for members on almost every committee, especially Hospitality and Membership which has only one member at this point. We could use an online greeter and hospitality sharer as well. If you would like to learn more about making sure guests and new members feel welcome, please let Pastor David know.

- STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR- David McDede
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR- Linda Macari
- HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEMBER- Liz Henderson
- FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR- Cena Pollitt (though you should be in touch with Emily Sena or Kris Adams for now.)
- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR- Russ Miller
- MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR- Darcie Lubalin
- WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE CHAIR- Elizabeth Martinson

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March Birthdays

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1	Nancy Bassman Diane Poulos	9		17		25	Isabelle Miller
2		10	Zachary Gray Nicole Castellano	18	David Schwartz	26	
3		11	Abigail Elliott Eleanor Kramps ROseanne Lindemann Richard Lorber Justin Zimmerman	19		27	
4		12		20	William E. Newell jr Evan Castellano	28	Joseph Turso
5		13	Joseph Donofrio	21		29	Lyla Rae Hernandez Bonnie Oatis
6	Megan Lahetta	14	Mikayla Gould	22		30	
7	Barry N. Gustafson Nicholas Tuyp Daniel DiLoreto	15	Henry LeWand Marie Parsons Owen Castellano	23	Grayce Mattos Stacey Tanguy	31	Jean Trumpp Drew Van Ostenbridge
8	Frederick Kramps	16		24	Lawrence Caroselli		

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	Beverly Comer	12	Douglas B. Clausen Robert Saum	20		28	
5		13		21		29	Heather Saum Diana Shoback
6	John Stueck	14	Jane Clausen	22	Kathy Mattimore Braden Slifer Sally Turso	30	Jennifer Gustafson Gloria Morlock
7	Jessica Schink	15	Lynne Schwartz	23	Christina Hill		
8		16	Dorothy S. Boos	24			

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

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