

PASTOR'S PEACE by Rev. Fred Garry

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Centuries of soot from candles covered the fresco known as the "Last Judgement" in the Sistine Chapel. A few decades ago, work began to remove the soot and restore the work to its original brilliance. The masterpiece of Michelangelo was literally brought back to life. What was muted became vibrant, the obscure made clear.

Walking the chapel in 2012, I was looking for the color but I was also looking for the small black boxes. As a nod to the work that was done, small sections, a few inches square, were left untouched. These boxes are striking when you consider the renewal.

The work of an art restorationist is daunting. Imagine the first time you take the wet Q-tip to the work of Michelangelo. Who are you to touch this, let alone risk removing intent of the artist, or even worse still, ruining it?

To me, the most daunting part of such an endeavor is the need for persistence. You cannot start a work like this and say, "too hard," or "this will take too long." You must not give up.

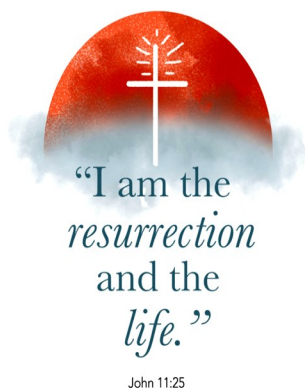
As part of my Covid-coping exercises I have been making a list of what I want to see. Notre Dame in Paris is hovering at the top. I want to see it before much progress is made. I love the before and after.

During the next few decades, the French will argue with great vehemence about the restoration. If the pyramid in front of the Louvre is a possible guide, the "new" look of the ancient cathedral could be something quite unexpected. What would a modern Notre Dame entail?

I walked the cathedral in 2008 and found it quite dreary. Yes, the Rose Window was overwhelming, but the church itself felt damp, musty. If I am fortunate enough to see it before the restoration picks up steam, it would be interesting to see it incomplete. Would it appear as it did centuries ago during its construction? Would it be broken or hopeful?

As we finish the season of Lent and begin the season of Easter, I wonder how we will look at our soul, our heart, after such a year of upheaval and uncertainty. Will our lives return to the color and light like the restored fresco of Michelangelo? Will we find our lives more in the midst of Notre Dame, scaffolds and cranes?

I am not a believer in the notion that God brings tragedy, and the pandemic is certainly a tragedy of massive scale. I am a believer that our lives are being revealed by the gentle



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PASTOR'S PEACE *Continuation*

grace of God like the art restorationist slowly removing fears and falsity and foolishness; I am a believer that when winds of fate bring destruction, God is there to help us rebuild with strength and courage. God is ever at work in us; we are restored in the simple kindness, the silence of patience. God is at work in us as well when everything falls down. Here redemption is not subtle; the strength to find a new life must match the ruin.

The last year has felt like a long Lent. Part of me has been uncovered and renewed; others are a bit gutted. I see God at work in my heart; I pray the same for you.

I would very much like to travel to Paris now, but I would also like to see the simple return of life. May this Easter come soon, and very soon.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

**Sundays, April 11th and 18th
at 11:00 a.m.**

**In Person: in the Social
Center Dining Room**

Virtual Option: By Zoom

Adults interested in becoming members of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen are invited to meet with Rev. Garry, Rev. Karmann and Nancy Leardi in the Social Center Dining Room (with physical distancing) or via ZOOM on Sunday, April 11th, at 11:00 a.m.

After introductions, the class will explore what it means to be Presbyterian, what are the current opportunities to be part of ministry, and what mission projects and efforts are currently under way for people of all ages. On Sunday, April 18th, in the Social Center Dining Room (with physical distancing) or via ZOOM Rev. Garry, Rev. Karmann, and Clerk of Session Paul Gunsser will lead the meeting and also confirm the new members with Session's approval.

If you are interested to attend the Membership Class whether in person or using the virtual option, or have any questions, please contact us at the church office (732) 491-2300 or Director for Christian Education Nancy Leardi (732) 491-2264. We will be happy to walk you through the virtual option via Zoom.

Rev. Garry will be hosting the Zoom meetings and below are the Zoom links:

April 11: <https://zoom.us/j/94209553573>

April 18: <https://zoom.us/j/94884448350>



- Mission Commission Chair Elder Colleen Walker reported the FPC-M Food Pantry received a grant of \$5,500.00 dollars from the Community Food Bank of NJ.
- Session approved the creation and spending policy of "The Preservation Fund" as a separate fund within the Investment and Endowment portfolio managed by Vanguard and overseen by the Investment and Endowment Committee.
- Session discussed upcoming Easter Sunday Worship services gathering issues resulting from the ongoing pandemic. Permitting singing while maintaining social distancing and mask wearing during the outdoor Easter Sunrise Service was discussed.
- Session received an update from Elder Niall Corbalis, Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning committee on the identified points of focus for each of the four sub-committees: Relating to People, Local Mission, Youth and Young Families, Endowment /Stewardship.

International Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting

April 27, Tuesday at 7:30 pm

In-person and Virtual Zoom Option

Join the International Peace and Social Justice Committee to promote God's justice in the Metuchen community and beyond. The Committee meets every 4th Tuesday of the month with the next one scheduled on April 27.

Congregants of FPC Metuchen as well as members of the greater Metuchen/Edison community are welcome to join us. The areas of focus are: immigration reform, refugee resettlement and support, racial justice, environmental care, White Supremacy and Christian nationalism.

To join the meeting using the virtual option, connect using the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6094807259>

Meeting ID: 609 480 7259

Email the Committee at fpcipsj@gmail.com
for more information.

SILENT NO MORE: CONGREGATIONAL ANTIRACISM

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
Moderator / Host: Amanda Ripley

Systemic racism grows with silence.
Houses of worship need to find their voice
to become antiracist and speak to the need
of reckoning and reconciliation.

Find your voice in conversation with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 7 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

VIA ZOOM*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

HOSTED BY

NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR

& INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST

Amanda Ripley

*ZOOM LINK TO BE SENT FOLLOWING REGISTRATION

Registration through Event Brite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/146476995637>



Dr. Ibram X. Kendi is the author of
How To Be An Antiracist,
a New York Times bestseller.



Dr. Kendi is also a National Book Award-
winning author, the Andrew W. Mellon
Professor in the Humanities at Boston
University, and the Founding Director of
BU Center for Antiracist Research.



Amanda Ripley is the author of
The Smartest Kids in the World and
How They Got That Way, a New York Times
bestseller, and *The Unthinkable*.

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Sponsoring Houses of Worship:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church | New Hope Baptist Church | Church of the Nazarene
Neve Shalom | Temple Emanu-El | New Dover Methodist Church
First Reformed Church of New Brunswick | Raritan Valley Baptist Church
Oak Tree Presbyterian Church | Reformed Church of Metuchen | Centenary Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen



Thank you to all of those who made soup or delivered soup during the pilot of this ministry! So many of our church family were happy to receive some homemade love and care during this long winter. Watch for more information in the fall on how to participate when it returns later in the year.

"So grateful for this ministry that provided not only delicious soup for the body but, most of all, soup for the soul that warms your heart knowing others are thinking of you."

- From a Soup Ministry Recipient

FPC Presbyterian Young Women



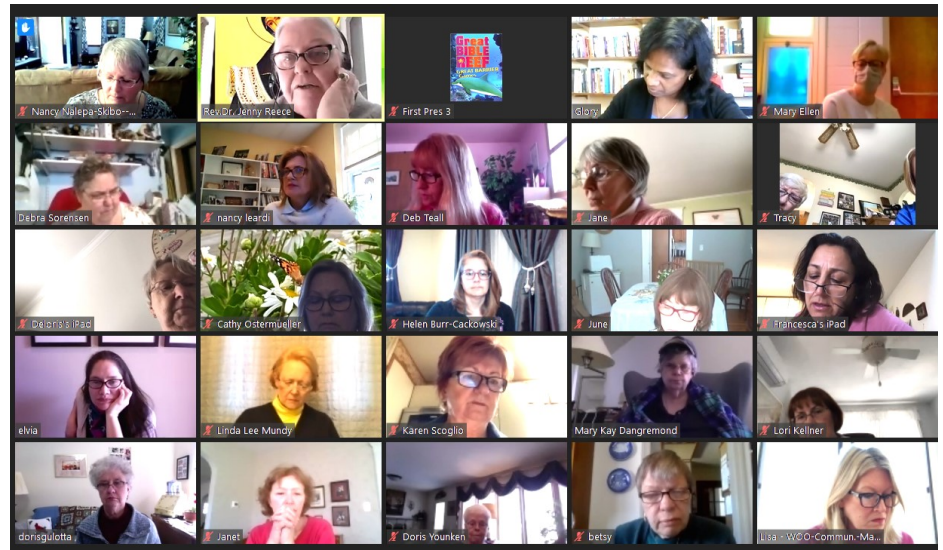
**Join the fun on Sunday, April 25th
from 5:00 pm to 6:30pm.**

We will enjoy pizza and crafting. Let's learn how to make some necklaces, earrings and much more. Maybe even create a Mother's Day gift for mom or grandma.

Let's meet socially distanced in the dining room. Call Nancy Leardi with any questions.

The recent half day Virtual Sabbath Retreat was a welcome break held last March 20th where participants explored the theme of "Mystic Christian Spirituality of Medieval Women for Today." From screenshots shared, there was good attendance that allowed not only warm fellowship but also heartfelt conversations.

The retreat took the women to a journey with the spiritual mothers of our Church history with ample time for "covid hellos," scripture readings, songs with Brenda Day, meditation and small group discussions.



Thanks to the following for leading this event and sharing their insights:

- Rev. Dr. Glory Thomas (Oak Tree Presbyterian Church)
- Rev. Dr. Jenny Reece (Oranbega Retreat Center) and
- Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider

Thank you to Noah Fong and Nate Brown for their technical abilities making the retreat go smoothly. Finally, thanks to our own Brenda Day and Nancy Leardi for organizing and coordinating all the details to make this virtual retreat happen.



We are pleased to share that an In-Person worship service will take place for both Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, with an option to join virtually by watching the livestream on our Facebook page. The seating for in-person worship is limited and **reservations are required** by calling the church office or using the Event Brite link. Deadline to make your seat reservation is March 31, Wednesday Noon for both the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service and the 9:30 am Easter worship. With the Easter Sunrise Worship held outdoors, no reservation is required. However, masks are required for both indoor and outdoor services.



APRIL 1st
7:30 p.m.

TENEBRAE SERVICE

In Person in the Sanctuary
and Livestreamed on FPC
Facebook



APRIL 4th EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

- **7:00 a.m.** Sunrise Worship and Holy Communion
In the cemetery (weather permitting)
- **9:30 a.m.** Worship Service and Holy Communion
In the Sanctuary and Livestreamed



EASTER EGG HUNT*

For FPC and Community Nursery School Families
APRIL 4th, 10:30-11:30 am
At the Social Center Ball Field

* Weather permitting

We would love to see your children on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

While you are attending the 9:30 am worship service, we will be having a puppet show under the tent by the Social Center and, weather permitting, an outdoor Egg Hunt on the field for toddlers to 4th Graders. We will be wearing masks and socially distanced.

Reservation is required. Please call Nancy Leardi at: (732) 491-2264 or email: nleardi@fpcweb.org
To reserve for worship service, call the church office or use the Event Brite link in the church website.



Music Ministry

As we celebrate the 2nd Easter without hearing our beautiful choirs singing in worship, I am including the text of an introit that the Senior Choir has sung every easter for many years. It is the first piece sung after the Prelude, as we begin worship. It is a favorite with the choir, and I hope you, too, will find the words inspiring:

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day
prison, our faith had been in vain.
But now is Christ arisen, arisen!*

Along with the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, this Easter season also represents a rebirth of our world, as more and more people are vaccinated, and things start to open up. May you be blessed by the following words to a beautiful hymn written by Natalie Sleeth:

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits
to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you
and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Questions about the Music Ministry? Please contact
Brenda Day: brendaday@fpcweb.org or (732) 491-2266



We are God's children, fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumes virtually. Preschool to 4th grade classes continue to use the Growing in God's Love Story Bible. Would your family like a Bible? Please call if you want one delivered or if you will pick it up from the Church Office. Donations are appreciated and will go to the children's programming, but not required.

Faith Kits for virtual Sunday School are available for pick up at the Social Center Foyer, one for each child. Please sign out your child's name when picking up a kit(s). Zoom links will be posted on the FPC Facebook Sunday School Group page. We welcome new students; there's always room in our classes. Join the Facebook group:

FPC Metuchen Sunday School OR register your children today at fpcweb.org/forms.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN 2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE HOW THE ORDINARY
BECOMES EXTRAORDINARY WITH GOD!

JUNE 28 TO JULY 2, 2021

MON. - THURS. 9-11:45 A.M. / FRI. 9-11 A.M.

OPEN TO CHILDREN ENTERING K TO 6TH GRADE

An in-person VBS is being planned with Covid safety measures to be strictly observed to insure the safety of campers and volunteers. Registration will begin May 10 and will be limited. Forms will be on the website and in the church office foyer.

There are many volunteer opportunities and we hope you will consider taking a role and help grow the faith of our little ones. Please contact Nancy Leardi.

TUESDAY SONGS & GAMES (4 yrs thru 2nd Grade)

Tuesday, April 13 at 4:00 pm

Under the Tent

The tent is back up! We cannot WAIT to see your children in person again!

Songs and games will be under the tent on Tuesday, April 13 from 4-4:30 pm, weather permitting. We will be singing some songs, playing some games, and doing a craft. But most importantly, we will be together again. We will all be masked and social distanced.

Stay tuned for decisions if the weather is bad. Always check the church website.

JUNIOR CLUB (For 3rd to 6th Grade)

Thursday, April 15

4:45 - 5:00 pm (Those interested in handbells)

5:00 - 5:30 pm Fun and Games

Under the Tent

The tent is back up as of March 30. We will have our next Junior Club IN PERSON on Thursday, April 15, weather permitting. Anyone interested in playing handbells should gather from 4:45 - 5:00 pm and Junior Club will be from 5 - 5:30 pm. We are SO excited to have an opportunity to gather once again after a long, cold, snowy winter. We will be social distanced and masked.

Check the church website if the weather is bad.

PUPPETEERS!

Spring is here and our puppeteers are going to be very busy! The puppeteers will perform in-person on Easter Sunday for our children. Pre-registration for the children is required in order to plan for safe social distancing.

Are you interested in joining the Puppeteers? The next meeting for both new and returning members is April 25 from 11-11:45am under the tent. We will build our puppet skills and rehearse a few new scripts. Puppet skits are planned for both in-person and zoom presentation in May and June. Youth in grade 6 or older are welcome to attend. Contact Kat Davis at kdavis@fpcweb.org for more details and to RSVP.

Questions? Contact our Christian Education Director, Nancy Leardi: (732) 491-2264 or nleardi@fpcweb.org



270 WOODBRIDGE AVENUE  WEDNESDAY'S @ 5&7PM

WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Jr. High

7:00 pm-8:15 pm

Sr. High

In March as we reflected on the one-year anniversary of everything going virtual and all that our Youth have experienced, we took some time to think through what has been lost this past year. I am grateful for our Youth being as resilient as they are given the never-ending challenges and it is our hope and prayer that we can continue loving and caring for them throughout the many challenges ahead. With that said, we feel optimistic that this pandemic is reaching the end of the tunnel and normalcy will be returning once more. Pray for our Youth as you can.

YOUTH SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 18th, our Youth will be leading worship. Our Seniors are hard at work in preparing their sermons and they will be preaching. Be sure to encourage them in the coming weeks as they prepare.



Mission Trip T-shirt Design:



Front



Back

KRISPY KREME DONUT FUNDRAISER



Our Youth will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts **middle of April up to days prior to the May 8th Mother's Day Car Wash**. Please consider purchasing these delicious goodies from our Youth in support of our 2021 Youth Mission trip.

30th ANNIVERSARY YOUTH MISSION TRIP T-SHIRTS

We are finalizing designs of these T-shirts and intend on selling them soon. Names of all participants over the past 29 years are on the back. Be on the look out for sales to start very soon.

UPCOMING YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISERS

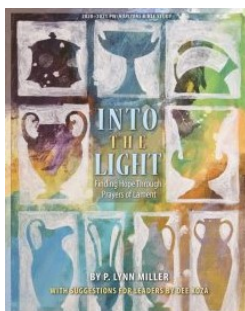
Mark your calendar for two Youth Mission trip fundraisers. We will be hosting two car washes before our July trip. The first car wash will be a **Mother's Day Car Wash on Saturday, May 8th** and a **Father's Day Car Wash on Saturday, June 19th**.

YOUNG ADULT/CONGREGATIONAL MISSION TRIP

We have an Adult mission trip schedule for **May 23rd to May 28th** to a familiar place: Roanoke, Virginia. Yes, after almost ten years of service there with our high school trip, we are offering an additional trip this year for our college youth, young adults, and congregants. If Habitat is near and dear to your heart or if you have always wanted to attend this trip but have been unable to, this trip is for you. Work will be new construction and a remodel in Roanoke neighborhoods.

We are aiming to fundraise the cost of the entire trip and we anticipate that it will cost \$200 per person to participate. Please contact Rev. Karmann if you are interested in attending.

ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



INTO THE LIGHT

Finding Hope Through
Prayers of Lament

Lesson Seven: April 5

6:00-7:00 pm

By Zoom

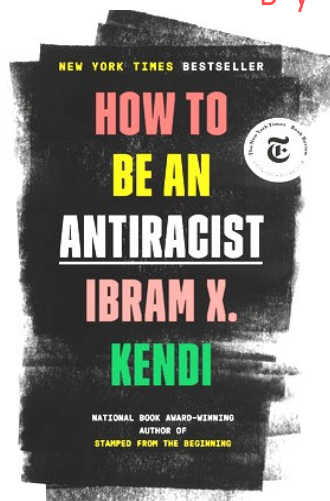
The April study will be about Creation Laments. The primary scriptures are from Isaiah 24: 4-6, 8, 19 and Romans 8: 19-23 with Deb Teall leading. A link to the lesson may be found through the church website— <https://fpcweb.org/dev/get-involved/presbyterian-women/> Click on the link for Horizon Bible Study Lesson. We have a couple more study guides if you want a hard copy of the study. ***This study is for everyone!***

Join our Zoom Meeting Hosted by Deb Teall and PW:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86590898594?pwd=VFdOMjk4U2laOEhjcXJvZWsySUxTQT09>

Call, text or email Deb for a Study Guide: (908) 917-3990 or debteall@optonline.net OR jump on the Zoom even without a Study Guide!

Racial Justice Book Study
Sunday, April 18th at 11 a.m.
By Zoom



Join us on our 5th and final session of this virtual book study by Ibram X. Kendi. We will discuss Chapters 16 through 18 with members of the Racial Justice Committee facilitating discussions in smaller group settings to allow for a richer exchange and conversation.

Use the ZOOM link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6094807259>

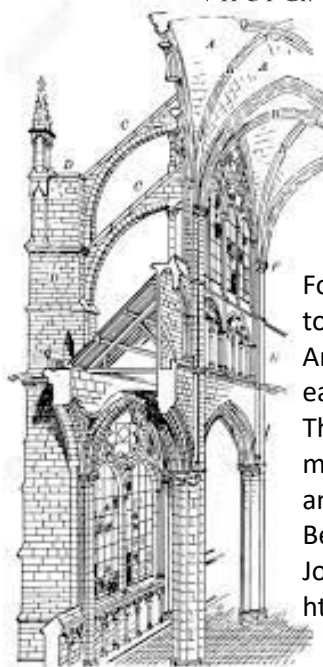
If you already have the app, join the discussion with this meeting ID: 609 480 7259

We hope you can join us!

THE RISE OF THE GOTHIC CATHEDRALS

APRIL 21ST AT 7:00 PM

IN-PERSON IN THE CHAPEL AND
VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM



We will have our first “Gothic Experience” study.

Rev. Garry along with Helen Burr Cackowski will introduce the three avenues for understanding the rise of the Gothic Cathedrals.

For this study we encourage you to explore the images of Chartres, Amiens and Notre Dame that can easily be found online.

The study will be a hybrid of meeting in-person in the Chapel, and virtually by Zoom.

Below is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96831468129>

Meeting ID: 968 3146 8129

An Inter-Faithful Discussion on

RACISM AND RACIAL JUSTICE

**April 19th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary of
the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen
and Live Streamed**

Hear members of the Metuchen Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association (MEAICA) discuss their perspectives regarding racial justice and how they have all navigated the conversation of racism throughout this past year. Panelists include Ed Zelle (St. Luke's-Episcopal), Chuck Coblentz (New Dover-Methodist), Emily Simkin (Temple Emanu-El Reform Judaism), Nicholas Johnson (Raritan Valley-Baptist), Glory Thomas (Oak Tree Presbyterian), Justin Karmann, Ron Owens (New Hope-Baptist), Sooh Na (Centenary United Methodist), and Eric Rosen (Neve Shalom-Conservative Judaism). Moderating the discussion will be Rev. Fred Garry.

Good news from the
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN !!

RUMMAGE
SALE

SPECIAL OUTDOOR EDITION

June 5th Saturday ONLY | 9 am – 3 pm

DROP OFF: JUNE 1st, Tuesday – JUNE 3rd, Thursday

Rain Date: June 12th

Start cleaning out your closets! PW just confirmed the exciting news of a Special Outdoor Edition Rummage Sale planned in late Spring. PW is looking for donations of adult and kids apparel, shoes, accessories (belts, bags, scarves, ties, hats, etc.), bed/ bath/ kitchen linens/curtains, toys/ puzzles/games, frames/ baskets, household items/ electronics/ rain-proof outdoor items.

Success of the Rummage Sale depends on volunteers to help sort, price, sell and cleanup after the event. We hope you will consider giving your time in support of all the wonderful programs that benefit from the proceeds of the rummage sale.



Meantime, please hold off the following for the Fall Rummage Sale: furniture, bulky items, stuffed animals, books/magazines, records / tapes. Donated items are subject

to PW acceptance. Also, please limit donations to one car trunk load per family as there will be limited space. Covid safety protocols will be strictly observed, with masks and social distance. Indoor facility and bathrooms are not available. Questions? Please email Cindy O'Neill at mimabook@aol.com.



FPC
Helping Hands
Ministry

The Deacons have mobilized a team that can help through our Helping Hands ministry. If you have a chore that might be a little too much for you to handle on your own, we can help with things like cleaning out your garage, moving or discarding furniture, yard work, snow shoveling and minor household repairs.

If you or your loved ones are in need of a helping hand, send an email to the Deacons with your request and details to deacons@fpcweb.org, or you can also call the church office with your request. A deacon will then get in touch with you.

April 19 @ 8:00 pm
Meeting by Zoom

Moms
TOGETHER

Are you a mom of a little one that would appreciate some adult conversation?

Mother's Together will be meeting once a month for a brief devotion, monthly topic, and upbeat conversation.

Join us on Zoom! Meeting ID #: 823 1152 8459
Contact Nancy Leardi nleardi@fpcweb.org



Community Nursery School students have been working hard during the winter months and are looking forward to spring and being able to get outside more to enjoy the playground, Hale Park and the Social Center field. While this has not been a typical year in nursery school, the staff of CNS have been working tirelessly to provide the students with an enriching school experience. We are currently registering for the fall for our Pre-K and K-Wrap programs. First Presbyterian Church members receive a 5% discount on tuition.



Visit our website communityns.org for more information or call 732-491-2240 to schedule a tour after school hours.



Celebrate Mother's Day with this meaningful yet practical alternative gift of a special offering to the Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Fund .

This gift from the heart is sure to bring joy shared with another mother somewhere in the world, bringing satisfaction of knowing that you are helping **blanket the world with love!** Mothers are the heart of a family, and many are its sole support as well. CWS provides gifts of hope and help to mothers in need around the world. CWS Blankets provide comfort in communities hit by disasters, and shelters and agencies assisting those experiencing hard times. To a neighbor in need, this is love in action.

Return completed form and contribution to the Church Office (*or drop in the offering plate during worship*). Checks may be made payable to: *First Presbyterian Church*, and indicate "*Blanket Sunday*" on the memo line. The Mission Commission will send an acknowledgment note to the person you are honoring and the list of donors will appear in a bulletin insert on Mother's Day, May 9th.

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION (\$5.00/ Blanket) _____ PLEDGE ENVELOPE NO.: _____

INFORMATION FOR BULLETIN INSERT & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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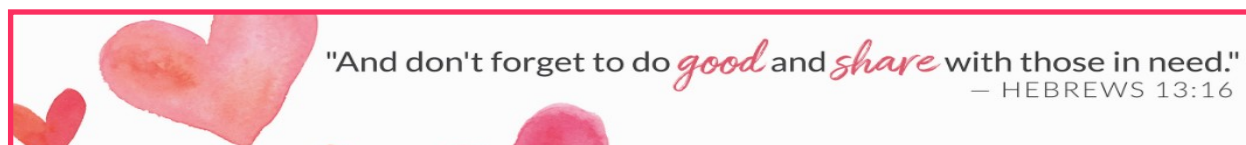
HONOREE'S ADDRESS: _____

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: _____

MAIL OR DROP OFF THE FORMS NO LATER THAN: Tuesday, April 27, 2021



Transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.



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- ♦ The Church Office will be closed on April 2nd in observance of Good Friday.

Thank you everyone for your continued support during this pandemic. We are asking during this time to please continue your offering if you are able.

*First Presbyterian Church***God's Work, Our Hands**

Your gift, Your choice

DIRECT – Cash or check donation into the plate, always welcome!

ONLINE – Please click here to donate now:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8ffksu4>

TEXT TO DONATE – Make a donation via Text message!

Text to: **732-479-8245**

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) to the number above and follow the prompts to complete your donation!

GIVE+APP – Search “Give Plus Church” in your phone App Store, download the app and find Church name by zip code 08840.

Thank you for your generous support!

**INDONESIAN FELLOWSHIP
PULPIT SUPPLY FOR APRIL**

April 11 Rev. Agus Tiwa

April 18 Rev. Henderika J. Wattimena

April 25 Rev. Ferdinanda Pattipeilohy

All Indonesian Worship Services will continue to meet virtually through Facebook Live.

“Kata Yesus kepada mereka, Karena engkau telah melihat Aku, maka engkau percaya. Berbahagialah mereka yang tidak melihat, namun percaya.”

Yohanes 20: 29

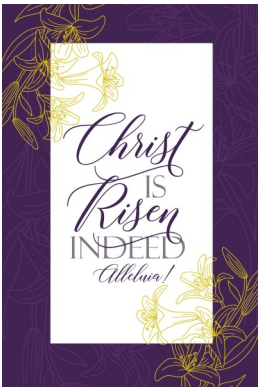
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(By Reservation only) 9:30 am

Online Sunday Morning Worship : 9:30 am

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