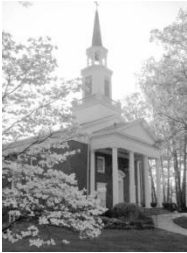


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*Growing in God's Love and Serving All God's People
through Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out*

Pastor's Message

I love the holy season we are entering -- Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas. I am not going to let the pandemic ruin them. In fact I rebuke the pandemic while doing everything necessary to avoid it and I urge you to do the same. I plan to make these holidays the best of my life by remembering every day the One who is behind them all and to whom they all refer.

These holidays are going to be very different for all of us. We cannot drastically change the overall circumstances surrounding them but we can all remember the saints on a Hallowed Eve and light candles and give thanks for those we have lost while sharing treats and socially distant and masked fellowship outside. Every day in November, you can focus on and give thanks for a different blessing. How abundant they are! Start a journal and write down 1-2 new things a day to be thankful for. When December and Advent come, you can look forward to the coming salvation of Jesus and the end of this pandemic through the faithfulness of God who came once in the baby born in Bethlehem and will come again.

Focus on God instead of yourself and this fallen world and you too can have some of the best holidays of your life. And if you are ever lonely, please let me know and I'd be glad to call or visit.

We have lots planned as you can see from the worship and programming schedule below:

November Worship

10:30 a.m. indoor worship began Oct. 25th with around 35 people now able to join worship in the sanctuary. You can also watch Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. or on Youtube at 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 1st – All Saints' Sunday worship – Let us know loved ones who have passed in the last two years you would like remembered.

Nov. 8th -- Rev. Jeremy Campbell, Stated Clerk of Elizabeth Presbytery preaching

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Nov. 22nd -- Thanksgiving and Stewardship Sunday

Nov. 29th -- Advent 1 with carols and thanksgiving hymns, including One Candle is Lit to the tune of Away in a Manger and Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent.

December Worship

Dec. 6th -- Advent Week 2, more great music including O Little Town of Bethlehem, Hark the Herald Angels Sing and Angels from the Realms of Glory

Dec. 13th -- Advent Week 3 -- O Come O Come Emmanuel, Angels We Have Heard on High and In the Bleak Midwinter

Dec. 20th -- Advent Week 4 and Christmas Pageant Part 1. The pageant is a brand new production this year, directed by Lauren Comerford with music led by Sarah Zimmerman. Carols include God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman, Once in Royal David's City and It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Dec. 23rd, 7 p.m. -- Christmas Service 1. including Christmas Pageant Part 2 and with contemporary carols and songs, concluding with Candlelight singing of Silent Night.

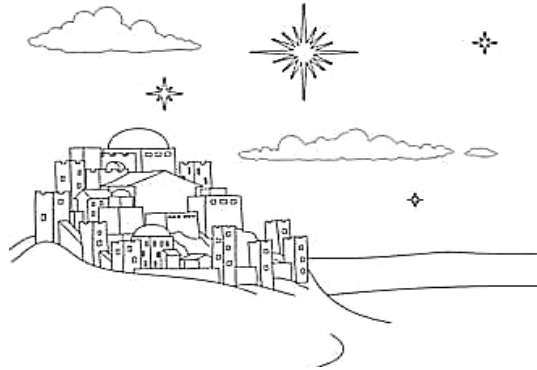
Dec. 24th, 5 p.m. -- Christmas Service 2, including Christmas Pageant Part 2.

and music on the organ

Dec. 24th, 8:30 p.m. -- Christmas Candlelight Service 3, including Christmas Pageant Part 2., special music, communion and candles, concluding with Candlelight singing of Silent Night.

Dec. 27th -- Christmas Season service with more favorite carols.

'Discover Bethlehem!'



The Ignite and Kingdom Kids youth groups and Christian Education committee, in coordination and cooperation with the Garden of Eden church who worship in our sanctuary, have a very special Christmas event planned for **Dec. 11th from 6-8:00 p.m. and Dec. 12th from 5-7:00 p.m.** (although this may change depending on volunteers.) You and yours will be guided around 'Bethlehem,' starting in the church parking lot. As you walk safely around the church campus on sidewalks, you will see the Christmas story come to life by church members acting out various scenes and listen to related recordings of Christmas carols as you move from one scene to the next. If walking is an issue, perhaps you might drive slowly along McDermott and Marion with a script. We hope that a live nativity will also be a part of this event. This will conclude with a time of warming up in the sanctuary for 5-10 minutes while watching a portion of a Christmas movie. Masks and social distance will be required. More details on r.s.v.p.ing and registering will be forthcoming.

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Sanctuary Worship at 10:30 a.m.



We are very excited to welcome 35, for now, registered members and guests to our 10:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. Masks and social distance are required and

temperatures will be taken. There will generally be about 20 feet between groups/ individuals. You can register online or call the church office to rsvp. We will be ready

to cancel in-person worship if there is an uptick in numbers demanding it. You will still be able to watch a livestream or recording every week. Please let us know how we might remain connected to you and yours, perhaps through phone or outdoor visits if you are vulnerable or simply not comfortable gathering inside which we completely understand.

Blessings to all. David

A Statement from the Stewardship & Finance Committee

Dear members, we are running about \$70 thousand behind budget in offerings thru September and ask that those who are able that they prayerfully consider increasing their offerings during the remainder of the year to enable FPC to fund our planned missions

FPC - 2020 YTD Thru Sept

FPC Financial Activities Report - 2020 YTD Thru Sept			
	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	Variance
Income			
Contributions	\$ 143,173	\$ 213,825	\$ (70,652)
Other Income (incl. rents)	\$ 38,890	\$ 56,550	\$ (17,660)
Transfers In (incl. Foundation)	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,500
Total Income	\$ 192,063	\$ 277,875	\$ (85,812)
Expense			
Personnel costs	\$ 126,636	\$ 148,875	\$ 22,239
Buildings	\$ 82,900	\$ 101,475	\$ 18,575
Committee & local mission expenses	\$ 6,716	\$ 19,668	\$ 12,952
Per Capita	\$ 10,477	\$ 7,857	\$ (2,620)
Total Expense	\$ 226,729	\$ 277,875	\$ 51,146
Income minus Expense	\$ (34,666)	\$ -	\$ (34,666)

Crop Walk Report -- To date, the SPF walk received \$4,512, 25% of which will go to help local working class families with Virtual Learning Childcare. Team FPC raised the most again this year, \$1,860. Thanks to everyone for your support.

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CALLING ALL CAROLERS!!



Since we cannot sing in public still, the weather is getting cooler and Christmas is around the corner, I would like to make a virtual Caroling video. Christmas is one of my most favorite times of year, and it would devastate me to not be able to sing those beloved songs. Will you help? If your family has a favorite carol they like to sing, let's make a video of it. If you would like for us to make a background soundtrack, we can do that! This will be a fun way for our congregation, families and friends to get in the Christmas spirit.

Sarah Zimmerman



The Mission Committee continues to support the food bank program. We

will be working with the local Boy Scouts on Saturday morning, November 7, for the annual Scouting for Food drive which in a big way replenishes our food supplies. Volunteers are needed to sort the donated items. Please contact Andrew Stewart at kesils2@verizon.net if you are available to help.

Heifer Market - Coming in December



We will still be conducting the Heifer Market fundraiser in December but not at the church. We are currently working out the details with the organization. Heifer International has volunteered to create a website for our congregation to utilize. It would be linked to our FPC website. This would allow online donations. We know some of you are not comfortable with online donations so you can send a check made out to FPC with Heifer Market in the Memo field so we can remit an overall check to them by completion. Thank you for your continued support of the Market as we help others internationally meet their dietary needs in these hard times. Please contact Karen Edwards or Lauren Comerford with questions.

OPERATION HOLIDAY CHEER



This long lived Christmas card ministry will unfortunately take a year off. Collecting cards and distributing to nursing homes would not be a great idea at this current time. I would like to encourage

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you to take the time this year to check up on those you haven't contacted recently and wish them a Christ filled Christmas with a card and maybe a note. If you received charity Christmas cards you will not use or have leftovers after sending, please save them for next year's comeback! Thanks! Karen Edwards



FOOD PANTRY

We now have 80 patrons on our list which is up about 30 since the pandemic began. We have many new volunteers and look forward to the safe return of many old volunteers who are more vulnerable. We miss you!

FPC and Boy Scouts food drive will be Saturday November 7th from 9a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help sort and organize food. If interested please contact Andrew Stewart via email at kesils2@verizon.net.

Specific food items being collected: Tomato Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soup, Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, Canned meat, Canned pasta, Tuna, Mac and cheese, Beans, Coffee, Tea Juice, Canned Milk, Cereal. Miscellaneous items such as salad dressing, crackers, cake mix, chips, etc *Also Thanksgiving items* such as potatoes, stuffing, cranberry, canned pumpkin, canned yams, olives, gravy.

We will also be distributing ninety \$20 and \$40 Shop-Rite gift cards. You can buy and bring a gift card or send a check to the

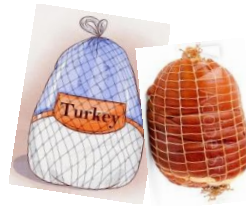


church with a memo for Thanksgiving Gift Cards. Thanks, Andrew

Soups for Salvation

This mission is in its second year providing homemade soups to local missions providing food and services to those in need with food insecurity.

Since the outbreak of covid, our cooking group has provided over 1,000 meals to the First Elizabeth Baptist Church which has seen its number of guests double in the past months. Our soups have supplemented the take away sandwiches which are prepared by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford. We have also distributed soups to those in our church community.



Last holiday season I made an appeal to the congregation for turkeys and hams which we use in our soups throughout the year. Your generosity allowed us to fill our freezer. This year the need is even greater in our community. Please consider donating an extra ham or turkey to our mission during this holiday season. **I will be available before Sunday services each week to drop off donations.** In addition, you can also drop off your donated ham or turkey at the Church Administration Office on Tuesday or Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm.

Contact me at jturso18@gmail.com

We greatly appreciate your support. -Joe Turso



We have been busy thinking about how to best serve all ages during this time and as you all know trying to make plans during a time when things can change any moment is

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extremely difficult! Keep posted for information on a new outdoor live nativity Christmas event that we are busy planning and continue to check the church youtube page for different ways to connect with God during the week through worship and word. We were happy to bring VBS to your homes virtually over the summer (which you can still check out on our youtube channel) and will continue to think of ways to meet your spiritual needs both safely in person and virtually.



Youth groups have kicked off in person and it has been so good to be back together again after a long 6 months. Although youth groups feels a bit different this year having to wear masks, have temperature checks and sit 6 feet apart, we make the most of all the time we have together and enjoy it so much! We started a mini series on the 'new normal' as we talked about how to navigate our lives and faith during these unprecedented times where everything in our lives is different. We have youth groups for 2nd-12th grade on Wednesday evenings between 4:15-7:15 p.m. If you have not joined us for youth group yet, come along! All are welcome and we enjoy our short and safe time together!



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A Word From Westminster Preschool

Although this school year started off a little late and looked a little different than previous years, we have all been so happy to see the children every day at Westminster! The children have settled into their classrooms and our teachers are all being so diligent with keeping the classrooms clean and safe for the children. In September, we all became comfortable with our "new normal" and I can say the children and teachers are AMAZING!

In October, the teachers continued with our literacy curriculum and the children are truly enjoying being with their friends again. We began separate worships in the classrooms and asked God to guide us through this school year. We learned about fire prevention and had our very own pumpkin patch at Westminster! We want to thank Schieferstein Farm in Clark for the delivering the pumpkins. We will have our Halloween parade outside this year over 2 days with each class having a sing along with their families.

Looking ahead to November and December the children will learn the importance of giving and family. We will work hard to continue the Westminster traditions of the Thanksgiving Feast and "The Christmas Story" in a safe way so we can allow the families to still be a part of our preschool.

Kim Russo



Trustees had the fall clean up and the kitchen passed the board of health inspection. Also, the window in the Dining room is in the process of being repaired and should be done by the time you read this. A few of us also cleared out the Westminster Hall Stage to make room for the Boy Scouts there so that the Food Bank can have more room for their supplies for 30 additional clients!



The Thrift Shop is now open. Masks are required. Only 4 patrons are allowed inside at a time. Donations are limited to winter clothing only and the dressing room is closed.



FPC Thrift Shop

"Clothing God's People."

Pre-loved clothing, shoes, home decor, books, stationery and more!

OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY 10AM-4PM.

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BEREAVEMENT EVENINGS



You Are Not Alone, Together We Heal



Come and learn about ways of coping with the grief of losing a loved one, especially during the holiday seasons, as well as other issues of bereavement, including that caused by Covid-19. Join us for a presentation led by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Macari. He is a grief counselor and leader in the Grief Share Program. A discussion will follow.

WED. NOV. 4, 2020 AND WED. NOV. 18, 2020

AT 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M.

**THIS WILL BE DONE ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH ZOOM.
YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ATTEND BY CALLING IN USING
YOUR PHONE.**

74 S. Martine Ave. Fanwood, NJ 07023

Registration is required. Please RSVP to Lauren at 908-889-8891 or fanwoodpres@gmail.com or to Judy at 908-322-7426 or judyshar@gmail.com by Fri.

Oct. 23. Please include your name, telephone number, how many people will be attending, and email address (so that you can receive follow-up information) if you have one. Please also indicate if you would like to receive zoom training, and if you will attend both evenings. We hope that you will!

This event is not exclusive to FPC members. All are welcome!

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➤➤➤➤➤ November Birthdays <<<<<<

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1		9	Richard Ledesma	17	Lenore Klein	25	Vicki Dembiec
2	Robert Lindermann	10	David Trumpf	18	Nicole Tanguy	26	
3		11		19	Harrison McClure Patrick Dembiec Norman Schwartz	27	
4	Amy Ledesma	12	Melissa Remo	20		28	Richard Warwick
5		13		21	Molly Van Ostenbridge Ernest Watts	29	Ellen Geissel Bing Prestridge
6		14		22		30	
7	Sam Whitefield	15	Jonathan Gardner Carol Thomson Jocelyn Jenkins	23	Michelle Gustafson Teresa Gustafson William Henderson	31	
8		16	Joni Elliot Deborah Kinder Darcie Lubalin Christopher Turso	24	Evelyn Schneider		

➤➤➤➤➤ December Birthdays <<<<<<

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1	Claire Swenson	9		17		25	Isabella Campanile
2		10	Benjamin Jackmin	18	Cynthia Gray	26	Michael Donofrio, Jr. Cynthia Swindlehurst
3	Jean Gray	11	Donald Depew	19	Andrea Daniskas Fiona Leahy John Zwicky	27	Nancy Bantz Martha LeWand Barbara Prestridge Albert Saum
4		12	Allison Tuyp	20	Regina Cardona Danielle Shoback	28	
5	Alan Krey	13	Grace Wayman	21	Samantha Knierim	29	Hailey Jahnke
6		14	Ryan Lahetta	22	George Zhelesnik	30	
7		15	Christee Curran	23		31	
8	John Spicer	16	Sally Depew Seth Jahnke Jasmine Lyons	24			

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

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