



Among Friends

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings!

We are living in uncertain and fearful times. We are afraid to leave our homes. We are afraid to get physically close to other people. We are afraid to let our children go to school and our family members go to work. We are afraid to go shopping and go to a grocery store to buy our groceries. It's no wonder why God spoke so much about being afraid in scripture.

Yes, the word afraid is all through the scriptures, however most times it is preceded by **"DO NOT."** In Genesis 26:24, it says; **"Do not be afraid; for I am with you."** In Jeremiah 1:8, it says; **"Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.** In Matthew 10:28, it says; **Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot destroy the soul.** In Mark 5:36, it says; **"Don't be afraid, just believe."** These are just a few of the examples of what scripture says about fear...DO NOT BE AFRAID!

I have read that **F-E-A-R** can have one of two meanings: 'Forget Everything And Run' or it can mean 'Face Everything And Rise.' Folks, the choice is yours.

***For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.
II Timothy 1:7***

If ever there was a time for Christians to rise up and show the world that God has given us a spirit of power, of love

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OCTOBER

**Newsletter
Deadline**

September 24

SPECIAL DATES

- Labor Day, September 7
- Patriot Day, September 11
- National Grandparents Day, September 13
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15
- First day of autumn, September 22



Deadline for
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SEPTEMBER 24

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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

and of self-discipline that time is now. It doesn't mean that bad things won't ever happen. It just means that when bad things do happen, we don't have to be afraid. God has got this. And even better... God has got us! Do not be afraid!!

In His service,
Diane



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Love one another: a command from God. We are to love one another as God loves us. This is the focus of our fall lessons. During September we will look at the story of Joseph. The jealousy in Jacob's family led to Joseph's slavery in Egypt, but Joseph's faith in God and commitment to love helps redeem the tragic situation and unite the family. Join us for studies of Old Testament scripture at 9:45 in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Children's Sunday school class continues to meet in the preschool classroom with social distancing measures observed.

ON-LINE SERVICES CONTINUE

As you know, we reopened Friendship Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 17. We are so excited to physically be able to worship with our church family.

With that being said, we want you to know that we will also continue to have online worship which will be recorded during the worship service on Sunday morning and will be available sometime Sunday afternoon. We are providing this online service for the people who don't yet feel comfortable being in large groups and we respect your decision. Also, we ask that if you are sick, please stay home.

(((ONLINE WORSHIP)))

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www.friendshippresbyterianchurch.weebly.com

MISSION UPDATES



School Kits: It's August and that means back to school and this is the month in which the Friendship Presbyterian Women gather school supplies and pack school kits for Church World Service. We ask for donations of blunt scissors, notebooks (70 page count), 12" rulers, hand held pencil sharpeners, unsharpened pencils with erasers, boxes of 24 crayons. For the artistic, bags with be on the table that can be decorated...just no camouflage or wording. All items Kits will be needed by Sunday, September 6 or bring to the Presbyterian Women's meeting on Wednesday, September 9.

Watch for the sign up sheet for donations coming soon.

Hygiene Kits: Our Presbyterian Women's Group also collects hygiene kits for World Church Service in September. If you are willing, you are asked to make a kit. You will need 1 hand towel 15"x28" to 16"x32"(no fingertip,. dishtowel or micro fiber), 1 washcloth, 1 wide-tooth comb with at least 6 inches of teeth removed from packaging (no pocket combs or picks) , 1 fingernail or toenail clipper also removed from packaging, 1 bath size bar of soap, 1 toothbrush in original package, 10 standard size band-aids. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove excess air and seal. Do not add extra items including toothpaste.

Kits will be needed by Sunday, September 6 or bring to the Presbyterian Women's meeting on Wednesday, September 9.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS: FPC Presbyterian Women continue to collect donations of interview and work-appropriate women's clothing, handbags, shoes, jewelry. All items should be in excellent condition with no obvious tears, stains, missing buttons or broken zippers.

If you have items you would like to donate, bring them to the cloak room at the worship center (on hangers). We are hoping to make another delivery in August.



FPC Presbyterian Women will meet on September 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Back to school Prayer

Dear heavenly Father,
As our children
Return to school
We look again
To your eternal faithfulness.
Watch over our beloved ones.
Let your Spirit go before them
To prepare the way
And open the doors
That lead to your grace.
Guide them away from harm.
May your mighty Spirit defend them
From any aggression or attack.
Equip them with discernment
And strength of character.
Let them be free to live and learn
As children of God.
Give us, dear Lord,
The wisdom and patience
To know when to speak or be still
As their parents and caretakers.
Always remembering
That they are yours
From the beginning;
Their lives a loving gift to us
From Almighty God.
We trust in you,
We depend upon you.
Care for your children,
Oh heavenly Father.
In Jesus name,
Amen.

Prayer List

"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord."
James 5:16

Anne D.
The Alben Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Kayla Brundige
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Cooperstown
Congregation
Kay Curtis
Bessie Datt
Heather Datt
Winnie Davis
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Bertha Durnell
Randy Durnell
Blanche English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
David Hall

Kimberly Harrison
Nancy Huntington
Timothy James
Jennie Jamieson
Rev. William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Lisa Leach and Family
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen Piper
Jon Richards
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Helen Taggart
Joe Vivelio

Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
Jeremy (God will know which one).
Our military at home and abroad
Persecuted Christians around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
All those who have been impacted by COVID19

OUR COUNTRY, OUR WORLD

THE LABOR TO WHICH WE ARE CALLED

In words attributed to Mother Teresa, "Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus." As we celebrate Labor Day, what does such a distinction mean?

Vocation comes from Latin for "calling." Christians understand vocation as that for which God created you, involving activities you do well, enjoy and feel good about doing, and that serve others. If you're blessed to earn a paycheck doing something that fits those categories, then your profession or occupation — your work — likely is your vocation.

Other people work a paying job because an opportunity presents itself and the income is needed, even if it isn't their favorite thing to do. Perhaps they live out their truest vocation during non-employment hours: singing with a choir, raising children, building houses with Habitat for Humanity.

Christians in any capacity, paid or not, can live out Jesus' calling to love God and neighbor with our whole being (Luke 10:27). When God is "CEO" of our lives, it shows in how we treat our fellow laborers.

Newsletter Newsletter:
September 2013



BIRTHDAYS

Isabella Vukson, 9/1
Marianna Crawford, 9/7
Anastacia Crawford, 9/10
Melanie Frampton, 9/11
Nicholas Frampton, 9/16
Lillian Whitehouse, 9/16



REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & SENIOR LIVING

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Orchard Manor
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JUST FOR FUN

A BUSHEL OF BOOKS




Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

What you do:


1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



school	— ○ — — —
paper	— ○ —
wisdom	— — ○ —
read	— — — ○
play	— — — — —
learn	○ — — — —
grow	— ○ — — — —
pencils	— — — — —
pray	— ○ — — —
art	— — — — —
student	— — — ○ — —
kids	— — ○ — — —
apple	— — ○ — — —

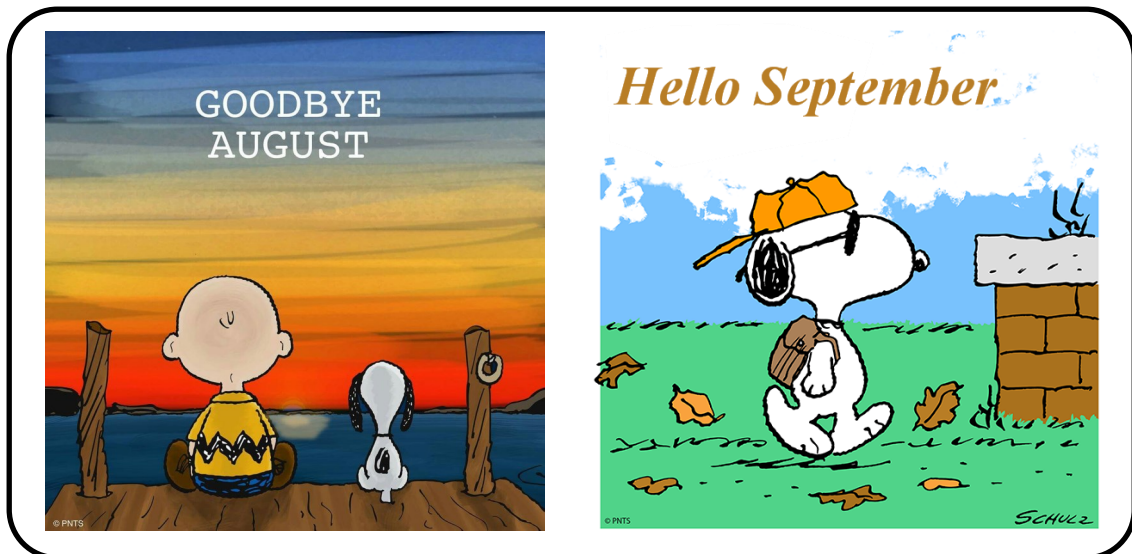
“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be — — — — — and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous



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