



Among Friends

FEBRUARY, 2024

OPENING THOUGHTS

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven

Charles C. Converse

Recently while preparing for a Sunday School lesson about faith, I was reminded of some words from the old hymn "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." A line from the hymn.... *O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer...* really struck a note with me even though I have sung those words many times. I could have saved myself a lot of grief had I taken these words to heart.

This Christian hymn was originally written by a preacher, Joseph M. Scriven, as a poem in 1855. He wrote it to comfort his mother who lived in Ireland while he was in Canada. He published the poem anonymously but received credit for it in the 1880s. Charles Crozak Converse composed the tune in 1868. The hymn has many versions with different lyrics in many different languages.

I also learned in this lesson that the phrase "Do not be afraid" or "Do not fear" appears in the Bible approximately 365 times. That's one scripture per day (except for leap year) to remind us to not be afraid or fearful. I am reminded that God is always with us. He strengthens us. He gives us wisdom and peace, one day at a time.

Submitted by Ruth Keith

Sources: Wikipedia, David C. Cook Teacher's Guide

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MARCH

**Newsletter
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Worship With Us

(((ONLINE WORSHIP)))

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FEEL GUILTY
FALLING ASLEEP
WHILE PRAYING?

let me ask you...

HOW DO YOU
FEEL WHEN
YOUR CHILD
FALLS ASLEEP
IN YOUR LAP?

*i'm glad
that's settled.*



Deadline for
MARCH
submission of
information is
FEBRUARY 21

Submit to:
Sue Datt via
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Harrisville, PA 16038

E-mail:
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724-991-5863

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

FEBRUARY EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

FEBRUARY	AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 4	WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Worship Center. Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Carl Baughman will be leading the service.
FEBRUARY 11	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Worship Center. Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Willard Morse will be leading the service.
FEBRUARY 14	ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Worship Center. Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Rob Ramey will be leading the service.
FEBRUARY 19	PRESIDENT'S DAY
FEBRUARY 25	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT WORSHIP SERVICE: Worship begins at 11:00 a.m., Worship Center. Sunday School (for all ages) begins at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Dave Fox will be leading the service.



YOU are invited to submit an article (Your Thoughts) on something you find inspirational or informational for an upcoming newsletter.

FPC UPDATES

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Adult Sunday School: Our continuing series of lessons about faith continue in March on the topic that the righteous live by faith. We live in the power of God in the fiery furnace and in times of trouble. We live in God's purpose. Lessons come from Isaiah 40, Daniel 3 and 6 and Habakkuk 2. All are welcome to join in a time of Bible study, discussion and sharing every Sunday at 9:45am.

Young Adult Sunday School: The class will be studying the book of Revelation. They will learn that the book of Revelation is a book with John's message from the glorified Christ. It contains a stern warning against spiritual complacency. Christ is triumphant, and God will soon judge the nations of the earth. John anticipates that God will make a new heavens and a new earth, a new city of Jerusalem.

Both classes meets at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday.



FPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Meetings will resume in March. Be thinking about any projects we could be working on.

REMINDER: We need cakes for the Slippery Rock fireman's fish dinner on March 1. They need to be dropped off at the firewall that morning.



MISSIONS UPDATE

FEED MY SHEEP FOOD CUPBOARD:

For February boxes of pudding and gelatin as well as cake mix and icing are requested (or anything else you wish to contribute). Items will be delivered in mid February.



Food Cupboard Statistics: January 2024

Families: 118 Total family members: 209
Adults: 94 Children: 50 Seniors: 65
New families: 9

Slippery Rock Boro: 35 families
Slippery Rock Area: 66 Families
Harrisville: 17 families

Thank you for all your generous support!
We could not help our friends and neighbors without you!

If you know someone in need, please tell them to call us
at 724-421-5274



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET DRIVE:

Looking for the perfect valentine gift?? Share the gift of warmth and shelter when you donate \$5 toward the purchase of a wool blanket through Church World Service.

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

When you donate \$5, a red heart will be added to the blanket hung in the sanctuary. Let's fill the blanket again this year!

Donation envelopes will be available in the vestibule. Our CWS Blanket Drive will run through the months of February and March.



SALVATION ARMY: Doris Allison reports that a total of \$10,194.55 was donated to the Slippery Rock Salvation Army during the 2023 Bell Ringing Season.

Thank you to those who volunteered to man the kettle on December 23. The amount collected on that day was \$1,120.20.



Thank you, Doris, for your work in scheduling us for our time slots and for your work as the treasurer for the SR Salvation Army. Doris and her assistant, Ruth Keith, are responsible for the counting of the money throughout the "Kettle Campaign," Thank you ladies!

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.
April and Todd Bentley
Bonnie of Georgia
Christy Francine
The Alben Family
Lincoln Alford
Leslie Alford
Doris Allison and Family
Carly Atkisson
The Family of Tammy Baker
Zachary Barto
Jan Bloom
Candy Boulanger
Joanne Campbell
Martie Cooper
Louise Corbett
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Heather Datt
Jim Dickey
Robert “Mouse” Dickey
Harold Eichholtz.
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman

Chris Hogg
Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Joe Lowers
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Patty Jo Porter
Jon Richardson
Bernie Rihel
Bill & Chris Schroeder
George Sonnet & Family
Jane Spencer
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Benjamin Vukson
Michelle Whitehouse
Megan Lind Zimmer
Our military at home & abroad
Persecuted Christians around the world

Alpha Omega Center Feed
My Sheep Food Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
Cooperstown Church Family
Friendship Church Family
S. R. Community Nursery School
Trevor Wood’s Ministry

The people of Israel and those innocent people who have been caught in the crossfire.

The people of Ukraine and Russia, their leaders, the world leaders and the world’s people.

Our country and the leaders of our government.

The BEST THINGS about FEBRUARY



And Celebrating THESE people!!!

BIRTHDAYS

- Fred Barron - 2/1
- Bernie Rihel - 2/5
- Don Bickel - 2/10
- Evelyn Vargo - 2/21
- Daniel Sybert - 2/27
- Paul Vukson - 2/29

ANNIVERSARY

Bill and Gail Kreuzer
February 15

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to look for the sign!



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEN GOD IS IN YOUR HEART LOVE IS IN YOUR HOME

To Book Call: 724-738-0953

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LOVE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS IS ONE OF THE BEST LOVES OF ALL

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75 YEARS |  **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 31, 2024

Again this year, Friendship Presbyterian Church will join Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing:

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**
- **Presbyterian Hunger Program**
- **Self-Development of People**

All work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

This offering will be collected on Easter Sunday and the Sunday following Easter.



IN THIS SEASON OF LENT,
we follow Jesus' example;
walking alongside the most vulnerable
to partner in repairing the harm inflicted upon them.
WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER;
and we are there with those who need us.

Please give generously.
IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT



Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Serving God...Serving You



As the new year begins, it is time to think about the purposeful work of our Per Capita contributions. Which leads to the question **"WHAT IS PER CAPITA?"**

Per Capita is an annual per member apportionment (**\$44.20 for 2024**) that funds presbytery, synod, and general assembly efforts.

\$32.00 annual contribution to support Presbytery infrastructure necessary for mission in Beaver and Butler Counties

\$2.40 annual contribution to the Synod, which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio

\$9.80 annual contribution to the Office of General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations.

Please place your Per Capita Apportionment in the offering plate or mail in (877 Franklin Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057) by February 28.



LANCASTER / GETTYSBURG, PA
JUNE 6-7, 2024
2 Days - 1 Night

Tour Cost: \$430 per person double occupancy
\$420 per person triple occupancy (two beds)
\$410 per person quad occupancy (two beds)
\$490 per person single occupancy

Tour Includes: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation
One night accommodations Country Inn & Suites
One Breakfast - Day 2, Country Inn & Suites
Dinner—Day 1, Amish Family-Style
Dinner—Day 2, General Picket's Buffet (tentative)
Sight and Sound Theatre – DANIEL
Bird-in-Hand Bakery (Goodies) Kitchen Kettle Village
Gettysburg Visitors Center Museum / Battlefield Tour
All taxes and meal gratuities

Deposit Due: \$50.00 per person to guarantee your reservation

Balance Due: Friday, May 3, 2024

Checks Payable: Jeff Cross

Forward to: Jeff Cross
328 South Main Street
Harrisville, PA 16038



Please call Jeff Cross to save your place! (724) 498-5957

PLEASE NOTE: A \$50.00 deposit is required for your reservation. In the event the trip would be cancelled due to lack of participation, deposits will be fully refunded. After final payment has been made, it is the responsibility of the traveling passenger(s) to find a replacement in order to receive a refund.

TENTATIVE TIME ITINERARY

Thursday, June 6

7:00 a.m. Board — Friendship Presbyterian Church
7:30 a.m. Departure with rest stop enroute
12:00 p.m. Kitchen Kettle Village (Lunch on your own)
1:45 p.m. Check-in Country Inn & Suites, Lancaster 717-299-4460
3:00 p.m. SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE — DANIEL
6:15 p.m. *Dinner — Amish Family-Style
8:00 p.m. Hotel (Indoor Pool)

Friday, June 7

a.m. *Breakfast — Country Inn & Suites
8:15 a.m. Check-out and departure from hotel
8:30 a.m. Bird-In-Hand Bake Shop - Goodies!
12:00 p.m. Gettysburg Visitors Center (lunch on your own)
1:00 p.m. Gettysburg Film
2:30 p.m. Battlefield Tour
5:00 p.m. *Dinner — General Picket's Buffet (tentative)
6:30 p.m. Departure for return trip home and rest stop
10:00 p.m. Return — Friendship Presbyterian Church

** Meals included with tour cost*

JUST FOR FUN



Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help



What you do:

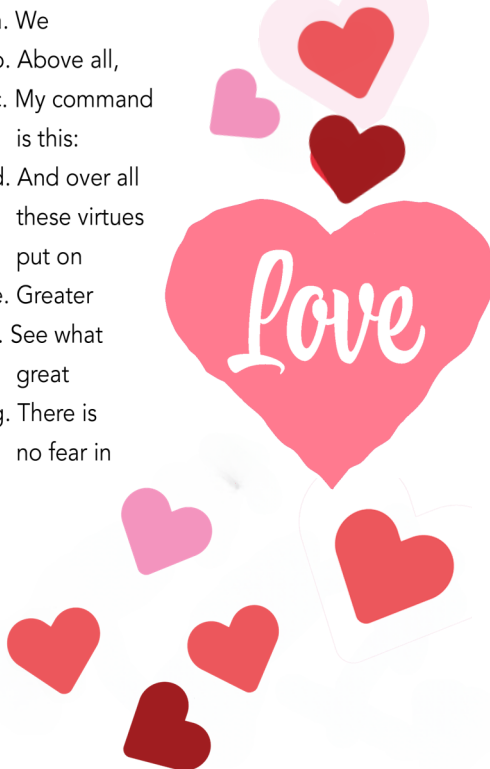
1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.



CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love, which connects us to God and to one another.

Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse (on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse (on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.

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| <p>a. We</p> <p>b. Above all,</p> <p>c. My command is this:</p> <p>d. And over all these virtues put on</p> <p>e. Greater</p> <p>f. See what great</p> <p>g. There is no fear in</p> |  | <p>1. each other as I have loved you. John 15:12</p> <p>2. has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13</p> <p>3. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18</p> <p>4. each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8</p> <p>5. the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1</p> <p>6. because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19</p> <p>7. which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14</p> |
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Answers: a 6, b 4, c 1, d 7, e 2, f 5, g 3





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