

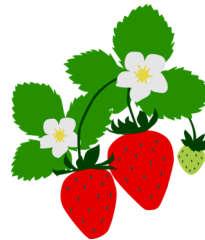


Among Friends

JUNE, 2023



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Greetings,

This past week I did a funeral for a woman who was 92-years-old. She called me about a month ago and asked me if I would do her funeral. She had planned every detail of the funeral. Her death made me think about the brevity of life. One day you are 5-years-old and playing outside and before you know it you are 92 and planning your funeral.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?” John 14:1

John 14 is entitled “Jesus Comforts His Disciples.” Think about that for a moment, Jesus...the teacher, the healer, the miracle worker, the Messiah also wanted to give comfort to his disciples.

Jesus is preparing a place for you and for me in heaven. And when does Jesus tell His disciples this? He told them right before Peter would deny Him. Jesus looked ahead and He saw the denial, the betrayal, the pain and the death ahead of Him. And still He took time to give comforting words to His disciples. Jesus was saying to them and He is saying to us, “Do not let your hearts be troubled... TRUST ME!”

Folks, we can be troubled by all the stuff that is happening around us or we can TRUST. We can allow the struggles and difficulties of today trouble us or we can TRUST. We can allow the disappointments in this life to get us down or we can TRUST.

Jesus wanted His disciples to know this before their world would seemingly fall apart...and He wants us to know this truth also... throughout our lives, He will be with us.

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Life can be difficult. Life can be disappointing. Life can be down right hard some days. And life can be short. But Jesus will give us comfort all the days of our life. Do you need the comfort of Jesus this day? “Do not let your hearts be troubled... **TRUST!**



In His service,
Diane

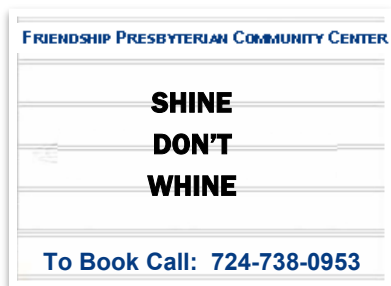


UPCOMING EVENTS AT FPC

LOOK FOR THE SIGN!

Submitted by Evelyn Vargo

When driving past the Community Center don't forget to watch for the signs of humor and encouragement.



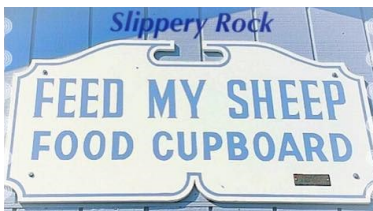
- June 4** **TRINITY SUNDAY**
Communion and Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.,
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., Worship Center
- June 10** **SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT**, we will be
entertained by “Basement Band,” featuring
vocalist Sandy McConnell and guitarist Greg
Vanderveen. Plan on joining us for the evening
of music, fun, food, and fellowship!
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., Concert at 7:00
p.m. Church members are asked to bring
some “goodies” to share.
- June 11** **Worship Service**, 11:00 a.m., **Sunday school** at
9:45 a.m., Worship Center.
- June 14** **FPC Presbyterian Women Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.,
Community Center. Our Bible study is on
Scattered Emotions. We will elect officers for
next year. Hostesses are Michelle Whitehouse
and Cindy Cross. All women of the church are
invited.
- June 18** **FATHER'S DAY**
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m., **Sunday school** at
9:45 a.m., Worship Center.
- June 21** **First Day of Summer**
- June 25** **Worship Service**, 11:00 a.m., **Sunday school** at
9:45 a.m., Worship Center.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FPC?

MISSIONS UPDATE



Clothing Drive: Two deliveries have been made to **All Good Things** in Grove City. Thank you for your donations. Deliveries will be made when the tote gets full. Remember to place clothing in bags, Items should be clean and not have any cigarette or moldy smell. You can donate men's, women's and children's clothing.



Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard: The item of the month is crackers....any kind of crackers. We will take donations through the last Sunday of June since we got started late in May. Watch for the next item of the month.

THE SATURDAY CONCERT



The **Second Saturday Concert**, June 10, will be presented by "**Basement Band**" featuring area vocalist Sandy McConnell and guitarist Greg Vanderveen. Their program includes country and folk music, rock-n-roll, and oldies.

Invite your friends and neighbors to what is sure to be a great concert. Doors open at 6:30 for snacks, beverages, and fellowship. The concert begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Church members are asked to bring snacks and desserts.



COMING IN JULY — On **July 8**, we will welcome the return of **Debbie and Barry Wiles**. This dynamic husband and wife duo always provide an amazing program of Christian Music which includes their heartfelt testimony of the work of Jesus in their lives.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Adult Sunday School: Our summer lessons focus on the righteous reign of God. In June we will study from the prophets (Isaiah, Ezekiel, Zephaniah and Zechariah) looking at God's powerful and peaceful reign, the promised Messiah, and the concept of God's appointed king. All are welcome to join us for a time of Bible study and discussion at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.

.YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The young adult Sunday school class will be studying rules to live by. They will be learning how to apply some of the commands that God gave his people. Students will learn what it means to follow God's commands, and they will find that honoring God is the best way to live. The class meets each week at 9:45 a.m.

Prayer for Protection

By James Dillet Freeman

The LIGHT of God surrounds me.

The LOVE of God enfolds me.

The POWER of God protects me.

The PRESENCE of God watches over me.

Wherever I am GOD IS, and all is well.

Submitted by Chris Hogg

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
Leslie Alford
The Allison Family
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Tammy Baker
Zachary Barto
Jan Bloom
Kayla Brundige
Tyler Burson
Joanne Campbell
Martie Cooper
Martie Cooper’s Brother
Louise Corbett
Jeff & Cindy Cross
Heather Datt
William Datt
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
Chris Hogg

Timothy James
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Joe Lowers
Amber Matteo
Will McCoy
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
David Parker
Bernie Rihel
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Cindy Solman’s Mother & Sister
George Sonnet & Family
Jane Spencer
Joe Vivelo
Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
Joan West (and her family)
Michelle Whitehouse
Megan Lind Zimmer (Joan West’s granddaughter.)
Woman from Michigan

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

All those who have been impacted by COVID19.

All those impacted by mass shootings in the United States.

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



DIVINE DANCE



Using the fancy word perichoresis (from Greek for “around” and “contain”) may win you admiring — or strange! — looks. But since the 7th century, people have used it as a beautiful image of the Persons of the Holy Trinity containing and permeating one another. A more familiar word, choreography, has led to recent understandings of perichoresis as the divine and eternal dance of love.

Picture three dancers’ synchronized yet independent movements. Weaving gracefully in and out, each seems to know what the others will do next. They may touch lightly but don’t constrain or impede one another. Though distinct individuals, they move so fluidly together that they are, in a sense, one entity.

Even more profound: Jesus invites us into the dance! “If you love me,” he says, “you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth. ... I will come to you. ... I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you” (John 14:15-20, ESV). As the actions of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit interweave in Scripture and in the world, may our lives too be drawn into the loving dance.



BIRTHDAYS

Nathaniel Vukson, 6/5
Michele Lagnese, 6/28
Lily Sybert, 6/30



ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Sandy Grosky
June 8
Dave & Donna Walker
June 26



JUST FOR FUN

SEASONAL HUMOR. . .

FOR SUMMER:

- Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use a honeycomb.
- Where do you learn to make ice Cream?
Sundae School
- Where do crayons go on vacation?
COLOR-ADO.
- Why did the cookie go to the doctor's?
It was feeling crumby.

FOR BASEBALL SEASON:

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. *Then it hit me.*
- *What did the baseball glove say to the ball? "Catch ya later!"*
- Why are frogs good baseball players?
Because they're good at catching flies.
- Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? *She ran away from the ball.*
- Why did the stadium get hot after the game? *All of the fans left.*
- The difference between driving and baseball is that hit-and-runs are okay in baseball.

FOR SUMMER WEDDINGS:

- The wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.
- Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? *They met on the web.*



- Two cell phones got married. The reception was terrific!
- Why did the King of Hearts and the Queen of Hearts get married? *They were perfectly suited.*

AND FOR FATHER'S DAY, SOME DAD JOKES:

- My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.
- We're renovating the house. The first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.
- Why do dads take an extra pair of socks when they golfing? *In case they get a hole in one!*
- SON: I'll call you later.
DAD: Don't call me later, just call me DAD!
- When I was a kid my dad told me I could be anyone I wanted to be. *Turns out identify theft is a crime!*
- When does a joke become a "Dad's Joke?"
When it fully groan....



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