

PARISH NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN, NJ



A service for the Indonesian Fellowship, clockwise from top left: Anake Karoll, Masje Rantung, Roby Sanger, Conny Mandagi, and Mason Pacional

THE BEAUTY OF HEALING

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1 WHAT WE CAN'T DO IS DO NOTHING

The Social Justice Committee

Over the last few weeks, our national immigration and sanctuary policies and practices have changed drastically, creating immediate concern for, and possible threats to some members of our church community.

But what can we do?

When overbearing and overwhelming things like this happen in the world, that's the natural question to ask.

The important thing to remember is, it's not the words themselves, but, rather the intention behind them that can make an impact.

Is it "But what can **we** do? We're just a Presbyterian Church in the middle of New Jersey. Can **we** really change anything?"

Or is it "But **what** can we do?"

We believe, based on our Church's past actions, that we can't stand by and watch any harm come to any members of our own church community.

What we will do is work together, with our affected community members, and pool our combined efforts towards a path forward, guided by the history of this house of worship and the words of this passage:

Psalm 146:9 *"The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin."*

Over the last month, the Social Justice Committee has met and emailed and texted many times about creating a safe space for all those affected by the new immigration and sanctuary initiatives put in place nationally. Historically, this is a topic that is very close to our congregation's heart. We have marched about it, we have prayed on it, we have created policy for it. Yet, it's clear that it's time to revisit and refresh our policies and actions, given the changes underway. To start, here are some of the things that our committee is working on immediately:

Collecting and disseminating a set of rights that are paramount in situations of confrontation, that individuals and organizations alike should have on hand and know about. Even those not personally affected should be aware of these individual rights, and be ready to speak up and bear witness - training opportunities will be provided. Look for updates to our website, bulletin boards, and a Second Hour Forum.

Furthering our support of sister organizations like Interfaith-RISE (Refugee and Immigrant Services & Empowerment) who are struggling amidst the uncertainty of federal fund-freezing. Thank you to all who responded so very generously to the committee's appeal. Please continue to hold this organization and its work in your hearts.

Advocating for our community's support of the Immigrant Trust Act, to allow New Jerseyans to seek protection and support from state and local agencies without fear of deportation. Increasing trust in public agencies allows all people, regardless of immigration status, to seek public services that are essential to the health, education, and well-being of their families and the broader community. This builds a stronger, fairer, more welcoming community for everyone, which aligns with our church's mission.

Reminding all of the policies of support for those at risk, that this Church's Session has voted into place over 6 years ago. Please reach out to our Pastors for more information, especially those who might feel threatened or concerned.

Exploring options for legal assistance, should it be required by members of our church community.

A wise member of the committee reminded us all that **this will be a marathon, not a sprint. In that spirit**, the Committee will continue to move forward with planning and executing to the best of our collective abilities.

Much easier when it comes from a place of love and community.

ANOINT YOUR HEAD WITH OIL

Rev Fred Garry

When the season for the funeral comes, let the dead body be decently attended to the grave, and buried. During such solemn occasions, let all who attend conduct themselves with becoming gravity; and apply themselves to serious meditation or discourse; and the minister, if present, may exhort them to consider the frailty of life, and the importance of being prepared for death and eternity.

- Book of Order, Directory of Worship, Chapter 13.

When the season of Lent approaches I am reminded of the direction given for funerals in the Book of Order. This was the direction from 1789-1960. Unlike much of the Book of Order, this remained the same for quite some time. I ponder this direction because Lent seems to be about a “becoming gravity” and “serious meditation.” This is a time to “consider the frailty of life.”

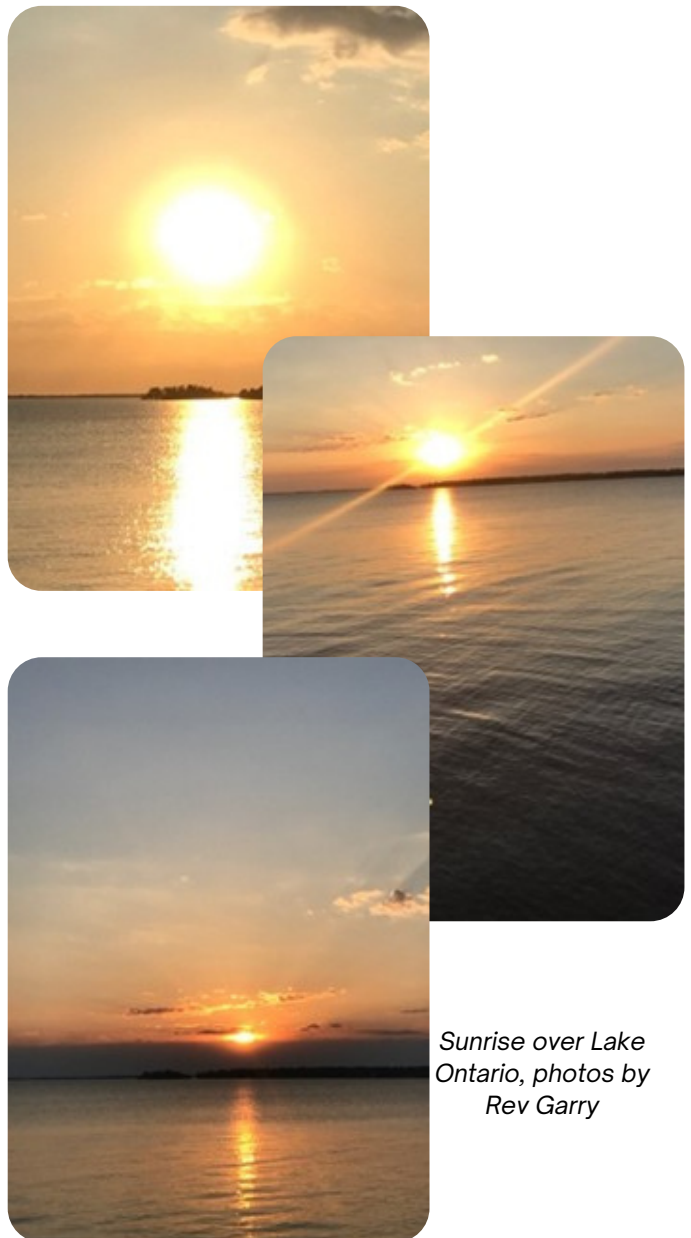
Yet, as I consider the frailty and the gravity, a part of me always finds this forced in Lent. At a funeral this sobriety makes sense. Loss, grief, heartbreak, these are sad and no one escapes mourning untouched by solemnity. From March 5-April 19 to abide in serious meditation wherein we are “prepared for death”? That feels imposed. The protestant in me always wants to protest the “no hallelujahs in Lent.” When I consider the fasting and the penance and the restrictions I want to say, “life is hard enough.”

Three things to consider as you approach Lent this year. Remember the direction of Jesus. If you fast, anoint your head with oil. In other words, don’t look downcast, don’t be sad. Anointing one’s head with oil is an act of healing and beauty. In a sense he is saying if you are going to “impose” ashes also “impose” oil.

Second, America is experiencing a crisis of sadness right now. There are an ever-growing number of “deaths of despair.” For the first time in a century our life expectancy has gone down because so many people are dying of suicide and overdose. If you are going to “consider the frailty of life” consider the need for hope overcoming despair, consider how much the

church needs to be light today for those struggling with darkness.

Lastly, consider the sunset. The three pictures below are taken within a few minutes of each other. Each is beautiful. What I love in such a moment is to remember how fleeting is time, how brief the moment of splendor. So often as I watched the sun set over Lake Ontario, I was struck by how prepared I felt to live life. The colors “imposed” an oil as it were and healed me. So often there is more than enough sadness, darkness. What a different Lent we may experience if our discipline was to find the “frailty of life” in splendor



Sunrise over Lake Ontario, photos by Rev Garry

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Reverend Khayla Johnson

Spring is in the air, I can feel it. Maybe it's not in the air yet, but I am impatiently waiting for the warmth to come. Spring is like that one friend who shows up to the party fashionably late, but when they do, suddenly everything's brighter, the air smells better, and you're like, "Okay, I forgive you for taking forever!" Flowers start popping up like they've been waiting for the invite, trees put on fresh leaves like new outfits, and even the sun's like, "Alright, I'm back! Let's turn up the heat, but not too much!"

I am ready for spring because my southern soul can only take so much snow, and there seems to have been way more than I anticipated this winter. I am also ready for spring because we get to celebrate my role here at FPC Metuchen with a service of installation just for me.

Well, what is this installation service? I'm glad you asked. *"When the congregation, the presbytery, and the minister of the Word and Sacrament (or candidate) have all concurred in a call to a permanent or designated pastoral position, the presbytery shall complete the call process by organizing and conducting a service of installation. Installation is an act of the presbytery establishing the pastoral relationship."* G-2.0805

"The service of installation shall focus upon Christ and the joy and responsibility of serving him through the mission and ministry of the church..." G-2.0403

With joy I am planning a worship service that brings together important people in my life and new friends to celebrate the journey we are embarking on together. Picking out my favorite pieces of music, putting together a bulletin with the names of my dearest friends as participants and feeling thankful the Metuchen has treated me so well.

Planning worship is a joyful process that allows for creativity and connection. It's about thoughtfully crafting an experience that invites people into a deeper relationship with God, and that celebrates such a joyous occasion. Joy comes from blending intentionality with

inspiration. It's a rewarding mix of preparation and flexibility, where the effort put in makes a tangible difference in my own worship experience.

I'm really enjoying this new job—it's like they handed me the keys to the office and said, "Go ahead, make yourself at home!" Except I'm still trying to figure out where the stapler lives and why the coffee machine has a personal vendetta against me. But honestly, every day's a new adventure, from getting to know the team to pretending I know what I'm doing during meetings. I may not have all the answers yet, but I am thankful to each of you who have welcomed me into this community!

Celebrating together is a powerful reminder of the joy found in community. Whether it's a small gathering or a larger event, coming together to share in moments of joy, gratitude, or achievement creates bonds that deepen relationships. The collective energy of laughter, singing, or even quiet reflection enhances the experience, making it more meaningful than if done alone. There's something truly special about the way shared celebrations can uplift spirits, foster connection, and create lasting memories.

So, I hope you will join me for the service of installation on March 30th at 3pm in the sanctuary to formally celebrate my call to become the Associate Pastor.



Reverend
Johnson
serving
communion

HOLY WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday	Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday	Friday, April 18 Good Friday	Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday
9:30 AM One Church Together Intergenerational Worship Service	7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion & Tenebrae	7:00 PM Indonesian Fellowship Good Friday Worship Service	7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service with Communion in the Cemetery
7:00 PM Candlelight Concert: Music of the Passion Sung by FPC Choral Scholars	 	 	9:30 AM Easter Morning Worship Service
			11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

MAUNDY THURSDAY: SOMETHING NEW

Jordan Klotz

I often hear, especially from parents of current or former Junior Choir members, that the Maundy Thursday worship service is one of their favorite each year because they get to hear the Junior Choir sing “A Lenten Love Song” by Helen Kemp, perhaps better known by its opening lyrics, “Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane...” (Junior Choir members having spent considerable time, of course, to learn to pronounce the word “Geth-se-ma-ne”).

The best traditions serve a higher purpose than simply being a tradition, and the use of “A Lenten Love Song” is one of these; it offers an opportunity to teach each of our Junior Choir members, who are in grades 3-6, about Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, from learning to say “Gethsemane,” to singing the words of Jesus in the garden, and learning the ancient Christian Latin text, “Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est,” (“Where charity and love are, God is there”).

Because there is such power in the tradition of singing this anthem by Helen Kemp, it is not going away forever. However, if you attend this year’s Maundy Thursday worship service, you will not hear “A Lenten Love Song.” You will find something quite different.

To start, you will enter the sanctuary and may wonder where the Senior Choir is. Only when you hear them sing, or perhaps, if you turn around, you will find them seated at the rear of the balcony: something new.

Then, you’ll find the liturgy augmented by something we don’t often encounter during worship; various artistic portrayals of Christ’s Passion projected to the front of the sanctuary: something new.

Finally, the tenebrae portion of the service, when candles are successively extinguished until we reach complete darkness, will be accompanied by something quite old and yet new to us. Several Christian traditions bring the Passion to life through organ improvisation; following each reading, the organist offers music that evokes the drama of the passage read, which then leads into a verse of a hymn. In this, the betrayal, suffering, death, and grief are felt vividly, emotion which lingers into each verse of the hymn.

Worship is most powerful when it touches as many of the senses as possible, and in this liturgy, we will taste the bread and cup, we will see images of Jesus’ final moments as the sanctuary falls into darkness, we will hear even the sound of the tomb being slammed shut.

“A Lenten Love Song” is not being retired permanently, nor will its absence mean that the Junior Choir does not learn about the journey through Holy Week. For this year, though, we will find something new.

HOLY WEEK AT FPC: A PERFORMANCE BY THE FPC CHORAL SCHOLARS

Jordan Klotz

In many churches, Palm Sunday looks slightly different, with the joy of children waving palms and hearing about Jesus riding on a donkey turning, during the latter part of the service, to foretell the coming suffering of Christ that lies ahead. “Palm/Passion Sunday,” as it is known, is thought by some to be a relatively new creation, the invention of the folks who assembled the Lectionary (an ecumenical schedule of readings for liturgical worship). This is not so.

Instead, this practice is an ancient tradition of the early Church, recovered by liturgical scholars and re-incorporated into our worship.

At FPC, the “Passion” portion of Palm/Passion Sunday is often expressed in more subtle ways; while some churches may read the entire Passion of Christ at the end of the worship service, there may be a simple nod to what lies ahead in Holy Week in a prayer, or perhaps in a piece of music.

This year’s Palm/Passion Sunday will receive an extra dose of “Passion” during the 7:00 PM Candlelight Concert, “Music of the Passion.” This will combine stories of Jesus’s final days with contemporary accounts of struggle, suffering, and oppression, all featuring a diverse array of composers. Additionally, this concert will help to introduce the FPC Choral Scholars.

If you haven’t yet met them, take this article as an invitation to find and greet our choral scholars, Kevin Catalon, Olivia Dixon, and Will Scott.



The choral scholar program, initiated formally last fall, mirrors similar initiatives found in many other church music programs. Incidentally, some of my earliest work in church music was as a choral scholar.

Choral scholar programs create mutually beneficial relationships between music ministries and college-aged young professionals. Our choral scholars are talented musicians studying voice, music education, church music, etc. At this critical time during the early stages of musicians’ careers, choral scholar programs help create opportunities to put the skills that they are learning during their courses of study into practice, such as conducting choral warm-ups, teaching an anthem to the choir, singing during worship, or nearly anything else that would benefit them as they learn and grow.

The presence of our choral scholars also assists as the Senior Choir learns new and sometimes challenging anthems, with various choir members remarking on how much quicker they feel confident with new music; one choir member has commented that the choral scholars’ presence helps to “bring out the best” in each section (currently, three vocal sections have a choral scholar, the sopranos, tenors, and basses).

The Music Ministry, led by the Worship and Music Commission, has undertaken several fundraisers to support this exciting initiative, inspired by the success the choir found in fundraising for its 2024 tour.

Kevin, Olivia, and Will have quickly become vibrant and valued members of the Senior Choir; I am grateful for their eagerness, flexibility, and kindness and grateful to the choir for the generous welcome it has given them.

If you haven’t had the chance to meet them, you may find them during coffee hour after worship and should say “hello.” Better yet, hear them sing during our final Candlelight Concert of this season, “Music of the Passion,” on Sunday, April 13 (Palm/Passion Sunday) at 7:00 PM.

Photo taken during the October 2024 Candlelight Concert, “Hauntings at the Organ.”

WHAT IS LENT FOR CHILDREN?

Nancy Leardi

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, a time we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Many Christians think of the forty days of Lent as an opportunity to change their daily lives and become closer to God. Explaining this concept to a child, however, can be challenging. Kids may be upset by Jesus' death, confused by changes to their normal routines, and resistant to the Lenten ideal of sacrifice. Discussing the details and

traditions of Lent in kid-friendly ways will aid in their understanding, especially if you make a point to experience Lent together with the child. This colorfully illustrated and spiritually enriching calendar is filled with prayers, thought starters and activities. A step-by-step guide through the season of Lent is featured prominently among these mini meditations. Pick up your calendar at the CE office or in the narthex.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

2025 Lenten Calendar SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 If you had to give away a million dollars, who would you give it to?	10 Lead grace at dinner	11 Make a card for someone who needs extra love	5 Ash Wednesday Talk about the meaning of ashes on this day	6 Write 10 things you are grateful for and carry it with you this lent	7 Give someone a hug!	8 Collect spare change in your house and give it away
16 What are you most grateful for?	17 Imagine what it would be like to be in the desert for 40 days	18 Chat with someone at school you don't normally talk to	12 Go for a walk. What beauty do you notice?	13 Pray for people who help other people and animals	14 Share a happy memory	15 Pray for children around the world
23 Donate food to our local food pantry	24 When you hear a siren, pray for the people who might be in trouble	25 Pray for clean water around the world	19 Think about a person you love. Do something nice for them	20 Pray for your classmates	21 Spend time in prayer.	22 Go through your toys and find a few you are ready to give away
30 What was the best hymn at church today?	31 Pray for your parents	April 1 Pray for the old people in your life	26 Pray for the Government	27 Pray for peace in the world	28 Today, try not to play with toys that require batteries or electricity!	29 Go through your clothes and find some that you are ready to give away
6 Discuss with your parents: How was Jesus a king?	7 Pray for the sick. Make a card for someone who is sick in your church	8 Pray for the homeless. Say hello to them!	2 Notice when you are talking about someone in a bad way and stop	3 Write down 3 nice things about someone you struggle with	4 Pray for the poor	5 Pray for your minister. Draw a picture and send it to them
13 - Palm Sunday Apologize for something you wish you did differently.	14 Write down 3 ways you could be more helpful and then start doing them	15 Pray for all those that have died in the past year	9 Write down 3 things that make you happy	10 Pray for your grandparents (and then call them)	11 Sit with new people at lunch	12 Set aside part of your allowance or piggy bank to donate to church
16 When you shower or take a bath, think about your baptism.			16 When you shower or take a bath, think about your baptism.	17 Maundy Thurs Talk to your parents about Passover and Jesus	18 Good Friday Discuss with your parents: Why did Jesus die?	19 Holy Saturday Write what you have learned about yourself this lent

The Christian Education office has Lenten resources for all ages to borrow. Here are a few!



THE PW AND OUR MALAWI MISSION

Sarah Teti

When Jen Edge, Pastor Fred, and I did our second hour forum about our whirlwind trip to Malawi last October, members of our audience had one final question, and it was the question we were hoping for. The audience piped up with “What can we do?” We asked for \$12,000, which is the cost of building a house for a nurse to live in the village of Mzimba/Luwereze so that this community can finally open their clinic. By mid January, we had collected all the money needed with the outstanding support and matching donations of the Presbyterian Women of FPC. It was remarkable. Now, we are waiting for the honorable Sam Chirwa, member of the Malawian Parliament, to come to our church in March to collect those funds to start the important work in these villages. But who is Sam Chirwa?

Sam Chirwa is a Malawian Parliamentarian who is a trailblazer amongst politicians in the country. Raised in Mzimba/Luwereze, Sam and his siblings were lucky to have parents who prioritized education. I know, because Sams father told me himself! As an adult, Sam began working as a driver for hire by Grace Chiumia, member of parliament. Grace and Pastor Garry have been friends for over 20 years and founded the Widows Fund in Mboi together. Sam and Grace were married by Pastor Garry! Sam soon realized his own political future was taking shape. Sam was elected to parliament in 2019 and has had enormous success helping the people of his constituency, building bridges, digging boreholes, and having an open-door policy to listen to anyone and everyone’s concerns. He is very accessible and very well liked throughout the country.

Sams visit to Metuchen will be his 13th trip to the US. In the past, he visited Pastor Garry’s former congregation in Watertown NY and made lifelong friends there. Many of them have gone on to visit Malawi to see Sam and Grace and participate in the fundraising needed to support their villages and projects. Our hope is that Sam’s visit will do the same this March. We are hopeful that friendships are made and some congregants will want to visit Malawi and see the work in Mzima/Luwereze.

Our plan is to return to Africa at the end of July for ten days, touring the country and meeting the people we are helping in person. Sam is an excellent guide, and it is truly remarkable how much you get to see! Most of our time will be spent travelling the northern part of the country, going from the capital city, Lilongwe, to Mzuzu in the north. On the way we will stop in Mzimba/Luwereze to see the work that your donations helped to complete. We will also visit many other villages to see the work that has already been completed by the church in Watertown so you can see the scope of our plans for the next few years! We will even spend one or two days on safari. The cost of this trip is \$3500 which will cover airfare, lodging, safari, and travel within the country. A few hundred dollars for spending cash is recommended as well. We are hoping that at least three or four members of our church or community will join Pastor Garry and I on this trip! If you are interested or have any questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to call me or email me. I look forward to traveling to Malawi again and I hope you’ll consider joining me!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Please mail your offering envelope or bring it to worship on **Palm Sunday, April 13**. Checks should be payable to First Presbyterian Church and write OGHS in the memo portion of your check. To donate online go to fpcweb.org, click on “Give,” and click on “Give Online” and select the box for One Great Hour of Sharing. You can also text to donate at 855-964-5393, and follow the prompts.

LENTEN CALENDAR

MARCH

5: Ash Wednesday Service
7:30PM in the Sanctuary

12: Lenten Concert Series
Noon in the Sanctuary
Megan Coiley, harpsichord and Marisa Curcio, soprano

19: Lenten Concert Series
Noon in the Sanctuary
Akiko Hosaki, piano

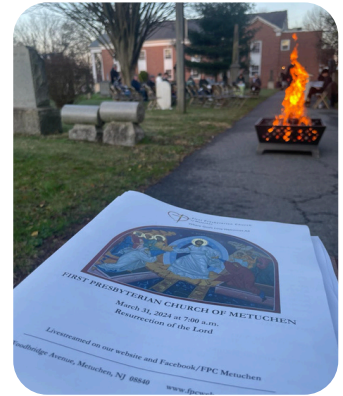
26: Lenten Concert Series
Noon in the Sanctuary
Convoco

23: Cardigan Service
9:30 in the Sanctuary
Join us in honoring Mr. Rogers Day by wearing a cardigan to worship.



FPC Photos of Easter: Susan Short, Virginia Shaw, Deb Teall, Betty Kopetz, and Niall Corbalis prepare the sanctuary for Palm Sunday, 2024

Easter Sunrise Service, 2024



APRIL

2: Lenten Concert Series
Noon in the Sanctuary
Midnight on the Water, violin and cello

9: Lenten Concert Series
Noon in the Sanctuary
Jordan Klotz, organ



Flowers blooming at FPC, 2024

13: Palm Sunday & One Church Together, One Great Hour of Sharing
9:30 in the Sanctuary

An intergenerational worship service with a procession of palms at the beginning of Holy Week and a collection to help our neighbors around the world.

13: Music of the Passion, Candlelight Concert
7PM in the Sanctuary

17: Maundy Thursday Service
7:30PM in the Sanctuary

20: Easter Sunrise Service
7AM in the Cemetery

20: Easter Sunday Worship
9:30 in the Sanctuary

20: Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 in the Ballfield



To the left: Easter Egg Hunt, 2024. To the right: Easter Sunrise Service, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

2. Community Dinner
Social Center, 5PM

16. Pancake Breakfast for Habitat
Social Center, 11AM

APRIL

6. Community Dinner
Social Center, 5PM

25-26. Rummage Sale
Social Center

MAY

3. Car Wash for Habitat
Sanctuary Parking Lot, 9AM

MAY

4. Community Dinner
Social Center, 5PM

17. Tour of Seeing Eye Dog Training
Morristown Campus

Tour begins at 10AM, if interested in carpooling, contact the church office

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR

Stay up to date on all church activities! Scan the QR code or click the link above to visit the online church calendar.



<https://fpcweb.org/resources/events/calendar/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Christian Education

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Easter Egg hunt and other spring/summer programs. Helping children with crafts and stories on Sundays or during the weekday programs can be fun and fulfilling. Having a loving heart towards the young and a flexible nature is encouraged. Contact Nancy Leardi for more information.

Youth Ministry

The youth ministry needs you! There are many opportunities to volunteer to help with youth group, the youth day of service or Habitat. Please contact either Mike Draper, head of our Youth Commission, or Pastor Khayla Johnson for more information.

All Church Nominating Committee

This is YOUR year to serve our church. Do you see yourself serving as an Elder, Deacon, Audit Committee, All Church Nominating Committee, Community Nursery School Board, Youth Elder, Youth Deacon, or on any one of our many Commissions or Committees? The ACNC is beginning the search to fill many positions within our church and we need your help. Contact the church office or Carol Carr (908) 930-6748 for more information or to volunteer.

Community Nursery School

Do you have a hobby or talent that you would like to share with the children of Community Nursery School? CNS is eager for you to meet the four-year-old class and share your talents with them! You can volunteer for one afternoon or several, it is up to you! Please contact Stacy Ambriz, CNS Director, cns@fpcweb.org, or Heather Koball in the church office 732-491-2300

CONTACTING THE PASTORS OR CHURCH STAFF

To reach the church office or any staff member, please call 732-491-2300, during office hours, Mon-Thurs, 9AM-2PM. If you would like to speak or visit with Rev. Fred Garry or Rev. Khayla Johnson, please call the church office or call Rev. Garry at 315-771-3590 or Rev. Johnson at 843-312-7288



EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM

Celebrate the glory of Easter morning this April 20th by decorating our church with a choice of Easter Plants (white lilies, yellow tulips and pink tulips) to honor your loved ones. If you would like to contribute \$10 per lily or tulip, please bring this form to Church or mail to the Office by Sunday, **April 6th.**

Please choose your plant choice by indicating the number of plants you want:

White Easter Lilies _____ (\$10 each)
Yellow Tulips _____ Pink Tulips _____ (\$9 each)

Amount of Check _____ (Please make check payable to First Presbyterian Church)

EASTER

Lily and Tulip Form: Submit by April 6th

Your Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

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IN MEMORY OF:



We remain dedicated to supporting Church World Service's global efforts against hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Please submit your completed form and payment (\$5 per blanket) to the church office by **April 24.** Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, noting "CWS Blankets" on the memo line.

The forms for Father's Day Tools will be made available in the next issue of the Parish News.



MOTHER'S DAY

CWS Blankets Form: Submit by April 24

Your Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

For Bulletin Listing of Donors (Please print)

Given by: _____

IN HONOR OF: (Name and address of honorees)

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Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am

Online Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 am

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