

Hallelujah

March 2024



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SUNDAY IN-PERSON AND STREAMING SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.

Service for the Lord's
Day

9:40-10:30 a.m.

Sunday School
Adult Education

10:45 a.m.

Service for the
Lord's Day
Worship Service



“Between the Dust”

I am sitting in our church parking lot an hour before the drive through imposition of ashes. It is thirty four degrees. I’m sitting here an hour early, because I announced the wrong time and led others to do the same. So, I’m waiting here in the parking lot an hour early, thinking of human frailty, thinking of the cold, thinking of the ways in which we sometimes mess up without meaning to.

One of the great comforts in our tradition is that there is provision made for our frailty. Pushing against our shared puritanical history, the scriptures recognize clearly, that “from dust you were created and to dust you shall return”.

Psalms 103 reads:

*The life of mortals is like grass—
They bloom like a flower of the field;
the wind passes over, it vanishes,
its place remembers it no more.*

This is not to excuse bad behavior, but it is to understand it in ourselves and others. It is to recognize that, in our journey toward Easter living, there are potholes, broken roads, and sometimes scary ledges we must navigate on our way. On our journey toward Easter living, there are no Superwomen and no Supermen. Human frailty is found in all of us.

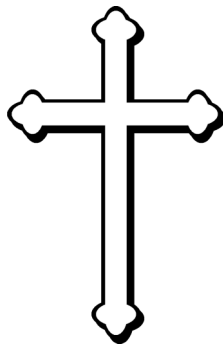


But God has made a deep and profound provision for us. That provision is called Grace. Grace is the pure and freely given gift that is secured by, and abundantly shared with us in Jesus Christ. In Christ, the Spirit indwells us, not so we can float over the water filled potholes, but so we can find God's gracious love, even as our feet are soaked by dingy water.

This Lent instead of "giving something up" we are suggesting that we "add something good" as we journey on. We are suggesting that we focus on God's grace and the Spirit's work in us to help us add practices that will lead to gracious living. This Lent we would like to add a deeper element of living "between the dust"; between our birth and death. What we do matters. So how can we add some simple practices that will help us live more gracious lives?

Two ways to show and practice this is to bring donations to worship for the Caring Ministry, remembering our "Reverse Lenten Calendar" presented in last month's newsletter; and/or place a leaf on the trees in the sanctuary and chapel, symbolizing some gracious practice you will add during this season.

This Lent, let us acknowledge our human frailty while modelling the grace extended to us by the gifts we extend to others.



Holy Week 2024



Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday - 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. services.

Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday - Worship service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Friday, March 29, Good Friday - Worship service at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday.

- Sunrise service at 6:15 a.m. at Sam Lewis State Park.
- 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. services in the Sanctuary.

How to Watch Streaming Services



- Go to our Facebook page during streaming times at:
<https://www.facebook.com/FPCYork/>.
- You can also view live and archived services on YouTube , which is also a good resource for those without Facebook access. Search for “First Presbyterian Church of York” to find the church page on YouTube or go to the web address:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc4cd1uuqYrdN89sjzYCOSw>
- Both links are available on our www.FPCYork.org homepage.
- For those with a “smart TV” or Xfinity, you can use the built-in “YouTube” app and watch our services on your TV.

Please Note: Sundial New Number Sundial Instructions

Our Sundial Ministry is available each Sunday for both services and Adult Education. Sundial begins for the 8:30 service and continues through the end of the 10:45 service.

- 1) Dial: **1-267-807-9601**
- 2) Wait for the operator to answer and then dial the meeting ID: **301402434#**
- 3) **If you receive a busy signal**, call: 1-716-293-9726
Enter the Dial in Number: 267-807-9601
Enter Meeting ID Number: 301402434#

If the dial-in number is long distance for you, please contact Sherry in the Church Office, and she can work with you, so you are not charged long distance fees.



Remote Giving

How to transition to EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer)

Electronic Fund transfer is a way of giving on a schedule via your bank to FPC's bank. Signing up is simple. Provide the following information to Cindy Fields; account number, routing number, amount of contribution, date of withdraw (the 1st, the 16th, or both).

You may provide this information by;

- Sending in a voided check – write on your check the date of withdrawal and the amount.
- Email – only if you are comfortable with this. Please triple check your account numbers for accuracy.
- Calling in – Our voicemail is secure so you can leave all information if no one answers.

Your contributions will continue until you confirm a stop date. You may make contributions to anything through EFT including Caring Ministry.



Online Giving

Online Giving gives you the freedom to control your giving on your schedule and type of payment. Here are instructions:

- 1) Go to www.fpcyork.org and find the GIVE NOW button at the top right of the screen. Clicking on this will take you directly to the FPC giving platform.
- 2) From here you will select the category to which you would like to give and enter the amount.
- 3) Scroll down and select the donation frequency (one time, weekly, monthly, etc.)
- 4) Select a start date. Click Continue.
- 5) Enter your personal information, name, address, account info. It is suggested to create a password so you can access or edit your giving information at a later date.
- 6) Remember to tap the process button.

Congratulations to Rev. Katie Rosenson on her Ordination & Installation here at FPC!



One Great Hour of Sharing

Every year, during the season of Lent, Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by contributing to One Great Hour of Sharing. The funds collected are divided between three important programs of our denomination. 1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) works alongside communities that have experienced natural or human-caused disasters, helping them recover and providing support for refugees. 2. Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and eliminate the systemic causes of poverty, so all may be fed. 3. Self-Development of People (SDOP) invests in communities to help eliminate poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

This offering traditionally is collected on Palm Sunday but may be given anytime during the Lenten/Easter season as long as it is clearly designated for OGHS. Please seek the Lord in prayer as you consider your gift this Holy Season. There are many places in our world today that need assistance from all three of these programs. One Great Hour of Sharing is one way that we can help “Repair the Breach.”



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

SPONSOR THE TRUCK

Every month the Caring Ministry receives between 2000 and 3000 pounds of food from the Central Penn Food Bank (CPFB). The cost of this truck load of staples has been steadily rising, just as food costs have been increasing for all of us.

Our average cost for the truck now ranges from **\$750 to \$1000 per month.**



We are so grateful for the individuals and families who have helped with this expense by sponsoring the truck. We need that support now, more than ever, but need our donors to recognize that we must combine sponsorships each month to fully cover our expenses.

Our sponsors for March: Susanne Motter & Bob and Susan Weikert,
“in honor of Bob’s heart donor and her family”

For more information about this important ministry or to sponsor the truck, please call the church office (717-843-8041) or contact Elizabeth Lauer (elizabeth@fpcyork.org)



Check out the pew racks in the Chapel and Sanctuary for another way to give to the work of Following Jesus. Everywhere. The QR code seen by those streaming our services will now be on cards in the pew racks. This allows for another way to give at any of our services. Forgot cash or your checkbook? No problem - use the QR code and donate. The ongoing gifts and pledges by congregation members and visitors allows us to be a visible witness in the work of Jesus Christ as we seek to Follow Jesus. Everywhere.

Easter Special Offering

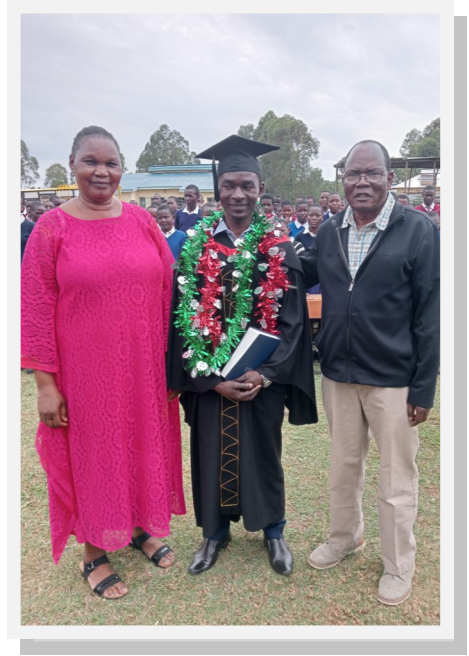
“Food Insecurity” is a growing problem in York. We see this clearly in the sharp rise in the number of neighbors seeking help to feed their families at our Caring Ministry “Ruth Kammer” Food Pantry,

However, what we consider to be a mounting problem in our community pales in comparison with what food insecurity looks like in Africa. Ben and Emily Okello can tell you how hard it is when they can only serve one meal of maize a day to the

85 orphans they have rescued and brought to the Scofield School and Orphanage in Kenya. The food shortage has become so severe in that part of Africa that the Okellos also have had to hire security guards to keep what little grain they have from being stolen.

Because their need is so acute at this time, the Mission Committee has chosen to give the entire amount of the Easter Special Offering to the Okello ministry, in order that they can buy and protect what food is available to them.

Food prices are high in our grocery stores as well, but as you grumble over the cost of everything edible, thank God for what you can afford and ask Him what you can give to help feed others who cannot buy food at any price and for whom “food insecurity” remains an ongoing fact of life.



LUNCH BUNCH

March

3 - Red Lobster
10 - Shangri La
17 - Olive Garden

24 - Crimson Grill
31 - No Lunch Bunch,
Happy Easter!

Gift Cards

Weis and Giant gift cards will be available for sale in the Gathering Place from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on the first Sunday only of each month. Please bring a check or cash to pay for your cards. At no cost to you, 5% of each sale goes to the Caring Ministry.

Knitters Be Mad!

The Mad Hatters knitting group started years ago as an informal group of ladies who liked to knit. We chose the name because we were asked to knit hats for Caring Ministry clients. Since then, the group has also made prayer shawls and prayer squares for the Deacons and church members. However, the ladies in this group also work on personal projects and help each other work on more difficult projects like sweaters and socks. We are a diverse group in what we knit and who we are! If you knit or would like to learn how to knit, please consider joining us on the 4th Monday afternoon of each month in the church parlor from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. We knit, we talk, we have a devotion; and there's always a snack to share! Members and friends of members are welcome to join us. Just contact Sandy Sykes at 717-805-6508 (cell).

ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO JOIN!

JOIN FPC FOR

GAME NIGHT

and Karaoke

Saturday, March 16
6:00 PM
Youth Room

Games to Play

BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES, & VIDEO GAMES FOR EVERY AGE

BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME!

Questions? Call the office at (717) 843-8041 or email stephanie@fpcyork.org

Lectio prayer group

Join us for a time of meditating on God's word by participating in a spiritual practice called "Lectio Divina." The group meets from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the prayer room (room 209) on the fourth Wednesday of every month. This month we will meet on March 27. See Wendy Smith if you are interested in coming or would like more information.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

Between the Dust

A LENTEN JOURNEY | FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 24



CONTEMPORARY SERVICES:

SUNDAYS | FEB 18 & MARCH 10 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

SMALL WONDERS:

SUNDAYS | AGES 5-12 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

MIDWEEK LENTEN LUNCHESES:

WEDNESDAYS | FEB 21 - MARCH 20 | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM



The Racial Justice Committee continues to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in joining us, we meet in Faith Gathering Place at 6:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2024. Plans are underway for the spring dedication of Faith Gathering Place. Watch for more details in the next few weeks.



The Worship Team invites you to attend all of our special services during Lent and Easter! Daniel will have very special music to offer in worship services. Each Wednesday during Lent there are soup lunches at 11:20 a.m. followed by a noon Lenten service with communion.

We will be offering Easter Lilies for sale in honor of, or in memory of, family members. Please purchase as soon as possible because we will only be ordering those purchased and no extra ones. There will be palm fronds ordered for the children and youth for Palm Sunday. Special thanks to Pastor Katie for her meaningful Ash Wednesday sermon. Her words lay on our hearts as we actively live Jesus's story during Lent.

If you have suggestions for the Worship Team to pursue, contact Mari Satterlee, Ellen Chase, or Pat Walters.



Greetings from the Music Ministry!
Lent is upon us, and the month of March will contain lots opportunities to engage with the Music Ministry. As a bonus, we will have an early Holy Week and Easter this year as well.

An Abendmusik Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who attended the January Jazz Vespers and who came out for the Valentine's Dinner Dance. At Jazz Vespers, we engaged over 300 participants, between the full in-person sanctuary and online viewership. And the online viewership continues to go up every day. The proceeds from both events have helped us to position ourselves in a positive direction for planning the rest of the 2024-2025 Series, and to absorb the necessary cuts from the church budget this year.

Lenten Music Opportunities

Lent is a great time to get involved in music here at FPC. Join the choir or the bell choir to participate in this season and as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Share your individual musical gifts in worship or as part of our Wednesday special Lenten Luncheon Services. And of course we have another contemporary service in the middle of the month as well.

Holy Week Preview

We have a wonderful slate of music coming up for Holy Week. It starts on the road to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which will feature our Jubilate Ringers. Maundy Thursday will set the table (literally and figuratively) for a Good Friday mini-cantata of music that follows the story and the Tenebrae. Then on Easter Sunday, experience our wonderful Easter Brass, Choir music, and contemporary offerings. We will sing the Hallelujah Chorus, and anyone can participate by coming up to the loft.

Never too early to think about April (and we're not fooling)

~ Mark your calendars for Dan Brownell's next organ concert, entitled, "An American in Paris." It will feature French inspired music for the organ, and some surprises as well.

~ We hope to launch new webpages designed specifically for the Music Ministry right after Easter.

~ And we also hope that Dan Brownell's solo organ album, "All Grounded," will be available on CD, DVD, and digital download. We hope for the initial sales to be a fundraiser for the church. More information to come.



Mission Update

The Faders, Part Two

Last month In Mission Update, we introduced the Fader family: Dr. Tim and Patti Fader and their four children, Alyssa, Jason, Eli, and Caleb, a family we have supported with our mission dollars for many years. We left them in 1987, as they were moving to Africa to serve as medical missionaries. We are picking their story up there.

Tim and Patti had sensed God calling them to serve the medically needy in Africa after they had covered for another medical missionary family on furlough from Kijabe Hospital in Kenya. During that four-month period, they had fallen in love with the Kenyan people and had experienced their extreme poverty and the limited medical care available to them. As doors began opening to them and obstacles to their moving abroad were removed with little or no effort on their part, they felt certain that God was making the way for them to relocate to Kijabe on a permanent basis. The whole family looked forward to this move.



Tim making teaching rounds

The result of trusting God and following His lead in this matter can be seen in their 16-year medical ministry in Kijabe that followed. Tim's work included treating Kenyan patients and teaching Western Medicine practices to African doctors, helping to establish a medical residency program at Kijabe Hospital to train the next generation of "home grown" doctors. Patti worked with the women and children, using her nursing skills and love for the African people to provide obstetrical care and improve the medical care of children.

Meanwhile the Fader's own children thrived. All four children attended and graduated from Rift Valley Academy, a K-12 Christian boarding school established for the children of missionaries. All four came to the States for college and each graduated with degrees and skills that would be useful on the mission field.

They never felt deprived of anything important. In fact, Eli put it this way: "Kijabe is a child's paradise. Lots of places to explore, ride bikes, play sports, etc. I remember that the Fader boys had a reputation for leaving the house clean and by the time we made it to the school (1/2 mile away) we were covered in dirt and tree sap, and had some kind of creature in our school bag to show our friends."

Patti affirms that the children were very comfortable in Africa and that it was "home" to them. The most difficult time for them was when they returned to the States for furlough every 4 years. Everything was strange to them here. The wealth and waste was hard for them to understand and made them sad. The contrast between the abundance here in our country and the poverty of the people they knew and loved "back home" was undoubtedly part of what informed their career decisions later in life.

FPC played a role in sending the Fader's off by commissioning them for medical mission service before they left the States. Once again doctors from the church travelled to minister with them on personal mission trips. Drs. Pete Piper, Bob MacDougall and Bill Rexrode all served for various periods of time in Kijabe. Pete and Annie Piper stayed for a full year once Dr. Piper had retired.

At that time FPC also began giving Tim and Patti financial support through a yearly line item in our mission budget. Our gifts, along with those of 5 other churches and 25 individuals, made it possible for Patti to say, "We praise God that we were totally financially supported throughout our years of missionary service. God raised up a financial support team and a Prayer Team that kept us before the Throne of Grace during the whole time we served."

Once all the children had graduated from High School, Tim and Patti considered moving to a very rural bush clinic in Kenya that needed a doctor, instead of staying at Kijabe Hospital which was, by then, fairly well staffed. However, while they were on a furlough that occurred shortly after the Taliban was defeated in Afghanistan, they learned of an opportunity to go to Afghanistan. Invited by the government to teach Afghan doctors, this was a wonderful, God-given, opening into that very closed country. After much prayer, Tim and Patti decided this unique call was for them.



Home visit after birth of triplets

During their time in Afghanistan, Tim and other Western doctors were able to treat Afghan patients with “Western” methods of care and, as in Kenya, worked to establish a family medical residency training program to teach these methods to Afghani doctors. Tim led these efforts as Director of the Family Medicine Residency.

Meanwhile, Patti, was obliged to wear a burka, which, in this strict Muslim culture was required of all women when they outside of their homes. This practice of completely covering body and head was found to be the cause of bone fragility and pain that was common among the Afghani women who were Vitamin D deficient from lack of sunlight on their skin. The introduction of Vitamin D supplements was one very welcome gift from the West..

Other adjustments had to be made by the Christians serving in a 99.9% Muslim nation. They were permitted to deliver medical care, but sharing their faith was strictly forbidden. As guests of the Afghan government, the Western doctors were extremely careful not to offend their hosts.

However, it was not lost on the Afghan people who came under their medical care and the Afghani doctors they were training that these Western doctors were different. They were patient and compassionate with people of all stations and were especially respectful of women. Jesus had to be revealed in their actions, not proclaimed; and God gave them quiet opportunities to display the Word of God without having to preach it.

After they had served the people of Afghanistan for 8 years, Tim began to sense that his work there was winding down. When he received correspondence from a Western family medical doctor who wanted very much to work with the Afghanis, he felt comfortable turning over his position to a well-trained replacement and prayerfully waiting for the Lord to reveal what He had in mind for them.

Another Western doctor soon brought the answer to that question when he let Tim know that he had an opportunity to work in Somaliland, another insulated Muslim nation. After praying about this, Tim and Patti decided to make another move so Tim and this doctor could establish another medicine residency training program, this time in Somaliland. God, went before them, as He always did, orchestrating the move.

After ministering for four years in Somaliland, it was officially time for Tim to retire. However, there was also a need in Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi, for an Interim Medical Director who could help with establishing a family medicine residency. Tim had all the skills and still possessed the passion that was needed for these projects. There was also a need for assistance in Medical Records at the Hospital, a position Patti could fill. Once again, after seeking God's will in prayer, they came out of retirement before actually getting settled in and said yes to a 1½- year commitment in Malawi. When they finally retired, they had served as medical missionaries in Africa for 29 ½ years!

Tim and Patti are no longer serving in mission, but the FPC Mission Budget still has a line item labeled "Faders". This is no longer support for Tim and Patti. The Fader funds now go to their three sons, Jason, Eli, and Caleb, who are continuing to labor for the Lord in remote areas of Africa. Next month in "Hallelujah" we will share what is happening with the second generation of Faders (and the THIRD!). Stay tuned for the final installment of "The Fader Family Story."

CARING MINISTRY



As we progress through 2024, I am striving to continue to build, maintain, and strengthen the relationships within our Caring Ministry staff and volunteers, between the Church and the Caring Ministry, and between the Caring Ministry and the community. Each of these relationships develop and support the work of the Caring Ministry and how we serve our neighbors on a daily basis.

At the end of January, my husband and I hosted a gathering of the Caring Ministry staff and volunteers. Thirty-three people from the Caring Ministry staff and volunteers - including some of their significant others and young children - ate, played a fun game, and learned more about each other. I am continually amazed at the dedication and commitment from our staff and volunteers to support our neighbors in need. I witness the volunteers channeling their strengths and skill sets to best meet the needs of the work we do. Some volunteers choose to restock the shelves and organize the inventory. Other individuals prefer to interact with our neighbors - building relationships, listening and praying with them, and ultimately fulfilling their physical needs with the food shopping experience.

I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge the many FPC members who contribute to the Caring Ministry with financial and in-kind contributions. In January, FPC donated 774.7 pounds of food to the Caring Ministry. With the help of the FPC Youth, we also received 297.5 pounds during the Souper Bowl of Caring. We were blown away by the many generous contributions of food and toiletries as well as the monetary donations totaling almost \$900!! We are grateful to continue this partnership with the FPC Youth to assist feeding our neighbors in need.

Each monetary donation is greatly appreciated as those gifts support the monthly and weekly food bank purchases as well as our trips to the local grocery stores to supplement our staples such as eggs, potatoes, onions, bread, and other items - as needed. Did you know that we order between 2,000 - 3,000 pounds each month from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank (CPFEB) and around 400 pounds each week from the York County Food Bank (YCFB)? The cost of these food and toiletry staples are steadily rising - just as we see in our own grocery store bills! Please know the average cost of a CPFEB food truck delivery - with the 2,000 to 3,000 pounds of food - ranges between \$750 - \$1,000 per month. We are so grateful for the individuals and families who have helped with these expenses each month. We need that continued support now, more than ever, and we are truly blessed with the understanding of our donors and their willingness to share their sponsorship with other supporters!

We also grew our relationships in the Community as we started a partnership with Perrydell Farm and Dairy. We are pleased to announce that Perrydell Farm and Dairy is now delivering milk to the Caring Ministry each week at a reduced or wholesale cost. With their help we save on the weekly milk prices, and we are thrilled to be able to support a local farm while also providing our neighbors with fresh milk! We encourage you to thank Perrydell Farm and Dairy next time you stop in for some milk, ice cream, or other local products. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the Weis Markets on Roosevelt Avenue, who provides us with a \$25 gift card on a regular basis to help with the purchase of white sliced bread - a staple for families who want to make sandwiches! As we build upon our relationships with more businesses and organizations in our community, we are able to share what we do in our ministry at FPC to help our neighbors in need!!

CARING MINISTRY

Over the next few months, we hope to continue to expand upon our partnerships between the Caring Ministry and the Community. I invite anyone to reach out to me - elizabeth@fpcyork.org - if you know of any organizations that can assist the work of the Caring Ministry or help our neighbors. I truly believe that there is strength in numbers, and I'm glad we can all work together to make a difference! As always, we invite you to stop by the Caring Ministry during our office hours, Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. I would love to share with you what we do and how this important ministry is helping others!





Thank You from Our Caring Ministry Parents

The parents who visit the Caring Ministry's Mothers and Babies Room are always so appreciative of all of the donations everyone makes. You are wonderful at responding to our requests for baby items. In addition to clothes, diapers, and wipes, you have been donating strollers, infant toys, feeding spoons, pacifiers, blankets, infant shoes and socks, and baby room accessories. All of these items are so appreciated but also fly off our shelves, so please keep donating! Right now we could use some children's books, coloring books, crib sheets, diaper bags, feeding dishes and spoons, highchairs, pack-n-plays, and strollers. Some of these are big items. We are not asking anyone to buy anything, but rather check your attic or basement for items that you no longer use for your children or grandchildren. Reminder: We are only asking for clothes from newborn to 2T, but any of the aforementioned baby items are great!

Period Pack Donations

Currently, there are five ladies in our church who get together every few months to pack Period Supply bags for our Caring Ministry shelves as well as community organizations such as the YWCA and Code Blue. If you would like to contribute to this project (or help pack), please contact Sandy Sykes or Maureen Letocha for more information. Each Period Supply bag contains maxi pads, regular pads, liners, and tampons for one month. If your insurance gives you a quarterly allowance at CVS, we would love your donations of F58, F54, or F57 (Aetna 2024 OTC catalog) if you have extra quarterly spending dollars.





FPC Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Youth Scored BIG for the 2024 Souper Bowl of Caring

Our Youth collected 216.4 pounds of food and personal care items and \$868.50 in monetary donations on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024, to tackle hunger. Your generous contributions were given to our

own Caring Ministry Ruth Kammer Food Pantry. Thank you to all who donated to this important and meaningful mission work of our youth and young adult ministry.

Serving local missions by following Jesus into the neighborhood.

Our church Youth and Young Adult ministry follows Jesus into the local neighborhood each month through our service learning opportunities. We partner, not only with our church mission events like the Thanksgiving and Palm Sunday Dinner and the our Caring Ministry, but with other nonprofits in the community like Cornerstone

Youth Home, LifePath, Code Blue Emergency Shelter, Operation Christmas Child, and Young Lives. Our youth learn that serving missionally can be done right here at home in York, that you don't need to travel somewhere outside the area to be a servant leader.





Spring Youth Retreat – April 12-14, 2024 – Refreshing Mountain, Stevens, PA

All church youth in sixth through twelfth grade are invited to attend the spring youth retreat, April 12-14, 2024, at Refreshing Mountain Retreat Center, Stevens, PA.

The Cost is \$50 per person and includes lodging, food, and a fun filled weekend of fellowship & faith, including team building and ropes course, escape room, open gym time, Youth Sunday planning, worship, and spiritual development.

For more information and the registration form, go to our website at <https://www.fpcyork.org/youth-ministries>. Deadline for registration to attend is March 24, 2024. If you have questions, contact Eric M. Chase, M.S., M.Div. Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 443-686-2448 or ermchase@comcast.net.

Summer Mission Trip - June 15-21, 2024 - Gulf Coast - Louisiana

Spanning from eastern Texas to northern Florida, the Gulf Coast region is known for its Southern hospitality, vibrant culture, grit in the face of adversity, and inviting communities. It is an area prone to hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters, and recovery from past events is an ongoing process.



Most recently, Hurricane Laura, Hurricane Delta, and Hurricane Ida made landfall in Lake Charles, and New Orleans, LA, respectively. These cities and their surrounding areas experienced unbelievable destruction and hardship, working to rebuild and recover in the midst of the pandemic.

Praying Pelican Missions and FPC Youth and Young Adult Ministry are proud to partner alongside local churches as they engage in the ongoing work of recovery in their communities - physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Our partners are deeply invested in their communities, and the work our teams engage in flows naturally out of the commitment of these churches and pastors to their neighborhoods.



When you serve on a mission trip in the Gulf Coast region, you can be assured that the work our team is doing is feeding into genuine, healthy ministry that is locally driven. Activities range from kid's ministry to food distribution to service projects to prayer outreach and more.

All youth entering sixth grade in September of 2024 through 12th grade are eligible to attend this life changing experience. Join us and learn what it is like to be the hands and feet of Jesus, as we follow him into New Orleans and Lake Charles in the Gulf Coast of Louisiana. For more information and registration forms, go to our website at <https://www.fpcyork.org/youth-ministries>. The Registration form and a fifty-dollar deposit is due upon application. The remaining fee of \$150 for a total of \$200 is due by May 5, 2024.

Schedule Spring 2024

March

- 3** - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Meeting - FPC Youth Room
- 10** - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Outing - Destination Unknown - meet at FPC parking lot.
- 17** - 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Meeting - FPC Youth Room
- 23** - Service-Learning Opportunity - Palm Sunday Dinner
- 24** - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Meeting - FPC Youth Room
- 31** - No Youth Group - Happy Easter!

Stations of the Cross: Scripture and Art for Lent

Sundays at 9:40 a.m.

March 3 - March 24

In John Calvin Chapel & Livestreamed

Join us as we reflect on 14 key moments in the narrative of Jesus's last days, from his arrest and trial to his crucifixion and burial. Each week will feature Bible study and original artwork created by members of the congregation.

Zoom Bible Study

The Book of Acts

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join online or over the telephone.

Everyone is invited to join FPC members and friends from across the country for this weekly Zoom Bible study. Conversations are friendly, rich, and interactive, and you can drop in any time!

We're currently reading and discussing the New Testament book of Acts, which tells the dramatic story of the Holy Spirit empowering the early followers of Jesus to spread the good news of God's kingdom throughout the world.

- To join Wednesday Night Bible Study from a computer, tablet, or smartphone, go to this web

address: <https://zoom.us/j/391609730> (Meeting ID = 391609730)

- To join Wednesday Night Bible Study by telephone, dial 1-929-205-6099 or 1-301-715-8592.

When asked for the meeting ID number, enter 391 609 730

Mothers Bible Study

MBS is an ecumenical group of 20-plus women of all ages with new participants welcomed at all times. Join us on Tuesday's at 9:45 a.m. in Cafe225!

Pathfinder's Bible Study

The Pathfinder's Bible study group will be exploring a video series called "24 Hours That Changed the World" for Lent. Join us on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 1:00-2:30 in the senior high classroom. All are invited! See Wendy Smith for more details.

More to Sundays at FPC

Sunday Evening Prayer & Fellowship

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join us every Sunday, online or over the phone, for a 30-minute interactive service of Evening Prayer based on the liturgy from the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*, plus a brief time of fellowship and catching up. You'll have the opportunity to share your own prayer requests, and we'll reflect briefly on a passage of Scripture together--but there's no pressure to share anything if you don't want to.

- To join **Sunday Evening Prayer** from a computer, tablet, or smartphone, go to this web address: <https://zoom.us/j/182994919>
(Meeting ID = 182994919)
- To join **Sunday Evening Prayer** by telephone, dial 1-929-205-6099.
When asked for the meeting ID number, enter 182 994 919.
- For the text of each week's prayer service, follow the link on the church website under "Upcoming Classes & Events."

March 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

3

8:30am *Service for the Lord's Day with Communion- Chapel
9:00am - 9:30am Grocery Card Sales
9:40am Sunday School/Adult Education
10:45am *Service for the Lord's Day-Sanctuary
12:00pm Lunch Bunch
12:00pm - 3:30pm Small Wonders
1:00pm Susquehanna Pipe & Drum
5:30pm - 7:30pm Youth Group Meeting
7:00pm - 7:30pm Sunday Evening Prayer on Zoom

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5:00pm - 7:00pm Young Lives-
Cafe225/CTH/Youth Room
5:30pm - 6:30pm AA Meeting
6:30pm - 9:30pm Adult Christian Ed
Committee Meeting - Offsite
7:00pm - 8:00pm Personnel Resource
Team

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9:15am - 10:45am Mom's Bible Study-
Cafe225
5:30pm - 9:00pm Young Lives-Club
6:30pm - 7:30pm Deacons Meeting
7:00pm Big Band CTH

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8:30am *Service for the Lord's Day with Communion- Chapel
9:40am Sunday School/Adult Education
10:45am *Service for the Lord's Day-Sanctuary
12:00pm - 1:00pm Healing Service-Cafe 225
12:00pm Lunch Bunch
12:00pm - 3:30pm Small Wonders
1:00pm Susquehanna Pipe & Drum
5:30pm - 7:30pm Youth Group Outing
7:00pm - 7:30pm Sunday Evening Prayer on Zoom

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8:30am - 10:30am Correctional Offices
Prayer Group
5:30pm - 6:30pm AA Meeting

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9:15am - 10:45am Mom's Bible Study-
Cafe225
5:30pm - 9:00pm Young Lives-Campaigners
6:30pm - 7:30pm Fellowship Dream Team
6:30pm - 8:00pm Mission Committee Meeting
Senior High Room
7:00pm Big Band CTH
7:00pm Committee Meetings
7:00pm Membership Meeting

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8:30am *Service for the Lord's Day with Communion- Chapel
9:40am Sunday School/Adult Education
10:45am *Service for the Lord's Day-Sanctuary
12:00pm Lunch Bunch
12:00pm - 3:30pm Small Wonders
1:00pm Susquehanna Pipe & Drum
5:30pm - 7:30pm Youth Group Meeting
7:00pm - 7:30pm Sunday Evening Prayer on Zoom

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11:00am - 12:00pm Building and
Grounds
5:30pm - 6:30pm AA Meeting
6:00pm Finance/Stewardship Meeting-
Conference Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm Personnel Resource
Team Meeting

19

9:15am - 10:45am Mom's Bible Study-
Cafe225
7:00pm Big Band CTH

24

Palm Sunday
5:30am - 7:30am Youth Group Meeting
8:30am *Service for the Lord's Day with Communion- Chapel
9:40am Sunday School/Adult Education
10:45am *Service for the Lord's Day-Sanctuary
12:00pm Lunch Bunch
1:00pm Susquehanna Pipe & Drum
7:00pm - 7:30pm Sunday Evening Prayer on Zoom

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8:30am - 10:30am Correctional Offices
Prayer Group
1:00pm - 3:00pm Mad Hatters Knitting
5:30pm - 6:30pm AA Meeting
7:00pm - 8:00pm Personnel Resource
Team

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Young Lives-Leader Meeting
9:15am - 10:45am Mom's Bible Study-
Cafe225
6:30pm Session Meeting - Cafe225
7:00pm Big Band CTH

31

Easter
8:30am *Service for the Lord's Day with Communion- Chapel
9:40am Sunday School/Adult Education
10:45am *Service for the Lord's Day-Sanctuary
12:00pm Lunch Bunch
1:00pm Susquehanna Pipe & Drum
7:00pm - 7:30pm Sunday Evening Prayer on Zoom

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5:00pm - 7:00pm Young Lives-
Cafe225/CTH/Youth Room
5:30pm - 6:30pm AA Meeting
6:30pm - 9:30pm Adult Christian Ed
Committee Meeting - Offsite

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9:15am - 10:45am Mom's Bible Study-
Cafe225
5:30pm - 9:00pm Young Lives-Club
6:30pm - 7:30pm Deacons Meeting
7:00pm Big Band CTH

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29 4:30pm - 7:30pm ASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group- Room 302 6:00pm - 7:00pm Third Service Band-Rehearsal 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm - 9:15pm Killie Band-Christine Thomas Hall	1 5:30pm - 7:30pm First Friday-Fellowship Event	2 10:00am - 1:00pm Collective Journey Church 2:00pm Russell Sent Funeral Service
6 9:45am - 10:45am Staff Devotions 11:20am - 12:20pm Midweek Lenten Lunch- Faith Gathering Place 12:00pm - 12:30pm Midweek Worship-Including Communion 1:00pm - 2:30pm Pathfinders-Senior High Room 2:00pm - 3:00pm Intercessory Prayer Group 6:00pm - 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers-Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:30pm Chancel Choir-Rehearsal 7:00pm - 9:00pm Stephen Ministers Meeting-In Person & Zoom 7:00pm - 8:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study-ZOOM ONLY	7 2:00pm Prayer Group 4:30pm - 7:30pm ASD Parent & Caregiver Support Group- Room 302 6:00pm - 7:00pm Third Service Band-Rehearsal 6:30pm - 8:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm - 9:15pm Killie Band-Christine Thomas Hall	8	9
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