

Fenton First Presbyterian Church

Living with Christ, serving the world

Newsletter May 2018



LOVE WHERE
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Pastor's Article



Love Where You Live

I grew up in San Diego in a suburb on a steep hill, so our real neighbors were the ones who lived so close to us that they wouldn't get out of breath walking up the street to say hi. My aunt Debbie and Uncle Pete live across the street in the cul-de-sac; Pete and my dad were in the Air Force together in Phoenix, AZ when my parents were newlyweds and our 2 families have always lived less than a mile apart. High school classmates of mine, are now friends with my brother's family.

When I hear people tell stories about the neighborhoods they grew up in, one of things I hear most is memories of how people's neighborhoods used to be. "I remember when I lived on a street where everyone knew everybody's name." or "I remember when people sat on front porches and talked to people when they walked by," "I remember when I used to go ask my neighbors for an egg, or a cup of sugar " or "I remember block parties."

Being a good neighbor was common in American neighborhoods. But over the years we have been driven inside our homes or into our fenced in back yards. There are lots of reasons for this: busyness, television, fear... They have all pushed us towards more isolation. As the world grows more connected, our neighbors are closer than ever, but technology and just living next to someone doesn't really make them your neighbor.

The truth is, someone who chooses to engage with their neighbors is going against the grain. It may be considered weird, or invasive, it will most certainly be different and set us apart. But there is a void in our neighborhoods, and it is one that God is calling us to fill just by making the choice to love our neighbors, our literal next door neighbors. You might not share a fence, but you can share their burdens and joys.

God has placed you in this time and in this place.

Have you ever stopped to think about why you live where you live? Why did you move where you did? We moved to Michigan, not only to serve a great church, but because this community was a great place to raise kids. Many of the outdoor activities such as camping and hiking that we enjoyed about growing up in Southern California, we can also enjoy year round in Michigan, but we have to wear heavier jackets.

Think about the street that you live on, your apartment or condo. If we were each to make a map of our own neighborhood and mark the houses of the people on our street, (a black question mark for people we don't know, red for the people that we don't know well, yellow for the people that we are getting to know, and green for the people that we know really well...how many houses on our streets would be marked with a black question mark or red because we don't know them?)

Your place is marked on this map, and your place has been marked out by God. You have neighbors whose place has been marked out by God. If we were to zoom in to your street, you would see a lot of places where there is no marker. Why? You know why...many of your neighbors don't know Jesus! God has placed them in this time and this place, and if they want reach out to Him, they will find Him. And if you are willing to love your neighbor, maybe God will use you to help your neighbors find God. The first key to choosing to love your neighbor is to recognize that God has placed you in this time and this place. To be a part of God's plan for your neighbor and to be a witness of Jesus Christ requires some effort on your part.



Make new friends, not new projects

I have seen all too often the misnomer that our call to be witnesses and love our neighbors is turned into projects to convert people. Somewhere along the line, we have come to believe that it is our responsibility to convict people of their sins and make them believe in Jesus. As a result, the perception of the Church has become an unloving, intolerant and unaccepting place; where people feel judged, not loved. We are being asked to love our neighbors, not to judge them nor convert them. The Holy Spirit does the converting, and only God is righteous enough to do the judging. Rather than be weighed down by the burden to judge and convert, God has freed us to simply love our neighbors. We can become friends with our neighbor, whether

they agree with us or not, whether they are like us or not.

If our motive to love people is to get them converted, then it is just a matter of time before we dump them for the next project, but that is not who we are. We don't love people to convert them; we love people because we are converted. We have literally been given a new heart, one that loves like Jesus loves. No expectation for return, an unconditional, selfless love.

We go from stranger to acquaintance, and then from acquaintance to a relationship. And to move toward a relationship, we need to invest and invite our neighbors. There are so many opportunities to invite and hang out with my neighbors. Sometimes the easiest thing to do is invite people into something you are already doing! If you are going to walk up to Fenton House to get an ice cream cone, go knock on your neighbor's door and invite them to go with you.

God has placed you in this time, in this place. He has placed your neighbors next door to you, and has asked you to love them. And then, when your neighbors do reach out and seek God, just maybe you will get to help them find Him.

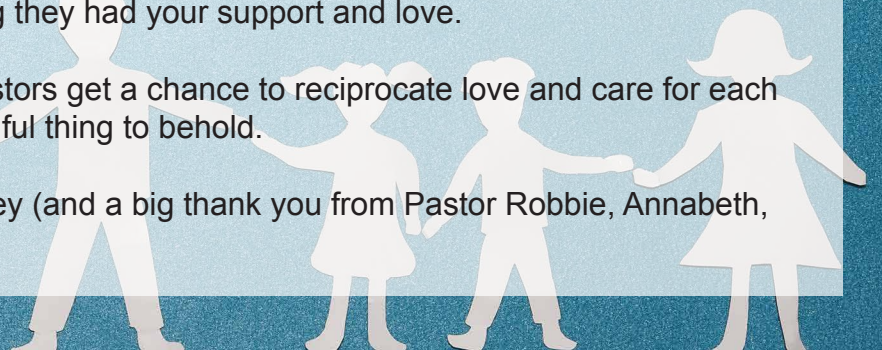
Pastor Lindsey

After having a rough time with breast cancer a few years ago, my mom was understandably nervous about having another surgery. But the surgery and recovery went better than expected and her tumor was benign! Thank you for supporting my mom through your prayers and words of encouragement. For those that followed her progress via the Caring Bridge website and Facebook, we would read your messages to her and they really brightened her day.

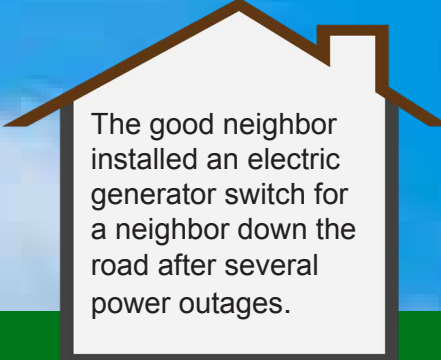
When I left for San Diego to help take care of my mom after her brain surgery, I had no doubts that I was leaving my family in good hands. FPC is such a loving community of faith. So many people signed up to help bring meals, sit with the kids in worship, babysit the kids during night time meetings. Every single act of kindness and hug meant so much to Robbie and the kids, and made the time go by faster knowing they had your support and love.

It's not very often that churches and pastors get a chance to reciprocate love and care for each other, but every time we do it is a beautiful thing to behold.

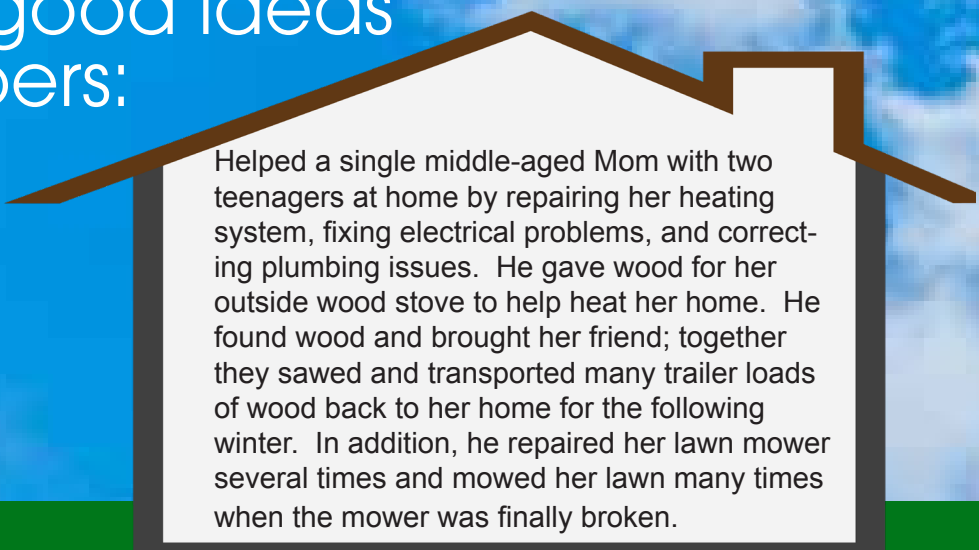
With my sincerest thanks, Pastor Lindsey (and a big thank you from Pastor Robbie, Annabeth, Sammy and Leah)



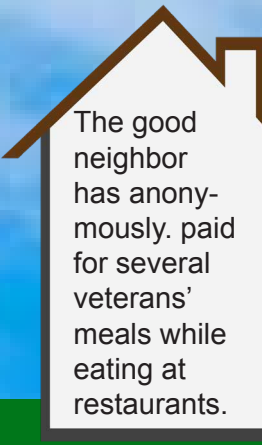
What does it mean to Neighbor? Here are some good ideas from our members:



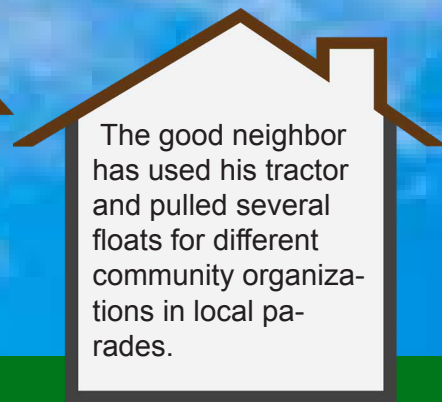
The good neighbor installed an electric generator switch for a neighbor down the road after several power outages.



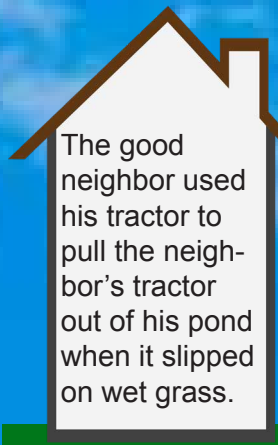
Helped a single middle-aged Mom with two teenagers at home by repairing her heating system, fixing electrical problems, and correcting plumbing issues. He gave wood for her outside wood stove to help heat her home. He found wood and brought her friend; together they sawed and transported many trailer loads of wood back to her home for the following winter. In addition, he repaired her lawn mower several times and mowed her lawn many times when the mower was finally broken.




The good neighbor has anonymously paid for several veterans' meals while eating at restaurants.



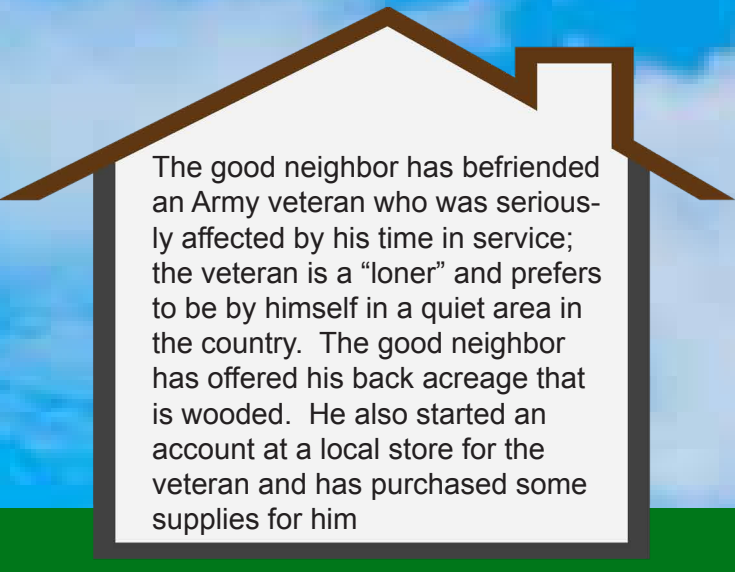
The good neighbor has used his tractor and pulled several floats for different community organizations in local parades.



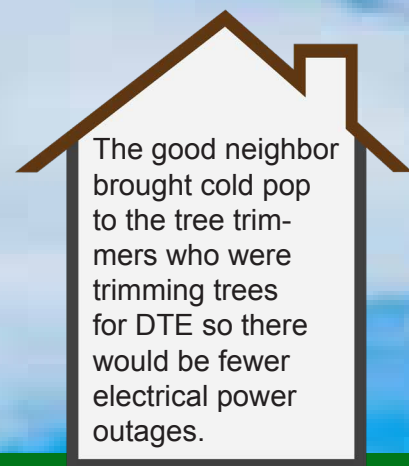
The good neighbor used his tractor to pull the neighbor's tractor out of his pond when it slipped on wet grass.




Helped a disabled Viet-Nam Veteran whose health is failing by plowing his driveway, mowing his grass, and taking in the trash cans after garbage pick-up



The good neighbor has befriended an Army veteran who was seriously affected by his time in service; the veteran is a "loner" and prefers to be by himself in a quiet area in the country. The good neighbor has offered his back acreage that is wooded. He also started an account at a local store for the veteran and has purchased some supplies for him



The good neighbor brought cold pop to the tree trimmers who were trimming trees for DTE so there would be fewer electrical power outages.



He visits an 85 year old widower and plows his driveway in the winter.

What's Blooming at FFPC

National Day of Prayer Breakfast Hosted by Fenton Area Clergy & Fenton Kiwanis

Date: Thursday May 3rd, 2018
Time: 7:30am-8:30am (doors open at 7am)
Where: First Presbyterian Church of Fenton



Tickets are \$10 each and are available from members of Kiwanis & participating churches and organizations

Recognizing Our 40+ Year Members May 6th, 2018

The following people have been members of this church for 40 continuous years or more:

72 years	Royce Hyde	48 years	Barbara Hungerford
68 years	Bob Strom	47 years	Bob Browder, George Hameline
64 years	Phyllis Cmejrek, Joyce Guilbault	45 years	Peg Allen, Sharlyn Sutton & Steve Sutton, Peggy Fowler, Melissa Erwin
63 years	Aulene Becker		
61 years	Judy Brown, Pat Gould	44 years	Greg Dean, Vera Thornton
60 years	Pamela Andersen	43 years	Mitzi Uebel, Lynne Watters, Edith Miner, Denise Morris
58 years	Walter Hungerford		
57 years	Julie Hussar	42 years	Richard Bard, Debera Bard
53 years	Ronald Andersen	41 years	Alice Maletic, Betty Caldwell
52 years	Deloris Hyde, Gloria Butts	40 Years	John Wrage, Sara Wrage, Shari Foguth, Barb Rankin
51 years	Josie Grove		
50 years	Dana Steele		
49 years	Mary Frazier		



Attention High School and College Graduates: Please contact the church office by May 31 to let us know who is graduating this year. Your presence is also requested for Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 10 during 10am worship; wear your cap & gown and share your future plans. We would like to celebrate your achievements and pray with you as you begin a new journey in life. May God's presence be with you all!

Environmental Clean-Up Day/Youth Fundrasier Sunday, May 6 between 4-7pm

Are you are a member of our congregation and have household hazardous waste, electronics and paint to dispose of? For any donation, members of youth group will remove gathered materials from your home. Items collected will be taken to the Genesee County Recycle Day drop off location on Saturday, May 12. Monetary donations will benefit our youth group scholarship account which helps fund conferences, mission trips and other events. **To get on the pick-up list, contact Deb Bard at 810-694-9036 and benefit the environment and our youth group!**

Items accepted are: Aerosols, air conditioners, appliances, automotive fluids (no 55 gal drums), batteries, biomedical sharps containers, corrosives, electronics, fire extinguishers, light bulbs, paint, pesticides & herbicides, prescription meds, propane cylinders up to 30lbs. each, smoke detectors, and tires off the rim.

Mission & Stewardship



North End Soup Kitchen May 5th, 2018

Our church will prepare and serve a lunch for Flint homeless at the North End Soup Kitchen on May 5th, 2018. If you would like to serve, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please ask Ken Wensel.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38



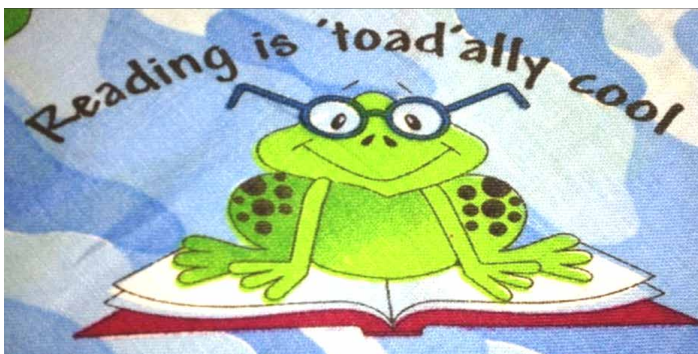
BLOOD DRIVE June 2nd, 2018

Our church is hosting a blood drive from 8:30 to 1:30pm with Red Cross. If you are donating blood please call Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767 or online, www.redcross.org. to schedule a time. We also need volunteers to bake cookies or to help assisting with donors on that day. A sign up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall, and if you have any questions please contact Sherry Hunt at (810) 735-6428 or Jo Beardslee at (810) 750-9768.

2018 Read and Feed July 30th-31st August 1st-2nd

Monday through Thursday mornings on July 30st-31st and August 1st - 2nd, we will again be serving Fenton and Lake Fenton incoming 2nd and 3rd graders who have some challenges with reading. Help us “jump-start” their interest in reading before the school year begins! For four mornings, we provide activities that center on the reading and student skills needed to start the school year. You can assist with reading, music and drama, and craft and science projects, which are already planned.

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets will be in Fellowship Hall beginning in May. Where can you help make a difference for these young people?



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

May 20th, 2018

Congregational Life

Coffee Hour Appreciation Day Sunday May 13th, 2018

This is a day when people from the congregation (who are not coffee hour team members) bring in the treats and snacks. We would also appreciate help setting up and cleaning up. There are signup sheets in fellowship hall on the Congregational Life table. We hope that you will consider helping to make this coffee hour a wonderful fellowship experience.



New Member & Outreach

New Member Dinner Tuesday May 8th, 2018

5:00-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

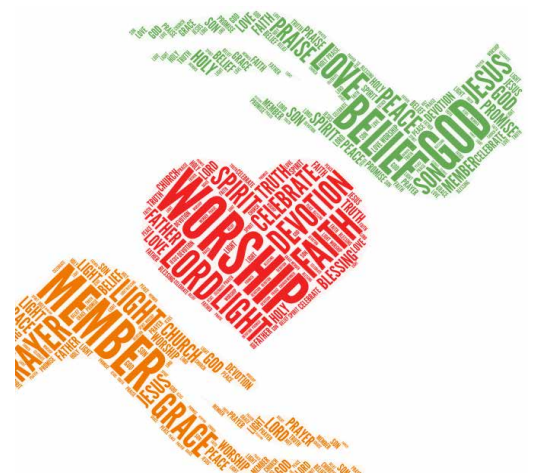
5:00 Appetizers

5:30 Dinner

6:15 Elders and Committee chairs share about different aspects of the life of our church

Children and families are invited to attend.

Please RSVP by May 2nd by calling the church office at 810-629-7801. Childcare provided upon request.





FFPC MINISTRY SMALL GROUPS BIG IMPACT

Youth Ministry



Faith in Femininity has lots of exciting news! Our mission was nominated to the National Junior Honors Society at Lake Fenton Middle School, and they voted to award us \$850. We also received a \$500 anonymous donation, and have several folks who are making monthly contributions. St. Jude's Episcopal Church and Visions In Motion Dance Studio are hosting feminine hygiene product drives through May. Hearten Magazine, a Christian lifestyle magazine dedicated to encouraging women and girls and inspiring them to live well, contacted us to place a free ad about our mission. We are grateful and overjoyed by all the support from our broader Fenton community, and we feel God guiding the growth of this mission.

We will be packaging more products in early May. Watch for dates and times to be posted in the Sunday bulletins. If you'd like to support this mission, monetary donations can be made through our church website www.ffpc.org/faith-in-femininity, or send a check to First Presbyterian Church in Fenton marked "Faith in Femininity." Product donations can be given to the office, Lindsey or Madeline Gibb, or Waverly Ritchie. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Deacon's Ministry



Deacon's Scholarship: Our Board of Deacon's awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior or post high school graduate seeking advanced education. Applications are available on our website www.ffpc.org, or in the church office, and are due May 15, 2018 to the Deacons' mailbox. For more information please see Rick Bard, Sue Lantz, or Pam Coffin.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry Group: How often are you able to make time to talk with God? Whether you have conversations throughout the day, once a day, or occasionally, you are welcome to join us and deepen your prayer life. Praying with others can bring clarity to your life; intentional group prayer can also be helpful to our life together as a faith community. **Our Prayer Ministry Group meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 10-11am in the prayer corner of the Sanctuary.** For more information, see David Eshleman. Please join us as you are able for readings, meditation and prayer!

Christian Education

Sunday Adult Study: *The Scots Confession* of 1560 led by Pastor Robbie and Rev. Jim Foster from 10-10:45am in the Conference Room through May 20.

Monday evening Women's Covenant: *Daniel Part II* meets through May 7 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Conference Room. Led by Pastor Lindsey, childcare is provided upon request.

Tuesday Bible Study: *The Letter to the Galatians* is led by Pastor Lindsey in the Conference Room from 11am – 12:15pm through May 22.

Wednesday Morning Women's Covenant: *Living With God's Courage* from the Jesus Calling Bible Study Series. This group meets in Fellowship Hall from 10am –noon through May 30.



Library Committee

Curious about how our current library mission came to be? After our renovation, Sue Berry served as our first librarian in the new space. With a different layout, library space became limited and we observed that less folks were taking advantage of books available. After Sue & Mike moved south, no one was available to oversee library function. The Christian Education Committee felt that this would naturally fit their scope of work; in 2016 the library fell under the guidance of CE. With the help of librarian Kim Wilcox (John & Linda Banks' daughter), a final comprehensive inventory was done and books that were no longer current, in good condition, or relevant to the spiritual growth of our congregation were removed. Some of those books were "In Memoriam" books and they have either been offered back to families or are currently kept in the office. New books are being purchased to replace them.

Jennifer MacLean took over as librarian in 2016 and, with input from Pastors, CE, and Tina Ritchie, a policy was developed to clarify mission and content that fit the objective of building people up in their faith. The Library Committee was formed, and a wish list was also created to assist Deacons in choosing "In Memoriam" books that fit the new scope of the library. In order to make books more accessible to everyone, an anonymous donor purchased a library cart for Fellowship Hall.

Nikki Curtis is our current librarian, and committee members are Linda Banks, Nikki Black, and Pam Coffin. Because our library remains dynamic and relevant, these ladies oversee inventory, assist with researching and purchasing new books, and remove outdated or worn out books. Anyone wishing to donate books to the library may do so with the understanding that if the book does not fit the criteria, it may not be used. Many new books have been purchased that edify our faith – please stop by to see all that our library has to offer!

With Blessings, Tina Ritchie - Director of Christian Education





Parenting the Love and Logic[®] Way

Twelve families participated in the Love and Logic Communication Skills Workshop on Sunday, April 22nd. We are grateful to trained facilitator Lori Arthur (Julie Grams sister) for travelling across the state to lead the adult portion. Here is an example from our discussion:

Lessons Learned from a Little Arguing by Pastor Lindsey

Every parent or grandparent has tricks up their sleeve for when they reach an impasse with a child...and sometimes they stop working.

The Love and Logic seminar gave me some new things to try. Love and Logic reminded me that "lectures have never worked for any parent in the entire history of humankind." (I knew it, but still do it.) Instead of getting into a losing argument, or having it become a battle of the wills, or do it because I told you so, as an adult stop feeding the argument with words and fuel. Go "brain dead" and calmly pick a one-liner statement to repeat, as the child exhausts themselves.

Child: "It's not fair!" or "That's stupid!" or "I don't care!" (avoid sarcasm, and show empathy)

Adult Response:

"I love you too much to argue with you about that."

"Could be." or "Probably so." or "True." or "I'm afraid so."

"I bet it feels that way." or "I know."

Child Response: "I'm not doing it, and you can't make me!" (avoid a stalemate, but state your expectation)

Adult Response: "There's no hurry, just have it done before soccer."

"Take your time. I only expect it done before the bedtime."

"Don't worry about it now."

Youth in 6-12 grades met with Tina Ritchie in the Youth Room. The discussion included:

1. Naming behaviors of parents and identifying the beliefs those behaviors reveal
2. Listing the character traits in their parents that they respect – loving was the most reported trait
3. Sharing who they are most like and how – mom, dad, or both
4. Listing healthy respectful ways to communicate – listening was the most reported skill
5. Naming feeling experienced regularly and thinking about where those feelings are felt in our bodies
6. Looking at various body language and identifying possible feelings. Ex. Tears could mean sadness, embarrassment, frustration, angry, overwhelmed, etc.
7. Learning how to use "I" statements that places responsibility for your feelings on yourself, creates understanding and builds the relationship. The model we worked with is:

I FEEL _____
WHEN _____
BECAUSE _____
AND I NEED _____

For example:

Instead of saying, "You never listen to me! You just think life is easy and I should be able to handle all this stress and be perfect. You expect too much and I hate you!"

Say, "I get frustrated when I don't feel heard. I feel really stressed because of all the expectations at school and home. I need you to understand my feelings, and help me learn to manage my time and stress."

Last month we looked at nine Activity Areas for family growth. An important piece to building capable kids, strong relationships, and healthy communication is listening. Here is an excerpt from the poem "Listen" by Ray Houghton. **Please consider how this simple act could be a gift to all people in your life.**

When I ask you to listen to me and you start giving advice, you have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me and you begin to tell me why I should not feel that way, you are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my problems, you have failed me, strange as that may seem.

Listen! All I asked was to listen to me – not talk or do – just hear me, please.

Advice is cheap. Seventy-five cents can get you both "Dear Abby" and "Billy Graham" in the same newspaper.

And I can do for myself; I am not helpless. Maybe discouraged and faltering, but not helpless.

When you do something for me that I can do and need to do for myself, you contribute to my fear and inadequacy.

But when you accept as a simple fact that I do feel, no matter how irrational, then I can quit trying to convince you and get about this business of understanding what is behind this irrational feeling.

When that's clear – the answers are obvious and I don't need advice. Irrational feelings make sense when we understand what's behind them.

So, please listen and hear me, and if you want to talk, wait a minute for your turn – I will listen to you.



Youth Group

Upcoming Youth Group Activities:

May 6: Youth Group Environmental pick-up/youth fundraiser 4-7pm

May 13: No Youth Group Happy Mother's Day!

May 20: No Youth Group

June 3: End of year party and youth group initiation noon-5pm at the Gibb's house

June 10: Graduate Recognition during 10am Worship

To get on the youth email list, contact Tina Ritchie at tina@ffpc.org or text 810-701-4136.

Friends are always welcome, and must have a current parental consent form on file for offsite events.

Children's Corner

For Children Preschool – 5th Grade

Club 45:

This fellowship and mission group for 4th & 5th graders and friends typically meets from 12:30-1:30 once a month in the Art Room. For more information, please see Cherri or Glenn Maxwell.

May 13th - Mother's Day Project
June 3rd - Father's Day Project
and Year-End Party



9am Preschool News:

During the month of May, 9am worship preschoolers will be learning about Discipleship. The children will learn to spread the word of Jesus' love, to know that he wants our love and friendship, to obey God, and to understand what a disciple is and how to be one in today's world... Discipleship is making a commitment to uphold the word of God through our actions. The children will learn about discipleship through the lives and actions of the 1st 12 apostles. They were learners and followers of Jesus and serve as guides as we make our own commitments to Christ.

Memory Verse: Matthew 10:6-7 *Jesus said, "Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The Kingdom of heaven has come near.'"*



Parents and Grandparents:

Because YOU are the primary influence of your children and grandchildren's faith, here are two FREE resources that support Christian faith formation discussion and activities at home for all ages.

1. The Values Project is a monthly values based newsletter.
Use this link to register: <http://blog.sparkhouse.org/category/the-values-project/>.

2. Vibrant Faith @ Home <http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/> is a site that seeks to equip and empower families and individuals of all ages and stages to:

- TALK with each other about their faith
- PRAY together in ways that are comfortable and comforting
- RITUALIZE their important moments
- REACH OUT in service and support of others.

Consider signing up for one or both of these resources, and be sure to let Pastors or Tina Ritchie know how you use the information. Faith formation is a lifelong journey!

JAM - “Jesus And Me”

During 11:00am worship

The **SELF-CONTROL** rotation runs **May 6, 13 & 20**. This is our last and an important Fruit of the Spirit. Children will learn that self-control is being aware and in charge of your feelings, actions and thoughts. Self-control is choosing to act in right ways, even when it is something you really don't want to do. It is showing kindness to someone who has just hurt your feelings. It is waiting for something patiently, even when you want it really badly, and accepting not having the thing you desire. Self-control is almost always very hard. Jesus teaches us that self-control is very important in making sure that we do the right thing, the first time.

Self-Control Memory Verse: Proverbs 21:23 *“He who guards his mouth and his tongue guards his soul from troubles.”*



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Summer Sunday School Programs for Children June 3rd - August 26th

“The Lord’s Prayer” - Children kindergarten - 5th grade meet together

“Jesus’ Faithful Followers” - Children age 3 & 4 and young 5’s meet in the preschool room

Children leave for class after the children’s message during 10am worship.

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer presented by Jesus as a model prayer in response to the disciples’ request that Jesus teach them how to pray. It also unites all Christians and embraces all forms of prayer including praise and acknowledgement of God’s greatness, confession, thanksgiving and petition. When we pray, we are opening ourselves to God, stating what is in our hearts and listening to what God wants us to do. It is very personal and interactive; a person who recognizes that God is present in their life can actually communicate with the eternal God who wants to be active in that person’s life.

The first part of the prayer affirms the relationship. We call on God as a loving parent. As we enter into prayer, we are reminded that we are entering holy space. Being human, we know that we are subject to temptation and the choice to walk a path that leads us away from God. We pray that God’s kingdom will become a reality on earth. We ask that our daily needs be met. We ask for forgiveness, reminding ourselves that we must forgive. How wonderful is this eternal, omnipotent God!

Anytime we say this prayer, a particular phrase may seem to speak to us more than the others. The next time we pray, it may be a different phrase. As we say this prayer, we know that we are bonded in fellowship and grace with other believers all over the world. We live in a time, as always, when the world is divided on many issues and the Church is divided into many denominations. What a gift Jesus gave us to have a prayer that speaks to us and is one upon which we can all agree!

Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018, Communion Sunday, Celebration of 40+ year members

Lessons: Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Preaching Pastor: Robbie Carnes

Sermon: The Art of Neighboring: Power of Hospitality

Scripture: Luke 5:27-29

Layreader: Sarah Martin-Fanone

Sound Tech: Doug Watters

Ushers: 9a.m. Dennis & Jo Beardslee
11 a.m. Team #5

Acolytes: No Acolytes

Coffee Hour: Red Team

Counters: Lin Savage & Ken Wensel

Banker: Jen Wensel

JAM: Sherry Rourke, Cherri Maxwell

9 a.m. Nursery/Preschool: Gretchen Coles

MONDAY MAY 7, 2018, OUTREACH COMMUNION

Join us at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. Featuring a shorter Communion service, filled with energetic hymn singing, a shortened version of the Sunday sermon, and the bread and juice/wine served in the pews. We're trying to make this a "barrier free" worship experience--with large print bulletins, amplified speaking, and helpers to assist with walkers, wheelchairs, or to just lend a hand. Come for worship, stay for fellowship around tables in the Fellowship Hall. For questions or rides, please call Dave Eshleman or the Church Office.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018, Mother's Day

Lamplights and Illuminate Choirs to Sing

Lessons: Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Ps. 1; 1 John 5:9-13;
John 17:6-19

Preaching Pastor: Lindsey Carnes

Sermon: The Art of Neighboring: Growing as a God-Orienting Neighbor

Scripture: Col. 4:2-6

Layreader: Sarah Martin-Fanone

Sound Tech: Mark Gibb

Ushers: 9 a.m. Debbie & Mike Vanderlip
11a.m. Team #6

Acolytes: Madeline Davis & Emily Hollopeter

Coffee Hour: Orange Team

Counters: Jon O'Connell & Julie Jacobson

JAM: Sherry Rourke, Cherri Maxwell

9 a.m. Nursery/Preschool: Gretchen Coles

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018, Pentecost Sunday

Lessons: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek. 37:1-14;

Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21;
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Preaching Pastor: Robbie Carnes

Sermon: Real Life Neighbors

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21, Hebrews 10:24

Layreader: Youth

Sound Tech: Mark Grams

Ushers: 9 a.m. Jack Allen & Greg Dean
11 a.m. Team #1

Acolytes: Maddie & Lindsey Gibb

Coffee Hour: Yellow Team

Counters: Shirley Israel & Sarah Martin-Fanone

JAM: Sherry Rourke, Cherri Maxwell

9 a.m. Nursery/Preschool: Gretchen Coles

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

**Trinity Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend, Summer
Service begins at 10am**

Lessons: Isa. 6:1-8; Ps. 29; Rom. 8:12-17; J
ohn 3:1-14

Preaching Pastor: Lindsey Carnes

Sermon: Entering the Kingdom of God

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17

Layreader: Jenny Gibb

Sound Tech: Ina Golden

Ushers: Team #2

Acolytes: Matthew Maxwell & Mason Davis

Coffee Hour: Green Team

Counters: Martha Smith & Dennis Beardslee

JAM: Sherry Rourke, Cherri Maxwell

10 a.m. Nursery/Preschool: Gretchen Coles

Announcements

Left Behind: There are three jackets and one coat which have been hanging on the New Narthex coat rack for several weeks. These items will be donated to Carriage Town if not claim by June 3rd.

Book Binders will be meeting May 8th at the home of Barb LaPointe, 16435 Cottage Nook, at 7:00 pm. The Hostess for the evening is Peg Allen assisted by Pat Gould. The book for discussion is Fatal Fraternity by Linda Owen. The book for June is Bear Town by Fredrik Backman. Please call Barb at 810-208-0238 if you have any questions.

Summer Recruitment for children's ministry has begun! Teachers and shepherds are needed for elementary and preschool children's Sunday school. Choose one Sunday for elementary students or a 2-3 week block for preschoolers. All lesson plans provided. Please see the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

Help Needed for Sermons on Being a Good Neighbor: In the month of April and May the sermons will be focusing on how to be Good Neighbors in the way that Jesus suggested. We would like to include real life stories about good neighbors. Do you know any Jesus-like good neighbors about whom you could tell a story? Would you be willing to share a story about how you might have been a good neighbor? Can you share with us what you think Jesus meant by being a good neighbor? Please contact Pastor Robbie, robbie@ffpc.org.

Attention All Coffee Hour Teams, kitchen mice & everyone else. On May 19th at 9 A.M. we are getting together to clean the churches kitchen. This is our annual clean the extra grub day! We are done by noon. Please contact Debbie Bard 810-629-8729.

Has Your Contact Information Changed? Stop by the Church Directory table this week and next to confirm your contact info, phone numbers and emails.



Summer Worship
May 27th-September 2nd
One Service at 10am

Birthday's

Rachel Black	May 1	Carey Ritchie	May 18
Andrew Siniarski	May 1	Chris Coffin	May 19
Dennis Blank	May 8	Mark Martin-Fanone	May 19
Michael Pelletier	May 8	Madeline Gibb	May 20
Marilee Smiley	May 9	Anna Janowak	May 20
Cameron Anderson	May 10	John Danules	May 21
Morris Fulcher	May 10	Robert McLive	May 21
David Hall	May 11	Jerry Welch	May 22
Paul Joitke	May 11	Jenny Gibb	May 23
Pat Allen	May 12	Jeff Stone	May 24
Melissa Erwin	May 13	Bev Tippett	May 24
Martha Smith	May 14	Gerri Danules	May 29
James Foster	May 15	Shirley Israel	May 30
Sarah Martin-Fanone	May 16	Tabatha Dolan	May 31
Bob Clark	May 17	Aubrey Howieson	May 31
Debera Bard	May 18	Bob Strom	May 31

Anniversaries

Gary & Barbara LaPointe	May 3
Tom & Carolyn Harris	May 10
Charmaine & Frank Thorley	May 10
Douglas & Paula Mass	May 11
Bill & Amanda Heath	May 15
Vicky Russell & Ron Winters	May 18
Jeff & Sharon Stone	May 19
Sheila & Dennis Blank	May 20
Ed & Doris Vermilya	May 21
Doug & Lynne Watters	May 21
Ralph & Joanne Getz	May 22
Jim & Joy Thompson	May 24



May 28th



REMEMBER & HONOR

May 13th



MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00am-12:00pm Adult Bible Study, Conference Room 6:30pm-7:30pm Communications Committee Meeting, Jr. High Room 6:30pm-8:00pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting, Conference Room	2 8:00am-12:00pm Men's Work Day 10:00am-12:00pm Women's Covenant Group, Fellowship Hall 6:30pm-7:00pm Lamplights, Drama Room 7:00pm-7:30pm Illuminate, Drama Room 6:30pm - 7:30pm Bell Choir, Choir Room 7:45pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	3 7:30-8:30am Prayer Breakfast, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall 6:30pm-8:00pm Mission & Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED 8:00am - 10:00am Men's Covenant Group North End Soup Kitchen
6 Celebration of 40+ year members (both services) 9:00am Worship Service & Communion 10:00am 10:45am Adult Bible Study, Conference Room 11:00am Worship Service 2:00pm-5:00pm Birthday Party, Fellowship Hall 4:00pm-7:00pm Youth Group, Environmental Fundraiser	7 1:00pm - 2:00pm Knitting Group Youth Room 1:00pm-2:00pm Outreach Communion, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall 6:30pm-8:30pm Women's Covenant Group, Conference Room 7:00pm - 8:00pm Den 4, Youth Room 7:00pm - 9:00pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	8 11:00am-12:00pm Adult Bible Study, Conference Room 5:00pm-8:00pm New Member Dinner, Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Book Binders	9 8:00am-12:00pm Men's Work Day 9:30am-12:00pm Card Class 10:00am-12:00pm Women's Covenant Group, Fellowship Hall 4:00pm-4:30pm Staff Meeting Conference Room 4:30pm - 6:00pm Worship Committee Meeting, Conference Room 6:30pm-7:00pm Lamplights, Drama Room 7:00pm-7:30pm Illuminate, Drama Room 6:30pm - 7:30pm Bell Choir, Choir Room 7:45pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	10 6:00pm-8:00pm Christian Education Meeting, Conference Room 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am-5:00pm Exchange Student Meeting, Fellowship Hall 9:30am-11:00am Yoga, Fellowship Hall
13 Mother's Day Coffee Hour Appreciation Day 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am-10:45am Adult Bible Study, Conference Room 11:00am Worship Service 12:30pm-1:30pm Club 45, Art Room 6:00pm-8:00pm Men's Covenant Offsite NO YOUTH GROUP	14 10:00am - 11:00am Prayer Ministry Team, Sanctuary 1:00pm-2:00pm Knitting Group, Youth Room 4:30pm - 5:30pm Den 6 Fellowship Hall Meeting, Conference Room 6:30pm-8:30pm Administration Committee 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Den 4 Youth Room 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts Fellowship Hall	15 Deacon's Scholarship Ap- plications Due 11:00am-12:00pm Adult Bible Study, Conference Room 6:30pm-8:30pm Session Meeting, Conference Room 7:00pm-9:00pm Pack 286 Meeting, Fellowship Hall	16 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Men's Work Day 10:00am-12:00pm Women's Covenant Group, Fellowship Hall 6:30pm - 7:30pm Bell Choir, Choir Room 7:45pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	17 4:30pm-5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm-8:00pm Read & Feed, Conference Room 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00pm-5pm Wedding, Sanctuary
20 9:00am Worship Service & Pentecost Offering 10:00am 10:45am Adult Bible Study, Conference Room 11:00am Worship Service NO YOUTH GROUP	21 1:00pm - 2:00pm Knitting Group, Youth Room 6:30pm-8:30pm Den 4, Youth Room 7:00pm - 9:00pm Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	22 11:00am-12:00pm Adult Bible Study, Conference Room	23 8:00am-12:00pm Men's Work Day 10:00am-12:00pm Women's Covenant Group, Fellowship Hall 4:00pm-4:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm-7:30pm Youth Choir Year End Party 6:30pm - 7:30pm Bell Choir, Choir Room 7:45pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	24 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED
27 10:00am Worship Service	28 Memorial Day 10:00am - 11:00am Prayer Ministry Team, Sanctuary 1:00pm-2:00pm Knitting Group, Youth Room 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Den 4, Youth Room 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	29 6:45pm-8:00pm Deacon's Meeting, Conference Room	30 8:00am-12:00pm Men's Work Day 10:00am-12:00pm Women's Covenant Group, Fellowship Hall 6:30pm - 7:30pm Bell Choir, Choir Room 7:45pm - 9:30pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	31 7:00pm-8:00pm Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall		

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