

FENTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

# BEHOLD!

A NEW YEAR

LOOK! I AM  
MAKING ALL  
THINGS NEW



# PASTOR'S LETTER

## Being Renewed

Pastor Robbie Carnes

What does it mean to be new? Better yet, what does it mean to be renewed? January 1st is a convenient mark on the calendar to judge the passing of time, but in and of itself it does not make anything new. We make New Year's resolutions and quickly realize our will might be renewed but our ways have not been. I had a friend who revelled in clean bed sheets. He washed them meticulously and then hung them out to dry. After ironing the fabric, he then would carefully make his bed and retire for a delicious afternoon nap. This all sounds wonderful, but the work involved for a brief sensation of fresh newness seems like a case of diminishing returns to me.

Many of us have laundered the sheets, hung them to dry and ironed them keenly, yet find ourselves right back where we started from: Stuck in old patterns, old ways of living and destructive attitudes.

### **Obsolete Covenants**

The author of Hebrews spends much of the book comparing Jesus and the New Covenant with the Law and the Old Covenant. "In speaking of 'a new covenant,' he has made the first one obsolete. And what is obsolete and growing old will soon disappear" (Hebrews 8:13).

This was an encouragement to Jewish Christians that in Christ a dynamic shift had taken place. There is newness in what God is doing.

The trick here is that, even today, many of us find ourselves clinging to obsolete patterns. It is no longer appropriate for us to offer animal sacrifices to God for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus' sacrifice has made all of that unnecessary. Our faith, divine mercy, and forgiveness in Christ is freely offered and freely given.

Have you been trying to pay for something that is without cost? What kind of newness might you experience if you knew God's grace to be completely free?

### **Patches and Wineskins**

As we grow into our faith we can sometimes find ourselves trying to straddle the Old and New Covenants. Jesus suggests that this leads only to trouble. *"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine in fresh wineskins"* (Mark 2:21-22). This isn't so much a rejection of the old as much as an insistence on our faith being expansive because of Jesus. We are to be growing in our faith. We never 'arrive' because we are always learning more about who our Savior is and what we should be doing in light of his great love for us and the world. Where do we allow our lives room to grow in our love for Jesus?

## **New Creations**

Ultimately it is Jesus who makes us new. *“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation”* (2 Corinthians 5:17-18).

We are made new spiritually because there is a new relationship between ourselves and God through Christ and empowered by the Spirit. This is a new reality that transforms us in such a way that we begin to have new relationships with each other. God is infinite and our relationship with him is ‘new every morning’ and so we rekindle our relationship with others with the spark of love and the forgiving fuel of mercy. We forgive our debtors as our debts have been forgiven and relationships are renewed. Newness does not come because of a calendar date or because we find ourselves coming out of a long suffering into some thin sense of stability. Newness comes because God makes us so in Christ and dwells in us through the Spirit. Newness in Christ is proved by our willingness to express it and offer it to others.

This year, are you working with an obsolete covenant? What do you need to let pass away so that you might be able to know newness in Christ?

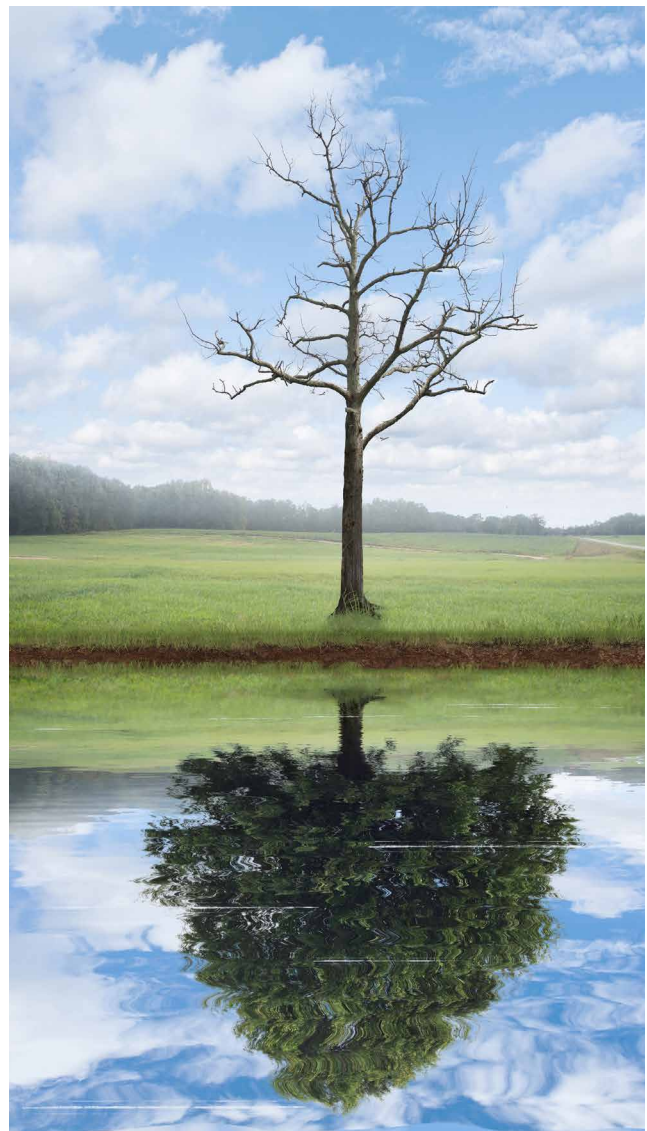
This year, are you holding something back? Are you refusing to make room for growth? In what ways can you open your soul to let God’s warm light in?

This year, what relationships can you make new? How can God prepare your

heart to do this truthfully?

Revelation 21:3 *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: “Look! The residence of God is among human beings. He will live among them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not exist anymore—or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have ceased to exist.”*

5 *And the one seated on the throne said: “Look! I am making all things new!”*



# PASTOR'S LETTER

## Choose Love

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

When there's good news, it's rather hard to keep it quiet, like when a family is expecting a child, and we're not supposed to tell anybody outside of the family yet, but we find ourselves leaning over to a friend and whispering, "I'm going to be an aunt." We can't wait to help plan to decorate the nursery. We can't wait to post the news online. We can spend weeks planning the baby shower and the birth announcement.

But, as the Gospel of Matthew reminds us, for Jesus, there was good news without an announcement. Mary had this life changing news and she was trying to decide how to tell Joseph. "Joseph, you might want to sit down for this one." And his silence said everything. He was speechless and it's worse than he can imagine because there were no good options for Joseph in scripture.

Both his family and Mary's family were devout and they knew what the scriptures said. He knew what they would be thinking. He knew that in the book of Deuteronomy if a woman is accused of infidelity she can be stoned to death. Joseph decides to dismiss her secretly or quietly to spare her any public disgrace. There would be no, under any terms, public announcement.

But then Joseph went to sleep that night and an angel showed up and made an

announcement. "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife." God intervened and redirected Joseph's life.

For Joseph, this meant taking a risk. It meant that he would have to trust his fiancé, even when she unexpectedly becomes pregnant. It meant that he would have to trust the dream that tells him to stay with her. And it meant that he would have to take a journey that would not only change his life but would change the entire world for generations to come.

Joseph said yes to God and yes to a baby. He said yes to love and he was never the same again.

I think that when Joseph said yes to God's plan for him Joseph was choosing love and that meant his story was just beginning. It broke his life open and turned his life upside down because that's what love does. Love transforms quiet, righteous lives into something messy. I can imagine there was a lot more explaining, but it was also incredibly powerful.

Joseph could have walked away. He could have continued with his original plan to dismiss Mary quietly, which would have actually been a kind thing to do in that time. He could have said no to God and no to the challenge that was before him.

He had a choice and he chose love.

He chose to love and stay committed to a woman, even if he didn't fully understand her call to parenthood. He chose to raise the child, to be the one to name him, and to love him as his father. And he chose to love God by following God and trusting God. He had a choice and Joseph chose love.



# WORSHIP

## January Worship Series

### Discipleship 102

### I Know Jesus - Dive Deeper

In the Fall we talked about what Disciples of Jesus do and described the kinds of actions that we should be engaging in. For the next six weeks we are going to talk about crucial ideas that the Bible gives us that help shape our perspectives about ourselves, the world and what God is calling us to do. What does it mean to say we are all 'Made in God's Image'? What is Sin? What is Grace? What does Redemption mean? How should we understand Justification and Adoption? These are all topics we will be addressing during the sermon time and discussion after our services viz Zoom. For more on January's Worship schedule please visit <https://ffpc.org/worship/>



## Session Worship Update

Dear FFPC,

On Tuesday, December 8th, Session met to discuss the worship plans for the next month in light of the lingering COVID health crisis. It was decided to remain worshipping online with the hope of renewing in person worship on January 10th. Session is planning to meet on Tuesday January 5th in order to make that decision.

It was extremely difficult to make a decision like this and we pray that no matter what you feel about worshipping in person and whatever your perspectives on the current situation, that we would all seek to maintain the unity of the Body of Believers who pursue Christ at the corner of Elizabeth and South Leroy Street. In this difficult situation, let us all in 'whatever we do, word or deed, let us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Pastor Robbie Carnes

# MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

## Mission

### SAMARITAS UPDATE



There is a family from Iraq, who will be moving into their own home in Sterling Heights on January 8th. They are a family of 4. They are in need of housewares and furniture. We have dishes and kitchen utensils for them already, however they are in need of the following:

Dining room chairs, loveseat or armchairs, sheets, laundry hamper, shower curtain, home office supplies, dressers, lamps, and a queen sized mattress and box spring.

I'm not sure if they need winter gear, but probably they do.

Donations can be dropped off at the church. For more information on the needs of the family, please contact Sarah Martin-Fanone.

For more information on the Samaritas Resettlement Program please visit <https://www.samaritas.org/New-Americans/Resettlement>

### Mission Opportunity!



On Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 2 pm. Snuggle Sacks is asking for 10 volunteers (due to social distancing) to assemble Snuggle Sacks for the homeless in Genesee County. Their new location is at 4019 E Baldwin Rd at N Holly Rd in Grand Blanc.

To volunteer, please call Nikki Black at 810-750-4189 or 586-917-0774 or email Nikki at [nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com](mailto:nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com).

### St. Jude's & FFPC Food Outreach Partnership:

Our community outreach program, in partnership with St. Jude's, has continued providing food for people in need. So far this year, we have provided over 30,000 meals since the pandemic began!! THANK YOU to the many members who have contributed items, provided monetary support, and provided their time (and backs) in moving the food each week. We expect this program to continue through the winter until the pandemic is under control and these people can again have jobs to support their families.

# Stewardship

## Special Offerings Year at a Glance

The five churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC(USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The offerings collectively participate in ministries of compassion, justice, Christian formation, education, peacemaking, and global witness.

Initial Offering (Per-Capita)	Beginning in January
One Great Hour of Sharing	February 17 - April 4, 2021
Pentecost Offering	April 5 - May 23, 2021
Theological Offering	September 12, 2021
Peace & Global Witness Offering	September 5 - October 3, 2021
Christmas Joy Offering	November 29 - December 20, 2021

## Per-Capita Offering

At the beginning of the budget year each member of FFPC is given the opportunity to contribute to what we call the ‘initial giving’ or ‘per capita’ payment. Per Capita is a gift dedicated to the ministries and programs of the larger Presbyterian Church. These include the Presbytery, which is made up of geographically connected congregations. Presbyteries help churches find pastors, resolve conflict and promote local mission efforts. It also includes Synods, which are groups of Presbyteries, that help govern the church, provide for camp and conference centers and equip pastors and other leaders. Lastly it includes the Denominational Offices, which allow the Presbyterian Church USA to have a national presence, provide for international missionaries and support various justice issues.

Our Per Capita payment is a joyful participation in the mission and ministries of our Denomination. This year the Per Capita amount is \$28.76 per member.

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Presbytery	\$16.80	\$16.53
Synod	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25
General Assembly	\$ 8.95	\$ 8.98
TOTAL	\$29.00	\$28.76

This is a decrease of \$0.24 per member for 2021.

Will you join me in joyfully giving toward Per Capita this year?

Pastor Robbie Carnes





## 2021 Pledge Update

Currently we have 71 households that have pledged to the 2021 budget. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to the ministries of FFPC. If you have not already pledged to the 2021 budget please prayerfully consider how you might contribute. Contact Kelly in the Church Office for details.

## Thank You For Your Support

### Financial Review - November, 2020

Profit/ Loss	November	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income:	\$27,587.11	\$318,726.87	\$330,750.40	\$360,341.58
Expense:	<u>\$29,380.71</u>	<u>\$264,748.89</u>	<u>\$276,567.31</u>	<u>\$304,831.71</u>
Net Income:	(\$1,793.60)*	\$53,977.98*	\$54,183.09	\$55,509.87

\*this does not include additional obligations such as restricted funds or mortgage payments. Such as: Board of Deacons, Faith & Femininity, Organ Fund, HVAC Fund, etc.

Statement of Cash Flows	November	YTD
Cash at Beginning of period:	\$110,661.08	\$66,843.88
Cash at End of Period:	<u>\$107,603.07</u>	<u>\$107,603.07</u>
Net Cash Change:	(\$ 3,058.01)	\$ 40,759.19

(This includes \$33,880.00 Payroll Protection Program loan from the Small Business Administration)

Respectfully Submitted December 5, 2020

Debera J Bard, Treasurer

### Building Fund Report – November 30, 2020

Building Account Balance: \$9,200  
 Mortgage Remaining: \$161,406

Our monthly mortgage payment will be paid using (1) designated Building Fund contributions as they are received and, if needed to make the payment, (2) money from the Operating Budget. If more designated money is received than is needed to make the required mortgage payment, overpayments will be made to reduce interest costs and retire the mortgage as soon as we can

# DEACONS

The ministry of deacons is set forth in scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service. Sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies of structure, or anyone else in distress.

## Helping Hands

If you are shut-in and need some help, think about calling your Deacon. The Deacons' Helping Hands program may be just what you need.

If you need someone to run an errand, pick up groceries or a prescription, maybe we can help. Call the church office at 810-629 7801 and leave your name, contact number and your need.



We will always wear a mask and leave any deliveries at your doorstep.

Want to help? If you are willing to:

- 1) provide rides for small errands such as picking up a few groceries, prescriptions, or Doctor appointments or
- 2) do simple household chores for those unable to do them for themselves, then WE NEED YOU

You can now sign up on the FFPC website for Helping Hands.

Once you sign up, we can contact you to assist others needing help.

\*Those willing to drive a church member somewhere must complete a form and provide a valid driver's license and proof of current auto insurance. These forms are available in the church office. We will help you complete the form.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Nancy Berger at 810-701-6556



## 2021 Deacon's Scholarship Application

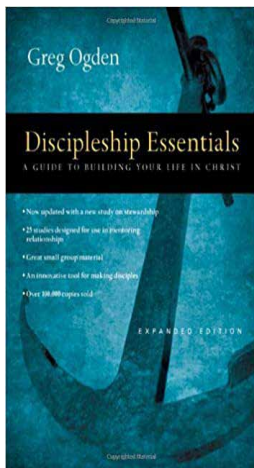
The Deacons wish to encourage graduating high school seniors or post high school graduates of church members or their immediate family members seeking advanced education (college, trade schools) to apply for the Deacon's annual \$500 scholarship. Applications are available online at <https://ffpc.org/deacons/> or you can pick one up from the table in the church lobby.

We need to have completed applications in by March 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



We offer diverse classes to equip adults in all areas of faith formation and discipleship. Our goal is to help adults read, understand, and apply Scripture to their daily lives, while developing and deepening relationships with Jesus, self, and others. Classes range from traditional Bible studies to relationship courses, Love and Logic, Financial Peace University, sermon series discussions, recovery, and small groups.



## Sunday Mornings Coffe Hour Bible Study

Beginning December 27 from 11:15 –noon:

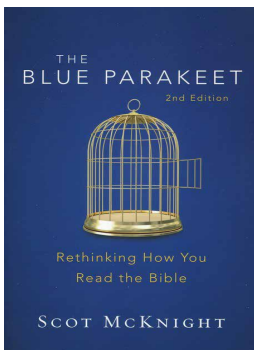
Discipleship 102 sermon series discussions with Pastor Robbie following worship. We will explore topics, of the Trinity, being made in God's Image, Sin, Grace, Redemption, and Justification.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81586041549?pwd=dXdsSUR3cUdocGJCRDRReEhPUnd3UT09>

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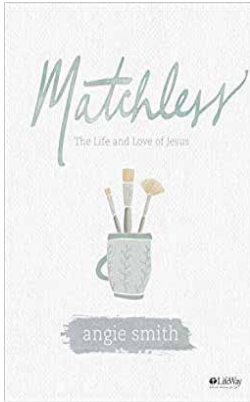
## Sunday Evening Small Group

5:00–6:15PM

Led by Larry Zimble, this group continues its discussion of the book The Blue Parakeet by Scot McKnight .

Join via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961241969?pwd=M0lPMmxYU001SnQ0Z3cwV3h5Z1phdz09>

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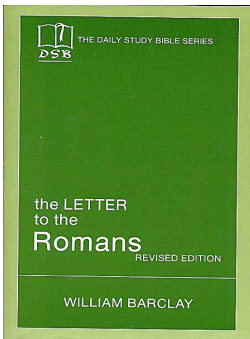
## Monday evening Women's Study

January 4 – February 22 from 6:30 – 8PM

Matchless by Angie Smith deepens your understanding of Jesus through biblical, historical, and cultural insight to help you see Jesus less as an iconic figure and more of an intimate friend. Led by Tina Ritchie

Join us via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3159652381?pwd=WjZpVTVZWkV0WHRUbk1HNlZFWjJZQT09>

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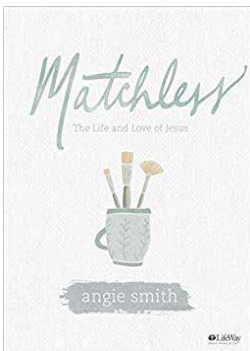


**Tuesday Bible Study:** Study of Romans from the William Barclay New Daily Bible Study Series. Led by Pastor Lindsey, this class meets via zoom from 11am – 12:15pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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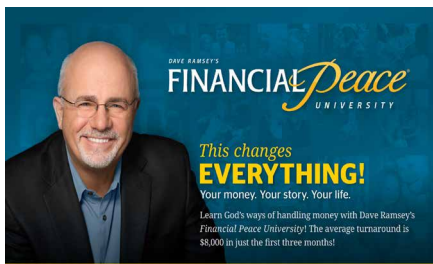
## Wednesday Morning Women's Study

January 6 - February 24 from 10AM - Noon

This morning offering of Matchless by Angie Smith is led by Tina Ritchie.

Join us via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3159652381?pwd=WjZpVTVZWkV0WHRUbk1HNlZFWjJZQT09>

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## Financial Peace University

January 13 – March 10 from 6-8pm via Zoom

Led by Jennifer MacLean, learn how to use and handle money in a godly way. Contact Jennifer for registration and other details @ 810-240-2301.



## **Investing 101: How to Start Investing** By CHRIS HOGAN

Picture your life in 10 years. What do you want it to look like? How about in 20 or 30 years? No matter what dreams you have, the choices you make today have the power to set you up for financial security later on. That's why I love coaching people on how to start investing! Read more:

<https://www.chrishogan360.com/investing/investing-101>



## **Learning the ABCs for Training Kids to Do Chores** by Dr. Charles Fay

There are many new challenges facing parents during this school year and we believe that Love and Logic has time-tested solutions that can help them meet these challenges. Regardless of what might be going on in the world, parents often struggle with how to help their kids enjoy the best academic success with their schoolwork. One technique to meet this challenge might surprise some of you—ensure that our kids are contributing to the family by consistently helping with housework, yard work, and other duties.

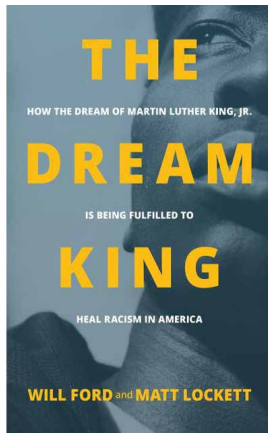
Kids in the habit of successfully completing chores are far more likely to develop the habit of successfully completing academic assignments.

[Read More: https://www.loveandlogic.com/blogs/our-blog/learning-the-abcs-for-training-kids-to-do-chores](https://www.loveandlogic.com/blogs/our-blog/learning-the-abcs-for-training-kids-to-do-chores)

## Library Committee

The Library Committee has purchased the following books in recognition of MLK day.

### **The Dream King: How the Dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. Is Being Fulfilled to Heal Racism in America** by Matt Lockett and Will Ford

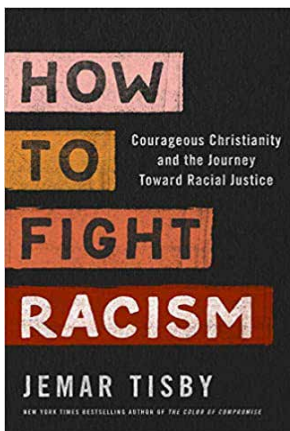


Is the dream of equality Dr. King envisioned still alive today? Can our historic national hurts still be healed? How can we rise above the racial tension threatening the nation?

There is hope to heal the racial divide. The Dream King is the astonishing true story of two men whose lives are woven together by history and the hidden hand of God. It reveals an inspiring narrative that exposes systemic injustice and delivers new keys for understanding the nation's past, present, and future.

- \* Learn about the nation's hidden history and the unknown heroes who overcame injustice.
- \* Discover how your life is an important part of a much bigger story.
- \* Be equipped to be a countercultural dreamer and change the world around you.

### **How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice** by Jemar Tisby



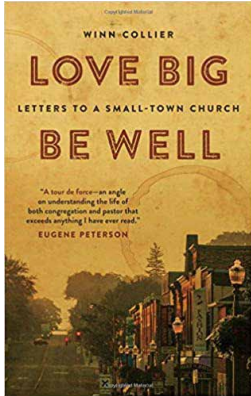
Racism is pervasive in today's world, and many are complicit in the failure to confront its evils. Jemar Tisby, author of the award-winning The Color of Compromise, believes we need to move beyond mere discussions about racism and begin equipping people with the practical tools to fight against it.

How to Fight Racism is a handbook for pursuing racial justice with hands-on suggestions bolstered by real-world examples of change. Tisby offers an array of actionable items to confront racism in our relationships and in everyday life through a simple framework--the A.R.C. Of Racial Justice--that helps readers consistently interrogate their own actions and maintain a consistent posture of anti-racist action. This book is for anyone who believes it is time to stop compromising with racism and courageously confront it.

Tisby roots the ultimate solution to racism in the Christian faith as we embrace the implications of what Jesus taught his followers. Beginning in the church, he provides an opportunity to be part of the solution and suggests that the application of these principles can offer us hope that will transform our nation and the world. Tisby encourages us to reject passivity and become active participants in the struggle for human dignity across racial and ethnic lines. Readers of the book will come away with a clear model for how to think about race in productive ways and a compelling call to dismantle a social hierarchy long stratified by skin color.

## The Deacon's have purchased the following Memorial Books

**Love Big Be Well: Letters to a Small-Town Church** by Eugene Peterson is the book purchased in memoriam for Bob Strom.



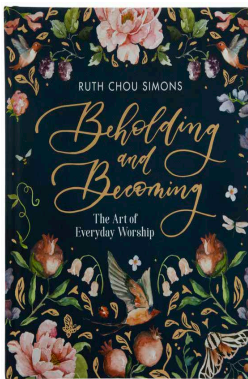
Jonas McAnn is a weary pastor without a congregation, trapped in a dead-end insurance job. Granby Presbyterian is a weary congregation without a pastor, overwhelmed by the prospect of finding someone who actually wants to be a pastor—not a manager, coach, or CEO.

When Granby's pastoral search committee and Jonas connect through handwritten letters passed back and forth, something sparks between them—something so real and refreshing that even after Jonas and his family move to Granby, he continues the regular practice of writing letters to his congregation.

Spanning seven years of his ministry at Granby Presbyterian, Jonas's letters ruminate on everything from fly-fishing to the Nicene Creed. They reveal the earthy spirituality woven into the joys and sorrows of the people of Granby, the community of the church, and Jonas's own unfolding story.

Readers will discover what it means for a pastor and a church to do the slow work of ministry in community—anchored by a common place and buoyed by a life of faith that is meaningful, rooted, and true.

**Beholding and Becoming: The Art of Everyday Worship** by Ruth Chou Simons is the book purchased in memoriam for Joanne Porter.



You are in the process of becoming. Every day is an opportunity to be shaped and formed by what moves your heart...drives your thoughts...captures your gaze. Is it any wonder that where you direct your eyes and your heart matter in your day-to-day?

We become what we behold when we set our hearts and minds on Christ and His redemption story here in the details of our daily lives. Not just on Sunday, not just on holidays, not just when extraordinarily hard or wonderful things happen...but today.

Bestselling author and artist Ruth Chou Simons invites you on a new journey to Beholding and Becoming. With more than 850 pieces of intricate, original artwork, Ruth encourages you to elevate your gaze to the One who created all things.

Today is an opportunity for God to demonstrate His love and His faithfulness in the midst of your mundane. No circumstance is too ordinary or too forgotten for Him to meet you there in worship. His transforming grace turns your “everyday ordinary” into a holy place of becoming.

**The Library Committee is happy to announce the opportunity to have church library books brought to your home** and picked up. A book list will be compiled shortly and emailed to everyone on the church email list, or alternatively, you can request books of a specific subject or author if you don't have a title in mind. Masks and gloves will be worn to put books in bags and deliver them to your doorstep. Please contact Jennifer MacLean at [jgalmaclean@icloud.com](mailto:jgalmaclean@icloud.com) or 810-240-2301.

January

# YOUTH GROUP

Creating space for youth to ask questions, encounter God and learn to live as disciples of Christ.

*Allow, Meet, and Go!*



## High Schoolers Zoom meeting - Youth Sunday Planning

Sunday, January 3 from 1-2pm to discuss Youth Sunday ideas - link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812637736?pwd=TzVBUEViZUgrY2JXQjR3RmNVUnN2dz09>

Meeting ID: 812 637 736    Passcode: 673300

## Below are some ideas to consider and add to:

Possible Sermon Series to be done throughout the year - Hard Questions (relating to God and others):

How do you make your relationship with God exciting again?

If God can forgive me, why can't I?

I love God. I'm made in God's image. Does that mean I have to love myself too?

How do I love people who aren't Christian/don't agree with me?

What is love and how do God and other people love me?

What is love (part 2) and how do I love God and other people?

What can't/won't you give up for God? (Rich young man Bible story)

What comes first, theology or scripture?

## Other questions to consider:

How can we do music in socially safe and engaging ways?

What things do you want the congregation to hear?

What do they want to hear?





## Youth Group Meeting Schedule

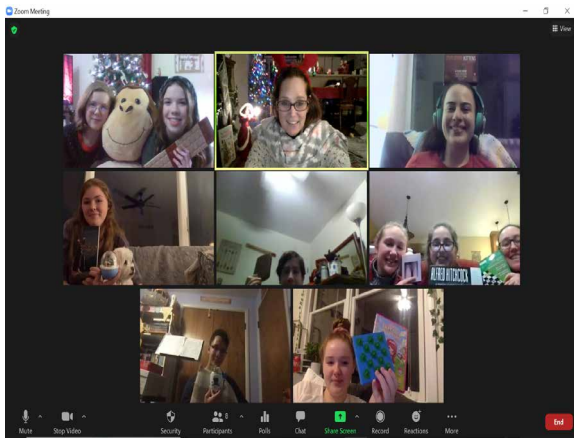
For 6-12th graders and friends

Events and dates are tentative – watch your emails and texts for current information!

**January 17, 1-3pm: Sledding at Clover Beach** (if there is snow)  
Backup is hiking at 7 Lakes St. Park

**February 21, 1-3pm: Ice Skating**

**March 21, 1-3pm: TBD**



## Youth Group Zoom Christmas Party

11 of us were able to participate via zoom, complete with our “white elephant” gift exchange (gifts were delivered to our doorsteps, along with a treat bag from Miss Tina), a Christmas themed round of Poetry for Neanderthals, and watching Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

## Thank you to our Deacons

for partnering with Youth Group make holiday care packages consisting of cookies, a gift, card, and Advent Booklet for 19 of our members. Our Deacon’s graciously delivered the packages the last week of November, just in time for Advent! Thank you, Deacon’s, for helping Youth Group continue this tradition in a unique way during this time! Happy New Year!!



**Congratulations** to Sam Carnes, Megan Hollopeter, and Mossimo Martin-Fanone on their Confirmation December 13th 2020. We are excited to see how you continue to contribute to God’s kingdom!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion Table flowers are available** January 10, 17, 24, and 31st. Please contact Heidi Roberts at hroberts6862@gmail.com.

## January COVID Reach Out

Friends, I sincerely want to thank the FFPC congregation for caring for each other during this difficult year of COVID. It has been heartwarming to know how people have called out of the blue and reached out in other ways. Will you join me this month in connecting with the FFPC congregation? We are looking for people who are willing to make a call to 10 FFPC people during the month of January, checking in and taking prayer requests. This is a simple task that will go a long way to grow our congregation's sense of togetherness in the upcoming year. To volunteer, please call Nikki Black at 810-750-4189 or 586-917-0774 or email Nikki at nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com.

## Happy Birthday

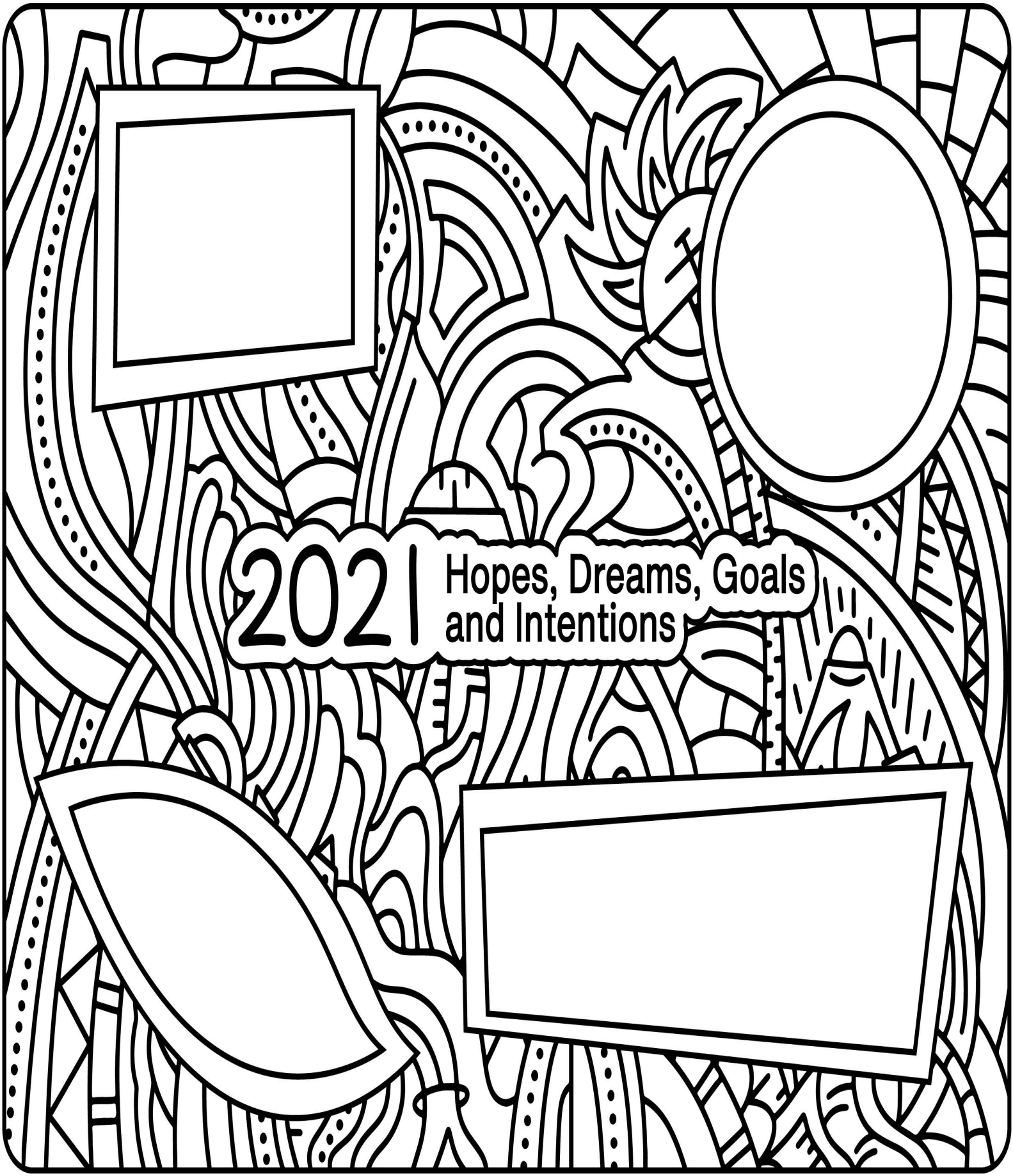
John Hodgkin	Jan 1	Nancy Parkin	Jan 11	Krystal Johnson	Jan 27
Jim L. Lindsay	Jan 1	Pam Coffin	Jan 13	Paula Glomski	Jan 28
Mitchell A. Vogel	Jan 1	Nikki Black	Jan 15	Joyce Guilbault	Jan 29
Marlo R. Howieson	Jan 3	Gregory Bradley	Jan 18	Heidi Roberts	Jan 29
Jeanne Cupp	Jan 4	Sarah Collier	Jan 18	Toni Ward	Jan 29
Dick Berger	Jan 6	Vicky Graham	Jan 19	Florence Tencza	Jan 31
Jim Carter	Jan 6	Greg Ruppert	Jan 19		
Bill Brandon	Jan 8	Heidi Ritchie	Jan 20		
Carolyn Post	Jan 8	David Fisher	Jan 24		
Linda McCleary	Jan 10	Terrie Fisher	Jan 24		



## Happy Anniversary

Rog & Sherry Zollars	Jan 8
Bruce & Peggy Fowler	Jan 22
Jim & Billie Morris	Jan 24
Bruce & Pam Coffin	Jan 25
Jack & Pat Allen	Jan 27





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