

Fenton First Presbyterian Church

September 2022 Newsletter

Love one another.

As I have loved you,

so you must love

one another.

John 13:34

³⁴ Another reading is archers. ³⁵ Proper name for Chaldeans.



HELLO & WELCOME

The Church is not a building. It is a gathering of people brought together to experience God's love and purpose.

God designed the church for YOU – you belong here. Are you ready to experience a community of people doing life together? To find out, come worship with us on Sunday mornings.

Our Mission: To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share, and serve as his disciples.

Our Vision: To provide an inviting and welcoming church home that attracts people of all ages and encourages positive growth, while creating an exciting and dynamic approach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are happy to welcome you into this household of God.

PASTOR'S LETTER

When God Calls Us

Pastor Robbie Carnes

Acts 8²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury...

Just a few days ago, I found myself sharing my plans for the following day with another staff member. "I'm going to pick up a non-english speaking, Cuban asylum seeker from a homeless shelter in Flint and drive him down to the Immigration office in Detroit." It wasn't until the words came out of my mouth that it began to sound a little strange. I suppose I felt a little like Philip, who God put into a strange situation (why go on a wilderness road?), and much spiritual fruit was the outcome. The key part of the Acts passage is that Philip, 'got up and went' where and when God called him.

I really did drive a Cuban asylum seeker from Flint to Detroit. It was a very quiet trip because I do not speak Spanish very well and, while I am driving, the little I do have diminishes quickly. Pastor Lindsey was armed with a better working grasp of Spanish and Google Translate so she was designated as the speaker. He is a young Cuban man who found himself in Flint. FFPC got connected with him through Samaritas who is assisting him with finding a job. In the meantime he found himself homeless and sought help from the police. This is why he needed to be picked up from a Flint homeless shelter. It is also why he needed to go all the way down to Detroit.

Hearing this man's story has taught me a lot about what it means to be homeless and undocumented in Flint. There is a very

small margin for error as you work with and live in multiple government and non-profit organizations. Life in a homeless shelter is regimented and meager and devoid of privacy. Many of us would find it downright humiliating. Not simply because of our need to be there, but also because of the restrictions and limitations that homeless shelters put on their guests. While there are institutional reasons for regulations like these, many of us who are used to managing our own affairs and coming and going as we please would be outraged.

Many of us are also used to a great degree of mobility. If there are public or private services that we need, we can readily find them locally. Need be, most of us can very easily drive to doctor's appointments in Ann Arbor or VA benefits in Saginaw. Almost all of us have some control over our schedules and can negotiate with our various appointments. Our friend had no car, no English, and very little money for transportation. He needed to be on East Jefferson in Detroit at 9am and would face dire consequences if he was not there and on time. This was not going to be a bus ride nor an Uber. He was a stranger in a strange land and needed a friend.

This is what the church does. Elder Sarah Martin-Fanone has led us to form a Refugee Welcome Team and reach out to refugees in real and important ways. It has been a remarkable experience to see the challenges that are put before new Americans. We have seen some wonderful triumphs produced by the grace of God, hard work, perseverance and simple neighborliness. We have been shaken by frustration because of sparse health and human services that don't seem to have had refugees in mind. Ever present is the notion that this is what Jesus has done for me, when

I was still a sinner, a stranger, thrown to the curb without a social security card, and Jesus took me him.

Throughout this journey, we have never asked where the next family or individual would be from or why they ended up here. It is more important to us that we help whoever God puts in our path, without judgement or qualifiers. Our role

is to get up and go to work, like Philip on that wilderness road. Not to question whether or not a person was deserving of receiving the work. We firmly believe that if we are doing right, good will follow and, by God's grace, it has.

Hebrews 13:2 *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

Note from Pastor Lindsey,

I want to share with you about what God has been doing in my life recently, and how I am trying to be faithful in responding. When I was in college I was interested in the physical sciences and had dreams about pursuing a career in medicine. The twists and turns in life and the clear leading of God led me to earn a degree in sociology, enter seminary and become a pastor.

The last two years I have taken a few college level science courses and as I pursued my interests the opportunity to enter into an accelerated nursing program and U of M Flint presented itself. I have prayerfully considered what this might mean for my own life, my family and my ministry role at FFPC. While the work will be challenging, the opportunity to serve the church as a medical professional, parish nurse, and assist in hospice care is exciting. I hope that you can share in my excitement.

What will this mean for FFPC? While I am not sure of my exact schedule at the time of writing this, I will be active in worship and participate in church events. Naturally, Pastor Robbie will be taking the majority of the day to day church leadership. I look forward to continuing to serve the church and the community while I learn these new skills and follow the Lord's leading in my life.

Blessings, Pastor Lindsey

WORSHIP

How to Worship with Us

Join us online as well as in person Sunday's at 10am

Masks are optional. Paper masks will remain available for those who might need one, and hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the building. **If you have been exposed to COVID or feel ill, please be considerate and stay home.**

Here is how to join us Online

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/fentonfpc>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkBa-DrcqSECxjAyeaiC4bg>

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8309142301?pwd=RHJ4dDBPdEhMN25yKzFzSzZNeUVPQT09>

Use the Zoom app and use this Meeting ID

Meeting ID: 830 914 2301 **Meeting Password:** 5013

Use your telephone line to listen in:

Call +19292056099 and dial 8309142301# at the prompt US (New York)

Or Call +13126266799 and dial 8309142301# at the prompt US (Chicago)

Worship Schedule

The month of September brings a sense of new beginnings as we watch school reopen and the days grow shorter. We will be celebrating the kick off of our Educational programs for the fall and commissioning our teachers. We will also be hearing from the book of Revelation and from a number of voices. The last two months a group of elders, deacons and pastors have been meeting to create a sermon series that will attempt to make plain the often confusing images and symbols of the book of Revelation. Just like our faith, we can sometimes live with the symbols and not take the time to learn how to make them relevant to our everyday life. The Book of Revelation was written to real people, just like each of us, trying to make sense of a crazy world and our saving faith.

September 4th, Communion Sunday

September 11th, Sunday School Commissioning

September 18th, The Book of Revelation, Theological Educational Offering

September 25th, The Book of Revelation

Did You Know... that you can have a beautiful flower arrangement on the alter for just under \$13? You pick the Sunday and then take it home after the service. If you would like to bring flowers from your garden, that would be great also! All you have to do is call or email Heidi Roberts at 810-625-4637 or hroberts6862@gmail.com.

Please join us!

Fall Choir Concert

Friday, September 23rd at 7PM

Reception to follow

PRESENTED BY THE FENTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN AND TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIRS

 Hosted at Fenton First Presbyterian Church
503 South Leroy Street | Fenton, MI 48430

Music Department
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Fall - Winter 2022
Soli Deo Gloria!

Presented by the Fenton First Presbyterian and Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church Choirs
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 7PM
Hosted at Fenton First Presbyterian Church

FALL CHOIR CONCERT

KEYBOARD DUO CONCERT  **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 7PM**
Presented by: Dr. Rose Stevens and Rebekah Ratza
Location TBA. Stay tuned!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AT NOON **THANKSGIVING Music Moment**
Join us on our Facebook and Zoom accounts briefly for a few quick Thanksgiving pieces and prayer 

CHOIRS, COFFEE, AND CAROLS DAY  **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 4PM**
Congregational carol singing, bells ringing, and choir presenting a special piece or two for a wonderfully festive afternoon of Christmas cheer!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 DURING THE 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE
A special offering will be collected for the Music Department

GUEST ORCHESTRA SUNDAY 

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT  Presented by the Fenton First Presbyterian and Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church Choirs
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 7PM
Hosted at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 19-23RD EACH DAY AT NOON **CHRISTMAS WEEK**
Hop onto our Facebook and Zoom accounts for special airings of wonderful Christmas music recorded from last year's Advent and Christmas season! 

FENTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT
503 SOUTH LEROY STREET | FENTON, MI 48430

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Congregational Outreach Committee (even though we are a small committee) we have been busy working to bring back some events to involve the congregation and community. Please note that we would welcome you to join us, if you are interested on serving on the committee, please contact Marilee Smiley (mibobalink@gmail.com).

We have a gift for visitors to our worship. If you are aware of a visitor, there are tumblers on the cabinet in fellowship hall or please let Deb Bard, Nancy Parkin, Mary Zimbler or Marilee Smiley know so that they can welcome our visitors.

We have plans for the following activities, **YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT.**

September 1 (Thursday) – 7:30 pm) - Movie Night with popcorn in the Courtyard

Other Movie Nights planned are:

October 13

February 16

April 7

September 17 (Saturday) – 7:30 PM - BUNCO Party – Cost \$5.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends with you.

October 23 – following Worship – HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE DAY – Sign-up to decorate a table about your favorite team, have some snacks and enjoy sharing your team with others.

November 12 – TURKEY DINNER – We need everyone to considering signing up to help with this event. We need to have volunteer's sign-up by October 16. If we do not have the needed help, then it will be necessary for us to cancel this event.

December 3 – JINGLE FEST - We are joining Christian Education Committee in this event. There will be a live nativity and One Starry Night

January 15 – BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – Sign-up to decorate a table (one for each month of the year) and have cake for those joining you that have birthdays the same month as you. Maybe several people may want to do it together.

February 12 – CHILI COOK OFF – following Worship

March 12 – POTATO BAKE – following Worship

May 7 – Honor Mothers – Men are needed to plan a special recognition for the mothers during the Coffee Hour.

June 18 – Honor Fathers – Women are needed to plan a special recognition for the fathers during the Coffee Hour.

Summer - Possible a picnic.

Watch for more information as we move forward.

Marilee Smiley (mibobalink@gmail.com)

Chair of Congregation Outreach



Do You Like...

Having coffee after Worship on Sunday?
Having a treat with your coffee?

If you enjoy this then we need your help. Please sign up on the sheet when you get your coffee or email Marilee Smiley (mibobalink@gmail.com)

Fenton First Presbyterian Church
Invites You To Our

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE COURTYARD

Thursday, September 1st at 7:30 PM

More Information
810-629-7801

*Popcorn & Water
Provided!
Bring a Blanket or
Chair*

Invite A Friend

503 S. Leroy Street | Fenton



It's Bunco Time



Prizes
&
Lots
of Fun

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

BRING A FRIEND SEPTEMBER 17 AT 7:30

COST \$5.00



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DEACONS

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

Deacon's Scholarship Opportunity!

Great News! You have another chance to apply for a Deacons sponsorship!

The Deacons have reviewed and revised the requirements of both \$500 sponsorships offered. We have made the process much simpler in hopes that it will reach more members and/or their immediate family, as well as encourage more participants in this wonderful program. Applications are due by September 20th. Please contact the church office at 810-629-7801 or visit <https://ffpc.org/deacons/>



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

If you need someone to run an errand or 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.



Prayer requests and updates

can be sent to Nancy Parkin by phone at 810-241-6497 or by email at prayerchain@ffpc.org.

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

Refugee Welcome Team Update August 2022:



Our Refugee Welcome Team has had a busy summer so far! In July we were matched with an Afghan family of 7. We made three visits to their home in Detroit and were able to deliver a good amount of furniture and household items to help make their new house a home. Using grant funds we were also able to send them a much needed bunk bed frame, pressure cooker, and tool kit. We also finished delivering items to the 4 individuals/families in apartments in Midtown Detroit. Among the many items was a much sought after sewing machine for Bibi. This brings our total number of families impacted by our program up to 11 for the year.

An additional focus this summer has been working with Humberto Garcia. He continues to need help with transportation and in identifying resources. I am thankful for volunteer drivers and interpreters who have taken him to appointments thus far.

We have already been matched with our next family! Asad and Najma Arian recently arrived from Afghanistan and are expecting their first baby in December.

We are in need of volunteers who are interested in coordinating and delivering items. We would love to be able to send out more of the furniture that we have stored, but in order to do this, more delivery volunteers are needed. This could be a family or an individual. An average delivery takes about 3 hours including the drive time and is incredibly rewarding!

In closing, thank you to everyone who responded so quickly and generously when we were matched to the family of 7 in July. I was overwhelmed by how quickly the donations were gathered. You all made the family feel so welcome in their new home. Thank you very much! Here is a picture of one of our team members, Katie, with the last delivery all ready to go.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at office@ffpc.org or 810-629-7801.

Financial Review - July, 2022

Profit/ Loss	<u>July</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan-July</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income:	\$19,342.20	\$26,429.36	\$266,651.62	\$185,005.52	\$317,152.70
Expense:	<u>\$35,034.81</u>	<u>\$25,619.67</u>	<u>\$226,238.29</u>	<u>\$189,052.69</u>	<u>\$317,152.70</u>
	-15,692.61*	809.69	40,413.33*	-4,0473.17	

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

Statement of Cash Flows

	July	YTD
Cash at Beginning of period:	\$74,646.43	\$125,208.38
Cash at End of Period:	<u>\$58,047.26</u>	<u>\$58,047.26</u>
Net Cash Increase:	-16,599.17	-67,161.12

Balance in the Building Repair & Improvement account as of July 31st: \$3,354.34

Respectfully Submitted, August 6th, 2022
Debera J Bard, Treasurer

WAYS TO GIVE

There are many different ways that you can give back to the Fenton First Presbyterian Church. **Together we can make a difference!!**



Online Giving: An easy and convenient way to give. Just visit the Presbyterian Mission Exchange link in the Giving section of FFPC.org website. A fast and SECURE way to give back.



Church Giving: You can give during one of our services by placing your check or cash in the Sunday offering plates. When giving cash, please complete a giving envelope so we can properly record your gift.



Automatic Bank Pay: You can set up payments through your financial institution by utilizing the bill pay feature. Simply use First Presbyterian Church as the payee and your name for your account information. Saves on postage!!



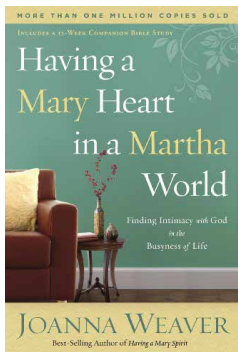
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Fenton, MI 48430

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Evening Bible Study: Book of Acts in the Bible, also known as “The Acts of the Holy Apostles”

Beginning September 11th from 5-6PM in the conference room at 4Square Tax in Fenton

The group will follow the Bible directly, supplementing discussion with non-scriptural commentary from the books “Acts for Everyone” by N.T. Wright, parts 1 & 2. While very easy to read and understand, these books are not necessary yet are easily available from amazon, christianbook.com, and other outlets. Contact Larry Zimble for more information!



Fall Women's Study - Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life by Joanna Weaver

Thoughtful and personal, practical and encouraging, this study looks at contrasting sisters of the Bible - Mary and Martha, the friends of Jesus - to gently show participants how they can deepen their devotion, strengthen their service, and experience less stress and greater joy. Joanna reminds us that Jesus extends to us the same invitation he gave to these sisters of Bethany: *Come to Me*.

Monday Evenings: September 12 - November 14 from 6:30-8:30 Via ZOOM only
or

Wednesday Mornings: September 7 - November 9 from 10AM – noon in Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$20 for book and study guide

More information available at <https://ffpc.org/monday-wednesday-womens-studies/>

Tuesday Morning Adult Study

11AM-12:15PM In the Conference Room

Led Pastor Robbie Carnes, this group will be watching the second season of The Chosen.

Celebrate Recovery – Every Wednesday from 7-9PM

Worship from 7-8PM in Fellowship Hall

Men’s and Women’s Small Groups from 8-9PM in the Truth and Discipleship rooms

FFPC's Celebrate Recovery (CR) Ministry

CR is approaching its first birthday! This life-changing ministry has grown over the last year and brought to those that attend a fellowship in recovery, music-filled worship, and a closer relationship with Christ. Between winter weather, the pandemic, summer travels and other challenges, not everyone could attend every week, but if all our leaders and new attendees came at once we would have almost 20 people. Most attendees found out about our meeting from the sign out front, which was a surprise to me since I wondered if it was reaching the community. In order to celebrate our birthday, and hopefully reach more people in the community, we are planning on having a BBQ in late September. You will soon find more CR resources in Fellowship Hall in the hopes that some of you will seek the fellowship, worship and recovery that CR offers. It is not just for chemical addictions; only 30% of people that attend struggle with chemical addiction.

Most people seek recovery from life's other hurts, hangups and habits, like:

- Food and body image issues
- Codependency
- Anger issues
- Gambling
- Over spending
- Mental health issues like anxiety and depression
- Sexual Integrity
- Loneliness
- Pride
- Procrastination
- Low self esteem, to name just a few



For our God, there is no challenge too big or too small! If it is important to you, and affecting your life and relationships negatively (especially your relationship with God), then it is important to God, and important to all of us at CR. We are here for you and would love to welcome you to our meetings. If you don't feel comfortable, even though meetings stress confidentiality (attending a meeting at your home church), please visit www.celebraterecovery.com to find a meeting near you, or speak to/text me, Jennifer MacLean at 810-240-2301. **I would be more than happy to talk to you privately about CR, help you with CR resources, or even go with you to another meeting in the area (I've been to them all); they are all amazing. And please, please spread the word!** If you know or meet someone that is struggling, please tell them about CR, and invite them to our church.

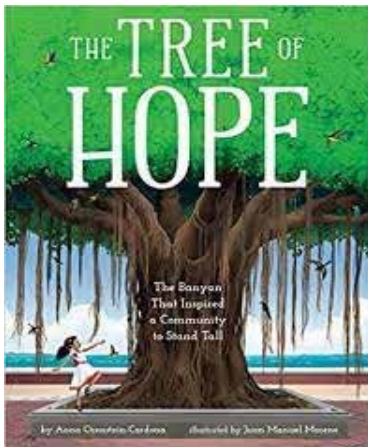
Celebrate Recovery Meetings are Wednesdays from 7-9pm in Fellowship Hall

In His peace,
Jennifer MacLean

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Adults and children are encouraged to visit our new libraries in the Grace and Truth rooms downstairs!

Children's Book Highlight:



The Tree of Hope: The Miraculous Rescue of Puerto Rico's Beloved Banyan by Anna Orenstein-Cardona

This book tells the story of the Banyan tree that inspired a community to stand tall.

The author states:

“As a child, one of my greatest joys was visiting Old San Juan and sitting under the jagüey blanco with a piragua (snow cone) in hand. I remember being mesmerized by the old tree's giant size and stunning beauty. I often imagined myself swinging from its ariel roots like Tarzan (sadly, that wasn't allowed). Even as an adult, I frequently visited the tree.

When I learned about the tree's fall due to Hurricane Maria, I felt like I had lost a childhood friend. The story of its recovery is nothing short of a miracle during a time of extreme turmoil. It is also a reminder of the inexplicable bond between nature and humans.

I wrote this book as a love letter to my treasured banyan tree and to mi gente – my people. Both carry deep in their roots an indomitable spirit of resilience and hope in the face of adversity. May its story serve as a reminder to believe in yourself and never, ever give up!”

Farmer's Market Community Outreach Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with this outreach opportunity. We gave away roughly 75 children's activity bags and 80 books for children and adults, while also promoting various services and organizations like Celebrate Recovery, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-a-Pet, Fenton Community Orchestra, Voices for Children, Zonta Club of Fenton, Snuggles Sacks, food pantries, and much more. Special opportunities arose where we were able to assist victims of abuse and sex trafficking get help. All of this is precisely why our presence is important in the community!

As Jesus said, *“In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.”* MATTHEW 5:16 Thank you for your support and participation!

YOUTH GROUP

CREATING SPACE FOR YOUTH TO ASK QUESTIONS, ENCOUNTER GOD, AND LEARN TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

Allow, Meet, and Go!



We finished out the summer with the high school Montreat Conference, a Warren Dunes day trip, and lake day at the Gibb home. Thank you to Chris and Donna Anderson, Julie Campbell, Pastor Robbie Carnes, Jenny Gibb, and Mary and Larry Zimbler for chaperoning summer youth events. Sharing your time and faith with our youth is a treasured gift, and I am grateful to participate in youth ministry with each of you. Tina

6 - 12 graders, friends, and young adults are welcome for Fall events

Watch your texts and email or contact Tina Ritchie tina@ffpc.org for current information. Friends always welcome with a current Parental Consent form on file!

Upcoming events:

Upcoming events are being planned – watch for more information in emails, texts, and worship bulletins. On the table are retreats and lock-ins; hay ride; bon fire discussions; movie nights; mission events; Group, Soup, & Talk; prayer walks, etc. Adults are asked to contact Tina Ritchie if you'd like to be part of the program!

Ways to support Youth Group scholarships and activities:

- **Bottle returns** - drop off your rinsed returnable bottle and cans to the youth room. THANK YOU to Chas Kopplin for cashing them in!
- **Kroger Quarterly Earnings** - \$33.72 Link your Kroger Rewards card to FFPC. Contact the office if you need info on how to do this!
- **VG's receipts** – We are \$60,000 short in receipts to receive a \$1000 check. THANK YOU to Nancy Parkin for counting receipts!

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School for children ages kindergarten through 5th grade

Sunday school begins at 10am in the lower level Christian Education classrooms wing. Children join worship after the sermon where they either sit with their parents or with Miss Tina; masks are optional at their parent's discretion. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tina Ritchie or Kate Kirkey.

Nursery & Preschool Teachers and Shepherds are needed during Sunday morning worship from 9:45 – 11am.

The Christian Education Committee is seeking adults and youth to fill this role.

Please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, or contact Kate Kirkey or Tina Ritchie.

September Volunteers

Sept 4:
Sept 11:
Sept 18:
Sept 25:

“A Nation Divided” topics are:

Unit 13 – Elijah and Elisha (1 & 2 Kings)

Israel and Judah, ruled mostly by evil kings, continued to disobey God. God sent prophets like Elijah and Elisha to challenge Israel's kings about their idolatry and injustice. The prophets also revealed God's power, love, and faithfulness to God's people. God reminded God's people of God's plan to send a Rescuer, Jesus, to take away their sin.

9/4 Elijah and Elisha

9/11 Elisha and the Army

Big Picture Question: How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.

Unit Key Verse: *I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.* ~ Isaiah 42:8

Unit 14 – The Northern Kingdom of Israel (Jonah, Hosea, 2 Kings)

Despite continued sin by the people of God, God used Hosea's life to show that God still loved Israel, though Israel was unfaithful. God called Jonah to a godless nation, showing that no one is beyond God's compassion. Ultimately, God judges Israel's sin and punished them, Jesus took our punishment for sin upon Himself. Jesus brings us into God's presence and keeps us there.

9/18 Jonah, Prophet to Nineveh

9/25 Hosea, Prophet to Israel

10/2 Israel Taken Captive

Big Picture Question: Why should we obey God? We should obey God because God made us, God loves us, and God's plans are good.

Unit Key Verse: *The Lord isn't slow to keep his promise, as some think of slowness, but he is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish but all to change their hearts and lives.* ~ 2 Peter 3:9

»» WHEREFORE YE MUST ««
PRESS FORWARD

WITH A STEADFASTNESS IN CHRIST

HAVING A PERFECT BRIGHTNESS OF HOPE
AND A *Love of God* AND OF ALL MEN

WHEREFORE IF YE SHALL
PRESS FORWARD 



FEASTING UPON
the word of Christ

AND ENDURE
TO THE END



BEHOLD, THUS SAITH THE FATHER

YE SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

2 NEPHI 31:20

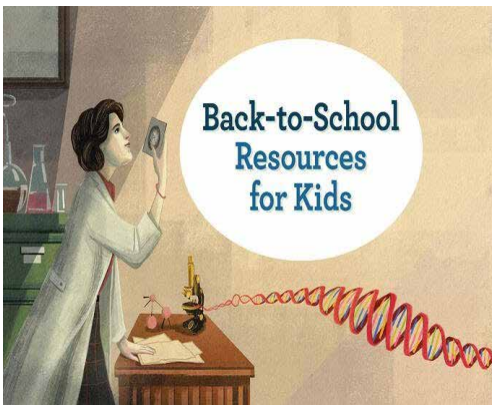
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the New Saturday Facilities Work Group! The long standing Wednesday work group has expanded in order to complete additional projects as well as provide those interested, who may not be available on Wednesdays, an opportunity to take part. This group meets once a month on the third Saturday at 9am.

Costume sort for Live Nativity help needed

Sunday, September 18 at 11:15am in the Art Room

In prepping for this year's Live Nativity during Jinglefest, the Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to help sort costumes and material. We will also be discussing the possibility of hosting the One Starry Night family experience in addition to the Live Nativity. Those available are asked to let Deb Bard or Kate Kirkey know. Thank you!



There are so many different feelings associated with going back to school: excitement, nervousness, and uncertainty, just to name a few. At Beaming Books, we believe in creating resources to help all kids thrive, especially when they are faced with challenges and changes. This list includes books to help us all prepare for the days ahead, covering topics like mindfulness, inspiring historical figures, creativity, and everything in between. Click on this link to learn more: <https://blog.beamingbooks.com/back-to-school-resources-for-kids>

College Care Package items needed by October 16

It's that time of year to bless our young adults with a care package. Please drop of items in the bins located in the church main entrance. Items requested are **microwave popcorn, cereal bars, crackers, pens, mechanical pencils, erasers, highlighters, post-its, hot cocoa, tea, oatmeal, raman, candy, gum, and the like.** Youth Group will be packaging these items in late October. Nothing says I love you like a package from home!

ATTENTION!!! If you knit or crochet (or would like to learn) the YARN Rappers meet in the Adult Library/Grace Room every Tuesday at 1pm. This is a friendly group that shares fellowship and makes hats for chemo patients, prayer shawls, lap robes, afgahns & baby blankets to bring comfort to anyone going through difficult times. These can be very simple projects, and needles and yarn can be provided. If you know of anyone in need of an item please call Kelly at the church office at 810-629-7801 or email at office@ffpc.org.

LET'S CELEBRATE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shannon Clemens	Sep 4
Doug Congdon	Sep 4
Edwin Schwarz	Sep 4
Pat Tucker	Sep 6
Clayton Miller	Sep 7
Marc Hoerauf	Sep 8
Sharlyn Sutton	Sep 8
Cheryl Kopplin	Sep 9
Ron Andersen	Sep 12
Sue Lantz	Sep 17
Roberta O'Hara	Sep 19
Halle Fisher	Sep 20
Larry Arrol	Sep 23
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James Kryza	Sep 30
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Robert & Barbara Chappelle	Sept 12
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John & Shari Foguth	Sept 20
Glenn & Cherrrie Maxwell	Sept 23
Dennis & JoAnn Beardslee	Sept 24
Brian & Sherry Rourke	Sept 25
John & Holly Hodgkin	Sept 26
John & Julie Maloney	Sept 26

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