

What's Happening at FFPC

Be sure to visit the sign-up table before you leave on Sunday mornings! There are many opportunities to volunteer and serve.

Closed Captions during worship are available on the TV located in the Sanctuary Annex. Please see Mike Cupp or Kelly Sunman-Davis with questions.

Do you use the T Coil hearing loop? If you are having trouble with the system, please info Mike Cupp.

Story Time January 12th! The Library Committee is hosting story time the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship in Fellowship Hall. Children, youth and adults are invited to hear and discuss a story of the month and check out books from the library! Folks interested in being a reader are asked to see Jenn Wenzel.

Children's Sunday School and Worship Information

Class begins at 10AM and children return to worship after the sermon where they are welcome to either sit with their parents or with Miss Tina. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tina Ritchie

Youth Group Schedule

January

Sun 12, 4-6PM: Youth Group TBD

*5PM, Sat 25 - 11AM Sun 26: Lock-in and Fudgeriaser fudge making

February

Sun 9: Souper Bowl of Caring during and right after worship

Sun 23, 4-6PM: Youth Group

Youth Group Valentine's Day "Fudgeraiser"

Beginning January 5, Youth Group will be selling fudge to raise funds for summer conferences. Orders will be ready for pick-up by February 9 - just in time for Valentine's Day!

Sunday Evening Bible Study - The Book of Daniel

Beginning January 12 from 5 - 6:30PM

Led by Larry Zimble, this class meets in the conference room at 4square Tax & Accounting. Bring your Bible and an open mind. Please see Rabbi Larry for more information.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Resuming January 7 from 11AM - 12:15PM in the Conference Room

Led by Pastor Robbie, this group will finish season 4 of the Chosen through January, and begin a new topic in February.

Women's Studies - Wednesday morning or Thursday evening

Get Out of Your Head by Jennie Allen

Register by contacting the office.

Wednesday mornings, January 22 - February 26 from 10am - NOON

This class meets in Fellowship Hall and is facilitated by Tina Ritchie

OR

Thursday evenings, January 23 - February 27 from 6:30 - 8:30PM

This class meets via zoom and is facilitated by Dee Dee Ainsworth

Are your thoughts holding you captive? When we swirl in a spiral of destructive thoughts, beliefs begin to form: "I'll never be good enough." "Other people have better lives than I do." "God couldn't really love me."

We spiral down and down. Changing the way we think seems nearly impossible. And yet the apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippians that conforming our minds to Christ is possible, and it's the ultimate goal for every follower of Christ.

In Get Out of Your Head, Jennie gives us tools from the book of Philippians to transform our emotions, our outlook, and even our circumstances, by taking control of our minds. We can find freedom from the downward spiral by:

Taking every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ

Shifting the focus of our minds from our circumstances to God

Fighting toxic thoughts with weapons of humility, silence, and delight

Escaping our comfort zones with weapons of connection, intentionality and gratitude

Learning to forget what's behind so we can move ahead

Defeating anxiety with a mind like Christ's

Refugee Welcome Information: In our 7th year of this program we have two main projects. One, we will continue to supply furniture and housewares for newly arrived families. Two, we will organize ESL classes to support the growing community of refugees in Genesee County. Any and all are welcome to join the effort. Please contact Sarah Martin-Fanone if you would like to get involved.

If you would like to support the program monetarily, you can now give directly via the church website or donations can be turned in to the church with a note to direct the funds to refugee programs. Our Amazon.com wishlist of useful items is also available on the church website.

The Book Binders Book Club would like to thank everyone who "decorated" our 2024 Giving Tree with gifts for children. We received a total of 276 items consisting of mittens, hats, socks, underwear, pajamas, as well as other various types of clothing. Your response was generous and heartwarming. This year, all the gifts were donated to World of Wonder, which is an organization that supports local families in and around our area.

Giving Envelopes have been ordered and will be distributed once they have arrived.

Giving Statements will be mailed out next week. Please contact Kelly Sunman-Davis if you have any questions or concerns.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place January 26th, 2025 after the 10am worship service.