



The First Presbyterian Church
of Washingtonville
The *Good News-Letter*



May 2015

May 14



Ascension
OF THE LORD



I will
put my
spirit
within
you,
and you
shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

.....May 24

May 31.....



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IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY



Important News: Pastoral Emergency Care

We have pastoral emergency coverage for our congregation. If you know of a need for emergency care please call the church office (496-3814) and leave a message if Cynthia is not there. Pastors from area churches have volunteered to help us during our time of transition.

We have a church officer checking the answering machine daily when Cynthia is not working. Any questions, please contact Elder Lois Dunikowski.

VBS - July 20-24

A list of donations needed for VBS will be posted within the next few weeks.



We must not be content to have the Spirit without the Word or the Word without the Spirit. Our lives must travel along these two, as the locomotive travels along parallel rails. It is only by our devout contact with the Bible that we shall be able to detect the Holy Spirit's voice. It is by the Word that the Spirit will enter our hearts, as the heat of the sun passes into our homes when its beams of light enter the open windows. - F.B. Meyer



Worship

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Our observances of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter were moving and memorable. We are so thankful for the wonderful worship leadership of Rev. Glenn Henricksen. A special thank you to LouAnne Blanchard, Lois Dunikowski and Peggy Wright for all their efforts in planning and carrying out the Upper Room this year combined with the Maundy Thursday service. This is a busy time for our Worship Ministry. Many hands make light work! We are grateful to the folks from Naurashaun Presbyterian Church in Pearl River for again loaning us their labyrinth for the Good Friday Prayer Vigil.

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on May 3 and May 24-Pentecost. The following pastors will be guests in our pulpit in May:

May 3 -	Rev. Heather Brown-Huston
May 10 -	Rev. Jean A.F. Holmes
May 17 -	Dr. David Jacobsen
May 24 -	Rev. Paul Min
May 31 -	Lynn Costa

The ladies of the FPCW Chancel Choir are busy preparing to perform in the annual Presbybuild Talent Show! Hosting this year, on May 9 is the Cornwall Presbyterian Church. Desserts will be served at 6:00 PM in their fellowship hall and the show begins at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15.00. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the important work of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh and enjoy some great entertainment as well! See you there!

Blessings, The FPC Worship Ministry

Walking in faith

In *What Are You Afraid Of? Facing Down Your Fears With Faith* (Tyndale House), David Jeremiah describes Englishman John Pounds (1755-1839) as an example of facing debilitation with faith. While working at the docks as a teen, Pounds fell from a ship's mast. Recovery took two years. Out of boredom while bedridden, he began reading the Bible and soon accepted Christ.

Once well enough, Pounds worked for a cobbler and later bought his own shop, making orthopedic shoes for disabled children. His own body had healed crookedly, resulting in constant pain, so he could identify with the people he served. Pounds also fed homeless children, taught them to read and told them about Jesus.

"What might John Pounds have become had he not been severely injured?" Jeremiah asks. Our struggles often enable us to empathize with and help people we wouldn't have met otherwise. Through our weakness, God can minister to others (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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M	A	Y			1 Cardboard City	2 Cardboard City
3 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Heather Brown- Huston, Lord's Supper 11:30 AM Joint Mtg 3:00 Piano Recital	4 7:00 PM Troop 416 Leaders Meeting	5 7:00 Troop 416 7:30 PM Discernment Meeting	6 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 Girl Scout #493 6:30 Girl Scout #405 7:30 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	7 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	8	9 PresbyBuild Talent Show at Cornwall PC
10 Mother's Day 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Jean Holmes 12-5 Girl/Cub Troop #600/4 8:00 PM A.A.	11	12 7:00 Troop 416	13 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:30 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	14 Ascension of the Lord 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	15 3:30 Girl Scout #493	16
17 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. David Jacobsen 8:00 PM A.A.	18	19 7:00 Troop 416	20 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:30 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	21 4-6 Girl Scout #503 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	22	23
24 Pentecost 10:00 AM Worship, Rev. Paul Min 8:00 PM A.A.	25 Memorial Day 7:00 Troop 416 Board of Review	26 7:00 Troop 416	27 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:30 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM A.A.	28 7:00 Venture Crew 7:00 PM N.A.	29 7:30 PM Book Club at LouAnne Blanchard's home	30 9:00 AM Session - Stewardship Breakfast-Union PC 12-3PM Troop 416 Court of Honor
31 Trinity Sunday 10:00 AM Worship, Lynn Costa 8:00 PM A.A.						

Sundays - 10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Coffee Hour

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

- 1 Dolores Taylor
- 5 Lou Anne Blanchard
- 15 Maureen Moss
- 18 Carrie Maurya
- 21 Robin Lomolino

-- Save the Date --

Vacation Bible School

July 20 - 24

Director Darlene Santacroce

Sharing A Burger

Do not forget to do good and to share,
for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

Lee Geysbeek of Compassion International told about a woman who had the opportunity to travel to a distant land to visit the child she sponsored. She decided to take the child, who was living in abject poverty, to a restaurant.

The boy ordered a hamburger, and the sponsor ordered a salad. When the food came to the table, the boy, who assuredly had never had such a meal in his life, surveyed the scene. He looked at his huge hamburger and over at his sponsor's small salad. Then he took his knife and cut the burger in half, offered it to his sponsor, rubbed his tummy, and asked, "Hungry?"

A child who had next to nothing his whole life was willing to share half of what he had with someone he thought might need more. This child can be a good reminder the next time we meet someone in physical, emotional, or spiritual need. As followers of Jesus, our faith in Him should be mirrored through our actions (*James 2:17*).

We encounter people in need every day. Some around the globe, some simply around the corner. Some in need of a warm meal, others a kind word. What a difference followers of Christ, who have experienced His love, could make by doing good and sharing.

Today, Lord help me see beyond my own problems to the needs of others.

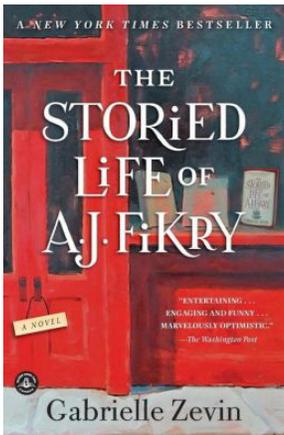
Guide my hand to give instead of get, to offer instead of ask,
and to bless instead of seeking blessings.

May Your name be honored.

--Our Daily Bread, May 2015

With blessings of love from the Nurture Ministry

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin



“Funny, tender, and moving, *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* reminds us all exactly why we read and why we love.”*

A. J. Fikry’s life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare

collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over--and see everything anew.

“This novel has humor, romance, a touch of suspense, but most of all love--love of books and bookish people and, really, all of humanity in its imperfect glory.” –Eowyn Ivey, author of *The Snow Child*

Christian Symbol



A vine symbolizes Christ, the foundation of life and nourishment of all people, who, in turn, are like branches. When separate from the vine, we branches can't survive – at least not spiritually. "Apart from me," says Jesus, "you can do nothing" (John 15:5, NIV). But as God the gardener tends this relationship, we branches grow stronger and more mature in Jesus and alongside one another.

Bible Quiz

According to Acts 2, on Pentecost some people accused the disciples of being drunk. Why?

- A. Because they were still asleep at 9 in the morning.
- B. Because all the wine was gone.
- C. Because they were all speaking in foreign languages.
- D. All of the above.



Answer: C (See Acts 2:4, 13.)

Board of Deacons

Deacon Ministry

Food Pantry - The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed for May will be: canned pancake mix, syrup, can juice, salt and sugar. Please add at least one of these items to your shopping list. Donations can be placed in the wicker basket outside Hazekamp Hall.

Coffee Hour Needs - Needs for the coffee hour are as follows: 7 oz. plastic cups, small paper plates, juice, coffee and tea. Thank you all for helping the Deacons keep the kitchen stocked!

Prayer Shawl - The Deacons are so happy to have this special ministry to help with their shepherding.

E Prayer Circle - Please contact Lois Dunikowski at lbd9999@hrc.rr.com if you have any prayer requests.

Emergency Use of the Church Building - If any person in our church family is without power, water, or heat, and needs to use the church as a safe haven, please contact your deacon shepherd so he or she can direct your need to the appropriate ministry elder(s).

The Deacons are very happy to serve the members of this congregation. Please let your deacon shepherd know if he or she can help you in any way. (There is a list posted on the bulletin board in the Denniston Room if you are not sure who your deacon shepherd is.)

A Hymn for Pentecost

Eighteenth-century brothers John and Charles Wesley, co-founders of the Methodist Church, were prolific hymn writers. At one point, they made a concerted effort to increase the number of Pentecost-related hymns available to worshipers.

Use Charles Wesley's hymn "O Thou Who Camest From Above" as a prayer that the Holy Spirit will burn brightly in your heart and life today:

O Thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
upon the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for Thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.



Calendar of Prayer for our Congregations and Leadership

The endorsed calendar of prayer is a way for us to be united. It's an awesome responsibility and gift to pray for one another. To make our offering on behalf of one another. Each member congregation, staff member, elected servant leader, ministry team, and mission commitment of our Presbytery is represented:

Croton Falls PC, United PC Middletown, Peru Partnership, First Church Chester, First Church Katonah, Projects funded by Challenge to Change, Hopewell PC-Thompson Ridge, Bryn Mawr Park PC-Yonkers, Mission Workers of the PC(USA), First Church Monroe, and the Synod of the Northeast.



Newsletter articles
June 2015 issue are
due before
May 20!

VISION STATEMENT

*Together, we worship God through our
Study, Stewardship, Service, and Song.*

Call Cynthia at **496-3814** or send an e-mail to firstpres@frontiernet.net
to share your news with our church family!



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