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A Note from the Pastors



Here is an alarming statistic:

"Roughly 50% of students walk away from the church after they graduate High School."

... even after all those years of Sunday School, VBS, Christmas pageants, youth group, retreats, and mission trips!

The Fuller Youth Institute has been studying this phenomenon in order to help parents and churches nurture faith that truly sticks in the lives of children and teens.

What helps create Sticky Faith ?

"Of all the youth group participation variables we've seen, being involved in intergenerational worship and relationships was one of the variables most highly coordinated to young people's faith."

"Kids experience Jesus Christ when adults in the church give them grace, time, and genuine love with no hidden agenda."

Join us as we become more intentional about creating intergenerational opportunities in the life and ministry of FPC:E. so that children, teens, and adults can work, play, worship, learn, serve, and grow together.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Thursday, June 28, 6pm at:	The Mansfield Home 564 Jones Road, Vestal
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Thursday, July 26, 6 pm at:	Location TBD
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Thursday, August 23, 6 pm at:	Location TBD
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Come to these intergenerational evenings of fun, games/activities, a shared meal, songs and prayer around a campfire - and some-mores, of course. Be part of the crucial work of encouraging our youth in their lives and faith!

* Quotes from the Fuller Youth Institute in Pasadena, CA.

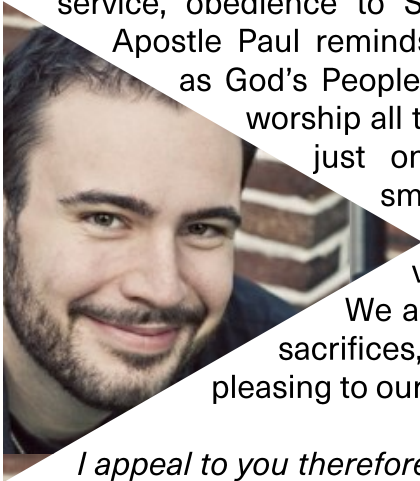
Jan & Tim

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Our worship takes many forms: songs of praise, prayers of confession, acts of service, obedience to Scripture. The

Apostle Paul reminds us that we, as God's People, are to be in worship all the time— not just on Sunday, at small group, or during our volunteering.

We are to be living sacrifices, good and pleasing to our King!



I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. — Romans 12:1

Please pray for:

Bob Betka, who had back surgery | **Harry Frederick**, who was readmitted to the hospital for a pulmonary embolism | We give thanks for the music and the testimony of the Southern Tier Community Choir during their spring concert here at FPC:E | We give thanks for God's answer as a small group prayed for the adult daughter of a couple in their group | Praise to God for Linda Fiaschi's father being able to go home after a long illness | Eric and Deb Eiche, who are asking for prayers for wisdom in making an important decision | **The Paradiso family**, as they celebrate the arrival of **Eliza MaryJane Paradiso**, on May 7 | **Marina Bates**, for hopeful signs of regaining strength and health in her battle with a food avoidance disorder. "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" | **Laura McKeown**, as she begins Physician Assistant school at Penn State College

of Medicine | **Hemant Tandi**, who is asking for prayer as he weans off pain medication that affects his cognitive ability | **Scott and Melanie Mansfield**, and their family, as they grieve the death of Mel's mother | **Doug Stanton**, who will be going to rehab following bypass surgery on his leg | **Claudia Delafield's friend, Christy**, who is dealing with health issues | **Anna Beers**, who is recovering from surgery | **Jim and Helen Jephson**, who both got good reports from medical check-ups | **Vivian Tallman**, who spent time at Wilson and is now in rehab at Ideal, recovering from a couple fractures in her pelvis | **Ede Sornberger**, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday, May 25! | **Eileen Keely**, who celebrated her 93rd birthday on May 21! | The six children we know have taken an important step in their faith this spring to believe in Jesus and continue to learn what that means in their lives — Aiyana Adbur-Razzaq, Lucy Kamper, Kaleya Kublo, Kyleise Kublo, Shiloh Li, and Rori Malizia | **Abby (Eckert) and Tyler Beckley**, who were married on May 26 | **Carla**, that life challenges will be bearable | **Virginia Ulsh**, who is healing from a recent fall | **All those from Samaritan Supper** that came upstairs to pray with people from FPC:E

We celebrate with Hosanna Tandi, who gives thanks for all the church members, pastors, and Nursery School teachers who poured into her. A special thanks to Marian, who was principal at that time. Through the blessing of the Lord Jesus, Hosanna had great success at UE, and will graduate in the top 10.



VISIONING

Elders discussed chapter 1 (Mission at the Center) & chapter 2 (Mission for Everyone) from the book, *Gospel Centered Church*. If we believe that mission (sharing the good news of Jesus) is the central purpose of the church, then all of our teaching, training, prayer, pastoral care, youth work, praise, and so on must all contribute to the mission of the church.

Elders were challenged with the following questions:
Can we each give a 60-second talk about how we came to faith/Jesus?
What are we saved from?
How do we become different?

PRAYER

Elders closed in an extended time of prayer.

LINDA WILLETS CLERK OF SESSION

Each month, Linda provides an overview of the work of our Session. Keep an eye out on this page to see what God is doing through the work of our leadership.



BUSINESS

Session members meet with representatives from both services (Nathan, Jamie, Larry) and the STCCC (Pat Labzentis) on May 6, after the second service, to talk through possible renovations to the front of the sanctuary to address safety, flexibility, and usage issues.

Session discussed tentative proposals for security cameras and upgrades to the door access system.

The Elders reviewed the first draft of the Sexual Conduct/Safe Sanctuary Policy, created by Josh Luce on behalf of the Personnel Committee. Comments and questions will be addressed before the policy is finalized.

“ABOVE ALL, MAINTAIN CONSTANT LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS. BE HOSPITABLE TO ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT COMPLAINING.” – 1 PETER 4:8-9

CONNECT



THEY VOLUNTARILY GAVE ACCORDING TO THEIR
MEANS, AND EVEN BEYOND THEIR MEANS,
BEGGING US EARNESTLY FOR THE PRIVILEGE
OF SHARING IN THIS MINISTRY OF THE SAINTS
...THEY GAVE THEMSELVES FIRST TO THE LORD
AND, BY THE WILL OF GOD, TO US...-2 COR. 8:1-5

As we began our study of the Holy Habits/Spiritual Disciplines, I was feeling the Spirit nudging me. I wrestled with where it was leading and thought it was about providing some study opportunities to dig deeper into the habits for others. In reality I think it was more about me needing to dig into each habit deeper and let the Spirit work on me through this preparation time.

The very first week I was challenged with the passage from 2 Corinthians. Do we see our partnership with God in ministry a *privilege* and do we *beg earnestly* to be included? Too often I am more invested in my own “stuff” and not begging to be included in God’s plan for us to be part of his great commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

The second week I was challenged with my prayer life. Matthew 6:33 reminds us to “*Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.*” Do we focus on seeking his Kingdom and righteousness, and is that evident in our prayers? I also continued to wrestle with the most difficult part of my prayer life – spending time in silence with God, allowing Him to speak. “*Be still, and know that I am God!*” (Psalm 46:10) I have an incredibly difficult time with this and have been working on allowing myself to be still.

Then we came to....fasting. This is not a discipline that I regularly practice, but in the past I have seen great fruit from practicing this holy habit! So why don’t I fast more regularly? Because of my comfort and convenience, I am sure. One of the benefits of fasting is that it can lead to greater intimacy, as we *deny our carnal nature* in order to fulfill the desires of God. And one of the desires of God is that we act in this way: “*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God.*” (Romans 12:2)

So why am I sharing all of this? Because I am aware of a *holy discontent in my life*, that I need to be a bit more proactive in discerning God’s will for my life and also for FPC:Endicott. As a Session and as Staff, we are continually trying to discern next steps when making decisions, to weigh them not against our own comfort, but as to how to become flourishing disciples who reach and connect with a hurting world that needs Christ. As others work on their Holy Habits, I am hoping we all will continue to share where we hear God speak to us, so that as a community, we can discern his next steps for us on mission!

ENDICOTT PROUD

SHARON EARLY

Last month I wrote about our desire to work on the grounds around the church to support the initiative by the Endicott Proud Beautification committee to revitalize garden areas around the village. FPC: Endicott came together on May 5 to clean up the winter brush and begin to spruce up the grounds around the church. We were able to tackle the majority of the list that the house committee had put together but now we need to take the next step and plant a mini-garden at the corner of McKinley and Monroe – our entrance to the village.

The Scripture I chose last month and used again this month was speaking to me because sometimes it does feel like Endicott is desolate and people are discouraged. It will only be through God that this village will be rebuilt and revitalized! But we have the **privilege** to partner with God if we so choose. I hope others will partner with us and come together **the first Saturday of June, the 2nd**, to begin work on transforming our corner of the village into a place that shows our love of God and of our neighbors!

Details will be in the bulletin/weekend update for Saturday, but you can contact Sharon Early, Derek Washburn, or Ede Sornberger if you have any questions. Even if that day doesn't work, there is always plenty of work around the grounds to keep them maintained and we would love to have a rotating group of volunteers so it doesn't always fall to our 90-year-old member doing it in the heat of the sun! I'm looking forward to hearing who else within our community of believers desires to be part of a ministry team focused on this little corner of Endicott where we are planted.



"And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined towns are now inhabited and fortified.' Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it." — Ezekiel 36:35-36

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FAMILY DAY!

JUNE 3

Join us as we share all that we've learned this past year and the ways we have grown in our faith! It will be a fun time filled with crafts, activities, snacks and fellowship together.

ROCK MOUNTAIN BIBLE CAMP

There's still time to sign up for camp and/or receive a camp scholarship.

Visit <http://www.rockmountainbiblecamp.org/> for camp details and to register. Then contact Tina for a scholarship application.



TUESDAY KID'S CLUB

TUESDAYS | 4:30PM-6:00PM | 6/5-7/31

Open to kids entering Kindergarten — entering grade 6

There will be exciting crafts and activities, wacky water games, fun Bible stories and a simple dinner. The program is free! If you would like to be a volunteer leader, visit the following website to sign up:

<https://fpcendicott.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>

INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERINGS

THURSDAYS — 6/28, 7/26, 8/23 | 6:00PM

See Pastors' Page for more information.



FUELING THE FAITH

WHEN I SAY “SUMMER,” WHAT COMES TO YOUR MIND?

Fun, freedom, lazy days, vacation, short work days, all-day play, camp, a break from the usual? It's true that summer gives us a break from the busy routine of the school year but the one thing that doesn't go on break is our faith. I've found that the best way to avoid the summer fizzle, is to be intentional and to have a plan. So here are some simple ways to continue fueling your faith this summer:

BE AWED BY GOD

Take time to appreciate and point out the wonderful world God has created and the ways you have seen Him at work around you.

COMMIT TO SCRIPTURE READING

Pick a Gospel to read together or, for more accountability, decide to read 2 chapters of the Bible together each day or week. You might even chose to memorize some Scripture as a family.

SERVE TOGETHER

Pick one person you can help serve each week. Maybe you'll weed the neighbors flower bed or visit the local nursing home. Perhaps you can make a meal together and deliver it to a shut-in or new mom.

CREATE COMMUNITY

Join us for Tuesday Kid's Club or our monthly gatherings.
Invite people from church over for dinner or games.

CAR TRIP GAMES

Use the time together in the car to reflect upon God and faith. Give your kids this space to ask any questions they have about God, the Bible, or faith... and don't worry about having the answers right then and there. Write down what you can't answer and then find the answers with your kids.

BE IN CHURCH

Wherever life finds you on Sunday, be intentional about finding a church nearby and commit to being in service.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

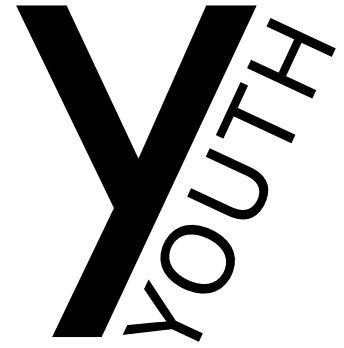
Keep your eyes open for those spontaneous moments which open the door to see God and have faith conversations.

YEAR END CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY 6/3 | 3:00PM-5:00PM

CASTORO FAMILY HOME
46 PEMBROKE DRIVE, ENDICOTT

Come ready to swim, play games, and have a good time.
Bring a snack to share and your Bible.



YOU ARE A BLESSING!

A huge thank you to all those volunteers who helped with Children's and Youth Ministry this past year. I appreciate all the time, energy, and effort you have given to these ministries. You have helped to shape and grow the faith of the young people of our church. Thank you!!

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE:

Growing Young Assessment

In order to help us better understand the culture of our church, we are inviting you to complete a brief online assessment. This survey is based on the work of the Fuller Youth Institute, specifically the research presented in the book *Growing Young: 6 essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church*. Anyone age 14 and up is encouraged to participate in this assessment.

THE SURVEY IS AVAILABLE FROM:

June 3 — June 23

USING THIS LINK:

<http://oursurvey.church/FPCEndicott>

We anticipate it will take you approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain confidential as they are incorporated into a larger report.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Tina Ide, tina@fpcendicott.org, 607-748-1544

COMPASSION BUILDERS

DEREK WASHBURN

We were able to get a major siding repair done for Moira since our last update and have 3-4 projects in line for people in the very near future.

Be looking for communication about upcoming ways to volunteer your time to help as we try to nail down our dates for the next few jobs.

Here are a couple pics of workers and work being done at Moira's:





FPC:E COMMUNITY

Look here for
opportunities to
serve the Kingdom
and grow in your faith
through the missions
and ministries of
FPC:E

- Each year we recognize our high school and college graduates in June. If you know of someone who is graduating, please contact the office with their information: Name, School, Degree, and Future Plans. Please have items in to the office by June 11.
- We are changing the way we do our newsletter mailing. If you responded to the survey from the April newsletter that you would like to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail, then you will continue to do so. If you

responded that you would like to pick up a copy at the church, copies will be available in the Gathering Area. If you responded that you would like to be on the email list only, then you will no longer receive the newsletter in the mail. If you did not respond to the survey, then starting next month, you will no longer receive the newsletter in the mail. If you would like to change your distribution preference, please contact the office.

- Summer service times begin on June 24. The contemporary service will be held in the sanctuary and the traditional service will be held in the chapel. Both services will

begin at 10am.

- This summer, we have the gift of being able to experience weekly fellowship after our 10:00am services in the chapel and sanctuary. To make this happen, we need people to volunteer to set up and clean up the refreshments each week. This is a simple process (directions provided) that can be done by a couple, a family, or 2-3 friends working together. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity one week this summer, please contact Deb Eiche, 765-4044.

JUNE

01 Joshua Trek @
Rock Mountain

02 Joshua Trek @
Rock Mountain

03
9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Children's
Ministry
10:45am Worship Service
ATOB Playing
3:00pm FPC:Youth

04
7:30pm AA Meeting

05
12:30pm Staff Meeting
6:30pm AA Meeting
7:00pm Deacons

06
6:00am Men's Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Session
7:30pm AA Meeting

07
1:00pm NS Golf
Tournament
7:00pm Worship Team
7:00pm AA Meeting

10 Communion
9:00am Worship Service
10:30am Children's
Ministry
10:45am Worship Service

11
5:30pm NS Board
Meeting
7:30pm AA Meeting

12
12:30pm Staff Meeting
6:15pm Worship Team
6:30pm AA Meeting
7:00pm Mission and
Stewardship

13
6:00am Men's Group
7:30pm AA Meeting

14
7:00pm AA Meeting

17 United Service
10:00am Worship Service

18
5:30pm Endicott Proud
7:30pm AA Meeting

19
12:30pm Staff Meeting
6:15pm Worship Team
6:30pm AA Meeting

20
6:00am Men's Group
7:30pm AA Meeting

21
7:00pm AA Meeting

22 Mini Camp @
Rock Mountain

23 Mini Camp @
Rock Mountain

24 Summer
Services Begin
10:00am Worship Service

25
7:30pm AA Meeting

26
12:30pm Staff Meeting
6:15pm Worship Team
6:30pm AA Meeting

27
6:00am Men's Group
7:30pm AA Meeting

28
6:00pm Intergenerational
Gathering
7:00pm AA Meeting



3-YEAR-OLD UMBRELLA PARADE!



ALL DRESSED UP



C.C. ADDED TO THE BUG SUITE'S SCIENCE STATION WITH HIS LIVE FROG + SALAMANDER!

GOLF TOURNEY

Join our effort to help offset preschool tuition costs for area children by rounding up your team for our **6th Annual Janet Cook Scholarship Golf Tournament!**

Thursday June 7 @ Traditions at the Glen
1pm shotgun start with dinner & prizes to follow!

Contact Derek Washburn to register your team: Derek@FirstPresEndicott.org or 748-1744



CAN YOU SEE IT?



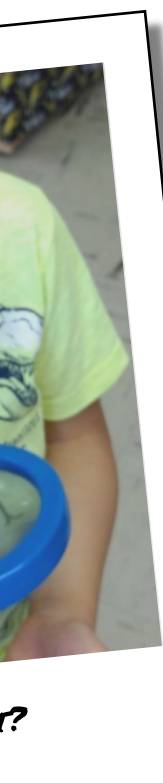
THANK YOU!

Our staff would like to thank this year's nursery school and church families for their support throughout this year. We hope that each child will take with him/her the knowledge and assurance that he/she was loved and valued here. Our wish for each of our children is a happy, healthy future doing what they love. For our students returning to First Pres. in Sept., have a blast this summer—we look forward to your company again this fall!

2018-19 First Pres. classes start up 9/6 for our Pre-K students & 9/10 for our Threes' students! Registration is underway - contact the N.S. office at 607.748.1744 or a form may be downloaded by visiting nurseryschool.firstpresendicott.org

Request your Summer Program Directory...

...furnished by the Family Enrichment Network. This directory is a free guide of summer programs in Broome, Chenango, and Tioga counties, as well as some programs in nearby NY and PA. It is available by request by calling Family Enrichment Network's Norma Bergmann at (607) 723-8313 ext. 829 or e-mail her at nbergmann@familyenrichment.org.





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