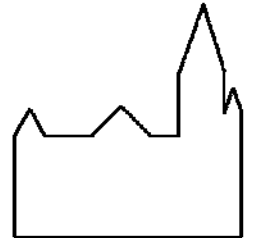


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➤ From the Pastor

Share Boundlessly

I've begun the year writing about some of the core values and promises that we've distilled for our congregation – things that we hope we will live into ourselves, and lead others toward as they deepen their walk with Christ. These are: Live Boldly, Grow Community, Share Boundlessly, and Build God's World. This month I want to discuss the idea that we are called to **Share Boundlessly**. It's the best advice you can possibly receive for living a better life.

Sometimes when we think about living the way God wants us to live, we think that the "rules" are just about pleasing God – and sometimes people even believe that the rules for pleasing God are somewhat arbitrary. But the reality is that God's instructions for Godly living are about living in ways that are good for us, because God loves us.

Central to God's principles for living is the command to be **generous** people. To ancient Israel God commanded us to live for more than ourselves, always thinking of others. We were never supposed to hoard all that was ours to our own use: "You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 19:10)

Sharing was never limited to our friends and family; we were commanded to be open to others in our midst: "The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 19:34)

Generosity helps remind us that God is the source of wealth, not our work. "Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today." (Deuteronomy 8:17-18)

Ultimately, the primary beneficiary of giving is the giver, not the receiver. In being generous people – generous in every way – we recognize that we worship a God of abundance, whom we trust for our needs. "Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want." (Proverbs 11:24)

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In the first letter to Timothy, those who have wealth in this world (and that is almost all of us) are advised: “They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.” (1 Timothy 6:18-19)



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“Take hold of the life that is really life.” That’s what **Sharing Boundlessly** is all about. In an era when we feel stretched to the limits, sharing gives us a sense of **margin**. When you tithe, you live on 90% of your income – which is far more relaxing than living on 100% (or more). If you feel overscheduled – be generous with your time. You’ll actually feel less stressed.

In the course of being generous, you’ll find that your life has more meaning. There is an old saying that a clenched fist lets nothing go, but it lets nothing in either. You can’t “take hold” of life with a clenched fist. Only an open hand can take hold of the life God meant us to live. The famed psychiatrist Dr. Karl Menninger even used generosity as a marker of mental health. “Generous people are rarely mentally ill people” is an oft-cited quote of his.

Whatever your boundaries are in generosity, I urge you to stretch them. If your boundary is centered on whether you think the recipient is “worthy”, try giving a little to someone you previously thought “undeserving.” If your boundary is the amount, increase it. If you’ve only been willing to give time, try giving money. If you’ve only been willing to give money, try giving time. **Share boundlessly**. You’ll be glad you did.

Peace and blessings,

Rich

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HOLY WEEK INSTRUMENTS ENDANGERED

The Holy Week services of Good Friday and Easter at FPC are recognized throughout the county for their inspired preaching and beautiful choral and organ music. One of the most impressive features commented on by the large crowds of members and visitors is the appearance of professional musicians who make up the Easter brass quartet and the Good Friday flute, oboe, and cello ensemble. This wonderful tradition has long been made possible by our music fund, but this year the fund has run dry.

It is too late to cancel the contracts of these talented players. Several of our members have stepped forward to help continue this vital ministry but to date our fundraising goal is only halfway met. If you want the joyous sounds of trumpets to ring out the message of Resurrection, please contact David Macfarlane at music@englewoodpres.org or after services. General contributions are welcome, and sponsorships of individual instruments are also available. Don't stop the music!



FESTIVAL CHOIR

Anyone who would like to sing in the Chancel Choir for our beautiful Holy Week and Easter services is invited to join us every Sunday at 12:15 p.m. following Morning Worship for choir rehearsal in the choir room. Light refreshments are provided. Consider singing in the choir as your Lenten service offering. All are welcome!



CROSSROADS

Come and check out the CROSSROADS contemporary worship on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. It's casual, lively, and fun, with a great band led by Jane Kelly Williams and the same great message as Sunday morning (with media). It's a great alternative – give it a try and invite your friends!

Please note: Crossroads will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 20.



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In addition to our new Web site, don't forget that our sermons are available on our Podcast, accessible at no cost through the iTunes store, through our Web site, or directly at fpce.podbean.com. You can also keep up with FPC by joining our Facebook page (just search for First Presbyterian Church of Englewood), follow us on Twitter (@fpcenglewood), or check-in on Foursquare.



Children, Youth, & Family Connection



“MY GIFT OF GRATITUDE”

On April 6, your children will receive an Offering Box called “My Gift of Gratitude”. This is an opportunity for us to teach our children what we are grateful for and to share with other children who do not have enough to eat or who are homeless or cannot go to school through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday.

2ND SUNDAY FAMILY GATHERING

2nd Sunday Family Gathering with Young Children meets at 10 a.m. on April 13 for the Palm Sunday Family Breakfast. See you at 10 a.m. instead of 12:15 p.m. In May, we meet on Mother’s Day, May 11, and celebrate our Moms with story and song.



SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

meets on April 27 at 12:30 p.m. We will gather in the Chapel this time for sharing and advice from Marilyn Arons, a wonderful advocate for parents and children with special needs.

SPRING QUARTER OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School continues in April and May focusing on “Telling the Good News” from the Gospel of Matthew. There is a Story-time in the Nursery, too, for toddlers and two’s and a Special Needs class which meets in the Meeting Room. Ages 3, 4, & 5 meet in the Ocean Room and ages 6, 7, & 8 meet in the Forest Room in our Center for Learning.

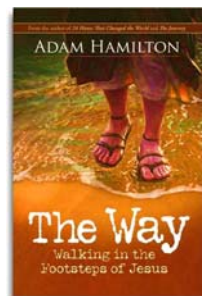


CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes meet on April 13 at 1:30 pm and on April 25 at 6:30 p.m.: The Parents of the Confirmands hosted a wonderful Lunch for the youth and their Mentors on Sunday, March 9. Mentors and Confirmands are meeting one-on-one, and serving together either on a service project or for a ministry meeting. Pray for them.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Two Scripture Study classes for Youth meet on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays. On the 3rd Sunday, youth participate in worship. Jeff Spady leads the 5th – 7th graders in the Galaxy Room with a series of Lenten lessons. 8th to 12th graders meet in the Church Library with either Linda Farrell, Diane Christian or Dorothy VanderWerf using a new DVD resource by Adam Hamilton, “The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus”.



HOW MANY BOOKS HAVE YOU BROUGHT FOR BERGEN FAMILY CENTER?

Our donations are making their dream of a community library a reality, however they still need our help in collecting 110 more gently used children’s books to reach a goal of 2,000 by the end of May! Please leave your donations by the Church office. As Dr. Seuss once said, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”.-

- Carolina Zuluaga, Project Manager

- Dorothy VanderWerf, Activities Director



EASTER TREASURE & EGG HUNT FOR FAMILIES is on **Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m. in Elmore Hall.** Families with children of all ages are invited for a fun time decorating a bag to collect the eggs they find, doing an art project with Scribble Art, hunting for the Easter Treasures to help the storyteller unpack the treasures of our faith story, then looking for Easter eggs outside, and enjoying a pizza lunch together (donation appreciated). We do need your **RESERVATION** so we have enough supplies and food!!

PALM SUNDAY On **Palm Sunday, April 13**, all Families are invited to **BREAKFAST** at 10 a.m. prepared by Rev. Hong and the Family Ministry Team! There will be time to pray, eat and talk, practice the processional hymn, prepare the Sunday School Singers for their anthem with Cyndi, hear the wonderful story of the eco-palms which we will carry and wave as we process on the Opening Hymn of Worship at 11 a.m. All families will receive a gift book from the church, "The Way to Easter", a Child's Activity Book for parents to read to their children about Jesus' life and ministry on the way to Easter! All children, youth and parents are cordially invited **BUT** please let us know if you are coming!!



EASTER On **Easter Sunday, April 20**, children and youth worship with their families at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. Child Care for children up to 3 years of age will be in the Circus Room Nursery and there will be Church School class for Special Needs children in the Meeting Room. There will also be a Children's Bulletin available.

THEARTLOFT@FPC *Come visit this FPC space that serve to stir the creative spirit!*



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
IN THE ART LOFT!

Wednesdays, April Wed 2, 9, 23, 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Please note: we will not meet on April 16.

FPC hosts free children's yoga every Wednesday in this drop-in time of play. Featuring Adra from the popular *We Play Yoga*, Wonderful Wednesdays begins each playful yoga session with learning the Lord's Prayer with our bodies. Bring a friend and enjoy! Email Pastor Kellie with any questions at kellie@englewoodpres.org.

PRESCHOOLERS IN THE ART LOFT@FPC



Sign up now for the Spring Tuesday or Wednesday preschool "Organic Art" with Scribble Art at The Art Loft@FPC! Classes run at either 9:15 or 10:15 a.m. Parents of school age-kids, there's also a popular 3:15 p.m. afterschool class on Wednesdays! All these classes explore the arts perfectly suited to the creative interests of young learners. For more information visit www.englewoodpres.org under 'Families' and 'The ArtLoft@FPC' and join in the fun!

WANT AN EXCELLENT PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN FOR YOUR CHILD?

First Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten is now currently accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. We offer half day & full day classes for children 2 1/2 yrs - Kindergarten. Please contact Terry Howard, the Director, at 201.568.3042 or visit our website, www.fppkschool.com to learn more about our warm & nurturing cooperative school.





LENTEN WORSHIP AND SOUP LUNCH

The weekly Lenten Worship and Soup Lunch series continues each Wednesday at noon in the Chapel on April 2 and April 9. Each week we will have a brief worship followed by fellowship around a simple meal of hearty soups and bread. Soup makers are needed!

HOLY WEEK



SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

This year our deeply moving **SERVICE OF TENEBRAE** will take place on **GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** This traditionally solemn “service of shadows” commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus in word and song and will feature the Chancel Choir, soloists, and instrumental ensemble. Please join us for a truly beautiful service that gives depth to our celebration of Easter. You won’t want to miss this Holy Week tradition.



CELEBRATE EASTER

Two Services, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



A reminder that our wonderful **EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP** services will be offered at both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 20. The Chancel Choir and soloists will be accompanied by brass quintet, timpani, and our magnificent pipe organ at both services. The services will be **identical** including the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at each. Both services end with the full congregation joining in Handel’s “Hallelujah” chorus. An extended prelude begins 15 minutes prior to each service. There will be no Bible Study prior to worship that day.



MAKE ROOM FOR GUESTS...IN THE PARKING LOT!

Let’s extend our wonderful tradition of hospitality to the parking lot! As our attendance increases, the parking lot is getting crowded. Especially on Easter Sunday, even with two services, we encourage those of you who can easily do so to please use **ON-STREET PARKING** on Dwight Place or along Palisade Avenue, leaving our parking lot free for visitors, families with young children, and persons who are less mobile.

PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS AND GREETERS WANTED

With the extra services, we need extra help. Would you be willing to serve as a **GREETER** or **PARKING LOT ATTENDANT** on Easter? Your primary job is to make sure our guests can find a place to park and feel welcome in our building that can be confusing to newcomers. We especially encourage you to consider volunteering to serve at one service while attending worship at the other. Please contact Rev. Hong or Dorothy VanderWerf to offer your services.

CENTER FOR DISCOVERY & DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday mornings, 10:00 a.m. in the East Room with child care

Please note: Bible Study will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 20.

We really encourage you to try the Sunday Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the East Room each week. In this study we review the text that forms the basis of the sermon that day, illuminating issues of history, context, and translation that affect the interpretation of the story into a message for us. You'll understand more of the background that undergirds the sermon in a setting where you get to know some of your fellow worshippers better.



FIRST THURSDAY STUDY GROUP

Special Date, Thursday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the East Room

Please join us for an interesting and enlightening time as Rev. Hong leads us as we continue a study and discussion of classic doctrines in Christian theology.



THE LORD SAID TO NOAH: THERE'S GONNA BE A FLOODY, FLOODY: A Jewish-Christian Dialogue on the Original Flood Story in Genesis

Wednesday, April 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Chapel

Many people think that they know the story of Noah from the book of Genesis in the Hebrew Bible but they usually first learned it in a sanitized children's version.

This presentation will first examine the original text of the Flood story in Genesis, its context in the Hebrew Bible and its relationship to other flood narratives in ancient Near Eastern literature. Then the later interpretations of the story by Judaism and Christianity will be discussed. It is suggested (but not necessary) that those who attend this program first view the new Noah movie to see how Hollywood has used both ancient and modern elements to create an "epic story of hope, courage, and survival."

The discussion will be co-led by Rev. Hong and Rabbi Lawrence Troster. Rabbi Troster is one of this country's leading Jewish eco-theologians and religious environmental leaders. He has published numerous articles and has lectured widely on eco-theology, bio-ethics, and Judaism and modern science. He received his B.A. from the University of Toronto and his M.A. and rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

FPC SPECIAL PROGRAM: HEALTHCARE, AFFORDABLE CARE, OBAMACARE & EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. in the East Room

What is the connection between healthcare and a life in faith? How do recent changes to healthcare affect you? Don't miss this evening of compelling conversation featuring **Dr. Raymond R. Arons (Dr.PH)**, former director of the Columbia School of Public Health National Data Center and NASA Apollo Space Program rocket designer, who will provide important information about medical insurance.



SEE "NOAH" THE MOVIE



Tuesday, April 8, Edgewater Multiplex, exact time TBA

We have the opportunity to see NOAH, a major motion picture starring Russell Crowe on Tuesday, April 8 at a discounted price of \$5 at the Edgewater Multiplex on River Road. Enjoy a bargain night out, meet friends from FPC, and prepare for our discussion on April 23. Thanks to FPC member Bruce Forshee for making the arrangements. Please note: this movie is PG13. The Biblical story of Noah is violent and not suitable for young children.

CROP WALK FOR HUNGER, MAY 4 AT 1:30 P.M.



At the last Mission Committee meeting one of our committee members asked if I was going to do the Minute For Mission about CROP—I answered “of course”. She then asked “so what is a CROP walk?” I was surprised ~ and didn’t answer. I’ve been working on these walks organizing, setting up displays, trying to encourage participation for 5 years, and yet I had never attempted to define what it is and why it is. All the work pointed to “the hungry” with displays of feet and faces and sign- up sheets. So a definition is in order here:

WHAT IS A CROP HUNGER WALK? Taken from the CWS (Church World Service) website: It’s the original charitable walking event in the U.S. **It is:** neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Different ages, faiths and backgrounds - together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development as well as local hunger-fighting. Some 2,000 communities across the country take part each year. (I love this number!) raising nearly \$14 million (a year!) to fight hunger in food banks and homeless shelters around the U.S. and globally. **Did you know?** Hunger is the world’s number one health risk. It kills more people than AIDS, malaria, and TB combined. (*World Food Program*)

Last fall I took part in a walk to help find a cure for breast cancer and support women with this diagnosis. Someone said to me, “what is the point of walking?” I answered; “people pledge money and I say I will walk, so I walk, they give me money and I give to the cause”. But her question was legitimate. It doesn’t have anything to do with breast cancer; it’s a fund-raiser and has been very, very successful in the U.S.

HOWEVER, WITH A CROP WALK, WHAT IS THE POINT OF WALKING? Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as many as six miles a day to get food, water, fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. We walk because we want to end hunger one step at a time. We walk because half a billion children could grow up physically and mentally stunted within the next 15 years because they do not have enough to eat. (*Save the Children 2012 Report*).

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? I like the CWS [Change the Equation](#) piece on YouTube. Hunger is a sign of many big problems: Justice / Poverty / Famine / Disaster / Displacement / Economic / Environmental

But there is ENOUGH FOR ALL.

WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR? WHY WILL YOU WALK? WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IN?

Be a part of something BIG on Sunday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m. Kick-off in Elmore Hall. Pick up a Sponsor Form or Sponsor a Walker for either a 6, 4, or 1 mile Walk! Last year our walk raised \$10,111.00. Nice! Let’s aim for \$12,000.00 with more participation from FPC.

“And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” – Hebrews 13:16
- Carol Cornell, Coordinator for FPC & Arrangements for East Bergen CROP WALK



DEACONS SPONSOR BLOOD DRIVE ON MAY 4

Community Blood Services will be here with their bloodmobile on Sunday, May 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Deacons sponsor this necessary Blood Drive in our community to save lives. Invite your friends and family to give blood on May 4.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY IS COMING BACK PREVIEW - SUNDAY, APRIL 27, AT 12:30 P.M.

Starting on April 27, 2014 at 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Englewood will be holding the Financial Peace University "FPU" course for the ninth time. During the first eight classes approximately 120 people have started on the path to financial freedom using Dave Ramsey's seven baby steps. The course will run for nine weeks, taking off Mother's Day May 11, and finish on June 29. During this nine week class you will learn the following:

- budgeting techniques
- cash flow planning
- getting out of debt
- the best way to save for retirement as well as your children's college
- insurance you need and how to get the most affordable policies
- how to give to charity as you had always wanted to

The cost for the course is \$99.00 which pays for the membership kit. Two people can share the kit so husbands and wives are encouraged to come together or you can come with a friend. In the kit you will receive a workbook, audio CDs for all of the classes, Dave Ramsey's book, "Complete Guide to Money", and more. You also get me. As a Certified Financial Planner, I add significant insight to the class and I offer a one on one meeting for any class member.

The class is designed for young couples, newly married, recent parents or soon to be married. However, people of all ages have taken the course in the past and everyone has gotten a lot out of it.

I encourage everyone to seriously consider taking this life changing course. In addition, please tell your friends and family about it as it is not limited to church members. If you are interested please sign up in Elmore Hall or call me at 201-914-2120. You can also go to the website daveramsey.com/fpu/locations and look for the course given at FPC Englewood. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

- Paul Platek



START YOUR SPRING CLEANING NOW!

Spring Giveaway takes place on Saturday, May 10

Donations accepted ONLY on May 8 & 9, NOT beforehand.

I've got just the thing to help cure those winter blues. Think "SPRING"! Believe it or not, the Spring Giveaway is just around the corner. For those of you who are new to us, here's a brief description of the event: Since 2009 we have partnered with agencies in our area, like the Center for Food Action, Family Promise, and Baby Basics, to name a few, to provide ongoing support for those in need. We collect household goods, kitchen equipment, linens, small furniture items, seasonal clothes, and more, and set up our own "Department Store" in Elmore Hall. It's all free for the taking. Clients from our partner agencies come and "shop" for what they need, assisted by volunteers who help direct "shoppers" to the proper "departments" and lend a hand with selection of items, loading of carts, and even translating information from one language to another, if need be.

We need volunteers to organize and put items out on Thursday, May 8 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Friday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (in 2 hour shifts). Charlene or I will be on hand to answer any questions and keep things running smoothly. On Saturday, May 10, the day of the event, we need people to monitor the door and register clients as they enter, or help clients find what they need. Spanish speakers, we could really use your help! And if there's a particular table you'd like to work at, or if you have a preference for one duty over another, let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate you! Don't forget: if you have any friends who would like to help out, even if only for an hour or two, please tell them to email us and we'll be sure to get all the information to them.

We'll have more details for you as the event draws near. Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets on Sunday at Coffee & Conversation after 11 a.m. worship, and at the 5:30 p.m. Crossroads service.

As always, we know we can count on you to make this year's Giveaway a great success!

Thanks! Elena and Charlene - The Giveaway Gals



DON'T MISS "ADULT EXPLORATIONS" APRIL 10 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Adult Explorations explores "Writing your Vignettes" - a workshop for budding experimenters in writing. Tackle those projects you've postponed while gathering some new skills. **Valerie Gross, author, editor, and teacher**, shares her expertise as she has in workshops in writing throughout Bergen County. Valerie is an editor for a wide range of women's projects, from works of scholarship through poetry to fiction. This will be a treat for us all while enjoying the interaction at our new adult group! All are welcome!

JOIN "ADULT EXPLORATIONS" FOR THE APRIL 11 TRIP TO NEWARK MUSEUM!



Art, Memory and Meaning in the Art of Norman Rockwell

Come with our First Presbyterian "caravan" for the interactive tour of the museum's exhibition *American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell*. We'll leave the church at 11:30a.m. and return just after 4:00 p.m. Let's, hope for a nice day for lunch in the courtyard OR enjoying the small café. There will be a coffee reception and great conversation. AND, over 300 of his *Saturday Evening Post* covers will be on display. Best of all, it's FREE! **Reservations must be made by emailing Mibs Wagner by 4/7 at mibs_wagner@hotmail.com.**

Let us know if you'll be a driver too!

Remember that our newest group is open to all adults and we'd enjoy YOUR company!

MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Tuesday of every month through May, 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the East Room.

The FPC Grief Support Group is open to anyone in our FPC community or our wider neighborhood community who is grieving and experiencing the loss of someone meaningful to them. Grounded in our Christian faith, this monthly group will focus on a different topic each month. Help us spread the word. The next FPC Grief Support Group meets on **April 8**.

Drop-ins welcome. For more information email Rev. Kellie Anderson-Picallo or check the FPC Web site.



COPE: CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

In partnership with the Bergen Family Center / Thursday, April 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the East Room.

Are you feeling the stress of being a caregiver for a sibling, parent, or an adult child? If you are a caregiver looking for resources – or a space to get it all out - come to COPE: FPC's Caregivers'

Support Group. COPE brings you both a wide array of educational programs, information about available resources, and supportive sharing led by Sheila Shur, LSW, who is the Elder Care Supervisor for the Bergen Family Center. For additional information, contact Rev. Hong at rich@englewoodpres.org. *Please feel free to forward this invitation to others you know who are feeling the burden of caring for others.* All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

SINGLES CONNECTION GOES TO THE MOVIES ON APRIL 8



All Singles are invited to see the movie “NOAH” at the Edgewater Theater on Tuesday evening, April 8, with time to be announced for \$5.00 as a courtesy of one of our members. Then on Wednesday, April 23, you and the congregation are invited to an Interfaith discussion of the movie at 7 p.m. by a Rabbi and Rev. Hong.

ARE YOU A NEEDLE CRAFTER? COME ON APRIL 13 & 27



FPC NEEDLE CRAFTERS, coordinated by Wilda Lagrosa and Sara Lee, invite anyone interested in knitting or crocheting to come on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during Coffee & Conversation. The click of needles, the touch of yarn, acrylic or wool, the miraculous creation of beautiful fabric from a single strand of yarn – any knitter knows the satisfaction in the simple act of knitting.

LABYRINTH OPEN ON FRIDAY BEFORE & ON PALM SUNDAY



Come, walk the labyrinth in the Chapel on the second Friday, April 11 from 4–7 p.m. or on the second Sunday, April 13 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. which is Palm Sunday. What a special way to begin Holy Week on the winding path, a metaphor for life, in a quiet place with candles and music. As you walk, walk in the footsteps of Jesus as he went from Palm Sunday to Good Friday and then to Easter, the Day of Resurrection! Enter the labyrinth through the East Room where you can relax by the fireplace and read literature about this ancient practice and contemplative experience.

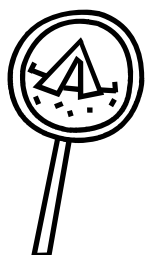
ON THURSDAY NIGHTS ADULTS PLAY BASKETBALL

Every Thursday evening in April you will find a group playing a pick-up game of basketball, mostly half court, in Elmore Hall thanks to Philip Soo who coordinates this evening from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Stop in or e-mail Philip at: soorealtors@gmail.com to be included in the schedule of basketball.



WHAT'S NEW AT CAMP JOHNSONBURG IN 2014?

Water toys! Grands Camps! Johnsonberg Service Corps for 11th & 12th graders, and so much more! Summer Church Camp for all ages: Half-Week & Full-Week Camps, Family Camp & Events, Small Group Camping, Challenge Camps by Choice, Non-Competitive Camps! Camp J is a ministry of 7 New Jersey Presbyteries including ours with a mission to create a place apart where all people can experience God's love in a welcoming Christian community! Camp J brochures have just arrived and remember your Christian Education Committee offers \$200 Camp Scholarships. Just speak to a Staff member or Carol Schulzrinne, Chair of CE Committee. www.campjburg.org



Easter Lilies



Donate to the **Easter Lilies** in memory of a loved one, to honor family or friend, in thanksgiving for another person, or other tributes on Easter Sunday.

Please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate together with your donation or contact the church office by April 14 (201-568-7373 x 0 or x 304 or email to office@englewoodpres.org).

Given by: _____
(*your name*)

In memory of:

In honor of:

In thanksgiving for:

Other honor:



CELEBRATING WITH ECO-PALMS ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Our congregation has partnered with the Presbyterian Hunger Program for several years now to use eco-palms. Usually, palms are harvested in rainforests that are critical habitats for migrating birds which often results in over-harvesting and threatening the rainforest. We purchase them from harvesters who gather palm fronds in a way that allows the plant to keep growing and provides more profits to the community harvesters. This way, five cents of every Eco-Palm sold directly provides funds for student scholarships and supports families in need providing jobs, schools, and healthcare.



FOOD TO FIRST ON FIRST SUNDAYS ON APRIL 6

In an average month, 4,600 people are coming to CFA for food. CFA is also giving weekend snack packs to 520 children. Your support makes a huge difference. Let's help families with your generous support. Charlene Rees delivered 15 big bags of groceries this month.

CFA CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 6-12

The Center for Food Action joins National Volunteer Week and invites us as one of their community partners to collect food to fill the shelves at CFA so let's "Be a Part of the Action" by bringing canned or boxed food on the **FIRST SUNDAY APRIL 6!** Thousands of households are relying on CFA to put food on their tables. You can make a real difference in the lives of many of your neighbors. CFA urgently needs: **Supermarket Gift Cards** – these allow us to purchase what is not donated. *Thank You for Your Participation!*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

On April 13th, Palm Sunday, FPC, along with other Presbyterian churches, will collect an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Among the numerous gifts provided by OGHs are the following: helping families devastated by a Texas wildfire rebuild their homes and restore their lives; providing families in the African country of Niger access to clean safe drinking water through hundreds of newly dug wells; partnering through a Self-Development of People ministry with disabled people in Detroit, restoring independence to their lives. Why should we give? We give as an expression of our love, appreciation for and connection with all, as Christ taught us to do. Thank you for your generous support of this offering. Offering envelope is enclosed for your convenience. - Carolyn Porte-Lieberman, Mission Committee

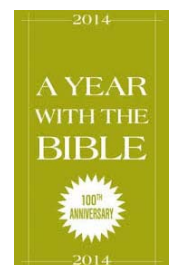
THANK YOU

A thank you for making our St. Patrick's Dinner such a success goes to Marilyn and Ray Arons for directing and producing Finian's Rainbow; and to their singers for all the long hours they put in at rehearsals; to Sharon Thompson and David Steele for the great sets they made; to Gwen McLoud and her SESCIL singers for coming and being a part of our event. **THANK YOU** to Beverly Rhinehart, Charlene Niland, Elaine Van Ost, Marcy Steele and Nicole Kim who arrived at 10:30 AM to make Elmore Hall look spectacular and prepped the vegetables for Abe and Benny Baez, the cooks. Truly, many hands make light work!! Also, a big thank you to all who shared in our fun evening. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. -Debbie Alvarez, Event Chair



YEAR WITH THE BIBLE 2014

This booklet of suggested daily scripture readings is now available. The Thursday to Sunday readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary which both the Sunday Bible Study and Sermons are based upon and can help you to prepare for study and worship each week. There are also prayers for weekdays and special days of the church year.





MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 16.



90 SECOND SERMON

Check out the 90 Second Sermon – a brief, engaging version of the sermon being produced each week by Rich and Kellie. Well-suited for sharing with friends via email or Facebook, we hope you'll find it interesting not just for yourself but as a way to start faith conversations with friends and family. Access the videos from our preliminary website at www.90secondsermon.com.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		¹ 9:15a / 10:15a Scribble Art Classes (AL)	² 11a Wonderful Wed. (AL) 12p Lenten Lunch (CH) 3:15p Scribble Art After School Class (AL)	³ 7:30p Basketball (EH)	⁴	⁵
⁶ 11:20a Response to God's Word (CH)	⁷	⁸ 9:15a / 10:15a Scribble Art Classes (AL) 6p Stewardship (MR) 7p Grief Support Group (ER) Noah Movie (Edgewater)	⁹ 11a Wonderful Wed. (AL) 12p Lenten Lunch (CH) 3:15p Scribble Art After School Class (AL)	¹⁰ 8:30a Building & Grounds (MR) 10a 1st Thursday (ER) 7p Freeway (ER) 7p Family Vignettes (CH) 7:30p Basketball (EH)	¹¹ 1:30p Staff Meeting (MR) 4-7p Labyrinth (CH)	¹² 11a EASTER TREASURE & EGG HUNT (EH) 
¹³ 10a Family Breakfast & Palm Procession (EH/SANC) 12p Needlecrafters (EH) 12p-4p Labyrinth (CH) 1:30p Confirmation Class (MR)	¹⁴ FPPK CLOSED	¹⁵ <u>NO</u> Scribble Art Classes	¹⁶ <u>NO</u> Wonderful Wed. 12p Lenten Lunch (CH) 3:15p Scribble Art After School Class (AL) 7:30p Joint Session / Deacons (CH)	¹⁷ 7p Freeway (MANSE) 7p COPE (ER) 7:30p Basketball (EH)	¹⁸ GOOD FRIDAY 8p Tenebrae Service (SANC)	¹⁹
²⁰ HAPPY EASTER! <u>NO</u> Bible Study 9a & 11a Worship Services with Communion <u>NO</u> Crossroads  He is risen.	²¹	²² FPPK RESUMES 9:15a / 10:15a Scribble Art Classes (AL) 7p Healthcare: Ray Arons' Presentation (ER)	²³ 11a Wonderful Wed. (AL) 3:15p Scribble Art (AL) 7p Interfaith Discussion on Noah (ER)	²⁴ 7:30p Basketball (EH)	²⁵ 6:30p Confirmation Class (MR)	²⁶
²⁷ 12p Needlecrafters (EH) 12:15p Parents of Children with Special Needs (CH) 12:35p Financial Peace University Preview (ER) 7p FPU (ER)	²⁸ 7p Mission (MR)	²⁹ 9:15a / 10:15a Scribble Art Classes (AL)	³⁰ 11a Wonderful Wed. (AL) 3:15p Scribble Art After School Class (AL)	<div>Every Sunday: 9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship Service & Church School 12 noon Coffee & Conversation Nursery / child care available from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm 5:30pm Crossroads Contemporary Worship w/ Child Care</div> <div>AL - Art Loft CFL- Center for Learning CH-Chapel CR-Choir Room EH-Elmore Hall ER-East Room LIB-Library MR-Meeting Room MUR-Music Room N-Nursery SANC-Sanctuary</div>		



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**ADDRESS CORRECTION
REQUESTED**

Easter Weekend at FPC
Good Friday Service of Tenebrae
Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.
Easter Celebration Services
Sunday, April 20, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

