

Dear FPC family and friends,

We find ourselves on the brink of summer as the kids are all out of school now. The preparations for the mission trips are pretty much behind us, and all that is left is to put them in motion. VBS preparations are in full swing as we look forward to welcoming the children of our community to come and learn about Jesus. This year from July 12-17 we will be “Go Tell it on the Mountain” that Jesus Christ is Lord. There is no more basic message that we proclaim as disciples than the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord. What a difference that makes in our lives when the Lordship of Christ reveals itself and changes our perspective from living for our selves to living for Him.

This Saturday at 9am we will be having an opportunity for each one of you to come and help with the decorations and preparations for VBS. I cannot overstate the importance of VBS for not just the children of this church, but for the children of the community. I remember vividly attending VBS at a local church as a young child, and the excitement and the fun was something that I wanted to be a part of not just for the summer, but I never wanted it to stop. That is what we hope to create here at FPC, an environment that when someone walks in these doors there is an opportunity to encounter the living God that instills within us a desire to keep coming back and learning more and more about Him.

What opportunities in your life are you taking advantage of in order to grow in your faith in Jesus? Can I encourage you to join us for Bible Study this evening at 6pm? You can join us here: [Youtube](#) I am always surprised when I come back week after week to see that the previous weeks might have 30 or 40 people who checked it out during the week. We normally get about 10 or 11 views at 6pm, but then others check it out later. If you are free this evening in a few hours join us live when you will get a chance to interact with me and others during the study in the chat feature.

This is one small way in which to grow in your faith with Jesus as we open Scripture and read it together and are challenged by it. Quietly we finished our Read Through the Bible for the year back in May, I didn't bring much attention to it. But maybe begin again and read through the Bible and you can just start this week using this brochure and just pick up in today instead of September. You can find that brochure here: [Read through the Bible](#). I know it says 2023, but just jump in starting today and check the box once you read that portion of Scripture.

I know I have said a number of times that our goal is to make everyone mature in Christ, Colossians 1:28, but it has to start somewhere. Use this summer as an opportunity to grow in your maturity in Christ through the reading of Scripture, prayer, reaching out in love and concern to others. Find yourself asking questions about how God is acting in your life in a daily basis that challenges you and eventually brings you joy.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Bob

HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF FPC...

VBS DECORATING DAYS: This Saturday we will meet to help prepare for VBS. Then later in a few weeks we will be decorating for VBS July 7th – 10th. Join us from 9am – 12pm to transform the church into scenic mountain areas. But come this Saturday first.

MISSION TO ITALY BBQ SEND OFF: Join us on Sunday, June 28th at 12:15pm for a special BBQ send off for our students and leaders who are traveling to Italy for their mission trip. Come enjoy food, fellowship, and encouragement as we support and pray over those serving

abroad. Everyone is welcome. Anyone wanting to help, and we do need help, please contact Marta Troiani at debeachbound@aol.com, or sign up to provide food, drinks or supplies using the Sign-Up Genius Link here: [Mission send off bbq](#) If bringing non-perishable items prior to June 28, please put them in the Youth Room. There are still spots available to sign up and to bring items.

JOIN US AT OUR TABLE! Join us for a meal and a joyful celebration on Friday, June 26th at 6pm, as Walter Kondratowski is ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Let us gather together to congratulate Walter and celebrate this special occasion at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 40 E Main St. All are welcome!

The WELCOME DESK: is looking for someone for Monday mornings as well as a Tuesday morning substitute until further notice. Please contact Pam Johnson with any questions at 717-989-0998 or see me around our church. Thank you for considering!

Congratulations to our graduate: Teresa Joy Kondratowski
Graduate of: CHASE Academy Homeschool Co-op.

Future Plans: Attend a four-year college for Missionary Work after attending HACC for an Associates Degree in Childhood Education

Hobbies & Interests: Singing, acting, drawing, dancing, making up stories with sisters, serving at her churches; interested in different cultures and histories

Comments: "After 9, almost 10 years of going to this church, I have been loved and cared for, while also getting the opportunity to love and care for others. Whether on mission trips, being a deacon, or helping with church events. I love this church and I can't wait to come back as an adult after choosing to live my life for God. I remember my first mission trip; I went to Lynn, Massachusetts. The youth group may have been much smaller than it is now, but I was still shown love, being the little fish in the big pond, and this started my journey to live my life fully for Jesus."