



Fall Highlights

September 10

Join us on Sunday, September 10, as we celebrate God's mission and ministry for our congregation! Following worship we will hold a Congregational Gathering in the Lower Level to reflect and dream about the ministry of God's church. Our intergenerational gathering will include crafts, stories, photos, and reflections on the future. This will be a great opportunity to come together as Christ's body and celebrate God's faithfulness

See you there!!



God provided an incredible event with the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. We gathered at the Serious JuJu Warehouse to witness the power of the Creator.

Thank you to all who made the

Son Party

a wonderful time of fun and fellowship!



Exodus Series: Fall Worship and Lectionary Calendar

- 9/3** Ex. 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28
- 9/10** Ex. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20
- 9/17** Ex. 14:19-31; Ps. 114; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35
- 9/24** Ex. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

The human race is in trouble. We've been in trouble for a long time. Enormous energies have been and continue to be expended by many, many men and women to get us out of the trouble we are in. At the center of this rescue mission is God. The most comprehensive term for what God is doing to get us out of this mess we are in is salvation. It is significant that God does not present us with salvation in the form of an abstract truth, or a precise definition or a catchy slogan, but as story. Story is an invitation to participate, first through our imagination and then, if we will, by faith with our total lives in response to God. This Exodus story continues to be a major means that God uses to draw men and women in trouble out of the mess of history into the kingdom of salvation.

Introduction to Exodus—Eugene Peterson



FPC proudly supports
Serious JuJu Skate Ministry

Food Bank
Food Item for



Called by Christ to joyfully serve

- Welcome KIDS –wiggles, giggles and all—to worship
- Know our children by name
- Invite children to help and participate in worship
- Listen to what children have to teach us
- Foster life-long love of God and God’s word
- Encourage curiosity and questions
- Build relationships around faith across generations

children will then rejoin worship and give an offering piece to the congregation of what they learned in their time of study. This will look different each week.

Co-teachers will rotate teaching once a month. Lessons and activities will be prepared in advance by Addy Barton and Heidi Fritz. If you are interested in serving as a co-teacher or a substitute, please call Heidi Fritz at 406.314.3140.



Build Day
Neighbors In Need—Day Center

Saturdays, September 9 & 23
8:15 am
Gateway Community Center
(the old mall)

Calling All Singers



Choir will meet the first Wednesday after Labor day at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We will look at the upcoming year and stretch our vocal chords. *We are always looking for new voices, all are invited to join us!*

Mission Trip Opportunity

Deb Possin is leading a mission trip to Kiev, Ukraine on Oct. 16-31. If you are interested in going or would like more information, you may reach her at 406.270.1668



PW will begin its Fall program on *Thursday, September 7*, with a noontime *salad potluck luncheon*. The Coordinating Team will meet at 10:30 am.

We're excited to get together



Food For Serious JuJu

The requested food list for Serious JuJu meals is posted on the bulletin board. Please bring your

**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey**. We need your help. Please give generously.

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm (EST), at 1.800.872.3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the storm.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Church Leadership

Deacons Ministry Design

Resource/Guidance Team

Guides the ministry of the Deacons by facilitating meetings, keeping the rest of the Deacons mindful of those needing special prayer and TLC, as well as providing oversight and helping coordinate our relationships with covenant groups and staff. Members are:

Tammy Yonkers - moderator
Jon Johnson - secretary

Congregational Care Team

Helps the pastors with visitation to folks in the hospital and nursing homes as well as those who are home-bound, responds to temporary needs of meals, transportation, & respite care, and coordinates events at church such as wedding or funeral receptions. Members are:

Sandy Manno
Pat Sanders
Cheryl Fritz

Community Outreach Team

Helps uphold our current local ministries such as Samaritan House, Abbie Shelter, Neighbors-in-Need, Serious JuJu, and the Flathead Youth Home. This team tries to ensure meal commitments are fulfilled and that we are involved in community ministries in the name of Christ. Members are:

As we welcome our new church officers, we thank those who have fulfilled their terms as church officers: Sandy & Jack Bradford, Janice Lake, Tom & Deb Possin, Sandy Smith, and Ralph Swain.

Session Ministry Design

Relational Ministry Team

Seeks to strengthen relationships in our congregation through the careful evaluation and constructive feedback of ministry programs. Session Members:

James Haring
Diane Johnson
Roger Mitchell

Resource Ministry Team

Oversees the facility maintenance, financial health and staff of our congregation. Session Members:

Kim Fleming
Allen Pershall
Katherine Johnson

The WE Team (Worship & Education)

Oversees the worship and education life of our congregation. Session Members:

Marilyn Anderson
Roger Brewer
Joan Siderius

We are thankful for the work of our Clerk of

Thank you for your faithful giving to the mission and ministry of FPC. As we reach out with the love of Christ 365 days a year, we appreciate all who keep their giving current.

2017 Ministry Budget:

	July	YTD
Income	\$ 19,157	\$ 148,628
Expenses	\$ 20,378	\$ 168,517
	(\$ 1,221)	(\$ 19,889)

Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF):

July 31, 2017 Balance	\$624,173
2017 Year to Date Gain	\$ 51,591

The Perpetual Endowment Advisory Panel (Kim Fleming, Allen Pershall, Mark Alsup, Terri Siderius, Ralph Swain) oversees the yearly distribution of funds. In February 2017, \$12,929 was distributed to the Session for use in accordance to the PEF Resolution.

God's Promise to You

"I'll stay with you, I'll protect you wherever you go, and I'll bring you back to this very ground. I'll stick with you until I've done everything I promised you."

Genesis 28:15 (The Message)



OCTOBER 21, 2017

The 2017 PW Fall Bazaar will be held *Saturday, October 21*. The final sale will be after worship on *Sunday, October 22*. Please save these dates to volunteer, donate a home-made pie, or simply come and enjoy a delicious luncheon with your guests. We welcome everyone's help in this important fundraiser for local missions.

Crafters are creating bazaar items, and others are making jams, jellies, and pickles this summer. Please continue setting aside clean, attractive items for the home, books, puzzles, toys, etc. We don't accept clothing or electronics. Due to limited space, please call Sandy Smith at 393.2483 before donating any small furniture items.



Wednesday Noontime Study

Join us every Wednesday at noon for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer. Our study of CS Lewis and the *Chronicles of Narnia* is in the final two weeks as we read *The Last Battle*.

On Wednesday, September 20, we begin a study of the book of Acts. The story of Jesus doesn't end with Jesus, but continues in the book of Acts with stories of God in action in the early church. God acted in the early church and continues to act in us today.

The Sound of Awakening

A Group for Men

If you are looking for a gathering to explore the depth dimensions of authentic being in the world, this group may be for you. Conversations will revolve around:

- Equality, Tolerance, Non-Judgement, Confidentiality
- Tools for navigation of obstacles on our life's path.
- Spiritual practice from an inter-faith perspective.
- Mindfulness and Contemplative Dialogue
- Harmonious Resolution of Conflict
- Trauma and Recovery, Death and Dying
- Music as Medicine
- Self-Inquiry

For more information about this opportunity, contact:

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406.250.2609

God's Word for Widows

Beginning Monday, September 18, with an introductory meeting, our church will be hosting a daytime Bible study for widows. Through the study of God's Word and support of each other, much comfort may be brought into the lives of women as they venture down their new paths of life. This is a 13-week study and will meet Mondays from 1 pm - 3 pm. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this class, please come. If you have questions, please contact: