



Forest Hills Presbyterian Church

The Branch

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Hello Friends!

The first time I heard about Matthew 25, I was soaked in sweat, reveling in the cool air conditioned space of the market hall at the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium on the Purdue Campus in West Lafayette, Indiana. One of my favorite things about conferences is the SWAG (Stuff We All Get) and let me tell you, this booth had some goodies. Beachballs? Glow in the dark t-shirts? Buttons? Pens? FANS? Yes, please. Now, I consider a key element in collecting SWAG is slipping in and out with minimal conversation. It allows you to visit more booths.

But as I approached this corner, I knew I was encountering something different. A woman with an amazing smile and energetic spirit was making sure she connected with each and every person that stepped into their space. I soon learned her name was Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency - basically, Presbyterian Royalty. A little star struck by how normal and kind she was, I ended up talking with her so long that the market hall was being shut down. She explained to those of us gathered around the hopes for what Matthew 25 would bring to not only individual churches, but our entire PC(USA). I first thought this was yet another ploy to get all us Presbies working together and would turn out to be just that - an attempt - when she went on to say, "What does the church of Jesus Christ have to lose in following the footsteps of their Savior?" Friends, I can only think of what we have to gain in entering this Matthew 25 season. I pray our conversations are challenging and encouraging, our prayers our earnest, and that we would be open to how the Spirit of God is calling us to change so that we may be the hands and feet of Christ.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Katy

PASTOR'S CORNER



EXALTING JESUS CHRIST • EQUIPPING FOR MINISTRY • EXPANDING GOD'S KINGDOM

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Worship

As a Matthew 25 church, we are called to live out true discipleship by acting boldly, compassionately and fearlessly serving people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. We joyfully share this vision and them.

FHPC will see how we can live out one or more of these three focuses:

- Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

*"I was **hungry** and you gave me **food**,
I was **thirsty** and you gave me something to **drink**,
I was a **stranger** and you **welcomed me**,
I was **naked** and you gave me **clothing**, I was **sick** and you
took care of me, I was **in prison** and you **visited me**."*

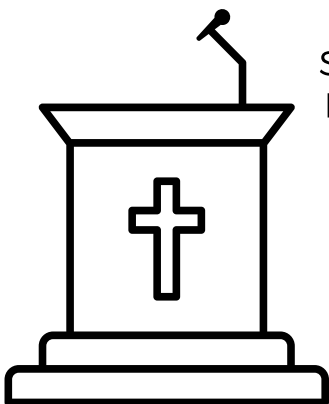


LITURGISTS NEEDED

We are all called to be the ministers to the people. This is especially true when we share the worship leadership as liturgist with our ordained minister. It is an opportunity to serve the church, connect the worship experience to each other, and experience our own growth.

As such, we owe it to God, each other, and ourselves to take the responsibility seriously, prepare well, and boldly minister! We make sure you have the bulletin a few days before Worship so that you are able to practice and prepare. You can come in early on your Sunday and practice reading into the microphone, and we can even adjust where the pulpit is to ensure your comfort.

Still wondering if you want to sign up? Feel free to call Pastor Katy with any questions or concerns you might have. Sign ups are open through October 2021.



[Click here to sign up
to be a liturgist.](#)

Did you know?

In addition to the **Forest Hills Presbyterian Church Facebook** page, there are a few others that celebrate being a Presbyterian. Here's a few to check out:

- **Happy to Be a Presbyterian - PC(USA)**
- **A Presbyterian Haven**
- **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**
- **Mission Presbytery**
- **Synod of the Sun, Presbyterian Church (USA)**



Search for these groups in Facebook, and join in the conversations about the church at work in the world!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*Sunday, August 22
during Worship*



WE INVITE ANYONE WITH A BACKPACK OR COMPUTER BAG TO BRING IT TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 FOR A BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS.

COMING UP

8/1 VBS SUNDAY
BOOK CLUB
8/3 FELLOWSHIP MTG. (6:30PM)
8/4 MISSIONS MTG. (6:30PM)
8/5 WORSHIP COM. MTG. (6:00PM)
8/6 YOUTH POOL PARTY (7:00PM)
8/7 CALENDAR PLANNING MTG. (9AM)
8/8 MATTHEW MONTH (4:30PM)
8/10 CE/YOUTH COM. MTG. (6:30PM)
8/12 ADMIN. MTG. (6:30PM)
8/15 CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY
MATTHEW MONTH (4:30PM)
8/17 SESSION MTG. (6:30PM)
8/19 GAMESTERS (11:30AM)
8/21 EMMAUS GATHERING (4:00PM)
8/22 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
MATTHEW MONTH (4:30PM)
8/25 LADIES' LUNCH OUT (11:30AM)
8/29 MISSION SUNDAY



At Home Communion

Communion is a holy meal, whether it is done in our church Sanctuary with bread and juice or at our kitchen table with a biscuit and coffee. Knowing that, we might have missed a bit of our church community in our staying home. If you would like a pastoral visit for Communion and a time of prayer, please let Pastor Katy know at pastor@fhpconline.org.

Our Youth at Junior High Jubilee



YOUTH MINISTRY @ FHPC

August 6 - Pool Party

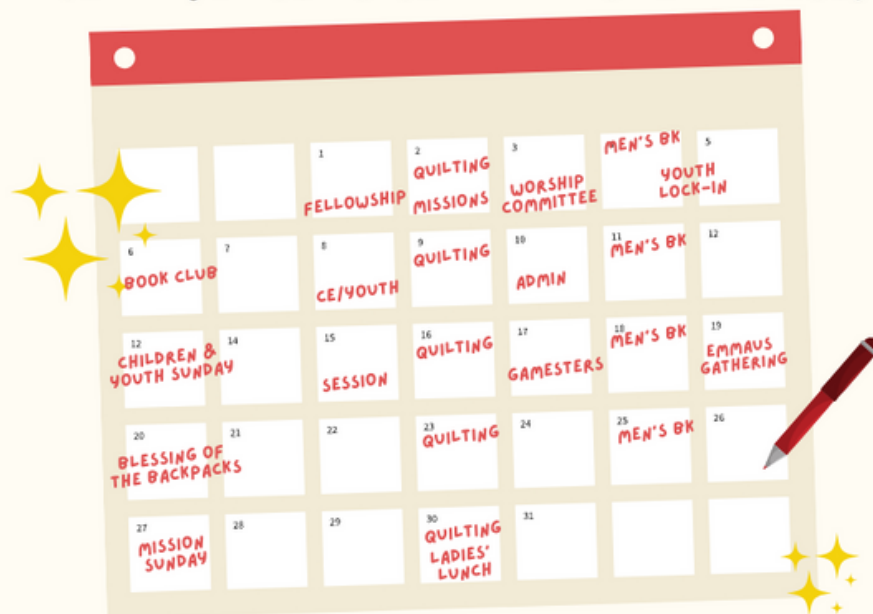
August 8 - Matthew Month

August 13-14 - PYLT meet at Forest Hills

**August 15 - Children & Youth Sunday
Matthew Month**

**August 22 - Blessing of the Backpacks
Matthew Month**

CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING SATURDAY, AUG. 7, 9-11AM



We will be placing the church's events & meetings on the master calendar, so it is important that all committee chairs and group leaders attend.



Children & Youth Sunday

August 15

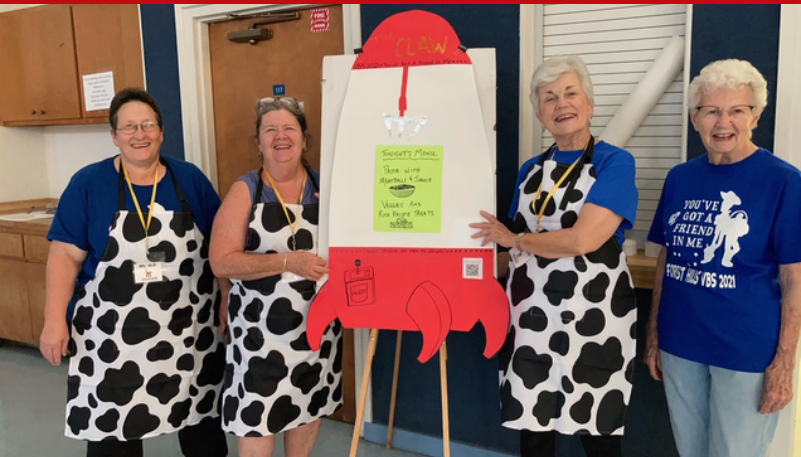
*Our children and youth will
lead us in worship.*

*You won't want to miss this
joyful day!*

VBS 2021



More VBS 2021



And More VBS!



VBS Sunday



VBS
2021

**You've Got a
Friend in Me!**



**Emmaus Gathering
at Forest Hills
Saturday, August 21
5:00-7:00pm in the
CWNC**



Have you been on a Walk to Emmaus? Do you have a desire to rejuvenate that 4th Day enthusiasm? We invite you to share in the breaking of bread and fellowship with your Emmaus brethren at the next Gathering! We will have a potluck that starts at 5:00 and then a worship service that starts at 6:00. Bring your favorite dish to share, as well as your lanyard, name tag, and purple book. For more information, please contact Cami Pace at cpace939@gmail.com.

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Fellowship Opportunities

**LET'S
PLAY.**

**THURSDAY
AUGUST
19
11:30 AM**

GAMESTERS

BRING YOUR
LUNCH AND JOIN
US EVERY THIRD
THURSDAY IN THE
CWNC.

FHPC Book Club

The Book Club will meet Sunday, Sept. 12th at 2:30pm in the FLC conference room. We will be discussing *The Paris Wife*, by Paula McLain. Below is a list of the books for the coming months. For more information, please contact Nancy Collins at (210) 695-2012.

October - *American Dirt*
by Jeanine Cummins
November - *Pastrix*
by Nadia Bolz-Weber
December - *The Dutch House*
by Ann Patchett

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE FOR LADIES' LUNCH OUT ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. AUGUST 25TH WE WILL BE AT PERIGO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT AT 11:30 AM. JOIN US!

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*Ladies
Lunch Out*

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH