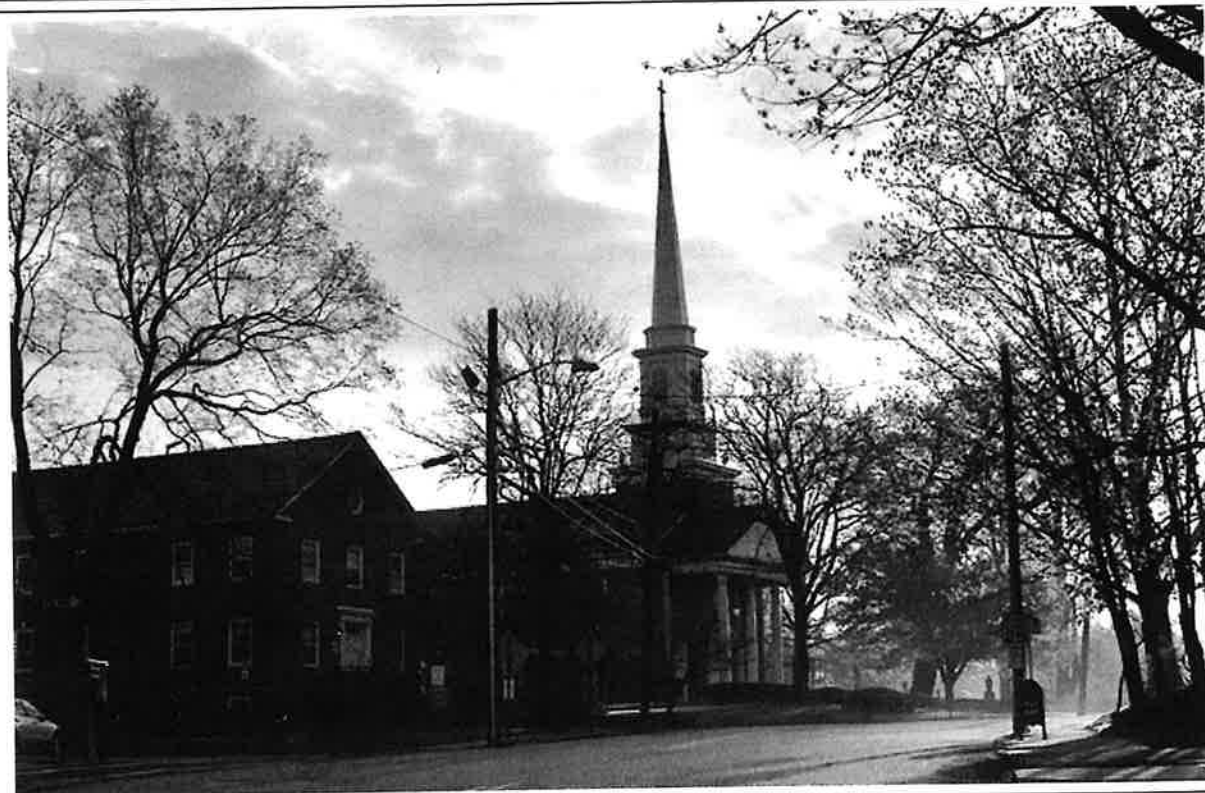




**First Presbyterian Church  
of Metuchen**

**Where God's Love Welcomes All**



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN**

### **VISION**

*To be an inclusive, connected, and loving community mobilized to serve Jesus Christ.*

### **MISSION**

*We are a welcoming and diverse congregation that serves God by improving the spiritual, mental and physical well-being of people in our community and beyond through worship, education, fellowship, music, and mission outreach.*

**February 21, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

**This worship service is being media cast on Facebook Live.**



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

February 21, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Justin D. Karmann  
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Robert A. Beringer  
Minister of Music: Brenda Day

**ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE – “The Gift of Love”

Concord Ringers  
Director: Elaine Hansen

arr. Catherine McMichael

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WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 65 adapted**

Leader: Glad is the one who trusts the call unto worship,  
heeds the morning psalm, abides in your tent.

**People: We rest in you. In your holiness, in your truth we remember.**

Leader: You are not far off—the moment of rescue, the day of deliverance.  
You are the one: who frees, unleashing the sun.

**People: You craft the peak, carve the valley, coax the verdant field.**

Leader: Above the din of chaos, above the torrent and raging, you bring peace.

**People: There is no heart you do not quicken, no voice you have not heard,  
no light not your making—the night your strand of pearls.**

HYMN #110 – “Love Has Come” (verses 1-2)

Bring a Torch

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1. Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love!  
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
2. Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying! Love! Love!  
Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – *Unison* Rev. Justin D. Karmann

Leader: God of mercy we trust you; we believe in you; we look to you for deliverance.

People: **Forgive us for failing to find the salvation we must bring.**

Leader: God of mercy you look beyond our guilt and find joy in us.

People: **Forgive us for the grudge and lingering bitter cup.**

Leader: God of mercy you have made a way for us to follow.

People: **Forgive us for not inviting even our friend to walk with you.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Nancy Regan

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 17:10-14

Tracy Regan

*This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God*

SOLO – “Panis Angelicus”

Baritone: Matthew LaPine

Cesar Franck

### Latin Text

*Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum*

*Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum*

*O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum*

*Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis*

*Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis*

### English Translation

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men

The heavenly bread ends all symbols

Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish

The poor, poor, and humble servant

The poor, poor, and humble servant

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 8:23-27

*This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God*

SERMON – “Of Having Little Faith”

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

HYMN #170 – “You Walk along Our Shoreline” (verses 1, 3)

Wie lieblich ist der Maien

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1. You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power, “Now come and follow me.  
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul.”

3. We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

A MOMENT OF TRIBUTE

Veronica Lijeron, Nicole Trolaro and Keira Walker  
Jennifer Thompson and Linda Boughton

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Karmann

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . *And also with you.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Karmann

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN #840– “When Peace like a River” (verses 1, 3, 4)

Ville Du Havre

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain**

It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

3. He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. **Refrain**
4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Carl Guthjahr, from Marion  
and their three children, Kenneth, Richard, and Valerie.  
And also, in honor of Nancy Leardi, as we celebrate her 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
as Christian Education Director.*

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*(New Revised Standard Version)*

### Isaiah 17:10-14

<sup>10</sup>For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge; therefore, though you plant pleasant plants and set out slips of an alien god, <sup>11</sup>though you make them grow on the day that you plant them, and make them blossom in the morning that you sow; yet the harvest will flee away in a day of grief and incurable pain.

<sup>12</sup>Ah, the thunder of many peoples, they thunder like the thundering of the sea! Ah, the roar of nations, they roar like the roaring of mighty waters! <sup>13</sup>The nations roar like the roaring of many waters, but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away, chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind and whirling dust before the storm. <sup>14</sup>At evening time, lo, terror! Before morning, they are no more. This is the fate of those who despoil us, and the lot of those who plunder us.

*SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*(New Revised Standard Version)*

### Matthew 8:23-27

<sup>23</sup>And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup>A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup>They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

*SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*PEOPLE: Thanks be to God*

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## OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ has adopted a policy that is in compliance with the enactment of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) agreeing that a member has the right to have his/her health and personal information kept private and secure. **This means that an individual must give permission to have his/her name publicly shared with the congregation. PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE – 732-491-2300 to add a person to the prayer list.** Persons requested to be on the prayer list will remain for one month and then be removed. If you wish to have a loved one on the prayer list for a longer time, please contact Merry Matlock in the Church Office.

Jackson Alcantara (*grandson of Lori Nielsen*)

\*Lorraine Bachman

\*Amy Bellisano

Alex Bertelsen (*grandson of Agnes Bertelsen*)

Russ Bertelsen and children (*brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)

George Blomn (*father of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis*)

Jean Blomn (*mother of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis*)

Jessica Blomn (*sister-in-law of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis*)

Joe Blomn (*uncle of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis*)

\*Nancy Blomn-Kipnis

Jessica Brockway (*friend of Carolyn Perez & Deb Teall*)

Thomas Bryant (*father of Laura Fischer*)

Chaleen family (*friends of Ruth Endicott*)

Judy Coffey (*mother of Tracy Donahue*)

Lucy Aileen Corbalis (*mother of Niall Corbalis*)

\*Lois Crespy

\*Mary Kay Dangremond

Debbie Defazio (*aunt of Samantha Aldinger*)

Lisa De La Fuente (*friend of the Kozo/Mollison family*)

Ron Dreher (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)

Cliff Dunham (*Susan's husband*)

Sylvia Elphick (*mother of Kelly Rosko*)

**Feth family** (*family of Kathy Garry*)

Estevien Fuller-Peleh (*mother of Sandra Lалуw*)

\*Tom Giordano

Tim Good (*son of Tom Good*)

\*Tom Good

Joseph Hale (*son of Matt and Laura*)

Linda Henry (*sister of Brenda Day*)

Grace Howe (*daughter of Grace Hammesfahr*)

David Jewett (*cousin-in-law of Ruth Knoll*)

Irene Kaeng (*mother of Moudy Lowing*)

\*Ruth Knoll

John Krauss (*brother-in-law of Susan Kozo*)

Vicky Lacson

Susanne Lukenda (*mother of Martha Silady*)

Michael

John Milone (*son of Jane Milone*)

Carolyn Neupauer (*sister-in-law of Marie Hoffsommer*)

Judy Orr (*sister of Rob Orr*)

Doris Patton

\*Joanne Raison

Sandy Rasmussen (*friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)

Aden Ritchey (*extended relative of Marnie Smith*)

Yehuda Rosenstock (*friend of Ed and Jane Meyer*)

Dave Rust (*brother of Mary Armeli*)

\*Deb Sorensen

Michael Starr (*friend of Gil Kutcher*)

\*Betty Sussick

Virginia West (*friend of June Keehbler*)

\*Lynn Hendricks Wong

William Riley Woodard (*friend of Susan Short*)

\*members of the church

**Names highlighted in boldface recently added.**

### **FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**

MSgt. David Hansen, USAF (*son of Elaine Hansen*)

EM3 Cody Harmon, U.S. Navy, Hawaii (*Sue Harmon's nephew*)

CPL Edward Leitner, U.S. Marines, Albany, GA (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)

MC3 Kevin Leitner, USS Iwo Jima (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)

Captain Matthew McQueeney, USAF Pilot – Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina (*son/stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano*)

\*Andre Pangkerego, U.S. Navy – U.S.S. Philippine Sea. (*son of Meity Peleh*)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Julia Harris Switzer, USAF (*granddaughter of Grace Hammesfahr*)

\*1LT Bradley Shaver, U. S. Army – Ft. Riley, Kansas. (*brother/son of Greg and Julie Walton Shaver*)

Mason Weingarten, Coast Guard – First Class (*Bill & Susan Marquard's grandnephew*)

**PRAYERS OF COMFORT** for Beverly Cummings and her family. Beverly's daughter, Joan Senese, died Wednesday, February 17. Anyone wanting to send a sympathy card: Beverly Cummings, 41 Concord Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840-1605.

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## THIS WEEK...

Check out [www.fpcweb.org](http://www.fpcweb.org) and our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/FPCMetuchen> for upcoming events.

**“REGULAR” CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY. . . . .8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Worship Service – Sanctuary. . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Virtual Sunday School . . . . .10:30 a.m.  
Blood Drive – Social Center . . . . .10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Racial Justice Virtual Book Study . . . . .11:00 a.m.  
Virtual Indonesian Fellowship Worship Service . . . . . Noon

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Lenten Concert Series – Sanctuary . . . . . Noon

- Jenny Cline, Flute and Brenda Day, Piano

### **YOUTH GROUP – (CALI score permitting)**

- Jr. High 5 – 6:00 p.m.
- Sr. High 7 – 8:15 p.m.

Good News Ringers – Sanctuary . . . . . 8:15-8:45 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Concord Ringers – Sanctuary . . . . . 9:30-10:00 a.m.  
Covenant Ringers – Sanctuary . . . . . 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
College Group – Youth Room . . . . . 7:30 to 9 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

“In-Person Deadline” for reservations for the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Worship Services . . . . Call by Noon  
Call the church office to reserve your seat or register online through EventBrite:

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/131470751557>

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

2021 Famine . . . . .9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## NOTICE

### **Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation Sunday, February 28, 2021**

A meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen is scheduled immediately following worship on Sunday, February 28, 2021.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Terms of Call for the Senior and Associate Pastors, the 2020 Financial Reports, the 2021 Church Operating Budget, and the 2019-2020 Annual Narrative Reports for the program year ending June 30, 2020; and present the June 2020 All Church Nominating Committee (ACNC) Slate for election; and fill two Class of 2021 Elder/Trustee vacancies.

## COMING SOON . . .

- Feb. 28 Following Worship: Congregational Meeting  
Guest speaker for Virtual Sunday School  
Sunday Book Discussion Group at 11:00 a.m.
- Mar. 1 Horizons Bible Study via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 2 Board of Deacons Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 3 Noon Lenten Concert – Sanctuary
- Mar. 9 Unicameral Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 10 Noon Lenten Concert – Livestreamed Only
- Mar. 14 Confirmation Class at 8:30 a.m. – Social Center
- Mar. 15 Mothers Together via Zoom at 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17 Noon Lenten Concert – Sanctuary

## Treasurer’s Two Cents

### Offerings & Gifts Received February 14

2021 Pledge	\$ 6,804
Non-Pledge	\$ 390
Per Capita	\$ 1,710
Special Offerings	\$ 380
Special Funds	\$ 445

**TOTAL: \$ 9,729**

**Other Receipts: \$380**

(Flowers and Parking)

Thank you everyone for continued support during this pandemic. We are asking during this time to please continue your offering if you are able.

### *First Presbyterian Church*

God’s Work, Our Hands

Your gift, Your choice

*Direct* – Cash or check donation into the plate, always welcome!

*Online* – Please click here to donate now:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8ffksu4>

*Text to Donate* – Make a donation via Text message!

Text to: 732-479-8245

Simply text an amount (no dollar sign needed) to the number above and follow the prompts to complete your donation!

*Give+ App* – Search “Give Plus Church” in your phone App, Store, download and find Church name by zip code 08840.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

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#### INVITATION TO READ IN WORSHIP

Would you like to read Scripture in worship?  
Please call Nancy Leardi and let her know some dates you are available. Nancy (732) 491-2264.



**PASTORAL CARE:** We hope that you will feel free to contact Rev. Fred Garry at (cell) 315-771-3590, or Rev. Justin Karmann at (cell) 609-480-7259, if you or someone you know, needs our support, or is in the hospital. You can usually reach someone at the church office any weekday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by calling 732-491-2300.

## Faith Kits for February & March Virtual Sunday School



The Faith Kits for February and March virtual Sunday School may be picked up at the Social Center foyer.

- If your child is signed up for Sunday School, please take one for each child.
- The Kit has lessons for each week and packed with activities and treats!
- We ask that you sign out your child's name when picking up a kit(s).
- Zoom links will be posted on the FPC Facebook Sunday School Group page. We welcome new students; there's always room in our classes.
- Join by signing up on the Facebook group: FPC Metuchen Sunday School OR register your children today at [fpcweb.org/forms](http://fpcweb.org/forms).

## Children's Ministry

Check out some books we have put out by the Church Office.

Please sign out any book and return when done.



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## Racial Justice Virtual Book Study TODAY at 11 a.m.

The Racial Justice Committee would love for you to consider joining us **TODAY at 11 a.m.** for our continued book study of Ibram X. Kendi's *"How to Be an Anti-Racist."* We will be discussing **(chapters 8-11) - 58 pages.** Even if you have not read it all by then, please join us.

The racial justice virtual book study reading schedule:

- **TODAY (chapters 8-11) - 58 pages**
- March 21<sup>st</sup> (chapters 12-15) - 49 pages
- April 18<sup>th</sup> (chapters 16-18) - 37 pages

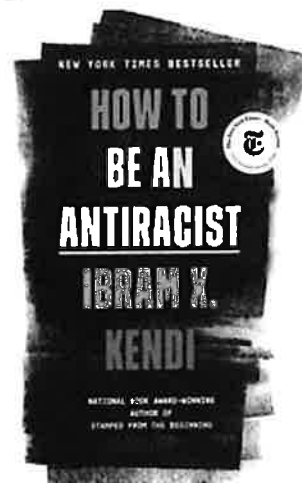
Admittedly, we know discussions about racism can be new and even intimidating for some of us and overdue for others of us. Please know that this is a completely safe and judgment-free space – we are all learning together and learning at the same time so please don't let any fear or concerns keep you from participating.

Here is the **ZOOM** link for upcoming virtual book studies of Ibram X. Kendi's *"How to Be an Antiracist"*.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6094807259>

Meeting ID: 609 480 7259

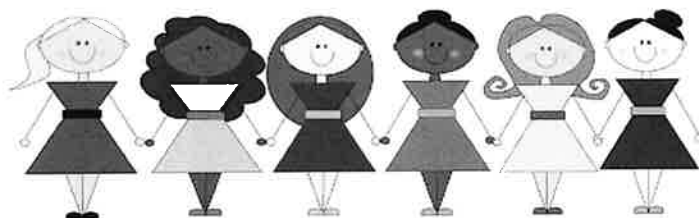
If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to reach out to Reynolds Shaw, Mike Draper, Nancy Leardi, or Rev. Karmann.





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## MOTHERS TOGETHER Will Resume on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The meeting has been cancelled for Monday, February 22.**  
Mothers Together will resume on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Are you a mom of a little one that would appreciate some adult conversation? We will be meeting once a month for a brief devotion, monthly topic, and upbeat conversation. Join us on Zoom!

Questions, please contact Nancy Leardi [nleardi@fpcweb.org](mailto:nleardi@fpcweb.org).

# THE 2021 FAMINE

FPC METUCHEN  
YOUTH GROUP

# THE 2021 FAMINE

In so many ways, this year's Famine is the same as every other year, but also, very different. We will be hosting our Famine on **Saturday, February 27th, ONLY!** Certain activities will not take place out of an abundance of caution.

This year's all-too relevant theme is food insecurity in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our goal is to package 20,000 meals and raise money for our ongoing Food Pantry efforts and expansion. Please consider donating financially as we combat food insecurity in our area.

**Fundraising website:** <https://www.classy.org/campaign/2021-famine/c319432>.

You can donate by sending a check payable to First Presbyterian Church (memo - Famine) **OR** online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y8ffksu4>.

Famine 2021 has been added to the list of funds you can donate to. If you are supporting a youth, there is a box for their name.

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## AN INVITATION

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*Lenten Concert Series*

## Wednesdays at Noon

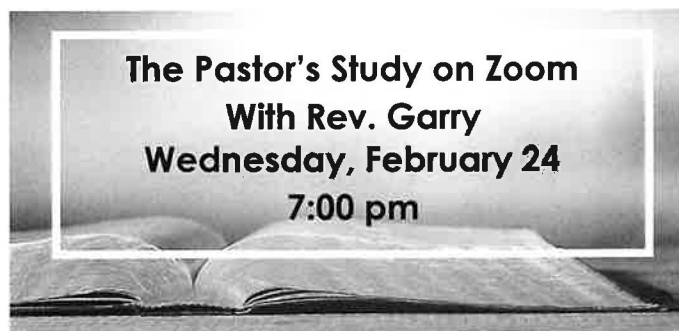
*In Person at First Presbyterian  
Church Sanctuary  
and Livestreamed on FPC Facebook*

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- February 24 Jenny Cline on Flute and  
Brenda Day on Piano
- March 3 Andrew Monath and Brenda Day
- March 10 Baritone Matthew LaPine and  
Brenda Day on Piano
- (LIVESTREAMED ONLY)**
- March 17 An Irish music concert by Soprano  
Joyce Campana and Tenor  
Patrick Rogers
- March 24 Brenda Day
- March 31 Elaine Hansen on Piano and  
Brenda Day on Organ

**Join us for some peace and calm in your day.  
ADMISSION IS FREE.**

Questions? Contact Brenda Day, Minister of Music  
(732) 491-2266 or [brendaday@fpcweb.org](mailto:brendaday@fpcweb.org)



*Jesus and John Wayne*, by Kristin Kobes du Mez, was a tough read.

Granted, she is a wonderful writer and her prose moves quickly and gracefully from one topic to another. Truly, the research she has done is thorough and lacks the sloppiness of someone trying to publish a book quickly to capture the fickle attention of the American reader.

And, her topic, religion in America, is not something that I find to be beyond my interest or comprehension.

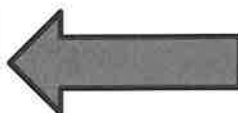
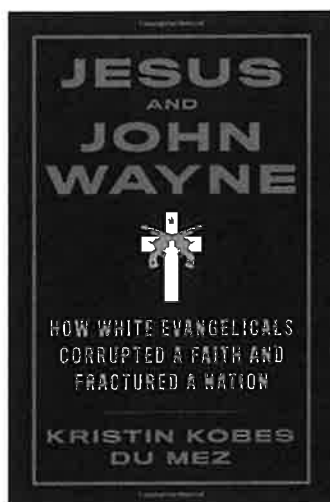
But this book was tough for me.

The difficulty was how close it hit home and how much of my adolescence was contained in its pages. She is writing about the great hope of so many: America is a place of God's choosing; this is a land of manifest destiny; we are a key part in the plan of creation. In each chapter she unravels this hope, lays bare its myopic vision, and, more importantly, begs the reader to consider that a drunken Hollywood star may not be a role model for following Jesus.

But it became really tough when I remembered: I had a poster of John Wayne in my room for most of my youth!

*Jesus and John Wayne* is a careful, well researched consideration of what Christianity can become in America. There is a temptation to make our faith a triumphant march instead of a humble following.

What du Mez does is ask a single question again and again: Is Jesus really a soldier killing them all? Is Christianity really about swagger? It may be that you have exhausted all Netflix has to offer. If so, or even if you haven't, read *Jesus and John Wayne*.



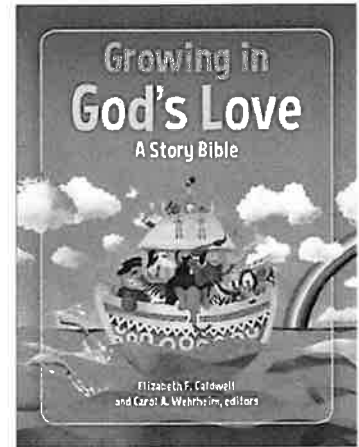
# VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL



Carol Wehrheim

On **February 28<sup>th</sup>**, our virtual Sunday School classes will be graced by a guest speaker. We welcome Carol Wehrheim, co-editor of ***Growing in God's Love Story Bible***, who will be zooming with us. We are excited to have this chance to meet Carol and share God's word together. Parents are invited to attend!

***Growing in God's Love Story Bible*** may be delivered to your home or ready for pick up from the Church Office. **Please call to order.** Donations are appreciated but not necessary.



## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVOTION

*The mean estate is where we find the blessing of meekness and the glory of humility.*

*Consider a parable a day and find their power.*

*Be ready to ask, "how can I live this?"*

*Be ready for the answer, "you must be born anew as one who abides in the mean estate."*

Rev. Garry shares that *The Mean Estate* is a daily devotional for Lent where all of the parables of Jesus are considered. The hope is that by the end of Lent a reader can say, "I know the parables of Jesus." The parables are a place to go deep into the call to follow Jesus. They are the heart of his teachings. And, most importantly, there are around forty of them. There are many ways to find a place of devotion during Lent. This is one I have found helpful to me.

**This short book is available now to anyone who would like one.**

There is a suggested donation of \$5 to cover the cost of printing. You may contact the church office anytime during office hours to reserve or get your copy: (732) 491-2300.



**THE MEAN  
ESTATE**  
FRED GARRY



## LENTEN RESOURCES

Our Church Library offers a variety of selections for Lent. Make an appointment to visit the church library by calling Nancy (732) 491-2264 or the main church line. You may also call our librarian, Marie Hoffsommer, at (732) 549-0044.

Let us know if you would like to have a book prepared for pick up in the Social Center foyer.



## Welcome to the Bloomin' 4 Good Program

from February 26 through the month of  
March 2021

# FPC-Metuchen Food Pantry

has been selected to receive a \$1 donation  
for every \$9.99 "Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet"  
with the "red circle sticker" (pictured below)  
sold at Stop & Shop located at  
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