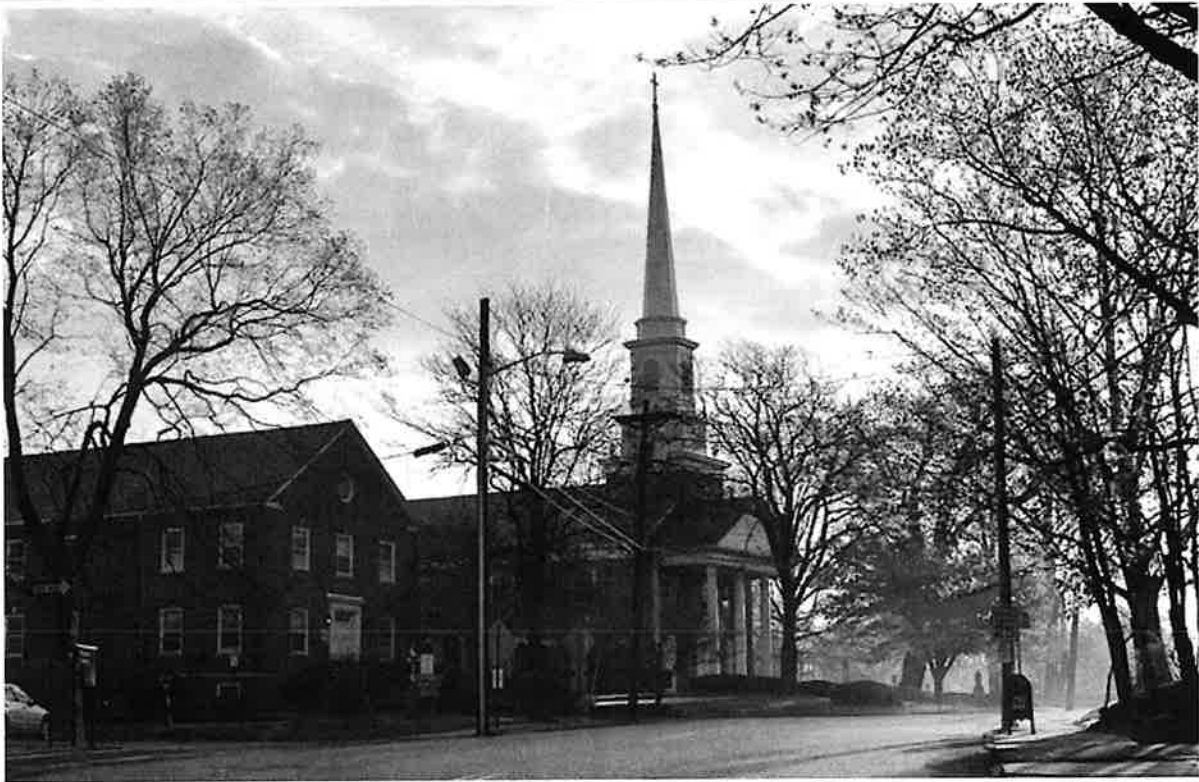




First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen

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.

May 2, 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

May 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
5TH Sunday of Easter

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Covenant Ringers arr. Arnold B. Sherman

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WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me,
your rod and staff – they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

HYMN #744 – “Arise, Your Light Is Come! (verses 1, 3)

Festal Song

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1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

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

Leader: May the truth illumine our path; may goodness be our resolve
so we may follow your son. As Jesus had compassion,

People: Let us have compassion.

Leader: As Jesus looked to the broken and offered mercy,

People: Let us have mercy.

Leader: As Jesus spoke up for the poor and lifted up the fallen,

People: Let us be silent no more. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Nancy Leardi

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Amos 5:6-10

Rev. Karmann

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

SOLO – “Melodie”

Saxophone: Russ Dickow

Siman Poulain

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 9:32-38

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

SERMON – “Inside Outville”

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

HYMN #803 – “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (Psalm 23) (verse 3)

Resignation

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3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

DOXOLOGY

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Karmann

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 #775 – “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

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1. I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – “Hornpipe”

G. F. Handel

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

***Thank you to Russ Dickow for playing the saxophone this morning.
Thanks also to Russ and Maggie Dickow and their daughter, Melissa Garcia,
for singing the hymns this morning.***

***The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Elaine Hansen in loving memory
of her husband, Art; and also, from Marion Guthjahr in honor of her children's birthdays,
Kenneth, May 17; Richard, May 27; and Valerie, May 12.***

1st SCRIPTURE READING

(New Revised Standard Version)

Amos 5:6-10

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ⁸The one who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name, ⁹who makes destruction flash out against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

(New Revised Standard Version)

Matthew 9:32-38

³²After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. ³³And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, "Never has anything like this been seen in Israel." ³⁴But the Pharisees said, "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

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

Peter Barnes family (*friends of the Distefano family*)

Alex Bertelsen (*grandson of Agnes Bertelsen*)

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

*Nancy Blomn-Kipnis

*Betty Bradley

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*)

Cliff Dunham (*Susan's husband*)

Sylvia Elphick (*mother of Kelly Rosko*)

Feth family (*family of Kathy Garry*)

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

Tamsir Girsang (*husband of Christine Rarung*)

Ruth Goldstein (*friend of Ed and Jane Meyer*)

Joseph Hale (*son of Matt and Laura*)

*Bill Hanley

Grace Howe (*daughter of Grace Hammesfahr*)

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

David and Steven Johnson (*brothers of Merry Matlock*)

Irene Kaeng (*mother of Moudy Lowing*)

*Ruth Knoll

*Karin Krauszer

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

Vicky Lacson

Susanne Lukenda (*mother of Martha Silady*)

Eddie Meyer (*son of Ed Meyer*)

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*)

Deanna Rogers (*cousin of Dawn Adam*)

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*)

John Wiczoreck (*father of Ken Greenwaldt*)

*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, Pilot, USAF – Lakenheath AFB, UK (*son/stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano*)

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

2nd 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*)

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THIS WEEK...

Check out 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, MAY 2

Confirmation Class – Dining Room 8:25 a.m.
Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual. 9:30 a.m.
5th & 6th Grade Sunday School via Zoom 9:30 a.m.
After-worship Refreshments – Front Lawn 10:30 a.m.

- Weather permitting

Virtual Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
PYW (Presbyterian Young Women) 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 3

Horizons Bible Study via Zoom – Lesson #8 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Board of Deacons – Dining Room & via Zoom 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

YOUTH GROUP

- Jr. High 5–6:00 p.m.
- Jr. High Dinner 6–6:30 p.m.
- Sr. High Dinner 6:30–7 p.m.
- Sr. High 7–8:15 p.m.

Good News Ringers 8:15–8:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

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

FRIDAY, MAY 7

“In-Person Deadline” for reservations for the **May 9TH 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, MAY 8

Youth Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser . . . 9 a.m. to Noon

- Church Parking Lot

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.

INVITATION TO READ IN WORSHIP

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



Church Office: 732-491-2300
Church Website: www.fpcweb.org
<http://www.facebook.com/FPCMetuchen>

COMING SOON . . .

- May 9 Mother’s Day–Blanket Sunday (CWS Spec. Ofgr.)
- May 11 Song and Games at 4:00 p.m. – Tent
Unicameral Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- May 13 Grades 3 to 6 – Handbells from 4:45 to 5 p.m.
Junior Club from 5-5:30 p.m. - Tent
- May 16 Puppeteer Meeting at 11:00 a.m. – Hale Park
- May 23 Last day of virtual Sunday school classes
Movie Sunday at 5:00 p.m. – Social Center
- May 31 - June 5–Young Adult/Congregational Mission Trip
- May 26 The Rise of Gothic Cathedrals at 7:00 p.m.
- June 1 to June 3 **DROP OFF** for Rummage Sale 1pm to 6pm
- June 5 PW Rummage Sale – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Tent
- June 12 Rain Date for the Rummage Sale
- June 19 Youth Mission Trip Car Wash – 9 a.m. to Noon

Treasurer’s Two Cents

Offerings & Gifts Received April 25

2021 Pledge	\$ 4,698
Non-Pledge	\$ 160
Cash	\$ 48
Special Offerings	\$ 720
Special Funds	\$ 1,630

TOTAL: \$7,256

Other Receipts: \$582 (VBS, parking, youth)

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

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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,

Thank you for your generous support!

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PUPPETEERS!

The next meeting of the Puppeteers will be on **May 16 at 11:00 am.** We will meet outside in **Hale Garden** (on the left of the driveway to the Church parking lot).

New puppeteers are welcome - please RSVP to Kat Davis at kdavis@fpcweb.org so we know you are coming!

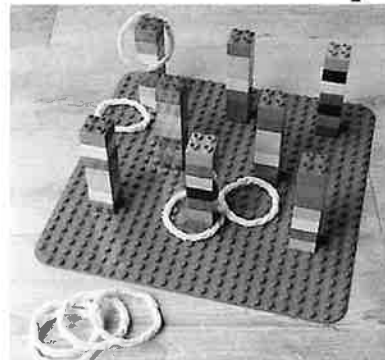
FPC – Presbyterian Young Women TODAY from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Social Center Dining Room

Join the fun TODAY from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Social Center Dining Room. We will enjoy pizza and crafting.

We will learn how to make some necklaces, earrings and much more. Maybe even create a Mother's Day gift for mom or grandma. We will be socially distanced in the dining room.

Please call Nancy Leardi with any questions, (732) 491-2264 or email: nleardi@fpcweb.org.

VBS Donation Request!



We are looking for LEGO donations for VBS. Our theme is *Workshop of Wonders!* If you have outgrown your Lego supply, we have a home for them!



Lesson Eight: Monday, May 3 6:00-7:00 p.m. by Zoom

INTO THE LIGHT Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament

The May study will be about "God Laments."

Primary scriptures for the lesson are: Hosea 11:1-9 and Luke 19:41-44

Additional scriptures: Matthew 23:37-39 and Luke 13:34-35

Deb Teall will be leading.

A link to the lesson may be found through the church website—

<https://fpcweb.org/dev/get-involved/presbyterian-women/>

Click on the link for Horizon Bible Study Lesson. ***This study is for everyone!***

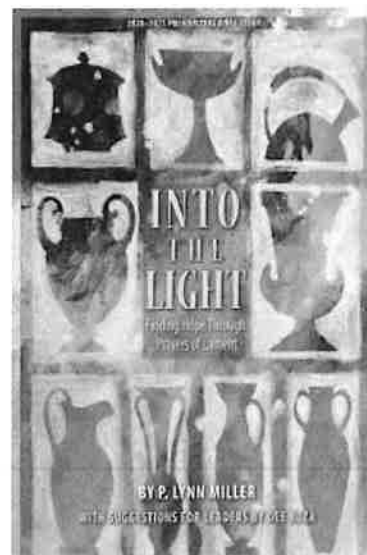
Join our Zoom Meeting Hosted by Deb Teall and PW:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86590898594?pwd=VFdOMjk4U2laOEhjcXJvZWsySUxTQT09>

Call, text or email Deb for a Study Guide: (908) 917-3990 or debteall@optonline.net

OR jump on the Zoom even without a Study Guide! We will also have a brief overview of the next Horizons Bible Study, which will begin in October.

We look forward to having you join us!



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We are God's children, fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)

TUESDAY SONGS & GAMES

(4 yrs. thru 2nd Grade)

Tuesday, May 11, at 4:00 p.m.
Under the Tent

We look forward to seeing your child under the tent on Tuesday, May 11, for our final Songs and Games of the year. We welcome all children aged 4 through grade 2.

We have had a wonderful time singing some songs outside masked and social distanced. We have also learned lots of fun games that we can play on the ball field and have done some crafts under the tent. Please join us!!

JUNIOR CLUB

(For 3rd to 6th Grade)

Thursday, May 13, Under the Tent
4:45 - 5:00 p.m. (Those interested in handbells)
5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Fun and Games

Junior Club will have their final meeting of the year on Thursday, May 13, under the tent. Any students who are interested in playing choir chimes should come to the tent at 4:45 p.m. We have music time until 5 p.m.

Junior Club goes from 5 - 5:30 p.m. and includes games and crafts. Please join us. We would love to welcome you!

facebook LIVE Streaming

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Every Sunday our Church provides a live stream of our 9:30 a.m. service which allows so many to join us when they cannot actually be "in church."

But...for us to continue our Live Streaming, *we need more volunteers to operate our equipment on Sunday mornings.*

NO computer skills are necessary – operating the equipment could not be easier!! We'll train you; Nate is there to assist on Sunday if you need help, and, it is *just one Sunday a month!*

Would you please consider joining the Live Stream Team so that we can continue to provide this important ministry?

Please contact:

Gail Stein gailstein4@gmail.com or
Jane Meyer jagmeyer@gmail.com



Pre-filled Communion Cup with Wafer

This is a friendly reminder that the sealed communion cup that has been placed in the pew with your worship bulletin, also includes the wafer.

Please remove the:

- first seal for the wafer.
- second seal is for the juice.



KRISPY KREME DONUT FUNDRAISER

Our Youth will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts **May 5th up to days prior to the June 19th Father's Day Car Wash**. Please consider purchasing these delicious goodies from our Youth in support of our 2021 Youth Mission trip.

UPCOMING YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISERS

Mark your calendar for two Youth Mission trip fundraisers. We will be hosting two car washes before our July trip. The first car wash will be a **Mother's Day Car Wash on Saturday, May 8th** and a **Father's Day Car Wash on Saturday, June 19th**.

30th ANNIVERSARY YOUTH MISSION TRIP T-SHIRTS

We are finalizing designs of these T-shirts and intend on selling them soon. Names of all participants over the past 29 years are on the back. Be on the lookout for sales to start very soon.

Mission Trip T-shirt Design:



Young Adult/Congregational Mission Trip

May 31st to June 5th

(Please note the date change!)

In addition to our high school mission trip, taking place this July 25-31, we are offering an adult-only mission trip to Roanoke, VA in partnership with Habitat for Humanity the week of May 31st. Please note the date change.

This trip is offered to our young adults and congregants and we will be working on two construction sites throughout the week.

Fundraising goal is still being set, but we intend on this being a very affordable trip for all.

Housing will be at the First Baptist Church of Roanoke.

RUMMAGE SALE

SPECIAL OUTDOOR EDITION

JUNE 5th, Saturday, ONLY from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**DROP OFF: Tuesday, JUNE 1 – Thursday, JUNE 3
from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (receive & sort donations)**

Rain Date: June 12th

Start cleaning out your closets! The Presbyterian Women just confirmed the exciting news of a Special Outdoor Edition Rummage Sale planned in late Spring.

PW is looking for donations of adult and kids' apparel, shoes, accessories (belts, bags, scarves, ties, hats, etc.), bed/ bath/ kitchen linens/curtains, toys/ puzzles/games, frames/ baskets, household items/ electronics/ rain-proof outdoor items.

Success of the Rummage Sale depends on volunteers to help sort, price, sell and cleanup after the event. We hope you will consider giving your time in support of all the wonderful programs that benefits from the proceeds of the rummage sale.

Meantime, please hold off the following for the Fall Rummage Sale: furniture, bulky items, stuffed animals, books/magazines, records / tapes. Donated items are subject to PW acceptance. Also, please limit donations to one car trunk load per family as there will be limited space. Covid safety protocols will be strictly observed, with masks and social distance. Indoor facility and bathrooms are not available.

Questions? Please email Cindy O'Neill at mimabook@aol.com.



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