

## Announcements:

### Congregation Life: ♥ July Birthdays 🇺🇸

July 1<sup>st</sup> ..... **Chris Beers**  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... **Pauline Williams, Colleen McNeill**  
July 8<sup>th</sup> ..... **Bobbie Henry**  
July 9<sup>th</sup> ..... **Anita Kellerby**  
July 12<sup>th</sup> ..... **Konnie Haman**  
July 13<sup>th</sup> ..... **Luke Leach, Max Leach**  
July 14<sup>th</sup> ..... **Fred Burgin**  
July 15<sup>th</sup> ..... **Brenda McNeill**  
July 16<sup>th</sup> ..... **Patty Statton, Jodi Waite**  
July 17<sup>th</sup> ..... **Delores Miller**  
July 18<sup>th</sup> ..... **Bill Holder**  
July 20<sup>th</sup> ..... **Dennis Graham, Pat Montgomery**  
July 21<sup>st</sup> ..... **Vieune Revolinski**  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... **Blake Smith**  
July 24<sup>th</sup> ..... **Sandi Yager**  
July 26<sup>th</sup> ..... **Shirley Murphy**  
July 29<sup>th</sup> ..... **Rosalie Christie, Kennedy Corr, Dan Haman**  
July 30<sup>th</sup> ..... **Judy Bates, Mike Fletcher, Bob Yager**

### Deacons: Jubilee Ministries: Items for Summer Months

For our summer months, July and August the Elders and Deacons would ask these high priority items to be collected for children in our Community. Food for Kids is not providing food during the Summer Months like they did last year. Snacks will be given out each Friday to the Jubilee Ministries. Thank You all for your support!

- Mac-n-cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Small Cereal Boxes
- Cheese-n-crackers
- Applesauce
- Mandarin oranges
- A bag of apples
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- Bananas

### Name Tags Please

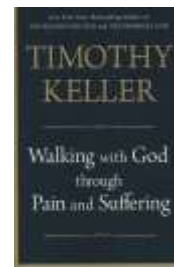
Remember to wear your name tag during the next several months while we have visiting Pastors. Each name tag has a small number in the upper right corner which corresponds to your pocket number in the blue name tag holders in the narthex. There will be stick-on name tags available on the entry table.

## Pastor Ponderings...

Pastor Nancy Pearson will be sending out a MailChimp email every Tuesday with Pastor Ponderings. If you are not on our MailChimp email list (ie: you have not received *Pastor Ponderings* from last Tuesday 06/20). Please write down your email address and provide it to the front office or email your email address to the front office and let Sue or Quincy know that you would like to be added to this weekly emailing. [fpcc@fpcc.email](mailto:fpcc@fpcc.email).

The CE and Sabbatical committees invite you to join interim pastor, Freeman McCall, as he leads a study of the book "[Walking with God through Pain and Suffering](#)" by Timothy Keller. The question of why God would allow pain and suffering in the world has vexed believers and nonbelievers for millennia. Timothy Keller takes on this enduring issue and shows that there is meaning and reason behind our pain and suffering, making a forceful and ground-breaking case that this essential part of the human experience can be overcome only by understanding our relationship with God.

The class will start on **Sunday, August 6 at 11:00 a.m.** after worship and fellowship. It will continue until the end of September. **There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Books will be \$14.00 and should be available in a few weeks.** The book can also be purchased in audible form on various internet websites. Freeman will be summarizing the first 4 chapters of the book at the first class so once the books have arrived, feel free to read through those chapters ahead of time. Anyone is welcome to join the class at any point and if you have to miss weeks, that is OK!



## FPC Annual Family Campout at Buffalo Bill State Park

**When: Friday-Saturday-Sunday September 8-9-10**

**What: fun, fellowship, food, worship**

**Where: Trout Creek Group camp site at Buffalo Bill State Park**

**Who: Everyone - day campers, overnight campers (sign up list on Narthex bulletin board)**



July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

***Please turn off cell phones***

(Tune into 107.9FM to listen in your vehicle!)

### Praise Music

Shout To the Lord  
Hear the Call Of the Kingdom  
God of Wonders

***Please fill out attendance form  
and pass it along your row***

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Adoration of God

#### Responsive Call to Worship

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
My soul thirsts for you,

**My body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where  
there is no water.**

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name**

**I will lift up my hands.**

**With singing lips, my mouth will praise you.**

Let us worship the Lord our God together.

Opening Hymn “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” #441

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

The scriptures tell us that if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Children’s Time

The Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear and in hearing we may be changed. We pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3

Hymn: “Jesus Shall Reign” #423

Sermon: “Thy Kingdom Come; Thy Will Be Done, On Earth as it is in Heaven” Matthew 13:31-35; Matthew 13: 44-50

Our Response to God

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father: through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to Offering

Offertory “As It Is In Heaven” Wendy Corr

Prayer of Dedication

O God, we bring our offering, not with thought of reward, but because we are grateful. We give, not from guilt over having so much, but because it is a privilege and a joy to share. We dedicate these gifts, not only to pay the bills, but to enable the ministry that meets basic human needs with the good news of the gospel. May we your people be empowered to give all that each moment requires, in even a deed as simple as giving a cup of cold water to quench another’s thirst. Amen.

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn “Seek Ye First” #333

Benediction & Blessing

Ushers: Joan Wright & Marilyn Spicer  
Music Director: Wendy Corr  
Accompanist: Hayden Thomas  
Message: Rev. Nancy Pearson

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-35  
31 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” 33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough.” 34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. 35 So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”[b]

Matthew 13:44-50  
44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. 47 “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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