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-Rona Phillips

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-Isobel Prater

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A WORD FROM OUR SENIOR PASTORS

The New and Improved www.fpcauburn.org!

Earlier this year the FPC session commissioned a Website Task Force to assess and improve our church website. Over the spring and summer months, members Marianne Cone and Ashley Lovell generously shared their incredible gifts for marketing and web design to help create a beautiful new site that we hope has streamlined the web experience for prospective visitors and members alike. We encourage you to visit the site and take a look around!

As you explore the new www.fpcauburn.org, we thought it might be helpful for you to have some insight into the conversations behind many of the changes...

Audience: For many searching for a new church home, looking at a church's website is the first step in determining whether or not they will make an in-person visit. Two things you will notice right away when you arrive at the website's home page is that in the top left corner there is a "Worship Schedule" button that right away shares service times and locations. The titles below the main heading (About, Worship, Grow, Serve, etc.) then offer simple explanations of our church's commitments to ministry along with a link to the main staff person's contact information. Our hope is that the website will give a glimpse of what we have to offer and then encourage interested individuals to make a connection with a staff member so that we can have deeper conversations about particular ministries.

Atmosphere: It was a goal for the task force to have the website reflect the atmosphere of our congregation. Words we used when brainstorming on this topic were: simple, genuine, warm, welcoming, timeless, intergenerational, accepting, and mission-focused. We hope you will see this clearly reflected in the choices of images, fonts, and words used to convey the spirit of FPC Auburn.

What About...? Going through the site you may wonder things like, "Why didn't they incorporate a church calendar?" or "Why can we have audio/video files of sermons available?" Features such as these are all still possibilities. In discussions, we have referred to the latest version of the site as "Phase One." Our goal was to have the new site up and running for the start of the school year, when many students are coming to town and many families are considering incorporating church into their new school year routine. Going forward, we are exploring new means of both internal and external communication within the church. If you have feedback or suggestions, please share them with Revs. Kathy or Nick Reed so that we can take them into consideration for the next phase!

Finally - if you see Marianne Cone or Ashley Lovell around, please thank them for the many, many hours of thoughtful work they have given to creating this beautiful new website. We are ever-grateful for the generosity of our members. The sharing of such gifts throughout our church allows us to reserve our financial resources for the sharing of the gospel through mission and education ministries, as well as necessary capital improvements. For this, we are truly thankful!

Peace, Kathy & Nick

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 18

- 8:30 AM -Communion (Chapel)
- 9:45 AM -Sunday School
- 11:00 AM -Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM -Chancel Bell Choir
- 5:00 PM -Youth Dinner & Fellowship
- 7:00 PM -UKirk Kick-Off (Courtyard)

Monday, August 19

- 6:15 PM -Session Meeting (Conway)

Tuesday, August 20

- 12:00 PM -PCM Board Meeting (Library)

Thursday, August 22

- 2:00 PM -Baird Hall Kitchen Clean-up
- 7:00 PM -Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 25

- 8:30 AM -Communion (Chapel)
- 9:45 AM -Godly Play Parent Meeting
- 9:45 AM -Sunday School
- 11:00 AM -Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM -Acolyte Training (Baird Hall)
- 5:00 PM -Chancel Bell Choir
- 5:00 PM -Youth Dinner & Fellowship
- 7:00 PM -UKirk Dinner & Bible Study

Thursday, August 29

- 5:15 PM -Congregational Dinners Resume!
- 7:00 PM -Choir Rehearsal

Coming Soon

- Sep. 4 - Women's Wednesday Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.
- Sep. 8 - PW Fall Gathering, 2:30 p.m.
- Sep. 22 - Flu Clinic, 9 a.m.
- Sep. 29 - Blood Drive, 9 a.m.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE NEWS

Diabetes is one of the major health problems in Alabama. There are many reasons but that is another discussion. I am more interested in ways to help those who might be at risk or are pre-diabetic. Diabetes is one of the conditions that puts the patient in control of several factors to alter the disease. This starts with education about the disease and how you can control the progress and gain support for your efforts.

The PreventT2 Program is offered by the Diabetes and Nutrition Center of East Alabama Medical Center for those at risk for diabetes or have prediabetes. That would include having family members who are diabetic or carrying extra weight that causes the body to need more insulin. The program offers weekly lessons to help you eat healthier, become more physically active and manage your stress. You also gain support from others who are working on the same situation. There will be an informational session on Tuesday, August 27 at 5 p.m. at the EAMC Education Center at 2027 Pepperell Parkway. It is across the street from the hospital just after the 280/Pepperell Pkwy intersection (the former Mr. J's). You can contact Allison Drake by calling 334-528-6800 or email at allison.drake@eamc.org. The Informational Session does not obligate you but offers awareness of the program. However, I can tell you that we have had people in our congregation that found the program VERY helpful and enjoyable.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 5 pm!

Your Faith Community Nurses,
Jan Widell & Erin Brown

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. - Communion (Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)
- Worship Leader: Rev. Nick Reed

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. - Communion (Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)
- Worship Leader: Rev. Nick Reed

RECEPTIONISTS

August 19-23

AM - Becky Buchanan, ?, Mary Parsons, Jim Disque, ?.

PM - Sandra Spencer, Carolyn Williams, Mary Simon, Olyne Fischer, Vicki Throckmorton.

August 26-30

AM - ?, ?, ?, Shirley Bartels, Denise Salo.

PM - Bonney Schowalter, Carol Griffin, Mary Simon, ?, Susan Stanley.

CE NEWS

-Sunday, Aug. 18 & 25: Children and Youth activities begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m. in Baird Hall and then activities for children and youth from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

-If your child will be participating in Godly Play, we are asking that you attend a Godly Play Session led by our amazing Godly Play Leaders on Sunday, August 25 during the Sunday school hour.

-Acolyte training will be August 25 at 4 p.m. in Baird Hall.

-Godly Play will begin September 8

-Worship Readiness for 2nd Graders will also begin September 8.

-Confirmation Class meeting for confirmands and parents is September 8 at 4 p.m. in Baird Hall

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call!

Chris Sarkowski

Birthdays

Aug. 18 Charles Johnson

Aug. 19 Shirley Helmke

Aug. 21 Rona Phillips, Carolyn Tamblyn

Aug. 22 Carolyn Wilson

Aug. 23 Madison Dimick

Aug. 25 Tom Duin

Aug. 26 Will Duin, Harriette Huggins,
Ben Stewart, Stella Stewart, Joel Tremaine
Hope Wisdom

Aug. 27 Dickie Warren (101!)

Aug. 28 Don Andress, Karen Himmer

Aug. 29 Matt Allen, Amy Wells

Aug. 30 Marty Anderson, Hatcher Herring

Aug. 31 Thomas Pope, Callum Prater,

Anniversaries

Aug. 19 Robbie & Jessica Barnes

Aug. 20 Jan & Shirley Bartels

Aug. 26 D'Arcy & Catherine Wernette

Aug. 31 Mark & Janie Fisher

PCM ASSISTS 58 FAMILIES DURING SECOND QUARTER

The Presbyterian Community Ministry (PCM) provided financial assistance to 58 Lee County families during the second quarter. Assistance included loans and grants for utility bills, rent, and home repairs.

PCM paid the power bill for a man who has been waiting for his disability check to begin coming for over a year; paid the rent for a single mother who lost her job when she needed to stay at home and care for an ill child following hospitalization; and paid power bills for a woman with stage 4 cancer while her son, who dropped out of college to find employment, could find work.

Total income for the quarter was \$39,005; expenses were \$32,287. Income included \$12,256 from disaster relief; \$10,240 from donations; \$6250 from our church's mission ministry; and \$6143 from membership dues. Expenses included about \$10,000 for utilities; \$6300 for home repairs; and \$1600 for rent.

Gifts of any amount from our church members are always welcome. Those who wish to make a gift to PCM should send checks to PCM, 143 E. Thach Avenue, Auburn, AL 36830. Those wishing to become annual members should send their checks for \$250 to the same address.

Becoming the Beloved Community, "Intentional Listening: How to Love Your Neighbor in the Midst of Terror."

FPC is honored to be hosting a community-wide event on Thursday, September 12 from 5:30-8 p.m. (please note that this event will take the place of our regular Thursday evening dinner and program that week.) This intergenerational, interfaith event will be facilitated by a diverse group of faith leaders from our community in an effort to help us understand what it means to "love your neighbor who does not look or worship like you." It will be a POTLUCK supper, program, and will close with a candlelight vigil in our courtyard. PLEASE RSVP/register at becomingthebelovedcommunity51@gmail.com

THURSDAY DINNERS - THEY'RE BACK!

Please join us for our weekly congregational dinner in Baird Hall. We begin serving at 5:15 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. The cost of the meals is \$5/person with a maximum of \$10/family. College students eat for only \$2.00. No reservations are required, and the nursery is open.

Aug. 29 - Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Ice Cream Sandwich.

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INTERNATIONAL MISSION GIVING UPDATE

At their July meeting, the FPC Mission Committee received and discussed concerns related to political unrest and economic distress in Haiti. Additionally, the committee prayerfully discerned how our church might use our financial resources to help individuals affected by the ongoing mistreatment of individuals in the immigration border crisis. The committee approved dividing this year's annual international mission budget between the following two organizations: Matthew 28 (www.Matthew28.org) and The Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (<https://www.raicetexas.org>). The Mission Committee encourages FPC members to visit each of these organization's websites to learn more about the good work they are doing on behalf of those in great need of God's hope and compassion.