





Connections

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The Weekly Calendar of the First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown

Church Calendar ■ March 13–19

- March 14** Crock Pot Cookoff
- 15** 10:30 am Sunday Service
- 18** Soup Supper
- Greeters** Madelyn Christie, Adrienne & Dave Moore, Christine Vincent
- Ushers** John Grover, Sally Grover, Fran Lalka, Dave Kichula
- Counters** Pat D'Apolito, Ginger Marcus
- 1st Saturday** 10:00 am Building and Grounds Workday
- 1st Tuesday** 7:00 pm CE, Mission, Fellowship
7:30 pm Worship
- 2nd Tuesday** 7:00 pm Building and Grounds, Outreach,
Finance/Stewardship
- ▶ **3rd Tuesday** 7:00 pm Deacons
- 4th Tuesday** 7:30 pm Personnel
7:00 pm Session
- 1st Saturday** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- 3rd Saturday** 7:00 pm Conversations with the Word
- ▶ **1st&3rd Mon** 6:45 pm Stephen Ministry peers
- 4th Monday** 7:00–9:00 pm Bazaar Craft Workshop Fellowship Hall
- Mondays** 4-5:30 pm Community Dinner in Fellowship Hall
7-9:00 pm Art Ministry
- Wednesdays** 4:30–5:00 pm Kids Music
5:00–7:00 pm Kids Club—pre-K to 6th grade
Note—Kids Club ends at 6:30 during Lent so that children and parents may attend Soup Suppers
7:15 pm Bells
8:15 pm Choir
- 2nd&4th Wed** 10:00 am–12:00 pm Needles of Love
- March 22** Songwriters in the Round Concert
- 23** 7:00-9:00 pm Bazaar Crafters Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!
- 25** Soup Suppers March 25 and April 2
- 29** Raise the Roof Luncheon
- April 12** Dessert & Discussion: The Misunderstood Jew
- 26** Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon

WORSHIP

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ONGOING

UPCOMING

Calendar Highlights

THE POWER OF PRAYER TO RAISE OUR ROOF



The prayer team of the Raise the Roof campaign asks that you include our church and its present need in your daily prayers. Please pray for the continuing ministries and outreach of FPCH and pray that God will help you discern His call to you, personally, for His work through our church. We encourage you to include your prayer as part of your daily devotions using the devotional guide provided in the Raise the Roof packet.

Thank you for your continued prayer support at this critical time. The Raise the Roof video can be viewed [here](#):

CROCK POT COOKOFF

3.14.2015

The theme is Chef's Choice—you select the crock pot dish to be entered to win! Will it be your dish? The cost is \$5.00 per person (\$2.00 for children) which covers the cost of salad, bread and dessert. There is no cost to you if you bring a crockpot dish. Vote for your favorite dishes—Prizes Awarded!

MUSIC SUNDAY

3.15.2015

Come to hear and be surrounded by music from the Sanctuary and Bell choirs affirming that God has chosen you. Come to be comforted: God is with us in our joy and in our dark nights. Come, People of God, to be reminded: you belong to God.

KIDS CLUB SCHEDULE

Through the Lenten season Kids Club families are invited to join us for our soup suppers. To allow families and volunteers to attend, Kids Club will be ending at 6:30 pm through April 1st. We will return to ending at 7:00 pm when we come back from spring break on April 15th.



Give 5 Week

The prayer team wants to thank you for your prayerful support of the Raise the Roof campaign and thoughtful consideration of God's call to you. We have designated the final week of the campaign (March 21–28) as *Give 5 Week*.

This week, we are requesting the congregation continue their prayers by praying a full five minutes each day for our church. Make a small sacrifice by spending less time on the Internet or Facebook, less time watching TV or cut your lunch break a little shorter to make 5 minutes to pray for our church. Please use this time to pray for:

- ✦ Understanding of God's will and direction for our church as we embrace the future.
- ✦ The ongoing outreach ministries of our church such as Better Beginnings, Kid's Club, community dinners, Trenton breakfasts, midnight runs and RISE.
- ✦ Our church leaders including Pastor Lisa, our elders, deacons, staff and the team leaders for Raise the Roof.
- ✦ Our congregation and our witness to the love of Christ through our caring, commitment and ongoing support of FPCH.
- ✦ For discernment of the ways God is calling YOU to help accomplish His work through our church.

By intentionally giving a little time each day to ask God for His blessing and guidance in this time of need for our church, we are laying the essential foundation to address that need. With God's help and a little personal sacrifice, we can make God's house a welcoming, safe and enjoyable place for all who use it. Thank you for your participation in Give 5 Week.

The Prayer Team



*"It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD,
 "For he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever,"
 2 Chronicles 5:11-12*

Music Ministry Calendar		
REHEARSAL SCHEDULE	Chancel Bell Choir	Wednesdays 7:15pm (7:30 pm during Lent) This group plays in service on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Newcomers are always welcome to join us and see what ringing is all about. There are opportunities for new players to gain experience during rehearsals when Chancel Bell members may need to be away.
	Sanctuary Choir	Wednesdays 8:15 pm This group sings every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. If you have been in the choir before, or if you've been thinking of joining the choir, now would be an excellent time! Can't make every rehearsal or every Sunday? We still welcome you! Join us for music, fellowship, and prayer through song.
	Praise Band	2nd Sunday of the month, following service This group sings on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Feel free to contact any of the members of the choir, Kathy Toth or Christiane Lane with any questions.



"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Luke 18:16

Mission

Mission Morsels

Crop Walk is held every fall in conjunction with World Communion Sunday. The Windsor Hights Area Ministerium (WHAM) is responsible for organizing this fundraising effort in our area to help end world hunger. Our walkers and their sponsors walk about 6 km on the Sunday afternoon, without regard to the clement or inclement weather conditions. Half of the funds pledged by the sponsors go to the Church World Service hunger relief programs and half remains here in Hightstown to support the local food pantry. Perhaps it is time we all jumped on the CROP Walk and did our best to eliminate hunger.

MM is a service of the Mission Committee-see our board in Fellowship Hall for more information about this congregation supported mission.



Art Ministry



One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:4

Lenten Sanctuary Installation

Purple is the color of waiting, of anticipation, of preparation.

Black is the color of mourning.

Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter in which we anticipate Jesus's coming sacrifice and the promise of the fulfillment of God's new covenant symbolized in his resurrection. It is a time we prepare ourselves for the ultimate promise of everlasting life.

The sanctuary is draped in purple and black to symbolize these concepts of Lent. The sheerness of the fabric and its gentle movement call to mind the spirit of the Lord, barely discernable, yet always present.

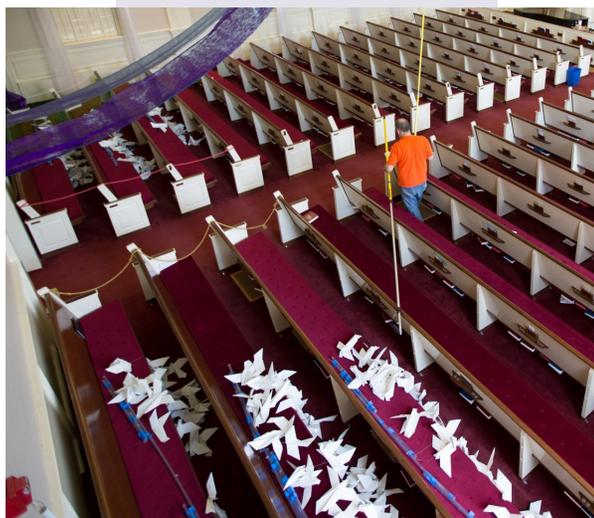
Join Us!

Art Ministry meets Monday nights, in the sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall. We gather at 7:00 pm for prayer and then play hard. We brainstorm and share ideas and laugh a lot. Sometimes we bring good things to eat. We welcome you to join us!

Contact artministry.fpch@gmail.com.

Art Ministry Library

The Art Ministry team maintains a lending library of art, art ministry, and liturgical art reference books in the Art Ministry office. Contact Dave Teich artministry.fpch@gmail.com for more information.





“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Acts 2:42

Fellowship

What’s Up In Fellowship?

Coffee hour hosts:

Date	Host
3/15	Children for Raise the Roof
3/22	Carole Dailey
3/29	Raise the Roof Luncheon
4/5	Easter—Donna Scheifele
4/12	Dave Teich
4/19	??
4/26	??
5/3	Donna Scheifele
5/10	??
5/17	??
5/24	??

Coffee hour hosts are still needed for April and May. Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We provide the coffee, you provide your time, milk and goodies!!

Secret Sister

There is a basket by the mailboxes for notes to YOUR secret sister. Please remember to look in this basket to see if your sister has contacted you.

Soup Suppers

Wednesdays through April 2nd

Soup Suppers will continue each Wednesday through Holy Thursday April 2nd from 6:30–7:30 pm. Join us for some marvelous soup and fellowship as we journey through Lent—all are invited to attend, singles, families, neighbors, friends. Volunteers are needed to make soup. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we will know if you are coming. Two soup makers are needed for each week. On April 2nd we will need approximately 6-7 additional soups, depending on attendance. A fellowship member is in charge of each week:

Date	Fellowship	Soup Maker	Soup Maker	Soup Maker
3/18	Donna Scheifele	Anne Willis	Joan Newell	
3/25	Madelyn Christie		Samantha Sheenan	
4/2	Joanne Bini	Maggie Rider Teri Mier	Berty Cass	Debbie Warfield

Soup makers are needed for the 25th of March (one), and for Maunday Thursday April 2nd (three or four). Please see Teri Mier or Joanne Bini if you can help. Thanks! If you have any questions about soup suppers contact Joanne Bini, ewbinis@gmail.com We hope to see you there!!



"Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me."

Psalm 27:7-9

Christian Education

Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School meets every Sunday 9:15–10:15am. All Ages!

Sunday School

The children have been working hard in Sunday school on their contribution to Raise the Roof. All Sunday School children participate in Worship this Sunday, March 15th,

sharing their vision of with the congregation. They are hoping it will not only taste good but will be an inspiration to all! The children will spend time hearing and interacting with the Easter Story on Sunday, March 22nd and March 29th in Sunday School. Sunday School will not be held on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Kids Club

Wednesdays 5:00–6:30 pm

Kids Club incorporates Games, Art, Bible stories, Music, and a meal with FUN & laughter! This midweek program is for children in Preschool–6th grade of all Christian faiths.

During Lent Kids Club has been walking through Holy Week. This week they will learn and talk about the events of Maundy Thursday. Parents are invited back at 6:05 for a video and conversation on Good Friday. All are welcome to join this informal video and conversation.

During Lent, Kids Club will be ending at 6:30 to allow families and volunteers to participate in our Lenten Soup Suppers and seasonal worship services.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 6:00–7:30 pm. On the 4th Sunday the Youth Group meets with other Youth Groups in Monmouth Presbytery. A special Youth Group meeting will be held this Sunday (6:00–7:30 pm). If you are a youth in grades 6–12 please plan on attending.

YOUTH DISCIPLES

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Youth Disciples

Next meeting this Sunday, March 15th following worship in Youth Lounge

Youth that attend this group gather monthly to serve others. They help out at KIDS CLUB, Sunday School, participate in community outreach, and make soup for the Community

Dinner. This is a service group. Youth wanting to participate in this program must attend Worship the 3rd Sunday of each month and a meeting immediately following Worship.

We will be finalizing our Spring Outreach plans and working on any needed prep. Youth Disciples will be going to Greater Goods on Saturday, March 21st to help clean and sort. Youth should show up at the church at 10:30 am. We will walk to the Service Project. The youth will stop at Manninos on the return trip for lunch! Each youth should bring \$5 for lunch.

For more information contact: Mary Maleski mmaleski@hightstownpres.org or text 609.954.8977

Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings 9:15 am–10:15 am in Kendall Lounge

For the remainder of March, Adult Ed will return to the book study, *Making Sense of the Bible*, led by Tom Walton. Adult Sunday School will not be held on Easter Sunday.

Dessert & Discussion

Bring a dessert to share and enjoy conversation centered around

The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus

Mark Your Calendars! We have a NEW DATE for *The Misunderstood Jew* by Amy-Jill Levine. The conversation has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 12th at 6:30 pm.

Facilitator Carol Wehrheim is the general editor for the Feasting on the Word Curriculum. The suggested donation for the book is \$12. Contact Mary Maleski to order. The book can also be ordered through Barnes & Noble or Amazon.

Sunday, May 3rd

Does Jesus Really Love Me?

By Jeff Chu

Jeff Chu grew up in a devout Christian family, and when he came out to his parents he was greeted with tears. As a journalist and a believer Chu began a cross-country journey to discover if Jesus really loved him...His journey explores the most conservative viewpoints to the most liberal. The book helps us to explore and understand how we all can believe in the same God.

Facilitator: David H. Wall, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, has served on the Seminary administration for over 34 years. He is currently the Registrar. A certified Christian Educator in the PCUSA, he is an elder and Sunday School teacher at The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville.

A Church Wide Challenge For 2015: Spend the Year Reading the Bible Together

Continuing into Month 3!!

New bookmarks are also available in Fellowship Hall on *Year of the Bible* bulletin board. Each month a bookmark with the current readings will be available on the bulletin board—take two! One to mark your Old Testament place and one to mark your New Testament place. Add your own comments/thoughts to the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

Contact Mary Maleski if you would like a Participant's Guide Booklet.

Don't have a Bible? We do—just let us know and we will be happy to give you a copy of the NRSV Bible. It's never too late to start!

Every month is a new chance to begin...



READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 6-12

Day	OT Reading	NT Reading
13	Numbers 32, 33	Acts 24
14	Numbers 34, 35	Acts 25
15	Numbers 36, Deuteronomy 1	Psalm 32
16	Deuteronomy 2, 3	Acts 26
17	Deuteronomy 4, 5	Acts 27
18	Deuteronomy 6, 7	Psalm 33
19	Deuteronomy 8, 9	Acts 28



Reaching Out

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

John 13:12-15

Scrip/Gift Card Fundraiser

Your purchases support the Adult Mission Trip Program; over 700 retailers available for order, more than a dozen local and online popular retailers in stock. Just think of your regular weekly purchases—grocery, drug, discount and home improvement stores, restaurants and coffee shops, online shopping. You know you'll be going there, why not leave your credit cards safely at home and take prepaid scrip/gift cards which support our fundraiser and help manage your budget at the same time! Help us raise extra money when you purchase the following scrip/gift cards:

Retailer / Denomination	Special	Normal	Order By
Bed, Bath & Beyond / \$25, \$100	8%	7%	3/15
Cabelas / \$25, \$100	12%	11%	3/15
Build a Bear Workshop / \$25	10%	8%	3/22
Home Depot / \$25, \$100, +	5%	4%	3/22

Low denomination scrip/gift cards beginning at \$5 for Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Pizza Hut, Starbucks and Wal-Mart are in stock for a limited time, while supplies last.

Call Carol Duryea at 609.448.5316 or visit the scrip/gift card table at coffee hour on Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.