Half a loaf is better than none, they say, and I couldn’t agree more. Many people rob themselves of much joy and contentment because they want it all and they won’t settle for less. Take the subject of forgiveness. Ideally it takes two to make the act of forgiveness complete. The forgiver offers it and the forgiven accepts the offer. But what if the offer isn’t accepted? Does that cancel out the value of forgiving? Does the possibility of disappointment warrant withholding the offer? You don’t always need a thing whole to enjoy it all.

Bryant Gumbel once hosted a program about a man with one leg who scaled Mt. Everest. But to me the most powerful image in that program were his severely disabled friends who made it to base camp, despite challenges that made my head shake with disbelief. They could never reach the summit. They knew it. But watching them get that far made the point better than anything I could say. You don’t need a thing whole to enjoy it all.

The same truth applies to the act of forgiving. Forgiveness can be real and profoundly beneficial to you, even if it’s not accepted (or even acknowledged) by the offender. At the very least the decision to forgive and the act of offering forgiveness has a healing effect on you. That is a significant blessing.

Forgiveness is a process, and often it’s complicated by the fact that it needs to be offered and received in BOTH directions. Seldom will you find a clear-cut case of one-way hurt. But a big part of the process is the healing that takes place in the heart of the forgiver. If the other party doesn’t choose to join in the process, don’t let that rob you of the joy of letting go and finding new freedom in the Spirit.

Pastor Alan
Reach out and touch ...

Years ago AT&T had an ad campaign to “reach out and touch someone.” That's such a Biblical concept. I John 4:7 says, “Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.”

We'd like to encourage everyone in the congregation to intentionally and openly express that love and caring. Let someone know you are glad to worship with them or that you miss them and are thinking about them. Send a quick email or a card in the mail. Who doesn't like to get something real in their mailbox?! An intentional walk across the room to say, “hi, glad to see you,” lets that person know that you (and God) care about them. We are the church. Reach out.

Blessings from your discipleship committee: Craig Rappe, Anne Taylor, Deb Johnson, Thelma Cox, Gay Woods, Don Boyd, Rob Devens, Mitch Stokes
NEW: Going forward on the 1st Sunday of each month, beginning February 5th, we will have ONE COMBINED SERVICE at 10:00 and will share communion together as a church family followed by a catered lunch. To help offset the expense for the catering, we will have a free will offering. If you can help, great, if not that’s great too. Just come and enjoy the fellowship! On February 5th we will enjoy Italian food.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is looking for 4 at large FPC members. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Barb Dehlinger, Don Boyd, or another Elder.

The Praise Team and the Choir are looking for voices! Please contact Mary Kern, (maryekern@hotmail.com) or Susan Scrimsher (541-798-5313) if you are interested in singing and praising the Lord in either of these Choirs.

Men’s Bible Study every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00.

Women’s Bible Studies every Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 and every Wednesday morning from 9:00-11:00.

Time to shuffle coffee service helpers again! If you would like to serve in this area, please contact Bryan Coe (541) 891-8295.

Healthy Habits Classes are being offered at FPC as part of becoming a 'Blue Zone' church community.

“I’m CRAVING … What does it mean? Feb 9th at 12:05 In the Fellowship Hall

We've all experienced cravings, but we should be careful about the way in which we satisfy them. By understanding what your body is actually deficient in (assuming it is a physical, not an emotional food craving) you can get to the root cause of the cravings, and eventually kick them all together.

When it comes to food cravings, the challenge is, is your body asking for something it needs, or is it remembering something it's addicted to? Should you ignore your cravings or indulge them?

This is a FREE class and open to the community, so..... reach out and invite your friends to join us at FPC.

For more information & details please go to www.KathySkinner.com or contact Kathy at (541)331-6669 or Kathy@kathyskinner.com
The regularly scheduled meeting of session was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017

Members of the FPC staff met with the session before the start of the business meeting. They reported that the current arrangement of Dave Stork serving as a part-time administrator for the staff is working well. They have weekly staff meetings, receive direction from him, and consult him with any questions or ideas about their daily work. Session members expressed their appreciation for their dedication and initiative.

Items of discussion:

A decision has been made to have a joint service at 10:00 am the first Sunday of every month. Following the service there will be a catered luncheon with a basket for cash donations to cover cost. This will provide an opportunity for the whole congregation to connect. The worship committee (Andrew Smith, Mary Kern, Susan Scrimsher, Doug Bright, Rich Touslee) are discussing ways to blend or alternate aspects of the traditional and contemporary worship services as well as ways to serve communion at these combined services.

The budget is being developed by the budget committee and will be presented to the congregation as soon as it is finalized and approved. Kris Bienz, financial secretary, has been given authority to continue paying the bills until final approval of the new budget.

Craig and Kris Bienz are assuming the responsibility of videotaping and editing the weekly services. Thanks!

Barbara Dehlinger is serving as the contact lay pastor for times when Alan Jackson is not available, such as requests for memorial services or weddings.

We are negotiating for return of the historical books of FPC that were required to be turned over to PC(USA) at the time of dissolution.

A contract will be signed reserving the upper area at Moore Park for the July 2nd all church picnic.

The church by-laws are being reviewed. Potential changes are being drafted and will be voted on by session at the February meeting. The proposed revisions will be published for the congregation to review and then voted on at a congregational meeting to be held after the combined service on March 5th. At that time the pastor search committee will be elected.
The process of searching for a new pastor has begun. A flyer is being prepared to have available for the National Gathering of ECO churches being held in Charleston, SC next week. The flyer will also be posted on the FPC website as well as the ECO job postings link. Several options for advertising and personal contacts are being explored. The mission study and church information form developed in the last pastor search are being reviewed for any relevant material from those documents. These items will all be in place for the pastor search committee.

Session meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Meetings are open, unless there is a requirement for executive session due to personnel issues. Anyone is welcome to come listen. If there are items a person would like to have brought before session, please contact an elder in the week prior so that those can be included on the agenda.

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Austyn Weems and Heather Bartlett were guest speakers at the Senior Luncheon in January. Their Wednesday evening King’s Kids program: A Candyland Adventure, is bursting at the seams! All were invited to come to King’s Kids and enjoy dinner and sit at a table with some kids. A lot of these kids have not had the opportunity to attend church services and to learn to love the Lord. This is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to share with these kids.

Also, Gay Woods was our guest speaker and she shared about January’s Session (Elders) meeting. Gay also mentioned the survey we had last year and that the elders would like to offer a daytime Bible study for men and women. If you would be interested in this study, please let Gay Woods or Barb Dehlinger or another elder know. Very informative information! Thank you Heather, Austyn and Gay!

The next Senior Luncheon will be February 20th at noon.

by Belinda Reno and Barb Dehlinger
The ROCK Youth group is starting the year off with a BANG!!! After taking a break over Christmas and New Years we came back and dove into "How Healthy Are You (Physically, Spiritually, and Emotionally)" series with a fun Broomball thrown in between.

The Broomball event was a blast with 22 kids trying as hard as they could to get one small ball into the goal wearing shoes on the ice. Let's just say there was a lot of slipping and sliding, with a count of 111 falls throughout the night, and oh what a BLAST!

Afterwards Katie and Ryan Mengis bravely invited all of us over to their house for hot cocoa, sodas and snacks. Thank you Mengis family for a warm fire and fun conversations, and yummy hot cocoa!

And now we are gearing up for the 2nd Annual "Night of Love" event coming February 24th! We are so excited to be doing this event again!

by Heather Bartlett

“NIGHT OF LOVE”
We are so excited to be putting on the "Night of Love" Dinner and Show again this year! It was so much fun last year!

We already have donations rolling in, and people are excited to get their tickets. We will also have a professional photographer Relix Photography able to take pictures of couples and the dinner throughout the evening.

This year we are letting people sponsor tables, so if there are certain people you MUST sit with, sponsor a table and have a blast with your friends.

This fundraiser allows the ROCK Youth Group accomplish outreach and service projects and different events throughout the year. The dinner will be run by the students of the youth group.

This year there will be two quilts that will be raffled thanks to Terrie Mumford and Kris Bienz and her band of merry quilt makers! Quilt Raffle tickets are $1 each or $5 for 6. Dinner tickets can be bought at the church or from the youth.

Tickets are $30 per couple and if childcare is needed, add an additional $5 per family and this includes the kids dinner as well. We look forward to seeing you all there!!

by Heather Bartlett & Austyn Weems
King’s Kids + volunteers

Hands & Hearts wanted and needed!
King’s Kids would like to ask a huge favor of our congregation; every Wednesday evening from 5:15-7:15pm there are 50+ kids enjoying a delicious nutritious dinner (cooked by Karli Fussell and Katie Mengis) and having a fun time learning about Jesus and worshiping Him.

First, we are asking for helping hands. We would love to have more helping hands on Wednesdays sitting with kids and engaging them in Godly conversations and encouraging them in their daily walks.

Second, we would love praying hearts involved. If you could pray for God to lead and hearts be changed every Wednesday night that would be AMAZING.

We will even feed you a wonderful dinner for your help. If you're interested in helping out contact Austyn Weems or Heather Bartlett to learn more. Thank you so much for all your support for our Children's Ministry.

King’s Kids News

Candyland Kick Off Success!

Jumping into a the New Year and new theme has been AMAZING and full of enthusiasm! With a few Wednesday evening cancelations due to so much snow there were still 50+ kids there the first two weeks! God is so good! King’s Kids: A Candyland Adventure are learning the hard challenging Bible stories this year from Lazarus to the Jailor with Paul and Silas! We're digging deep and diving into the word. Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus! by Austyn Weems
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