Easter Every Day

Recently, I was asked what determines when we celebrate Easter Sunday? Before you read any further, do you know the answer?

Easter Sunday is held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox, the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator (the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth’s equator) from south to north (www.timeanddate.com). In other words, Easter Sunday is tied to the transitions of nature so that the date moves from year to year.

There are lots of reason why it was set up this way. Here are two I like. First, Easter is connected to a change in the seasons. Something new is happening. The world is on the brink of change and will look different soon. Second, Easter doesn’t have a specific date. That connects with the church’s view that every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. It isn’t just once a year that we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. Easter is the way we live our faith, ask our questions, offer our prayers, gather as the body of Christ, serve in and through our shared ministry, mature as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Bible never says celebrate Easter on one specific day. Instead, it encourages disciples to live Easter’s good news of new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ everyday. The greatest way we can do that is to do what the first disciples did. They gave testimony to how they saw the Lord. Jesus appeared in all kinds of places — in locked rooms, along the road, in the midst of fear and doubt, injustice and despair, to people who longed for meaning, purpose, wholeness and faith, and certainly in the joys of being found, healings, people being feed, the discovery of God’s way and will.

Where do you see Jesus? How are you experiencing new life in this Easter season? The good news of Easter tells us that wherever we look, regardless of what day it is, Jesus is there, waiting to be seen, waiting for our eyes to open and see new life and new possibilities.

As you look through this edition of The Disciple newsletter, I hope that your eyes will be opened to the wonderful ways God is working through us and calling you into new life and encouraging you to be a part of sharing it in your own life and in our life together. God’s new life is at work in us and around us! When I see the breadth and impact of our ministry, I can’t help but say, “I have seen the Lord!”

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

See you in church,

[Signature]
Easter is Good News for the Earth Too!

One of our traditional Easter hymns goes like this:

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

As we sang this hymn two Sundays ago, I noticed (maybe for the first time!) that all of creation is called to join in singing joyful praise and thanksgiving for Christ’s triumph over sin and death. And it struck me that Easter isn’t just good news for us human beings, but for all of creation too.

This shouldn’t surprise us. The Bible has told us all along that the salvation offered in Christ isn’t just for us. Listen to the following scriptures:

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” ~Romans 8:19-21

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” ~John 3:16

“In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.” ~2 Corinthians 5:19

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” ~Colossians 1:19

God’s plan for salvation includes much more than just Christians or even human beings; it includes the whole universe – the plants and animals, the mountains and seas, the planets and stars – all of it! The abundant, eternal life Jesus promises is not just about us dying and going to heaven one day. It’s actually about all of creation living in communion with God here and now. Our ultimate hope in Christ’s return and the restoration of God’s kingdom includes the renewal of creation, restoring the vision of paradise we are given at the very beginning in Genesis. As Fletcher Harper writes in GreenFaith: Mobilizing God’s People to Save the Earth, “The New Testament’s vision of paradise is one in which people and planet live together in well-being, joined in God’s collective embrace.”

So why is this important? Well, if we’re going to be Easter people, living the good news of Christ’s resurrection and new life, then our lives need to be good news for the earth too. Just as Christ calls us to be his Body here on earth, sharing his grace and compassion, justice and peace with everyone we meet, so are we called to live this way toward the earth, caring for creation with the same love and care God has shown us, working for environmental justice and peace for all of creation. This is good news for all and it shapes our life together in relationship with God, one another and the world!
Hooray! We are an official Earth Care congregation!

Our church has been certified as an Earth Care Congregation by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Environmental Ministries through February 2017. To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed the Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into all facets of its church life and completed projects and activities in the fields of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God’s charge to “till and keep” the garden.

“It is exciting that First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown is dedicated to intentional care of, and action for, God’s earth. The congregation’s activities and commitment will inspire others to answer God’s call to care for the earth,” says Rebecca Barnes, Associate for Environmental Ministries for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

For more information on the Earth Care Congregations program go to www.pcusa.org/earth-care-congregations.

Operations

Well it’s been a busy start to the year. As mentioned before we had a rash of equipment failures in January and they have not let up. In late February there was flooding in the Sanctuary basement after a heavy rainfall because the sump pump had failed. Thanks to Matt Hager and David Lee the unit was quickly replaced at minimal cost but we are now looking at installing back up equipment to mitigate future problems.

In tackling our bottomless job jar, the old sink faucets on the north wall of the kitchen have been replaced, a new mailbox on Crompond Road has been installed and a process has been put in place to reset outdoor light timers in the event of a power failure. For those who have arrived in the rear parking lot at night to find a pitch black environment, we hope that will be the last time.

Among the upcoming projects that have not been mentioned in this space before are a refurbishment of that same parking area and installation of new material and equipment to further reduce our heating and electricity bills. A professional energy audit was commissioned in February and it identified a number of “greening” measures that could be undertaken in both the church and the manse.

Finally, there are a couple of events that we hope you will mark in your calendars. Our annual spring clean-up work party is planned for May 7th with a rain date of May 21st. Also, the Battle of Yorktown, a refuse collection on Crompond Road between Route 132 and the Taconic Parkway, is planned for April 16th. If either of these are of interest you please reach out to Bud Coccodrilli, Deanna Collins, Kirk Larsen or Dave Ramage.

Thanks and peace be with you,
Dave Ramage

Jose begins repair work following a heavy wind storm that caused a shutter on the west side of the Sanctuary to come free from its mooring, breaking 6 window panes & cracking 8 others.
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Liza Placido & Michele Mosca, Church School Superintendents
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What is a Blog? And why should I read it?

You may have heard people mention the church’s “Blog” and wondered what it is, and why it is of interest. “Blog” is short for “web log” and is a place to go to get the “latest news.” As you know, FPCY is very active, and there are lots of things going on week to week. While many of these news items show up as articles in the Disciple, why wait until it is published to get “the news”? Also, there are some things published in the Blog that don’t make it to the Disciple, such as news from our Young Adult Volunteers, updates about youth activities, audio of the sermons, etc. The Blog has all of this and is updated with new information nearly every day.

You can always find it from the home page of the church website (fpcyorktown.org); just click on “Connections Blog” on the right hand side. Or bookmark “fpcyorktown.org/connections-blog” in your browser. Visit whenever you have a free moment and get caught up! Or if you’d rather receive our posts in your email as they happen, check the bottom of the blog, or the bottom of each post: there is an option to “Subscribe” so that each post goes automatically to your email.
Church School “Chalkboard”

Happy Spring to our children, families and Church school staff! Here is what has been happening in Church School...

Holy Week ended on Easter Sunday, Jesus has Risen!!

In our Spark program (Pre-K through 4th Grade) the children have completed “The Last Supper” unit from John 13:1-20 and learned two songs: "Taste and See" and "Into my Heart".

Moving into April we begin a new unit "The Sower" from Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. Through the parable of the sower, Jesus taught about listening to and following his teaching. A person with strong faith hears God’s word, understands it and helps others to understand it. Our faith is like the seed planted in good soil that takes root and grows. With God’s help, we can learn and grow too! The sower plants by scattering seeds in a field. Jesus acted as a sower by scattering his teachings in the world.

The CONNECT class will learn from Paul’s letter to the Romans, that the cross is the central icon of Christianity. By dying on the cross, Jesus transformed this icon from a symbol of tyranny and death into a symbol of hope, love and forgiveness. Next, in Acts, they will hear about the wind and flames of Pentecost which rested on the disciples’ heads demonstrating the Spirit’s presence and the beginning of the church. Then back to Romans with the loaf of bread icon symbolizing the body of Christ who is the bread of life.

The 7th and 8th grade have completed their Lenten study and will be beginning their New Testament study in April.

Family Conversations could include:
- What would you like to plant?
- Which plant reminds you most of God?
- What is needed for faith to grow?

For families to do together:
- Plant something together from a pot to a garden
- Water the family plants
- Research the needs of a new plant that your family can pot or garden

Have a wonderful "Spring-filled" joyful month!!

Peace,
Liza Placido and Michele Mosca
Church School Co-Superintendents

Upcoming Youth Activities: All youth are invited to join us from 4:30- 6 pm on April 24th (while the Confirmation Class meets with Session). We will continue to Care for Creation by helping the our congregation’s Green Team with a special project. We will be meeting in Room 1 (that’s in the hallway behind the kitchen) for this evening.

Coming up on May 14th, please save the date for the Progressive Dinner. We are going to add a youthful twist to this annual congregational tradition. More details are coming soon, so look for directions on how to sign up.

On May 22nd, we will be back to our regular Youth schedule of Middle School from 4:30 - 6 and High School from 6 - 7:30.

Special note to Triennium participants: if you have not done so already, please make sure you fill out and return your medical and release forms as soon as possible.

Questions?
Contact Steph Hare, Director of Youth Ministries youth@fpcyorktown.org or 914-826-1227

Members of our Middle School Youth Group help make soup for Midnight Run.
Get ready for VBS 2016!
July 11-15, 9 am -12 noon
Yorktown United Methodist Church
Teen Training — July 6-8, 10 am - 12 noon

Go to cokesburyvbs.com/yorktown to register.

Adult Education

Explore Faith and Science with us during the month of April!

Notice we didn’t say faith or science but faith and science. Join us during the month of April as we continue exploring what it means to be people of faith (some of us scientists!) in a “scientific age.”

Sunday April 10 Kirk Wegter-McNelly, visiting professor at Union College in the Religious Studies Program, will be in our pulpit and will lead the adult education discussion. Kirk is the author of The Entangled God: Divine Relationality and Quantum Physics. You don’t need to understand quantum physics (or God) to be part of the discussion, so please plan to join us for the adult education hour at 9:30 on Sunday.

We will continue our study of faith and science using Ronald Cole-Turner’s study guide, Faith and Science. We’ll discuss Brain and Mind (session 5) on April 17th and Technology and the Future (session 6) on April 24th. We’re hoping to have one of FPCY’s own scientists speak with us on May 1st—stay tuned!

Our Thursday morning group finished our fascinating exploration of different Christian denominations and now embarks on a study of world religions. We will use Adam Hamilton’s study Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask. Join us at 10 am every Thursday for great conversation and fellowship!

You don’t have to have read any of the books ahead of time—you don’t even have to have the books to join us. All are welcome so don’t let the fact that you haven’t done the reading keep you away. Some of us have found that reading the books enriches our experience. Lisa has copies of all of these books in the office. We ask for a donation to help defray their cost, but again, don’t let the cost of the book keep you from reading it!

Have some ideas for an adult ed program? Share your thoughts with any member of the Adult Ed Planning Team - Shawn Cribari, Connie Knapp, Jean Post-Winget, Lynda Spring – or Chip or Tami.

New in the Church Library:

The neurosurgeon Paul Kalanithi learned he had lung cancer when he was 35 and died two years later. When Breath becomes Air (155.9 K) is his meditation on the reversal of roles when a doctor becomes a patient. “As a doctor, I was an agent, a cause; as a patient, I was merely something to which things happened,” he writes. He describes his youth, his decision to become a doctor, and some of his experiences in medical school. Just at the end of that process he receives his cancer diagnosis. In the remainder of the book, he writes movingly about his gradual acceptance of his mortality and the joy in his last months with his wife and baby daughter. The epilogue was written by his wife after his death, and I dare you to read it without shedding a few tears! This little book richly deserves its place at the top of the New York Times Best Sellers list.

-Carol Jensen, Church Librarian
Deacons’ Corner

Gentle Shepherd, Kind and True
Cares for all, not just a few.
He seeks the lamb that's lost and cold
And brings it back within the fold.

Sheep were in the fields of green,
Yes, ninety-nine Luke said were seen
but on that day the news went round,
One small sheep could not be found.

Now I sing this happy song,
I sing it loud, I sing it strong;
the God who made all things, it's true,
Love each one, - including YOU!

By: Hal H. Hopson based on Luke 15:3-7

“Always be full of JOY in the Lord;
I say it again, Rejoice!”
From Paul’s letter to the Philippians, Chapter 4, verse 4.

These tender words are set to the sweetest tune and are so easily learned by little children and adults alike. I first ran into this song over 20 years ago. When teaching it to children today I can’t help but be reminded again and again of it’s beautiful message….God cares for each and every one of us…not just a few.

Isn’t this a wonderful reason to be JOYFUL?! Joyful and, yes, GRATEFUL!! These two emotions are two sides of the same coin. They go together like peanut butter and jelly.

When you mindfully put them in practice together, I have found that a most wonderful and subtle change comes over you and the way you feel about yourself and the world. Practicing these two emotions often: Thanking God or Jesus for everything in your life – both your blessings and your burdens, hardships or any new situation you may be facing – can lead to an amazing transformative effect in one’s life by leading you to a sense of assurance that you may never have realized was possible. As many of you may agree, joy, assurance and safety while trusting in the everlasting care of the Lord is a feeling that cannot be put into words!

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Then from 2005-2015 we had to say “good bye” to Corporate Grants – all in fact, but Shop Rite who continued and still continues today to give our church monies to support the Deacons’ Ministries. During these lean years we were blessed to receive an Endowment gift from a church related family which matched dollar for dollar the gifts given by all of you! During these years the Annual Budget continued to climb to a new high of $24,000.00/year.

Today the Pantry delivers 175-200 pre-packaged bags per month. In 2015 over 464 households received approximately 4,320 bags of Pre-packaged groceries. Just to give you an idea of what this means, Jose unloads over 5,000 pounds of food every other Friday which is delivered from the Food Bank! That is 5 tons each month! We all can certainly be joyful and thankful for this abundance and our ability to continue serving so many people in our community.

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The question may be asked, “But why? Why give people a choice? Certainly that can’t be much more time effective and efficient than the way it is currently being done?”

The discussion, it turns out, is much broader than you would think. There are many reasons why a new “Model” of increased choice or of full choice can be not only more effective, efficient but also achieve our primary objective to follow Jesus’ command that we serve and love one another as He has loved us.

Keep your eyes out for the Disciples over the next few months where we will elaborate on what the many many thoughts, reasons and considerations are being evaluated by your Deacons and Session as we move forward as a congregation in this Ministry over the next few years. As always, the Deacons are joyful and grateful for your support and generosity of time, talents and money in supporting all our Ministries. Do continue to support us – your help and donations are always welcomed. The Pantry item of the month this month is – CEREAL. Bye for now and God Bless you all!

- Carol Thorne-Gaetani for the Deacons

Food Pantry
Item-of-the-Month
Cereal

Next Dates:
April 9, 23 and May 14, 28
9 to 11 am
MISSION: You often see appeals for special offerings in your bulletin. We would like to inform you where the money goes, how much good it does, and why it is important to contribute, if you can.

The March and early April Offering is One Great Hour of Sharing. This is a congregation-wide offering, including our children. 100% of this offering goes to the national denomination to cover Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Self-Development of People, and Hunger programs.

We have had first hand experience with PDA as we worked in New Orleans, Brooklyn, The Rockaways and on the Jersey Shore after Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy. They helped to provide comfortable volunteer workers housing, etc., as well as help for those struggling to rebuild after a disaster. They come in after a disaster to support communities longer term, both in the US and abroad.

Self-Development of People covers an amazing and exciting array of projects to help poorer people, youngsters at risk, older folks, programs to create strong communities in run down neighborhoods and desolate communities, such as in Detroit, for example. You can get a sense of how much good your money does if you want to check out the website, Presbyterianmission.org, then look under Self-Development of People funding and click the 2015 button to get a long list of projects.

The final area One Great Hour of Sharing funds is the area of hunger abatement. You can get a better sense of these programs on the website listed above, so that this article doesn’t turn into a book! It is a blessing to have a denomination that can run so many good programs, to reach many more people than we could possibly reach on our own.

In April, we will have the EASTER OFFERING, of which 100% goes to our own missions—the only Mission offering that isn’t shared with the Presbyterian denomination. This year the money will go to the DIAPER MINISTRY of our Food Pantry. Our Food Pantry clients have expressed thanks and enthusiasm for this program, which helps to keep little rear ends cleaner with some fresh diapers once a month—not enough for every day, but it is certainly a start.

The money will also go to the RURAL AND MIGRANT MINISTRY. We have supported this mission for many years and many teens and children, whose parents have to work long hours in the fields, have benefited from their high quality programs. This program also helps workers to advocate for fair work hours (some work 7 days a week for more than 12 hours a day), sick time and protection so they are paid for their work. We ask you to help us support these important missions connected to our church.

Our May/June PENTECOST OFFERING will allow 40% to stay in our church to be used for Summer Camp scholarships. A number of families in our church have used these scholarships or subsidies to go to camp. We have heard that their children love camp and report a renewed enthusiasm toward their Christian faith, a wonderful goal for any program. So you now know of a number of opportunities to help others, both here in our church and through our denomination. You can contribute through the special envelopes in your box or through our on-line giving site on our web site. Thank you in advance!

Jan Peek Meal  Thank you to Judy and John Chessa for supplying the March Jan Peek Dinner, and to Marianna and Ken Sherman and Diane Hawlk for volunteering to prepare and serve the April dinner. We still need help for the May 28th, July 23rd and August 27th Dinners, if you would like to know how you can help out, please speak with Pat Prauda (737-4674).
WE'RE HAVING A PARTY
AND YOU ARE INVITED!
THE 23RD ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER
WHEN: SATURDAY, May 14, 2016

This is a great event and offers a chance to meet new friends or become better acquainted with fellow Church members.

First we will all gather for appetizers together at the home of the Grubers beginning at 5:30.

At 7:00 pm, we will separate into smaller groups for dinner at the homes of various hosts.

The host family prepares the table for their 8 to 10 guests and the guests bring the food. You will be given a recipe for the main course or side dish. As part of our Green Faith Certification our church is committed to integrating environmentally – sustainable food practices. New this year, we will be offering a second entree that is meat-free.

The evening will end with everyone returning to the church for dessert and coffee.

To make this party a success, we will need hosts for dinner. You provide the house and the guests bring the dinner. Wine will be provided as well. We welcome any suggestions for the dinner menu.

The cost remains at $8.00 per person and can be paid via our new online registration page (scan the QR code to the right, or visit our new event registration page at www.fpcyorktown.org/events) or at church on either Sunday April 24th or May 1st between services in the Gathering Space.

Any questions call Barbara Humphrey at 962-7913 or email congregationallife@fpcyorktown.org.

First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown Invites Pastors, Elders and Church Members to:

Stewardship 101
9am-12pm
Saturday, April 16, 2016

Join with Hudson River Presbytery colleagues and learn how to increase your congregation’s stewardship impact. This workshop, led by Hudson River Presbytery’s Stewardship Team, will include:

- Stewardship Basics
- Practical Ideas to Help Increase Stewardship
- Recruiting a Stewardship Team
- Roles of the Session, Pastor, and Presbytery
- Financial Discipleship
- Do's & Don'ts
- And much more...

Questions: 914-245-2186

Real People
Serving a Real God
In the Real World

The Mission Commission will once again offer Mother’s Day cards to support the PCUSA program HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES. The cards will be available following both services on April 24 and May 1. The recommended donation is $10.00.

Health Women Healthy Families supports a range of programs of Presbyterian partner churches globally that promote health, education and development of women and children. These programs are aimed at alleviating poverty and suffering of women and children, and include: primary and pre-primary education, prenatal and essential obstetric services, trauma healing and psychosocial support, early-childhood health and nutrition programs, health and hygiene education, food security, and fistula repair surgery. This fund enables Global Partners to implement programs that directly impact the lives of the most-vulnerable community members.
Come and enjoy Lunch with the Lunch Bunch, held the 3rd Wednesday of the Month in the Fellowship Hall. It is very informal but a nice way to meet new friends or catch up with old ones. We do Pot Luck most months. April May and June will be just that, so you can try out your culinary skills also. Need more information? Speak to Pat Prauda (737-4674), or just join us at our next gathering on April 20th.

**Prayer Shawl Group** will meet next on April 20 at 10:30am. Anyone who would like to join us in knitting is most welcome. In addition to the regular knitters who come on Wednesdays, we have at least seven off-site knitters.

Contacts: Marianna Sherman (914-737-8294) or Fran Schiel (914-245-5396).

**The Knit Togethers** will meet next on April 11 and 25 and May 9 & 23. It’s SPRING but we are knitting WINTER hats and mittens and warm lap blankets for December giving. All who knit or crochet are welcome to join us. Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00am to 11:30am in the Lounge/Room 15.

Contacts: Norean Radke (962-4370 or radke30@msn.com) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).
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The Disciple

Faith & Science
8:30 & 10:45am Worship Services
9:30am Church School, Adult Ed, Confirmation & New Members Class
12:00pm Commission Chairs, Deacons, Youth Bells
4pm MS & HS Youth Groups

10am Knit Together
7:00pm Church School
7:30pm Worship
7:00pm Disciple Bible Study
10am Bible Study
6:45pm Bells
7:00pm Covenant Bible Study
7:30pm YPP Board
8:00pm Choir

9am Stewardship Workshop
101 Workshop

Battle of Yorktown Roadside Clean-up

9am Food Pantry
6pm Jan Peak Meal
7:30pm Concert

Confirmation Class meets Session

9:30am Disciple Bible Study
7:30pm Mission Operations

Primary Voting in Fellowship Hall
9:30am Disciple Bible Study
7:30pm Mission Operations

8:00am Spring Clean-up

Celebrate Women Sunday
8:30 & 10:45am Worship Services
9:30am Church School, Adult Ed, 12:00pm Youth Bells

9am Food Pantry
5:30pm Progressive Dinner

8:30am Stewardship Roadside Clean-up

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