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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

By Rev. Bill Pollack

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
Isaiah 43:19

“Out with the old, in with the new!” We have heard this expression. It relates the idea of change and the readiness of getting rid of something used so we can replace it with “better.” It is the readiness to see what we might do that offers a new perspective or way of doing things. Maybe it just relates a truth that we hope things will be different.

In the passage above from the prophet Isaiah, we hear God speaking. He says He is about to do a new thing! Things will be different. In fact, there will be changes that look different from what is the norm. A way in wilderness and rivers where there was only sand and wasteland. “Out with the old (present reality) and in with the new (future possibilities).” What it will look like, no one knows for sure. But, it sounds really good!

As we approach the end of 2022, what can you imagine for 2023? Can you envision something that has never been? Are you con-

tent in the status quo? What would you like to see differently in the new year? What would God’s breaking into our congregation look like? What would be revealed? I don’t know about you but it sounds a bit exciting!

As we begin to experience a new year, I would like to issue you a challenge. It is several fold. **First**, I invite you to pray daily for the ministry and mission of FPC. **Second**, pray for the leadership of the Session, that God’s wisdom will be revealed in every decision made on behalf of the church. **Third**, pray for me, your pastor, so that I might lead you in the right way. And **fourth**, ask God what it is you can do for His kingdom through the life and times of our congregation. Let us in our listening to the voice of the One who is preparing to do a new thing, do a new thing in each of us. Let’s make 2023 a year of many firsts. Let’s not cling to what has been; but what can be as we work for the Kingdom in our day! I’m all in. Are you? ✝

Special Dates

African-American History Month

- ▶ Valentine’s Day, February 14
- ▶ Transfiguration Sunday, February 19
- ▶ Presidents Day, February 20
- ▶ Ash Wednesday, February 22

With Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Judy Fannin. She passed away Wednesday, December 21. Please remember her family in your thoughts and prayers. A Celebration of Life Service was held at FPC, Tuesday, December 27.

Memorial Gift Given

A memorial gift has been given in memory of **Peggy Rucker** by Judy Fannin.

Note of Gratitude

The Ashland Blazer Youth Services Center would like to thank you for your donation to our Thanksgiving program and the donation to our cash and coin program. We appreciate your support during this season and hope you know that you are making a difference. You are truly a blessing to our students and families. *(Brittany Brown, Director)*

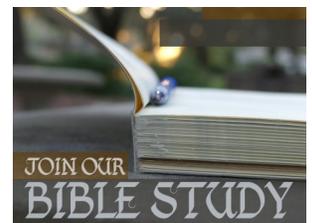


Sunday Morning Study: 9:18 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Men’s Bible Study,: Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
Bell Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
Birthday Celebration for Glen Thomas: Jan. 8, Noon

Ministry Teams Meeting: Monday, Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.
Men’s Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m.
Pastor-led Bible Study begins: Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m.
Sew Blessed: Monday, Jan. 16, 6 p.m.
Finance Ministry Team: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m.
Dames for Dinner: Thursday, Jan. 19, 5:30—7 p.m.
Session Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 5:30 p.m.
Men’s Lunch Bunch: Thursday, Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.

Pastor Led Bible Study

Pastor Bill will lead a 10-week Bible study beginning **January 15, 2023 on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.** in the Bethesda Community Hall, or on Facebook. This study, **The God You are Looking For**, will help us rediscover (or discover) some of the attributes of God. Notebooks will be provided. Hope to see you then. Let’s start the new year right as we hear God speak through the scriptures concerning Himself.



Rev. Philip Lotspeich General Presbyter, To Preach



We are excited to announce that Rev. Phillip Lotspeich will bring a message to our congregation, **Sunday, January 15** during our Morning Worship service. As General Presbyter, Rev. Lotspeich provides congregations under his care with proactive visionary leadership. Other roles and responsibilities include (but not limited to) working on implementing the Long Range Plan of

the Presbytery, ensure the health and vitality of each congregation, provide effective management of the Presbytery serving the larger church at the Synod and General Assembly levels as well as communicate the Presbytery’s vision and mission, locally and nationally. Needless to say, he remains busy in the cause of Christ through congregations like ours. Please mark your calendar and let’s show him, with our enthusiastic attendance that FPC is a vital, vibrant place to be! Pray for his message and our hearing of it. God may reveal something “new” for us!



- Kelly Hanni** —January 5
- Andrew Jones** —January 5
- Breck Tarr**—January 5
- Mark Hanni**—January 7
- Anna Goodwin**—January 8
- LuAnne Conley**—January 9
- Glen Thomas**—January 13
- David Eby**—January 14
- Holli McClelland**—January 18
- Nanette Pollack**—January 22
- Donna Jones**—January 23
- Lorelai Shay**—January 24
- Michael Whitman**—January 27

I suppose when we wake on January 1 the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each new year, each new decade. That’s why I also like sunrises, Mondays and new seasons. God seems to be saying, “With me you can always start afresh.” —Ada Lum