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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF
BAKERSTOWN**

The Map

Jesus calls us to follow Him, grow in union with Him, and make disciples with Him, near and far. ([Click here](#))

Join us for Sunday worship, in-person or online, at 10 AM

Echoes of Sunday

A Midweek Devotional Reading Based on Last Sunday's Sermon

Looking for a mid-week lift? In a world that constantly tells us to "suck it up" and rely on our own strength, carrying life's burdens alone, or seeking to follow Christ on our own, can leave us completely exhausted. Whether you are navigating a dark valley of grief, illness, or uncertainty, or simply feeling the temptation to pull away from community, remember that Jesus never intended to shepherd you apart from His flock.

This week, we dive into Psalm 23 to discover the deep comfort and protection of the Good Shepherd, who meets us in our darkest moments and surrounds us with His faithful care. Take a few quiet moments today to quiet your heart and discover why true freedom is found not in independence, but in drawing near to Christ and His flock.

[[Click here](#) to read the full devotional: Never Wandering Alone]

Pulpit Preview: This Sunday's Sermon

Your invitation to the upcoming sermon!

God Our Refuge

Psalm 46:4-5

Life is often a series of storms, and at times we can feel like we are being tossed around with no bearing of getting safely home. Our text this week is a reminder to not be overcome with fear, not to let the worry overtake us because God is our refuge, because God is our constant help in trouble.

For many of us when we look around at the world all we see is chaos, and it produces anxiety. We feel uneasy, worried and lost. We have forgotten the works of God that stand as a reminder, a reminder of his love, a reminder of His judgement a reminder of His power.

This week bring your anxiety, bring your fear, bring your worry and be reminded of the awesome might power of God that stands in the midst of the storm and commands it to be still.

Serve Week Recap

By Associate Pastor Jeremy Collins



This week has reminded me that **small acts of kindness can have everlasting impact**. Through the many different service opportunities this week the love of God was shown to an Elementary school community, our neighbors on circle drive, the volunteers at Inspired Hearts and Hands, our neighbors at Shop and Save and the community around us as we hosted a car wash for Paws across Pittsburgh.

The goal this week wasn't just to get the work done. The goal was to serve people with no strings attached. Showing our neighbors that we are a community of Jesus followers who love the people around us and do the work to support them.

This was beautifully accomplished in many different ways.

- The Principal of Richland Elementary was astonished at how much we were able to accomplish at their Nature Trail. She was overjoyed that teachers will be able to take kids down there for learning in nature. However even more than that she was able to see Christian's who love their community serving.



- Our neighbors around circle drive experienced the love of God as we walked the circle and offered to help with yard work. We met a number of amazing people and were able to help a man named Dale who needed some things done around the outside of his home. Dale offered to pray for our group after and his gratitude to God was clearly evident.



- As we packed clothes up to be distributed through Inspired Hearts and Hands it was a joy to be alongside so many who wanted to help the least of these. While we were never going to see their faces our work encourages and enables Mindy and Callie, the ministry leaders, to keep pressing on in serving people.



- We saw how generosity is contagious as we ask people to donate food for Inspired Hearts and Hands. It's amazing how we can be generous with our time and energy and see how people were generous with their donations. Multiple times people handed us \$20 to go inside and get food, others filled shopping carts with groceries for us to pack in boxes. It was a beautiful image of the kingdom as we worked to help those struggling to get through the week.



- The car wash was our last place of service and like last year the goal was to come alongside a group in our community that our neighbors love and support them too. It is a beautiful thing when those who do not know Jesus interact with those that love him and are actively serving others. A clear demonstration that to be a Jesus follower means we love and serve others. That we care about what others care about and we do it all for His glory.



Church, I am so proud of your work, this past week not because of the tasks completed but because of the heart you had while completing them. What a joy it is to see brothers and sisters working together in the Lord. Now the challenge to us all is that this not remain just a once a week endeavor, but a daily habit.

Honduras Hope Mission Charity Golf Tournament

Our Discipleship Making Partner is hosting their **6th golf tournament fundraiser** on **October 5th, 2026.**

at

Olde Stonewall Golf Club
1495 Mercer Road, Ellwood City, PA 16117

***Check-in: 11 a.m.**
***Shotgun Start: 12:30 p.m.**



***Dinner: 5:30 p.m.**

***New this year: Scramble or Shamble Format**

All proceeds go to **their mission to improve life quality for the people of Honduras by providing medical care, food, clean water, housing, and educational opportunities.**

Various sponsorship level details and other information is available [here!](#)

Use it or Lose it!



Jane Stuart is one of several St. Barnabas Village residents who use our Sunday shuttle service, provided by Access. Each week, Linda Smith, our Office Assistant, arranges ride reservations.

Recently, Jane suggested creating a flyer about the shuttle service for the Village mailroom. In doing so, she is living by her favorite motto: ***Use it or lose it!*** We are grateful that Jane is using her mind and heart to help connect her neighbors with

FPCB.

Shannon Devlin, our Communications Director, designed the mailroom flyer and also created half-sheet invitation flyers for the information rack in the Bell Tower Entryway. These are available for anyone to share as a simple invitation to worship. [Click here](#) to see a sample.

How might Jane's motto inspire you? If you have ideas for flyers or other resources that could help others connect with FPCB, please contact Shannon at [*devlin@fpcb.org*](mailto:devlin@fpcb.org) or 724-443-1555, ext. 224.

[Please note: Our Ministry Support Staff work part-time schedules and also have tasks that take them away from their desks. If they are unavailable, please leave a voicemail, and they will return your call. It is also preferred that you make direct calls to the Staff member you want to speak with.]

New Disciple-Making Partner Requests School Supplies for Aug 1!



School Supplies Donations Needed!

- **3-ring binders (1, 2, & 3 inch)**
- **Coloring books (preschoolers)**
- **Colored pencils**
- **Crayons (24-pack)**
- **Dry erase markers**
- **Erasers**
- **Folders (plastic/heavy-duty, no prongs)**
- **Glue sticks**
- **Hand sanitizer (personal size)**
- **Headphones**
- **Highlighters**
- **Markers (thin, 10-pack)**
- **Notebooks (single-subject or spiral-bound)**
- **Pencil box or pencil pouch**
- **Pencils**
- **Pens**
- **Scissors**
- **Tissues**
- **Water bottle (spill-proof or refillable with closed lid)**

Bethany
CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Throughout the month of July, we are collecting school supplies to benefit the families at **Bethany Christian Services**. Donations are for Adoptive and Foster families who will come to a picnic we are hosting here at FPCB on August 1st. Kids will have a chance to choose a backpack and to fill it with all the items they need for the school year. Please bring your donations to the sanctuary and set them in the collection box at the entryway.

Group Meetings This Week

SUN., July 26th

Sunday Gathering
(Worship)
10:00 AM
Sanctuary

MON., July 27th

All Dads Bible Study*

6:00 AM

(Micah)

*For location contact Pastor
Jeremy at collins@fpcb.org

**Church Office is Closed on
Mondays**

Monday Community Bible Study @ St. Barnabas Village

Bldg. A., 5th Floor

1:45-2:45 PM

TUE., July 28th

Tues Women's Bible Study

10:00-11:30 am

(Summer Hiatus)

Admin Bldg

TOPS

(Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

3:30- 4:30 PM

Church Café

Tues Adult Bible Study

9:30-10:30 am

Westminster Rm

WED., July 29th

All Moms Bible Study

(Summer Hiatus)

Westminster Rm

FRI., July 31st

Fri Men's Bible Study

7:00 AM

Eat 'n Park, Gibsonia

SAT., Aug 1st

Sat Men's Bible Study

8:30 AM

(June and July Hiatus.

Resumes August 1)

Church Cafe

SUN., Aug 2nd

Sunday Gathering

(Worship)

10:00 AM

Sanctuary

If you want information about any Bible Study, please call Linda Smith at 724-443-1555 and choose option "zero."

Please look for a Worship Email on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Our service begins at 10 a.m.

You may access worship directly at 9:55 a.m. by visiting:

Sunday Livestream

Please forward this email to friends.

Be sure to follow us on Youtube, Facebook, and Instagram to be up to date with everything happening at FPCB! When you come across our content please share and repost it, so that our congregation can continue to grow and increase in evangelism. To bring all glory to our Lord Jesus Christ!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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