

FPC MESSENGER JULY/AUGUST 2022

The summer brings new schedules and rhythms. Summer also means summer camp!

One of the great treasures in our Presbytery is Camp Spalding. Since its founding, it has remained faithful to its mission of providing a setting in which people of all ages can encounter the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with him. Those who have attended can speak to the wonderful smell of pine trees, water games on Davis Lake, evening views of the Selkirk range, savory breakfasts and homemade desserts, midnight hikes to the cross, and singing by the campfire. The list could go on, but all of this serves one purpose: encountering the Lord Jesus Christ. What's amazing, of course, is that when campers encounter the Lord Jesus at camp they start to see his role elsewhere in their lives: their homes, neighborhoods, and schools. They do not leave Jesus at camp, but he continues with them.

With summer upon us, I encourage you to pray for the campers, counselors, staff, and the director of Camp Spalding, Andy Sonneland. After the last two years, our youth are desperate for the message of the Gospel and Camp Spalding continues to provide a unique context for this to occur.

The mission of Spalding -- providing a setting in which people of all ages can encounter the Lord Jesus and grow in their relationship with him -- parallels our own mission at FPC. Our mission statement reads: "First Presbyterian Church is called by God to be a spiritual home where we seek, encourage and equip people to live as life-long followers of Christ." While God sends all of us out as missionaries to witness to his love, God also gathers us at 1122 Diagonal to encounter us. Summer camp is a great place to encounter the Lord, and let us not forget he would do the same here at 1122 Diagonal. When Lord's Day worship becomes part of your summer rhythm and routine, just like summer campers, you'll begin to see him everywhere else in your life, wherever summer may take you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dave



Sermon Notes

This summer we will spend time in conversations with Jesus. We begin at the end, when Jesus holds a conversation with the disciples before his crucifixion. In this conversation, Jesus speaks about his absence and his presence through the Holy Spirit. We then shift to the Gospel of Luke, where we find Jesus in conversation with the disciples about what it means to follow him. In these conversations, he will address how we interact with others, the mission to which he entrusts us, and how we interact with God.

July 3 Luke 10:1-11
July 10 Luke 10:25-37
July 17 Luke 10:38-42
July 24 Luke 11:1-13
July 31 Haggai 2:1-9
August 7 Luke 12:32-40

**Karen Finch Peterson is coming for a “ Book Launch Party
“ on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 9:30-11:30
at First Presbyterian Church of Clarkston!**

Her book is called “Grassroots Ecumenism, The Way of Local Reunion.” Everyone is welcome to come see Karen and celebrate the dialogues between First Presbyterian and Holy Family Catholic Parish. Friends, neighbors, and folks from other churches are all welcome. (If you would like to pre-order Karen's book, contact Janis Wallis by August 1st at toleart1977@gmail.com or call/text 509-780-1361)

P.S. You can find Karen's Facebook page by searching for
'The Clarkston Dialogues' on Facebook."

**Karen will have pre-ordered books sent to the church before the
reception (but you do not need to pay until that day.)**

Church Financials as of May

	YTD
INCOME	\$134,608.78
EXPENSES	\$131,363.94
INC/EXP	\$3244.84

