

# **FPCD** Newsletter # Spring 2025

## 2025 Session

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Welcome to the FPCD quarterly newsletter! Our committees are hard at work, and we hope to use this letter as a means of keeping our congregation informed.

Our Elders and Deacons are listed on the front and back of this letter. If you have any concerns or ideas, we encourage you to reach out to one of the Elders. Also, if you know of anyone who may need assistance, please contact one of the Deacons.

#### Worship Committee



Exciting news! We're in the final stage of completing our audio/visual upgrades. While planning for this project, we couldn't help but reflect on the impact of our most recent upgrade - new screens in the Sanctuary.

We're launching a Worship Capital Campaign to raise \$1,800 by July 31<sup>st</sup> for new worship software, computers, electronic hymnal resources and paraments. We would love these upgrades to be just as successful, but we need your help to make it happen.

Please join us in taking a step to give - above and beyond - your regular giving, You can donate by using the designated envelopes located in the pew card holders, or by giving online and specifying your donation is for Worship.

The gifts we bring make good things happen! We're grateful for your support.

Fellowship/Outreach Committee +

If you're interested in being a greeter on Sunday mornings, please see Bob Buegel. If you have any ideas for congregational fellowship, please share them with Bob.

### HR Committee

We're currently in the 2nd round of interviews for the Music Director position. Our goal is to have someone hired by Pentecost. Please pray for our committee as we conduct interviews and discern how God is leading FPCD in this effort.

#### **Intergenerational Committee**

We've been very busy with Parents Night Out, averaging 8 to 10 kids per month. We're working with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and our teens to help with our events, but we always need more volunteers. Please consider a 2.5-hour commitment once a month as we start growing this program.

In February, the kids made valentines for the congregation and in April we had an awesome Easter Egg Hunt, with over 40 families in attendance. Thanks to everyone who was there to help.

A CPR class will be coming soon, and a new community event is coming in October. Details to follow.

## 2025 Deacons

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## Deacons

During the first guarter of the year, we were hard at work cleaning and organizing the kitchen, creating new labels and collecting cleaning supplies during Super Clean Sunday. We made food for Anne-Marie Coulotte (Georges' wife) after her car accident, and paid visits to Janice Gaston. For community and church outreach, we hosted several potlucks, includina an international potluck, Maundy Thursday dinner, and Stewardship Saturday breakfast. Our 50's Rock 'n Roll themed Deacon Social is coming soon! We'll continue to visit those in need throughout the year, and thank you for your support

#### **Stewardship Committee**

We've had an eventful and successful 2nd quarter! Events included the Citizens Against Abuse Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation, hosting the WorldStrides Heritage Festival, and the Swingset Set Band Spring performance. We're happy report that we'll be partnering with each of these organizations to conduct future events in service to our church, congregation and community.

Some of the future events include:

- ► A Legacy/Planned Giving Presentation & Luncheon after service on July 27, 2025
- Citizens Against Abuse event August 22, 2025
- Swingset Band Christmas Concert December 2025
- ► Heritage Festival Choral Performance April 17-18, 2026

Our Committee is working closely with Finance to strategize and find ways to raise money for the church. We are launching a capital campaign on behalf of the Worship Committee for Hymnal and Worship Upgrades. The campaign will run through July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our Committee was tasked with soliciting donations for the repair of the electronic sign alongside Weber Road. Of the \$4,500 received from WorldStrides for hosting the Heritage Festival, Session approved \$1,500 to be applied toward repairing the sign, which will cost approximately \$2,700. Please note the repair involves purchasing a receiver that is no longer being manufactured, so we don't have a warranty on the repair as service for the parts is no longer available by the manufacturer. If you would like to donate to help us get the sign up and running, please specify that your donation (check, envelope, or online) is for the sign repair.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with upcoming events and Stewardship opportunities, please see Bob Contreras or Stewart McKenzie.