WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES
WEEK OF May 29, 2022

Breakfast and Conversation – On Sunday, June 5, between the 9:00 a.m. and 10:42 a.m. services, the First Pres Congregational Life and Membership (CLM) committee and the Transition Team will be hosting a Congregation Conversation in Fellowship Hall to mark the milestones reached during our time of transition between senior pastors. Join us for coffee, tea, tasty pastries, and a quick recap of what has been accomplished. We'll also recognize the many activities that prepared us for the arrival of a new senior pastor. We'll see you on Sunday, June 5 between services!

West Chester Walking Tour - The Justice Ministry Team is pleased to offer a new learning opportunity to the congregation this summer – a walking tour of West Chester that examines the town's historic African American communities. It will be led by Penny Washington, a native of West Chester and published author. The tour will take place on Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 am. It will last approximately one hour with time for Q&A after the tour. The tour is limited to ten people, so if there is enough interest, a second tour will be held on Saturday, July 9, also at 10:00 am. You can register to attend through the Sign-up tab on the church's website. Please contact Sara Pantazes (spantazes@firstpreswc.com) with any questions.

VBS Starts Next Week! - VBS begins on Sunday, June 5 for preschool and elementary aged kids. We'll meet in Social Hall each Sunday in June and July from 9:15 – 10:30 am (kids are encouraged to start the 9:00 worship hour in the Sanctuary with their families). We will be serving snacks so if your children have food restrictions, please be sure to register them through the Sign-up tab on the church's webpage. Contact Sara Pantazes with any questions.

Drivers Needed – The Congregational Life and Membership Committee is hosting a summer at the movies at First Pres this summer and we need your help! We would like to encourage many of our senior members who may not be able to drive to attend. We are looking for drivers who can pick up one or two attendees prior to the movie, bring them to the church, then drive them home after the movie is over. Bonus if you can stay and enjoy the movie too! Our first movie will be on Thursday, June 23 at 1pm. We'd love to have your help providing a lift to our seniors. Please contact Mary Hambleton (emham@verizon.net) if you can help.

Books! – The book cart has been rolled into Fellowship Hall! It has an array of books for varying interests: true stories of conversion, thoughts on living a more Christian life, discussion of religious studies, a few children's books, and much more. Great reads while relaxing on the beach, during a thunderstorm, or while winding down from the workday. Come take a look and sign out a book!

The 2022 Nominating Committee is beginning its work now! - Our job is to discern and nominate a slate of officers to be the church leaders for the next three years. We are tasked to identify candidates, talk to them about serving and then present their names for election this fall. We are asking you all to submit nominations! Prayerfully consider who you think would make a good Elder, Trustee, or Deacon. Self-nominations are welcome.

To nominate:
1) Visit the SignUp tab at www.firstpreswc.com and choose Officer Nominations. (Descriptions of the offices can be found there)
2) Call the church office with your nomination
3) Personally contact any member of the Nomination Committee or Pastor Caroline
4) Fill out a nominating card from the pew racks and place in the marked nominating committee mailbox in the hall.

We would love to hear from you by June 10 so that we may proceed during the summer and be ready to report to the congregation by October! The committee consists of co-chairs Barb Snyder and Rev. Ann Dickey; Lori McDermott, Scott Gamble, Tom Pantazes, Kelly Pruden, Monica Treichel, Art Zadrozny and two TBD. Keep the Nominating Committee in your prayers this summer!

Gift Card Campaign – Last Call! – Presbyterian Women of First Pres has supported the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC) annually for many years. Due to a lack of storage space at their locations, they would most graciously appreciate gift cards to local supermarkets, as well as Walmart and Target. Please consider helping these families by supporting this on-going need. You may do so as follows:

- Place Cards in the Sunday Offering Plate
- Take them to Office Administrator Dan Williams during regular office hours
- Drop them in the locked mailbox at the office entrance

Please clearly label your envelope with your name (or mark as Anon) and the amount of the card. Please drop them off by the end of the month so they can be given to DVCCC.

May Food Cupboard Donation – This month, we are collecting peanut butter for the West Chester Food Cupboard. Thank you for your generosity toward our neighbors in need. Please be aware that there is a recall for Jif peanut butter. A link to more information can be found in this week's E-News.

Greeters: 9:00 - Barbara Lade; 10:42 - John Abernethy

Coffee Deacon: Nancy Ferdik and Kathie Myhre