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Bill's Reflections

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.
1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Over the last few months, our church Session has devoted a part of each meeting to discuss the mission and vision of our congregation. To guide these discussions, we have looked at our core values and how the Church is working to implement them. I would like to begin sharing a bit about those discussions with all of you as we move forward, and to that end, will look at each of our core values one by one.

Missional

We seek to be a missional church. This means that we are intentional about nurturing community both within and beyond the walls of the Church. At the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus leaves his disciples with a mandate: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This sending (*missio* in Latin) is a charge to share the good news of God with all people—regardless of age, social status, gender, or any other factor.

Theologians use lots of analogies to describe what the church is and does. Paul said it's the body of Christ. More recently, people have been lifting up the word community. Henri Nouwen writes: "Anyone can form a club; it takes grace, shared vision, and hard work to form a community. The Christian church was the first institution in history

to bring together on equal footing Jews and Gentiles, men and women, slaves and free."

The church as a community is substantially different from teams and clubs that we join. Like the church, teams and clubs are all driven by a common goal or interest. But unlike the church, clubs exist primarily to serve their members and often have requirements, qualifications, and fees needed for membership. Teams are organized to compete in a specific sport or event, where the best athletes get the top spots.

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The church is a little different. We aren't a sports team, and we're not quite a club either. Anyone is welcome to come through our doors and become a part of our community. That presents us with both challenges and opportunities.

In *Romans*, Paul says, "for as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us." Paul is appealing for unity. We hear him make this same plea to the Galatians and the Ephesians. Those churches faced division because of the numerous cultures and religious backgrounds their cities brought together, and one can't help but assume that this would have been even more of a challenge in the capital city of Rome.

But Paul's point here isn't just theological, it's pragmatic! We are called to live in a way that demonstrates to the world that unity is possible even as we celebrate the great diversity our church embodies. When we do this successfully our life as a congregation will flourish, and our impact on the surrounding community will be significant and meaningful.

FPCNV is already doing many things to build community here. Programs like Senior Lunch, Toddler Time, Movie Night, Bible Studies, and Men's Breakfast, for example, give people a chance to connect and build meaningful relationships.

We nurture community beyond the walls of the church through our partnership and support of local organizations like Dierdre's House, the Community Soup Kitchen, Homeless Solutions, Children on the Green, Cornerstone Family Programs, and more. Beyond supporting these organizations financially, we connect through hands-on service opportunities and more recently have been introducing opportunities for young people in the Church to connect and contribute to our mission partners.

I am grateful for the many ways that each person in our church family contributes to the FPCNV community. There is much to celebrate in what we have accomplished together. As we continue to journey through Lent, my prayer is that we will remember that God calls us to this different way of living. God binds us together as a special community, and calls all of us to be the north stars in our church family—loyal, dependable and, most of all, present. Present to what God is doing here and who God is calling us to be out there. Thanks be to God.

**MARCH SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

March 26th Meeting



The meeting began with Rev. Stone leading devotions.

Pastor's report:

- Working to develop a welcome process to greet new attendees.
- We will have one service on Easter at 10:00. Breakfast after and then the egg hunt.
- Session will handle the breakfast.
- Two families from Toddler Time will be joining the church.
- Two discussion questions: What are we doing to build community in the church? And
- How does our church contribute to the Harding community?
- Planning an all-committee night for May 7th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Finance (Keith Wood):**

- Highlighted audit report on items that need committee attention.
- Noted cash position of \$150k (versus \$220k in 2018) and reviewed spreadsheet to track monthly changes in cash. Slow summer months may present a cash problem and might need capital from session restricted funds to Operations. Will continue to monitor and alert session if a transfer of funds is needed.
- Moved to authorize check signers for church accounts (required annually): Scott Noyes, Jonathan Shelby (ex- Investment Accounts), Peter Saulnier, Keith Wood. MSC

Building & Grounds (Tom Ewig):

- Found an alternative company to test our water on a regular basis. Cancel McGowan. Should save about \$1,500 per year.

Membership (Scott Noyes):

- Planning a phonathon for Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 pm. Members of session and the committee will call church members about Easter and Palm Sunday services.
- Having a luncheon for new members. Should have a dozen people coming in for next Inquirers class. Set up for Sunday, April 14th. Also one on May 12th.
- Bill and Hayley will be having monthly dinners to connect with new and current members.
- Hoping to have a great church picnic at the church this year on June 9th. Promoting turnout with another calling campaign on or about June 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Communion will be served Sunday, April 7th by Tom Ewig, Jim Muchmore, Carol Conger, Jen McCann
Adjourned with prayer by Bill Stone at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Shelby, Clerk of Session

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday: April 14 at 10:00 am

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Our Sunday morning service will include a parade of palms and special music.

Maundy Thursday: April 18 at 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of reflection and music as we revisit the story of Holy Week together and share the sacrament of communion.



Easter Sunday, April 21:



Sunrise Service at Bayne Park: 6:30 am

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. -Luke 24:1-2a

Start your Easter with this Sunrise Celebration of our Risen Lord.

New for 2019: One Worship Service at 10:00 am

There will be one Worship Service on Easter Morning. Everyone is invited to join us for a morning of celebration and song!



Easter Morning Breakfast: 11:00 am

The Session invites all members of the congregation to join them for Easter breakfast at 11 am.

Children's Egg Hunt: 11:00 am

In our traditional Egg Hunt, bright eggs will be hidden throughout the grounds for your children to find. The egg is a symbol of the rebirth of the earth in celebration of spring and was adopted by early Christians as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus.

Children, bring your basket or bag to hold your eggs!



Sunday Speaker Series 2019

April 7, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Nathan Stucky: *Farminary: Calling Stewards of the Earth*



The Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary integrates theological education with small-scale sustainable agriculture. Located at the Seminary's 21-acre farm, it is a garden of innovation and an incubator for leadership. Issues of agrarian thought and practice—ecology, sustainability, food justice—require our faithful attention as stewards of the earth and its bounty. **Nathan Stucky**, who serves as Director of the Project, grew up on a farm in Kansas where his love for agriculture first took root. He spent six years doing ecumenical youth ministry on the eastern shore of Maryland and two years farming back in Kansas. Nathan earned M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary. His scholarship explores the integration of theological education and agrarianism, and he sees Farminary as a locus for enacting that integration.

Acolyte Update



A huge thank-you to everyone who has reached out to support our acolyte program! We are delighted to report that it is now fully funded, and we are planning to begin welcoming young acolytes into worship this Fall. Initially, they will serve on communion Sundays, and we will look to increase opportunities for service as the program grows.

Easter Dedications



If you would like to make a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the following form and send in your donation by Monday, April 10.

Please select your preference:

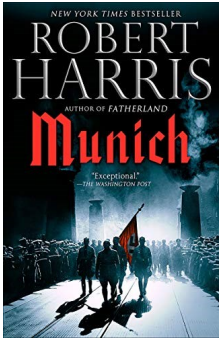
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FPCNV Book Club Schedule

Munich: A novel by Robert Harris



Hugh Legat is a rising star of the British diplomatic service, serving at 10 Downing Street as a private secretary to the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain. Paul von Hartmann is on the staff of the German Foreign Office and secretly a member of the anti-Hitler resistance. The two men were friends at Oxford in the 1920s but have not been in contact since. Now, when

Hugh flies with Chamberlain from London to Munich and Hartmann travels on Hitler's train overnight from Berlin, their paths are set on a disastrous collision course. Once again, Robert Harris gives us actual events of historical importance--here are Hitler, Chamberlain, Mussolini, Daladier--at the heart of an electrifying, unputdownable novel.

Meeting Dates and Book Selections

Where: Library

When: 7:30 pm

APR 16 *Munich: a novel* by Robert Harris

MAY 7 *Radio Girl* by Sarah-Jane Stratford

JUN 13 Planning Session for next year

About the Author:

ROBERT HARRIS is the author of 11 novels: *Fatherland*, *Enigma*, *Archangel*, *Pompeii*, *Imperium*, *The Ghost Writer*, *Conspirata*, *The Fear Index*, *An Officer and a Spy*, *Dictator*, and *Conclave*. Several of his books have been adapted to film, most recently *The Ghost Writer*. His work has been translated into 37 languages. He lives in the village of Kintbury, England, with his wife, Gill Hornby.



Men's Breakfast

**Wednesday,
April 24th @ 7:30 am
La Di Da Café**

*All men of the Church
and their guests
are welcome.*

Deep Roots School Enrolling Now!

Deep Roots School is a place of life, growth, and beauty. We are committed to guiding children as they build a strong foundation for their lives. Our student-centered curriculum nourishes mind, body, and soul, as well as offers authentic opportunities to connect with nature, each other, and the world.

Schedule a visit and register for the spring semester, summer program and the 2019-2020 school year.

4 Lee's Hill Road, New Vernon
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973-944-0508

let's do
lunch

Monthly Luncheon Wednesday, April 24th at 12 pm

April's Let's Do Lunch! will be held in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 24th at 12:00 pm. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by April 22nd to Debbie in the Church Office at:

officeadmin@pcnv.org or
973-538-8394.

Hymn of the Month

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Author: Claudia F. I. Hernaman (1838-1898)
First Published: The Child's Book of Praise
(London, 1873)

As an expression of the teaching function of a hymn for children, this text is careful to draw parallels, especially between the forty days of Christ's Temptation and fast and the forty days of Lent. There are also a number of ways that his example should guide our actions: his fasting and prayer should lead us to mourn our sins and stay close to Christ; his struggle with and victory over Satan becomes a model for our perseverance and conquering of sin. Although the whole hymn is cast as a prayer addressed to Christ, the final two stanzas center on the petition for Christ to abide with us, not only in this season of penitence but throughout our lives. This theme is emphasized by the anadiplosis that connects the end of the third stanza with the beginning of the fourth.

Because this text rhymes only alternate lines (*abcb*), this hymn seems more spacious than it might if it had a more rigid rhyme scheme. The frequent use of monosyllables also helps to convey a sense of room for movement.

The present tune (St. Flavian) is based on the first

half of a CMD tune for Psalm 132. The original version used longer notes at the beginning and end, as well as several points in the middle. This evened-out version is largely the work of the identified 19th century harmonizer, whose chords were altered by the second edition of HA&M in 1875 and have remained so.

*Lord, who through-out these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passion tide,
yes, evermore in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.*

Join our worship services from home, abroad or anywhere!

We currently stream all of our worship services live over YouTube. You can view them on your computer, tablet, or even a smartphone.

We would be happy to help you join us digitally! Contact the Church Office for help setting up your device. We can also provide you with a hymnal, so that you can follow along with the music.



Calendar of Events 2019

APRIL

WED 04/03 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

SUN 04/07 Adult Education @ 11:15 am,
Nathan Stucky, *Farminary*

MON 04/08 Finance Committee @ 7:00 pm

TUES 04/09 Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

WED 04/10 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

SUN 04/14 Palm Sunday

THU 04/18 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm

FRI 04/19 Good Friday (Office Closed)

SUN 04/21 Easter Sunday

WED 04/24 Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am

Let's Do Lunch! @ 12 noon

Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

MAY

WED 05/01 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

SUN 05/05 Cinco de Mayo Coffee Hour

WED 05/08 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

SUN 05/12 Mothers' Day

WED 05/15 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

MAY, Cont'd

MON 05/20 Finance Committee @ 7:00 pm

TUES 05/21 Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

WED 05/22 Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am

Let's Do Lunch! @ 12 noon

Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

MON 05/27 Memorial Day (Office Closed)

WED 05/29 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

JUNE

SUN 06/02 Communion

SUN 06/09 Church Picnic

SUN 06/16 Fathers' Day

MON 06/17 Finance Committee @ 7:00 pm

TUES 06/18 Session Meeting @ 7:00 pm

WED 06/19 Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am

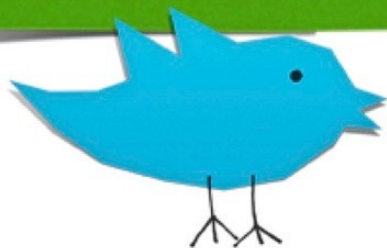
WED 06/26 Let's Do Lunch! @ 12 noon

SEPTEMBER

SUN 09/08 WELCOME BACK SUNDAY!

JOIN US FOR

TODDLER TIME!



Are you at home with little ones?

Are you looking for a place to connect with other parents or caregivers in the community?

First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon (FPCNV) is excited to host **TODDLER TIME**, a play group for children (under 5) and those who care for them.

We meet every Wednesday at FPCNV in Fellowship Hall 1:30 - 3:30pm (drop-in).

Toddler Time is FREE and no church connection is needed.

For more information contact

Hayley Stone

oconnorhe@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS 1:30 - 3:30 AT FPCNV (4 LEES HILL RD)

On Love and Spring: A Recital

On a cold and snowy Sunday, we were treated to a recital entitled, *On Love and Spring*, performed by Eileen Cooper Sedek and Theron Cromer, and accompanied by Lois Buesser on the piano.

Despite the weather, we had a gratifying turnout, and all hearts were warmed by melodies from Broadway to folksong, to opera.



All Age Worship & St. Patrick's Day Coffee Hour



We had a great morning on March 24 thinking about how our church is a community, and how we are called to support our Harding community! We are so fortunate to have a church that values people of all ages, and encourages them to contribute in meaningful ways in worship, in service, and in fellowship.

April 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am | 2 Women's AA Step Meeting Noon | 3 Toddler Time! 1:30-3 pm | 4 Choir 7:30 pm | 5 AA Meeting noon | 6 |
| 7 Communion Worship Service 10 am Adult Education Nathan Stuckey <i>Farminary</i> 11:15 am | 8 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am Finance Comm. 7:00 pm | 9 Women's AA Step Meeting Noon Deacons' Mtg 7:00 pm Session Mtg 7:00 pm Book Club 7:30 pm Library | 10 Toddler Time! 1:30-3 pm | 11 Choir 7:30 pm | 12 AA Meeting noon | 13 |
| 14 Worship Service 10 am | 15 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am | 16 Women's AA Step Meeting Noon | 17 Toddler Time! 1:30-3 pm | 18 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm | 19 Good Friday Church Office Closed AA Meeting noon | 20 |
| 21 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30 am Worship: 10 am Breakfast & Children's Egg Hunt 11 am | 22 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am | 23 Women's AA Step Meeting noon | 24 Men's Breakfast La Di Da Café 7:30 am Toddler Time! 1:30-3 pm Let's Do Lunch! 12 pm | 25 Choir 7:30 pm | 26 AA Meeting noon | 27 |
| 28 Worship Service 10 am | 29 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am | 30 Women's AA Step Meeting noon | | | | |

APRIL WORSHIP PLANS

Sunday, April 7
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III

Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday

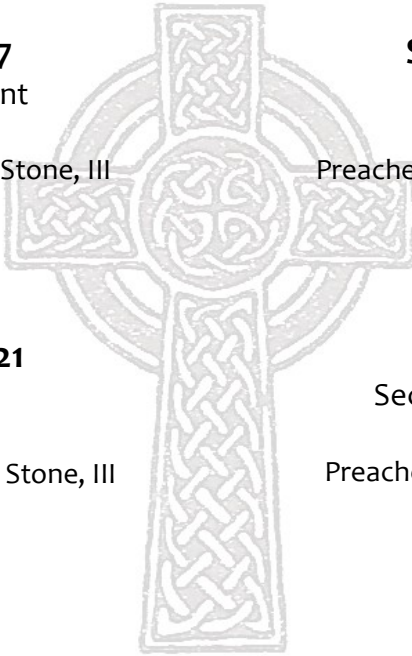
Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III

Sunday, April 21
Easter

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Sunday, April 28
Second Sunday of Easter

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III



We Need Your Help!

LITURGISTS



USHERS



To volunteer to serve as a Liturgist or an Usher,
please contact the Church Office at:

973-538-8394 or officeadmin@pcnv.org

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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Toddler Time!

Every Wednesday, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Sunday Speaker Series

Sunday, April 7: 11:15 am

Palm Sunday Service

April 14, 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday Service

April 18, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service at Bayne Park: 6:30 am

Morning Worship: 10:00 am

Easter Breakfast: and Children's Egg Hunt 11 am

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 am

Let's Do Lunch!

Wednesday, March 27, 12 pm

E-mail Addresses

Do we have your updated email address? If you would like to be included in various mailings, please contact *officeadmin@pcnv.org* or call 973-538-8394.

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