



The Good News

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A Rabbi asked his students how to recognize the moment when night ends and day begins:

“Is it when, from a great distance, you can tell a dog from a sheep?” one student asked.

“No,” said the Rabbi.

“Is it when, from a great distance, you can tell a date palm from a fig tree?” another student asked.

“No,” said the Rabbi.

“Then when is it?” the students asked.

“It is when you look into the face of any human creature and see your brother or your sister there. Until then, night is still with us.”

Living as we do in this time of change and uncertainty, it can be tempting to cast our gaze around and find a simplistic reason for our troubles. Often it becomes about “them.” There are “others” upon whom we can cast our aspersions, making them the easy scapegoat for whatever anxieties or troubles we happen to be experiencing at the moment.

Societies have done this for a long time. Enter Jesus, who says, “Do not judge, lest you be judged.” (Matthew 7:1-3) And, “as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.” (Mathew 25)

And, “Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.” (Luke 10:27) Emphasis here on loving God with our minds, in that most of today’s troubles are sufficiently complex as to invite us to go deeper and not settle for the all too prevalent sound byte-size explanations.

Whatever the issue of the day happens to be, humanize it. Go beyond the stereotypes and the generalizations. The world will be a kinder, safer place for the children of God when we get better at seeing those who are different from us as “a brother or a sister.”

Compassion is as much a product of the mind as of the heart and soul. We are up to the tasks at hand. Be a blessing.

In Christ, Peter Kelley

I received this e-mail exchange between Dr. Geelhoed and a young woman . It's worthy of sharing lest we forget that words do matter, especially those spoken to young people.

Marquerite Schondabare

May 22, 2008

Dear Dr. Geelhoed,

My name is Sandra and I met you briefly circa 2008 at a youth medical forum where you inspired many high schoolers to take on the field of medicine. You are well decorated in achievements but one thing that I took from that encounter that's been a huge part of me was your dedication to service. Six years ago I flunked out of college because of an unfortunate event that left me defeated and ashamed. Today (two days ago to be precise), I finally have the courage to start over with a clearer vision of not only the career I want to have but also the person I want to be. During these years out of school, I have dedicated some time to work with underprivileged and mentally ill people from children to adults and it has been absolutely rewarding but I feel like I can do so much more. When you mentioned going to Darfur to treat their people under dire circumstances, it made me realize that our talents and opportunities are a responsibility we have to bear service to those who are less fortunate. Being anything less than our full potential breeds entitlement. The reason I am writing this email to a stranger I've kept in my memories for all this time is to ask for your guidance if possible. I am overwhelmed with my lack of knowledge about which direction to take in terms of shadowing/working/practicing I should take, but most importantly where I should invest my efforts to make the most difference in the world as an aspiring physician and person. If not, then to be able to share a few words with you to pick at your brain and influence would be more than enough. I am capable, hard-working, compassionate, and now self-reliant. This is a long stretch and you probably already have so much on your plate teaching, serving, and living so I understand if this would be too much to ask for. However, if you point me in the right direction and loosely guide me through my career/lifestyle you will NOT regret it. I hope this email finds you well and best wishes on your continuing endeavors.

Sincerely, Sandra

May 22nd-Response from Dr. Geelhoed

Your letter to me, perhaps viewed by you as a "Shot in the Dark" to a Stranger, gives me one of the principal reasons I get out of bed each day.

What I hope to achieve, for myself, and encourage in others, is "Transformational Learning," and, I am not the author of this DIY process, but a close observer, mentor, and an enthusiastic and grateful celebrant.

A long list of successful achievements seems like a life summary CV most would like to hear, but tells less about character when everything is going well than how one handles heavy reversals. You acknowledge that you failed; and, what, then, are you going to learn from this, and do about it to align with your life's goals and dreams?

Where are you now, and do you want to talk first and further by phone or in person? If so, forward your phone number, and I will listen a good deal more. I would further recommend you also look over the "Reflections" of other pilgrims in this progress, (www.MissionToHeal.org) some of whom were coming from your starting line at your age and stage when they encountered and appreciated "Gifts from the Poor" in our M2H remote missions.

What you can give will always be more rewarding than what you can get, and I will be happy to listen, learn and perhaps help in your search for your unique way to contribute. GWG

Southold Presbyterian Women

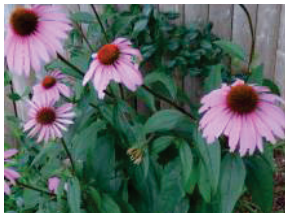
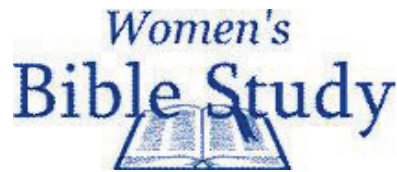


Our Circles invite you to attend one of our meetings.
You are always welcome.

Contact a Circle as follows:

- Bible StudyJanet Dickerson 734-7167
..... and Doris Bernstein
- Evening FellowshipCarol DeLong, 765-3771
- Mission BarnEleanor deReeder, 765-3082

Southold Presbyterian Women Bible Study will next meet on Thursday, June 15th at 9:30 am in the 1836 Manse. See Janet Dickerson or Doris Bernstein for more information.



The church gardeners are welcoming anyone who would like to help plant and maintain the church's beautiful garden. Please contact Jim and Muffie Baker at opajim@optonline.net or call the church office.



Transitions

Congratulations on the birth of Leo Francis Danzer born May 1st to Ann Redding and Matt Danzer. The Proud grandparents are Karen & Meinrad Danzer

Condolences to Elizabeth Thompson and the Thompson Family for the Passing of her Son Travis Thompson May 22 2017.

Condolences to the loved ones of Denise Rathburn on her passing. May 27 2017

Condolences to Fred & Karen Lee and the Lee Family for the passing of Warren Tan June 4th 2017.

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Session Meeting Hi-Lites
Tuesday May 16, 2017

If Session members had to vote on a favorite meeting, I would bet that our annual get-together with the Confirmands, who present themselves to Session as ready to make a commitment to their faith and to FPC Southold as a church where they intend to participate fully, would be the choice hands down.

It is the role of Session to determine if those young people are to be accepted into membership in the church. Instead of a formal interrogation-style interview, Confirmands, Elders, Deacons, and Mentors assemble around tables in small groups to talk about faith. Questions spark conversations and sharing of experience from each participant's own faith journey. The first assignment was to discuss a reading and what it said to us about the subject's faith – at our table of 4, we experienced a “glass half-full, half-empty” moment when our Confirmand expressed a different take from those of us representing Session, Mentor and Parent. And yes, he saw the glass half-full... One example of what made the evening a lively and heartwarming experience.

Pastor Kelley then asked the Confirmands to answer the questions they will respond to publicly on Sunday, June 4th (“Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?” and “Do you intend to be a faithful member of this congregation?”) Session then voted enthusiastically to accept the following into membership:

***Hanna DeSimone; Will Dickerson; Isaiah Mraz; Steven Russell;
Matthew Schill, Tyler Shuford***

Please join us in welcoming these latest members of FPC Southold. We are sure you we be as proud of them as we are!

Destruction in the Cemetery

As most of you know by now, in early April Bill Milford and I discovered that 15 nineteenth-century marble headstones had been knocked over and broken. It looked to us that vandals had caused the damage (and it still does). To say the least, we were disheartened.

As I suspect, many of you will be as well. You have generously donated your time and your money to the restoration of the Old Burying Ground. You know that gravestones are sacred and often artistic reminders of precious lives once lived. For thoughtless vandals to flout the importance of these stones -for vandals to show such disrespect to our ancestors and loved ones -- is hurtful indeed.

Immediately after our sad discovery, Bill and I went to the Southold Town Police Department and made a report. The following day a detective from the department came to the Cemetery to inspect the damage. A week later he visited again, this time to observe the assessment of the Cemetery Committee's stone expert, Joel Snodgrass. (He's the preservationist who has been leading the effort to restore the stones in The Old Burying Ground.)

Joel knows everything there is to know about stones. He examined each damaged stone and offered his opinion on the nature, possible cause, and freshness of the damage in each instance. Joel said he believes that, with the exception of one stone, the others were pushed over. He sees no evidence that causes like wind or weather damage or natural aging were responsible. In his opinion, vandals caused the damage. Probably the damage did not occur all at once. The breaks in some stones seemed quite fresh to Joel; others could have been damaged at some indeterminate time over the winter.

The Town detective, however, says that he cannot with "certainty" conclude that damage to the stones is a result of vandalism. He cited the lack of physical evidence (witnesses, fingerprints, etc.) as his reason. He knows full well that an accusation of vandalism is a very big deal indeed. Vandalism is a felony, as it should be in keeping with the desecration of a sacred ground. So the detective wants to be certain that some agency other than vandalism is not responsible. Though his report is inconclusive, the case will not be closed; its status is marked as "pending."

The Church's insurance company has been notified; they have sent an adjustor to survey the damage. The Cemetery's stone expert, Joel, has returned to the Cemetery and re-examined each damaged stone, so he can estimate the cost of repair. When I receive his estimates, I will forward them to the insurance company's claims dept., at its request.

Cemetery Committee members are a determined and talented bunch. We will do what it takes to repair the damaged stones and protect our beloved cemetery. (We are soliciting bids right now for surveillance cameras.) We are comforted by knowing that we can rely on the support of Church members during this challenging time.

Jane Andrews, Cemetery Director



The church barn will be open for donations on Tuesdays from 11 am-12:30 beginning April 25th except the Tuesday after a Saturday sale. Barn sales will be held the last Saturday of the month. If weather permits the last sale of the season will be Saturday, October 14th. Volunteers are Needed and welcome. Contact Dot Martin @ 765-3159

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TD YDU!

Abbigail Bednoski	June 01	Janice Davis	June 18
Kelly Flinn	June 01	Kiersten Kelley	June 18
Sarah LaMorte	June 01	Elaine Horton	June 19
Tyler LaMorte	June 01	Deborah Koebele	June 20
Riley Totten	June 01	Robert Melly	June 20
Wayne Miller	June 03	Patricia Milford	June 20
Patrick Sinclair	June 03	Erica McKenzie	June 21
Brady Cole	June 04	Scott Reutershan	June 21
George DeLong	June 04	Donna Batist	June 22
Sheryl Lee Albertson	June 06	Michael Nobile	June 22
Susan Fickeissen	June 06	Rachel Miller	June 23
Alexander McKenzie	June 06	Claudia Ramone	June 23
Sharon Rumpier	June 06	Helen Keith	June 24
Patrick Dempsey	June 08	Elizabeth Kiernan	June 24
Matthew Hansen	June 08	Rachel Bregman	June 25
Tara Campbell	June 09	Samantha Koslosky	June 26
Stacey Cole	June 09	Glen Koster	June 26
Lois Ross	June 09	Kim Palermo Bogardus	June 26
Robin Klotz	June 10	Betty Angstadt	June 27
Jackson Mannino	June 10	Jeremy Doroski	June 27
John Fred Martin	June 10	Maya Reilly	June 27
Kristen Rehm	June 10	Heather MacArthur	June 28
Robert Bishop	June 11	John Nobile	June 28
Bryce Keels	June 12	Harry Thurber	June 28
John Mazzaferro	June 12	Warren Titus	June 28
Sondra Russell	June 12	Paul Burns, Jr.	June 29
Arline Smith	June 12	Brittany Campbell	June 29
Keaton Cole	June 13	Colleen Clark	June 29
Lauren Enos	June 14	Theresa Pagano	June 29
Alex Dart	June 16	Jane Andrews	June 30
Scott Hygom	June 16	Stephanie Beasley	June 30
Christopher Buono	June 17	Coralai Meador	June 30
Elizabeth Spiess	June 17	Penelope Winters	June 30
Jamie Claudio	June 18		

Mission

Next meeting Thursday

June 13th At 7:00PM.



Youth Group Car Wash

Saturday, June 10th

10AM 2PM

To raise funds for this summer's mission work trip to Deep Roots at Clairvaux Farm July 2—8

All students who have completed 7th grade or higher are eligible to participate in this life-changing

experience of learning about homelessness and how it impacts children and families, and making a contribution to the life and community in a working, effective community that serves formerly homeless children and families in Earleville, Maryland.

Thursday Night Casserole Club continues to deliver home cooked meals and a warm smile to 10 Friends/Members every Thursday, all year round.

Thank you to our many volunteers who make this possible by either cooking or delivering some meals. **If you would like to cook a few times a year, or would like to deliver a few meals on a Thursday afternoon please contact the Church office.**



SAVE THE DATE September 17th

South Harbor beach .BBQ, games for adults and kids. Stay tuned for further details!

Prayer Concerns

The people listed here have been on our prayer list this month. Let us remember

Prayers for healing and God's strength:

Bill Thompson

Reilly Butler – niece of Janet Dickerson

Bobbe, Barry & Pamela Besold – family of Bonnie Hoffner

Valerie Reeve

Maggie McGoven – friend of Linda Fasbach

Skylar - niece of Karen Lee

Annette Ray

Sue Ellor-Case Cardone

Heather Cusack and Family

Jill Fox - - sister of Linda Fasbach

James Arini & Family – friends of Bonnie Hoffner

Mary Perruzza – friend of Joan Mathie

Travis Semcken and Ken Semcken – family of Amy Doering

Doug Heath

Carol Ostwald – sister of Joan Mathie

Andrew Leys – son-in-law of Caryll & Jay Batterman

Danielle Meraz friend of Carol Chilton

Betty M. – sister-in-law of Ellie Hall

Jamie Laggis – friend of Val Gatz

Richard Faulk

Lydia Numbers

Dale&Pete DeCastro – friends of Jay Batterman

Scott & Maggie Brannon – friends of Heather Lee

Jodie Jacobs & Donna Angevine – daughters of Jean Jacobs

Dan Schuy

Elsie Balacich

Ruth Bosch

Maggie Duval – granddaughter of Linda Fasbach

Penny Coyle

Katy Walker – friend of Joan Mathie

Corinne Moore

Pam Petty Thompson – Cousin of Verna Fitzpatrick

Ken West – a friend of the Battersmans

Virginia Horn – friend of Jay Batterman

Brad Keene – friend of Jay Batterman

The Littlejohn Family- members of Jane Reilly's family

Mary Elizabeth Bohr

Paul Farnham

Aiden Fraser

Allyn Mowbray

Verna Fitzpatrick

James Wolff

Claire Kennedy and Family

Melissa – Friend of Karen Lee

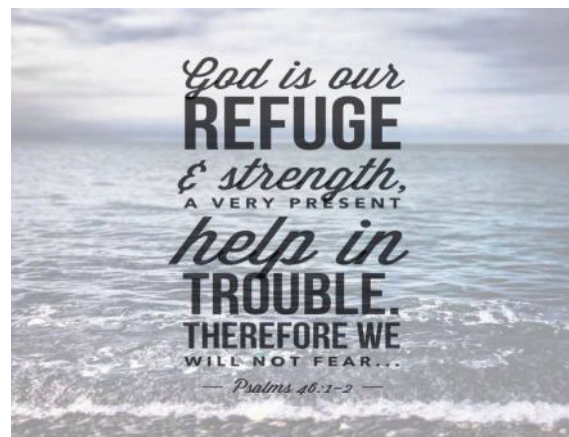
Trisha O'Brien

Pauline Pharr-Friend of Pat Milford

Peter Last and family

Marilyn Wood Cousin of Roberta Hering

Jacob Rebia Great Nephew of Carol DeLong





July 17th—21st 2017

8:45am to 12 Noon

Planning dates June 10 & 17 At 10am
June 11 & 25 After Worship,

Help us stand strong! Our VBS is only possible with your help!

Which indispensable part will you play?

**First and foremost we need to set the scene! Can you help with
Decoration and set-design all ages welcome!**

ADULTS:

**Station Leaders and Assistants:
Opening and Closing Celebration
Experience Peru (Crafts)**

Bible Expedition

Spotlight VBS (capture daily photos for daily wrap up video.)

Little Llamas pre-school

Registration Team

Mission

STUDENT:

Crew Leaders: Entering 8th and 9th grade

Assistant Crew Leaders: Entering 6th and 7th Grade

General Volunteer:

**Can't commit to everyday let us know when you can be here we
have plenty of assignments you can help us fill.**

**Registration forms are available online www.fpcsouthold.org or
in the church office 631-765-2597. Or Contact Vickie DeFriest
vb516@aol.com 631-765-5165**

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See you on Sunday!

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◆ *Tuesday Supper to begin May 23rd. Love to cook? contact the church office to either create a team or become part of one!*

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