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7/18 - Jack Peterman, Larry Brown  
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7/22 - Donald Hollinger, Sue Dukeman  
7/23 - Beth Haeberle, Jakob Chickedantz  
7/24 - Glen Darling  
7/30 - Tom Gattinger, Nate Nickel

## Christian Education

**COMING SOON** for all children preschool through 5th grade.

Christian Education will be offering an at home/virtual VBS program called:

**COMPASSION CAMP: BE LOVED. BE KIND. BE YOU.**

**More information to follow!**

## Announcement

Our search for a Transitional Associate Pastor has been completed, and we are delighted to announce that the Rev. Kelley Jepsen will be joining FPC in mid-July. After a search commencing in September 2019, the Transitional Associate Pastor Nominating Committee selected Kelley as the candidate who most fulfilled the FPC expectations and job responsibilities. Unanimous approval of her call to FPC was obtained from the Committee on Ministry for the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and the FPC Session.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Kelley has been living as a Hoosier for the last two years. Kelley graduated from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management with a B.S. in Business. She worked in various supply chain related fields in the Minneapolis area prior to attending Luther Seminary for her Masters of Divinity. In July of 2018, she was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Kelley has been a Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis since August 2018. In this residency program, she worked in various areas including Pastoral Care, Mission, and Engagement.

As part of her Lake Fellow responsibilities,  
she also served as a Worship and Preaching Pastoral Resident  
at the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church in Crawfordsville.  
In her free time, Kelley enjoys cooking, planning trips,  
reading memoirs, and staying connected with family and friends.

You can view a brief meditation she recently did at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ga0iQHTGvel>

**We are excited to welcome Kelley to FPC.**



## A summer opportunity to focus on antiracism

In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, our country is confronting the ongoing threat of racism. Now, more than ever, we as Christians must understand the nature and prevalence of racism. We must also do the hard work of struggling to address racial injustice in our own lives. The Small Groups Committee and Adult Education offer you an opportunity to join with others to begin to understand racism and work together to support antiracism. To help us do this, we are offering a book study of Kerry Connelly's new book, *Good White Racist? Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice*. The book can be purchased through the Thoughtful Christian (PC(USA)) website:

<https://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com/Products/066426574X/good-white-racist.aspx>

The book study group will meet on **Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm beginning July 7 and continuing through August 4**. The Zoom link will be published in the FPC Friday announcements beginning July 3. Paul Ro-throck and Gary Crow are coordinating this series and are glad to answer questions. Connelly shares her own struggle with racism and her views of how good people can strive to work together to build an antiracist community. "But I want you to know that I'm a good racist. I don't wear my white sheet over my smiling face. Instead, it's on the inside, where it wraps my heart in fear I desperately wish wasn't there." (p. 1)

## Lectionary Bible Study Continues During the Summer

You can still join the Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm through July and August.

The class discusses Bible passages based on the weekly Revised Common Lectionary and uses the curriculum, Feasting on the Word, to enrich the study.

Volunteers take turns leading the spirited discussion. No prior Biblical knowledge is necessary.

Join the on-line Zoom group by using the following information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/925446899>

Meeting ID: 925 446 899

One tap mobile

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+16465588656,,925446899# US (New York)

If you have questions, please contact Gary Crow ([gcrow@indiana.edu](mailto:gcrow@indiana.edu) or 812-361-6603)

## Protecting Posoltega

The coronavirus forced us to postpone our FPC trip to Posoltega, Nicaragua, but it hasn't stopped our mission efforts. In fact, we recently have supplemented our ongoing programming by providing special funding to help our Posoltega brothers and sisters protect themselves from Covid-19.

Using designated contributions and coffee cart proceeds, we recently sent special funding to our sister church, the Jesus of Nazareth Parish, to address the coronavirus by purchasing masks, cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizer for those in need. The Posoltega priest and parish council decided to use the money to protect congregants not only in the main, central church, but also in the outlying "comarcas" of the Posoltega region, rural areas that are even more impoverished and vulnerable than the central village.



Expressing thanks on behalf of the parish, Padre Gabriel Pallavicini wrote that he and his parishioners have us in their prayers. He said that everyone is "very grateful that your church is able to support us in the midst of this difficult time that the entire world is experiencing."

Separately, we enlisted the help of José Antonio Larios Padilla, a longtime friend whose family has housed FPC members during mission trips dating back to 1995.

Using additional FPC money, José Antonio purchased hundreds of masks and bottles of sanitizer and provided them directly to needy members of the Posoltega community. Like Padre Gabriel, he was tremendously grateful, praising God and thanking us for our generosity and our loving hearts.



As the pandemic continues, we hope to provide funds for additional masks and supplies in the weeks and months ahead. If anyone is interested in supporting this effort, please contact Dan Conkle [conkle@indiana.edu](mailto:conkle@indiana.edu); 812-333-1712. You also can support our mission by buying products from the coffee cart; to order, contact Debbi Conkle – [debbiconkle@gmail.com](mailto:debbiconkle@gmail.com); 812-333-1712.

## Drive Through Coffee, Chocolate & Tea SALE!!!! - July 5



Drive through pick-up in the church parking lot on Sunday, July 5.

We will continue to social distance while supporting our church's mission as our friends in Posoltega also fight Covid-19. Please place your order for any of the Equal Exchange fairly-traded items listed below.

1. You must **order ahead of time**. Email [debbiconkle@gmail.com](mailto:debbiconkle@gmail.com) or call 812-333-1712 & leave a message to call back if no one answers.
2. Please write checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "Coffee" on memo line, or have exact change.
3. Drive through the church parking lot between 10 – 10:30 am, on Sunday, July 5. There will be no direct hand-to-hand transactions. Money dropped in box; already-bagged order placed in car or trunk.
4. If you prefer to have a delivery to your home at a different time, or if you need to use a credit card, let Debbi know. We are happy to provide those options.

**Coffee \$10:** Breakfast Blend Drip, Organic Decaf Drip, ,Organic Decaf BEAN,

**SALE \$9:** Breakfast Blend BEAN (recently-past best buy date)

**Coffee \$12:** Sisters' Blend Drip (1 lb.)

**Tea \$4:** English Breakfast, Earl Grey, Chai, Green, Decaf English Breakfast, Ginger Caffeine free, Peppermint Caffeine free, Rooibos Caffeine free

**Chocolate \$4:** Panama Extra Dark (80%), Very Dark Chocolate (71%), Dark Chocolate w/ mint crunch (67%), Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch w/ sea salt (55%),

**SALE \$3:** Dark Chocolate w/ almonds (55%)

**Cocoa \$6.50:** Organic Baking Cocoa Mix (8 oz.)

*The profits will go toward FPC's mission in Posoltega, Nicaragua. Thank you!*

## Earth Stewards, Kristina Lindborg and Allan Edmonds

Price Carbon. Pay People. Promote Environmental Justice.

The 2018 General Assembly of the PC(USA) voted to support “national and international policies that create a consistent, rational, and escalating price for emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases, which will reduce consumption and support investment in sustainable alternative energy sources.”

The specific carbon pricing policy that the PC(USA) supports is the [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#) (EICDA): “As we know, in order to respond faithfully and responsibly to our call to care for God’s creation, we must all lower our carbon footprint as individuals, congregations, and as a country. This will require creative, systemic, and new solutions to a global threat. EICDA provides a good first step in the long journey ahead.” The adopted statement notes our moral mandate to shift to a sustainable energy regime and also applauds the bipartisan nature of the effort. See

- [www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/2019/01/29/in-support-of-the-energy-innovation-and-carbon-dividend-act-of-2018/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/2019/01/29/in-support-of-the-energy-innovation-and-carbon-dividend-act-of-2018/) and
- [www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/2019/05/22/presbyterian-advocacy-for-carbon-pricing-gains-wide-support/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/2019/05/22/presbyterian-advocacy-for-carbon-pricing-gains-wide-support/)

for more information.

Over 3500 economists, including 4 former chairs of the Federal Reserve and 27 Nobel Laureates, have signed a statement in support of carbon fee and dividend.

Just as the COVID-19 crisis requires bold action, climate change is also a crisis that demands bold action. And just as we work together to flatten the curve on COVID-19, we can also work together to flatten the curve on carbon emissions.

The proposed Carbon Dividend Act will help to flatten the carbon curve by:

- Collecting escalating carbon fees from fossil fuel companies.
- Returning the net revenue to households, to offset increases in the price of polluting energy sources.
- Incentivizing our economy to shift to clean energy, which creates jobs, while putting money directly into people’s pockets every month, thus helping lower-and-middle income Americans in particular.

You might enjoy watching a recent Sunday “Faith Forum” presentation by Bill Bray, a Presbyterian Elder, retired employ of Exxon-Mobil, and member of the Citizens’ Climate Lobby, given at a Presbyterian Church in North Carolina. [Click here to view it.](#)

We are working to create a Southern Indiana Presbyterian Interest Group around these issues. Contact Kristina at [kristina.lindborg@gmail.com](mailto:kristina.lindborg@gmail.com) for more about this new group.

*Kristina Lindborg, a Bloomington resident, is a member of [Citizens’ Climate Lobby](#), which works to build the political will for climate solutions, especially the Carbon Dividend Act. Allan Edmonds coordinates FPC’s Earth Stewards group.*

## Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your inquiries into Jim's health status and notes of concern and prayers about his long-term health battles.

Your offers of assistance and prayers for both of us is a treasured part of belonging to this "body of Christ". Jim was raised Catholic and never fully embraced our worship style, but we know he had God's care at the end. Jim admired my commitment to participating in the life and workings of my church family. He enjoyed knowing many of you in a "social" setting.

Due to the current uncertain times, a "Celebration of Life" service has been put on hold. My family and I will wait to decide on a date when the "new normal" settles in.

Thank you so much, Gail Dunning