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Pastor's Ponderings

One of the directions that we chose for our future at FPC Corona was to embrace the power of social media. New technologies are marketed to us in terms of what they can do for us, yet they commonly generate anxieties about what they are doing to us.

What at first looks like a tool has a habit of gradually turning into an environment in which our lives are refashioned. This is not a new phenomenon.

In the 1600s, a philosopher /educator named John Amos Comenius pondered a time when wisdom was shared directly to people's hearts. He opined that "it has begun to be put into print, and hence it is confined to books and libraries and is rarely found in the thoughts, words, and actions of men. So many books are now available that no student could read one thousandth part of them in his lifetime, and they are so diverse as to put the steadiest of heads into a spin. Bookshelves are therefore more decorative than useful, becoming objects of vanity or sources of confusion if the reader persists in poring over all the contents. This accounts for the increase in badly taught scholars ...who talk nonsense. The fact is that books are taught instead of people, or at least if people are taught, they are confused."

He came up with some helpful innovations including pictures in textbooks, teaching in native languages instead of Latin, gradual development from simple to more comprehensive concepts, lifelong learning with a focus on logical thinking over dull memorization, equal opportunity for impoverished

children, education for women, and universal and practical instruction.

We invented the automobile and transformed not only our ability to go places but the layout of our cities, where we worship, our air quality, health, likely ways of dying, displays of status and pride etc. We invented the portable phone and transformed not only how we talk to grandma but how we sleep, navigate, remember life experiences, interact in public and private, gauge our self-esteem, and so on.

We have only the vaguest idea of what will grow from the latest innovations.

The destructive technology the Comenius wrestled with was the printing of books.

We need 21st century leaders that can help us step back from our computer and phone screens and advise us on the best ways to embrace social media for positive spiritual formation.



From your session



We met via Zoom in July:

- ◆ Approved having Rev. Larry Ballenger provide pulpit supply on August 7 and 14 while Henry and Joyce are in England.
- ◆ Delia will take vacation on August 7 and 14, and Judy Ballenger will be the substitute pianist.
- ◆ When the adult Bible study resumes in September, we will discuss religious issues facing the United States.



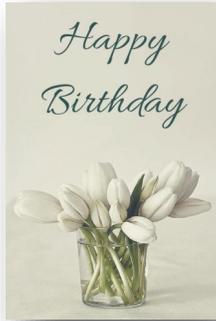
*Sunday worship service is available via livestreaming at:
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If you missed a Sunday Service, you are able to watch past services on the Facebook site.



GENERAL FUND	July 31, 2022	Year to Date Totals
Income	11,531.28	61,209.18
Expenses	10,274.28	60,630.31
Net Income	1,257.00	578.87

DEACONS FUND	July 31, 2022	Year to Date Totals
Income	100.00	840.00
Expenses	-0-	324.78
Net Income	100.00	515.22



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

21.....Terrie Burbank
.....Marcia Twitchel

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

6.....Walt & Deneva Williams (1988)
9.....Philip & Mavis Hagan
16.....Henry & Joyce DeGraaff (1969)



PRAY DURING AUGUST FOR THESE FAMILIES

Marjory Welch
Squeak & Teri White
Margie Wilkerson
Walt & Deneva Williams
Cathy Aronson
Lillian Atia
Susan Bain
Richard Bane



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



July 31 (August Communion)



Rev. Larry Ballenger will preach August 7 & 14



Worship Sunday at 10:30am at church & via live streaming Facebook



Loving Needles, Tues. Aug. 16, 2:00pm



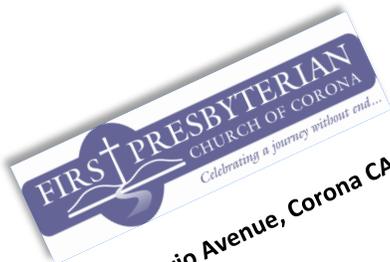
Vietnamese Church every Sunday at 1:30pm



Session Sat. Aug. 27, 10am via Zoom



Last Sunday of each month is Food Donation Sunday.



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Our mission is to live out the good news of Jesus Christ

Our Church Staff

Pastor (Transitional)	Henry DeGraaff
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