



“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.”

- Helen Keller

Connecting with Our Community

The Board of Community Care & Connection formed last year, taking on the responsibility of connecting and supporting our congregation as well as connecting us with the surrounding community.



This last winter CC&C encouraged many of FBC’s talented knitters and crocheters to craft hats and mittens for our community. Many members answered the call and spent the winter hours creating hats, mittens and scarves to give away. Some of the items were donated to the Cluster. The rest were placed in plastic bags and hung on a clothesline in the front of the church. It was an undertaking that helped those who made the items and those who needed the warm items.

The Board has maintained and expanded the Little Free Libraries. This ongoing ministry has been popular! Thank you to all who are donating books and helping to create craft kits. The libraries also have an anonymous donor of late who is placing books in the cabinets in addition to the books FBC puts out. With the help of Barry Sawtelle and Pastor Marcia, a craft cabinet was brightly painted and installed between the Little Free Libraries. Now the kids in our neighborhood have a fun, colorful spot find crafts.



In March, CC&C hosted a Game Night on Zoom. It was an enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship for those who attended. It’s amazing how we’ve used our technology to connect in new, exciting ways!



The Board members also put together 17 Easter baskets for the Cluster and decided to “Celebrate Our Mothers” for Mother’s Day. Everyone who lives near Pottstown received a flower, special delivery! For our out-of-town Zoom attendees, Sue mailed unique, handcrafted cards.

The Board of Community Care & Connection works to keep us connected to each other and to our larger community. If you’d like to help with their next endeavor, just reach out to Sue Heinz!



What's going on at FBC?

Check out these upcoming events! You can find links to join most activities directly on our website at www.FBCPottstown.org so visit us online often.

- May 16 at 11:30am – Board of Technology & Communication
- May 17 at 4:15pm – Board of Spiritual Formation
- May 17 at 7pm – Book Study Group
- May 17-21 – POWER Metro Week of Actions (see below)
- May 19 at 7pm – Board of Community Care & Connection
- May 20 at 7pm – Ministry Coordination Team
- May 24 at 7pm – Monday Meet-Up: “Podcasts for Beginners” with Marcia Bailey
- June 1 at 7pm – Guided Meditation Group
- June 7 at 7pm – Monday Meet-Up: “Open-Mic Music Night” with Dennis Landon
- June 21st at 7pm – Monday Meet-Up: “Capturing Family Stories II” with Kathy Ballein

Do you have an event or meeting for next month's newsletter? Email the details to the office at office@FBCPottstown.org!

POWER Week of Action (May 17-21)

POWER Metro Education Justice Team is asking all advocates to take ONE ACTION PER DAY between the Jewish holiday of Shavuot and the Christian holiday of Pentecost. This week of action is just 5 days past the last day of Ramadan. Connecting to all our faith traditions, we take these actions in support of FULL EDUCATION FUNDING EQUITY in PENNSYLVANIA. Specifically, we call on the PA General Assembly and government leaders to pass Gov. Wolf's 2021 budget proposal that mandates the full use of PA's Fair Funding Formula for the PA Basic Education Budget.

Check the [FBC website](http://www.FBCPottstown.org) for instructions and resources each day between May 17th and May 21st and take action!



Update from Rev. Eleazar Ziherambere

“Thank you so very much for the video. We will try to make one, though sending a video can be challenging as our internet is very weak. Nevertheless, we want to send our love to all the brothers and sisters at FBC Pottstown.

I am now in the midst of Pastoral Training. We have about 40 pastors including 5 women. It is a 5-day long training. We started Monday evening to finish on Friday. I will send you a couple of pictures.”





Financial Info

Our thanks to all who support the life and ministry of FBC. We continue to come together to do the work of ministry in our neighborhood and in the world. Your gifts make this happen!

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| Offering Income in April | \$ 6,347.51 |
| Rental Income in April | \$10,985.43 |
| Other Income in April | \$ 0.00 |
| <hr/> Total income in April | <hr/> \$17,332.94 |
| Expenses in April | \$ 8,784.29 |
| Net for April | \$ 8,548.65 |

