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The MacQueen Family

✧ An Interview ✧

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and attended the Army Language School in Monterey, CA where he was trained as an interpreter /translator in Russian. He spent the balance of his three year enlistment in various locations in Germany. After his discharge from the Army in 1965, he attended American University in Washington, D.C. majoring in international business.

On graduation from American in 1967, Bruce joined Chase Manhattan Bank in New York and enjoyed a twenty-five year odyssey of banking challenges. After five years of Chase head office experience, he left New York for assignments in London, Stockholm, Hong Kong, and Melbourne, Australia. He returned to the U.S. sixteen years later to manage Chase's San Francisco regional office. Subsequently he joined a local San Francisco bank specializing in commercial lending and completed his banking career as president and chief executive officer of the bank.

Bruce has three sons from a previous marriage: Revan, Andrew, and Mitchell. Revan and Andrew both live in Colorado, are married and each have two beautiful daughters. Molly is proud of the fact that she is the aunt to nieces aged 3, 4, 5, and 7 years old. His youngest son Mitchell lives and works in Marin County and visits frequently.

Kathey and Bruce met in San Francisco over twenty years ago while

working for Chase Manhattan. They celebrated their 1997 marriage in Florida, boating on the inter-coastal waterway in front of family and friends from around the world. They bought the New York lake property in 2000 with the idea of building a summer home. A few years later it became their "year round home" and the building plans were adjusted accordingly.

Molly was born in 2002 in San Rafael, California. Molly (*Mary Helen*) was named for both of her grandmothers. She loves hockey, skiing, soccer and horses. As a matter of fact, the DeCloux family has a horse, *Clara*, that Joel graciously shares with Molly. Currently, the MacQueen's have been working on building a guest beach house. Jessie Miller, Max Koehler, and David Priester, along with members of the Cornell Women's hockey team have contributed greatly in the project and have provided excitement, enjoyment and laughter over the past few years.

Bruce, Kathey and Molly appreciate the fellowship and friendships that have developed over the past seven years in their church family, from weekly golf outings with church friends, to book club, and a host of other activities that enrich their lives in many ways.

- Karen & Tom White



At the beginning of our interview with the MacQueen family, they explained that their life is fairly mundane, but we quickly discovered that it is anything but. We talked for a couple of hours about their family, their connections to the community, their travels, and their hobbies.

Bruce, Kathey, and Molly moved from Northern California seven years ago in March of 2004. They decided to move to Trumansburg because they believed it would be a wonderful place to raise their then two year old, Molly. Bruce had spent many summers on Cayuga Lake with his family. He and Kathey built their home on a Cayuga Lake property that has been in Bruce's mother's family for over 200 years.

Kathey grew up in Northern California and attended San Diego State College, where she majored in Economics. Her entire business career was San Francisco-based. She has worked for Wells Fargo, Chase Manhattan, and Sumitomo Bank. Most recently, she worked at a Boston-based investment management firm marketing treasury products to high-tech corporations in California.

Bruce grew up in Vestal, NY, and spent summers on Cayuga Lake. After a brief "cup of coffee" at the University of Michigan, he enlisted in the Army

Preparing for Lent

This year, Lent begins on March 9 with Ash Wednesday and a worship service in the Chapel at 12:15 p.m., which will include the Imposition of the Ashes. The night before Ash Wednesday, we will have a party in the Chapel for Mardi Gras (*see separate article*). You may be wondering why Lent and Easter happen at different times. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after March 21. Because of that, Easter can occur in different years anywhere between March 22 and April 25. This year, Easter will be on April 24 – extremely late compared to some years. The forty days (not including Sundays) before Easter are the days of Lent.

During Lent, we prepare for Easter. It is a time of examining our lives and how we do and do not follow Jesus. Some people give up things for Lent - like chocolate or perhaps red meat on Fridays. If that helps you to prepare for Easter, by all means, do that. **You may want to consider as a family talking together about how you would like to prepare for Easter this year. You might decide to give up eating out once a**

week and instead give that money you would have spent on yourselves to help feed the hungry. You might decide to make a list of friends you would like to invite to come with you to church and then invite them. You might go each week to visit someone who is lonely. You might read a Bible story together each night and say your prayers together as a family. You might make a chart of something special you will do to help others each day and as you do the activities you can color the squares in to make a mosaic. You might make sure that you and your family participate each week in Sunday Studies and worship here at FPCU. Whether you give up something or take on a new activity or discipline, there are many different ways to prepare yourself for Easter. Let this year's Lent be a special time when you and your family spend time together preparing for our celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter.



– Pastor Cheryl

LATE WINTER & EARLY SPRING SCHEDULE *for* SUNDAY ADULT LEARNING

We hope you can join us as we gather in the Lange Room and the Stage for some wonderful topics as winter draws to a close and we enter into spring. **This Sunday begins Cheryl's 8-week class, Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers. This class meets in the Lange Room. You are welcome to join for a week or two or all 8.** Please talk with Pastor Cheryl if you'd like to know more about this class (*or plan to attend the first class and find out what it is all about!*) The schedule for the Thoughtful Christian Series that will meet on the stage is below. If you have questions about our class offerings, please talk with Marvin Pritts or Amy Dawson.

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DARRICK EVENSEN

SAME SEX MARRIAGE AND THE CHURCH
(Stage)

3/6

KATHERINE EVENSEN

TOPIC TBD
(Stage)

3/13

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY,
NO SUNDAY STUDIES

3/20

WARREN HICKMAN

IS GOD ALL POWERFUL?
(Stage)

3/27

DAVE SCHNEIDER

TOPIC TBD
(Stage)

Our Annual Rummage Sale Needs YOU!

This month is an excellent opportunity for each one of us to contribute to the church's general fund by contributing time and/or items to the spring rummage sale. Other specially designated funds supported by this project last year included; the fair market coffee served in our kitchen, the general fund of the FPCU, provided a Woman's scholarship, supported mission knitters, Urn flowers and refurbished church holiday decorations, TCSD After Prom Party, Kitchen renovation fund, Ulysses Christmas Bureau and the mission of the PW of Geneva Presbytery.

Contributions will be accepted in the chapel March 28-30, 8:30 am - 4:00 p.m., and March 31, 8:30 - 12:00. If these hours are not convenient, please call Amy Erickson @ 532-4865 or Jeanette Little @ 277-1358. As there is no storage space in the chapel, call also to make special arrangements for early drop off.

Items accepted are clothing with accessories (*shoes, hats, purses*), books, games, CD's, toys, tools, household good, furniture, antiques, white elephants, knickknacks, thingamagiggies and and huzziwazzies. Please be sure all electrical items are in working order. We have difficulty selling computers, microwaves, soiled or stained mattresses. No outdated TVs please. If you have large items of this nature, or questions about the appropriateness of a contribution, please call Amy or Jeanette. We can photographs and post the pictures of large or difficult to move items, and we can assist you with pickup and delivery if needed.

Most importantly please consider volunteering your time to help with set up and/or sales. Any contribution you can make is much appreciated, whether for an hour, a day, or the entire week. The old adage of "many hands lighten the load" is certainly true here, and is a large factor in making the decision of whether to continue this tradition of more than 50 years. At this point in time, the signup sheet in the chapel has many open areas, in set-up and sorting, customer service and sales, and cleanup. We would not only love to have your help, we really NEED your help.

- Amy Erickson



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Haiti Update

The country of Haiti faced enormous challenges in 2010: a massive earthquake, Hurricane Tomas, an outbreak of cholera, plus ongoing challenges that existed in the country before the January earthquake. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) gives thanks for the response the generous gifts from Presbyterians and others have made possible. These gifts have been instrumental in providing these examples from a very extensive list:

- **46** transitional and permanent schools built for earthquake-affected children
- **1,841** houses or semi-permanent shelters built
- **13,777** household kits distributed
- **75,822** people received health & hygiene kits



Thank you for continuing to help the people rebuild. Please continue to keep the people of Haiti in your prayers - *Caring & Benevolence Ministries*

Dear Presbyterian Neighbors,

I'm writing to encourage your church family once again to join the T-Burg United Methodist and First Baptist churches in a winter project called "K4OT" or "Knitting For Our Troops." Our knitters' needles and crocheters' hooks really flew the last two years & we've been able to send more than 30 cozy caps to soldiers serving in the mountainous regions of Afghanistan. The gifts of warmth & remembrance, of promised prayers & blessings were received with such humble gratitude, we feel compelled to expand the reach and significantly increase the number of woolen helmet liners we mail out in 2011. This year I have a new personal connection to a soldier who will ship out with her Air Force Medic unit to Afghanistan later this week and will be able to entrust her with our gifts directly.

Please email Amy Dawson (amy@emoticakes.com) for the pattern including knitting and crocheting instructions. I encourage you to include handwritten prayers, words of encouragement & support in each cap. Also, please invite anyone in the community who loves to work with wool to join our effort. I'd love to send out a box of 40 helmet liners this year!

Our timeline is as follows:

Spread the word & start needles & hooks in motion by the end of February

Gather finished caps @ TUMC by Easter Sunday (April 24, 2011). We will bless them during worship before we pack them for mailing.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks!

Meg Gaige

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Seeking: Ushers & Liturgists

Thank you to Jean Dawson for recruiting and organizing our Ushers for several years. Polly Gutelius is seeking someone to fill this leadership role. Please see Polly if you are interested.

We have usher spots and liturgist spots available for late winter and spring. Please sign up!



One Great Hour of Sharing

Over sixty years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a Saturday evening nationwide radio broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. Many national leaders and celebrities took part in the broadcast. The next morning over 75,000 congregations responded in the first "One Great Hour of Sharing." We, along with many other denominations and congregations, continue that tradition of sharing, combining our gifts large and small to help others.

Our "One Great Hour of Sharing" offerings will be received on Palm Sunday. Throughout Lent, the Caring and Benevolence committee will be placing inserts in the bulletins so that we can read just a few of the stories of lives impacted by this offering. Special offering envelopes will be provided. The children's "fish boxes" will be on many a family dinner table, a reminder that each gift of sharing makes a difference!

Each denomination contributes some of this offering to shared ministries through Church World Service. The Presbyterian Church USA divides the offering between three programs: Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. A percentage of the Hunger Program funds is designated for work on homelessness and affordable housing. We know the needs are great and our contributions together make many remarkable projects and swift disaster relief possible!

-Caring & Benevolence

Adventures in Turkey

I left the Syracuse airport at 12:50 on December 27 with two bags, a journal, and a knot of nerves the size of a basketball in my stomach. I was

on my way to Istanbul, Turkey, not knowing that I was about to embark on one of the most memorable events of my life. I learned and developed so much more during those three weeks abroad than I would have ever thought I could, and I will forever hold this experience close to my heart.

We began our trip in Istanbul, which if I do say so myself is just one of the best cities in the world. Not only is it the only city that is in two different continents, Europe and Asia, but it holds so much knowledge and wisdom from those who lived there thousands of years ago, as well as the thriving population living there today. From there we skipped down the eastern coast of Turkey, visiting some absolutely amazing cities including Iznic, Troy, Assos, Pergamon, Efesses, Miletus, Didymon, and Priene. Then we headed westward along the southern region, passing through Aphrodisias and Anatalya, and then into the heart of the country we visited Konya, Capadokia, and Ankara, finishing our well rounded trip in Istanbul. During our whole trip we didn't have one bit of rain, and the weather stayed fairly nice, 50's and 60's I'd say, although I am terrible with estimations.

By the end of the three weeks, we all felt as if Turkey had become our home. On top of that, the seven strangers that had started this trip together felt like family. During our trek we learned and saw a great deal, about the cultures and beliefs, history and growth of Turkey.

I learned about many of the customs in Turkey. We were offered tea everywhere we went and by most everyone we met. One day, my friend Sarah and I had four cups of free tea just walking down one street! I also was very lucky in being able to see a whirling Dervish. This is a part of a ritual within the Sufi religion. They believe that everything revolves, time, day and night, life, and so they perform this ritual to symbolize their beliefs. Also it is customary that after you eat dinner, you sit for another hour and drink either tea or Turkish coffee, which is unlike anything that I have ever had before. It was good though.

Although every place that we visited was wonderful, I did have some favorites. The first of these favorites is the Hagia Sophia. This was a Mosque, originally a Church, which was built 1400 years ago and today still claims the title of having the largest and highest dome. The engineering and design of the building was ingenious, and the details and decorations were spectacles all of their own. When the church was converted into a mosque, many of the tile murals and painted figures were destroyed, because a mosque is not suppose to have any depictions of figures, only geometric shapes and flowers and such.

Fortunately some of these murals and tile work were recovered and are on display.

A more natural place we visited was Pamukkale. In this region, natural springs which are high in calcium, run down the mountain side, depositing calcium along the way. This is how the gorgeous spectacle of Pamukkale came to be. As we approached this sight, I thought that we were headed towards a wall of ice covering a mountain side, when in reality I was just seeing the calcium. We walked to the top of the mountain, where we were allowed to take off our shoes and socks and go



walk in the springs! Naturally I was the first one in, and the water was warm, even HOT in some places. We were able to walk along the top tiers of the formations, following a flowing path of water which cascaded off of one tier to the next. It literally looked like a man made fountain, or pool like set up, but it was all natural.

One of the last places we visited that left a huge impact on me was Cappadocia. This region is covered in these small strange looking mountain type formations and is where early Christians settled to live in solitude. These little hill structures were chiseled into by the Christians, and were made in to natural homes. There were whole valleys of these cave like homes, dug into the natural surroundings, they looked so cool! People actually lived in some of these homes still up until the 1970's when the government deemed them unsafe and relocated the residence. Among these amazing cave dwellings we visited a monotheistic area which had many churches, and within those churches, amazing paintings. My favorite of these Churches was this church called the Dark Church. Churches were named very literally, so the Dark church was named such because it didn't receive much light. The inside was covered in paintings, depicting stories from the bible, and the different apostles and kings and important figures in Christianity. I don't know how to describe how I felt, having that connection of knowing the stories connected to each painting, the impacts that each of the people painted there had, was just remarkable. The whole experience really excited my desire to learn about early Christianity, where it came from, what it had to offer, and where it went.

So much of what I learned and experienced there has been engraved in my memory, and will be with me for the rest of my life. I truly was blessed with this opportunity, and am already looking to the future for my next adventure and learning experience. For my next memory of a lifetime.

- Ariel Regnier

Trumansburg Area Churches (TAC) News

Habitat for Humanity Community Opportunity

On Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. the Trumansburg Area Churches will meet at First Baptist Church on Seneca Road for our regularly scheduled March meeting featuring news from Habitat for Humanity. During the meeting, we will welcome Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties' Executive Director Shannon MacCarrick who will tell us about hopes and plans for Habitat for Humanity to be involved in the Trumansburg community. We invite everyone to come and hear about ideas for partnerships and to ask questions about how we can become involved.

TAC Community Lent/Easter Plans

Ash Wednesday services will be held this year at a variety of places of worship at different times so that you can attend whichever service best suits your schedule.

- St. James Catholic Masses at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 7 p.m.
- First Presbyterian at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel
- United Methodist at 7 p.m.
- Church of the Epiphany at 7 p.m.

Our **TAC Palm Sunday Walk** was so popular last year that we will do it again this year beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 17. The walk will begin at Epiphany and members of the various churches will join in the walk around the block. This year's **Easter Sunrise Service** will be led by First Baptist Church at the North Point of Taughannock Park. More details will be announced in April.

Highlights from Session

Have you wondered what goes on at Session meetings? Session meets at least once a month usually on the second Wednesday. However due to snow and closings on January 12 we did not meet for our regular meeting and needed to have several special meetings to catch up with our business. We met again on February 9. Highlights include:

- We welcomed the Haefners, John and Amy into our congregation. But also said good bye to Lori Greene and Robert Dean who are transferring to churches in their respective locals since they moved.
- We regretfully accepted the resignation of Bill DeCloux and Eric deJager from the current Session due to work responsibilities and moving out of the area. We then worked through the Nominating Committee to replace these folks as well as Bill Kolberg. We held a special Congregational Meeting on January 30 to vote in Barb Melvin and Marvin Pritts for 1 ½ yr. terms and also Kate Merriman for 2 ½ year term.
- We again could report that some of the congregants are sending in their \$45 for the Presbytery per capita fee. If you are a member and feel you can send in this amount please do so? Just mark your check in the memo "per capita" and put it in the plate or mail it in. Thanks ahead of time!
- Congregational Life has placed several activities on the calendar that hopefully will interest different groups in our congregation. Activities and their dates are: Comfort Food Dish-to-Share and Game Night--2/15 at 6pm; Mardi Gras Themed Pancake Supper--3/8 at 6pm; First Picnic of the Season--4/10 following worship (2nd Sunday Birthdays, as well); Clean-up Day at FPCU, including breakfast--5/14 details to follow.
- Christian Ed reported that Katherine and Darrick Evensen took a group of 5 youth up to Camp Fowler in the Adirondacks for a winter retreat. They left on Friday January 28th and returned home on Sunday January 30th. They funded the trip with their fundraising efforts; pie sale, cookie dough/hot chocolate sale, and gingerbread winnings and the Christian Education budget.
- Buildings and Grounds has made new arrangements for painting the church which should have been completed last year but the contractor did not follow through.
- We are looking for someone to take over the Usher's responsibility. This person will ask people to sign up to be ushers and instruct them on the procedure to follow. See Polly Gutelius if you are interested.
- The annual reports have been sent to Presbyterian Church USA and the Geneva Presbytery. We also made our pledge to the missions in this local presbytery and the world wide church.
- We are looking for someone to take over the job of finding Ushers. If you are interested in learning more about this role, contact Jean Dawson or Polly Gutelius.
- We will be doing Elder Examinations on March 6 at a special meeting. Following this Barbara Melvin, Kate Merriman and Marvin Pritts will be ordained/installed during worship that day.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: Passing On The Gift

The following is an excerpt from the Winter 2011 World Ark Magazine: *"Passing on the gift"*

HOW IT WORKS: After their projects are established, families that received resources from Heifer-such as livestock, seeds or training-eventually pass on similar gifts to other families in need. This allows them to help others as they have been helped and share the resources that they now have in abundance.

IN ACTION: In what specific ways has someone helped you or your family in the last month? Perhaps someone pitched in with childcare during an emergency, brought over a meal or simply listened to a problem you were struggling with. Using the spirit of that gift, how can you pass it along to someone else in need? Whether reaching out to old friends or to a stranger, the idea is to help someone in the way you've been helped, a way that might not have occurred to you before.



Mardi Gras Celebration



at FPCU



We all have heard about all the partying, parades and celebrating that happen in New Orleans leading to Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. This year, on Mardi Gras, FPCU will have its own family friendly celebration.

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday" (also called Shrove Tuesday) and refers to people eating rich foods the night before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Lent is historically a time of penitence during which people often give up things they enjoy. In order to use up food which they may choose not to be eating and to celebrate before the solemn time of Lent, they have a party which includes pancakes, sausage and other favorite items the night before Ash Wednesday. A

King Cake is a highlight of the party and as guests eat the cake they look for the baby, which represents baby Jesus that is hidden in the cake.

During Mardi Gras there is plenty of purple, green and gold in decorations and costumes. We invite all of you to dress for the occasion -- in costumes of purple, green and gold and to hide your identity under a mask. To enhance the Mardi Gras "atmosphere," there will be beads for all and some masks. Jazz music, that is so much a part of New Orleans, will be playing for your listening pleasure. Maybe someone will even lead a line dance to "When the Saints Come Marching In"!!

Plan to join us for FPCU's own version of Mardi Gras. Dig out something purple, green or gold to wear (*while rummaging for the rummage sale?!),* put on your party hat and march on in to the chapel on **Fat Tuesday (March 8) at 6 p.m.** for the festivities. We will be eating pancakes, applesauce, sausage, potatoes and of course, King Cake. There will be a sign up sheet in the chapel so we can know how much pancake batter to make and sausage to cook.

Blessings - Pastor Cheryl

MINISTRY TEAMS

These people chair each of our eight ministry teams.

Interested in helping out? Get in touch, or read more about the ministry teams on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Caring and Benevolence

Linda Andrew

Congregational Life

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Polly Gutelius

Christian Discipleship

Amy Dawson

Membership & Stewardship

John Kirkman

Buildings and Properties

Jerry Van Orden

Personnel

Dave Schneider

Finance

Barb Melvin

WINTER ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ROOTS AND WINGS

This January and February we have explored some historical and current aspects of Christian worship. We began with two sessions with Warren Hickman. (*Thank you, Warren! Your book has helped us address some of the questions regarding the relevance of our religious practices in such a thoughtful way.*) We are challenged to ask if we are called to ask if we here to worship Jesus (the messenger) or are we here to do the work we are called by the messenger to do? Also, are current Christian practices relevant to younger people?

At the end of January Marvin Pritts led us in considering the implications of the demographics of church involvement, using *Why Men hate Going to Church* as a starter. Have we feminized Jesus? Do we gather in worship to sing love songs to Jesus? Are the messages we receive in church about what Jesus calls us to do or are they mommy-type messages (*be meek and mild and nice*)? Do men think the church talks issues to death rather than get on with the tasks? Can we do more if we take on some more masculine aspects like competition, being more experientially based, with less talk? Is there a concern that dealing directly with issues is hard because of fear of hurt feelings? Strengths of our church were highlighted too: active participation of all ages in all aspects of worship and Christian education, dedicated and talented building maintenance,

support of the whole community (*all ages, male and female*) for events like the rummage sale and Vacation Bible School, the tent crew.

In a summary session on February 6th about 20 of us discussed how the church and religious practices have meaning for us today. Some comments included: the intergenerational aspect that is rare outside church in our current culture, and the need to address spiritual and religious issues in community because we really can't do it alone. Also, the church is a place to act on our beliefs and a place to focus on ways to carry out our Christian mission. Ultimately, the church becomes an extended family where we, as social beings, can grow along side others who share in a similar set of beliefs and follow the same code of right and wrong.

As we move into our Lenten time of reflection, may we feel the joy of possibility, learning more about one another's gifts that can be brought to the table to share with one another and the world. Let us talk a little less, open ourselves to God's plans for us and our roles as dancers, singers and builders of the future!

-Kate Merriman



Communion & Home Visits

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is available to those who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to attend worship at FPCU. Anyone who would like to request Communion and/or a visit by the pastor (for yourself, or for a family member who is not able to make the request for her/himself) may do so by contacting **Pastor Cheryl at 387-8185 or fpcu@zoom-dsl.com**.



"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

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Tent Crew Scholarship

This award is given annually to a college-bound high school senior who has been involved in school, church, and community activities. The applicant(s) will have displayed excellent citizenship and actions that exhibit sensitivity to the needs of those around them.

This scholarship honors the memory of George Dyke, Gordon Brown and Reverend Tom Lange.

Applications are available at the Church Office, TCS Guidance Office, or on our website at <http://fpcu.info/our-family/memorial-scholarship/>. Visit the website to learn more about the scholarship, or to print out your application form. Please remember to return your application by April 15th. - *Jerry VanOrden*

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Every community, at any given time has citizens who are having a hard time just getting by. The reasons may

be different but the results may be the same. There is some interest within our church to help people in our community that may need help with minor home maintenance and repairs they may not be able to do or can't afford to pay to have done.

Do you think you'd like to participate in this kind of "mission-type work" to help your neighbors? Contact Ron Mac Lean or Pastor Cheryl.

-*Caring & Benevolence Ministries*

Thank You

Kate Merriman wishes to thank everyone at FPCU for their continued support as she moves through her second year at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, including her supervised ministry with Spiritual Care at the hospital. She is beginning the inquiry process with the Presbytery and requests prayers in support of her discernment process!

Offering Updates

An update about our annual offerings. The Christmas Joy offering \$260; Heifer International \$680; Food Pantry \$225 and Church World Service \$195.

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