

The Cranbury Presbyterian

"We praise God that we are called to serve Christ in love. We invite others to join us in this calling."

(From our Mission Statement)

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SUMMER 2009

From the Pastor...

This is an historic anniversary year for our church—our 275th since being formed as a congregation in 1734. An Anniversary Task Force has been formed. It has met a few times and has some great ideas. The task force includes: Joanne Hughes, Ginny Swanagan, Audrey Smith, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Carlene Reyes, Pastor Rosanna, and myself. Here are some things that are in the works:

- A. Minutes for History: there has been one already on CPNS and there are 2 more scheduled; one on July 5th related to the preservation of our church's historical documents and records, and another on August 9th related to a special fall Sunday school class. There will be more throughout the year.
- B. In David Brainerd's last letter was to his brother John in Cranbury, he encouraged his brother to "read Mr. Edwards..." by which he meant to read Jonathan Edwards. So, we will follow David Brainerd's advice. There will be a 5-week fall adult Sunday school class on Jonathan Edwards. The book we will use is *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* published by Yale University Press. Participants will be responsible for securing their own copy of the book. I suggest using amazon.com. Those who want to do some summer reading in preparation for the class may want to get *Jonathan Edwards for Armchair Theologians*. This is a good introduction to Edwards' life and work. It is published by Westminster John Knox press.
- C. There will be specially designed bulletin covers beginning in September.
- D. Our climactic anniversary worship service will be on Reformation Sunday, October 25th including: sale of historic nails from our old church chancel floor to fund a catered luncheon that day; Don Klotzbeacher will write special music for that occasion.
- E. The Cranbury house tour is on October 17th. Our historic church will be open during the tour and Don Klotzbeacher will give a harpsichord concert when tour ends at 4: 30 p.m.
- F. A possible CD of highlights from church musical ensembles may be produced and sold.
- G. There are also a number of 10 year anniversaries this year: Janice Parker as Director of CPNS; Sharon Ramkishun as office staff, now Office Manager; Len Swec leading the Men's Fellowship; and my being your pastor.
- H. Some events have already happened: Sunday school class on John Calvin recognizing the 500th anniversary of his birth; our Presbytery's 150th anniversary service; work on the preservation of church's historic documents, and the Minute for History on CPNS.
- I. We plan to have a special worship service in the mode prescribed by John Calvin, perhaps including communion, sometime during the summer.
- J. All this and more...

As you can see there are a lot of good things planned and already happening to help us celebrate this important anniversary year.

Summer is a great time to do some focused reading. Besides taking David Brainerd's advice and reading Jonathan Edwards, you may also want to read the book I have referenced in a number of sermons since Easter. The book is by N.T. Wright; it is titled *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*. Another, perhaps less challenging but nonetheless, good book by N.T. Wright is his *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*. Both books are published by Harper One. Wright has a great deal of admiration for the well-known writer C.S. Lewis. I will be preaching a summer series

of sermons utilizing a number of Lewis' writings. If you have never read C.S. Lewis or have only read the Narnia series, you would find him to be a rewarding author on which to focus some or all of your summer reading.

Finally, this year, more than ever before, it is important that you keep your pledges current and your giving generous all throughout the summer. Also, don't forget the responsibility of paying your per capita payment of \$35 for each member.

Have a blessed summer! Lou

From Pastor Rosanna...

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

In this year of historic anniversaries in the wider church (commemorating Reformer John Calvin's 500th birthday) and in our congregation's history, I wish the very best to all the couples who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this summer! Marriage is truly a gift from God, with opportunities every day for showing love and acceptance, respect and understanding to the person we have publicly pledged to spend our life with. Because marriage is such a close relationship, and most of us can get very busy in other areas of our life, there's a danger that we might take our spouse for granted or get caught up in other concerns that cause us to drift apart. We all know that it's important to make time to give our loved one the attention necessary to nurture him or her, to show how much we value our spouse as a person.

As you may have some time for summer reading (or movie-watching) I'd like to mention some excellent relationship or marriage-themed resources that you might enjoy. Two friends recently shared with me these inspiring books that they said helped bring renewal in their marriages. I just finished reading the best-selling book *For Women Only: What You Need to Know About the Inner Lives of Men* by Shaunti Feldhahn. I highly recommend it. I am now beginning the follow-up book that she wrote with her husband Jeff Feldhahn, *For Men Only: A Straightforward Guide to the Inner Lives of Women*. It starts off with a handy "quick-start guide" that hits the highlights. The other book I want to lift up for your attention is *I Promise: How Five Commitments Determine the Destiny of Your Marriage* by renowned Christian marriage expert Gary Smalley. He uses a different approach in this book and it is clear that his insights can transform the qualities of security, intimacy and joy in marriage. Finally, if you haven't yet seen the movie *Fireproof* with Kirk Cameron, you should. He plays a fireman who is facing trouble with his wife, but accepts a creative challenge that with perseverance actually saves more than his marriage. May God bless each couple with his tremendous love!

In closing, consider these two Bible passages that give us positive images and wise counsel.

Psalm 19:4b-6 "In the heavens [God] has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat."

James 1: 2-8 "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously

and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord."

Grace and peace, Rosanna

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Class during Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.) We're taking a break for the summer. We can't wait for Dr. Mitchell's new 5 week series in the fall, "Brainerd's Prescription for Cranbury: Read Mr. Edwards." It will be held from the First Day of Sunday School on September 20 through October 18.

Adult Education at Other Times

Cranbury Men's Bible Study 7:30pm @ The Inn

We concluded our study of "The Scots Confession" and are on hiatus for the summer. We look forward to resuming in September with something new from the *Book of Confessions*, Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). BIG thanks go to Mike Kasper and Clifford Anderson

Martha's Circle Women's Bible Study: First Monday of the Month at 1:30 pm in the Library

BIG thanks go to Rose Eller for her faithful, insightful leadership of our group! In September we'll begin a new study.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Calling all potential and returning Workshop Rotation Teachers! Your help is greatly needed. Now is the time when Pastor Rosanna is finalizing the roster for the coming Sunday school year, and about 20 date slots remain to be filled in the areas of Drama, Storytelling/Games, and Movie/Bible Bites. Please pray about this and consider when you can help, even adding more dates if possible. Your assistance in teaching our 1 & 2 Grade and 3 & 4 Grade classes on selected Sundays will certainly be deeply appreciated.

Teacher Appreciation Day was on Sunday, June 7. THANK YOU to ALL our Christian Education & Youth Ministry Leaders! Just in case you didn't have a chance to pick up your Bible-verse cross thank you gift, they are in baskets in the Narthex. We truly appreciate your commitment to sharing your faith, time and talents with our congregation.

Sunday School Teachers, Shepherds, Substitute Teachers, Celebration Sunday Leaders and Other Leaders: Rosanna Anderson, Stacey Applegate, Daune Arsnow, Andrea Baverov, Debra Bond, Rosellyn Cassidy, Jessie Cier, Val Cier, Amy Dixon, Jim Dixon, Dina Ellsworth, Bev Gerberich, Anne Gordon, Bob Gregory, Doreen Grand-Jean, Claudette Guy, Karen Henderson, Mackenzie Henderson, Rebecca Huselid, Linda Ill, Frances Janovitz, Mike Kasper, Mary Lou Kerr, Lori Kleppe, Jennifer Kong, Susan Mavoides, Maggie Miller, Peter Miller, Bob Mills, Janice Parker, Carlene Reyes, Nancy Rhodes, Barbara Santoro, Stephanie Steenvoorden, Sandy Sorrentino, Betty Toto, Blaze Toto,

Leslie Vandenberg, Cathy Vogen, Vicki Waciega, Margo Wegner, Linda Wegryn, Renee Welch, and Janet Wheeler

Confirmation Program Leaders: Rosanna Anderson, Evan & Patti Janovitz, and Jill Rumpf

Adult Education Teachers & Bible Study Leaders: Clifford Anderson, Rosanna Anderson, Nic Baverov, Stan Dickerson, Charlie Ernst, Rose Eller, Bob Gregory, KY Huang, Lou Mitchell, Matt Rhodes

Christian Education Committee: Rosanna Anderson, Vicki Bain, Nic Baverov, Rosellyn Cassidy, Amy Dixon, Abby Gordon, Ken Gordon, KY Huang, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Peter Miller, Chair: Pam Mills, Leah Moy, and Janice Parker

Curriculum Subcommittee: Rosanna Anderson, Vicki Bain, Pat Cavender, Rosellyn Cassidy, Mary Lou Kerr, Leah Moy, Pam Mills and Barbara Santoro

Library Subcommittee: Jenni Collins, Judy Duke, Barbara Hannon, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Leah Moy, Ann Olsson, Betty Toto, Carole Vandercher, and Kirstie Venanzi

Resource Room Coordinator: Pam Mills

Retreat Subcommittee: Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Barbara Santoro, and Cathy Vogen

Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School Staff: Bobbie Bartolone, Rosellyn Cassidy, Laurie Davis, Kathy Edwards, Sara Grande, Julie Hardaker, Kathy Iorio, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Sheila Morrissey, Kelly O'Keefe, Director: Janice Parker, Debbie Petro, Denise Reilley, Eileen Sahli, Patty Skapyak, and Kathy Wiseman

Youth Ministry Committee: Rosanna Anderson, Vicki Bain, Chair: Bob Gregory, Jill Rumpf, and Tom Senko

HUGE thanks go to Rosellyn Cassidy, who has completed three years of excellent service as our Sunday School Superintendent this June. She gamely signed up for a year and put her creativity, friendliness and administrative skills to work- then enjoyed it so much that she stayed on for two more years!

NEW SUPERINTENDENT: Please join Christian Education Committee Chair Pam Mills and Pastor Rosanna in prayerfully considering whether God may be calling you to be our next Superintendent. If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact us through the church office or the church directory. We, along with the rest of the Christian Education Committee, are looking forward to working with the new person or persons in this meaningful role.

CHILDCARE? Parents, would you use the Nursery during Sunday School hour if it were available again in the coming year? This resource has been available but was not used during the past year. The expenses required to maintain this option are worthwhile if utilized. Your feedback is needed to determine if such a need currently exists. Please contact the church office if your family would avail themselves of this opportunity in the coming year.

CPNS NEWS



This year has gone by so quickly, it feels like our school year has just started and already we are saying goodbye as the children embark on the next step of their journey. They have grown

guided by Christian love, acceptance and friendship. Watching them grow over this past year has been a rewarding experience for

everyone. We will miss each and every one of them and hope they return to visit us often. Our memories will continue forever.

Our family fun day this year was our Birthday Celebration for our Panda Mascot. This very special Panda Birthday Party marked the 25th Anniversary of CPNS. Not only did we celebrate during our family fun day, we also had a special celebration during church and coffee hour in May. Alumni, friends, and students were invited to celebrate this occasion with the entire congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. We were so happy to see many of you helping us celebrate. Thank you all for sharing in the first 25 years of CPNS.

This summer we will be offering our very first Summer at CPNS program in July for two weeks, July 6 – July 10 and / or July 13 – July 17 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon every day. It will be based on our developmentally appropriate CPNS curriculum and taught by our own CPNS teachers. Each day will be a new adventure filled with music, literacy, art, science and math. Please stop by and visit.

Beginning in September, we will be offering several enrichment programs. They include Art & Literacy, Math & Science, Music and Movement and a new one “Power of Play”. All enrichment programs are also open to any children that attend part-time kindergarten programs. They could spend part of their day with CPNS. There are limited openings in all of our enrichment programs, so please call or e-mail with questions or to register before school starts in September or as early as you know when your child will be attending kindergarten.

Our goal here at CPNS is to develop happy, adjusted, secure individuals in a climate of freedom, but with discipline, affection and positive reinforcement in a Christian environment. We have also introduced this past year a new curriculum resource that will provide our students with everything they need and more for success in Kindergarten as well the success needed to be lifelong learners.

If you are interested or if you know of anyone who may be interested in our preschool we have just a few openings for the school year 2009-2010 beginning in September. Please call Janice at 655-8663 or send us an e-mail at CPNSchool@comcast.net for additional information.

Everyone at CPNS would like to thank the parents for sharing their most precious possessions with us. We hope you have a wonderful summer and may God continue to bless you and your families.

HAPPY SUMMER! Your Friends at CPNS

MINUTE FROM HISTORY - CPNS

A Letter from Darlene Chermak, former CPNS Director

Dear Friends of CPNS,

I was surprised to read that CPNS is celebrating its 25th year this Sunday. Can it possibly be 25 years? As I read the article in the

church newsletter I reflected on CPNS, its beginning and where it is today.

- I recall Judy Duke calling me at home one evening, asking me questions about nursery schools because "Our church is thinking about opening one."
- I recall being asked to serve on the Board of Directors.
- I recall our Board being faced with the blessings of a growing school.
- I recall our part time Director leaving and the Board meeting when I was asked to step in as Director on "an interim basis," and I recall quickly saying "I'd be happy to."
- I recall working with Reverend Carol Lytch to develop a logo for CPNS and the excitement we shared when we finally decided on the panda bear with the words "rising to meet your child's needs." (I don't want to "date myself" but I recall typing the C, P, N, and S into the balloons on my electric typewriter at work - and the CPNS logo was "born.")
- I recall how God helped me realize that I was being called to serve in the Director's role for a few more years than the word "interim" had implied.
- And, I recall how wonderful it felt this past Christmas when I got to visit and "walk the halls" of CPNS again, to say "hello" to familiar staff members, and to see that the school still flourishes under Janice Parker's direction.

I feel truly blessed to have been part of God's plan for CPNS, and I am extremely appreciative I had the opportunity to serve him through my work there.

I give thanks for the teachers who worked at CPNS, and I am thankful for the parents who chose to send their children to the program. I am thankful for the various Board members and the staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury for their guidance. But more importantly, I am thankful for the children (two of which were my very own) who attended CPNS during the years I served as Director.

When I left CPNS I was given a beautifully framed watercolor picture of the church with words written on it about my service at CPNS. It hangs next to my desk in my current office and is a constant reminder of CPNS and all of those who touched my life while I was Director there.

Please accept my congratulations on your first 25 years... you are in my thoughts and prayers!!!

Blessings, Darlene Chermak

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS NEWS

GOING TO TASK...Mission and Service in Action

For over 15 years, volunteers from our congregation have served a meal once a month at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Youth, ages 13 and older, are welcome to come on Thursday, July 2 and August 6. Please note that the church office will close at 2:30 on these two days. The church van departs the parking lot at 2:30 p.m. and returns by 5:45 p.m.

Close-toed shoes are required. If you would like to join us, please call Anne Gordon at 395-0897.

GUATEMALA MISSION

Our mission trip to Guatemala is quickly approaching. We will be going July 17 through July 24. We are collecting shoes (slightly used or new) and socks (new), dental supplies and medicines.

Medicines: Prenatal vitamins, children's vitamins, Acetaminophen and ibuprophen

Needed Dental care supplies: Soft toothbrushes, Toothpaste (screw top only), Dental floss

Shoes: New or slightly used, no open toes

Combs and Brushes: New only

Please put donated supplies in any of the various buckets labeled Guatemala or place on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

If you feel you cannot donate time, or supplies, but would like to donate funds to allow us to purchase the supplies we need, checks can be made out to the Cranbury Presbyterian Church, note "Guatemala mission trips." Again, this could be tax deductible.

Thank you for your much needed support for this mission!

MISSION MATTERS

Once again, giving thanks was first on the agenda of the Mission, Service, and Grants Committee meeting. We were pleased to receive notes of appreciation from TASK for the \$2,000 recently sent to them and from the Executive Director of the Medical Benevolence Foundation for the \$300 sent to the Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo.

And from our standpoint, we greatly appreciate the \$566 sent by United Stationers --you may recall we reported that company sponsored a hot dog meal--to Skeet's Pantry. Two members of the church sent \$200 for the Good Shepherd Hospital and I must mention that Dr. Michael Young, a local vet and non-church member, has for years sent a generous check each month for Skeet's Pantry. All of these thoughtful donors have been appropriately thanked, for we are indeed grateful for the extra giving that helps keep our mission efforts solvent.

Our Christmas Joy Offering goes in part to the Board of Pensions enabling them to offer grants to those Presbyterian ministers, other church workers, and their families who, for a variety of reasons, are struggling to make ends meet. This past year the Offering helped underwrite more than 800 grants, which totaled over \$4.5 million! We can take happy satisfaction knowing we helped contribute to these merciful acts.

The following grants were recommended to Session: \$1,000 for the "Face to Face - Faith to Faith" program, now entering its eighth year, which is an international multi-faith youth leadership program. Its purpose is to educate the next generation of young leaders from all faiths with an understanding of how their own religious traditions and those of others can be used to build a more peaceful world. Currently sixty young men and women, from 16 to 18, who show potential as leaders are selected each year.

\$1,000 Bread for the World which we have supported in the past, joining our national church in this support. \$1,000 Johnsonburg

Camp and Conference Center for scholarships. \$2,000 Better Beginnings in Hightstown, a day care school for less chance children. This grant will be used to provide Learning Centers for four classes @ \$250 each and another \$250 per class for software, etc. \$850 Spring of Hope Mission to be used to sponsor Jill Rumpf and pay her ground fees as she travels to Guatemala with the group.

Anne Gordon reported that the monthly trips to Trenton Area Soup Kitchen will continue, and in July and August, those assisting may be augmented by the youth. She is happy to have been able to contribute food to the First Baptist Church in Hightstown.

Gretchen Stults announced that the congregation had written 128 letters in response to the Bread for the World Offering of Letters program.

Weather has made scheduling for the Senior Fellowship a problem, Connie Bauder stated. But events that have been held have been well attended.

Eighteen persons will travel to Guatemala and will be commissioned June 22. We shall hear from them in October. Donations of several kinds are being solicited for the 19 travelers to take to Guatemala. We will have a chance to hear about the trip itself sometime in October. And you can start anticipating now another gala evening at the Guatemala dinner on January 29 and January 30, 2009.

Doris Wiegartner, Anne and Sarah Gordon attended a seminar on Africa at the Allentown Church May 30. Doris gave an interesting report on the seminar, having found it a most worthwhile way to spend a Saturday. She said the hope is to have 215 PC(USA) missionaries worldwide, not just in Africa.

George Conley roused considerable excitement with his report from the Outreach Committee, a subcommittee of which is proposing that the church sponsor a social evening Coffee House on the second Friday of every month from 7-9:30, beginning in September. Coffee, tea, goodies, and entertainment will be offered. Profits will be divided between the Deacons' Fund and Skeet's Pantry, with each receiving one-half. We'll be eager to hear more!

Gretchen Stults

Excerpts from a letter from our missionaries,

Dr. Mike and Nurse Nancy Haninger, in the Congo:

In February, we started training workshops for young Congolese physicians in ultrasound. One workshop was held in the capital city of Kinshasa and another in a large city in southeast Congo, Lubumbashi. Both are cities with access to the outside world. Kinshasa is served by an ocean port and Lubumbashi is only about 60 miles from the border with Zambia and is served by rail from South Africa and by truck traffic from Zambia.

The difference between these cities and where we live near the city of Kananga is dramatic. Now that the train has ceased to function, Kananga is served only by air. The world's current economic crisis hits the poorest countries the hardest. International assistance has dried up. Great plans to improve the transportation network are on hold, and even what was operating poorly, the train, no longer

operates in this province. The economic isolation will soon impact our area even harder, as the only source of electricity for the city of Kananga (1 million people) is a large diesel generator, and the only practical way to get fuel to the city is by train. The city will soon go dark, including the large outpatient clinic that Good Shepherd Hospital (where our friend Bernard Kabibu is administrator) operates in Kananga.

Some work will go on but since so many things depend upon electricity, including communications (cell towers are run by diesel generators at each tower), the result will be that more children will die. Without refrigeration, vaccines will go bad and there will be no way to distribute those that don't require refrigeration. The price of medicines will go up, as the only way in and out will be by air—and even that will be problematic because, without fuel, how do you get to and from the airport? These are the tragic results of the greed of a few. [To clarify this comment—although the Congo has many natural resources such as diamonds, oil, natural gas, the political leaders divert the proceeds to themselves with extravagant lifestyles and properties and homes in other countries.]

In April, we helped facilitate a community-wide health and development seminar sponsored by the PC(USA) and the Congo Presbyterian Church with help from ASADECO, a Christian based development NGO based in Kinshasa. Thirty two local church, school, and community leaders were trained to become "community health evangelists" and community trainers. ASADECO's approach is based on biblical lessons interwoven with basic community development theory. New trainers are taught strategies that assist communities to identify their most pressing problems and prayerfully provide local community solutions to those problems, thus reducing chronic dependency on outside aid. The workshop participants are already implementing these development strategies in six Kananga communities, looking for local solutions to serious problems, including poverty, malnutrition, crime, erosion, and the increasing presence of orphan street-children gangs.

Our ministry goes on: education, evangelism, development, and health.

**CRAFTS for the CONGO MISSION FAIR
OCTOBER 4, 2009**

Your Handcrafted Donations Are Needed

Our Biennial Mission Fair is adding a new twist this year - A "Caring Crafts" sale to benefit the medical mission of the Haningers and the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai/ Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo. The Mission, Service & Grants Committee is asking you to help by contributing craft items to be sold at the Fair on Sunday, October 4th in Fellowship Hall.

Art work, knitted and embroidered goods, hand-crafted jewelry, woodwork, toys - whatever you enjoy crafting and sharing for a good cause will be welcome. Contributions will be needed by Sunday, September 26th so that we can organize all donations and get them ready for the Fair. Baked goods for sale at the Fair are also welcome.

In addition to fund-raising for the medical mission in the Congo, our Mission Fair will feature displays and representatives from some of the most important mission causes supported by our church including:

- TASK - the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen
- Better Beginnings children's program in Hightstown
- Centurion Ministries of Princeton - working to free the innocent in prison
- Camp Johnsonburg - our Presbyterian camp & conference center for all ages
- Trinity Counseling Service of Princeton - counseling with a Christian perspective
- Spring of Hope Mission in Guatemala & our church "Guatemala Team"
- Our Youth Mission projects and the summer mission experience
- Our Senior Fellowship program of activities
- Our Food Program - including Skeet's Pantry, CROP walk, & our "TASK team"

As a special part of this "Mission Sunday," Rev. Peter Stimpson, Executive Director of Trinity Counseling Service, will also provide the sermon during our worship service, after which he will be on hand in Fellowship Hall to answer questions about the work of this unique and vital service for our community.

Please make OCTOBER 4th a "MUST" on your church calendar. Join us for an exploration of "Mission" from many perspectives that day - and if crafts or baking are among your talents, please consider donating something to the Craft/ Bake Sale at the Fair so that we can continue to support medical care for people so desperately in need of it in the Congo.

If you have any questions about the Fair or donations to the Craft/Bake sale, contact Carol Kientz at cjkientz@verizon.net or 609/426-0690 for more information.

OUTREACH NEWS

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSE

Through the initiative of some very adventuresome church members (chaired by our very own George Conley) and in an effort to unite the church and town communities, we are excited to announce the creation of The Cranbury Coffee House. Session unanimously approved this wonderful outreach effort which will benefit Skeet's Pantry & the Deacons' Benevolent Fund.

The coffee house is a venue to showcase local musical talent with musical genres such as Jazz, Folk, Acoustic Rock, String Quartet, Barbershop Quartet, Open Mike, Oldies & Brass Band. Opening night is Friday, September 11, 2009. This once a month event will be held on the second Friday of each month through June 10, 2010.

We really look forward to a fun community meeting place & shared fellowship. Come help in the planning process! Join us in launching this fabulous project with your creative ideas to make this a "must attend" monthly event! Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the church library.

For more information please contact George Conley cell: 609-577-7201, e-mail: geolive60@aol.com

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP NEWS

There will be no Senior Fellowship trips or programs in July or August. Watch for the September Newsletter and bulletins for the announcement of our September trip. Have a great summer!

Senior Fellowship exercise class has grown and grown! We are currently keeping a waiting list. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please call Connie Bauder at 395-1215.

Program Schedule

Senior Fellowship is open for all seniors in the church or community. We have a wonderful group and would like to have you join us. We provide rides for those who need them. The Senior Fellowship coordinator is Connie Bauder. If you have any questions, please contact her at 395-1215.

Members Needed!

Senior Fellowship needs a few additional members on the programs and trips planning committee. We meet during the day (10:00 a.m.) about 6 times a year to select destinations for trips or speakers for programs. After a schedule for the year is worked out, we then plan the details. Members of the committee help to execute the programs by setting tables, distributing beverages and assisting individuals as necessary or acting as chaperones on trips. You do not need to help with all the trips, just commit to what you can fit in your schedule. Senior Fellowship is a great mission of the First Presbyterian Church which is run totally by volunteers. For this program to continue, we need enough volunteers to run our programs. We could use a few people who are not senior citizens. If you would like to volunteer, please call Connie Bauder the coordinator of Senior Fellowship or the church office.

Please Help!

Here is a service opportunity for you. You do not need to be a senior. Senior Fellowship needs a few people to help us with transportation when we go on day trips. The church van only holds 14 people and we usually have about 18-24 people who wish to go on any given trip. We need volunteers who will take 3 or 4 church members in their car to and from our destination. We will reimburse any costs that you incur. Our trips are only on weekdays, usually Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We usually leave at 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. In order for this mission of the church to continue, we need the support of members of the congregation. If you can help us out with this need, please contact Connie Bauder or the church office.

A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to send my sincere thanks to the members of the Senior Fellowship exercise class for their memorial gift of \$111 to Senior Fellowship in memory of my mom, Margaret Huber. Mom attended some of our Senior Fellowship programs and she enjoyed them very much. This gift would have pleased her very much. Also I would like to express my thanks to all the members of the congregation who attended the funeral, sent me cards or expressed their concern personally to me. Many thanks again to all of you for your support at this difficult time.

	One Year Ago	YTD to 5/31/2009	2009 Budget (YTD)	Actual-Budget	2009 Budget (12 Months)
Pledges	\$166,761	\$174,709	\$173,836	\$873	\$385,000
Plate	\$7,982	\$6,023	\$10,582	(\$4,559)	\$25,000
Prior Yr. Pledge in Cur. Yr	\$4,212	\$5,480	\$3,000	\$2,480	\$3,000
Other	\$585	\$556	\$412	\$144	\$1,000
Per Capita Donations	\$0	\$6,115	\$5,795	\$320	\$6,895
From Rainy Day Fund	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,000
Total					
Operating Income	\$183,539	\$192,883	\$193,625	(\$742)	\$463,895
Total					
Operating Expenses	\$189,794	\$178,039	\$186,492	(\$8,453)	\$463,895

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE NEWS

**Minding our Numbers
Budget Update**

Year-to-Date to May 31, 2009

Income has kept pace with our budget expectations through the end of May, with total income only (\$742) below projections. Plate receipts continue to lag budget expectations and absent any surprises, will likely end the year far below budget. Operating expenses so far this year are below budget projections by about (\$8,500).

Thank you to all who have responded to our special offering request to fund the Per Capita Assessment. If you have not done so, please consider making a contribution toward this important operating expense of the Presbyterian Church.

Company matching gifts are a welcome and critical addition to our budget. In previous years we have been fortunate to receive matching gifts for contributions made by church members. For some reason, however, we have not received any of these gifts so far this year, and a result, our plate receipts have fallen behind budget expectations. Offerings received by our church are used to support the mission and ministries of the church, including community-based organizations that may be eligible for matching gifts from some companies. Consider using your employer's matching gift program for some or all of your offering. Contact Ken Gordon if you have any questions.

Have a great summer! Don't forget us though. As we enter the summer doldrums, please remember to keep current with your pledge.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

BIG thanks to all those who contributed to the fun, festivities and fundraising over the past few weeks. All the youth musicians did a beautiful job at the special coffee hour on Confirmation Sunday, and it was great to celebrate that day together with the students who publicly confirmed their faith in Christ. Our whole congregation appreciated

your sharing in worship on Children & Youth Sunday. It was inspiring when Linda Cody read aloud Helene's essay about how it feels good to do the right thing and help others. We were all moved by seeing Helene's portrait and hearing her message from 2007 on forgiveness and not holding grudges in "Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs." As she said, let's remember all the good things in our relationships. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Strawberry Festival, too.

Sign up to go to TASK! We have two opportunities to assist there again this summer: Thursdays, July 2 and August 6. This service project is open to all students aged 13 years + older. We will meet in the church parking lot at 2:30 pm and return by 5:30 pm. Please wear closed toed-shoes, t-shirt/polo shirt and jeans. Contact Anne Gordon at agordoncpc@comcast.net or 395-0897 if you can go.

It's not too late to sign up to assist with VBS "Son Rock Kids' Camp" on August 3-7 (Monday - Friday from 9-11:30 am). This is a fun and meaningful service project that helps younger children build their life on the rock, Jesus. If you would like to help, get in touch ASAP with any of the Directors: Susan Mavoides (655-1126), Claudette Guy (409-8553), or Leslie Vandenberg (936-0678).

We're gearing up for the Youth Mission Trip from July 26-29! This past Sunday, your team effort for the annual car wash and the impromptu bake sale (thanks, Jenna and Abby!) worked out great. Bob Gregory tallied the total amount of donations: \$50 for the bake sale, \$200 for cars we actually washed, and an anonymous donor gave generous support in a \$500 check. This will help with additional expenses for this year's Youth Mission Trip "Missions 101" at Ocean Grove and the remainder will go to next year's adventure in serving the Lord by helping others. This year's Youth Mission Team is composed of youth: Jenna Cody, Zack Conley, Abby Gordon, Andrew Kasper, Hannah Moy, Katie Olsson, Ian Pulz, Marley Pulz, Ally Rogers, Brian Santoro, Warren Santoro, Katie Senko, Steven Senko, Tina Till, Cassi Waciega and adults: Linda Cody, Anne Gordon, Barbara Rogers, Mike Kasper, Ken Gordon, and our liaison with Ocean Grove Tom Senko. Let's pray for them as they prepare to meet and work with the Ocean Grove staff and with other youth groups at the shore!

Summer Activities

- 7/2 (Thurs.) 2:30-5:45 pm Service Project: **Assist at TASK-** students 13 years + older. Closed-toed shoes are required. If you would like to join us, please call Anne Gordon at 395-0897.
- 7/26-7/29 (Sunday at 3 pm through Wednesday at 5 pm) **Youth Mission Trip**
Ocean Grove, NJ "Missions 101" Youth mission project for students 13 years + older
- 8/3-8/7 (Mon.-Fri. 9-11:30 am) Service Project: Assist **VBS "Son Rock Kids' Camp"**
Program Directors: Claudette Guy, Susan Mavoides and Leslie Vandenberg
- 8/6 (Thurs.) 2:30-5:45 pm Service Project: **Assist at TASK-** students 13 years + older. Closed-toed shoes are required. If you would like to join us, please call Anne Gordon at 395-0897.

SAVE THESE DATES! September Activities

- 9/12 (Sat.) Cranbury Day with the 5K Helene Cody memorial race- sign up to walk or run it!
- 9/13 11 a.m. Homecoming Picnic after 10 a.m. worship **Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!** 1-3 p.m. Youth Group Pool Party at the Waciegas' House

9/20 First day of Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.; Worship at
10:30 a.m. 6:30-8 p.m. Youth Group with Music

and Parents' Meeting with Sign-Ups
9/27 6:30- 8 pm Youth Group with Music, Discussion, Game

Summer Birthdays

JULY

Sandra Fitzgerald	7/01
Will McDonald	7/01
Nicholas Arsnow	7/03
Dorothy Orey	7/03
Zachary Benedict	7/04
George Stewart	7/04
Ryan Vandenberg	7/04
Nicole Klein	7/05
Ginette Smith	7/05
Kara Zimmer	7/05
Avery Bonwell	7/06
Jessica Smith	7/06
Kao-Yang Huang	7/07
Jennifer Kong	7/07
Evelyn Norland	7/07
Nicole Girardet	7/08
Tyler Huang	7/08
Nathan Kaess	7/08
Helen Lee	7/08
Nancy Norland	7/08
Samantha Scott	7/08
David Jones	7/09
Robert Dreyling	7/10
Sarah Gordon	7/10
Mary Ellen Szczepanik	7/10
Richard Von Lutcken	7/10
Robert Dyke	7/11
Kenny Griffin	7/11
Dorothy Klotzbeacher	7/11
Jill McNamara	7/11
Rodney Ochoa	7/11
David Scullin	7/11
Madeline Hsiao	7/12
Daniel Mulligan, IV	7/12
Gretchen Stults	7/12
Deanna Anderson	7/13
Dennis Chonko	7/13
Mackenzie Henderson	7/13
Judson Hagerty	7/14
David Kirkenir	7/14
Courtney Krajcsovics	7/14
Leah Mitchell	7/14
Ann Olsson	7/14
Phyllis Dyke	7/15
Patricia Kaess	7/15
William Munoz	7/15
John Kirkenir	7/16
Claire Maselli	7/16
Monty Hagerty	7/17
Anthony Pugliese	7/17
Walter Wright	7/17
Jenni Collins	7/18
Barbara Hannon	7/18
James Steuterman	7/18
Daniel Stewart	7/18
Ryan Guy	7/19
S. Warren Perrine	7/19

Jennifer Bond	7/20
Lori Davison	7/20
Elizabeth Hagerty	7/20
Matthew Rhodes	7/20
Barbara Danser	7/21
Todd Kaess	7/23
Heidi Knowlton	7/23
Janet Schlegel	7/23
Barbara Sears	7/23
Alexander Sutton	7/23
Elizabeth Barclay	7/24
Dina Ellsworth	7/24
Elizabeth Suttmeier	7/24
Deane Chonko	7/26
Emily Trube	7/26
Daune Arsnow	7/27
Mildred Watts	7/27
Judy Duke	7/28
Linda Aldrich	7/29
Lillian Santoro	7/29
Zachary Balcomb	7/30
Arthur Danser	7/30
Anthony Kerr	7/30
Ridge Pugliese	7/30
Warren Barnes	7/31
Gladys Frisch	7/31
Audrey Smith	7/31
Emily Tyndall	7/31

AUGUST

John Miller	8/01
Joseph Fetch	8/02
Donovan Mavoides	8/02
Gavin Mavoides	8/02
Dietrich Wahlers	8/03
Michael Giovanelli	8/04
Catherine Keve	8/04
Jacob Probasco	8/04
Marina Portilla	8/05
Rosellyn Cassidy	8/06
Wendy Pacheco	8/06
Charlotte Murray	8/07
William Schlegel	8/08
Kyle Michaud	8/09
Kristin Waller	8/09
Richard Waller	8/09
Sally Giovanos	8/11
Payton Kleppe	8/11
Jeffrey Riemann	8/11
Jonathan Mitchell	8/12
Pastor Louis Mitchell	8/14
Ryan Hafner	8/15
Deanna Munoz	8/15
Andrew Steenvoorden	8/15
Joseph Frascella	8/16
William Keller, Jr,	8/17
Taylor Kenny	8/17
Ian Stewart	8/17
Susan Walcott	8/17

Brian Danser	8/18
Alicia Kasper	8/18
Florence Kremann	8/18
Andrew Mulder	8/18
Jenna Cody	8/20
Zachary Conley	8/20
Stanley Stults	8/20
Cassi Waciega	8/20
Michelle Young	8/20
Gale Kearney	8/21
Tessa Grande	8/22
Gene Hsiao	8/22
Grace Applegate-Tissiere	8/23
Kyle Cook	8/23
Helen Myer	8/23
Heidi Bonwell	8/24
Ryan Janni	8/24
Margery Scott	8/24
James Taylor	8/24
Doreen Grand-Jean	8/25
Susan Probasco	8/25
Carl Allen	8/26
Michelle Kane Vitulli	8/26
Lorraine Jackson	8/27
Susan Mavoides	8/27
James Huff-Miller	8/28
Lori Kleppe	8/28
William Chermak	8/29
Whitney Paterson	8/29
Sam Venanzi	8/29
Robert Venanzi	8/29
Mary Borger	8/30
Emily Ellsworth	8/30
Thomas Jones	8/30
Reid Murray	8/30
Terri Waller	8/30
John Daniel Kirkenir	8/31
Jillian Koppel	8/31
Linda Protinick	8/31
Carole Vandercher	8/31

Happy Birthday!

<p><u>Pastors</u> Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell Rev. Rosanna Anderson</p>	<p><u>Worship Service</u> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service(Childcare provided)</p>	<p><u>Church Office Hours</u> 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases."</i> (Lamentations 3:22)</p>
<p><u>Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School (CPNS)</u> Janice Parker, Director Phone: 609-655-8663 cpnschool@comcast.net</p>	<p>You can view the monthly newsletter, calendar and hear past sermons on our website at www.cranburypres.org. If you have suggestions, or want to submit information to be included on the website, send your request to webmaster@cranburypres.org. Requests made by Wednesday will be posted on the website by Saturday.</p>	<p>The deadline for the <u>September Newsletter</u> is <u>August 20, 2009</u>. If possible, please submit articles as attachments via email to: FirstPresOffice@comcast.net</p>	<p><u>Dates and Deadlines</u> No Session Meeting in July 8/13 9:00a Session Material Due 8/18 7:30p Session Meeting 8/20 Newsletter Info Due for the Summer Newsletter</p>

SPECIAL INVITATION:

Katy White, daughter of Larry White and Pat Cavender,
will marry
Nick Beykirch of Tuckerton, New Jersey
on Saturday July 11
at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Members of the congregation are welcome to attend the ceremony
and join us on this special day.

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