

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 2010

From the Pastor...

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Now that Memorial Day and our Strawberry Festival have come and gone summer is upon us. This edition of the *Cranbury Presbyterian* is a summer edition. We will publish the next edition in late August as we look to the beginning of the fall program year. Our summer worship schedule began on June 13 with worship at 10:00 a.m. There is no Sunday school in the summer. This schedule will continue through September 12 which is the day of our **Homecoming Service and Picnic. Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for August 2 through August 6. As usual, there will be regular fellowship and refreshment after church each week in our newly renovated courtyard.

June 20 was **Father's Day**. Since our May edition had a biblical passage appropriate for Mother's Day, it is only right that we note a passage especially for fathers and men of the church. Psalm 103 describes something of who God is as a heavenly Father and the dimensions of God's fatherly love for all of God's children.

Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases; he redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.

He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Have blessed summer, Lou

From Pastor Rosanna...

Have a Commendable Summer

We have completed another church program year. Some among us have finished a year of school, and some will move on to a new phase of education or have graduated. For others, the end of this year has brought retirement or the start of a new phase in work or life. We're also aware of parents in our midst welcoming a new family member. For others, their current circumstances may be challenging in different ways. But for all of us, summer should be a time with a different pace for relaxation and enjoyment.

In Philippians 4:8-9, the apostle Paul wrote, "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

This is sound advice for each of us this summer! The apostle Paul encourages us to maintain the Christian perspectives and practices that we enjoy during our usual church year of fellowship, worship and study together. During the summertime, it could be easy to lose sight of the priorities that God has for us and to slack off on following what we know is pleasing to the Lord.

May you keep in mind Paul's wise and beautiful guidelines as you consider what to choose for summer reading, which movies to go to and which television shows to watch. I challenge each of us to make the most of our extra time by reading more of the Bible! And on Sunday mornings, be sure to join in worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ wherever your travels may take you. When we live according to God's plans, he will surely bless us with his presence and peace.

Have a wonderful summer!

Grace and peace, Rosanna

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education at Other Times

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:00-8:30 p.m., The Cranbury Inn - All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting for our study on *The Westminster Confession of Faith*. Weekly themes are the starting point for our conversation about confessing Christ in our contemporary context. For more information, please contact Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com or Clifford Anderson at clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu.

Save the Date

Dr. Mitchell will teach a six-week series on Jonathan Edwards beginning on September 19, the first day of Sunday School, and concluding on October 24. This may influence your summer reading!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Update - Concrete Replacement in Front of Sanctuary

We have contracted to have the concrete work removed in front of the Sanctuary. We will replace it with new concrete that will provide for handicap access to all of the three entrances. From a landing area in front of the doors the concrete will slope out to the front sidewalk on Main Street as well as the sidewalk to the courtyard and the driveway on the south side of the sanctuary. The gradual slope will not require hand railings.

The committee feels that this will be a big improvement to the entrance to the building and will eliminate the need for the temporary ramp every time the building is used. Anyone with any questions can contact either John Kirkenir or George Conley IV.

The work will commence after church on July 11 and is expected to be completed (weather permitting) by **Sunday, July 18**. Access to the Sanctuary will be provided during construction but will be of a temporary nature.



CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School News

- * Peter Miller has agreed to be our Sunday School Superintendent
- * Fifth & Sixth Grade - Old Testament: Vicki Waciega & Cathy Vogen
- * Confirmation Class - Pastor Rosanna & Peter Miller
- * Youth Class (8th-12th) - with Seminary Intern Kurt Heineman's assistance

VBS stands for ... Vacation Bible School!

VBS Registration concluded on May 28. To ensure that we can deliver the children an inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! Here are some ways:

Volunteer

We have several volunteer opportunities still open. Lead or assist as a VBS Guide and Bible Study Leader, oversee Decorations or Photography, or assist with Snacks or Decorations. If you're available to help in any way, please sign up on your registration form or contact one of the directors listed below.

Donate

Help defray our costs by purchasing snack and craft supplies through our Giving Tree. Here's how it works - take an "ornament" off the tree, purchase the item listed on the card, and place it in the donation basket located next to the tree in Fellowship Hall.

For more information or questions, visit the church website (www.cranburypres.org) or contact either director: Claudette Guy (409-8553) or Janet Wheeler (655-8313).



CPNS NEWS

It's summer once again and everyone will have the opportunity to slow down and enjoy a less structured schedule. We hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity to refresh and renew and take the time to enjoy your children, they grow up so fast.

We said goodbye to our CPNS families and can't believe another year has gone by it feels like our school year has just started and already these children embark on the next step of their journey. They have grown guided by Christian love, acceptance and friendship. Watching all the children grow over this past year has been a rewarding experience for everyone. Each age, each stage of development has its own meaning and maturity level. As educators and individuals that value our preschool children's education, we show respect for children's developmental needs and teach them in developmentally appropriate ways at whatever level they are at. We will miss each and every one of them and hope they return to visit us often. Our memories will continue forever.

This summer we will once again be offering our Summer at CPNS program in July for three weeks, July 12 - July 16, July 19 - July 23 and or July 26 - July 30 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 and friends. Each day will be a new adventure filled with music, literacy, art, science and math. Please stop by and visit. Our classes are filled and our teachers are getting ready to provide a fun, exciting learning opportunity for the children that will be attending. We are so blessed to be able to share this experience with the children in our community and want to thank the church once again for the opportunity to use the facilities to accomplish this.

As our year together comes to a close, we are preparing for our new 2010 - 2011 school year. We will continue to provide enrichment classes that are open to any preschool or kindergarten student who would like to participate even if they are not enrolled in CPNS. These programs will give your children the opportunity to extend their learning in the loving environment of CPNS. The programs being offered

in the Fall include, Art & Literacy, Math & Science, Music & Movement, Power of Play and Mommy's Morning Out. Please call or e-mail us for additional information regarding these programs.

We also have a few openings left in our regular classes for the school year 2010-11. Please call or e-mail me at (609) 655-8663, cpnschool@comcast.net, if you or any of your neighbors are interested in our program. 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.

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

DEACONS NEWS

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL UPDATE

This year's Strawberry Festival was a huge success. We had a large attendance and many volunteers. The Board of Deacons would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make this Festival one of the best. All of the Deacons worked very hard throughout a very hot day.

The Festival raised \$3,140.00 for the Benevolence Fund. Thanks to everyone who came out and also who worked that day. We hope everyone had a great time and we look forward to next year's event.

PLEASE NOTE: The Deacons meeting scheduled for June 22 is cancelled. Our next meeting will be August 24.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS NEWS

DONORS HELP SKEET'S PANTRY IN MANY WAYS

Our Church's Food Program, "Skeet's Pantry," has been blessed by donations from many generous people and sources over the past few years, and we are so grateful to everyone who continues to support this mission for people in need in our community.

Recently, some very special donors have contributed to the Pantry and may be of interest to our congregation. Charmed by Claire, a Cranbury shop full of fascinating items and accessories, designated Skeet's Pantry as part of a "Brighton's Feed Our Friends" fundraiser, and as a result, the shop and Brighton's gave \$2,000 to our pantry. The Feed Our Friends effort is a project undertaken by retailers across the country, together with Brighton, a manufacturer of semi-precious jewelry on sale at the participating shops. Brighton selected Skeet's Pantry from among hundreds of entries they received because of the passion that Charmed by Claire and the store's customers showed for the work their "hero" does in the community. We thank Charmed by Claire, Brighton, and all of the enthusiastic supporters who helped make this donation possible!

Waterside Villas, an adult community in Monroe, is another community organization which is helping our pantry. They are hosting a food drive for Skeet's Pantry on June 19th, and we hope this will be the first of many opportunities we have to work together with them to help the needy. We also want to recognize Dr. Michael Young and the Cranbury Animal Hospital for their faithful support of Skeet's Pantry. Each month for several years we have received a contribution from them to help us buy food for the pantry, and we truly appreciate this generosity. In addition, we have been advised that the Cranbury Police Department will be collecting food to help fill our pantry shelves, and we are so grateful to them.

We have also been blessed with some new volunteers who are now helping us on the third Friday morning of each month to sort and distribute food to the growing number of families in need of our help. MANY THANKS to one and all for making Skeet's Pantry a mission that matters in our community!!

And if you can help with food donations, these are still the kinds of food in special demand:

Peanut Butter, Dish and Clothes Detergent, Macaroni and Cheese, Tooth Paste and Tooth Brushes, Canned or Boxed Soup, Hand Soap, Canned vegetables and fruits, Breakfast Cereals of all types, Tuna Fish, Baby Food, Pasta, Rice

(Any and all nutritious canned/jar/boxed foods with current expiration dates)

We thank everyone for your generosity and constant support of this church mission.

MISSION MATTERS

Once again the Mission Committee is grateful for the thank you notes received for checks sent to organizations. Heifer International writes expressing their appreciation: your \$1,000 "helped to empower impoverished families with the gifts of livestock and training that they can use to lift themselves out of poverty."

Two checks were sent to Medical Benevolence Foundation for the Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo, a particular interest of ours. These checks, totaling \$7,075.00 and recipients write "your partnership helps keep this essential ministry in place". Recent information from that area informs us that a Mother's Day Project has been expanded to "Healthy Women Healthy Families." Any gifts sent improve the lives of women and children in Africa through prevention, treatment, and health education programs. More than 30% of the children in this area are malnourished.

Johnsonburg received \$1,000 and the Executive Director assures us that our scholarship fund gift assists the camp in carrying out its goal of "creating a special place for all people to experience God's endless love". And the Program Director of Farmers Against Hunger thanked us for our gift

of \$500 to that program, noting that the group is challenged to keep up with the demand for healthy produce.

The following grants were made: Princeton Hospital Chaplaincy Program \$1,000. We have made this same contribution for many years, and were assured by Anne Gordon who serves so efficiently in our office, that our church gets important calls from the chaplain. Princeton Theological Seminary Scholarship Fund, \$1,000. This contribution, too, is a yearly one and interest from it has assisted many a student.

Nami-Mercer, \$5,000. This organization is of untold benefit to mental health sufferers and their families, a benefit that extends beyond the borders of Mercer County. The Bob Haverkamp Fellowship Contribution to Johnsonburg, \$2,000. This \$2,000 plus the \$1,000 made in March completes the \$3,000 yearly commitment we make to Johnsonburg for spiritual assistance and scholarships. Bread for the World, \$1,000, our annual gift to this worthwhile Christian organization which works constantly to reduce hunger and poverty both here and abroad.

Habitat for Humanity, in memory of Eugene VanKirk, \$2,000 for a house being built in Hightstown. This money is to be used for electrical supplies to be installed by our own George Conley, free of charge. Spring of Hope, which feeds hungry people in Guatemala, \$5,200. This gift, too, is an ongoing one, and half will be sent now and the other half in September.

George Conley reported that no group from our church is going to Guatemala this year, although Fran Stewart from the Cranbury Church will be accompanying an Allentown Church group. George plans to travel to Guatemala next year and will be leading a group from here.

The usual Guatemala dinner will be held sometime in January, 2011. This year's profits from the dinner will be sent to Guatemala. John Sprout announced that the Cranbury police will be placing boxes in Cranbury for donations of non perishable food which will then be brought to the church for Skeet's Pantry. Carol pointed out the unseen efforts those in charge of the pantry must make to keep up to standard: check temperatures of the refrigerators, account for the food, etc.

Anne Gordon is planning to take students to Trenton Area Soup Kitchen in the summer months, and then revert to adults in September. The Annual Mission Fair will be held November 14, and Jim McClusky, the head of Centurion Ministries, which we help to support, will be our guest preacher that morning.

Gretchen Stults expressed appreciation to all who had participated in the Bread for the World Offering of Letters, which garnered 111 messages sent to our Senators and Representatives.

Elvin Rodriguez, a new member, will be handling the CROP Walk this year. Other special offerings will be under the supervision of John and Carol Sprout, Nancy Stewart and Heidi Knowlton for Peacemaking, and Ken and Dina Ellsworth and Heidi Knowlton for Christmas Joy. Our share of the Pentecost Offering for which the Confirmation Class took responsibility will be sent to Heifer International.

Gretchen Stults

MISSION FAIR & CRAFT FAIR
Crafty People Alert

Our **2010 Mission and Craft Fair** will really be a holiday event this year. It will take place on **Sunday, November 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Once again we will combine our Mission Fair with a Craft Fair, providing opportunity for everyone to meet and learn about some of the important missions our church helps to support, while also giving you a chance to shop for wonderful gifts and goodies just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The proceeds from the sale of Crafts and Baked Goods at the Fair will again be donated to the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai/ Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo. We have become vital partners with that desperately important hospital in war-torn Congo, and every penny is needed to help them heal the people who have been so hard hit by violence and famine in that land.

But we need YOU to make the Fair a success. Your crafts, art work, knitted and embroidered goods, hand-crafted jewelry, woodwork, toys, holiday crafts - whatever you enjoy crafting and sharing for a good cause are needed and will be gratefully accepted for sale at the Fair. In addition, we would love to have your baked goodies - everyone enjoyed buying and eating them last year, and we'd like to do it again! Please plan to bring your crafts to our Mission Fair table at coffee hour on Sunday, November 7th so that we can sort and price them prior to the Fair. Baked goods are needed on the morning of November 14th before worship service, please.

In addition to fund-raising for the medical mission in the Congo, our Mission Fair will again feature displays and representatives from some of the most important mission causes supported by our church - including, of course, our own church mission teams and volunteers. Watch for more information about the Fair's participants in the Fall.

We are also delighted to announce that our special guest preacher for this year's Mission Fair Sunday on November 14th will be Jim McCloskey, founder and Executive Director of Centurion Ministries in Princeton. Centurion was actually the first organization in the country, and possibly the world, to undertake the important work of freeing the wrongfully imprisoned. It gave impetus to other similar efforts such as the Innocence Projects in several states. But Centurion was the first, and Jim continues to lead the small staff and team of volunteers to do the work which he found

himself called to while attending Princeton Theological Seminary.

He is an inspiring and heart-felt speaker. Plan to be on hand to hear him at the November 14th worship service, then come over to Fellowship Hall for our Mission and Craft Fair. It will be a special day for all of us. Be there to learn, share, shop and have fun!!!

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

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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 the church office at (609)395-0897.

Photos from our trip to Deep Cut Gardens

Photographs of the Senior Fellowship trip to Deep Cut Gardens can now be seen on the church website. To view these photos type in www.cranburypres.org the church home page will be in view with the new photos of the Strawberry Festival. Look on the far left at the bottom and you will see: New photo album webpage. Click on the blue writing that says NEW WEB PAGE. THIS WILL BRING YOU TO THE PHOTOS. CLICK ON THE FIRST SENIOR FELLOWSHIP PHOTO AND A SLIDE SHOW WILL BEGIN OF THE PICTURES OF THE TRIP.

Upcoming Event in September

Senior Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. We will be visiting the Edison Museum in West Orange, NJ. We will eat our brown bag lunches in a park in the South Mountain Reservation and then proceed to the group of red buildings built in 1887 by Thomas A. Edison to form his laboratory complex.

After a 6 year, \$13 million dollar restoration, 20,000 square feet of added exhibit space has been opened up including 2 floors of the main lab that has never been seen before by the public. Inside this set of buildings visitors can view 400,000 artifacts including the many machines invented by Thomas Edison. A ranger will show us a short video in the theater and explain the background of the museum.

Following this, each person will be able to tour the handicapped accessible laboratory at their own pace listening to their own audio equipment (like a cell phone) and viewing what interests them. During the day, there are ranger demonstrations of the phonograph, chemistry and the movie studio.

This is a National Historic Site so if you have a senior citizens National Parks pass please bring it with you. People who are not on the Senior Fellowship calling list who would like to go on this trip need to **preregister by September 7** by calling Connie Bauder or the church office.

Program Schedule

Senior Fellowship is open to 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 Connie.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE NEWS

Summer has arrived, vacations beckon and the beaches get crowded but our operating expenses remain and cash flow becomes more of a concern. If past patterns repeat themselves, when everyone hits the beach, our weekly offerings plummet. Please remember to keep current on your pledge. If you cannot make it to Church on Sunday, you can always mail in your check or arrange for an automatic transfer from your checking account to ours! Enjoy the Summer.

Look for your second quarter pledge statement after June 30. Statements will either be mailed to you, available in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex. Contact George Smith if you can't find yours.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Calling college students, high school students and anyone who is age 13 or older!

How about making this the summer you went to TASK and served the evening meal, shared Christian love, while having a great time with friends? There are two opportunities, **Thursday, July 1** and **Thursday, August 5**. The van departs the parking lot at 2:30 p.m. and returns by 5:30 p.m. Please wear sneakers, jeans and your red church t-shirt, if you have one, or any t-shirt will do. Please call Anne Gordon at 409-7885, to reserve your spot on the van.

Youth Group Activities

July - August

July 1 2:30-5:30 pm **Service Project: Assist at TASK** for students age 13 and older (8 students needed) Wear sneakers, jeans and t-shirt. Coordinator: Anne Gordon

July 18 10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship service: **Commissioning the Youth Mission Team**

July 18-July 21 (Sun. 4 p.m. - Wed. 4 p.m.) **Youth Mission Trip to "Missions 101"** at Ocean Grove
Coordinator: Tom Senko, other leaders: Mike Kasper, Vicki Waciega, Rosanna Anderson

July 25 10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship: **Lead the Children's Message** about "Missions 101"

Aug. 1 10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship: **Commissioning VBS Leaders** for "SonQuest Rainforest"

Aug. 2-Aug. 6 (Monday - Friday from 9:00- 11:30 a.m.) **VBS "SonQuest Rainforest"** Directors: Claudette Guy and Janet Wheeler

Aug. 5 2:30-5:30 pm **Service Project: Assist at TASK** for students age 13 and older (8 students needed) Wear sneakers, jeans and t-shirt. Coordinator: Anne Gordon

Save these Dates

Sept. 12 10:00-11:00 a.m. **Last Day of Summer Worship** and 11:00 a.m. **Homecoming Picnic**

Sept. 19 9:15-10:15 a.m. **First Day of Sunday School** and from 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Youth Group Kick-Off** and Parents' Meeting

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

Presbyterians have celebrated World Communion Sunday since the mid-1930s. With the Great Depression and the possibility of another world war causing great concern, a group of Presbyterian ministers met to pray and talk about the church's role in such a time. Rediscovering the unifying power of Christ in the Lord's Supper, they reaffirmed that in Christ all Christians are one, regardless of nationality, race or ethnicity. From their meeting came the first World Communion Sunday in 1936.

In the mid-1970s a later generation of Presbyterians revisited World Communion Sunday. Many members of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States felt the urgency of working for peace. Hence thirty-one presbyteries sent related overtures to the General Assembly. As a result the 167th General Assembly in 1975 commissioned the Advisory Council on Church and Society "to reassess the concept of peacemaking...in the light of our biblical and confessional faith". The Advisory Council created a task force to study and prepare a report on peacemaking.

Members of the task force met, prayed, and studied; then concluded that peacemaking was central to the gospel and the mission of the church. Their work was a call directed at the inner life of Presbyterians to commit to work for peace individually and as a church. The task force recommended creating the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and a **special offering** to fund the work of peacemaking.

This offering at Cranbury Presbyterian Church will be held on October 3. In September, contribution envelopes will be placed in the pew racks and we encourage you to take as many envelopes as you need home with you. They will be collected on October 3.

To encourage the creative involvement of Presbyterians, the task force recommended that the Peacemaking Offering's receipts be divided among every level of the church. Congregations would keep 25%, synods and presbyteries would receive 25%, and 50% would go to the national church's program.



<p><u>Summer Worship Service</u> 10:00 a.m. Worship (Childcare provided)</p>	<p><u>Pastors</u> Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell Rev. Rosanna Anderson Rev. Joanne Petto, Parish Associate</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.</p> <p>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 is due on August 19, 2010.</u> If possible, please submit articles as attachments via email to: FirstPresOffice@comcast.net</p>	<p><u>Dates and Deadlines</u> 8/12 9:00a Session Material Due 8/17 7:30p Session Meeting 8/19 Newsletter Articles Due</p>