

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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Spring 2011

The cross of Christ and the resurrection of Christ! Two great events of salvation history! We are getting ready to mark and celebrate those events as we prepare to enter the holiest period of the year. There are wonderful worship experiences planned. Come and celebrate with our family of faith!

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 17

10:30 a.m. Worship Service featuring, children's palm parade
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering/Bring a friend to Church Day

Maundy Thursday, April 21

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae and Communion Service
Combined service in our sanctuary
with Cranbury United Methodist Church

Good Friday, April 22

12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Community Worship Service at the Cranbury United
Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, April 24

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Village Park
9:15 a.m. No Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by coffee hour

Please join us for worship in this special season.



From Pastor Rosanna...

"Love Is Patient, Love Is Kind"

These words from the famous passage of 1 Corinthians 13 were just visible in red and black letters on a white background. A woman a couple of pews ahead of me at the March meeting of presbytery was carefully making a floral border above an inspiring cross stitch pattern. After the meeting, I asked her about it. She explained that she was making it for a woman in her church who was about to celebrate her first wedding anniversary. She figured that if she kept working at it a certain amount every day, she would manage to get it finished in time. What a delightful surprise that will be! Apparently, the woman making this gift was so happy for her sister in Christ having found love and marriage that she wanted to give her a tangible expression of encouragement. This made quite an impression on me. This gift was itself an act of love and kindness that took a lot of patience to create and complete. I imagine the couple who receive this present will be honored and grateful for this expression of love.

What would our lives be like if whenever we got an idea to do something thoughtful for a person, we actually followed through and made it a reality? How would that change us? Our neighborhood, community of faith and the world could be made more joyful and hopeful through our efforts to be kinder. Some emotions seem contagious. Maybe we could help spread more feelings of tenderness and thankfulness among the people whom God has placed in our lives.

On Easter, and each Sunday, we celebrate God's tremendous love shown so concretely in Jesus' crucifixion and glorious resurrection. May this great love which we have received fill us with such joy and gratitude that we will share God's grace with others!

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

Adult Education on Sunday Morning

Kurt Heineman will teach a combined group, adult education and youth class on April 10 and 17.

May 1 – June 5: New series by biblical scholar, Gretchen G. Hull.

Adult Education at Other Times

Martha Circle Women's Bible Study meets on first Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Library. All women of the congregation are welcome to join us as we study *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*. Our discussion is led by Rose Eller.

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn:

All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting for our study of the Westminster Confession of Faith, in the *Book of Confessions*, Part I of the Constitution of the PC(USA). 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.

ADULT RETREAT NEWS

Adult Retreat News

Ahhh.....sun shining, birds chirping, flowers blooming....are you feeling the peace yet? Well, if you join us at our annual Adult Retreat at the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ you're bound to get a taste of it! This year our retreat will be on Friday evening April 29 through Saturday evening April 30. Our theme for this year is "Life Stages & Way Stations: Boomers, Busters & Millennials" - where do you fit in? Join us as we consider changes from a Christian perspective. Pastor Rosanna will lead the discussions. Good food, friendly conversations, worship, time to relax - and a large Christian bookstore - await us at the lovely Fellowship Deaconry. So give yourself a gift - join us - and do something good for yourself. Your body, mind, and *spirit* will thank you.

Sign-ups will begin on Sunday, March 27, and will continue over the next few weeks. Look for the sign up table during coffee hour in fellowship hall.

If you have further questions or would like more information, please see Dorothy Klotzbecher (Mrs. K @ 732-521-2026), Cathy Vogen (609-799-9317) or me, Barbara Santoro (609-395-0697).

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

VBS stands for ... Vacation Bible School!



SonSurf Beach Bash is this year's Vacation Bible School theme; expect a week of fun and maritime adventure! Join us on our sandy shore for lively songs beside our sparkling ocean water, hilarious skits, creative crafts and yummy snacks while children learn how Jesus can make a difference in their lives every day.

What: "SonSurf Beach Bash" Vacation Bible School

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury

When: Monday, August 1st - Friday, August 5th

Time: 9 am – 11:30 am

Who: Kids entering 4 year old preschool through 6th grade; all are welcome!

Cost: \$20/child*

Why: Young beachcombers will develop long-lasting friendships with each other and VBS guides during five days of discovery. SonSurf Beach Bash VBS will take your kids beyond what they can explore with their senses to discover a living spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This summer, take your kids to SonSurf Beach Bash VBS—an unforgettable beach blast where kids will come to know the living Jesus who said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Registration: Registration has begun! Forms are available online at www.cranburypres.org. Forms can also be found in the church office and on the table near Janice Parker's office. Registration forms may be brought or mailed to the church: First Presbyterian Church, 22 South Main St., Cranbury, NJ 08512. Get your registration in now! Registration will conclude on May 27.

VBS needs your help! To ensure that we can deliver the children an inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! If you're available to help in any way, please contact one of the directors listed below:

- Lead or assist as a VBS Guide and Bible Study Leader
- Oversee decorations or photography
- Assist with snacks or decorations

Also, coming in May, please help us 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. Look for the tree in Fellowship Hall beginning in early May.

We hope you and your children can join us at SonSurf Beach Bash VBS, an experience of discovery you will never forget!

For more information or questions, visit the church website (www.cranburypres.org) or contact either director: Janet Wheeler (655-8313) or Daune Arsnow (448-6181).

* Scholarships available; contact the church office to discuss

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRE SCHOOL

Date	Kindergarten	3-4 Year-Olds
April 3	Easter Story Lesson 5	Jesus' Death and Resurrection Lesson 5
April 10	Easter Story Lesson 6	Jesus' Death and Resurrection Lesson 6
April 17	Easter Story Lesson 7	Jesus' Death and Resurrection Lesson 7
April 24	Easter No Sunday School	
May 1	Easter Story Lesson 8	Jesus' Death and Resurrection Lesson 8
May 8	Jesus Helps Us Follow Him Lesson 9	Jesus' Death and Resurrection Lesson 9
May 15	Jesus Helps Us Follow Him Lesson 10	Jesus' Death and Resurrection Lesson 10
May 22	Jesus Helps Us Follow Him Lesson 11	The Church Lesson 11
May 29	Jesus Helps Us Follow Him Lesson 12	The Church Lesson 12
June 5	Youth Sunday	

GRADE 1 TO 4 WORKSHOP ROTATIONS

Date	Workshop Rotation Bible Story
April 3	Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion
April 10	Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion
April 17	Celebration Sunday
April 24	Easter No Sunday School
May 1	Jesus walks on water & helps Peter walk until he turns away from Jesus
May 8	Jesus walks on water
May 15	Jesus walks on water
May 22	Jesus walks on water

May 29	Service Projects
June 5	Celebration Sunday

5TH AND 6TH GRADES

Date	Old Testament Curriculum
April 3	Session 14 Jeremiah, Lamentations
April 10	Easter Session
April 17	Easter Session
April 24	Easter No Sunday School
May 1	Session 15 Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos
May 8	Session 15 Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos
May 15	Session 16 The rest of Prophets
May 22	Session 17 I know the Prophets!
May 29	Session 17 I know the Hebrews Bible!
June 5	Celebration Sunday

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Date	Confirmation Class
April 2	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Church Work Day
April 3	Attend All Church Breakfast
April 10	Catch up class for absences
April 17	Palm Sunday Trinity class discussion
April 23	10:00 - 11:00 a.m. move chairs to Village Park
April 24	Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. set-up at park 7:00 a.m. attend Easter Sunrise Service
May 1	Prayer Q 120-124
May 8	Mother's Day The Lord's Prayer Pt. I Q 125-129
May 15	The Lord's Prayer Pt. II Q 130-134
May 17	6:30 p.m. Session Dinner
May 22-24	Friday 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 2:00 p.m. Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "The Power of Prayer"
May 29	Memorial Day weekend No Confirmation class
June 5	Children/Youth Sunday Assist in Leading Worship on Youth Sunday
June 12	Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday 9:15 a.m. Prepare for Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Youth Class - Kurt Heinemann, our Seminary Intern from Princeton Seminary, is working with the Youth Class in their Bible study of Genesis using the "We Believe" curriculum from PCUSA.

The students participate in a variety of activities including watching and discussing "Religion and Ethics Newsweekly", a PBS show, and lessons in the series "Blue Fish".

CPNS NEWS



In this first quarterly newsletter for our church we hope to share with you all the wonderful and special things that happen at CPNS during our last few months of school this year. April showers bring May flowers and of course after that the summer months. We look forward to the beautiful creations God brings to us each day. We hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy spring and learn something

new this spring yourself, or just take a few extra minutes to enjoy God's creation and count your blessings.

Easter comes late this year, but once again with the celebration of our Palm Day Programs on April 12 and 13th. Everyone is invited to share this special time as we celebrate Jesus coming into Jerusalem waving palms and singing songs of joy. Check the weekly bulletin for the details.

Teacher Appreciation week will be celebrated in May and we have many dedicated individuals who love and care for our children here at CPNS. They treat each one with kindness and respect; teaching and sharing not just the "Golden Rule," but the "Platinum Rule," treating others better than you would want to be treated. The love and care our teachers share with our children is truly a unique and special gift.

The individuals dedicated to our CPNS children this year are Laurie Davis, Pam Dressel, Rosellyn Cassidy, Sheila Morrissey, Kathy Wiseman, Kathy Edwards, Kathy Iorio, Debbie Petro, Dorothy Klotzbecher, Patty Skapyak, Eileen Sahli, Linda Protinick, Jennifer Colonna, Kelly O'Keefe, Denise Reilley, Wendy delaRosa and Janice Parker. We truly appreciate everything they do to make CPNS that extra special place for children.

On May 1, we will be having a special church service and coffee hour in honor of our beloved Mrs. "K." She has been sharing her special gift of teaching and the love of children at CPNS for 25 years. There will be a special surprise you won't want to miss. Please join us on May 1 as we celebrate Mrs. "K" and all she has done and continues to do for CPNS. Please let your friends and neighbors know as well, since Dorothy has touched many lives in our community and we would love for everyone to share in this special occasion.

Our Family Fun Days will be on Tuesday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 11. This is always a great time for all of our CPNS families. Our teachers are busy planning this family fun day and putting together a program you will not want to miss. Be sure to look for the event details in the weekly bulletin.

Parent/Teacher conferences were held last month. Our teachers shared their insights using our developmental continuum. The abilities of children at this age fall into a wide range of development. We want to meet each child where they are, and be able to provide them with opportunities to challenge them to get to the next level. We will also be providing all of our 4/5-year-old children with a kindergarten readiness assessment. We know this information is such valuable information for our CPNS families and their child's preschool education.

There has been a great deal of research done recently with preschool children and their development. The findings are showing that children learn in ways that are different from children in the elementary years. The preschool years provide the foundation for all future academic success. At CPNS our children are just not playing. Children learn through play and while they are here playing they are developing very significant mental capacities. Play is also the young child's emotional equalizer. Play also turns children into social human beings. There are seven essential life skills that preschool children need to learn. Read more about them in the book "Mind in the

Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs," by Ellen Galinsky. Our teachers are very intentional regarding the opportunities they share to our children every day. Our curriculum provides the developmentally appropriate academics and the seven essential life skills that all preschool children need.

This summer we will be offering once again our Summer at CPNS program in July for two weeks, July 18 - July 22, and July 25 - 29 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. If you or you know of anyone that would be interested please call us for more information or check our website for details. Please reserve your spot today.

We are registering for the school year 2011-2012. 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. Remind them that we have achieved accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We would love to be able to provide the most developmentally appropriate preschool in our Christian environment to as many children as possible. Thank you in advance for all your efforts in spreading the word.

We will once again be offering a variety of enrichment programs. This information will be available in May. Look for the details in the weekly bulletins.

Everyone at CPNS would like to thank the parents for sharing their most precious possessions with us. We hope everyone has a very Happy Easter and may God continue to bless you and your families.

Your Friends at CPNS

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSES FOR APRIL AND JUNE

As you know 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. **Our next Coffee Houses will be Friday evenings, April 8 and June 10.**

The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the music will start at 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. On April 8, **Acoustic Road** will be performing acoustic classic rock. Opening will be Bill and Anne Marie Gibson (local residents of Cranbury). On June 10, **The Billies** will be performing acoustic/original. Opening will be Christina Holmes. We hope you will all mark your calendars and let all your friends and neighbors know about these wonderful opportunities.

Tickets for the April and June shows are \$8.00 per adult, and \$5.00 for children under 12. Refreshments will be available at an additional cost. Dinners are available by ordering them in advance on our website under the link to Cranbury Delights or by calling 609-409-6777. Just a reminder, proceeds less expenses benefit Skeet's Food Pantry & the Deacons' Benevolence Fund. Not only do you have the opportunity to relax and listen to

wonderful music with friends, but you help those in need in our community.

For more information about how you can help please contact George Conley on his email: geolive60@aol.com. We are still looking for an individual who would be able to help with the press releases. For information about the Cranbury Coffee House please go to our website at www.cranburycoffeehouse.com. We thank you in advance for all your help and support.

DEACONS NEWS

EASTER FLOWERS

The Board of Deacons will be decorating the church with beautiful spring flowers for Easter Sunday. You can assist the Deacons by purchasing your Easter Flowers through them. Plants can be taken after Easter worship, left for the Deacons to deliver to our homebound members, or just make a donation to the Deacons' Benevolence Fund. Order forms can be found in the church bulletins through April 10. A copy of the order form is also available in the church newsletter or website. Completed forms with monies can be placed in the offering plate marked for the Deacons or mailed to the church office. We appreciate all the support from our church members for this important project.

INQUIERS' CLASS NEWS

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church?

Please call the church office at 609-395-0897 and let us know you want to participate. Classes will be on May 1, 15 and 22 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the church library. The Inquirers' Class breakfast will be on May 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by the new member recognition during the worship service. Pastor Lou Mitchell will be leading these sessions.

LIBRARY NEWS

The church library is missing a few good books that need returning for others to use. Please check your home bookshelves to see if you misfiled one into your personal books.

Donations would be appreciated in the form of checks so we can buy books on our recommendations list also. We have an updated UNKINDLE ~UNNOOK BOOKS for FREE shelf in the Fellowship Hall. Look through and keep what is on that shelf.

The library discards are there as well as duplicates that we have too many copies of. Help yourself! If in doubt, ask a committee member!

Daune Arsnow, Sue Britton, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Leah Wagner

BOOK BANTER

By Daune Arsnow

I really appreciate our church library! When my kids were younger I would stop in the church library before I picked them up from CPNS. I found terrific books about raising kids. Other CPNS Moms checked out books with me - whether they were a member of our church or not did not matter. After I picked up my kids from CPNS, we would go back to the library and find special children's books to read together.

I've found some great books on marriage in our library too, such as *The Five Love Languages* by Dr. Gary Chapman. When my kids are a bit older I plan to read Chapman's *The Five Love Languages of Teenagers*.

Did you know our library has fun fiction and magazines too? *Pockets* magazine is full of word searches and crossword puzzles that your seven year old will love.

Also, don't miss the chance to take home a free book for yourself or your child from our discarded books table in Fellowship Hall.

The library is always open and there for your use. To check out a book, simply fill out the card in the back of the book and place the card in the box on the desk. To return a book, just place it on the desk in the library.

Our library staff works hard to keep the books on the shelf current and easy to access. If you have any questions about our library, contact Mrs. Dorothy Klotzbeacher, our church librarian, or a member of the library committee.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS NEWS

There will be a **benefit for the Presbyterian Disaster Relief efforts in Japan at 3:00 p.m. on April 3**. At this point, we can only begin to assess the damages to life and property after the double blow of the earthquake and tsunami, but it is certain that the need will be ongoing and great.

Flautist Lisa Johnson and her students will perform again this year in our sanctuary. Johnson has performed on the QE2 as well as assisting Sir James Galway with master classes. Last year, the group raised over \$350 for earthquake relief in Haiti.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing (or OGHs, as we refer to it) is one of four opportunities our Cranbury Presbyterian Church has during the year to demonstrate our commitment to sharing our good fortunes with others. On **April 17**, we will take a special offering to aid three service areas undertaken by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Monies raised help Presbyterian Disaster Relief, the Presbyterian Hunger program, and a Self-Development of People program. The PC(USA) offering has received \$8 million to \$11 million for at least the past twenty years. Combined with what other participating congregations add, the total amounts to nearly \$20 million a year.

More than sixty years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a Saturday evening nationwide broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded. This is how it all got started. Our Cranbury Presbyterian Church has been good at supporting Missions and Services, and much of this money comes from grants which are partially funded by investment interest. There are those who feel that just using this interest money is not enough. So for those who support this belief, here is an excellent opportunity to participate. In April there will be special envelopes in the pew racks. Please be sure to mark checks to go to OGHs. Our Sunday School youngsters will be bringing home "banks" which can be gainfully used.

GUATEMALA MISSION

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and talent to make this year's dinners one of the most profitable events. We served over 200 meals between staff and guests. We would like to thank everyone who came to eat and enjoy the fellowship and entertainment. As some of you noted on your questionnaire during dessert we will be making very minor changes to next year's menu. Over 95% of the people felt that the food and entertainment just fine the way it is.

The money we raised this year will be taken with the team to Guatemala, leaving on June 25 until July 2. We will be using the money for medical supplies, dental supplies and construction materials.

We are now collecting slightly used or new children's shoes (no open toes) and socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste with screw tops, combs and brushes, vitamins of any kind, Motrin, Advil, and any other over the counter pain medications. Financial donations to purchase much needed medicine would be greatly appreciated. All monetary donations can be made payable to the First Presbyterian church of Cranbury marked "Guatemala Medicine."

The buckets can found on the stage, marked Guatemala Trip.

Once again, a big thank you to everyone for your support in this mission. Thank you for helping us to help those less fortunate.

Yours in Christ, George Conley

TRENTON PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL OUTREACH

May is designated as Mental Health Month and was created more than 50 years ago to raise awareness about mental health conditions and the importance of mental wellness for all. In recognition of the needs of those who are affected by mental illness and receiving treatment in Trenton Psychiatric Hospital (TPH), which serves several counties, including Middlesex and Mercer, we will be responding to The Auxiliary of Trenton Psychiatric Hospital's appeal to provide items for distribution such as birthday gifts and prizes for Bingo, etc. The items they could use are: grooming and cosmetic supplies, playing cards, jewelry, and greeting cards. Books, current magazines, DVD movies or TV programs are also welcome. Please donate new or gently used items. (Note that there should be no glass items or anything containing alcohol.)

Those being discharged can always use good grooming supplies such as deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, soap and tissues, as well as large or small luggage.

There will be a box in Fellowship Hall in May. Please be generous. Many of these folks have no one else who helps them but this small band of auxiliary workers.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS

As Christians, we have a responsibility to the underprivileged--those suffering from poverty and, consequently, hunger. Bread for the World offers us an opportunity to influence our law makers in a way that will aid those most in need. Each year BFW has an Offering of Letters. This year's Offering urges Congress and the administration to press forward with reforms

to make US foreign assistance more effective in reducing poverty. These reforms will help millions of people move out of hunger and poverty. Actually Congress has started drafting reform legislation which includes an overhaul of portions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (think how long it has been since this Act was written!) which is the legal basis of our government's overseas development work.

Changes that are being sought are four: 1. a stronger U.S. government focus on reducing poverty; 2. clearer accountability for how US aid dollars are spent and their results; 3. a transformed US development agency; and 4. US aid that meets the needs and wants of local people.

More effective aid will increase the capacity and infrastructure of poor countries such as Haiti and Liberia so they can become self-sufficient and build a better future for themselves. More effective aid will achieve a rapid reduction in malnutrition among children worldwide. It should be pointed out that the main driver of poverty reduction in the world is the hard work of poor people themselves and we need to make certain that our foreign aid reaches those most in need and that it supports their efforts to lift themselves, their families, and their communities out of poverty.

Today US poverty focused foreign assistance accounts for less than 1 percent of the US budget. Investing in developing poor countries is an important component of our national security and foreign policy. It increases political stability in developing countries and fights the hopelessness that leads to conflicts and terrorism.

You will be hearing more about the Offering of Letters and your opportunities to participate.

Gretchen Stults

2011 MISSION FAIR WILL FEATURE A "JEWELRY JUMBLE" OLD JEWELRY DONATIONS WANTED

This year's Annual Mission Fair will take place on Sunday, November 13 and will offer a new feature - a Jewelry Jumble. This will take the place of the craft market this year, and will essentially be a jewelry flea market, and we know it will be lots of fun for everyone at the Fair. Proceeds from the Jumble will continue to help our church support the work of the Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo, so the cause remains a very worthy and wonderful one.

To make this new feature possible, though, we need contributions of jewelry - anything and everything in the way of jewelry. So please go through your jewelry boxes and drawers. If you have old earrings, bracelets, necklaces, or rings you no longer can use, please consider donating them to our Jewelry Jumble. Just set them aside and watch for more information in church bulletins and newsletters later this year which will let you know when and where to bring your jewelry donations. We'll also be glad to have any of those little boxes for jewelry to help us display your donations at the Jumble.

And if you're someone who loves to shop for all kinds of wonderful trinkets - for yourself and as gifts for the holiday season - mark your calendar for NOVEMBER 13th, and come to our Mission Fair's Jewelry Jumble. We always need shoppers as

much as we need donors. We'll all have a great time for a good cause!!!

PS: The Mission Fair will also continue to include a Bake Sale as part of our help for the Good Shepherd Hospital, so we'll be thankful for more of the terrific baked goods donated by our congregation in past years. Get your recipes ready!

UPDATES FROM THE CONGO

As many of you may know our church has offered assistance to the IMCK in the Congo through our Mission, Service and Grants committee. The IMCK is a Christian primary health care facility and medical education center. Its services are centered at the Good Shepherd Hospital, a 142-bed facility. General medicine, surgery, ophthalmology, pediatrics, obstetrics, dental services, radiology and lab services are provided. This faith-based organization has been in operation for over 50 years.

Recently our church has been able to provide them with a grant that allowed them to purchase a spectrophotometer. Mr. Bernard Kabibu recently wrote an email in which he declared "a big "thank you" to the congregation. "This special gift will certainly help us solve the problem we have at the laboratory." He also mentioned that the spectrophotometer works fine and that two lab technicians have learned to use it. They have done 149 chemistry tests to date.

Mr. Kabibu wrote that the hospital is going through a very serious financial crisis. The workers have not been paid for the months of October, November and December but are still committed to work and help the poor. In the month of February alone they have cared for 149 charity cases valued at \$1,521.

The buildings need repair especially the roofs. Keeping the hospital clean is another problem as cleaning materials purchased locally are very expensive. "The times are difficult but we try to keep the hospital and its clinics functioning so that those who need our help can be helped," wrote Mr. Kabibu.

Please remember the Good Shepherd Hospital and their good works in your prayers.

Arlene Duran

YOUR ReSOURCE

Did you know there is a place where you can donate no longer needed home medical equipment? The place is **Your ReSource** in Ewing. Donated pieces of equipment are cleaned and refurbished, and sold at well below market value to anyone in need. Clients gain safety, mobility and independence; reusing items protects the environment; and individuals receive job training and employment. What an incredible place it is!

Your ReSource accepts home medical equipment in good and new condition, including wheelchairs and scooters, bath items, daily living aids, hospital beds, walkers, canes, crutches, portable ramps, hearing, vision and speech devices, rehab equipment, patient lifts and lift chairs. Items can be dropped off at Your ReSource, 8 Industry Court, Ewing (609) 530-1513 or contact Anne Gordon for assistance. The website is www.yourresourcenj.org.

Gerri LaPlaca, the director and founder of **Your ReSource** will be speaking at the Senior Breakfast on Thursday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. Come and learn more about this valuable community resource!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

"BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH DAY" APRIL 17, 2011

Share your love of the church by bringing a friend to worship with you on Palm Sunday. Friends are welcome at Sunday School, Worship, Coffee Hour and Youth Group. Fill the pews with friendship!

WEEKLY E-NEWS

The weekly e-mail newsletter is up and running! We hope you all are receiving and reading it. The weekly news will fill you in on upcoming events, the sermon title and scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

If you do not have access to a computer printed copies will be in the Narthex each week along with printed copies of the monthly calendar. If necessary, copies can be mailed to you.

If you need some help with e-mail, contact the office and they will arrange for someone to help take you through the steps. A full newsletter will produced quarterly and will be supplied on line as well as mailed to members who have requested mailings.

HELP WANTED: SPOTTERS!

The Outreach Committee is looking for some folks willing to serve as spotters. What is a spotter?

A spotter is someone willing to be on the lookout for visitors and to engage them in conversation either before or after church, perhaps bring them to coffee hour and introduce them to other members. Spotters will let the Outreach Committee know about the folks they have met. Outreach will follow-up with the visitors as they consider joining the church.

If you are interested in being a "spotter" contact Deanna Anderson at demanderson123@aol (609-395-6769) or Marlene French at memeffrench@yahoo.com (609-301-8528)

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP NEWS

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

April 4, April 7, April 11, April 14, April 18,
April 21, **No Class on April 25**, April 28

May 2, May 5, May 9, May 12, May 16, May 19
May 23, May 26, **No Class on May 30**

June 2, June 6, June 9, June 13, June 16

Upcoming Events for April, May and June

Senior Fellowship will meet on **Thursday, April 14**, at **11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Those attending are asked to bring a brown bag lunch; cold drinks and cookies will be served. We will then drive to the **Princeton Chapel** in order to hear the finalist of The Joan Lippincott Competition for Excellence in Organ Performance. Following the concert, we will visit the Princeton University Library to see an exhibit, The Cracked Lookingglass,

a celebration of Irish Prose writers. In the lobby is an exhibit titled Long Live Nassau Hall, a brief view of Princeton's history. People who are not on the Senior Fellowship calling list need to preregister by April 8 by calling Connie Bauder or the church office.

Senior Fellowship will host a trip on **Tuesday May 10, to Liberty Hall Museum in Union, NJ.** The museum is the mansion of the Kean family built in 1772 which has been in their family until it recently became a museum. We will depart the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and eat at the picnic tables at the museum so bring a brown bag lunch. We will have a one and on half hour tour of the house which includes a 12 minute movie. Surrounding the house are a rose garden and formal gardens. On display in the house are 3 centuries of clothing and cultural items of both men and women. Forty outfits are displayed on special mannequins.

If you are not one of the people that we call each month and you would like to go on this trip you must preregister by calling the church office at 609-395-0897 by May 5.

Senior Fellowship members are invited to attend the **Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m.** We will have two tables in Fellowship Hall to eat our ice cream together and enjoy the entertainment. Meet at the ticket table at 4:30 p.m. rain or shine.

Senior Fellowship will sponsor a trip to **Glenmont Estate**, Edison's home in West Orange on **Friday, June 10.** We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. sharp. We will arrive at the Edison Labs that we visited last year to pay and use the restrooms. We will depart the labs at 11:00 a.m. for Edison's home just down the road. We will have a ranger guided 30 minute visit to the house followed by self-guided walks around the grounds and gift shop. There will be folding chairs available in various places for those who need to sit. There are several of stairs in various places in the home. Please bring a brown bag lunch to eat in a park after our visit. After we eat, we will return to Cranbury. **Preregistration for this trip by June 3 is required by those who are not on our monthly call list.** Please preregister by calling the church office 609-395-0897 and leaving your name and phone number.

PLEASE NOTE: Senior Fellowship requests that any participants who sign-up for participation in any program who are unable to attend for some reason, please contact us as soon as possible. Please know the phone number of the person who calls you and call that person, Connie Bauder or the church office so that we can have an accurate count for planning the program.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

2010 Financial Report

Copies of the 2010 Annual Report, including the Treasurer's Report, are available on the church website and in the church office. Below are excerpts from the report.

We are happy to report through the efforts of Session, all Committees and your financial support, we were able to finish the year 2010 without having to use any funds from our Rainy Day Fund to balance the budget and ended the year with a small surplus. This is the first year out of the last three that we were

able to accomplish this. The surplus of +\$17,473 has been carried over to help fund the 2011 budget.

Despite the positive results in 2010, Session established the 2011 budget that continues to reflect the difficult economic backdrop but also seeks to be responsive to God's call to our Congregation. The key ingredients in establishing this budget, of course, are pledges of financial support from the Congregation. Pledge income is the single largest income item in the budget and accordingly has been the focus of the Stewardship Campaign. This year's budget calls for \$400,000 in pledge income, up from \$370,000 in 2010, so if you have not pledged yet, please consider making your pledge now.

We are grateful to all of you who have made a pledge of financial support and to all of you who commit your time and talents to do the necessary work and to pay the bills.

2011 Budget vs. Prior Year Results

	2010 Results				
	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2010 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	2011 Budget
Pledges	\$385,529	\$401,197	\$374,670	\$26,527	\$400,000
Plate	15,492	19,590	15,000	4,590	16,500
Other (Incl. Prior Yr Surplus)	754	577	1,000	(423)	18,473
Per Capita Receipts	6,850				
From Rainy Day Fund	<u>29,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,855</u>	<u>(43,855)</u>	<u>2,333</u>
Total Operating Income	<u>\$438,125</u>	<u>\$421,364</u>	<u>\$434,525</u>	<u>(\$13,161)</u>	<u>\$437,306</u>
Operating Expenses		<u>\$403,891</u>	<u>\$434,525</u>	<u>(\$30,634)</u>	
Net Income		<u>+\$17,463</u>			

Denominational Support (aka "per capita")

The bulk our Church's per capita assessment in 2010 was paid from a special solicitation which raised \$6,110. This, plus an additional \$4,500 from our operating budget went toward our total assessment of \$24,000. Please consider supporting this important expense of the Presbyterian Church so our Church may continue to pay its fair share for the benefits and support from our connection to others in the Presbytery and nationally. You will find a per capita envelope in your pledge envelope box. This year's per capita assessment is \$35/active member, unchanged from 2010.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Group Activities: Highlights

Save the Dates!

APRIL

- April 1-3 (Fri. 5 pm - Sun. 1:30 pm) High School Retreat on "The Power of Prayer" at Camp Johnsonburg. No evening meeting.
 April 23 (Sat.) 10-11 a.m. take chairs to Village Park
 April 24 Easter Sunday 6:30-8 a.m. set up chairs, co-lead Easter Sunrise service

MAY

- May 8 Bake Sale fundraiser during Coffee Hour for the Youth Mission Trip
 May 20-22 (Fri. 5 pm - Sun. 1:30 pm) Middle School Retreat on "The Power of Prayer" at Camp Johnsonburg

JUNE

- June 5 9:15 a.m. Rehearsal and 10:30 a.m. Lead Worship - Children & Youth Sunday

JULY

- July 7 (Thursday) Assist with serving meals at TASK
 July 17-21 (Sunday-Thursday) Youth Mission Trip at Camp Johnsonburg

AUGUST

- August 1-5 Assist with VBS Program daily from 9-11:30 a.m.
 August 4 (Thursday) Assist with serving meals at TASK

<p align="center"><u>Worship Service</u> 10:30 a.m. Worship (Childcare provided)</p>	<p align="center"><u>Staff</u> Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell, Pastor Rev. Rosanna Anderson, Associate Pastor Rev. Joanne Petto, Parish Associate Kurt Heineman, Seminary Intern</p>	<p align="center"><u>Church Office Hours</u> Monday through Thursday open all day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday open from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Closed 12:00 noon to 1:00p.m.) <u>Closed:</u> April 22 (Good Friday) – the church office will close at 12 noon; Monday, April 25; Monday, May 30</p>	<p align="center"><i>"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases." (Lamentations 3:22)</i></p>
<p><u>Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School (CPNS)</u> Janice Parker, Director Phone: 609-655-8663 cpnschool@comcast.net <u>Closed:</u> April 18 - April 25; May 30 Last day of school for CPNS–June 10</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 align="center"><u>Dates and Deadlines</u></p> <p>4/14 9:00a Session Material Due 4/19 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 5/12 9:00a Session Material Due 5/17 6:30p Session dinner with the Confirmands - FH 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 6/16 9:00a Session Material Due 6/21 7:30p Session Meeting 6/23 Newsletter Articles Due</p>