

# The Witness

Reverend Lynne D Trout

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## FIFTY TO SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AS A MEMBER OF FIRST PRESBY- TERIAN CHURCH OF DELANCO

Joined in month / year  
4/33 Marion Burk  
3/37 Eleanor Britton  
3/37 Margaret Gatti  
3/39 Gerrie Hook  
12/42 Julia Grayham  
9/43 Hilda Hackney  
9/43 Florence Miller  
6/44 Edward Price  
3/45 Margaret Guenther  
6/46 Hazel Redman  
4/48 James McDougall  
5/51 Wm. Allen Wood  
10/52 Dorothy Myers  
12/52 John Clark Jr.  
11/53 Jeanne Bruton  
12/54 Doris McCullough  
3/55 Madeline Roberts  
3/55 Elsie Verner  
2/56 Helen Phillips  
2/56 Janice Brennan  
10/56 Julia Greenhalgh  
12/56 Grace McLaughlin  
4/57 Mary Nikolet  
4/57 Arlene Phillips

All will be honored on November 16! Come to worship to help honor all the members listed.

### \*Attention\*

First Presbyterian Church of Delanco is looking for a Sexton. If you may be interested in this position, please contact George Brookover or Donna Thurman for more information and an application.

## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

PYG's meet on second and fourth Sundays at 4:00-5:30 pm.  
November 2—PYG's Halloween Party  
November 16—Breakfast for congregation—All are welcome!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We're planning on having a "Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast" on November 23. So mark that date on your calendar. More details will be given in the upcoming weeks.

It's also great to report that on Oct. 19 we had 11 students attending Sunday School. That's the best attendance we've had since September. Our curriculum for both classes is new and exciting, so come on out and join us. For anyone age 4 through high school there's a class for you.

We're already practicing our Children's Play titled, "Sleepover at the Stable", will be presented at worship in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.

## ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

with Dobbins Methodist Church at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Steve Elliott preaching.

## PASTOR LYNNE TROUT'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

will be on Sunday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m.

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*"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues"*  
—Cicero

Chancel Flower Dedications are Needed for Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb



Wed. Nov. 26  
7:00 pm here  
Rev. Steve Elliott  
preaching



9:00 am-Breakfast with Jesus  
9:30 am-Church School  
10:00 am-Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am-Worship Service  
After worship (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)  
Refreshment Time in An-

**MISSION NEWS!**

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**

The Sunday School will again be collecting money for this organization as a Christmas project. But we need the participation of the entire church congregation to really make this successful. In case you're not familiar with this organization, they give animals to needy people all over the world. These animals not only provide an ongoing source of nutrition, but income, self-sufficiency and hope. Last year we raised \$360.00 which provided a goat, a sheep and a pig. Hopefully, we will have specially marked envelopes to use for this donation.

—Carol Esposito

**Seeking Volunteers!**

Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice is seeking caring and compassionate volunteers to visit terminally ill patients in their home or care facility. Training is provided and volunteers can give as little or as much as they wish. Volunteers are also needed for office work, community outreach, and bereavement. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator by calling (856) 552-1300 or e-mailing [volunteer@moorestownvna.org](mailto:volunteer@moorestownvna.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Mission Update**

**Thank you one and all for your support of the missions we share here at First Presbyterian Church.**

Supporting Your Food Shelf (Camden) —We are now collecting sweaters, sweat shirts and winter coats for Camden. Place your contributions in the large box at the back of the Annex. Children's clothing always needed.



**Our Mission Committee** is supporting **America's Keswick**. If you would like to help us, the following items would be greatly appreciated:

toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, disposable triple blade razors, shaving cream, shampoo, foot powder, Q-Tips, (No after shave!), stamps, writing paper, pkg. of socks, pkg. of underwear, new or gently used clothing, knit caps, gloves, baseball gloves  
All items are to be donated by Sunday, December 7!

**Look for our Angel Tree for this project in the annex during November! Thanks again for your support to all missions! Grace & Peace, Gerrie Diehm (Call 856-461-6286 for further details.)**

During this holiday season, **Deacons Food Shelf** always needs canned food such as vegetables, fruits, soups w/ meat, pasta products, peanut butter, etc. (non-perishables only).

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

**Next IHN WEEK at First Presbyterian; November 2-9, 2008**  
 —The IHN will be here on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact me if you would like to help. There are still openings for overnight hosting, activity help, etc.  
 —This is a local mission project, here, in Burlington County. We help local working homeless families. If you have never had an opportunity to help before, take the time now. It is well worth the effort, just ask any former and/or current volunteer. **Please contact Jackie Nixon 856-461-5044.**

**PASTOR LYNNE**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says it very well. Ecclesiastes 3:1 begins: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." We are in the season of fall with many beautiful and glorious changes occurring all around us. We see the leaves changing their colors and the grass growing more slowly. Summer flowers fade, and fall flowers blossom in their place. Fall, or autumn, is also a time for preparation. The squirrels and chipmunks gather nuts and berries for their winter stash of food. Birds who enjoy warmer climates fly to their winter homes, as some people do. They are preparing for the colder winter weather we all anticipate. Those of us who remain here prepare our homes and our closets for the colder weather to come. Again, we are all preparing.

The church prepares as well. We look forward to the new fall programs in Sunday School, youth group, and committees. We plan for hosting our annual community Thanksgiving Eve service with Dobbins Memorial Methodist Church. We also plan for my Installation Service on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. here in our church.

Most importantly we prepare for the beginning of our new church year on the First Sunday of Advent, also on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Advent is preparing for the birth of our Savior. We not only prepare our church, we also prepare ourselves. We prepare our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls for the coming of Christ. We do this through reading Scripture, praying, and attending church. Daily devotional booklets are helpful. If you do not have one and are computer literate, some can be accessed through Presbyterian websites or other Christian websites as well as those offered by our church.

We are nearing Thanksgiving and have much for which to be thankful. Yes, the economy is a mess; and the world has many problems as a whole. Yet God loves us and cares for us (Matthew 6:25-34 and others). God loves us so much He sent His only Son to live among us, to die on the cross for us, and to be resurrected, all to save us from our sins so we may live with Him in eternal life (John 3:16, paraphrased). Yes, we have so much for which to be thankful.

Advent is near. As we prepare to begin a new church year, let us also plan to prepare our church and ourselves for new growth. With God's guidance we can do great things. Let us give thanks to God for all His blessings and gifts as we prepare our hearts to be Christ's home. May God continue to bless us and keep us in His care.

**Pastor Lynne**

**Thank You!**

**Dear Members and Friends,**

Your thoughtfulness and generosity was overwhelming! From the bottom of my heart we thank you all for your parting gift. If for no other reason, I envy Pastor Lynne for she will be the future recipient of your love and care.

To all of you who were involved in the "farewell luncheon" — preparing, setting up and cleaning up — my heartfelt "Thanks." It was kind of you all to go to such trouble.

In the near future, Dorothy and I will decide what will be an appropriate use of your gift and be assured it will remind us of you all and our time together.

"Until we meet again, blest be the tie that binds."

**Pastor Ron**

**Pastor Lynne Trout's  
Installation Service  
November 30 — 3pm**

**Congregational  
Meeting on November  
9, after worship**

Purpose: to elect Robin Morris as Elder to replace Bill Morris in Session. Also to elect Debbie Sickler to replace Robin Morris on Church Nominating Committee.

*Reverend Lynne D Trout*

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## **Count Your Blessings**

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;  
Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;  
Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

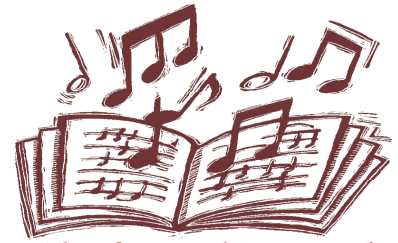
Count your health instead of your wealth;  
Count on God instead of yourself.

## CHURCH NOTES



### Newsletter Production helping hands

We will meet during 3rd or 4th week so that the Witness is sent out before end of the month. Anyone who would like to help gather articles for newsletter please contact :Jeanne Mehling



### **Choir Rehearsal**

#### Choir Rehearsals in November

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month  
7:00 p.m.  
and each Sunday at 10:00 am  
Contact Nancy Gager



Have you checked out the website yet?  
[www.delancopc.org](http://www.delancopc.org)  
Thanks to Peter Olley

### THANK YOU!

—Thank you for donating your 2008 Per Capita!  
—\$2056 of \$3065 needed has been collected so far from 55/83 members.

PLEASE HELP BY DONATING ABOVE YOUR CURRENT FUND DONATIONS!

### Monthly Meetings During September—June

Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
on 1st Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Deacons Meeting  
on 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Christian Education Meeting on 1st Sunday after worship

⇒ PLEASE NOTE COMMITTEE REPORTS Should be copied & Distributed by Sunday before each Session Meeting on 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting  
3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Mission Committee Meeting  
(See Gerrie Diehm)

### Chancel Flowers Dedications

Two flower bouquets are used at Sunday worship services.

Each flower bouquet costs \$8.00. Please make checks to Deacon's Flower Fund. When dedications are not made then the flowers are paid out of donations for other purposes. You may take them home or donate to shut-ins.

Flower dedications are available all year long:

1. sign up for a date in the Annex
2. contacting Vera Taylor (856) 461-6074
3. write to the church with your dedication and check for one or two bouquets.

Flowers Needed for Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb



*Please Don't Forget your Church*

### UPDATES OF SOLDIERS IN MILITARY

\*Owen Brennan — McGuire AFB, NJ  
\*SMSgt. Chris McCullough — Texas  
Jason Carroll—now in IRAQ  
IRAQ  
Ian Cairns—home in NJ from Afghanistan  
Donald Seymour—deployed to Qatar

DELANCO SENIOR CITIZENS MEETS AT NOON EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 2008 UNTIL MAY 2009.