

# The Witness

Reverend Lynne D Trout

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & COMING EVENTS

**October 26**, during Sunday School we will be having a Noah's Ark Party which will be fun and games. Older children will be putting on a play.

**November 23**, during Sunday School we will be having a Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast.

**December 14**, the Sunday School students will perform the play "Sleepover at the Stable" so rehearsals should be starting soon.

**On September 14**, the students with the best attendance record were presented with a coupon to Chick-Fil-A (Anna Convery, Michael Antico, Julia Diehm & Julianna Olley) and all students who attended regularly were presented with certificates.

—Carol Esposito

## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH GROUP

Hey out there calling all PYG's—Our next meeting will be the first Sunday, **October 5th**. We brainstormed at our first meeting and have some activities already hitting the calendar.

**On November 2nd**—our meeting will include a Halloween party.

**On November 16th**—our second annual breakfast for congregation and friends. In November—we will again help to decorate the fellowship hall and will install our Christmas Cross in the sanctuary. On-going—we will be making a general banner for the church.

**For OCTOBER**--We would like to try to do a "HAVE A PYG(s) FOR DINNER" progressive dinner. We are looking for host families to have an appetizer course, main course, vegetable course, and we (PYG's) would have the dessert course back at the church. We thought it would be a great way to get to know our youth and to have them get to know our church family with fun and fellowship.



✠ **The hard working and successful Pastor Nominating Committee: Bill Morris, Sue Mullen, Dave Convery, Donna Costilow Thurman, Jackie Nixon, Peter Olley & Betty Jenkins as financial consultant.**

✠ **To all of you who came out to hear and meet the new pastor on September 14. We hope that all of you will reach out to the new part-time (24 hours / week) pastor in welcome as she and her husband settle into the Delanco neighborhood and into the First Presbyterian church life and into New Jersey life from Pennsylvania. Pastor Lynne starts on September 29.**

**And please take time to read Rev. Lynne D. Trout's faith journey biography on page 3. Remember Pastor Lynne's installation will probably be in December.**

✠ **Rev. Ronald H. Rathje for his service to First Presbyterian as the temporary, part-time supply pastor for almost two full years. Now he will get to enjoy his retirement again until God calls him again to serve.**

PYG's: October is right around the corner so we'd need to get right on this dinner so let me know if can host a course. Looking way ahead—we'll be doing Souper Bowl Sunday again and having our lock-in next February. Pray for us PYG's in all things, Nancy Gager, God Bless

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**October 5**



**9:00 am-Breakfast with Jesus**  
**9:30 am-Church School**  
**10:00 am-Choir Rehearsal**  
**11:00 am-Worship Ser-**

**MISSION NEWS!**

**Becoming Partners in God's Work**

My child, I've often heard your question: This message is my answer. You're concerned about the hungry in the world, millions are starving... and you ask: "What can I do?"

**FEED ONE**

You grieve for all the unborn children murdered every day... and you ask: "What can I do?"

**SAVE ONE**

You're haunted by the homeless poor who wander city streets... and you ask: "What can I do?"

**SHELTER ONE**

You feel compassion for those who suffer pain, sorrow and despair... and you ask: "What can I do?"

**COMFORT ONE**

Your heart goes out to the lonely, the abused and the imprisoned... and you ask: "What can I do?"

**LOVE ONE**

*Remember this, My Child... tow thousand years ago the world was filled with those in need, just as it is today, and when the helpless and the hopeless called out to me for mercy, I sent a Savior.*

**HOPE BEGAN WITH ONLY ONE!**

—B.J. Hoff

—Church World Service & SERRV International at New Windsor MD invites people from around the United States to come share the work at the Care Kits / Blankets / Clean-up Buckets center or SERRV International warehouse. Church World Service & SERRV International operates through people donating their time and talents to work at various tasks such as folding blankets for shipment, building Care Kits from donated items, pricing and re-packaging items for fair trade sales around the USA.

**They both need people's one day here and one day there to make it work. Join me next time-Nov. 2-3!—Jeanne Mehling**

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

1. Your Food Shelf (Camden) —Arlene and Helen Phillips with the help of Jim McDougall take bags of fall & winter clothes (such as sweatshirts, sweaters, coats) as well as children's clothing to Camden. Keep the bags small and mark them for Camden.
2. Homeless — We give many personal hygiene bags with soap and shampoo, etc. to Camden and IHN families.
3. Colony of Mercy at Keswick— I take some gently used men's clothing for residents of the Colony of Mercy. Call Gerrie Diehm for details.

Our mission is to help others with stuff that we could share along with the 10% share of money donated to current expenses for Benevolence to General Assembly, Synod, Presbytery missions and other local missions such as IHN, Fishes & Loaves, Triple Town Ministerial Emergency, Home For Aged Women, Camp Scholarship and other local missions to be designated.

**Thanks again for your support to all missions! Gerrie Diehm Call 856-461-6286 for further details.)**

**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.**

## MEET PASTOR LYNNE

### Faith Journey Biography



My name is Lynne D. Trout, formerly Weaver. I was an only child, baptized and confirmed Lutheran. As a young person, I participated in worship services, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, junior choir, youth choir, choir school, and Luther League youth group. I took piano and pipe organ lessons.

While an undergraduate at West Chester University (B.S. in Elem. ED./ 1969), my roommate and I had affiliate memberships for three and one-half years in a Presbyterian Church near campus. We participated in worship, the church's college choir, and college social group.

I have been married thirty-seven years and have two grown children. My husband is a life-long Presbyterian so I agreed to attend and join the Presbyterian Church. We belonged to Doylestown Presbyterian Church for twenty-five years. During that time we attended worship, taught Sunday School several years, and we were co-superintendents of Sunday School for two and one-half years while we were without an associate pastor for Christian Education. DPC had almost 2,000 members. After our children both graduated from high school, we transferred our membership to the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run with a membership of about 400, where we continue to worship. We have been members of the Mission Committee, planning committee for the annual summer craft festival, and drama group. I was a member of the Shepherding Committee, adult choir and associate organist for two years before entering seminary and doing internships. I am currently serving on the Worship Committee and am involved in prayer shawl ministry. We both continue to serve as ushers and readers.

In 1974, I graduated from Trenton State College with an M.ED in Early Childhood Ed. and currently work part-time as a receptionist for Weigh Watchers to pay my seminary loans. I also volunteer as hospice chaplain with our local hospital. My husband retired from teaching two and one-half years ago and works part-time as an insurance agent answering telephone calls from senior citizens about the Medicare and Medicaid prescription drug programs.

I felt "called" to ministry when I was 16 years of age but was dissuaded by my Lutheran pastor who indicated females were rarely accepted in leadership positions. I followed his advise and chose another direction. I found other ways to serve in church. After our younger child graduated from college, I discerned God again calling me. Through prayer, Scripture reading, and conversations with other Christians, I found my calling being affirmed and entered the Seminary. I attended Moravian Theological Seminary graduating with honors in 2005 with a Master of Divinity. I was ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament on July 13, 2008 in the Philadelphia Presbytery.

I have always had strong faith which continues to grow and mature with time and service to God and others. I find my true happiness in this service. I pray for my spiritual growth to continue however God chooses to direct me.

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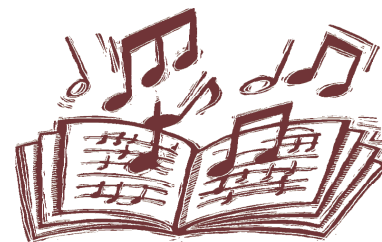
### **Bread of Life**

When we receive the bread offered during Holy Communion, it's the spiritual equivalent of receiving free bread. No matter how you slice it in terms of your own denominational tradition, the "real" bread and "real" drink connect us deeply and spiritually with God through Christ. We are nourished by the grace we receive, encouraged by the diverse crowd around us and strengthened to live life to the full. There's no substitute for the love and life we experience when we break the Bread of Life. Like Peter we cry out, "Lord, to whom [else] shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68, NIV).

**CHURCH NOTES**



**Newsletter Production helping hands**  
 Thanks go out to Vera & Frank Taylor for their help with the September Witness!  
 Helping once or each month is great! Thanks!  
 We meet during 3rd or 4th week so that the Witness is sent out before end of the month.  
 —Jeanne Mehling



**Choir Rehearsal**

**Choir Rehearsals in October**  
 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!**

**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 Aug/Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec**



*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
- John Sitzmann—home from Afghanistan
- Dan Morales—IRAQ
- Ian Cairns—Afghanistan—tough time
- Donald Seymour—deployed to Qatar

**DELANCO SENIOR CITIZENS**

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

**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 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Mission Committee Meeting**  
 (See Gerrie Diehm)