

The Witness

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Orders must be in by October 13th for your delicious hoagies from the crew here at The First Presbyterian Church of Delanco

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"Attic to Basement Sale"

October 17th 9am-2pm



9:00 am-Breakfast with Jesus

9:30 am-Church School

10:00 am-Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am-Worship Service

After worship (2nd Sunday)

Refreshment Time in Annex

Being Good Stewards of Our Environment

Continue to Save Yogurt Containers

The recycling of yogurt containers continues at our church. They are made of a plastic that cannot be recycled.

Our church has partnered up with TerraCycle, a company based in Trenton, to better serve our environment. TerraCycle will sell planting pots to large retailers who currently use black plastic planting pots, millions of which are discarded by consumers every year.

TerraCycle will pay our church 2 cents per 6 oz container and 5 cents per 32 oz container. The company provides the shipping boxes and pays the postage. TerraCycle will send the proceeds directly to the church and the money will go into our current expense account.

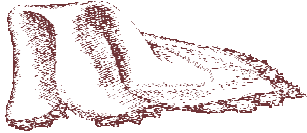
We continue to be good stewards of our environment, collect cash for our efforts and use the money to further the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Please clean out the containers before bringing them to church. Thank you to all who have contributed thus far. One full box has been shipped. I will keep you informed about the proceeds from our environmental endeavor. There is a box marked for yogurt containers right inside the church doors on Union Ave. They are picked up at the church several times a week and stored in our house until we have a box full.

TerraCycle does not accept Breyers and Yoplait containers. All other containers are acceptable. If you would like more information on the company you can go to www.terracycle.net.

Matthew 6:26 - Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Rick Trout



Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Attention
Crocheters and
Knitters!*

Prayer shawl ministry underway again! This ministry has provided tremendous comfort and help to those in need in our county. This past month they have provided 12 shawls to the Masonic Home on Jacksonville road in Jacksonville, New Jersey, as well as Preemie blankets to Virtua Hospital in Mount Holly, New Jersey.

Please either join them or help provide essential supplies to further this most important and worthwhile cause. If you have any questions or need information, please contact Sue Mullen or Pastor Lynne. See you soon!

Session Meeting Date Change

Session meeting will be on Monday, October 5th, 2009.

This is due to the fact that the original date for Session would fall on Columbus Day. Please take note and make any changes necessary to your schedules. Have a Great Month .

Bible Study

October 6th meeting is at 6pm due to Deacons Meeting

Our Tuesday evening Bible study will covering the Book of Luke in the Memorial Room. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke (2 volumes of text). We look forward to last year's group returning and welcome new people as well. If you have

Presbyterian Youth Group

There will be an organizational for the Presbyterian Youth Group on **Oct. 4 from 6:00PM to 7:00PM**. All youth of the church are invited from fourth grade on up. Please bring your enthusiasm and ideas.

The Clothes Caravan Continues

Another 33 bags of clothes were transported to Camden from our church. You continue to provide needed items so that others may have the Appropriate garments for the season. Every time you drop off a garment or bag of clothes, you provide someone you do not know with a deep sense of warmth, dignity and love.

Everyday someone who has partaken of the services that are helped by you is one step closer to knowing what the Love of God Really is. Keep up the fantastic work and remember "God loves a cheerful Giver".

Pastor Lynne

October 2009

We are off to a wonderful start with our fall programs! It is a beautiful time of the year, and our church continues in full bloom. October has two important Sundays. October 4th is World Communion Sunday, and October 25th is Reformation Sunday. On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. We remember always Jesus' words in the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" We pray for those in our communities and around the world that they come to know Christ better and be good disciples in spreading the Good News of the Gospel to all.

On Reformation Sunday, we remember our forefathers, John Calvin, Martin Luther, John Wesley, and others who broke off relations with the Roman Catholic church to follow the Reformed tradition. If you have read the recent issues of *Presbyterians Today* (can be found on the literature tables in the annex) and/or church sections of newspapers, you may know this year is the 500th anniversary of the birthday of John Calvin, father of the Presbyterian faith. Calvin is considered to be the theologian of the Holy Spirit. According to Sheldon W. Sorge in the July/August *Presbyterians Today*, Calvin believed the Holy Spirit plays important roles both in God's self-disclosure to us, and in our response to God's gift of salvation through Christ and that only through the Holy Spirit are we able to access the benefits Christ offers. Dr. Sorge's article is well worth reading. He reminds us the Holy Spirit is at work in us to do impossible things.

Most of us probably have a small idea that Calvin helped to shape our Presbyterian theology which guides our churches. But we do not seem to know much about Calvin himself. Some of what we think we know is not very accurate. I am not going to write his biography in this newsletter (not enough space!). I encourage you to find out more about him in the many various resources available and share your findings with others.

There are lots of great things happening in our church including Sunday School (classes for all ages from pre-school through adults), worship, choir, adult Bible study, prayer shawl ministry, and monthly hoagie sales, to name several. We are alive and active and invite you to find something which interests you and join us. If you have an interest for which there is no activity currently scheduled, talk with me; and we will see about starting something, especially for the men. Let us worship and praise God in everything we do!

Pastor Lynne

"Attic to Basement Sale"

On October 17th from 9am till 2pm we will be selling "Elegantly Distressed" items that have been lovingly donated by our congregation.

This sale will benefit the missions that we here at the First Presbyterian Church of Delanco help to support. Especially the Home for Aged Ladies, Triple Town Ministerium and a whole host of other groups that we give our loving support to.

The proceeds collected from this sale will be donated over and above the 10% allotted to the Missions Committee each year.

We will be accepting donations at any time and request your presence with us for the day.

Fellowship with friends, family and members of your community while perusing these items of "Distressed Elegance".

For more info call Gerrie Diehm at 461-6286

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Having an Attitude of Gratitude

What exactly is Gratitude? It is an appreciation or thankfulness for having received any form of favor, kindness, good fortune, etc.

Each time I take clothes to Keswick, Colony of Mercy or our Food Shelf in Camden, they cannot thank us enough for our thoughtfulness and loving gifts.

Your generosity is always greatly appreciated and your Love is deeply felt by all who are blessed by your gifts. Just because you don't see where it goes and what tremendous benefits your giving provides should not dissuade you from continuing to give. This Church and community have always had an Attitude of Gratitude about the gifts we receive and have shown it by coming to the aid of those in need.

Raise your heads high and be proud, but not prideful, that you have helped someone lead a better life through your giving.

Gerrie Diehm & the Editorial Staff