

REV. LYNNE D. TROUT



Next hoagie sale will be Saturday October 16th, 2010. Orders must be in by Tuesday October 12th at 5pm.

See You There !!!!



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## Celebrating 138 years of God's Love

We delivered 54 bags of clothes, in September, to Your Food Shelf in Camden and 12 bags of men's clothes to Keswick for the Colony of Mercy for men.

We will be collecting toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream , new men's underwear & for Christmas to give to Keswick to help with their ministry.

We are trying to help in the best way possible to eliminate misery. These 2 ministries are close to our heart and we appreciate your generosity.

Next month we'll give you an update on our other ministries.

**Grace & Peace**  
**Gerrie**

We are collecting Coats & Sweaters for Camden. The box is in the back of the annex.

### October Birthdays

10/01 - Gabrielle Lawson

10/03 - Jonathan Jennings

10/06 - Jessica Diehm

10/08 - Edward Kemble

10/11 - Alexi Toncray

10/12 - Shirley Haran

10/19 - Helen Phillips

10/20 - Paul Van Tassel

10/21 - Bill Craythorn

10/12 - Dawn Edmonds

10/30 - Jim McDougall

## Dates To Remember

**10/03** - Sunday School, 9:30a.m.

Communion, Peacemaking Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Dedication of Historical Plaque, 12:00 noon luncheon following.

**10/04** - Worship and Music Committee, 10:00 a.m.

**10/05** - Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.; Deacons, 7:00 p.m.

**10/06** - Building and Grounds, 6:30 p.m.

**10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31** - Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.

**10/12, 10/26** - Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**10/21** - Prayer Shawl, 7:00 p.m.

Dates are subject to change

If you play an instrument the praise band will be rehearsing on Wednesdays from 6pm - 7pm and perform on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Contact Nancy Gager if this is of interest to you.

**Hoagie Sale**

Orders must be in by Oct. 12th for your delicious hoagies from the crew here at The First Presbyterian Church of Delanco

Call  
856-461-6778  
856-255-5152  
To Order

Hoagie pickup will be  
Saturday Oct. 16th  
Between 11am &  
12:30pm

**YOUTH GROUP  
NEWS**

**WATCH & LISTEN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT WHAT OUR YOUTH GROUP IS UP TO. OUR YOUTH GROUP WILL TEAM UP WITH ZION LUTHERAN, FIRST MORAVIAN & ST. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL THIS YEAR. THEY WILL BE MEETING IN RIVERSIDE. YOUTHS THAT ARE IN GRADES 6 THRU 12 ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE GROUP.**

**NANCY GAGER  
& RICK TROUT**

**A big thanks and praise goes out to all who have helped to fill up the basket with empty and clean yogurt containers. As a church and community, we have found new uses for 1,844 clean 6 and 32 oz. containers. Visit Terracycle's website [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net). and check out other materials they collect for recycling. Terracycle sends out checks twice a year. The church received a check for \$32.40 in July. Thank you to those who help made this possible. There is a marked box for the yogurt containers inside the church door on Union Ave. or drop off the containers at 410 Richards Ave. Delanco.**

**Rick Trout  
Yogurt Team Coordinator**

**Counters Schedule for October**

Oct 3 Debbie Brown, Jackie Nixon and Vera Taylor  
Oct 10 George and Joyce Brookover and Rick Trout  
Oct 17 Carol Esposito, Dave Convery and Jane Olley  
Oct 24 Gerri Diehm, Linda Ballenger and Sue Mullen  
Oct 31 Debbie Brown, Jackie Nixon and Vera Taylor

**Counters: It is the counter's responsibility to find a substitute if unavailable to fulfill your scheduled Sunday.**

### Monetary Musing from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

2 Corinthians 9:11-13 from The Message- *This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.*

*Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God. This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ.*

During the month of October there will be a stewardship pledge drive. Christian stewardship is an important part in deepening our spiritual life, in becoming more generous people and understanding fully how God wishes to share what we have been given. Through your past financial giving, you provided resources for the life and mission of our church. With your continued faithful management of all that God gives, our church will continue to make God's love and presence visible in our congregation and the larger world. Our church, in the past, has always maintained generous support when members were asked to give of their time and talent. The missing "t" is treasure. It is our financial commitment that keeps the income greater than the expense. We are all concerned about the monthly imbalance between the two. With heartfelt thanksgiving to God, please make a financial commitment to support the programs and ministries of our church. The last *Witness* had a passage from Exodus. Because of the abundant offerings, Moses had to stop the flow of materials to build the temple. "Enough more than enough." cried Moses.

You alone will determine what God is calling you to give. Can you hear Moses? "Enough more than enough?"

On Sunday October the 10<sup>th</sup> in the annex of the sanctuary will be envelopes labeled by families. In the envelope you will find a letter from the Finance/Stewardship committee, a pledge card and a smaller envelope. Please read the letter and after prayerful consideration fill out the pledge card. Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November is Dedication of the Pledges. Please put the pledge card in the envelope provided for your privacy. The treasurer will be the only person to know what each family pledged. If you wish to bring your envelope in prior to that Sunday, the treasurer will hold it until November 14<sup>th</sup> for the dedication. All packets not picked up by the 24<sup>th</sup> of October will be mailed.

Here we go "by the numbers" for August income and expense:

Income: \$8,144.89

Expenses: \$5,826.95

This is the first "by the numbers" since being published in the newsletter where the income is much greater than the expenses.

Congratulations!

As we apply our gifts in the power of the Holy Spirit our lives will increasingly exhibit the fruit of the Spirit.

Rick Trout, Finance/Stewardship Committee

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**THE  
WITNESS**

Getting to Know You

Township of Delanco  
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Delanco, NJ 08075  
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To send an email to any township employee, use their first initial and last name @delancotownship.com

***Administrative Offices***

***Richard Schwab...Acting Township Administrator ...ext. 223***

***Janice M. Lohr ... Municipal Clerk ...ext. 224***

***Karen E. Zimmermann ... Deputy Municipal Clerk ...ext 222***

***Carla A. Sarlo ...Construction Coordinator/Administrative Assistant ...ext. 261***

***Marie DiSibio ...Website Coordinator/Administrative Assistant ...ext. 255***

***Edward Scheafer ...Construction Official ...ext. 230***

***Jennifer Esposito ...Court Administrator ...ext. 229***

***Bob Hudnell ...Chief Financial Officer ...ext. 225***

***Kitty Martin ... Secretary ...ext. 274***

**Pastor's Nook**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7: "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."**

During the month of October, our congregation will be asked to take time to think and to pray, even more than usual. We will be asked to decide how much we can afford to commit to giving to the church in 2011. In Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, verses 6 and 7 (see above), he is reminding the church in Corinth that they get what they give. If they give a little, they will only get a little in return. But if they give more, they will get more. Life in our church is similar. If we only give a little money, we may not have enough to pay our bills. If we give more, we may not have to worry so much.

We are all aware how much the bills for our daily living in our homes seem to increase all the time. Unfortunately, our church has the same problem, except that because the building itself is older and larger than many of our homes, the bills are also larger and continue to increase yearly. This fall we needed to finally replace the air conditioner in the annex for the sanctuary and annex to be comfortable in the warmer weather. It was old and could no longer be serviced. There are other machines which could pose similar problems in the future.

We realize we all have troubles making ends meet. But if we want to continue to worship here, we are faced with the ongoing challenge of keeping up with maintenance and paying the routine bills. Paul goes on to remind them and us that we must give as we make up our minds to give, each according to what is possible, not unwillingly or being compelled.

We each face the challenge of maintaining our homes and their upkeep. We also face the challenge, collectively, of doing the same for our church. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will dedicate the Stewardship commitment cards which will be distributed in October. Remembering that God loves a cheerful giver, I encourage you to give prayerful consideration to increasing the amount you currently give the church even just a little bit, realizing that this is not always possible. Paul says, "the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." It would be wonderful if we were able to commit enough income to be able to meet our expenses. May God grant us the ability to make our decisions according to His will for us and for our church.

*Pastor Lynne*