

The Witness

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Orders must be in by September 15th for you to get your mouth watering hoagies from the crew here at The First Presbyterian Church of Delanco

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To Order



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

Vacation Bible School a Summer Blockbuster Hit

We had a very successful Vacation Bible School this year. A total of 46 kids registered for the week. The opening and closing program was a game show format where kids played games that focused on the lesson for the day. We started off with our super, glamorous game show host, Wanda Winalot ([Nancy Gager](#)) leading songs and giving a preview of the lesson for the day. For the ending program Wanda (Nancy) was joined by 2 other contestants, Professor Wordsmart ([Sue Mullen](#)) and Coach Armstrong ([Suzanne Convery](#)). They competed with children from the audience to answer questions about their Bible lesson. (And of course, they had no clue what the answers were!!) [Pastor Steve Elliott](#) filled in for Coach Armstrong on Friday. After the 30 minute opening the children went on to 5 other work shops; all of which emphasized the Bible lesson for the day.

PRIME BIBLE CHALLENGE led by [Deb Sickler](#) & [Janice Bienkowski](#). Lessons for the week:

GO LEAD! Gideon leads the Israelites to victory. Judges 7:1-22

GO RISK! Esther risks her life for God's people. Esther 4-7

GO TELL! Jesus lives again, and the women run to tell. Matthew 27-28

GO OBEY! The apostles obey by taking a stand for Jesus. Acts 5:17-32

GO SERVE! Ananias serves God by helping Saul. Acts 9:1-19

CREATIVE CRAFTS led by [Joanne Devenny](#) (Dobbins) and [Jane Olley](#).

SERVICE SHOWCASE led by [Gerrie Diehm](#) and [Caroline Austin](#). Our service project for this year was "Operation Christmas Child". The children donated hygiene items and toys to fill shoe boxes with. These will be sent all over the world in November as part of Samaritan's Purse, an organization led by Frank Graham.

GAMES were led by [Elyse Convery](#) and her friend [Grace Watkins](#) (Willingboro Baptist Church)

BACKSTAGE FOOD provided by [Norma Stanton](#) & [Vera Taylor](#).

TODDLERS were taught by [Alice Smith](#) & [Megan Devenny](#) (Dobbins)

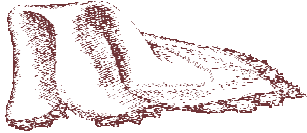
VOLUNTEERS: [Dot MacDougall](#) & [Arlene Phillips](#) worked at the registration table. Vera's granddaughter [Kendall Taylor](#) and her friends [Jessica Rednic](#) and [Olivia Bacino](#) were guides for the grades K,1&2. [Katie Lynn Fenimore](#) (Dobbins) also helped. Norma's granddaughter [Kate Gerber](#) and her friend [Alex Ross](#) and were guides for grades 3,4&5. [Rebecca Petti](#) was the guide for grades 5,6 &7; and [Holly Sickler](#) helped with toddlers and games. And Ed Kemble made our big game wheel. Great Job everyone!

We also had some fun with "funny dress days" such as:

Tuesday - Wear clothes "inside-out" day; **Wednesday** - Pajama Day;

Thursday - Miss/matched clothes day; & **Friday** - Beach day.

So Praise God for a fun week with only one band-aid needed and only 1 sick child sent home. And a great big THANK YOU to all those people who volunteered time and talents to make it the success that it was!



Prayer Shawl

Ministry

*Attention
Crocheters and
Knitters!*

Prayer shawl ministry will begin again! We will have a re-organizational meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room. We will continue working on prayer shawls, throws, and preemie baby blankets while we decide when and how often to meet. We look forward to all of our regulars returning and welcome new people too! If you cannot knit or crochet and want to learn, please join us. We have several people who are willing and able to teach others. If you have any questions or need information, please contact Sue Mullen or Pastor Lynne. See you soon!

Interfaith Hospitality Network News

IHN will be at our Church starting on Sunday, Sept 5th thru Sept 12th, 2009. Currently, there are nine people in our program. Please contact me if you wish to help with this very worthwhile, local mission. We help local working families.

Thank you and God Bless! Jackie Nixon, IHN Coordinator
Home (856) 461-5044

Bible Study Resumes!

Our Tuesday evening Bible study will begin on September 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke (2 volumes of text). Feel free to read the first chapter for the first class. We look forward to last year's group returning and welcome new people as well. If you have any questions, need information, or want to join our group, please contact Pastor Lynne. See you soon!

Sunday School News

Sunday, Sept. 13 - Sunday School (S.S.) begins at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20 - Rally Day

Presbyterian Youth Group

A time and date for the first meeting is yet to be determined for September. Please check the church's website or listen for an announcement during church service for the date. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again.

Rick and Nancy

Bridge of Hope... Sleep Out So Others Can Sleep In

I want to thank those who sponsored me for our summer fundraiser. Your generous contributions helped to move us closer to achieving matching funds from the Danielle Foundation of Burlington County. We still do not have sufficient funding to hire a part time director/social worker, which is required, by the national headquarters. Your continued prayers for our success and the homeless of Burlington County are always welcomed. Contributions to the Bridge of Hope can be made at any time during the year. Our web site is www.bridgeofhopeburlington.org. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Rick Trout

Pastor Lynne

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

These words of Paul are repeated in several other letters he writes to various churches. These verses are part of Paul’s theology. N. Graham Standish says in his book, *Becoming a Blessed Church*, that this may be the most helpful Scripture passage. Rev. Standish explains: “The more we are able to rejoice, pray, and give thanks in our lives and throughout our leadership, the more we give people hope. And the more we give people hope, the more our churches thrive.”

During the almost one year I have been your pastor, I have seen our church come together in the ways Rev. Standish describes. I see strong evidence of our church moving in the direction of rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks. We began a few new ministries including a Bible study, prayer shawl ministry, and fund raisers. We have comforted each other, celebrated milestones, and loved each other through births, deaths, confirmations of several members, and are working our way through a financial difficulty. We are learning through faith and love of God to have faith in ourselves and to continue to love each other unconditionally as God unconditionally loves us.

It is my prayer and hope that we continue in this direction and to strengthen those qualities we have begun to build and to continue to follow Paul’s advice to rejoice, pray, and give thanks. As we begin a new fall season of church activities, I encourage all of us to continue to follow Christ’s great commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves; as we also live out our mission statement: “Inspired by God and Christ centered, we worship, we study, we serve, and we invite all to share our faith as we follow with enthusiasm our leader, Jesus Christ.” As we do these things, we will walk with God in faith in God and unconditional love of God and of each other. All these will give us hope and ensure that our church will thrive and grow.

Pastor Lynne

Save Your Yogurt Containers

Yogurt containers 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. So we continue to be good stewards of our environment and collect cash for our efforts and use that the money to further the ministry of Jesus Christ.

I will be the point person in this effort. All I ask is... that you clean out the containers before bringing them to church. There will be a bag or box marked for yogurt containers right inside the church doors. They will be 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 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

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**THE
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September 11th, 2001

**Always Remember
those who lost their
Lives. Thank God for
those who survived.**

**And Pray that we
can learn that the Lord
will bless Abundantly
those who seek Him
and chose Him as their
Lord & Master**