

REV. LYNNE D. TROUT



Please take note under the "dates to remember" starting September 12th the time for Worship Services will go back to 11am.

See You There !!!!

- September Birthdays
- 9/03 - Susan Schaeffer
- 9/06 - Lisa Trimble
- 9/08 - Marge Gatti
- 9/13 - Peter Olley
- 9/14 - Gerald "Andy" Mullen
- 9/15 - Christen McCullough
- 9/16 - Geraldine Hook
- 9/18 - Nicholas Stillwaggon
- 9/27 - Wendy Cheeseman
- 9/27 - Robin Morris
- 9/28 - Melinda Brooks

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Celebrating 138 years of God's Love

There will be a very special celebration on Sunday, October 3rd, 2010 to commemorate the 138TH Anniversary of The First Presbyterian Church of Delanco's service to God, our congregation and the community of Delanco. The Congregation will be receiving a plaque from the Township of Delanco to celebrate this momentous event. The Plaque will be a sign to future generations of the positive contribution that the First Presbyterian Church of Delanco has made not only to the Delanco community but its dedicaion to spreading God's Word & Love to the world.

On Sunday, October 3rd, The Rev. David Cobb, Moderator of the Presbytery of West Jersey, will be assisting in the worship service which happens to also be World Communion Sunday.

We are planning to do a Congregational Picture during this celebration. We are asking as many people as possible, who have attended services or have been a part of the church, to attend on this special Sunday, so that they may be included in our historic church family photo.

I would also like to ask everyone to take some time and write down some of your favorite memories of First Presbyterian from the years that you have been attending. We will include them in future editions of the Witness. We will be grateful to any and all responses that we may receive from you.

Other events will be announced as soon as the details are finalized. Check our website at delanopc.org for further news between now and October 3rd. We would like to thank you for your time and faithful dedication in making this celebration a possibility.

Historical Planning Committee members are Gerrie Diehm, Arlene Phillips & Donna Thurman.

Dates To Remember

9/5 - 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion; last Sunday of summer worship	9/13 - 7:00 p.m. Session	9/26 - Sunday School, Choir Rehearsal, Worship, C.E. Meeting (after worship)
9/6 - Labor Day; Office Closed	9/15 - 5:00 p.m. Hoagie Order deadline; 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee	9/28 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study
9/7 - 7:00 p.m. Deacons	9/16 - 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	
9/12 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School begins; 10:15 a.m. Choir rehearsal; 11:00 a.m. Worship, Installation of Church Officers	9/18 - 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. Hoagie pick up	
	9/21 - 7:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting, Brigantine	

Monetary Musing from the Finance Committee

Hoagie Sale

Orders must be in by Sept. 15th for your delicious hoagies from the crew here at The First Presbyterian Church of Delanco

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To Order

Hoagie pickup will be Saturday Sept. 18th 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

Exodus 36: 2-3, 6-7 from The Message *Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiah along with all whom God had gifted with the ability to work skillfully with their hands. The men were eager to get started and engage in the work. They took from Moses all the offerings that the Israelites had brought for the work of constructing the Sanctuary. The people kept bringing in their free will offerings, morning after morning. So Moses sent out orders through the camp: Men! Women! No more offerings for the building of the Sanctuary. The people were ordered to stop bringing offerings. There were plenty of materials for all the work to be done. Enough and more than enough.*

September has arrived. A summer of heat and humidity is but a memory of the past. The next couple months weather-wise should be a welcome relief. For you gardeners out there, how did it go this summer? The Trout's garden was not as bountiful as last year but it gave produce we could use, produce for the Share the Bounty table and still share with the surrounding wildlife. Sharing is only in retrospect. In the moment, it was down right exasperating. Christian stewardship in some ways is like a garden's harvest. Christian Stewardship is a faithful management of all that God gives. There will be more about stewardship in the next newsletter.

Our air conditioning problem will be solved this fall. We have purchased a new air conditioning system complete with installation/hauling away the old system. The payment will come from estate money set aside several years ago and designated "for future use to maintain property updates." This is a good example of estate planning and Christian stewardship. Much work has been done by Building and Grounds to secure the best price and product. We should extend a large thank you to the committee for their dedication especially Bill and Frank who met with the several competing contractors.

Here we go "by the numbers" for July's income and expenses:
Income: \$7041.67 Expenses: \$8322.25

Our food closet is in continual need of food. We send our shared bounty to Beverly Presbyterian who opens their door once a month for those in need.

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 Committee

Counters Schedule for September

September 5 Carol Esposito, Dave Convery, Jane Olley

September 12 Gerri Diehm, Linda Ballenger, Sue Mullen

September 19 Carol Esposito, Dave Convery, Jane Olley

September 26 Gerri Diehm, Linda Ballenger, Sue Mullen

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

“Peacemaking: Believers’ Calling”

On October 3rd our church along with many other Presbyterian Churches worldwide will celebrate the 30th anniversary of “Peacemaking: Believers’ Calling”. Brokenness is all around us in the world. We believe that God is constantly at work in the world granting wholeness and peace. As people of God, we are called to be agents of reconciliation in families, in lives of individuals, in our communities and the international community. “The Peace Making Offering” supports the peacemaking of the church at every level. Of the total offering, our congregation will retain 25% to be used at our discretion. Presbyteries/synods and Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs will use the remainder.

Peace or Shalom is God’s gift that involves a positive relationship between people. The positive relationship within a community means that the needs of all persons are met and there is economic security and prosperity. Shalom involves the reconciliation effected by and through God.

Offerings by Presbyterian congregations have sponsored interfaith relations in Ethiopia between Christians and Muslims; fought poverty and other social issues making the lives of people in poverty stricken counties better. There will be inserts in the bulletin for three weeks in September explaining where and to whom the offerings have gone in the past.

Pray for peace and give what you feel God is calling you to give. Help make a difference in our community and the world around us.

Luke 12:34 “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Welcome fall! After a horribly hot summer we can look forward to cooler weather, so start looking for your knitting needles and crochet hooks and join our group.

Over the summer some of our members have remained busy and we have filled our bins. Since our last meeting in May, we have donated about 36 preemie blankets and hats to the Virtua Special Care Nursery in Mt. Holly and donated several items to the N’dulge Salon and Medi Spa in Palmyra for their Feel Good Day for women dealing with the effects of cancer.

ALL ARE WELCOME if you would like to learn, are a beginner or a pro, come out for good fellowship for a good cause. The first gathering of the Prayer Shawl group will be on September 16th at 7pm.

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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

Psalm 100 is the focus for September, 2010. It is hard to believe summer is almost at its calendar end. It certainly has gone by quickly, even with all the heat spells we suffered through. Despite the heat, life goes on. School may be out and people go on vacations, but the church continues with just a couple changes in schedule. During the summer, our organist and choir director, Nancy Gager, rehearsed with a wonderful group of young people in a praise band. They provided the "Special Music" during worship the fourth Sundays of July and August. We look forward to their continuing musical contributions this fall.

Second, Pastor Lynne, Rick, Nancy, Anna Convery, and Holly Sickler are involved with a planning committee within the Triple Towns Ministerium, including pastors and lay people as representatives from Zion Lutheran, First Moravian, and St. Stephen's Episcopal of Riverside, in a multi-church youth group. We hope to have a monthly youth group meeting and participate in various activities.

Third, the Historical Planning Committee continues with helping to develop activities for Sunday, October 3, 2010 when we celebrate World Communion Sunday and dedicate the historical plaque we will receive from the Township of Delanco. There will be a communion worship service with special music, a dedication ceremony, a picture taken of the entire congregation, and a luncheon. The Rev. David Cobb, Moderator of the Presbytery of West Jersey, will be assisting in worship. We look forward to seeing as many of you present as possible.

Fourth, in September we will have a new air-conditioner installed for the annex and sanctuary. Our thanks to the Building and Grounds and Finance Committees for their assistance in making this possible.

With all these things happening over the summer and into the fall, and with the start of the fall programs on Sunday, September 12th, we cannot help but to echo the thoughts of the psalmist in the words of Psalm 100, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing." We will begin Sunday School on September 12. Tuesday night Bible Study will begin the fourth Tuesday (Sept. 28) at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room. Prayer Shawl ministry will begin the third Thursday (Sept. 16) at 7:00 p.m. also in the Memorial Room. We look forward to seeing our "regulars" for both groups, but we also encourage others to join us as well. If you have not yet been to our Bible Study and are thinking about joining, see me so I can order books. We are going to study Isaiah this fall. If you have any ideas for other groups, let me know. If you men would like to do something as a group, talk to me so we can get some thing started, maybe a morning group.

Hoagie sales continue on the third Saturday every month. If you would like to help, please call Donna Thurman. Psalm 100 continues, "The Lord is good." He is indeed very good! He blesses us and our church and will continue to bless us. Let us continue to "worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing." Let us "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations."

We look forward to continuing to bring God all our praise, glory, honor, and love forever!

Pastor Lynne