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Next hoagie sale will be Saturday Sept. 17th, 2011. Orders must be in by Tuesday Sept. 13th at 5pm.



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Fully Rely on God

What does fully relying on God Mean?

When you became a Christian you told God you would make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life. You promised to do Gods work on earth with the works of Christ as your example of what to do.

So you made Christ the Lord and Master of your life. What does a Lord or Master do for his servants? He supplies them with all the tools necessary to till the land, the seeds to grow the crops, food to nourish their bodies & healing so that they can be 100% all the time. Sounds like a pretty job & the benefits package can't be beat. Take the time to think about what you have just read. Check our website at www.delancopc.org in the coming weeks for a more detailed explanation of why we need to

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Environmental Corner

A big cheer and applause goes out to all who have helped to fill up the basket with empty clean yogurt containers and other dairy products in plastic containers over the summer. The more we recycle these containers the more income for the church. Visit Terracycle's website www.terracycle.net for information. There is a marked box for the yogurt containers inside the church door on Union Ave. or drop them off at 410 Richards Ave. Delanco.

Rick Trout- Yogurt Coordinator

Attic & Basement Sale in September in conjunction with hoagie pickups.

There will be an A& B sale in September. We will be recycling, renewing & organizing things for this blockbuster sale. We would like to thank everyone that has taken part in our Attic & Basement sales. Everyone from the donators to the organizers to the buyers, you have played an integral part in making someone else's life better. Lets Strive for even more this year. Heart felt Thanks & Gods Blessings from the Mission Committee

Dates to Remember: September

9/04 - After church,
C.E. Committee

9/06 - 7 p.m. Deacons

9/07 - 6:30 p.m.
Building and Grounds

9/12 - 7 p.m. Session

9/13 - 5 p.m.
Hoagie order deadline

9/15 - 7 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry

9/17 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Attic & Basement Sale

9/17 - 10:30 - noon -
Hoagie pick-up

9/20 - 7 p.m.
Presbytery Meeting,
Burlington
Presbyterian

9/27 - 7 p.m. Bible
Study

Hoagie Sale

Orders must be in by Sept. 13th for your delicious hoagies from the crew here at The First Presbyterian Church of Delanco
 ***We have added Roast Beef hoagies to the lineup for a limited time

Call
 856-255-5152
 To Order

Hoagie pickup will be Saturday Sept 17th Between 10:30 am & 12 pm

Code Blue

As the fall's nights nippy air arrives, please consider making a donation of gently used blankets to the Tri-Town Ministerium Code Blue Shelter in Riverside. Thank you to those who have dug in your closets over the past several months and donated gently used blankets or new ones for the homeless. There is a marked box in the annex for your donations. Thank you.

Rick Trout

Monetary Musings

Faith is the evidence not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

One of the most famous photographs of the Library of Congress, which is seen as you approach the Reading Room of the Jefferson Building, is *Migrant Mother* by Dorothea Lange. It was one of a series of six she took of Florence Owens Thompson and her children in a pea picker's camp in Nipomo, California in February 1936. There is a resiliency and determination in her face even though starvation for her family and the camp was imminent.

Our congregation has the same resiliency and determination even in these uncertain financial times. Our financial resiliency depends upon everyone keeping their contributions up-to-date. Our budget depends upon faithful and determined contributors. We need every member whether you are able to come to worship on Sundays or not to contribute toward the expenses of the church. The expenses will increase over the fall with the coming of colder weather and per capita final payment. Since the reminder letters concerning per capita, we had several members contribute their fair share.

This month we will participate in a Presbytery sponsored offering, Peace Making. Churches retain 25% of the total amount to be used at their own discretion. Last year we collected \$190 dollars. The funds retained by Presbytery go to projects around our world like aiding children who have been forced by conscription or indoctrination to participate in waging war as soldiers or being sold as sex slaves or unwilling servants. One congregation in Pennsylvania took their 25% and joined efforts with community groups to help stop gun violence. Our donation is one way we can heed God's call in our own community and the world. During church in September, you will hear more about this offering.

Here we go "by the numbers" for June's income/expenses:

June Income: \$6,304

Expenses: \$4,025

Next month's musing will have more up to date figures for income/expenses. For Florence Owens Thompson and the camp, there was a rapid response. The migrant camp within a few days received 20,000 pounds of food. That was faith of evidence unseen. Our faithful giving helps to carry on the work of the church. May each of us help to spread the light and word of God and his Son through our financial and human giving.

Rick Trout Finance Comm.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



THE WITNESS

Counter's Schedule for September

Sept 4 Debbie Brown, Jackie Nixon and Vera Taylor

Sept 11 George and Joyce Brookover and Rick Trout

Sept 18 Carol Esposito, Dave Convery and Jane Olley

Sept 25 Gerrie Diehm and Linda Ballenger

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



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Recently, I read in a devotional by the Rev. Paul Meier from St. Matthew's by the Lake Lutheran Church in Benton, Kentucky in which he suggested reading Psalm 67. It is a short seven-verse psalm not written by David. It is subtitled, "a missionary psalm. Many of us are mission-minded so I read this psalm with interest. The footnote indicates "This psalm witnesses to the missionary nature of Biblical faith. God wishes to bless all the nations of the earth and desires that His glorious salvation be proclaimed to all people irrespective of race, color, or nationality.

Psalm 67 begins with a blessing: "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations." Rev. Meier says Psalm 67 is a prayer for God's blessing. Historically, it has served as a prayer at the end of worship and is often used today as a benediction. He reminds us the people in this psalm are God and God's people. When we read the other verses, we see that as God receives praise, joy comes to those who bring the praise. There is joy because God rules with justice and guides the nations of the earth. The prayer is in two parts: that God's blessings will be so abundant that the people will bring praise and that the nations will add their praise to that of Israel.

Imagine how different the world might be if we all followed this prayer! As people experience God's blessings and His kind ruling over us, we would be moved to bring God praise! When you read about worship in the psalms and other books in the Bible, the writers often emphasize the joy expressed through singing, instruments, and dancing! The people of God express praises to God in many ways.

As we return from our summer vacations, we sometimes come thinking about returning to work or school and seem sad because summer is coming to an end. This fall, may we be encouraged to not combine thoughts of work or school with thoughts of worshiping God. May we come singing, playing instruments, and dancing with delight to always be in God's presence, giving cheerful thanks for all God's gifts and blessings, and with thoughts about learning more about Jesus and His words. May we praise God with our whole beings; laugh and smile with respect, knowing the joy of God's loving and caring for us always. May we continue to share God's message of Good News with everyone, experience spiritual growth, and strengthen our relationships with our Lord. Enjoy reading Psalm 67!

Peace,

Pastor Lynne