



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

*Rooted in God's Love
Growing as Christ's Caregivers
Nourished by God's Spirit*

April 2014

The Presbyterian
Beacon



From the Pastor

I love one of the new hymns in the brand new Presbyterian Hymnal "Glory to God." It's sung to the tune Finlandia, and its title is "When Memory Fails." Yes, a touchy subject for many of us. And because of that, I couldn't imagine when we might sing it as a faith community. The 1st and 3rd verses are:

*When memory fails, and recognition falters,
when eyes we love grow dim, and minds, confused,
speak to our souls of love that never alters;
speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace, empower us
with patient courage, by your grace infused.*

*Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading,
The past and future mingle into one.
All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading.
No valued deed will ever be undone.
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings.
Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!*



As I write this note to you with tears in my eyes, however, I realize that this *is* our hymn for this season—for our journey with Christ through Lent and Holy Week. It is a season to acknowledge loss. Some of us are grieving the clarity of mind and strength of body we had 30 years ago. Some are missing people who left our church in anger and hurt 15 years ago. Others are grieving the loss of loved ones, or a former pastor, or a choral ensemble.

But Jesus walked to Jerusalem, and experienced one loss and betrayal after another, and finally sacrificed his own life—not so death may have the final word—but to give us the gift of eternal life with God. Jesus died and rose again so that we may live every day with resurrection hope. And we do. Some of you are experiencing the healing of a long-broken relationship. Some are discovering a love for teaching. Others are finding peace and joy by reconnecting with this church.

My friends, this *is* our hymn for this season that leads to Easter—the promise, the hope, the *reality* of resurrection life—now and in the life to come.

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NOTE THE DATE

- 4/12 **Clean Up Day**
- 4/13 Passion Sunday
- 4/13 OGHS
- 4/14 Presbytery Women
- 4/17 **Holy Thursday**
- 4/20 **Easter Sunday!**
- 4/30 Food Pantry
- 5/11 Scholarship Apps.
- 5/17 Deacons' Flea Market

April 19:





Christian Education

Sunday School classes are now:

Toddlers-Preschool in the Living Room for age-appropriate videos, games and lessons.

Early Elementary (K-gr.2) in the Fellowship Hall Classroom

Older Elementary (gr. 3 to 6) in the Lower Level Classroom



NOTE: the children will stay in worship on Palm/Passion Sunday (Apr. 13) and Easter Sunday (Apr. 20) to experience the foundation of our faith.



Kid's Klub for children ages 8 to 12 meets **on the 1st Sunday** of the month at 5 pm for fun, fellowship and snack. Bring a friend!

Confirmation Class is meeting. All youth are welcome!

Adult Education: The Story, a condensed narrative version of the Bible, is being studied by the Congregation after worship or at 7 pm on Tuesday on the following dates for our **Adult Lenten study**:

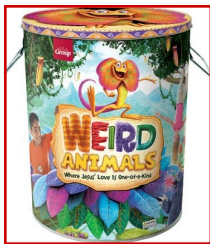
March 30 and Apr. 1 Ch.5 Exodus 19-20;24-25;32-34;40

Apr. 6 and 8 Ch.6 Numbers 10-14;20-21;26-27

Deut. 1-2; 4; 6; 8-9; 29-32; 34

The study (of chapter 7) will continue on the 1st Sunday and Tuesday in May. Everyone is welcome to come any time. Books are available for \$7.50 or you can borrow one from our library.

Vacation Bible School—*Weird Animals!*
5:00-7:30 in the evening July 14-18, 2014



The children will learn that **Jesus loves them:**

Even when you're left out, Jesus loves you.

Even when you're different, Jesus loves you.

Even when you don't understand, Jesus loves you.

Even when you do wrong, Jesus loves you.

Even when you're afraid, Jesus loves you!

Property Team

Clean Up Day Saturday, April 12, 9 am to 12 noon

"Many hands make light work"

There is a job for everyone—even someone who can watch and say “you missed a spot.” So, **please** sign up to lend a hand. Thank you.





Worship Team

Traditional Worship continues in the Sanctuary at **10 am** with The Chancel Choir, who always welcomes new voices, and with the Children who are excused for Sunday School after the Children's Message.



Come As U R is a new community for **everyone** but especially those who don't want to listen to a preacher, do other things on Sunday morning, or just want something different. We meet in the Living Room at **5 pm** on the **1st Sunday of each month**, with Elder Glenn Milana leading a discussion on a 10-minute thought-provoking video.

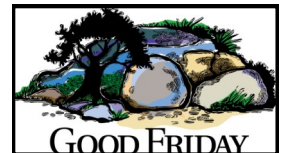


Passion Sunday April 13, at 10 am. Palms will be distributed. And the congregation will participate in a reading of Christ's Passion from all the Gospels. Join us for this moving service.



Holy Thursday, April 17, at 4 pm. Sign up to participate in a symbolic Seder and a Last Supper Communion Service in Fellowship Hall. Then, we will share a hot meal together.

Good Friday, April 18, the sanctuary will be open from 12 noon to 3 pm for a time of self-guided reflection, prayer and meditation.



Easter Sunday, April 20, at 10 am, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with glorious music and thanksgiving!

MUSIC AT LAKEHURST



Diana Smerillo, our music minister, prepares **The Chancel Choir** on Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 pm and at 9:15 Sunday mornings, to lead the church in worship.



Diana is now starting a **Handbell Choir** that will practice at 3 pm on Wednesdays. New voices, and now new ringers, are always welcome! Why don't you let Diana know that you will give it a try.



Evangelism & Fellowship

If you are looking for a church home, please let us know. We would love to have you become a member of this faith community. But you are welcome to join us to worship and serve Jesus Christ any time.



Do you have a computer? Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter via email? This would save paper, printing toner, time and postage. Just let Laure Childers know what your email address is and you would like get your newsletter the instant it is typed!



Fellowship Hour

The sign-up Calendar to host **Fellowship Hour** is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Sign up with a friend to bring a snack and a quart of milk and juice for those who want something cold. The Church supplies coffee, tea, and all paper goods and plastic ware.



Care for the Caregivers.

On the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of each month, at **10:30 am**, we gather in the Living Room for an hour of prayer, sharing and caring. Pastor Christina facilitates it. We welcome everyone who is caring for a loved one. Come and pray with us.

SESSION		
Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Kim Milana, Mission	David Weeden, Stewardship & Administra.	Glenn Milana, Worship
Steve Heaney, Property	Renata Sarajew, Evangelism & Fellowship	Bobbie Seidel, Education
Moderator is Christina Hindley and Clerk of Session is Dawn Heaney		
BOARD OF DEACONS		
Barbara Fair	Alice Loonam ² Moderator	Ray McGlyn
Nancy Lehrach	Carol Reagor ²	Jim Ryan

This church has six Ruling Elders who make up the Session, and six Deacons who serve as a Board. Here they are!



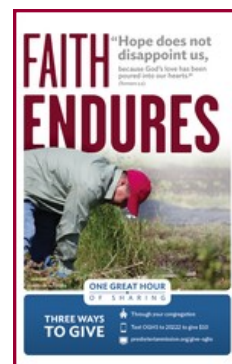
Mission Team

Alice B. Perry College Scholarships are open to “all needy and worthy students who wish to go to college.” 2014 Applications are now available, at both entrances to the sanctuary, or by calling or writing to the church office. Completed applications are **due on or before May 11, 2014**.



One Great Hour of Sharing. This year I want to focus on the Self-Development of People, one of the programs where OGHS donations are used.

In the small rural town of Conetoe, North Carolina, the youth in the area have been participating in an organic gardening project. What began as two acres of sustainable gardening has now grown to 17 acres. In this youth leadership program, 58 young people from the ages of 5 to 17 decide what to plant and how to distribute their produce to sell. They are also able to keep some of the produce to feed their own families. Let us continue to help others grow and provide for others with our donation on Palm Sunday.



Please make your check payable to The Presbyterian Church (with OGHS in the memo section) and bring or mail it to the church by April 13. This is the only PC(USA) special offering that this church will support this year.

Lakehurst Food Pantry is open from **10 to 11 am** on the last Wednesday of each month. Donations of canned soup, vegetables, meats, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, and cereal are always needed. Members can use the pantry throughout the month. Just speak with Kim Milana or the pastor. Your donations are welcome.

Presbyterian Women March News By BJ Nelson



Presbyterian Women spent the beginning of the March meeting stuffing tube socks with hygiene items such as soap, toothbrushes and paste, combs, floss, hands sanitizer, and more. These items were days later delivered to “Tent City” residents in Lakewood, by Tom Walker and Pastor Christina. They were enthusiastically received.

We will be preparing for the sale of our blankets on Mother’s Day, May 11, to benefit Church World Service. Blankets may be purchased “in honor of” or “in memory of” someone. They will cost \$10.00 each. We will also be busy in May with the second mailing of cookies, to the college students during preparation for final exams. We **PW ladies** will additionally be taking on a pledge to support our Food Pantry with pasta sauce, pasta, peanut butter and jelly and sponsor the Cub Scout’s upcoming “pizza garden.” More to come on this mission.



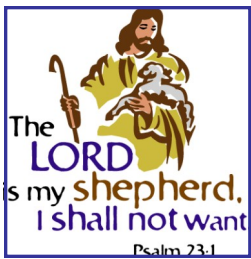
Deacons' Corner



Flea Market, Saturday, May 17, 2014 Save the Date—and Plan to Bake, Bake, Bake!

Make your Table Reservations now!

We are taking reservations now for indoor tables (\$15) or for outdoor table space (\$10) for the **Deacons' Flea Market**. And it's half-price for church members/friends. Call Barbara Fair at 732-657-5211.



Deacons ask for your prayers for: Bob Bell's sister Ruth, Anne's brother Tom; Nellie Breiner; Dave Bryce's brother Bob; the Burke's friends Susan, Meryl and Glenda; Vi Caldwell's granddaughter Dana; the Claus' granddaughter Carol; Patty Coleman's niece Lisa; Don Covert; Mary Crichton's daughter Leslie; the Earley's family Donna, Marie, and friend Anoni; Barbara Fair's family, Karen and Steve, and friends; Alice Georgeson; Rev. Granozio, her mom Helen, and all to whom she ministers; Rich & Shirley Hiller and friend Jack; the Koch's family Linda, Melanie, and Leonard; Donna Lemanski and brothers Ken and Tom;

Alice Loonam's family Tom & Joan, Kim & Tommy; Alice McCollum; Hazel Melone's family Celia, Jennifer and John; BJ Nelson; Margaret Plenk; Valerie Pomaro's family Laura and Joanne; Jim Ryan; Renata Sarajew's cousins Rich and Emily; Claire Schutz and friend Darlene; Evol Sealy; Carol Shan; Carol Sloan's son Raymond and friend Louise; Diana Smerillo and family Sadie, Megan, Ryan & Kristen and friends Sue and Lee; Barbara Swindlehurst; David Weeden's nephew Kevin; Estelle Werner; Carol & Ken White and friend Carol; the Wongs' family Jason and Anthony, and friend Carlin. Please pray for all who are grieving.

Watch Your Step Parish Nursing by BJ Nelson



Our feet are the center of our comfort. Ask a man with flat feet or a Fifth Avenue gal who commutes/works in heels, or check out the stock numbers and financials on Dr. Scholl's. Anyone who wants a firsthand story, catch me after Sunday service. Not enough can be said about good foot care. Buying good shoes to help prevent falls starts with a good exam by the shoe salesman. If you don't feel comfortable or steady in the store, don't buy them. Shoes should feel comfortable and supportive right away. Orthotics, mechanical inserts that go into your shoes, should be taken with you when you go shopping.

A bunion is a "bump" on the outer edge of your big toe and forms when the bone or tissue at the big toe joint moves out of place. If you have flat feet, low arches, arthritis, or inflammatory joint disease, you can develop a bunion. Physical therapy can relieve bunion pain, and ultrasound therapy is a technique for treating bunions. Surgery is an option too.

With proper foot care from today's podiatrist, you can manage the effects of diabetes on your feet. Diabetics should have their feet checked regularly by a podiatrist and treated for any maladies. Many other problems plague our feet and will be covered next month.



2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 Care for the Caregiver 7 The Story	2 10 Mission Team 1 Choir Practice 6:30 N.A.	3	4 6 Cub Scouts	5
6 10 Worship 11:30 The Story 5 Come As U R 5 Kids Klub 6 Boy Scouts	7	8 1 Deacons Mtg 7 The Story	9 10 Stewardship Team 12 E&F Team 1 Choir Practice 6:30 N.A.	10 9 Ocean County Seniors Deaf Club	11 6 Cub Scouts	12 9-12 PROPERTY CLEAN UP DAY
13 Palm Sunday 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:15 C.E. Team 7 Boy Scouts	14 1:30 Presbyterian Women	15 10:30 Care for the Caregiver 6 Session Mtg	16 6:30 N.A.	17 Holy Thurs. 1 Worship Team 2 Choir Practice 4 Seder Meal	18 Good Friday 12-3 pm Sanctuary open	19 10 Property Tm. 5 Ocean County Deaf Club
20 EASTER! 10 Worship	21	22	23 6:30 N.A.	24	25 7 Pack Meeting	26 11 Murray family Memorial Service Cub: Six Flags Camporee
27 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	28	29	30 10 Food Pantry 6:30 N.A.			



**Presbyterian Women
Mother's Day
Blankets
May 11, 2014**

An Order form is attached to enable you to purchase a blanket in memory or in honor of a woman who has blessed your life.

Easter April 20, 2014

Help us **decorate the Sanctuary for Easter** by purchasing a flower for \$10 in memory or in honor of a loved one. Order forms are at both entrances to the Sanctuary. PLEASE remember to note whether or not you intend to take a flower after worship on Easter.



Easter Flowers



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Holy Thursday, April 17, 4 pm
Seder, Communion,
and Hot Supper

Good Friday, April 18, 12-3 pm
Sanctuary Open for Meditation

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10 am
Glorious Resurrection Celebration

WORSHIP  WITH US!

April 6 worship & communion 5th Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14	<i>“Hope”</i>
April 13 Palms to be Distributed Passion Sunday	Participatory Reading of The Gospels	<i>“The Passion of Christ”</i>
April 17 4:00 pm Holy Thursday	Exodus—Seder 1st Corinthians-Communion	<i>“The Last Supper”</i>
April 18 12 noon—3:00 pm Good Friday	Private Meditation	Sanctuary will be open
April 20 10:00 am Easter Sunday	John 10:1-18	<i>“He Knows Your Name”</i>
April 27 2nd Sunday of Easter		Rev. Dr. Gary Wetzel is preaching



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**Presbyterian Women
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Presbyterian Women are joining 8,000 congregations across the U.S. to provide funds for ***Church World Service Blankets+***. For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to provide blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster. We will be the ***plus in Blankets+!***

The cost of each Blanket is \$10. If you would like to contribute a blanket for someone in need in honor or in memory of a woman in your life on Mother's Day, please send to the Church, this form along with cash or check payable to The Presbyterian Church. Thank you.

My Name: _____

My Phone: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____
