



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

## April 2017

The Presbyterian  
Beacon



### PASTOR - Pastor Donna Lepsky

Dear Friends,

It's the greeting heard around the world on Easter morning: Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! If there was ever a time for celebration and applause in the Church, it's Easter Sunday. Our sanctuary will be filled with the beauty and aroma of Easter and other spring flowers. But it was a far different scene on that first Easter morning. For the friends and followers of Jesus, it was a bleak morning filled with fear and disappointment.

Just like the first followers of Jesus, we too want to be spared of disappointments in life, rescued from times of suffering. Instead, God rolls away the stones of our lives and brings new life. There are many things that can keep us entombed in life; illness, loneliness, disappointment in family relationships, unemployment. Whatever the tomb we are facing, God can roll away the stone. This is the Good News of Easter! It's the news we need to hear at the beginning of each morning.

Looking forward to celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with you on Easter morning.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Donna.

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

- 4/1 Old Tennent Church**
- 4/2 Deacons meet**
- 4/4 Bible Study**
- 4/6 Hampton Ridge Healthcare Service**
- 4/8 Clean-up Day**
- 4/9 Property team  
Country Wonder**
- 4/10 Presbyterian W**
- 4/13 Maundy Thursday**
- 4/14 Good Friday**
- 4/16 Easter**
- 4/18 Bible Study**
- 4/26 Food Pantry**
- 4/30 Worship Team  
Stewardship Team**



## WorshipTeam

**NEW FOR 2017- Sponsor a special bulletin for a holiday or special occasion (ex. Birthday, birthday remembrance, anniversary) please speak with Glenn Milana.**

**The Chancel Choir** Practice is at 1 on Wednesday's and if you can't make that, 9 on Sunday morning . There's always room for one more voice. So, please come, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! No experience required!

**The Brass Handbell Choir** If you are willing to make a commitment to try, and you can count to four, we would love for you to join us, even if you have never before played an instrument. Practice is at 3.

**Christian Worship Service** for senior residents at the Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab., 94 Stevens Road, Toms River, at 10:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Looking for additional volunteers; see Carole Sloan if you want to help bring the church to the people. **For April it will be the 6th due to Holy Week.**

## Mission Team

**Food Pantry** is open from **10 to 11 am on the last Wednesday** of each month. **We are in need of pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, jelly, soups, packaged potatoes, rice, canned fruit, cold cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce and pasta.** Thank you for all of your contributions of non-perishable food items. If you would like to join the Pantry Crew, please tell Ruth Bell.



**Other mission programs: Cub Scouts**, Pack 10, meet at 6 pm on Fridays, and **Boy Scouts**, Troop 10, meet at 7 pm on Sundays. **Al-Anon Family Meeting** at 1 pm on Fridays is open to the family and friends of people who have addictions, and **N.A.** meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm; **Seniors Deaf Club** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9 am, and the **Ocean County Deaf Club** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 5 pm.



We are collecting empty pill bottles and sending them to Matthew 25 Ministries of Cincinnati, OH. The empty bottles can be left at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please remove all labels before dropping off.



## Christian Education Team

**Sunday School** is growing with the new curriculum 'Back to Basics'. We love seeing all the children and the many blessings they bring. Children begin the morning in worship at 10 am, and after the Children's Message, they go to their classes. Classes are for children ages 4 through grade 6.

**Adult Bible Study**— Starting new book called "*Exodus*". 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6pm. Beginners are welcome! Please see Glenn about book.

## Evangelism & Fellowship Team

**Fellowship Hour**—Our **new 2017 calendar is up** please sign up to host a coffee hour in this wonderful new year! We provide the coffee, plates, cups, plastic ware and juice, you provide the goodies and milk. It is so nice to see others share in the joy and fellowship of hosting coffee hour.

**Reception of New Members**—the Team is always ready to welcome you into this community.

**Country Wonder** – Carole Sloan sings lovely ballads with a country flair at 5 pm on the 2nd Sundays. Please bring a table ready dish to share and join us for a pot luck supper. It is a delightful evening of good music, good food and good fellowship.

**Palm Sunday Breakfast**—**Save the date, Sunday April 9th.**

## Presbyterian Women

Monday, April 10th @ 1:30 pm all are welcome to attend.

## Deacons

Once again the Deacon's will be hosting a Flea Market on Saturday May 20th. Please think about renting a table or helping out. More detail to come in April.



### Looking Ahead:

#### Worship:

**Palm Sunday**-April 9th @ 10 am

**Maundy Thursday** - April 13th - 4pm service

**Easter Service** - April 16th @ 10:00 am

**Easter flowers order forms are located at the entrances to the church.** Please return no later than April 9th if you wish to order Easter flowers for the Sanctuary.

#### Evangelism & Fellowship

**April 1st** field trip to Old Tennent Church. See Renata if interested.

**April 9th:** Palm Sunday Breakfast

**Property:** Church clean-up day is going to be **Saturday, April 8th.** Come join us to spruce up the grounds and shine our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall., 9 am

**Missions: One Great Hour of Sharing April 16th,** This year's OGHS offering will go towards bunk beds, lines and blankets for children in need. Many children face each night without a safe, proper place to lay their heads and dream their dreams. Offering envelopes enclosed.

**Presbyterian Women:** On Mother's Day, May 14th, we will be honoring mothers or anyone your admire through the purchase of a Church World Service blanket

#### Revenue Generations:



#### Food Store Gift Cards



**Stop & Shop Gift Cards are now available.** Purchase Stop & Shop \$25 gift cards, the church will receive 5% of total sales. Shop Rite cards are available in \$25 & \$50 denominations. To purchase any of the gift cards you can see Renata Sarajew or Dave Weeden after service or go to the office on Tuesday and Wednesday and see Laure.



**Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bin** in the back parking lot. Please don't forget to drop off unwanted gently used clothes, sheets, towels, curtains, quilts, etc. Please share with your friends and neighbors. This is a revenue generating opportunity for the church.



# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 E&F Old Ten- nent Church
2 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11 Deacons Mtg 7 Boy Scouts	3	4 6 Bible Study	5 1 Choir 3 Bell Choir 6:30 NA	6 10:30 Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab	7 1 AI Anon Mtg 6 Cub Scouts	8 <b>9 Clean-Up Day</b>
9 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Property 5 Country Won- der 7 Boy Scouts	10 1:30 Presbyteri- an Women	11	12 6:30 NA	13 1 Choir 3 Bell Choir 9 Sr Deaf Club 4 Maundy Thurs- day Service	14 1 AI Anon Mtg	15 5 O.C. Deaf Club
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WORSHIP  WITH US!

<p><b>April 2 5th Sunday in Lent</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR - Dawn Heaney Coffee Hour Host - Deacons</b></p>
<p><b>April 9 Palm Sunday</b></p>	<p>Palm Sunday Breakfast</p>	<p><b>Worship LDR- Justin Stewart Coffee Hour Host - Evangelism &amp; Fellowship</b></p>
<p><b>April 16 Easter</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR-Glenn Milana Coffee Hour Host— Stewart Family</b></p>
<p><b>April 23 2nd Sunday of Easter</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR- Carole Reagor Coffee Hour Host - Koch Family</b></p>
<p><b>April 30 3rd Sunday of Easter</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR-Valerie Pomaro Coffee Hour Host-Choir</b></p>