



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

## August 2016

The Presbyterian  
Beacon



### PASTOR - Pastor Donna Lepsky

Dear Friends in Christ,

**Rally Day is coming!** So what's Rally Day? To rally is to draw together for a common purpose. To rally is to renew energy together. Rally Day is a church tradition that's at least 100 years old. It all began with the return of Children's Sunday School in the fall on a special day. Now it is frequently a part of a welcoming celebration for the congregation after summer vacation. We come together for the "official start" of Sunday School. We also come together to renew our commitment to serve God as a church. As part of the worship service, there will be a Commissioning of the Sunday School Teachers as well as a few stories from adults in the congregation on what Sunday School has meant to them in their lives.

This year we will celebrate **Rally Day on Sunday, September 11 with a picnic. EVERYONE is invited.** You may even want to invite a friend to church that Sunday. Perhaps it's someone who is spiritually searching or someone who needs to hear the Good News of the Gospel. Maybe it's a friend who you have thought about inviting but were just waiting to get around to it. Here's your opportunity. Just invite them to our picnic.

Look forward to seeing everyone at Church for the Rally Day picnic on Sunday, September 11.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Donna

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

- 8/2 Bible Study
- 8/7 Bible Study
- 8/10 Choir & Handbell Picnic
- 8/11 Service at Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab
- 8/14 Property Team
- 8/16 Evang & Fellowship Bible Study
- 8/17 Worship Team
- 8/21 Bible Study
- 8/28 Stewardship Team
- 8/31 Food Pantry



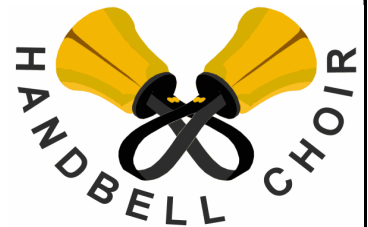
## Worship Team

Four more weeks left for the **Summer Volunteer Choir** so if you haven't already come to the choir loft to sing a familiar hymn during the Offering you have 4 more opportunities. No experience is required, and everyone is welcome.



The Chancel Choir resumes practice on Wednesday, Sept. 7, and returns to the loft on Sunday, Sept. 11. 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!

The Brass Handbell Choir also resumes practice on Sept. 7 at 3 pm. 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.



We bring **Christian Worship** to the residents at the Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab., 94 Stevens Road, Toms River, at **10:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month**. Let Carole Sloan know you will help.

## Mission Team

Congratulations to all our 2016 Scholarship recipients, we were able to give out a total of \$9,500. We wish them much success for the 2016-2017 school year and will keep them all in our prayers.

Food Pantry is open from **10 to 11 am on the last Wednesday** of each month. We appreciate your contributions of Peanut Butter and Jelly we have plenty of stock right now. **We are in need of soups, canned vegetables and canned fruit.** Thank you for all of your contributions of non-perishable food items. If you would like to join the Pantry Crew, please tell Kim Milana or 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.



## Christian Education Team



**Sunday School** will resume on **Sunday, September 11th**. 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**— We are studying the Book of Jeremiah, using Eugene H. Peterson's book *Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its-Best*, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:30 and 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6pm. Beginners are welcome!

## Evangelism & Fellowship Team

**Fellowship Hour**—after worship, we get to know one another or catch up while we nourish our stomachs and our spirits. Please consider hosting one Sunday. The church provides coffee, tea, cups, plates, and plastic ware. The hosts bring a snack, quart of milk and juice.

**HELP NEEDED:** Please consider hosting Fellowship Hour one Sunday. Sign-up at the calendar on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

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

**Country Wonder** – Will be returning on Sunday, September 11 at 5:00 pm. 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.



## Rally Day September 11th

**Evangelism & Fellowship** along with **Christian Ed** are having Rally Day, summer is over, time to reconnect.

**Sunday School starts!** There will be a picnic with hot dogs and and ice cream Sundae bar. Sign up sheets will be posted for side dishes. Please reserve the date and join us as we welcome everyone back!



### Harold Tindall's Great Adventure

Some of you may remember Harold Tindall and some may have never met him but Harold was a long time member of church who moved to Iowa after the death of his beloved wife Jean, to be near his son Dan. Harold recently shared an article from the Mayflower Log, where he currently resides and we thought we would share what Harold has been up to. Harold said; "During my lifetime, I've ridden on many things: a trike, a bike, a car, a tractor, a truck, a helicopter, large and small airplanes, buses and trains." A long time ago he had a discussion with his son, Dan about how he would like to go for a balloon ride on his 100th birthday.




Well neither Harold or Dan forgot the wish for a balloon ride. When Harold's 100th birthday finally came in September of 2014, it was not a good day. Harold says, "It was too windy". The balloon owner and driver would not take a chance on taking Harold up, especially in light of his advanced years. So, Harold and Dan waited.

Finally, on October 6, 2015, one month past Harold's 101st birthday, weather conditions were perfect. They watched the balloon get inflated and then got into the rather small basket with four other people. There was no door latch on the basket. The riders climbed on a step stool to get in. Harold needed a little assistance in that process, but it went smoothly. He was excited, the sun was shining, and there was almost no wind as the balloon slowly rose in the sky. Harold said it was utterly quiet and so beautiful up in the air. He could see the straw colored corn fields neatly laid out in squares and rectangles in green fields and cars looked like ants. He could see the sharp division of the land and sky at the horizon. "It was Beautiful." he said. He thoroughly enjoyed his 45 minutes high in the air. What are his plans for his 102nd birthday, he is not saying but his attitude said **almost anything is possible at any age.**

Thank you Harold for sharing your wonderful, inspirational adventure with us. It was great hearing from you and we look forward to hearing about your next adventure.

If anyone else has an adventure or story they would like to share you can send via email to lakehurstpreschurch@verizon.net or mail to Presbyterian Church Lakehurst 101 Orchard St Lakehurst, NJ 08733



**Chancel & Handbell Choir Picnic**  
**Wednesday, August 10th @ 1pm**

Stuart's house contact Stuart @ 732-575-3170 to let him know what you will be bringing



# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6 Bible Study	3	4	5 1 Al Anon Mtg	6
7 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	8	9	10 1 picnic Choir & Handbells at Stuarts house.  6:30 N.A.	11 9 Sr Deaf Club 10:30 Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab	12 1 Al Anon Mtg	13
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WORSHIP  WITH US!

<p><b>August 7</b>  <b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Justin Stewart</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—Deacons</b></p>
<p><b>August 14</b>  <b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Bobbie Seidel</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—The Lugo's</b></p>
<p><b>August 21</b>  <b>14th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Kim Milana</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—</b></p>
<p><b>August 28</b>  <b>15th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Renata Sarajew</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—Renata Sarajew</b></p>