



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

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Beacon



PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE—Clerk Dawn Heaney

The search for a new pastor is well underway. Because the church is looking for a stated supply pastor, the Session prepared a Ministry Information Form that is in the PC(USA) search program; reviewed dozens of Personal Information Forms from prospective candidates; listened to sermons; checked references, and will schedule interviews later this month.

We are grateful for Pastor Christina's leadership. With her guidance, the faith community has grown in spirit and in numbers, and the church officers have been equipped and have assumed greater responsibility for the life and ministry of the church. While we will miss her, we trust that a new pastor will breathe new life and energy into church as we continually discern and realize Christ's purpose for this community of faith.

Worship at Lakehurst—Elder Glenn Milana

Worship is the heart of this faith community, and we will not miss a beat! Diana is recovering from surgery, and the choirs will resume practice later this month (see pg. 3). And preachers that I contacted are excited about filling the Lakehurst pulpit and worshipping with us (see pg. 4). On March 6, Presbyterian Women will lead worship and Rev. Goeddel will return to administer the Sacrament of communion. We hope to see you each week.

Remember that the **Chancel Choir** and **Handbell Choir** are ready to welcome new musicians! And 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.

Although this is written before Jan. 31, all of the whispering tells me that something is planned. I want to express sincere gratitude for your inspiration and many kindnesses to me, and for your faithfulness and commitment to Jesus Christ. The best is yet to come in this church! Faithfully, Christina

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PLEASE NOTE:

- 2/2 Ladies' Craft Group has resumed
- 2/7 Scout Sunday!
- 2/10 Ash Wednesday—begin your Lenten Observances**
- 2/11 Nursing Home Worship Service
- 2/14 Ordination & Installation of Church Officers**
- 2/14 Cup of Love Fellowship**
- 2/14 Country Wonder
- 2/14 Food Pantry
- 3/20 One Great Hour of Sharing will be Received**



Deacons

Moderator, Nancy Lehrach, will be receiving and coordinating your prayer requests. Please **call her at home** to add or remove anyone's name, and let the Deacons know of pastoral needs during this time of transition. Thank you.

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.

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

Country Wonder—Carole Sloan sings lovely ballads at **5 pm on the 2nd Sundays**. Bring a table-ready dish to share and join us for a pot luck supper and a delightful evening of good music, good food and good fellowship.

Ladies Craft Group—Donna Lemanski leads a group that meets **1 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays**. Bring your craft or needlepoint project, or come to enjoy good fellowship.

Christian Education Team

Sunday School—for children ages 3 through grade 6 meets during worship after the Children's message.

Adult Bible study—starting March 1, we will study the Book of Jeremiah, using Eugene H. Peterson's book *Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best*, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:30 am and 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm. Beginners are welcome!

Mission Team

Prescription Pill Containers: We are collecting pill bottles for the **Malawi Project**. Instead of throwing your bottles away, please remove the label, wash the bottles, and put them in the mission baskets at either entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you.

Food Pantry: is open from **10 to 11 am on the last Wednesday** of each month. Thank you for all of your contributions, especially of pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned fish and meat, soup and vegetables, breakfast cereal and toiletries. 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 2nd Thursday at 9 am, and the **Ocean County Deaf Club** on the 3rd Saturdays at 5 pm.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1 Ladies' Craft Group 6 E&F Team	3 10 Mission Team 6:30 N.A.	4	5 1 Al Anon Mtg 6 Cub Scouts	6
7 10 Worship & Scout Sunday 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	8 1:30 P.W.	9 1 Deacons 6 Christian Ed.	10 ASH WEDNESDAY 10 Stewardship 6:30 N.A.	11 9 Senior Deaf club 10:30 Hampton-Ridge Worship	12 1 Al Anon Mtg 6 Cub Scouts	13
14 10 Worship, Ordination & Installation 11 Cup of Love 11:30 Property T. 5 Country Wonder	15	16 1 Ladies' Craft Group 7 Session Mtg.	17 12 Worship Tm 1 Choir Practice 6:30 N.A.	18	19 1 Al Anon Mtg 6 Cub Scouts	20 5 Ocean County Deaf Club
21 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	22	23	24 10 Food Pantry 1 Choir Practice 3 Handbells 6:30 N.A.	25	26 1 Al Anon Mtg 6 Cub Scouts	27
28 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	29					

Presbyterian Women meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm for mission, study and fellowship. All women of the church are welcome.



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Sunday School & Worship: 10 am

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**Sunday, February 14
10 am Worship**

**Ordination and
Installation of
Church Officers**

WORSHIP  WITH US!

Feb. 7 Transfiguration of the Lord Holy Communion	Luke 9:28-36	Preaching: Rev. Linda Goeddel
Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Observe the beginning of Lent at Home
Feb. 14 1st Sunday in Lent Ordination & Installation	Luke 4:1-13	Rev. Claire Pula
Feb. 21 2nd Sunday in Lent	Luke 13:31-35	Elder Carole Sloan
Feb. 28 3rd Sunday in Lent	Luke 13:1-9	Rev. Lisa Lancaster