



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

January 2017

The Presbyterian
Beacon



PASTOR - Pastor Donna Lepsky

Dear Friends in Christ,

Good New Year! As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we have the opportunity to reflect on the blessings and challenges of the past year and set goals for the year ahead. As people of faith, I hope you will consider how the Spirit is at work within your own life. Perhaps you are facing a major transition, a new job, unemployment, a new illness, loss of someone dearly loved, a new home or the birth of a child. You may be yearning for God to do a new thing... Or maybe God is already at work. Whatever this new year brings, we trust that God is the Alpha and the Omega, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

On our faith journeys, we sometimes find ourselves looking for a blessing, especially when there is a new beginning. This year, I wish everyone a year that is good not just happy. A good year where you find God's purpose and know his presence in your life, one day at a time. And don't be surprised if the blessing of true happiness begins to find a way into your life.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Donna

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PLEASE NOTE:

- 1/3 Bible Study
- 1/8 Usher Meeting
Stewardship Team
Deacons
Property Team
Country Wonder
- 1/9 Presbyterian Women
- 1/12 Senior Deaf Club
Service at Hampton
Ridge Healthcare &
Rehab
- 1/15 Session Meeting
- 1/17 Bible Study
- 1/21 OC Deaf Club
- 1/25 Food Pantry



Worship Team

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 on Wednesday's.

Christian Worship Service for senior residents at the Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab., 94 Stevens Road, Tome River, at 10:30 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Looking for additional volunteers; see Carole Sloan if you want to help bring the church to the people.

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 2nd Thursday at 9 am, and the **Ocean County Deaf Club** on the 3rd 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 and plastic ware, you provide the goodies, milk and juice. It is so nice to see others share in the joy and fellowship of hosting coffee hour.



Save the date, February 12th, for our second annual **Cup of Love**. Please come and warm your body, soul and spirit with great friends and fellowship. It is a special coffee hour filled with various soup offerings, bread/crackers, and dessert, all served in a *cup full of love*.

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.



Presbyterian Women

Monday, Jan.9th @ 1:30 pm All are welcome to attend.

Stewardship-Generations of Generosity

There are a few 2017 offering envelopes left to be picked up, please check and see if yours are there, if not please call Laure at the office 732-657-5211 and let her know you did not receive them or that you are unable to pick them up and she will mail them to you.. All remaining envelopes will be mailed out on Jan 10th.

Revenue Generations: Fund raisers that you can be a part of and benefit our church!

Shop Rite Gift Cards



To date you have raised \$200 for the church operating fund!

Are you a Shop Rite shopper? If so you can support the church by purchasing Shop Rite Gift cards here. We are selling the gift cards as a fundraiser for the church. Gift cards are available in \$25 & \$50 denomination, you can purchase as much as you like and the church will be getting 5% of the proceeds. To purchase you can see Renata Sarajew or Dave Weeden after service or go to the office on Tuesday and Wednesday and see Laure.



There is a new bin in our back parking lot, please check it out and better yet please make a deposit. We are working with Big Brothers and Big Sisters as a collection site for peoples unwanted gently used clothes, sheets, towels, curtains, quilts, etc. They are going to pay us \$50 a month to keep their bin on site and once a week they will come and collect the donated items. So please share with your friends and neighbors if they are cleaning out their closets to please put items that can be passed along in our clothing bin.



January 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 10 Worship/ Communion 11 Fellowship | 2 | 3 6 Bible Study | 4 1 Choir 6:30 N.A. | 5 | 6 1 AI Anon Mtg 6 Cub Scouts | 7 |
| 8 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Usher Meeting, Stew- ardship Team, Deacons, Proper- ty 5 Country Won- der 7 Boy Scouts | 9 1:30 Presbyteri- an Women | 10 | 11 1 Choir 6:30 N.A. | 12 9 Sr Deaf Club 10:30 Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab | 13 1 AI Anon Mtg 6 Cub Scouts | 14 |
| 15 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Session 7 Boy Scouts | 16 | 17 6 Bible Study | 18 1 Choir 6:30 N.A. | 19 | 20 1 AI Anon Mtg | 21 5 Deaf Club |
| 22 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Worship Team 7:00 Boy Scouts | 23 | 24 | 25 10 Food Pantry 1 Choir 6:30 N.A. | 26 | 27 1 AI Anon Mtg | 28 |
| 29 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7:00 Boy Scouts | 30 | 31 | | | | |



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WORSHIP  WITH US!

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| <p>January 1 1st Sunday after Christmas</p> | | <p>Worship LDR—David Bryce Coffee Hour Host—Deacons</p> |
| <p>January 8th Baptism of the Lord</p> | | <p>Worship LDR—Bobbi Seidel Coffee Hour Host - Evangelism & Fellowship</p> |
| <p>January 15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</p> | | <p>Worship LDR—Kim Milana Coffee Hour Host—</p> |
| <p>January 22 2td Sunday after Epiphany</p> | | <p>Worship LDR— David Weeden Coffee Hour Host -</p> |
| <p>January 29 4th Sunday after Epiphany</p> | | <p>Worship LDR— Glenn Milana Coffee Hour Host— Koch's & Wong's</p> |