



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

July 2016

The Presbyterian
Beacon



PASTOR - Pastor Donna Lepsky

Dear Friends,

Often we want to be able to see into the future. We say, "How will next year be for me?" "Where will I be five or ten years from now?" This is especially true if you or your family are going through a major life transition like health issues, loss of a family member or recent retirement. How many could have predicted last year what they would be doing in 2016? Have there been any surprises so far? Can we look into the future and know what will happen in 2020? Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step, what we have to do in the coming hour or the next day. And when we do take the next step, trusting we will have enough light for the step that follows, then we can walk through life with joy and confidence.

Early in my ministry, I became aware of the following poem and have read it many times over the years. I think it captures the essence of what it means to trust in God.

My Name is "I AM"

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.
Suddenly my Lord was speaking:

"My name is I AM". He paused. I waited. He continued.
"When you live in the past with its' mistakes and regrets,
It is hard. I am not there. My name is not I WAS.

When you live in the future, with its' problems and fears,
It is hard, I am not there, my name is not I WILL BE.

When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here.
My name is I AM."

Next time worry or regret start their downward spiral in your life, know that the God of "I AM" has promised to be present for all generations. And that includes us who live in these uncertain times.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Donna

Poem attributed to Helen Mallicoat

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PLEASE NOTE:

7/4 Independence Day

7/14 Service at Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab

7/24 Scholarships

7/27 Food Pantry



Worship Team

The **Summer Volunteer Choir** is in full swing. Get those vocal chords ready, and come to the choir loft to sing a familiar hymn during the Offering. No experience is required, and everyone is welcome.



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.

Anyone interested in joining choir or hand bells please speak with Diana, let her know your interest and your availability for practice.

Christian Education Team

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

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 7 pm. 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.

Mission Team

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 2nd Thursday at 9 am, and the **Ocean County Deaf Club** on the 3rd Saturdays at 5 pm.



July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Bible Study	4 Independence Day	5 7 Bible Study	6 6:30 N.A.	7	8 1 Al Anon Mtg	9
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The **2016 Scholarship's** will be awarded during worship on July 24, 2016.



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WORSHIP  WITH US!

<p>July 3 7th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion</p>		
<p>July 10 8th Sunday after Pentecost</p>		
<p>July 17 9th Sunday after Pentecost</p>		
<p>July 24 10th Sunday after Pentecost Scholarships Awarded</p>		
<p>July 31 11th Sunday after Pentecost</p>		