



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

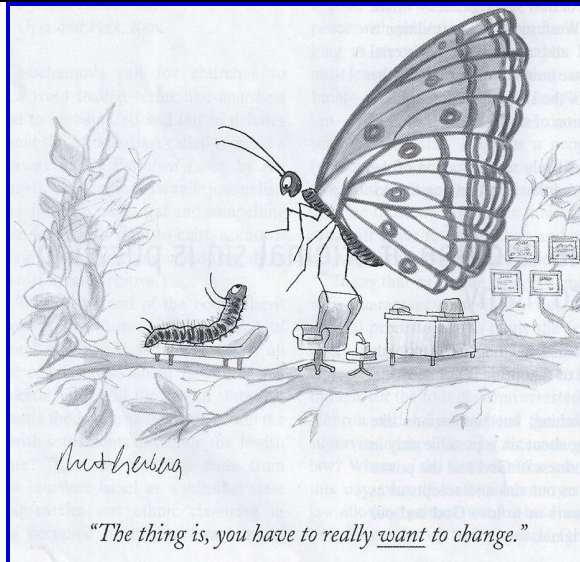
July-Aug. 2014

The Presbyterian  
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## From the Pastor

I recently preached on *Matthew 10:32-39* and shared the children's story of **George the Caterpillar** who became **George the Butterfly**, but only after George was able to let go of everything he knew and squeeze himself into a dark and scary cocoon. As you can imagine, the story had a very happy ending.



With so much change already going on in our lives and in the world, the Church is the one place where we want stability, familiarity and peace. The Church is the one place where we want NO change. And yet Christ is risen and the Holy Spirit is at work *in* us and *among* us to fulfill God's plan for creation. And so, faithfully, hope-fully and lovingly-with-one-another, we move into God's amazing future.

As I learned about the decisions that came out of the PC(USA) General Assembly in June, and as I studied the lectionary passages through December for what God may be saying to us now, and as I saw that the Horizon Bible Study for Presbyterian Women in 2014-15 is Paul's letters to the Corinthians, I smiled and relaxed because the theme, I think, in all of this is **"Building Community."**

Our faithful, persistent and merciful God wants us to build diverse faith communities that embody God's love for all in Christ, and let the world taste the fruit of our perseverance, resilience, forgiveness and unity of spirit. And, yes, God's plan for creation has a very happy ending—beyond anything we can now imagine.

So, during the lazy days of summer, why don't we read *I and II Corinthians*, as well as the summary of the General Assembly actions (available in the Church office), and pray and play and rest so we can work with God in the fall to build community.

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## NOTE THE DATE

- 7/4 Boy Scout-Hot Dog Car Show/ Parade
- 7/6 The Story
- 7/13 Come As U R Kids Klub**
- 7/14 VBS
- 7/17 Ladies' Play Date
- 7/20 Children Lead Worship & Picnic
- 7/22 Receive New Members
- 7/27 Scholarship Awards
- 7/30 Food Pantry
- 8/3 The Story  
Come As U R  
Kids Klub
- 8/26 Blue Claws Game
- 8/27 Food Pantry
- 8/31 School Supplies due



## Mission Team

**Cub Scout Pack 10** is maintaining the garden that we dedicated on **Sunday June 22**. The Scouts are learning about God's creation and growing fresh vegetables for our Food Pantry. They will also make a fresh pizza with the basil and tomatoes!



**Boy Scout Troop 10** has their **big fund-raiser on July 4** when they sell hot dogs at Lake Horicon. So, come to Lakehurst on July 4 for the car show, the parade and to support the Boy Scouts!

**Lakehurst Presbyterian Church Food Pantry** is open from **10 to 11 am** on the last Wednesday of each month when we welcome our neighbors and give canned soup, vegetables, meats, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, cereal and more. We also have bread, rolls and bagels. Your donations of canned and dry goods are always welcome.

On **Sunday, July 27**, we will award **Scholarships** totaling \$9,250 to fourteen college students during worship and honor them at fellowship hour. Come and celebrate blessings!

**School supplies** are being collected for children in need at Lakehurst Elementary School at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please look for sales **before August 31** of #2 pencils, glue sticks, washable markers, crayons (24-count), 12" rulers, 2" 3-ring binders, 2-pocket folders, highlighters, 1-subject notebooks, 3-subject notebooks, and back packs.

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## Worship Team

The **Summer Pick-Up Choir** is going strong. Everyone is welcome. Just pick yourself up and move to the loft to sing a familiar hymn during the Offering. Chancel Choir returns Sept. 7. The **Handbell Choir** is also going strong. Practice is 11:30 am on Wednesdays.



**Come As U R**—will meet in the Living Room at 5 pm on Sunday, **July 13**, and on Sunday, **August 3** to watch a short video followed by discussion led by Elder Glenn Milana. This new community is for saints, sinners, seekers, and doubters. There is a place for everyone.

**Thank you to all of the Men** who helped us worship our Father in heaven on Father's Day, June 15. Encore! Encore!





## Christian Education Team

VBS is almost here! We still have room for more children; so, spread the word!

And we could use some helpers and supplies. Please call Laure 732-657-5211 who is coordinating the supply list. And thank you to everyone who has signed up already!



Children are now decorating for VBS on Sunday morning. They will show us what they learn in VBS and lead worship on **Sunday July 20**, followed by a picnic. You won't want to miss worship that day!



God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

### Vacation Bible School

**Who:** All Children ages 3 to 12

**Where:** The Presbyterian Church, Lakehurst NJ  
101 Orchard St, Lakehurst, NJ 08733 (by the school)

**When:** July 14-18, 5:00-7:45 pm  
(Dinner is included)

**Cost:** \$10.00 per child/\$25.00 maximum per family  
(Scholarships are available)

RSVP by July 1, 2014, Call: 732-657-5211



Starting **July 27**, the children are invited to worship with their family. Sunday School classes (Toddlers-Preschool, Early Elementary (K-gr.2), and Older Elementary (gr. 3 to 6) resume on **Sept. 7**.

**Kid's Klub** for children ages 8 to 12 and **Li'l Kids Klub** for ages 3 to 7 will meet **Sunday July 13** and **August 3** at 5 pm for Bible games, music, fellowship and snack. Bring a friend!

**Adult Education:** We will meet on Sunday July 6 at 11:30 and Tuesday July 8 at 7 pm to study ch. 11 (David's call) of *The Story*, a condensed narrative version of the Bible, and on Sunday August 3 and Tuesday August 5 to study ch. 12 (David's reign as king). Books are available to buy or borrow from our library. Everyone is welcome.

**Pathway to Commissioning.** Monmouth Presbytery is developing a program to educate members of the Presbyterian Church who wish to deepen their relationship with Christ and broaden their understanding of the church. Some elders who complete the study may wish to be commissioned to serve a church in one of several capacities: Christian Education, Preaching & Sacraments, Pastoral Care, or Mission & Evangelism. Please pray for guidance, and let Pastor Christina know if you want more information.



## Stewardship Team (Personnel & Financial Resources)



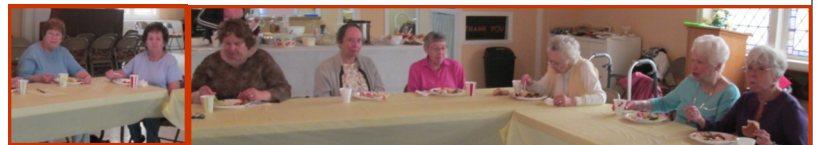
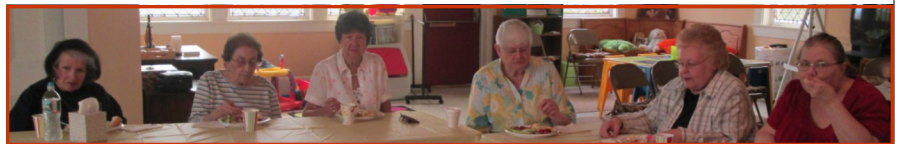
Pastor Christina is taking vacation time from Aug. 6 to Aug. 26. The preaching schedule is set. If you have or become aware of any pastoral need (distress, hospitalization or death), please call the Church office, and your message will be handled as needed by your Deacon, or Anne & Bob Bell, or Rev. Claire Pula who will be on call. As always, please don't assume that someone else notified the office. We **do** want to know when someone is ill.



Please remember to give toward the church's ministries even when you are on vacation or summering with grandchildren. Thank you!

## Presbyterian Women

put away their mission bells for summer after a sumptuous feast on June 9, and many expressions of gratitude for Nancy Barker's leadership.



Our new officers have been elected and are ready to guide us into the 2014-15 season. New officers are; Anne Bell-President, Carole Sloan-Vice President, BJ Nelson-Secretary, and Nancy Koch-Treasurer.

All women of the church are welcome to join us on **Monday, Sept. 8**, when we resume monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday at 1:30 pm. Mark your calendar now, and read I Corinthians and II Corinthians 1:2-4 as we consider "The Promise and Problem of Paul" and begin the work of Building Community.

## Property Team

**Thank you** to all of the men who have been working hard to make the grounds look well-manicured. And thank you to Bobby Soto who is cutting and edging grass on the church property in exchange for his use of the garage. It is a win-win arrangement.



During the summer, you may notice some renovation work in the sanctuary. The Session has authorized Property to remove the first row of pews in order to make room for the new tables on which the Handbell Choir will practice on Wednesdays and play during worship.



## Evangelism & Fellowship Team



If you are looking for a church home, please let us know. We would love to have you become a member of this faith community. Session wants to receive new members in July, and introduce them to the congregation on **Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 7**. So, please call the pastor today!



**Fellowship Hour** during July and August will feature a cool, refreshing drink that the Church will provide. But you can sign up to bring a plate of cookies or snack. The Sign Up is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. This is an important time to get to know visitors and to catch up.



**Faith & Family Night—Tuesday, August 26—7:05 pm**  
**Let's go to a Blue Claws Game together.**  
**Adults \$9.00, Children \$7.00.**  
**Seniors eat free (whatever that means).**  
**Sign up in the sanctuary, or call the Church office ASAP.**



**ATTENTION LADIES:** Come one, come all! I am looking to start a church craft group for fun and fellowship. What do you like to do: needlework? scrapbooking? jewelry making? crocheting?

Whatever craft tickles your fancy bring it on **Thursday, July 17** to Fellowship Hall. I'm thinking we can meet from **1:30 to 3:30pm** twice a month. Let's toss around ideas at our first "play date." Maybe we can help each other learn a new craft. Also, we will have light refreshments such as iced tea/lemonade and cookies. And what should we call our group? I want to know your ideas. You can email, call my cell, or bring your ideas on July 17. But do come, and bring a friend!

*Donna Lemanski*



### *Care for the Caregivers.*

On the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of each month, at **10:30 am**, we gather in the Living Room for an hour of prayer, sharing and caring. Pastor Christina facilitates it. We welcome everyone who is caring for a loved one. Come and pray with us.



# JULY

# 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 Care for Caregivers Draft Budgets due	2 10 Mission Team 6:30 N.A.	3	4  Support Boy Scouts	5  (Graduation Party in FH)
6 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Study 7 Boy Scouts	7	8 1 Deacons 6 C.E. Team 7 Bible Study	9 10 Stewardship 11:30 Handbells 6:30 N.A.	10 9-3 Deaf Club	11  6 Cub Scouts	12
13 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 5 Come As U R Kids Klub 7 Boy Scouts	14  5:00-7:45 pm VBS	15 10:30 Care  VBS	16 11:30 Handbells; 1 Worship  VBS	17 1:30 Ladies' Play Date (ditto) VBS	18  VBS	19 10 Property Tm. 5-10 Deaf Club
20 10 <b>Children Lead Worship</b> 11 <b>Picnic</b> 7 Boy Scouts	21	22 6 Session Receive New Members	23 11:30 Handbells 6:30 N.A.	24	25  6 Cub Scouts	26
27 10 Worship & Scholarships 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	28	29 7 COM	30 10 Food Pantry 11:30 Handbells 6:30 N.A.	31		

**DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS ARE?**



YOUR DEACON	YOUR ELDER	DIRECTORY NAMES
Jim Ryan	Steve Heaney	Armstrong—Clark
Alice Loonam	Kim Milana	Claus—Gibson
Ray McGlyn	Glenn Milana	Giglia—Lugo
Barbara Fair	Renata Sarajew	Lykes—Pomaro, M.
Nancy Lehrach	Bobbie Seidel	Pomaro, V.—Smith, C.
Carol Reagor	David Weeden	Smith, L.—Zeisler



# AUGUST

# 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6 Cub Scouts	2
3 10 Worship & communion 11:30 The Story 5 Come As UR	4	5 10:30 Care for Caregivers 7 The Story	6 11:30 Handbells 6:30 N.A.	7 1:30 Ladies' Crafts	8 6 Cub Scouts	9
10 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	11	12  DEACONS' SUMMER BREAK	13 11:30 Handbells 12 E&F/home 6:30 N.A.	14 9-3 Deaf Club	15 6 Cub Scouts	16 5-10 Deaf Club
17 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	18	19  Time to CHILL	20 11:30 Handbells 6:30 N.A.	21 1:30 Ladies' Crafts	22 6 Cub Scouts	23
24 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	25	26	27 <b>10 Food Pantry</b> 11:30 Handbells 6:30 N.A.	28	29 6 Cub Scouts	30  DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH
31 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts						



**Water, water everywhere, but do you drink enough?**

by BJ Nelson

We need to drink 6 to 8 glasses (8-oz.) of water every day. Are you doing that? Many people drink a lot of tea or coffee and say "I get plenty of fluids." But those beverages can be high in caffeine, which can cause dehydration and changes in your blood pressure, blood sugar level and other problems. Dehydration can affect your heart, your balance, and your digestive system. Do not get dehydrated!

Getting pure, unadulterated water isn't always easy. Much of our tap water is full of chemicals such as chlorine, sulfur, fluoride, or other minerals. So, we are more apt to filter our tap water or buy bottled water. Drink coffee, tea and soda *that are decaffeinated* or juice if you do not like plain water. With the hot weather at hand, it is essential that we stay hydrated. As ever, any questions or discussion, please track down my wheelchair and let's chat!



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**Sunday School & Worship: 10 am**

Rev. Christina Hindley, Pastor

Elder Dawn Heaney, Clerk of Session

**Jesus  
loves  
you!**

**VBS  
JULY 14-18**

**BEST  
THEME  
EVER!**

WORSHIP  WITH US!

July 6 Communion 4th Sunday after Pentecost & <i>The Story</i> : ch. 11	Matt.11:16-19,25-30	Elder Glenn Milana preaching <b><i>“Welcoming Those Who Are Burdened”</i></b>
July 13 5th Sunday after Pentecost	Matt.13:1-9,18-23	<b><i>“Welcoming the Word in Rich Soil”</i></b>
July 20 6th Sunday after Pentecost & Church School Picnic	Luke 17:11-19	VBS Children lead worship <b><i>“Welcoming Weird Ones”</i></b>
July 27 7th Sunday after Pentecost & Scholarships Awarded	Matt.13:31-33,44-52	<b><i>“Welcoming Scholars”</i></b>
Aug. 3 Communion 8th Sunday after Pentecost & <i>The Story</i> : ch. 12	Matt. 14:22-33	<b><i>“Welcoming the Hungry”</i></b>
Aug. 10 9th Sunday after Pentecost	Matt. 14:22-33	Elder Carole Sloan preaching <b><i>“Boat-Riders &amp; Water-Walkers”</i></b>
Aug. 17 10th Sunday after Pentecost	Matt.15:21-28	Elder Anne Bell preaching <b><i>“Crumbs for All”</i></b>
Aug. 24 11th Sunday after Pentecost	Matt. 16:13-20	Elder Jim Ryan preaching <b><i>“Jesus—who?”</i></b>
Aug. 31 12th Sunday after Pentecost	Romans 12:9-21	<b><i>“Genuine Love”</i></b>