



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

May 2014

The Presbyterian  
Beacon



## Deacons Flea Market Saturday, May 17, 2014

Once again, the Deacons are set to welcome the community to the Church on the day that Lakehurst Borough has a **Community-wide Yard Sale**. The Deacons use the money they make for benevolences throughout the year. And we need your help!

This is how you can help:

1. **Distribute** flyers in your villages.
2. **Tell** your family and friends to come—eat, drink and merrily find all kinds of bargains: plants, jewelry, outdoor lights, sporting goods, crafts items, books, house-wares and much more.
3. **Reserve** an indoor table (\$15) or an outdoor space (\$10) and sell your own treasures. It is a great way to make some money and clean out a cabinet! Cost for members/friends is half-price. (See Deacon Barbara Fair.)
4. **Bake-Bake-Bake** for the Deacons' Baked Goods Tables or Morning Snacks.
5. Lend us (and deliver) a **Barbeque Grill**; so the smell of grilled hot dogs will lure even more bargain hunters to the Church. (See Deacon Ray McGlyn.)
6. Help us **set up** the day before and/or arrive at 6:30 am to set up tables, extension cords, coffee, food, ice, etc. (The vendors arrive very early!)
7. Or if you sleep in, help us **clean up** at 2:30 pm, and get Fellowship Hall ready for fellowship hour on Sunday.
8. Help **cook and serve** the breakfast buns, and luncheon hot dogs (with sauerkraut, chili or cheese), chips, coffee, soda and water.

**Please SIGN UP in the sanctuary and tell us how you can help!**

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### NOTE THE DATE

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| 5/4  | Schick-Kaufman Baptism<br>Come As U R          |
| 5/5  | Presbyterian Women                             |
| 5/11 | P.W. Lead Worship<br>Scholarship Apps. are due |
| 5/17 | Deacons' Flea Market                           |
| 5/25 | Benintente Baptism                             |
| 5/28 | Food Pantry                                    |

May 18





## From the Pastor

Did you notice ? Usually during the season of Advent, in the bleak mid-winter, the worship themes are about repentance, turning from sin, and waiting—forever—for the birth of Jesus while we sing hymns in minor keys. But in Lakehurst (in this liturgical year A), we had the sanctuary decorated with the Poinsettia Tree from December 1 to December 29, and we celebrated and gave thanks to God for the hope, peace, joy and love that is ours in Christ Jesus.



And usually during Lent, the Maundy Thursday service is one of darkness—as candles are extinguished and lights are dimmed with each reading of Christ’s betrayal, abandonment, denial, suffering, crucifixion and death—again as we sing hymns in minor keys. But this year, we observed Maundy Thursday in a very different way. We continued our Lenten study of Exodus and Deuteronomy and saw how Jesus obediently celebrated the Passover with his disciples, giving thanks to his loving, heavenly Father for liberating the Israelites from slavery in Egypt 1,200 years before, and how, on that holy night, Jesus gave his fol-



lowers a new understanding of the Passover bread and cup and a new commandment to love one another. *“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”* (John 13:35). And then we shared a delectious meal with much gratitude, joy and love for God and for all who prepared the feast. And the candles stayed lit!

The stark contrast between the traditional and this year’s Advent and Lent experiences gave me pause. Why, I wondered, did we observe the somber liturgical seasons of preparation with such joy? Are we catering to our death-denying culture in order to attract new members? I don’t think so. On Palm/Passion Sunday, we read Christ’s entire passion narrative, with the congregation shouting *“crucify him!”* Some visitors did not return, but many did. Are we turning into “happy-camper-Christians,” always cheerful and upbeat? Again, I don’t think so. On Easter Sunday, prior to the prayers of the people, we shared joys and concerns that included two memorial services that week, and two the next week, and new diagnoses of serious illness. So, no, we are not superficial happy campers.

The reason, I think, that our worship has been joyous this year, is we have been learning to trust more, open up more, and witness God’s Spirit at work in our lives and in our church, even in the midst of hardship and loss. And our response to God’s grace is genuine gratitude and joy. May we continue to grow in trust and follow our Risen Lord into God’s future. For *Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!*

With resurrection hope and love, *Pastor Christina*



## Christian Education

Sunday School classes are:

**Toddlers-Preschool** in the Living Room for age-appropriate videos, games and lessons.

**Early Elementary** (K-gr.2) in the Fellowship Hall Classroom

**Older Elementary** (gr. 3 to 6) in the Lower Level Classroom



**Kid's Klub** for children ages 8 to 12 meets **on the 1st Sunday** of the month at 5 pm for Bible games, music, fellowship and snack. Bring a friend!

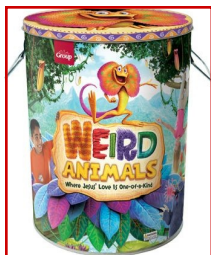
And starting this month, Elder Bobbie Seidel will offer a **program for younger children**. So, make this a family night!

**Confirmation Class** is meeting. All youth are welcome!

**Adult Education: The Story**, a condensed narrative version of the Bible, is being studied by the Congregation on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month after worship or at 7 pm on Tuesday. Books are available to buy for \$7.50 or borrow from the Church library. On May 4 and 6, we will study chapter 7 of The Story on Joshua "The Battle Begins," (Joshua 1-2; 6; 8; 10-11; 23-24) And on May 18 and 20, we'll study chapter 8 "A Few Good Men ... and Women," (Book of Judges). Each study is separate. Come when you can!

Also, Scott Keleman would like to lead a Bible study once a month, perhaps on Saturday evening, starting with the **Book of Ruth**. Please let us know if you can participate and whether Saturday evening works for you!

### Vacation Bible School—*Weird Animals!* 5:00-7:30 in the evening July 14-18, 2014



The children will learn that **Jesus loves them:**  
Even when you're left out, Jesus loves you.  
Even when you're different, Jesus loves you.  
Even when you don't understand, Jesus loves you.  
Even when you do wrong, Jesus loves you.  
Even when you're afraid, Jesus loves you!

We plan to offer a light supper for the children each evening, and then move into the VBS program that includes Bible stories, music, activities and videos that help the children relate the message to their own life. We will need as many helpers as possible!

Please let Elder Bobbie Seidel know if you can help in any way—some or all of the week. We look forward to many children learning that Jesus loves them!



## Evangelism & Fellowship

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. But you are welcome to join us to worship and serve Jesus Christ any time.



**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the **Holy Thursday Meal**. We especially want to thank those who shopped, cooked and served the delicious meal, set up the room and cleaned up. You helped us prepare for Easter! Encore, encore!



**Fellowship Hour** The sign-up Calendar to host **Fellowship Hour** is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Sign up with a friend to bring a snack and a quart of milk and juice for those who want something cold. The Church supplies coffee, tea, and all paper goods and plastic ware.



### *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.

## Worship Team

**Traditional Worship** continues in the Sanctuary at **10 am** with The Chancel Choir, who always welcomes new voices, and with the Children who are excused for Sunday School after the Children's Message.



**Come As U R** is a new community for **everyone** but especially those who don't want to listen to a preacher, do other things on Sunday morning, or just want something different. We meet in the Living Room at **5 pm** on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month**, with Elder Glenn Milana leading a discussion on a 10-minute thought-provoking video.

Diana Smerillo, the Music Minister, always welcomes new people to the Chancel Choir that practices from 1:00 to 2:30 on Wednesdays and 9:15 on Sunday morning, and to the Brass Handbell Choir that practices at 3:00 on Wednesdays.





## Mission Team



**Lakehurst 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, and cereal. **Now we are also giving bread, rolls and bagels.** Members can use the pantry throughout the month. Just speak with Kim Milana or the pastor. Your donations of canned and dry goods are always welcome.

**One Great Hour of Sharing.** Thank you for your contributions of **\$745** to the PCUSA Special Offering: OGHS. Our offering will be designated for the Self-Development of People program. Thank you!

**Alice B. Perry College Scholarships** are open to “all needy and worthy students who wish to go to college.” 2014 Applications are **due on or before May 11, 2014.**

## Presbyterian Women May News

By BJ Nelson



**Mother's Day Blanket Project.** The Presbyterian Women are buying blankets for \$10 each through Church World Service which distributes them in times of major disaster to provide warmth or shelter from the elements. You may contribute to this mission project by buying a blanket in honor or in memory of someone who has blessed your life. Order forms are at both entrances to the sanctuary, or you may contact the church office or a Nancy (Barker, Koch or Lehrach) by **Monday, May 5.** The blankets will be dedicated on **Mother's Day, May 11**, when Presbyterian Women will lead the worship service.

**Tent City.** I am particularly interested in helping the homeless people who live in Tent City, and would like us to knit or crochet hats, mittens and scarves for the fall. If you would like to participate, contact me and let me know if you will make them at home or want to resurrect the PW Sewing/Knitting Circle. (We recently discovered a whole supply of needles, hooks and thread.)

**College Students.** At our May meeting (**NOTE date change to 12:00 noon on Monday, May 5**), we will again send boxes of cookies to our college students at exam time. The cookies were much appreciated last fall, and we are pleased to be able to provide them before finals.

**Our Food Pantry.** The PW voted to give \$100 to the Mission Team so that needed items can be purchased for the Food Pantry.

**Presbyterian Women** is open to all women of the church. The regular meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 1:30 pm and include an abbreviated Horizon's Bible study, a mission meeting and fellowship.



## Deacons' Corner

Please pray for: Linda Alston's mom; Anne Bell's brother Tom; Luke Benecke; Nellie Breiner; Dave Bryce's brother Bob; the Burke's friends Susan and Glenda; Vi Caldwell's granddaughter Dana; the Claus' granddaughter Carol; Patty Coleman's niece Lisa; Don Covert; Mary Crichton's daughter Leslie; the Earley's family Donna and Marie; Judy Eggers; Barbara Fair's family, Karen and Steve, and friends; Alice Georgeson; Rev. Granozio's friends Fran, Donna and all to whom she ministers; Rich & Shirley Hiller and friend Jack; the Koch's family Linda, Melanie, and Leonard; Donna Lemanski and friend Robert; Alice Loonam's family Tom & Joan, Kim & Tommy, Lisette & CJ; Alice McCollum; Hazel Melone's grandson John; BJ Nelson; Margaret Plenk; Valerie Pomaro's cousin Joanne; Diane Reid; Jim Ryan; Renata Sarajew's mom Renata, and Rich and Emily; Claire Schutz and friend Darlene; Elizabeth Silverman's mom; Carol Shan; Carol Sloan's son Raymond and friend Louise; Diana Smerillo and family and friends; Anna Soukup's nephew Douglas; Barbara Swindlehurst; David Weeden's nephew Kevin; Estelle Werner; Carol & Ken White and friend Carol; the Wongs' family Jason and Anthony, and friend Carlin. Please pray for all who are grieving especially Arlene Trelease for her sister Barbara, and Helen Granozio for her cousin Jeff.



## Put Your Best Foot Forward

By BJ Nelson



Last month I promised more on foot care, and where best to begin than **neuropathy**, a common disease caused by Diabetes or Peripheral Vascular Disease. Uncontrolled diabetes can damage your nerves. If you have damaged nerves in your legs and feet, you might not feel heat, cold, or pain. Poor blood flow in the legs is called "peripheral vascular disease" from which you are at risk for developing ulcers or gangrene. Both of these illnesses are serious.

**Athlete's foot** is a rash on the skin of the foot and is most commonly caused by a fungal infection. It grows best in warm, wet places, such as the area between the toes and spreads easily. Most often, people get it by walking barefoot on contaminated surfaces. After you have had athlete's foot, you are more likely to get it again. Athlete's foot can make your feet burn and itch. See a good podiatrist for treatment, especially if you are a diabetic.

Without warning and, for some reason, in the middle of the night, **Gout** can strike -- an excruciating pain in a joint, most often the big toe. Men who are overweight or suffering from high blood pressure are particularly prone to gout, especially if they are taking diuretics. Gout is actually a form of arthritis - the body's reaction to irritating crystal deposits in the joints. Mild cases may be controlled by diet alone. Recurring attacks of gout may require long-term medication to prevent damage to bone and cartilage and deterioration of the kidneys. With prompt treatment the outlook is usually good. See your MD promptly with these symptoms.



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| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                  | Fri                                | Sat  |
|--|---|--|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
|  | NOTE: PW's meeting date and time are changed for May only | NOTE: Deacons meeting date and time are changed for May only       |   | 1                    | 2<br>6 Cub Scouts                  | 3  |
| 4 10 Worship<br>11 Fellowship<br>11:30 Study<br>5 Come as U R<br>5 Kids Klub   | 5<br>12:00 noon<br>Presbyterian Women                     | 6<br>10:30 Care for Caregivers<br>12: Deacons Mtg<br>7 Bible Study | 7<br>10 Mission Team<br>1 Choir Practice<br>3 Handbell Choir<br>6:30 N.A.         | 8<br>9 Sr. Deaf Club | 9<br>6 Cub Scouts                  | 10   |
| 11<br>10 Worship<br>11 Fellowship<br>7 Boy Scouts                              | 12  | 13   | 14 10 Finance<br>12 E&F Team<br>1 Choir Practice<br>3 Handbell Choir<br>6:30 N.A. | 15                   | 16<br>7 Pack Meeting               | 17<br>9am-3pm<br>FLEA MARKET<br>5 Ocean County Deaf Club |
| 18 10 Worship<br>11 Fellowship<br>11:15 CE Team<br>11:30 Study<br>7 Boy Scouts | 19  | 20<br>10:30 Care for Caregivers<br>6 Session Mtg<br>7 Bible Study  | 21<br>12 Worship Tm.<br>1 Choir Practice<br>3 Handbell Choir<br>6:30 N.A.         | 22                   | 23<br>Brig. General Flag Placement | 24   |
| 25<br>10 Worship<br>11 Fellowship<br>7 Boy Scouts                              | 26<br>Scouts: Memorial Day Svc                            | 27   | 28<br>10 Food Pantry<br>1 Choir Practice<br>3 Handbell Choir<br>6:30 N.A.         | 29                   | 30<br>6 Cub Scouts                 | 31   |



## Presbyterian Women Mother's Day Blankets

Order forms are available at the sanctuary entrances to purchase a blanket in memory or in honor of a woman who has blessed your life. The Deadline is Monday, May 5, 2014.

## Property Team THANKS YOU!! Clean Up Day Saturday, April 12





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**Sunday School & Worship: 10 am**

Rev. Christina Hindley, Pastor

Elder Dawn Heaney, Clerk of Session

**Deacon's Flea Market  
Saturday, May 17  
9 am to 3 pm**

Lots of good food, treasures and fun!  
Bring a friend!



WORSHIP  WITH US!

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| May 4 Worship,<br>Baptism & Communion<br>Study: The Story<br>3rd Sunday of Easter | Luke 24:13-35 | <i>“Where We Meet Christ”</i>                         |
| May 11<br>Presbyterian Women<br>lead worship<br>4th Sunday of Easter              | Psalms 23     | Elder Kim Milana is preaching<br><i>“Restoration”</i> |
| May 18<br>Worship & Study: The Story<br>5th Sunday of Easter                      | John 14:1-14  | <i>“Where Christ Dwells”</i>                          |
| May 25<br>Worship & Baptism<br>6th Sunday of Easter                               | John 14:15-21 | <i>“Where Christ is Revealed”</i>                     |
| June 1 Worship<br>Communion & Study<br>7th Sunday of Easter                       | John 17:1-11  | <i>“Christ’s Prayer for Unity”</i>                    |