



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

## May 2015

The Presbyterian  
Beacon



### From the Pastor

On April 25, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit Nepal, killing 4,000 and injuring and destroying the homes of thousands more people.



On April 26, the choir sang this hymn of lament and hope by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, and we prayed for the survivors and the responders:

#### ***O God, We Hear of Suffering***

by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; tune: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

O God, we hear of suffering of people in Nepal;  
There, mountains trembled, valleys shook and rocks began to fall.  
From city streets, the cries of grief rise up to hills above;  
In all the sorrow, pain and death, where are you, God of love?

A woman sifts through rubble, a man has lost his home,  
A hungry, orphaned toddler sobs, for she is now alone.  
Where are you, Lord, when thousands die — the rich, the poorest poor?  
Were you the very first to cry for all that is no more?

O God, you love your children; you hear each lifted prayer!  
May all who suffer in that land know you are present there.  
In moments of compassion shown, in simple acts of grace,  
May those in pain find healing balm, and know your love's embrace.

Where are you in the anguish? Lord, may we hear anew  
That anywhere your world cries out, you're there — and suffering, too.  
And may we see, in others' pain, the cross we're called to bear;  
Send out your church in Jesus' name to pray, to serve, to share.

In addition to our continued prayers, we are participating in the relief effort in three ways: 1) you contributed **\$1,324** last month for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, 2) Presbyterian Women are inviting you to purchase **Church World Service blankets** for \$10 each, and 3) the Mission Team is sending money from your weekly offerings to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** which has hands on the ground.

When disaster strikes, we can feel helpless and overwhelmed as individuals. But God calls us as a church "to pray, to serve, to share." And together we are able to share Christ's love and compassion.

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#### DON'T FORGET

- 5/5 PW blanket deadline
- 5/16 **DEACONS FLEA MARKET**
- 5/17 Scholarship app due
- 5/17 Country Wonder
- 5/21 New Members Recd
- 5/24 **PENTECOST WEAR RED**
- 5/24 Come As U R
- 5/27 Food Pantry
- 6/7 Choirs Finish for Summer
- 6/14 Church School Sunday & Picnic
- 6/21 Men Sing
- 6/28 Pick-Up Choir
- 7/26 Scholarships awarded
- 8/1 Chalk the Walk Kids' Fun Retreat



## Presbyterian Women

### Mother's Day Mission Offering



P.W. traditionally invites you to purchase blankets (for \$10 each) in honor and in memory of women who have blessed your life. The blankets will be dedicated with the list of contributions on **Mother's Day, May 10**. Order forms are due **no later than Tuesday, May 5**.

*Church World Service Blankets* are used here and abroad to make tents, to transport injured people, and to provide warmth from the elements. They were used in New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy, and they will be used by survivors in Nepal. What a meaningful way to honor a woman in your life!

### *Southern Garden Tea Party— a Delight in Lakehurst!*



On Saturday, 25, Presbyterian Women sponsored a **Southern Garden Tea Party**. Warm fellowship and delicious teas, sandwiches and cakes were enjoyed by the fifty women who attended. The planners, **Mary Earley, Valerie Pomaro, Donna Lemanski, Alice Loonam, Nancy Lehrach and Laura Reid**, created tea-bag invitations, decorated Fellowship Hall, prepared all of the food, and offered prayer, daily devotions and some history of the role of P.W. and its predecessors in the church. (Ray McGlynn also contributed great ideas.)

Thank you to all of the P.W. women who made possible this program to honor our women; thank you to all of the planners who worked so hard and effectively, and thank you to all who participated. We hope you know that you are welcome to join us for our **regular P.W. meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30 pm**. We don't wear white gloves and wide-brimmed hats to the meetings, but the fellowship, study, mission and refreshments do nourish our heart and soul.





## Deacons



## Deacons' Flea Market, Saturday, May 16, 8 am to 1 pm

Please sign up to:

**Bake, bake, bake homemade cakes, breads, brownies, cupcakes and cookies!**

**Distribute flyers, and tell your neighbors and friends.**

**Donate 2 or 3 household items for the Church's flea market tables.**

**Help us set up tables and signs for all of the vendors.**

**Rent a table to sell your own treasures.**

**Work at the Church table and welcome the community to the church.**

**Come to Lakehurst and have fun shopping for bargains.**

**Help us clean up at 1 pm so Fellowship Hall will be ready for the Deaf Club.**

**All proceeds are used by the Deacons for benevolences throughout the year.**

**Please let us know how you can help!**

**Please pray for:** Peg Burke's friend Meryl; Diana Bryce and Dave's brother Bob; Vi Caldwell's granddaughter Dana; Patti Coleman's grandsons Sammy and Ryan; Don Covert; Bea Cox; Mary Crichton; Dottie Danley; Dorothy DeLigny's daughter Patty; Bonnie Dreier's brother, Phil; Barbara Fair's daughter-in-law Karen; Marge Furze's friend Lillian; Alice Georgeson; Agnes Gibson; Donald Glick; Rev. Helen Granozio, Pat, Lee, Burke family, and all to whom she ministers; Joyce Greenwald; Dylan Hunter; the Koch's family Linda & Melanie; Donna Lemanski; Alice Loonam and family Joan and Tom, Kim and Tommy; Joan Mark and nephew Anthony & family; Alice McCollum; Kathy McWilliams & friend Ken; Hazel Melone's grandson John and granddaughter Michele; BJ Nelson and sister Karen; Margaret Plenk; Valerie Pomaro's mother-in-law Mary; Carol Reagor's friends Sharon and Steve; Laura Reid's friend Brenda; Lorraine Scechitono and son Joseph and friend John; Evol Sealy's relatives in Africa; Carol Shan; Carole Sloan's son Raymond and friends Pat, Cody, Louise; David Weeden's sister Carol and nephew Kevin; Carol & Ken White and Carol, Lou & Bobbie, Diane & Buddy, Cathy & Richard, Melissa, Honeybear; Ruth Wittich; Marjorie Wong & Jason, Jill & her doctors, Karen, George, Robert, John, and Simon. Please pray for all who are grieving including the Smith, Basso and Earley families.



**Nellie Mae Breiner** is now back in her home in Jackson.

**Mary Crichton** is now living with her daughter Catherine at 5 Linwood Ave., Hamburg NJ 07419.

**Jim Murray** is in Room 334 at The Chelsea, 1657 Silverton Road, Toms River NJ 08753.

**Margaret Plenk** is now in rehab at East Neck Nursing & Rehab Center, 134 Great East Neck Road, West Babylon NY 11704, near her son Tim, who delivers her mail: c/o Tim Plenk, 364 South 14th Street, Lindenhurst NY 11757.





## Worship Team

The **Chancel Choir** and the **Brass Hand Bell Choir** will be leading us in worship through June 7, and they will resume after Labor Day. June 14 is **Church School Sunday**, and the children will sing! June 21 is **Father’s Day**, and we will invite the men of the church into the choir loft to sing.



The **Summer Pick-Up Choir** will begin on **Sunday, June 28**. 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.

That means, Diana wants to know what **your favorite hymns** are. Please write down the name of the hymn (and the name of the hymnal in which it’s located), and give it to Diana now so that she can plan the summer musical offerings.

**Change in the Order of Worship**—In order to enhance the integrity and flow of worship, Session decided to move the **Passing of the Peace** from the “Gathering” section of worship to the “Responding” section. Starting on **May 24**, after we pray and before we sing the final hymn, we will exchange a sign of peace with one another.

**Worship at The Chelsea**—10:30 am on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Let’s bring the Church to the people who can no longer come to the sanctuary. All are welcome.

## Evangelism & Fellowship Team

**New Members:** The Session will receive new members at 6 pm on Tuesday, **May 19**. Please call Pastor Christina if you plan to join or if you have any questions about what it means to be a member of this faith community.



New Member Dessert

**Fellowship Hour:** Join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments. This is a great time to catch up with friends and make new friends.

**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.

**Country Wonder** – Carole Sloan sings lovely ballads with a country flair at **5 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays (May 17 this month!)**. 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.

**Toddlers’ Play Group:** Cathy Kelemen leads a group for toddlers (age 1 to K) and parents at 10 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays for games, crafts and fellowship.

**Ladies’ PlayGroup** – Donna Lemanski leads a women’s group on the **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. Bring your favorite craft or needlework project, or sit and chat with us. The more, the merrier.



# Christian Education Team

## Chalk the Walk—Kids Fun Retreat Saturday, August 1, 11:00-3:00, Age 3—Grade 5



Vacation Bible School is a wonderful tradition that many churches have each summer. VBS gives a chance for children to know God’s unconditional love for them. Keeping that in mind, CE team has come up with a wonderful and original way to show children God’s love for them.

We will be having a “**Chalk the Walk Kids Fun and Fellowship Saturday Retreat.**” During this time children will use sidewalk chalk to draw and write messages showing God’s love on the sidewalks in front of the church. Children will be able to play games that build on friendship and teamwork, make a fun craft or perform a science experiment and hear a Bible truth story all while listening to upbeat music in the background. Of, course there will be lunch.

You may be thinking to yourself, “What about the decorations we love seeing inside the church”? Don’t worry there will be something exciting. I do not want to give it away, but you will be able to see that the children are “Children of God.”

At the end, children will be given goody bags among other things filled with chalk and messages for them to “Chalk the Walk” at their home or church during the summer.

Is there a cost you may be wondering? Children will be asked to bring a non-perishable, non-expired food item for the pantry as the entrance fee.

You may be asking “What can I do to support this new and exciting retreat”? Please spread the word and invite or bring children. Space is limited so sign up early. Any support would be wonderful-volunteering and donations are always appreciated. Stay tuned for what we need help with. IF you are unable to assist, please pray for a wonderful day of excitement where children will know God’s love for them and learn how to spread God’s love around for others.

Elder Bobbie Seidel

**Sunday, June 14 is Church School Sunday**, when the children lead worship, and we then enjoy a picnic! Watch for details in the bulletin.

**Middle School Youth Group** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 5 pm. All youth in grade 6 and up are welcome to join us for study, fellowship and fun.

**Adult Education:** *The Story* is an easy-to-read, narrative version of the Bible. Books are available to borrow or buy. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 11:30 am, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7 pm. You are welcome to come at any time.

**Come As U R** – Elder Glenn Milana shows a 10-minute thought-provoking video and leads a discussion in the Living Room **after worship on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of each month.





## Mission Team



The Church is blessed to be able to give college scholarships, thanks to the bequest of Alice B. Perry. The **2015 Scholarship Applications** are due on or before **May 17, 2015**. Scholarships will be awarded during worship on Sunday, July 26.



Thank you for your generous contributions on Easter to **One Great Hour of Sharing**. We have sent **\$1,324** to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for hunger relief, disaster relief, and self-development of people here and around the world.

**Food Pantry:** is open at **10 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.



**Lakewood Soup Kitchen:** On the 4th Saturday of each month, the First Presbyterian Church opens its doors to people who want a hot meal from 12 to 2. Your ears, heart and hands are needed at 11 am to help.

**Cub Scout Pack 10**—meets here on Friday evenings and is open to all boys in 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. See Kim Milana for information. Also **Boy Scout Troop 10** meets here on Sunday evenings at 7.

**Al-Anon Meetings** are open to the family and friends of people who have addictions. The meetings offer experience, strength and hope on **Fridays at 1 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Other mission programs include **N.A.** on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm; **Seniors Deaf Club** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9 am, and the **Ocean County Deaf Club** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 5 pm.

## Property Team

**Thank you** to everyone who came out on Saturday, March 28, and got the church property ready for Easter. The place sparkled for the 110 worshippers!



The Team meets at 10 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We have several people who will do jobs when asked to do so. But we also **need people on the Team** who can help us make decisions. Please tell Elder Barbara Fair that you will serve. Thank you!



# 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1 Al-Anon 6 Cub Scouts	2
3 Communion 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Bible Stdy 7 Boy Scouts	4	5 10:30 Care for Caregivers 1 Ladies Play 7 Bible Study	6 10 Mission Team 1 Choir Practice 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	7 10 Toddlers' Playgroup 6 E & F Team	8 1 Al-Anon 7 Pack Meeting	9
10 Mother's Day 10 Worship 11 Fellowship	11 1:30 Presbyterian Women	12 10 Property Tm 6 CE Team	13 10 Stewardship 11:30 Deacons 1 Choir Practice 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	14 9 Sr. Deaf Club 10:30 Worship @ The Chelsea	15 1 Al-Anon 3 <b>SET UP FOR FLEA MARKET</b> 6 Cub Scouts	16 8am-1pm <b>DEACONS' FLEA MARKET</b> 3 Ocean County Deaf Club
17 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Bible Stdy 5 Country Music	18	19 10:30 Caregivers 1 Ladies Play 6 Session Mtg 7 Bible Study	20 12 Worship Tm 1 Choir Practice 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	21 10 Toddlers' Playgroup 5 Youth Group	22 1 Al-Anon 6 Cub Scouts	23
24 <b>Pentecost</b> 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Come As U R	25	26	27 10 Food Pantry 1 Choir Practice 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	28	29 1 Al-Anon 6 Cub Scouts	30
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### TRANSPORATION MINISTRY

The Deacons' transportation fund has been depleted. If you can provide a homebound member with a ride to choir practice or worship, please call the church office. Thank you!





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### Deacons' Flea Market

**Saturday, May 16, from 8 am to 1 pm**



Discover bargains from indoor and outdoor vendors, or make arrangements to sell your own treasures by calling the church office.

## WORSHIP WITH US!

May 3 5th Sunday of Easter (Sacrament of Lord's Supper)	John 15:1-8	<i>"I Am the True Vine"</i>
May 10 6th Sunday of Easter	John 15:9-17	<i>"I Chose You"</i>
May 17 7th Sunday of Easter	John 17:6-19	<i>"I Am Coming to You"</i>
May 24 Pentecost <b>(Wear RED)</b>	John 15-16, selected verses	<i>"The Spirit of Truth"</i>
May 31 Trinity Sunday (Sacrament of Baptism)	John 3:1-17	<i>"Community of the Trinity"</i>