



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

## November 2013

The Presbyterian  
Beacon



### From the Pastor

As I write this, my heart is full of love and gratitude for God and for you. This month marks three years that we have witnessed together the power of God's Spirit at work here in Lakehurst.



Each year has brought challenges and blessings. Soon after I arrived, we discovered that the "reserve" account was depleted and contracts to sell some of the church's real estate were unadvisable. But a few months later, the church received several bequests which allowed me to leave my part-time work at a nursing home, and serve the church full-time in year two. And your elders and deacons served you well, prayerfully making difficult decisions and working hard.

During the second year, we worked with God to sow seeds of faith, hope and love within the community and beyond. It wasn't always fun: getting estimates for mold remediation and getting sued under one of the unadvisable contracts. But we persevered because God perseveres in sowing seeds in and with us.

And this year, the seeds began to bear fruit—lots of fruit! Just read in the Stewardship Brochure what all of the elders, deacons, Presbyterian women, and you have done with the guidance, power and grace of God. No mold. No litigation. Beautiful spaces for ministry. More music. More fellowship. More children. Larger food pantry. New people among us with hearts that love Christ.


This month, we will remember the great cloud of witnesses—our ancestors in faith, both living and dead, who brought us to this place, and we will give thanks to God for their love and their legacy. Please join us in worship as we dedicate memorial gifts and the fruit of your labors on Nov. 3, and when we join with the community to give God thanks and praise on Nov. 27.

And plan to participate in the Advent Study, beginning Wednesday, Nov. 27, as we clear our eyes to witness the birth of Christ and discern what God has in store for The Presbyterian Church in Lakehurst.

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### NOTE THE DATE

- 11/2 reset your clock 
- 11/3 Dedication of Memorial Gifts
- 11/11 P.W. meeting
- 11/17 Dedication Sunday
- 11/19 New Member Dessert
- 11/27 Food Pantry  
Advent Study  
Prepare Meals  
Thanksgiving  
Worship here
- 11/30 Dress the Sanctuary for Christmas!



## Christian Education—Elder Dawn Heaney



**Sunday School** classes are: **Toddlers** – in the Parlor; **Age 3 to Grade 1** – in the Upper Room, and **Grade 2 to 6** – in the Lower Level. The Children are studying the *Fruit of the Spirit*.

**Confirmation Class**—will begin Sunday, January 12, with the confirmands being received into membership on Pentecost, June 8. Anyone interested in exploring this possibility, please contact the pastor.

**Advent Study**—A star-watching pastor once said, “There’s something satisfying about the idea of light traveling for millions of years through space, and just at the right moment as it reaches Earth, someone looks at the right bit of sky and sees it. It just seems right that an event of that magnitude should be witnessed.” Advent is the season in which we watch, wait, and prepare to bear witness to God’s presence in Jesus Christ. During Advent, starting at **11:30-12:30 on Wednesday, Nov. 27**, we will meet some of the people who witnessed the miracle of God becoming flesh in Jesus. As their stories become our story, we will become witnesses of the miracle. On Nov. 27, we meet “Zechariah and Elizabeth: Waiting for the Sunrise” and the scripture is Isaiah 64:1-3 and Luke 1:5-80. Everyone is welcome!

## Worship Team—Elder Carole Sloan



### Wanted Youth-Adult Chime Players

No experience required. We have a beautiful set of hand chimes and we want to use them. Please let me or the pastor know if you will give them a try.

**Community Thanksgiving Worship** will be **Wednesday, Nov. 27**, at **7 pm**, at *our* Church. Rev. DeRick, pastor of the Lakehurst United Methodist Church, is preaching.

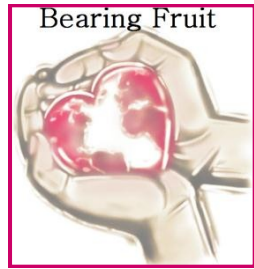


### And save the dates—all Sundays:

- Dec. 1—Choir will join the Brick Presbyterian Church at 3 pm for a Christmas Cantata.
- Dec. 8—Christmas Pageant in worship; then *Christmas Caroling* for homebound members.
- Dec. 15—the Choir will offer the Christmas Cantata “*Bethlehem’s Child*” here at 3 pm with a reception following. Tell your neighbors!
- Dec. 22—at 10 am, we will have a *Service of Lessons and Carols*. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to hear the story of Jesus’ birth and sing lots of carols.



## Board of Deacons – Moderator Alice Loonam



The Deacons are called to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. Thanks to the grace of God and the generous sharing of personal gifts by our Deacons, members and friends, we are bearing much fruit.

**Worship.** Deacons are generous with their time to help us worship our Lord. Some of the Deacons serve as ushers, greeters, and worship leaders. The Deacons also work behind the scene to prepare the communion elements every month. And some serve as counters of financial offerings.

**Pastoral Care.** The Deacons are generous with their love and compassion. Every month we pray through the list of members and friends to identify any need or concern. We then try to reach out with a cheery card or a visit. Once a month, the Deacons host Coffee Hour to help the community stay connected. We also deliver chancel flowers when available to homebound members—to let them know they are still a part of the church. At Christmas we gave all of the children a bag full of Christmas goodies. And on Mother’s day we gave carnations to the women of our church.



**Special Events.** The Deacons are generous with their giving. As a way to raise funds and build community, the Deacons again hosted the **Spring Flea Market** to coincide with the Lakehurst Borough Yard Sale. This year, in addition to renting table space to outside vendors and having our own tables for baked goods and hot dogs, the Deacons compiled and sold a **Deacon’s Church Cookbook**. We made over \$2,000; used \$1,000 to buy new chair cushions for the Upper Room and the balance is being used for Deacons’ benevolences including transportation for homebound members.



**Looking forward.** We hope to build up our **Transportation Ministry** and launch a **Manna Project** of frozen soup and casseroles for members or their families in case of illness or emergency.



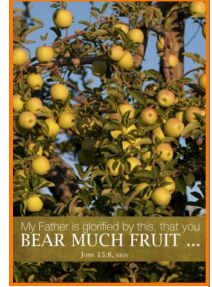
**Thank you** to everyone who supports the Board of Deacons with prayer and hands-on help with all that we do. Your generosity makes our ministry possible.





## Presbyterian Women—Moderator Nancy L. Barker

At the November meeting, Presbyterian Women will be **baking cookies**, wrapping and mailing them to the scholarship recipients at college. We will meet at the church **at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11**, and bring something for lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. The regular meeting will follow.



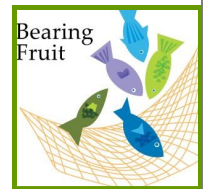
The **Bible study** is lesson 3: “*Set Free by God*” on Exodus 4:18-31, 12:21-39, and 13:1-10. When have you recognized God’s power at work in your life? What activity or ritual helps you to remember that time in your life?

The Christmon decorations are being repaired and will be ready to **decorate the tree on Saturday, Nov. 30**. At our **December meeting on Monday, Dec. 9**, we will have our annual Christmas celebration with food, song, and praise to God. Anyone interested in attending the December meeting, please contact Nancy Barker, BJ Nelson or Nancy Koch, officers.

## Mission Team—Elder Kim Milana



**The Food Pantry** is open from **10 to 11 am** on the last Wednesday of each month. Donations of canned soup, vegetables, meats, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, and cereal are always appreciated. Members can use the pantry throughout the month. Just speak with me or the pastor.



**Thanksgiving** – This year we will prepare **Thanksgiving “party platters”** and deliver them to members and friends of the Church. Please let me know now if you can help prepare or deliver the meals the day before Thanksgiving.

**Cub Scout Pack 10**—The Cub Scouts meet here on Friday evenings and are open to all boys in 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. **Boy Scout Troop 10** meets here on Sunday evenings at 7.

## Evangelism & Fellowship Team – Bob Lykes



New Member Dessert

Have questions about becoming a part of this faith community? Talk to the pastor and then meet with the Session at **6 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 19**.

The Sign-Up Calendar to host **Coffee Hour** is on the bulletin board in the Upper Room. Sign up with a friend to bring a snack and a quart of milk. The Church supplies coffee, tea, and all paper goods and plastic ware.

Also, mark your calendar now for the **Advent Kick-off Luncheon** after worship, **Sunday, Dec. 1**. We will also welcome new members that day!



## Stewardship Team – Elder David Weeden

Please read carefully the **Stewardship Brochure** to see what this faith community has done and hopes to do. And make your commitment of time, talent and financial resources on **Sunday, Nov. 17** to the future of Christ's Church.



And worship with us on **Nov. 3** when we give thanks to God for the lives of Helen McMunn, Lester Danley, Fred Steel, James McLean and Charles Baasch who now rest in God's eternal embrace. And we give thanks for their love and legacy to the Church.

We will **dedicate the following gifts** that were made in memory of:

William Caldwell: 12 copper and 12 sage linen table cloths.

Marjorie Schmidt: silk chancel flowers and an I-Pad for evangelism.

Helen McMunn: eight teacher guides for preschool and elementary classes; supplies for toddlers; and carpet tiles for the new elementary classroom.

Lester Danley: the 2013 Presbyterian Hymnal *Glory to God*.

Merle Stouffer (father of Carol White): drywall and reconstruction of the basement classroom, food pantry and closets, and purchase of the new classroom table.

Lois Stouffer (mother of Carol White): paint for the basement classroom and the new parlor, and parlor furnishings: a sofa, loveseat, wing chair, and two cube ottomans.

Nora Steel gave funds in memory of her husband, Fred, to the choir for the purchase of new music, and to the deacons for their benevolences.

Charles Baasch: large-print blue hymnals, and frames for the old lithographs hanging in the Upper Room.

Zen Baudoux (brother of Annette Zeisler): bequest for much of the cost of dry-walling and painting the Upper Room; breakfront, television, antique oak table from Zen's house, and memorial gifts for two accent chairs, pillows and a carpet for the new parlor.





The Deacons of The Presbyterian Church, Lakehurst NJ  
ask you to join them in prayer for:

Annette Barberio; Nellie Breiner; Mary Carter; Laure Childer's friends Debbie, Bruce & Tara; Patty Coleman's niece Lisa; Michelle DiLiberto's aunt Rosalie; Dot Duncan's friends Gretchen and Chrissy; Mary & Lenny Earley's daughter-in-law, Amanda; Barbara Fair's daughter-in-law, Karen, and son Steve, and friends Doris, Mary, Joan, Billy and Tom; Marge Furze's cousin, Anita; Lynn Giglia; Rev. Granozio and friends Charlie, Lillian, a child, John and Carol, Fran, Emma and Stephen; Shirley Hiller's friend Jack; John Lamb; Donna Lemanski and her brother, Ken; Alice Loonam, her parents Tom and Joan, Kim, Heather, Lisette; Bob Lykes' friends, Erika and George; Stuart McAlister; Alice McCollum; Hazel Melone's granddaughter, Jennifer; Glenn Milana's cousin Joann; Janice Mitchell's son, Bill; BJ Nelson and sister Karen and niece Jill; Margaret Plenk; Renata Sarajew's mother; Claire Schutz's friend Darlene; Carol Sloan's son Raymond, cousin Joyce, and friend, Louise; Diana Smerillo; Barbara Swindlehurst and her friend's grandson Kenneth; David Weeden's nephew Kevin, and relative Greg; Estelle Werner; Carol & Ken White and friends Jim and Carol; Laura Wilmoth's relatives Anthony, Carmen and Nick; Marjorie Wong's friend Carlin. Please pray for all who are grieving; and for those serving overseas, especially the Wongs' son-in-law, Anthony in Afghanistan, and Sherry Calpini's son Dennis in Iraq. Please remember to get permission from the person before requesting public prayer. We do have a confidential prayer list.



## Treat Your Lungs with Tender Loving Care

By BJ Nelson, Parish Nurse

Most people do not think about their lungs. We breathe automatically, without effort or thought. It is only when we become ill that we become aware of this vital human function and its frailty.

From asthma to COPD, lung cancer to influenza, and bronchitis to cystic fibrosis, there are many diseases that can cause our lungs to turn from allies to adversaries. Few of us go through life without experiencing an encounter with the respiratory tract.

The wisest course of action is to see your family doctor who can order necessary medications and preliminary tests until a specialist is deemed essential. Self-diagnosing, often with the use of the internet, is usually fool-hardy. There is no substitute for a good physician's attention, followed by self-nurturing with the goal of treating yourself to some tender loving care. Also, do not smoke, avoid second hand smoke, enjoy fresh air as often as possible, shun others who have respiratory illness, get a flu/pneumonia shot ( if MD okays it) and see an MD promptly when symptoms of a respiratory illness appear. Barring acquired illnesses there are many respiratory diseases that can be either avoided or managed to keep your health at an optimum level.



# November 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6 Cub Scouts	2 
3 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 6 Boy Scouts	4	5 10 Stewardship 12 Choir-men 1 Choir-women	6 10 Mission Team 1 Choir Practice  6 N.A.	7	8  6 Cub Scouts	9 Cub Scouts: Out of the World Pine Park
10 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 6 Boy Scouts	11 <b>11 Veterans Day Lake Horicon 11:30 P.W. (bake cookies and meeting)</b>	12 12 Choir-men 1 Choir-women 1 Deacons 4 Education Tm	13  1 Choir Practice  6 N.A.	14 9 Sr. Deaf Club  5 Evangelism Tm 6 Property Tm	15  7 Pack Meeting	16  5 Ocean County Deaf Club
17 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 6 Boy Scouts	18	19 12 Choir-men 1 Choir-women 6 New Member Dessert/Session	20 12 Worship Tm 1 Choir Practice 6 N.A. meeting	21	22  6 Cub Scouts	23
24 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 6 Boy Scouts	25	26 12 Choir-men 1 Choir-women  7 Presbytery Meeting	27 10 Food Pantry <b>11:30 Advent Study</b> <b>1 Prepare Platters</b> 1 Choir Practice 6 N.A. <b>7 Thanksgiving Service here</b>	28 Thanksgiving 	29  <u>no</u> scout meeting	30  <b>9 Prepare the Sanctuary for Christmas!</b>



**Lenore Smith** has moved to Harrogate #A243, 400 Locust St., Lakewood NJ 08701, but we expect to see her with us in worship!

**Lydia Eckman** is moving near her daughter: c/o J. Paradiso, 55 Cherryville Hollow Rd., Flemington NJ 08822. **George Beisley** is with his daughter but will move into a care community.

**John & Anne Lamb**, 6570 Anchor Loop Apt. 202, Bradenton FL 34212, have joined Peace Presbyterian Church in Lakewood Ranch FL and will be blessing a new faith community.

**Jean Rausch**, 297 Summer Hill Rd., Madison CT 06443, writes that she is 96 and still feeling fine! She relies now on pastors on tv and radio “to keep me learning.”



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Elder Dawn Heaney, Clerk of Council



CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**After Worship  
Sunday, Dec. 1**

**Advent Kick-off Luncheon  
All are welcome!**

WORSHIP  WITH US!

Nov. 3 in Upper Room 24th Sunday after Pentecost Communion and Dedication of Memorials	Luke 19:1-10	<i>“Fruit of Generosity”</i>
Nov. 10 25th Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 20:27-38	Glenn Milana preaching <i>“Fruit of Faith”</i>
Nov. 17 26th Sunday after Pentecost Dedication Sunday	Isaiah 12	<i>“Fruitful Harvest”</i>
Nov. 24 Christ the King Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Rev. Morrison preaching <i>“Christ the King”</i>
Wednesday Nov. 27 Community Thanksgiving Service—here	7:00 pm at The Presbyterian Church	Rev. Rick DeRick is preaching
Dec. 1 1st Sunday of Advent	Matthew 24:36-44	<i>“Star-gazing”</i>