



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

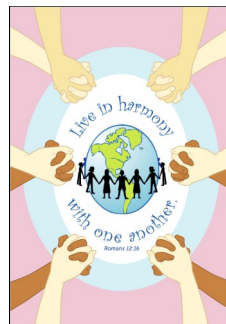
November 2014

The Presbyterian
Beacon



From the Pastor

As I write this, the children have not yet gone trick or treating, and store shelves are loaded with Christmas decorations and gifts. It seems that we do not get time to catch our breath. Even our church calendar is getting fuller and fuller.



I hope that we will take time to appreciate all that God provides in the month of November! And give thanks for our many blessings.

I hope that we will take time to worship God together on Sunday mornings, break bread and share our lives at the fall luncheon, tell others about the new ministries that our members have started, and make time to care for one another and those in need. In doing so, we share Christ's love, build community, and become a vessel of peace that can spill out into a contentious world.

The Christian Education Team decided to help us to clear our calendars a bit. Advent—and the new church year—begins Nov. 30. And instead of offering a weekly study, we are preparing a daily Advent devotional for personal use at home.

Borrowing an idea from Rev. Kathleen Long Bostrom, the devotional messages will help us ***“Declutter for Christmas”*** - declutter our schedules, our homes and our hearts, so that we can make space for Christ.

Let us slow down in November to notice and express gratitude for all of God's blessings, and begin the new church year with trust that “a child shall lead them.”

With gratitude,
Pastor Christina



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NOTE THE DATE

- 11/2 Come As U R
- 11/6 Toddlers' Play
- 11/9 Fall Luncheon!
- 11/10 P. W.
- 11/11 Lifeline Screening
- 11/12 Bereavement Workshop
- 11/15 Teachers Meeting
- 11/16 Country Wonder
- 11/26 Food Pantry
- 11/24 Carnegie Hall
- 11/29 Clean Up Day

Saturday, Nov. 1,





Stewardship Team—Elder David Weeden



Our Stewardship Team is responsible for the personal (staff) and financial resources of the faith community. And we are diligent in our care of the resources that you entrust to us.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, during the **Fall Luncheon**, we will distribute the 2015 Stewardship Brochure, and (hopefully) show an **I-Movie** of this year’s ministry highlights, in which you are the stars. We invite you to bring a table-ready dish to share—but everyone is welcome to join this special time of fellowship!

The estimated expenses for stewardship and administration are listed below, and I will provide more information, especially concerning Rev. Hindley’s health benefits, at the luncheon. Also listed below are the memorial gifts that we will dedicate during worship on Nov. 2. These gifts were purchased with memorial funds received since Nov. 2013.

I want to thank the members of the **Stewardship Team**: Lynn Giglia and Ruth Wittich, and ex officio members Laure Childers and Christina Hindley. I also want to thank the men and women who count the offerings each week: Anna and Silvano Lugo, Joe and Marjorie Wong, Glenn Milana, and very recently retired Lorraine and Carmen Sceccitono. And a very special thank you to our Treasurer Laure Childers and Asst. Treasurers John Coleman and Stuart McAlister.

And thank YOU for your generous giving to Christ’s church and for your trust in our faithful stewardship of your resources.

2014 Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

- Helen McMunn—Sunday School Books
- Gladys Romans—Chancel Choir Music
- Norma String—Food for the Food Pantry
- Alfred Carl Claus—Handbell Choir Tables,
music stands and music folders
- George Beisley—Ceiling Tiles for Narthex
- Estelle Werner—Portable Communion Set
- Paul W. Arthurs—Tree and shrub care



Deacons—Moderator Alice Loonam

Your Deacons build up and care for the community of faith and the broader community in all that we do. The ministry of Deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the friendless, the lost, and the oppressed people.



Pastoral Care. Your Deacons pray and care for the members and friends of this community who are in their ‘flock.’ We visit, call, send cards, and provide transportation. We deliver food, chancel flowers, and sometimes a Hands-of-Love blanket. We also host coffee hour monthly to encourage fellowship. And we share Christ’s love by giving a carnation to women on Mother’s Day, and a bag of candy to our children at Christmas.

This year, we have a very special coffee hour planned for the children on Sunday, December 7! Ho, Ho, Ho!

Benevolences. The Deacons receive a small budget from your offerings (below) for stamps, cards, bread and juice. In addition, we have a Spring Flea Market that coincides with the Lakehurst Community-wide Yard Sale, which is a community-building event as members of the whole congregation lend a hand, work hard and have a lot of fun together. This year, we grilled hot dogs, sold home-baked cakes, cookies and bread, and hosted dozens of vendors who sold plants, scarves and all kinds of treasures. **Thank you for your help.** The \$730 the Deacons made is used for benevolences for people in need throughout the year. For example, we used the funds for transportation costs, for emergency medical and dental care, and other basic necessities.



Service & Budget. The Deacons prepare communion elements and host coffee hour once a month, and we serve on Session Teams to support worship, fellowship and property. Because the number of people at coffee hour has increased so much this year, we increased our budget request \$10 per month.

We are sincerely grateful for all of your prayers and on-going support.

Your Deacons:

Alice Loonam, Barbara Fair, Nancy Lehrach, Ray McGlyn, Carol Reagor, and Jim Ryan

Deacons	2014	2015
Coffee Hour	180.00	300.00
Communion Elements	55.00	55.00
Supplies	100.00	100.00
Total Deacons	335.00	455.00



Property Team—Steve Heaney



Saturday, November 29, from 9 to 12 noon

We want to get the church property sparkling for the holidays.
We will also decorate the sanctuary for Christmas!

So, mark your calendar, and plan to work off a few pounds from Thanksgiving. There will be something for everyone to do.

Christian Education—Elder Bobbie Seidel

Teachers' Workshop—Saturday, Nov. 15, at 10 am—to prepare for the Children's **Christmas Pageant** and sermon, and to get feedback on the curriculum. All teachers, helpers and **everyone who is interested** in learning about the Sunday School program are invited to attend.



Sunday School classes are: **Toddlers-Preschool** in the Living Room for video, games, craft and age-appropriate lesson); **Early Elementary** (K-gr.2) in the Upper Room, and **Older Elementary** (gr. 3 to 6) in the Lower Level Classroom.

Kids Klub for children ages 8 to 12 and **Li'l Kids Klub** for younger children meet **on the 1st Sunday** of the month at 5 pm for faithful fun, fellowship and snack.



Adult Education: The congregation is studying *The Story*, a condensed narrative version of the Bible on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:30 am and Tuesday at 7 pm. In November, the study covers Chapter 17-The Kingdoms' Fall (Prophets Ezekiel and Jeremiah), and Chapter 18-Daniel in Exile. Books are available to buy or borrow from our library. Everyone is welcome. (Note that we have decided not to meet for study in December, but will resume on **Jan. 5 with Chapter 19-The Return Home.**)



Advent Daily Devotionals will be available at both entrances to the sanctuary before Nov. 30. Or you may call the church office 732-657-5211 to have one mailed to you. We encourage you to set time aside to listen for God in your life—and together, let us prepare for the birth of our Lord.

Don't miss the Bible Trivia Game on the insert!

Christmas in New York

Our Music Minister Diana Smerillo and several members of the Chancel Choir will be singing at Carnegie Hall on **Monday, Nov. 24, 2014, at 8 pm.** Tickets are \$45 and bus transportation is available. See Diana for info.



Worship Team—Elder Glenn Milana

On Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26, the **new Brass Handbell Choir** made its debut, ringing “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.*” And their *wondrous* sound made us hear that old hymn in a brand new way! Thank you, Diana, and all of the ringers who have learned so much, so fast. What a blessing you will be in worship!



Chancel Choir—warmly welcomes new voices! Anyone who wishes to sing, please talk with Diana. The Choir practices from **1:00 to 2:30 on Wednesdays** and 9:15 am on Sunday morning.

Come As U R—meets in the **Living Room at 5 pm on the 1st Sunday**. On Nov. 2, Elder Glenn Milana will show the 10-minute video entitled “*Rich*” that suggests that we're constantly bombarded with images of the latest styles and gadgets that leave us feeling that what we have isn't enough. But is it possible that we are more blessed than we imagine? Join us for friendly discussion and fellowship.

Country Wonder – meets in **Fellowship Hall at 5 pm on the 2nd Sunday** each month (but note this month: on **November 16**) when Carole Sloan offers country music and a little prayer, and we enjoy a pot-luck supper. Last month, everyone sang along to the ballads from the 50's and 60's, and some got up and danced. Mark your calendar and bring a table-ready dish to share.



Bulletins – Large print bulletins with **words to the hymns** are available for people who are having trouble handling the blue hymnals.

Advent is right around the corner! An **order form to buy a poinsettia plant** in honor or in memory of a loved one is enclosed. We also hope you will mark your calendars now for the special worship experiences that the Worship Team has planned.

Nov. 30: 1st Sunday of Advent—Isaiah, Jeremiah, Malachi and Micah will tell us all about God's Plan for the world in sending the Messiah. Please let Pastor Christina know if you *are* a character or want to be one in this drama!

Dec. 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent—young women in the church will dramatize Mary's reaction to the news that she will give birth to Jesus!

Dec. 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent—the children will bring to life the story of Jesus' birth, and offer the Gospel message. After worship, we will go caroling in Lakehurst.

Dec. 21: 4th Sunday of Advent—Carole Sloan will tell the story of Jesus' birth from the perspective of Mary's mother.

Dec. 24: at 7 pm on Christmas Eve—join us for a Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols.



Evangelism & Fellowship Team—Elder Renata Sarajew

Fellowship Hour: Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments! And please **sign up to host fellowship**. We provide coffee, tea, paper and plastic ware. Just bring a snack and we'll show you how to set up and clean up. Community is built in the kitchen and around the tables. Join us!

Fall Luncheon: Sunday, November 9, after worship everyone is welcome to bring a table-ready dish and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Coping with the Holidays: a bereavement workshop for everyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Wednesday, November 12, from 1-3 pm. Please let Pastor Christina know that you plan to attend.

Care for the Caregivers: On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am, we gather in the Living Room for an hour of prayer, sharing and caring.

Ladies' Play Group: 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Bring your favorite needlework or craft project, or sit and chat with us. Questions? Ask Donna Lemanski.

NEW: Toddlers' Play Group: Cathy Kelemen is starting a **Parent & Child group** this month for toddlers (age 1 to K) that will meet at 10 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month for games, crafts and fellowship. Spread the word!

Presbyterian Women—Moderator Anne Bell

We will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, Nov. 10, to study lessons 3 and 4—God's enduring faithfulness, and Christ's healing, reconciliation and love. We will also have a business meeting and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Mission Team—Elder Kim Milana

Cub Scout Webelos win top prizes at the Oct. 10-12 Camporee, despite the cold and rain! They came in 2nd place out of eleven on the rope obstacles, and they got four **1st place awards** for: behavior, enthusiasm, paying attention, and having a full pack. Way to go Webelos!





Food Pantry is open to the public on the last Wednesday of the month from 10 to 11 am, and to church members when the need arises. Baskets for food donations are at both entrances to the sanctuary. We always need: pasta and sauce, non-perishable canned meat, hash and tuna, peanut butter and jelly, canned soup, fruit and vegetables, rice, juice and snack packs. We also appreciate toiletries. Thank you.

Gifts of the Magi—The gift tags for children in need at Lakehurst Elementary School should be available before Thanksgiving. Check the bulletin for the date, and consider buying a gift and brightening a child's Christmas.



November 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10 Worship 11:30 Bible study 5 Come As U R 5 Kids Klub	3	4 10:30 Caregivers 7 Bible Study	5 10 Mission Team 1 Choir Practice 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	6 10 Toddlers' Playgroup 1:30 Ladies' Play 6 Evangelism	7 6 Cub Scouts	8 10 Property Tm
9 10 Worship 11 Fall Luncheon Confirmation E/T	10 1:30 Presbyterian Women	11 8:30 LIFELINE SCREENINGS 1 Deacons 6 Christian Ed	12 10 Stewardship 1 Bereavement Workshop 6:30 N.A.	13 9 Seniors Deaf Club	14 6 Cub Scouts	15 10 Teachers' Meeting 5 Deaf Club
16 10 Worship 11:30 Bible study 5 Country Wonder	17 3 Kelemens' wedding vow renewal	18 6 Session 7 Bible Study	19 12 Worship Tm 1 Choir practice 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	20 10 Toddlers' Playgroup 1:30 Ladies' Play	21 7 Pack Meeting	22 12 Private Birthday Party
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JESUS LOVES ME for Seniors! submitted by Ruth Wittich. Enjoy!

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

Refrain: *Yes, Jesus loves me.*
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way. (Ref.)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near." (Ref.)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories are won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love. (Ref.)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day. (Ref.)



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Sunday School & Worship: 10 am

Rev. Christina Hindley, Pastor

Elder Dawn Heaney, Clerk of Session

**Fall
Luncheon**



**11 am, Sunday,
November 9**

**Bring a table-
ready dish to
share**

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the feast!

WORSHIP  WITH US!

Nov. 2 21st Sunday after Pentecost Dedication of Memorial Gifts (Deacons)	I Thessalonians 4:13-18	<i>“Having Faith”</i>
Nov. 9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Stewardship)	Joshua 24:1-3,14-26	<i>“Choosing God”</i>
Nov. 16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 25:14-30	<i>“Investing Well”</i>
Nov. 23 Christ the King Dedication Sunday	Matthew 25:31-46	<i>“The Head of the Church”</i>
Nov. 30 1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah, Jeremiah Malachi, Micah	<i>“God’s Plan”</i>