



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

## November 2016

The Presbyterian Beacon



### PASTOR - Pastor Donna Lepsky

Dear Friends,

European Christmas Markets, Saint Nicholas, French Christmas carols, what do they have in common? It's all a part of our "Christmas Around the World" celebration that starts on November 27 at the 10 AM Service. Each Sunday in Advent, the traditions of various countries and cultures will be highlighted as we learn how others celebrate Christmas. And what would holiday celebrations be without food? You won't want to miss the Fellowship Hour as special desserts from the various countries will be available to complete the experience.

The Advent schedule is as follows:

- November 27      First Sunday of Advent  
Western Europe.      Germany, France Italy
- December 4      Second Sunday of Advent  
Eastern Europe      Poland and Slavic countries.
- December 11.      Third Sunday of Advent  
England, Ireland and Scotland
- December 18.      Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Puerto Rico, Mexico, Latin America

Come to "Christmas Around the World". it will be a unique experience that will enrich your understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Donna

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

- 11/1 Bible Study
- 11/7 Presbyterian women
- 11/10 Hampton Ridge
- 11/13 Stewardship Sunday  
Deacons  
Property  
Country Wonder
- 11/15 Bible Study
- 11/20 Session
- 11/23 Food Pantry
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/27 Stewardship Team

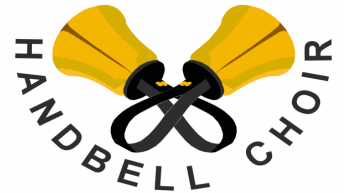


## Worship Team



**The Chancel Choir is back with beautiful music!** Practice is at 1 on Wednesday's and if you can't make that, 9 on Sunday morning. There's always room for one more voice. So, please come, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**The Brass Handbell Choir is back practicing; stay tuned for their next debut.** If you are willing to make a commitment to try, and you can count to four, we would love for you to join us, even if you have never before played an instrument.



We bring **Christian Worship** to the residents at the Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab., 94 Stevens Road, Toms River, at **10:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month.** Let Carole Sloan know you will help.

## Mission Team

**We are preparing for the holidays.** Food Pantry in Nov will be Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. Lets see if we can make bountiful baskets, so when they sit down their hearts be filled with thanks and tummy's filled.



We should have the ornaments for the **Giving Tree** by November 27th. Please remember the families that often go without at Christmas.

Food Pantry is open from **10 to 11 am on the last Wednesday** of each month. **We are looking for pancake mix and syrup, for a change from cereal.** Thank you for all of your contributions of non-perishable food items. If you would like to join the Pantry Crew, please tell Kim Milana or Ruth Bell.

Other mission programs: **Cub Scouts**, Pack 10, meet at 6 pm on Fridays, and **Boy Scouts**, Troop 10, meet at 7 pm on Sundays. **Al-Anon Family Meeting** at 1 pm on Fridays is open to the family and friends of people who have addictions, and **N.A.** meets 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.



## Christian Education Team



**Sunday School** has started and is growing with the new curriculum 'Back to Basics". We love seeing all the children and the many blessings they bring. Children begin the morning in worship at 10 am, and after the Children's Message, they go to their classes.

Classes are for children ages 4 through grade 6.

**Adult Bible Study**— We are studying the Book of Jeremiah, using Eugene H. Peterson's book *Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its-Best*, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:30 and 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6pm. Beginners are welcome!

## Evangelism & Fellowship Team

**Fellowship Hour**—after worship, we get to know one another or catch up while we nourish our stomachs and our spirits. Please consider hosting one Sunday. The church provides coffee, tea, cups, plates, and plastic ware. The hosts bring a snack, quart of milk and juice.



**Advent season** we will be celebrating *Christmas Around the World*. Countries being celebrated are Western Europe; Eastern Europe; Scotland, England, Ireland; and Latin America, Mexico, Puerto Rico. If you would like to participate by bringing a traditional ethnic beverage or desert for coffee hour please see or call Valerie Pomaro 732-267-3658 to coordinate.

**Reception of New Members**—the Team is always ready to welcome you into this community.

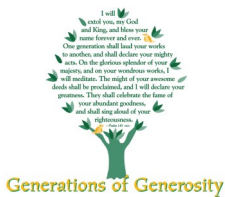
**Country Wonder** – Carole Sloan sings lovely ballads with a country flair at 5 pm on the 2nd Sundays. Please bring a table ready dish to share and join us for a pot luck supper. It is a delightful evening of good music, good food and good fellowship.



## Presbyterian Women

Monday, Nov 14th @ 1:30 pm. Lesson “*Looking at Jesus thru Gospel of Luke*”, were Jesus pushes boundaries. Key scriptures to look at Luke 4:16-21, Luke 16:19-31. All are welcome to attend.

## Generations of Generosity



November 13 is Stewardship Sunday. Our focus for this year is Generations of Generosity. When you think about it, how much of who we are is built on what has been passed onto us from others, as individuals and as a church family. Each generation is blessed and then in turn is called to be a blessing to others, This a part of our Christian witness. You are invited to reflect on how you can pass the gift forward to the next generation. Pledge cards will be available on Stewardship Sunday. You can either place them in the offering plate or return to the office. Thanks for your continued support of our church where blessings flow.

## Shop Rite Gift Cards



Are you a Shop Rite shopper? If so you can support the church by purchasing Shop Rite Gift cards here. We are selling the gift cards as a fundraiser for the church. Gift cards are available in \$25 denomination, you can purchase as much as you like and the church will be getting 5% of the proceeds. To purchase you can see Renata Sarajew or Dave Weeden after service or go to the office on Tuesday and Wednesday and see Laure.

## Poinsettia Tree



**One again the beautiful Poinsettia Tree will be adorning our sanctuary!**

Please help us decorate the sanctuary by buying a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone you love. The plants are \$10 each. Order form is enclosed and available at both entrances to the sanctuary. All orders need to be in by Sunday, Nov 20th.



# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6 Bible Study	2	3	4 6 Cub Scouts	5
6 10 Worship Communion 11 Fellowship 11:30 Worship 7:00 Boy Scouts Day light Savings	7	8	9 1 Choir 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	10 9 Sr Deaf Club 10:30 Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab	11 1 Al Anon Mtg	12
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WORSHIP  WITH US!

<p><b>November 6</b>  <b>25th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Worship Minute for Mission</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Bobbie Seidel</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—Deacons</b></p>
<p><b>November 13</b>  <b>26th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Stewardship Sunday</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Kim Milana</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—Handbells</b></p>
<p><b>November 20</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Service</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Renata Sarajew</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—Marge Furze</b></p>
<p><b>November 27</b>  <b>1st Sunday of Advent—Hope</b>  <b>Christmas Around the World</b>  <b>Western Europe</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR— Justin Stewart</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—Valerie &amp; Barbara</b></p>