



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

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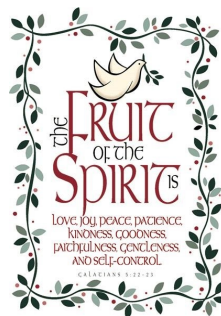
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From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Almost ten years ago, I read Thomas Friedman's book, *The World is Flat*. Since then, we've all seen how technology has leveled the playing field: giving everyone the ability to post their thoughts and market their products for the world to see. Revolutions have happened. And technology has changed what and how we read, lead and communicate.



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has done its part to confirm that the **playing field is always level in God's eyes**. In the *2011-13 Book of Order*, a "Minister of Word and Sacrament" is now called a **Teaching Elder**, as they were called in the early church. And it is clear that Teaching Elders, Deacons and Ruling Elders are called by God and the voice of the congregation to serve God's people. No ministry is greater or more important than another. They are just different calls to serve our Lord.

I believe that God is in the process of transforming the Church, and the role of the Teaching Elder is to help every follower of Jesus Christ to discern their call, and to equip and empower them to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. I pray that I am doing that here in Lakehurst. And with a large measure of God's help and your generous contributions of time and talents, I think the following pages indicate that, yes, we are bearing much fruit! Thanks be to God.

Teaching Elder Christina

Presbyterian Women—Horizons Bible Study—October 14

from Elder Anne Bell

Lesson Two: God's Call to Serve will focus on this verse: Exodus 3:12. The Lord says to Moses: "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." If you have the study guide, please read the Migration Story on page 26. If not, come and hear the amazing story of God's abiding presence and care.

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NOTE THE DATE

10/12 **Fall Festival** at Lake Horicon

10/14 Presbyterian Women

10/20 Special Worship: Dear God!

10/20 **Fall Luncheon**

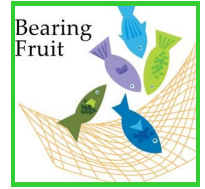
10/30 Food Pantry

Saturday, Nov. 2, remember to turn your clock back one hour





Mission Team—Elder Kim Milana



The purpose of the Mission Team is to share Christ’s love, peace, justice and hope; to interpret God’s call to mission; to offer opportunities to serve others, and to faithfully distribute funds from the Alice B. Perry College Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the grace of God and your generous contributions of time, talent and resources, we bore much fruit this year:



Lakehurst Presbyterian Food Pantry. On the last Wednesday of each month, the “Pantry Crew” arrived at 8:30 am and prepared and distributed bags full of groceries for singles, couples and families. This year we also had baby diapers and supplies on hand.

Cub Scout Pack 10 and Boy Scout Troop 10. The Cub Scout Pack, which has grown from 2 to 20 boys, worshipped with us on **Scout Sunday, February 3** and had fun all year as they learned how to serve God and country. Next year, the boys will plant a garden here and offer fresh vegetables to our Pantry guests. Boy Scout Troop 10 continues to maintain the grounds of our cemetery on Church Street.



Alice B. Perry College Scholarship Fund. We were able to give twelve scholarships, totaling \$7,500, to college students at a special worship service on July 28.

Local Children in Need. We gave several boxes of **school supplies** and back packs to children in need at Lakehurst Elementary School. And we will again give **Christmas gifts** to the children.

Denominational Giving. Our Church donated \$1,350 to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for hunger and disaster relief and self-development of people through **One Great Hour of Sharing**. We also contributed \$2,520 for our **per capita** offerings.

Thanksgiving Donations. Last year, we made a cash donation for Thanksgiving food baskets for local military families, and joined the Lakehurst United Methodist Church to provide a sit-down Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lakehurst Community Center. This year, we want to prepare **Thanksgiving “party platters”** and deliver them to members and friends of the Church.

The expenses in our 2014 Challenge Budget total \$3,220 as follows: local mission \$400; global mission \$100; scouts \$200, and per capita \$2,520.

Thank you for all of your support! This is a church-wide effort. But just let me know if you would like to help with the food pantry, coordinate the Christmas gift drive or the Thanksgiving meal preparation or distribution, OR serve on the Team that meets at 10 am on the 1st Wednesday of each month.



Mission Team—continued

October Mission Newsletter

October is the time of year where we transition, and start to prepare for the upcoming winter weather and the Holidays. Christmas- Yes I am already talking Christmas! But I am not one to rush the season, I want to extend the season! Some of us may at first cringe and feel our stress level increase, just mentioning the Holidays at this point, but that is what we need to avoid. Right now, pause and think of one of those wonderful Christmas memories that has given you joy and inner peace. Now let's see if we can lighten our load this season, to simplify and get down to that basic celebration of love this season.

Now let me back up for a moment, to Halloween. Enjoy the trick-or-treaters, and maybe instead of just passing out candy, jump into the spirit and dress up yourself! And Thanksgiving, that special day to express our thanks to God, and to those around us, who have enriched our lives. This year let's flip that priority list of people we need to contact. Go to the bottom of that list, and write or call that one person that we all intend to call but never do, because of the "weight" on top of the list. Share with them why you are thankful for their friendship and love. We need to take that special time to tell them.

Thanks to all who have participated in our school supplies for the Lakehurst Elementary School and your donations of time and food for our mission pantry! Your kindness and love helps to lighten the load of others throughout the year!

Elder Kim Milana

Deacons—Moderator Alice Loonam



Many people need a **ride to worship** and other church activities. Please pray about this, and let us know if you feel called to drive one person even once a month, or if you know someone who will drive for a fee. It would be a blessing for all of us.



The Deacons have a **freezer** that is ready for your home-made soup or casserole that we might bring to a member or friend of the Church who is recovering from surgery or illness. Please clearly mark your name, along with the contents and date. Thank you!



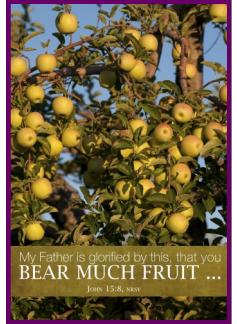
Deacons' Cook Books are still available—for \$5—for anyone who has not yet bought one for everyone they know. If you tasted the delectious corn pudding at the Homecoming supper—yes, it is in the Cook Book! See Deacon Nancy Lehrach to purchase one. The proceeds are for the Deacons' benevolence fund.

Annette Zeisler's new address is: Newport Place Apt. #201, 4735 NW Seventh Ct., Boynton Beach FL 33426. Her phone is 732-551-6427. And she's taking yoga classes. Way to go, girl!



Presbyterian Women—Moderator Nancy L. Barker

Presbyterian Women meetings are filled with delightful programs, satisfying service projects, Bible study and enjoyable fellowship. Here is a glimpse of what we did this year:



- **Programs:** Rev. Dennis Booth and Rev. Helen Granozio presented interesting talks. We were entertained by the music of our own Carole Sloan. And the group decorated the Christmon tree as our contribution in preparing the sanctuary for Christmas.
- **Mission Giving:** We bought Shoprite gift cards for the Mission Team to distribute to Food Pantry participants so they might purchase fresh produce or meat, and body wash and bath scrubbers were made for Pantry guests; Money was given to the Tuckerton Presbyterian Church for their clean-up after Sandy; to the Church's Food Pantry and to the Society of the Least Coin, a global P.W. program that helps women in underdeveloped countries.
- **Bible study:** Anne Bell led a study of *Joseph*, as well as the Horizons study of the *Epistles* and "what it means to belong to the household of God." This was a highlight of our meetings, and we are fortunate to have someone of Anne's very capable experience to lead us.
- **Fellowship:** Every month, we enjoy refreshments and fellowship. In June, we had an "indoor" picnic at Anne's house. This is an annual affair which is much anticipated by the membership. We filled her house to overflowing with good food and fellowship, and we are deeply grateful for her hospitality.

As our life circumstances are changing, P.W. is adapting – with exciting **new opportunities** in the coming year.

- In September, we enjoyed "**show and tell**" as each member shared the story of a treasured keepsake. We learned a lot about the members. And Show and Tell was so successful that we decided to do it again in the spring!
- We will undertake **hands-on mission projects** (around the table) including baking, packing and sending cookies to our college students at exam time, and collecting and packaging toiletries in new cotton tube socks for homeless people.
- We will also resume the **Mother's Day Blanket Sale** – where church members and friends can make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, and blankets will be purchased, and distributed by Church World Service when disaster strikes.
- The Horizon Bible study this year is "*An Abiding Hope – The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy.*" Anne Bell will lead an abbreviated study during P.W. meetings, and the full study for those who wish to have **Bible study in the evening.**

We are always happy to receive new members. I extend a warm invitation to the women of the church to attend one of our meetings, and meet a caring group of women who enjoy each other and enjoy bearing fruit as a part of the church's ministry of mission, education and fellowship.



Worship Team—Elder Carole Sloan

The purpose of the Worship Team is to provide creative, faithful and meaningful worship of God, preaching the Gospel, administering Sacraments, offering music to the glory of God, and the appointment of the sanctuary with flowers, paraments, hymnals and bulletins. Thanks to the grace of God, the generous contributions of gifted musicians and pastor, the dependable ushers and communion stewards, and your prayers and participation in worship, God's seeds have born much fruit this year.



The Chancel Choir. Under the leadership of Diana Smerillo, the Choir grew and offered lovely anthems every Sunday in worship. In addition, the Choir presented an **Easter Cantata**, *Wondrous Love*, that brought 200 people into our sanctuary for an afternoon of inspiring music. The Choir is now preparing a **Christmas Cantata** for 3 pm on Sunday, December 15. They will also join with the choir of Brick Presbyterian Church on Dec. 1 for a Cantata of Lessons & Carols. Yes, much fruit!



Hymnals. This year we received gifts of *Presbyterian Hymnals* (blue) from Red Bank Presbyterian Church and another church in Pennsylvania. And the congregation seemed to make the transition without any fuss!

Lay-led Worship. We were blessed to have Presbyterian Women lead worship on March 3, with Elder Anne Bell preaching, and to have the men lead worship on June 16, with Glenn Milana preaching. In addition, the children and youth led worship on June 2. On October 20, we hope to offer a stewardship drama entitled "Dear God."

What's coming up? More fruit! Instead of observing the traditional Advent theme of waiting with expectation, we will celebrate Christ's birth among us—with the **Poinsettia tree** in the chancel—all month long. (An order form is enclosed.) And look at this **December schedule**:

Dec. 1: **Advent Kick-off Luncheon** following worship; 3 pm Cantata at Brick Pres. Church.

Dec. 8: **Christmas Pageant** during worship; light lunch, and **Caroling** for local and home-bound members.

Dec. 15: 10 am Worship; 3 pm **Christmas Cantata** at Lakehurst Presbyterian Church.

Dec. 22: **Service of Lessons & Carols** for our 10 am worship.

Dec. 24 (Tuesday): **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols**—either 3 pm OR 7 pm.

In addition, starting in January, we hope to offer gatherings for **different kinds of worship** experiences in the evening. Stay tuned for details, but let your "I'm-not-a-morning-person" neighbors know that something new is in the air.

The **2014 Challenge Budget** for Worship is \$19,450 which includes a very modest cost-of-living increase for our Music Minister. The Worship Team meets at 12 noon on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We could use you on the Team, and your prayers always.



Property Team—Elder Jim Dillon

Give thanks to God! On Sept. 17, the Superior Court of N.J., Appellate Division, affirmed the decision of the lower Court, and the Church prevailed again. Litigation concerning the sale of 212 Pine St. is finished.



Upper Room Chair Cushions. If you have not already done so, and would like to buy a cushion for \$25, it's not too late. Just mark "cushion" on your check payable to The Presbyterian Church. They cost \$2,213, the Deacons contributed \$1,000, and members gave \$625, leaving a balance of \$588. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who cleaned and painted and prepared the basement to be used again for a Sunday School class, Cub Scouts and Food Pantry!



Evangelism & Fellowship Team—Elder Bob Lykes



Can you help with our outreach project? On **October 12**, the Church will have a table at the **Lakehurst Fall Fair at Lake Horicon**. We will help about 200 children create lollypop "ghosts." All you have to do is smile!

Christian Education—Elder Dawn Heaney

The children are back! **Sunday School classes** are:

Toddlers – in the Parlor

Age 3 to Grade 1 – in the Upper Room

Grade 2 to 6 – in the Lower Level



This fall, the Children are studying the *Fruit of the Spirit* in Paul's letter to the Galatians. Tell your neighbors and bring a friend. And **thank you** to all of the teachers who are ready to share Christ's love with the children.

Stewardship Team—Elder David Weeden

We have been blessed in so many ways this year. On **Sunday, October 20**, you will have an opportunity in worship to thank God and/or to ask God a question.

Here are some sample prayers: **Dear God**, Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. Joyce.—Dear God, Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year. Peter.—Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now? Jane.

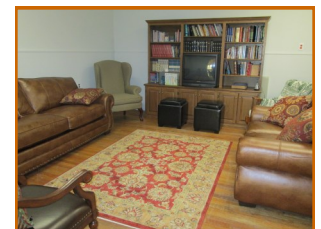
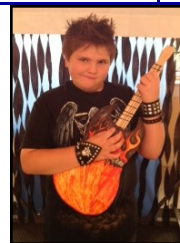
The Stewardship Team challenges you to make God's heart smile with your prayer. And then we will enjoy a wonderful **Fall Pot-Luck Feast**. So, mark your calendar today.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October Birthdays: Bob Bell, Bonnie Dreier, Arlene Trelease, Nora Steel		1	2 10 Mission Team 1:00 Choir Pract. 6:30 N.A.	3	4 6 Cub Scouts Webelos are camping	5 Webelos are camping
6 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	7	8 10 Finance Tm. 1 Deacons 4 Christian Ed	9 1:00 Choir Pract. 6:30 N.A.	10 9-5 Senior Deaf Club/& Medicare 5 Evangelism 6 Property Team	11 no Scout Meeting	12 LAKEHURST FALL FESTIVAL LAKE HORICON
13 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	14 1:30 Presbyterian Women	15 12 Choir-men 1 Choir-women 6 Session mtg	16 12 Worship Tm. 1 Choir Pract. 6:30 N.A.	17	18 7 Pack Meeting	19 3-10 Ocean Cty Deaf Club
20 10 Worship 11 Fall Feast 7 Boy Scouts	21	22 12 Choir-men 1 Choir-women	23 1 Choir Pract. 6:30 N.A.	24	25 6 Cub Scouts	26
27 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	28	29 12 Choir-men 1 Choir-women	30 8:30 Pack Bags 10 Food Pantry 1 Choir Pract. 6:30 N.A.	31		Fall Back one hour Sunday Nov. 3



September Highlights, from left: Joe and Marjorie Wong hosted in their home the **Chancel Choir Kick-off** party; the congregation again prepared superb dishes for the **Homecoming Luncheon**; Dylan Milana models a punk-do at the **Cub Scout Rock Concert**, and our new **Parlor** was readied for Bible study, videos and small group discussion. And not pictured: **Harold Tindall**, an honored member of the Church, turned 99 this year in Iowa. Happy Birthday, Harold!



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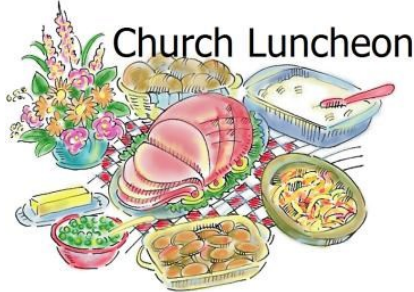
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Sunday School & Worship: 10 am

Rev. Christina Hindley, Pastor

Elder Dawn Heaney, Clerk of Council



Church Luncheon

Sunday, October 20, after Worship

Fall Pot-Luck Feast

All are Welcome!

WORSHIP  WITH US!

October 6 World Communion Sunday Mission Team	Lamentations 1:1-6	<i>“Fruit of Hope”</i>
October 13 21st Sunday after Pentecost Presbyterian Women	Luke 17:11-19	<i>“Fruit of Gratitude”</i>
October 20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost “Dear God!” & Luncheon	Luke 18:1-8	<i>“Dear God”</i>
October 27 Reformation Sunday Worship Team	Luke 18:9-14	<i>“Fruit of Humility”</i>
Nov. 3 in Upper Room Dedication of Memorial Gifts Deacons	Luke 19:1-10	<i>“Fruit of Generosity”</i>