



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

## October 2014

The Presbyterian  
Beacon



### Strengthening Relationships with God and with our Neighbors

By the grace of God and leadership of new and long-time members, the Session is excited about the new ways we will be building community this fall. And so am I.

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#### NOTE THE DATE

- 10/4 Blessings the Pets
- 10/5 Come As U R
- 10/5 Kids Klub
- 10/12 Country Wonder
- 10/13 Presby. Women
- 11/6 Toddlers' Play
- 11/9 Fall Luncheon!
- 11/11 Lifeline Screening
- 11/24 Carnegie Hall

**Saturday, Nov. 1,**  
remember to turn your  
clock back one hour



### Country Wonder

2nd Sundays  
5:00—6:00 pm



On the 1st Sunday of each month, we have **Come As U R**. On the 2nd Sundays starting this month, Carole Sloan will offer **Country Wonder** (as in awe and wonder) with country music, a little prayer, and a pot-luck supper.

So, dress casually, bring a table-ready dish to share and come at 5 pm on Sunday, Oct. 12. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall, and let the Spirit guide us.

### Toddlers' Playgroup

1st & 3rd  
Thursdays  
10-10:45 am



Starting Nov. 6, Cathy Kelemen will lead a Parent/Child group for age 1 to K with games, crafts and fellowship. The group is limited. So tell your family and friends to call the church to register soon.

### Food Pantry

Last Wed.  
10-11:00 am



This is an oldie but goodie way to worship and serve God by strengthening relationships!

We worship and glorify God—not only in the sanctuary on Sunday morning—but all day and in every way that we strengthen relationships. I hope that you will join us and invite your neighbors to see this new thing that God is doing within and among us.

God's blessings abound,  
*Pastor Christina*



# Mission Team—Elder Kim Milana

## “SHARING FROM OUR TABLE”



This Fall the Mission Team has continued to work hard, sharing the gifts from our congregation. Your food and monetary donations, continue to keep our Food Pantry supplied for our monthly distribution. At the September Food Pantry distribution, we provided 42 bags of food to those who came through our door. This was the second largest month since our inception! I would like to invite any members to come and spend the last Wednesday of each month with this very special group!

Along with the monthly distribution, the Mission Team made a donation to Heifer International’s Seeds of Change Program. In rural Appalachia, Ann Rose, a former nurse swapped her hospital job for a different path of healing. Working in the hospital, she saw too many young people suffering health problems due to poor diets and little exercise. She decided to start a rural farm project with the assistance of Heifer International. Teaching her community to again tend home gardens, and raise donated farm animals to feed their families. The families receive training and resources to sell their extra farm produce. We supported Ann Rose, and the movement in this Blue Ridge Mountain community with learning a healthier way to feed their families.

The Pizza Garden is still producing delicious tomatoes and basil. This summer, our first year garden was a learning experience for the scouts. (We will have to remember next year to set up the tomato cages, when we first plant the tomatos)! Know that many in the community, enjoyed a fresh Jersey tomato sandwich this summer. The boys are looking forward to seeing the garden grow in size and production next year.

Again, Thank You All for Sharing from our Table.

Kim Milana

MISSION	2014 Budget	2015 Challenge Budget
Local Mission	\$400.00	\$400.00
Global Mission	100.00	100.00
PC(USA) Per Capita	2,520.00	2,520.00
Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	200.00	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,220.00</b>	<b>\$3,220.00</b>



# Worship Team—Elder Glenn Milana

Worship is at the heart of the faith community, and the Worship Team is responsible for every aspect of our worship life—from music style and sermon length to bulletin covers and candle oil. The Worship Team leaves the “building of community” to the work of the Holy Spirit. But we can see choir members and pew neighbors growing in love and care for one another.



This year we were blessed to have our music minister, Diana Smerillo, borrow a set of brass Handbells and start our own **Handbell Choir!** People of all ages, who never played an instrument or read music before, are making beautiful music together, and they are making friends.

This year Pastor Christina encouraged and supported more members of the congregation to preach and lead worship. In addition to the P.W., Men’s and Church School Sunday services, elders led worship and offered sermons that delighted and inspired everyone. Even 7th grader Matthew Barberio wrote and preached a sermon. Next year, with God’s help, we will get more creative.

Everyone can hear that the children love to speak up during the Children’s Message! Next year, the children will participate even more in worship with singing, chime-ringing and dramatic reenactments of Bible stories.

I want to thank Pastor Christina and Diana Smerillo for their worship leadership, as well as the **Chancel Choir** members who practice tirelessly and lift our spirits with a lovely anthem every week. I thank Joe Wong who works behind the scenes on the choir music and paraments. I thank all of the ushers and greeters and communion stewards, and all of you for participating when and as you can. And I thank the members of the Worship Team: Carole Sloan, Lenny Earley, Stuart McAlister and Barbara Fair.

WORSHIP	2014 Budget	2015 Challenge Budget
Music Minister	\$15,300.00	\$15,759.00
Federal Taxes	1,150.00	1,150.00
Substitute Organist	400.00	400.00
Music for Choirs	300.00	300.00
Organ Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Piano Tuning	450.00	540.00
Worship Supplies	150.00	200.00
Substitute Preacher	1,200.00	900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,450.00</b>	<b>\$19,749.00</b>





### Property Team—Steve Heaney



PROPERTY	2014 Budget	2015 Budget
<b>GENERAL</b>		
Custodian	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
General Supplies	500.00	500.00
Insurance	6,000.00	6,000.00
Lawn Care	2,000.00	2,000.00
Pest Control	1,045.00	1,045.00
Snow Removal	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone/Internet	1,620.00	1,800.00
<b>Total General</b>	<b>15,765.00</b>	<b>15,945.00</b>
<b>SANCTUARY</b>		
Electricity	3,000.00	3,000.00
Heating Oil	5,500.00	5,500.00
Water & Sewer	600.00	600.00
Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Sanctuary</b>	<b>10,100.00</b>	<b>10,100.00</b>
<b>EDUCATION BUILDING</b>		
Electricity	2,200.00	3,600.00
Heating Oil	4,000.00	4,000.00
Water & Sewer	700.00	600.00
Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Education Bldg.</b>	<b>7,900.00</b>	<b>9,200.00</b>
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Electricity	-0-	-0-
Heating	-0-	-0-
Water & Sewer	-0-	-0-
Borough Rental Fee	75.00	75.00
Termite Control Contract	400.00	400.00
<b>Total Manse</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$34,240.00</b>	<b>\$35,720.00</b>

The Property Team builds community by providing beautiful, safe space for worship, study, mission, and fellowship.

You don't need a dry, clean building in order to serve the Lord, but it makes it easier! And this year, while some 100+ year old pipes in the manse wore out, the church buildings were fairly clean and dry.

So, we were able to focus on building the Team and working on landscaping the grounds.

I want to thank Pastor Christina and Laure Childers for identifying and coordinating repairs and building user requests. I thank everyone who lent a hand for **Spring Clean Up**. On Nov. 29, we'll do it again.

And I thank the **Property Team** members who (detest committee meetings but) actually formed a team this year: John Coleman, Tom Walker, Dot Duncan and Ray McGlyn. (And Joe Wong and Silvano Lugo showed up when needed.) Thank you all!



## Christian Education—Elder Bobbie Seidel

**Sunday School Registration:** Registration cards are in each pew. If you have not already done so, please fill one out for each child. After the Children's Message in worship, go with your child to meet the teacher, see the classroom and register your child. After worship, please return to the classroom to see what your child learned.

**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.

**Confirmation Class** meets on the 2nd Sunday from 11:15 to 12 noon. All youth in gr. 7-12, who want to explore their faith and learn about the church are welcome.

**Adult Education:** The congregation is studying *The Story*, a condensed narrative version of the Bible on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 11:30 am and Tuesday at 7 pm. In October, the study covers Chapter 15-God's Messengers (Elijah, Elisha, Amos and Hosea), and Chapter 16-The Beginning of the End (Prophet Isaiah). Books are available to buy or borrow from our library. Everyone is welcome.

### Christian Education-Outside of the Box

During Kids Klub Pastor has been using games that incorporate scripture in fun ways for the children to learn the Bible. Most of us cannot play an exuberant game involving duct tape and cheddar cheese puffs (ask Dylan, Emily or Charles to find out more). I thought trivia might be more our speed. Can you find the answers to the following questions? Answers will be in the Nov. newsletter. Or you might want to come to our Bible Study, or ask your pew neighbor during fellowship hour.

**Who am I?     *Amnon*     *Absalom*     *Solomon*     or     *Tamar***

1. I am a son of David.
2. I was extremely vain and disloyal to my father and caused a lot of problems because of my selfish ways.
3. I was killed by Joab, one of David's commanders, with three spears.

Bonus: What Book(s) in the Bible am I in?

**Who am I?     *Zephaniah*     *Joel*     *Malachi*     or     *Nahum***

1. I am a book of the Bible, among the prophets.
2. My book starts with a prophecy about a drought or famine and a plague of locusts.
3. My name is usually interpreted as "Yahweh is God."

Bonus: What Book(s) in the Bible am I in?



## 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!

**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.

**Ladies' Play Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

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## Stewardship Team—Elder David Weeden

The Stewardship Team invites you to a wonderful **Fall Pot-Luck Feast on Sunday, Nov. 9**, which will be followed (hopefully) by an **I-Movie starring our children and ministries** at The Presbyterian Church of Lakehurst. Come, see how God is at work among us!

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## Presbyterian Women—Moderator Anne Bell

On **Monday, Oct. 13, at 1:30 pm**, everyone is welcome to hear Doris Williams, the wife of former pastor Quentin Williams, speak about the history of our sanctuary. The PW women will then go upstairs to make Christ-mons, have a business meeting and enjoy refreshments.

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## Deacons—Moderator Alice Loonam

Please pray for: Paul Arthur; Nancy Barker and friend Mimi; Anne Bell's brother Tom; Ruth Bell's friend Colleen; Nellie Breiner; Diana Bryce and Dave's brother Bob; Vi Caldwell's granddaughter Dana; Gladys Claus' granddaughter Carol; Patty Coleman's niece Lisa; Don Covert; Bea Cox; Bonnie Dreier's friends the Jacobus family; the Earleys' friend Neil & family; Judy Eggers; Barbara Fair's family & friends; Marge Furze's sister-in-law Betty; Alice Georgeson; Rhea Gibson; Rev. Helen Granozio and friends Fran, Donna and all to whom she ministers; Cathy Kelemen's dad Tony, and Ashley's mom Jackie; the Koch's family Linda & Melanie; Alice Loonam's family; Alice McCollum; Hazel Melone's grandson John; BJ Nelson; Margaret Plenk; Valerie Pomaro's mother-in-law Mary; Jim Ryan; Lorraine Scechitono's son Joseph and friend John; Claire Schutz's friend Darlene; Evol Sealy's relatives in Africa; Carol Shan; Carol Sloan's son Raymond and friends Pat, Cody, Louise; Diana Smerillo's friend Danielle; Barbara Swindlehurst; David Weeden's sister Carol and nephew Kevin; Carol White, friends Carol & Churck, & son's father-in-law Lou, and Ken's relatives Diane & Buddy; Marjorie Wong & son Jason, cousin Karen, and brother George. Pray also for all who are grieving. Please remember to get the person's permission before publicly announcing a name. We have a confidential prayer list too.



# 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1 Choir Practice 3 Handbell Choir  6:30 N.A.	2 1:30-3:30 Ladies Playgroup	3 6 Cub Scouts  6 Carro Wedding in Lavallette	4  <b>10 Blessing of the Pets</b>
5 10 Worship 11:30 Bible Study 5 <b>Come As U R</b> 5 Kids Klub 7 Boy Scouts	6	7 10:30 Care for Caregivers  7 Bible Study	8 10 Stewardship 1 Choir Practice 3 Handbell Choir 6 E & F Team 6:30 N.A.	9 9 Senior Deaf Club	10  6 Cub Scouts	11  10 Property Team
12 10 Worship 11:30 Confirmation 5 <b>Country Wonder</b>  7 Boy Scouts	13  1:30 Presbyterian Women	14  1 Deacons Mtg.  6 CE Meeting	15  12 Worship Team 1 Choir Practice 3 Handbell Choir 6:30 N.A.	16  1:30-3:30 Ladies Playgroup	17  7 Pack Meeting	18  <b>Nuts &amp; Bolts in Princeton</b>  5 Deaf Club
19 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 11:30 Bible Study  7 Boy Scouts	20	21  10:30 Care for Caregivers 6 Session Meeting 7 Bible Study	22  1 Choir Practice 3 Handbell Choir  6:30 N.A.	23	24  6 Cub Scouts	25  <b>Lakehurst Fall Festival</b>
26 10 Worship 11 Fellowship  7 Boy Scouts	27	28	29 10 Food Pantry 1 Choir Practice 3 Handbell Choir 6:30 N.A.	30	31  6 Cub Scouts	<b>November 2</b> 

**Tell your friends! Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss:**

Sunday, Oct. 5—**Come As U R**

Sunday, Oct. 12—**Country Wonder!** Pot-luck supper, Prayer & Country Music by Carole Sloan

Thursday, Nov. 6—**New Toddlers' Playgroup** led by Cathy Kelemen

Sunday, Nov. 9—**Fall Pot-luck Luncheon** with video highlights, starring you!

Tuesday, Nov. 11—Veteran's Day Ceremony at 11 am at Lake Horicon AND

**Life-line Health Screenings all day in Fellowship Hall**

Monday, Nov. 24—Christmas in New York at Carnegie Hall with some of our Choir!



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Elder Dawn Heaney, Clerk of Council

### **Blessing of Your Pets!**



**Saturday, Oct. 4  
10-11 am**  
in the Parking Lot

or Sunday,  
bring a Photo!

### WORSHIP WITH US!

Oct. 5 World Communion Sunday & Blessing of the Animals	Philippians 3:4b-14	<i><b>“Pressing On”</b></i>
Oct. 12 18th Sunday after Pentecost (Mission)	Philippians 4:1-9	<i><b>“Knowing Peace”</b></i>
Oct. 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Property)	I Thessalonians 1:1-10	<i><b>“Being Examples”</b></i>
Oct. 26 Reformation Sunday (Worship)	I Thessalonians 2:1-8	<b>Elder Glenn Milana:</b> <i><b>“Pleasing God”</b></i>
Nov. 2 21st Sunday after Pentecost Dedication of Memorial Gifts (Deacons)	I Thessalonians 4:13-18	<i><b>“Having Faith”</b></i>