



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

## October 2016

The Presbyterian  
Beacon



### PASTOR - Pastor Donna Lepsky

Dear Friends,

Turn, Turn, Turn. To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven- Ecclesiastes 3:1

These words from the Bible have struck a chord with modern song-writers over the years. The rock band, the Byrds, wrote an international bestselling song with these words. The song, however, was composed by the great folk singer, Pete Seeger almost a decade earlier. Yes, the Bible is a book for all times and all seasons.

As we begin the month of October, summer gives way to autumn. We too are aware of the flow of time and the seasons of our lives, each with its' own unique beauty . Just as the harvest of autumn is different from the newness of spring, each season of life brings new blessings as well as new ways to grow in faith. If someone were to ask you, what blessings are you thankful for in this season of your life, how would you respond?

Sometimes we are aware of time passing too quickly or moving too slowly. When there is too much to do with too little time, we feel like we are running out of time. If we are waiting for news from a recent medical test or having health problems, time seems to pass too slowly. But we are all given the same amount of time each day. Many years ago, I came across a support group for patients and families called Make Today Count. I remember thinking at the time, wouldn't this be a meaningful and satisfying way to live life, no matter what the circumstances. So whatever season you find yourself in, know that a new measure of God's grace and blessing are waiting to be received daily so that we can make each day count.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Donna



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#### PLEASE NOTE:

- 10/4 Bible Study
- 10/9 Pet Blessings  
Deacons Mtg  
Property Mtg
- 10/9 Presbyterian Women
- 10/13 Hampton Ridge
- 10/16 Baptism  
Session Mtg  
Country Wonder
- 10/18 Bible Study
- 10/26 Food Pantry

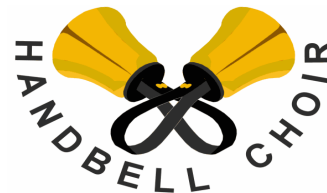


## Worship Team



**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 the week before Thanksgiving we are ready to start accepting items for Thanksgiving baskets. Lets see if we can make bountiful baskets, so when they sit down their hearts be filled with thanks and tummy's filled.

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.

**HELP NEEDED:** Please consider hosting Fellowship Hour one Sunday. Sign-up at the calendar on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

**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, Oct 10th @ 1:30 pm

Lesson Two speaks to our country in 2016—The theme for October is Sowers and Seeds—Weeds and Deeds. Another look at Jesus as presented in the gospel of Matthew.

To be prepared: Read Matthew 5-7 and chapter 13 or come, unprepared to see Jesus more fully with others who are still looking.

## Reflections of Rally Day September 11th

### Christian Ed :

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Rally Day we welcomed the kids back to Sunday School. This year we are using the 'Back to Basics' curriculum which has been very well received. We are very happy to see that our class sizes have grown and everyone is very enthusiastic. The Sundae Bar on Rally Day was a big hit and will have to plan another one for later in the year. Thank you to everyone for their continued support of the Christian Education team and we look forward to witnessing the spiritual growth of our precious children.



### Interested in ordering fresh Altar Flowers

Orders forms are available on the desk in front of sanctuary or call the office 732-657-5211.

Flowers are \$40 for 2 vases.

Remember on the order form to put the Sunday you would like the flowers.







# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10 Worship Communion 11 Fellowship 11:30 Worship 7:00 Boy Scouts	3	4 6 Bible Study	5 1 Choir 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	6 8 AA Mtg	7 1 Al Anon Mtg 6 Boy Scouts	8
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23 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7:00 Boy Scouts	24	25	26 10 Food Pantry 1 Choir 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	27	28 6 Boy Scouts	29
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WORSHIP  WITH US!

<p><b>October 2</b>  <b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Glenn          Milana          Coffee Hour Host—          Deacons</b></p>
<p><b>October 9</b>  <b>21st Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Blessing of the Pets</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Valerie          Pomaro          Coffee Hour Host—          Valerie Pomaro</b></p>
<p><b>October 16</b>  <b>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Baptism</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—David          Weeden          Coffee Hour Host— Kim          Milana</b></p>
<p><b>October 23</b>  <b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR— David          Byrce          Coffee Hour Host—          Renata Sarajew</b></p>
<p><b>October 30</b>  <b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR –Barbara          Fair          Coffee Hour Host—          Property Team</b></p>