



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

September 2017

The Presbyterian Beacon



PASTOR - Pastor Donna Lepsky

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we have the opportunity to celebrate a very important milestone in the faith journey of our church. It's the 175th anniversary of The Presbyterian Church, Lakehurst! As I read about the history of our church from 1842 to the present, I was inspired by the many people who helped to lead the church during changing times. It starts with William Torrey and his donation of the land to build a church. Many others follow and they contribute a bell tower, an organ and other church furnishings. Much later, a fellowship hall is built, the first church building is renovated and a new sanctuary is built. But what inspired me the most was the following reflection in one of the church bulletins: the church "stands in witness to the faith and courage of past generations." They gave us their witness in what surrounds us today. How will we share with future generations what our faith means to us today?

You are invited to attend the 175th Anniversary weekend events on Saturday and Sunday and learn about the history of our church and the community from which it evolved. Then ask yourself, how can we be inspired to make our faith come alive today.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Donna

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PLEASE NOTE:

- 9/10 Rally Day
Property Team
Country Wonder**
- 9/11 Presbyterian Women**
- 9/14 O.C. Senior Deaf Club**
- 9/16 O.C. Deaf Club**
- 9/17 Deacons**
- 9/20 Session Mtg**
- 9/23 175th Anniversary
Open House**
- 9/24 Heritage Sunday**
- 9/27 Food Pantry**



WORSHIP TEAM

HERITAGE WEEKEND: CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

Heritage Weekend is a two day event which begins on Saturday, September 23 with an Open House and continues on Sunday, September 24 with the Heritage Service.

On Saturday, September 23 from 10 AM till 2 PM, we will host an Open House with storyboards telling the history of the town of Lakehurst and the Presbyterian Church. Materials depicting our rich heritage will tell the story of Mr. Torrey, the Pine Tree Inn, The Blue Comet, the Lakehurst Naval Station and the airships. The history of our church from 1842 to the present also be on display. The Lakehurst Historical Society has been invited and will be present with town memorabilia. Refreshments will be served to all who come and visit.

Additionally, we have designed commemorative coffee mugs, a calendar and a storybook which will tell the story of the 175 years of our church's service to the Lakehurst community. The special coffee mugs, calendar and book commemorating the significant milestones of the church will be available for purchase. Additionally, we have invited several town officials and members of the Presbytery to join us for this two day event.

On Sunday, September 24, Pastor Donna has planned a special Heritage Service which starts at 10 AM. Refreshments will be served immediately following the service. We will celebrate with a special cake to honor all those who came before us and those who will continue to serve this community.

I would like to thank all on this committee for their generous time, talents and dedication to serving this faith family: Bobby Seidel, Kim Milana, Carole Sloan, Charity Vandeheuvel, Michele Goins, Justin Stewart and Christie Stewart and to all who serve this faith community,

Sincerely, Glenn Milana Committee Chair



MISSION TEAM

Lunchbox Love

This year the Lakehurst Presbyterian Church went over and above to provide lunchboxes to 13 Lakehurst Military Families encompassing 16 children, from grades PreK-6th. Families that could use a little extra help were identified by their Supervisors and were unaware of the gift. Each bag included a lunchbox (many designs and styles), a \$5.00 gift card to help purchase a fun snack, a card from the congregation wishing the children a great year at school and all was in a re-usable grocery bag.

Just one small way to show our local military children we are thinking of them and wishing them the best year as well as providing for families that may need a little extra help. Thank you to all in the congregation who bought lunchboxes, gift cards and are praying for these families to have a great year at school.

2017 Scholarship Recipients

On July 30th, we awarded 8 Alice B. Perry Scholarship totaling \$10,480 to assist students with their higher education goals. We wish Jasper Ballot, Bethany Faber, Christina Heaney, Casey Kiernan, Michael Martinez, Samantha Pearson, Koree Rodrigues, and Alexa Sloan a successful , blessed school year.

Food Pantry is open from 10 to 11 am on the last Wednesday of the each month. We are in need of peanut butter, jelly, soups, packaged potatoes, rice, canned fruit, cereal, tuna fish, spaghetti sauce and pasta. Thank you for all of your contributions of non-perishable food items.

Pill bottles - We are collecting empty pill bottles and sending them to Matthew 24 Ministries of Cincinnati, OH. Please remove all labels before dropping off



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

VBS

This years Vacation Bible School was a success! We had 8 children in attendance. The first day the children learned about “David and Goliath”. They made treasure boxes with rocks of their own and balloon sling shots. They played games and learned about how to become invincible with God’s word. There were even “giant” feet that the kids walked around in. The second day the theme was about the Exodus, the story of the ‘Burning Bush’. The children made “burning bush” crafts of their own that lit up in the dark. Mrs. Kim did an amazing science experiment involving lava lamps. These kids had so much fun and learned so much. There was snacks to eat and craft goodies to take home. Bobbie Seidel, Kim Milana, Dawn Heaney, Valerie Pomaro, and Elder Christy Stewart planned, decorated and worked very hard so that the children would have this wonderful experience to keep in their memory. Thank you to all the helpers that showed up to help as well, the parents, Mrs. Susan, our 3 older boys, and Pastor Donna who came to help us. We appreciate all that you gave of your time to help our program be a success for the kids.

Sunday School

The Christian Education Sunday School program will kick off on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 10th with a picnic after service for everyone in church. The kids have spent the summer having fun and taking a break from school. Now its time to get ready for school and prepare our hearts and minds for learning! We will return to our Back to Basics curriculum. There will be family fun nights, crafts, songs, and learning that will build up in our children a lifelong discipleship with Jesus Christ.

PROPERTY TEAM

A big **THANK YOU** to Barbara Fair, her team and everyone else that helped out in getting the floors in Fellowship Hall ready for our 175th Celebration!



EVANGELISM & FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Paint Party

On July 28th Fellowship Hall became an art studio for 11 church members. The E&F team hosted a Paint Party with instruction given by owner/artist Denise from Vintage House. Denise supplies us with all we needed for the paint project which was a beautiful cross. Denise gives simple step by step instruction. She brought her 11 year old daughter with her and she painted her own version of the cross. We had a father and two sons in attendance as well. Val's granddaughter, Mikala, also painted with us and did a beautiful job. The team supplies cold beverages and light snacks. Renata's beer dip was the favorite! Needless to say, a good time was had by all!



Hosting Coffee Hour- The Fellowship Team hosted coffee hours for July and August. Resuming in Sept., please consider hosting a Fellowship Hour one Sunday, you can sign up on the calendar located on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. You provide the goodies and milk, the church provides the rest. It is so nice to see others share in the joy and fellowship of hosting coffee hour.

Country Wonder will return Sunday, Sept 10th at 5:00 pm. Carole Sloan sings lovely ballads with a country flair. Please bring a table ready dish to share and join us for a pot luck supper. It is a delightful evening of good music.

Presbyterian Women

The first meeting is going to be Monday, September 11th at 1pm in Fellowship Hall.

Deacons

September's meeting is going to be on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 11:30 am. After September, the meetings will be on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall.



WORSHIP TEAM

Bible Study

Bible study will resume Tuesday, October 3rd at 6pm. All are welcome to attend. Glenn will be announcing the title of the new study book shortly. Stay tuned!

The Chancel Choir Practice is at 1pm on Wednesdays. In the hope of attracting more men to sing in the choir for the church's 175th anniversary on Sept. 24th, we will also be holding choir rehearsals Sunday after the church service in the sanctuary at 11:15am (to give choir participants time to grab some coffee and a snack from Coffee Hour). Sunday rehearsals will be shorter than on Wednesdays.

Christian Worship Service for senior residents at the Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab., will start up in October. Worship is on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Summer Worship Series Our heart felt thanks to Jan Niemann who arranged a stellar round of guest musicians over the summer. We listened to the meditative music of the flute, as well as the musical voices of duets and soloists. Thanks to everyone who enriched our summer worship with their gift of music

REVENUE GENERATION

Shop Rite and Stop & Shop Gift Cards

Sales have been superb to date we have made \$700 for the sale of Shop Rite gift cards and \$25 from Stop and Shop. Thank you to all who participate.

Purchase Stop & Shop \$25 gift cards, or Shop Rite gift cards \$25 & \$50 denominations and the church will receive 5% of total sales. To purchase any of the gift cards you can see Renata Sarajew or Dave Weeden after service or go to the office on Tuesday or Wednesday and see Laure.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bin has been removed they are no longer offering stipends to keep the bins on our property. We are currently searching for another clothing bin charity that offers a stipend.



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1 pm Al-Anon	2
3 10am Service Communion 11am Fellowship 7pm Boy Scouts	4	5	6 1pm Choir 6:30 pm NA	7	8 1pm Al-Anon	9
10 10am Service/ Rally Day 11am Fellowship 11:30 Property 5pm Country Wonder 7pm Boy Scouts	11 1:30 pm Presby- terian Women	12 6:00 PM Anniver- sary Committee Meeting	13 1pm Choir 6:30pm NA	14 9-3 Senior Deaf Club	15 1pm Al-Anon	16 5pm Deaf Club
17 10am Service 11am Fellowship 11:30 Deacons 7pm Boy Scouts	18	19	20 1pm Choir 5pm Session 6:30pm NA	21	22 1pm Al-Anon 5 pm Set-up for Anniversary	23 175th Anniver- sary Open House
24 Heritage Sunday 10am Service 11am Fellowship	25	26	27 10am Food Pan- try 1pm Choir 6:30pm NA	28	29	30



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WORSHIP  WITH US!

September 3 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Communion	Worship LDR - Dawn Heaney Coffee Hour Host - Deacons
September 10 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Rally Day	Worship LDR— Renata Sarajew Coffee Hour Host—
September 17 15th Sunday after Pentecost		Worship LDR— Barbara Fair Coffee Hour Host—
September 24th Sunday after Pentecost	Heritage Sunday 175th Anniversary of Lakehurst Presbyterian Church	Worship LDR- Glenn Milana Coffee Hour Host—