



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

September 2013

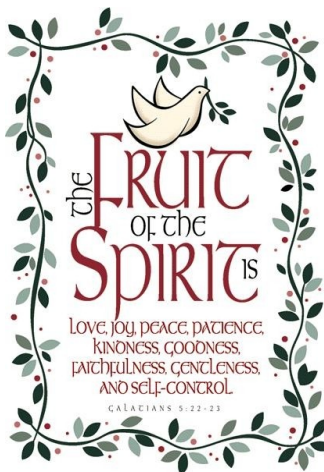
The Presbyterian
Beacon



From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last year, we began our program year with the theme of “Sowing Seeds of Faith, Hope and Love” and each ministry team in the church inspired us with descriptions of the ways in which they saw *God* sowing seeds and the ways in which *we* were sowing seeds.



Well, this year, our theme is “Bearing Fruit.” The seeds have taken root, and the fruit is ripe and plentiful. Wherever we look—at every session ministry team, the board of deacons, the chancel choir and Presbyterian Women—we see the fruit of God’s Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

This month, the Christian Education, Property and Evangelism & Fellowship Teams will show us the bounty they have already harvested, and the fruit they hope to harvest in the coming year. Be prepared to be inspired by what God is doing within and beyond the walls of this church with the hard work and faithfulness of members and friends who have opened themselves to be “guided by the Spirit.”

We hope you can worship with us on Sept. 8, Homecoming Sunday, so that together we may give thanks to God and rejoice in all that God is doing. The choir will be back in the choir loft. Sunday School will be back in session. And the buildings will sparkle.

And be sure to come hungry and stay for the Luncheon after worship. There will be more than one recipe from the Deacons’ Cookbook to tempt your “self-control.” But no dish will be fattening because all of the ingredients are from seeds of faith, hope and love.

With love,
Christina

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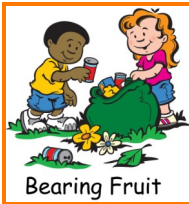
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NOTE THE DATE

- 9/8 Homecoming Luncheon & Welcome New Members
- 9/9 P.W.
- 9/14 Memorial Service for Chas. Baasch
- 9/25 Food Pantry
- 10/12 Lakehurst Fall Festival at Lake Horicon
- 10/20 Fall Luncheon



Christian Education Team—Elder Dawn Heaney



The purpose of the Christian Education Team is to offer opportunities for God’s children of all ages to experience the love of Christ, strengthen their relationship with God, and share the Good News with others. Thanks to the grace of God and the help of many loving “teachers,” here are signs that we are bearing fruit in Lakehurst:

Sunday School – In the 2012-2013 school year, the children from preschool to grade 6, studied *Stories of Jesus* and *Favorite Bible Stories* with music, prayer, scripture, crafts and games. And the children taught us the story of the Good Samaritan when they led worship on June 2. This year they will study *Fruits of the Spirit* and *Heroes of the Bible*.



We are busy renovating the classroom for the Elementary class. This will allow us to move the Toddler classroom so that the Preschool-Grade 1 students are not distracted.

Vacation Bible School—The children from our church and surrounding communities enjoyed a week of fun as they learned the amazing ways that God has used, and continues to use water to bless the people. And we contributed to a water purification system.

Confirmation Class – The pastor hopes to facilitate a program geared to the hectic schedules of 21st century youth who want to become fully-contributing members of Christ’s church.

Adult Study – Anne Bell will continue to lead a monthly Bible study. This year her study, at 1:30 on the 2nd Monday, will be on God’s abiding presence with us as we journey through life, focusing on *Exodus* and *Deuteronomy*. Christina Hindley will continue to lead Advent and Lenten studies, and an on-line discussion of the lectionary scriptures.



In addition, we hope to begin a monthly “parlor” gathering to view and discuss Rob Bell’s video series on everyday topics that may well interest our neighbors.

The expenses in our 2014 Challenge Budget total \$300: Children’s Sunday School and VBS \$100, Youth/confirmation \$150, and Adult Ed \$50.

This is how you can help:
teach—help with VBS—pray for the children here and in our neighborhoods—
serve on the Team that meets at 4 pm on the 2nd Tuesday.



Property Team—Elder Jim Dillon



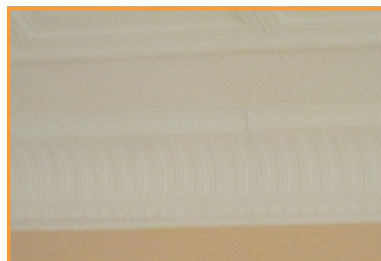
The purpose of the Property Team is to keep the buildings and grounds safe, comfortable and in good repair for members, friends and mission partners; contract with specialists when necessary, and generally be good stewards of our resources for future generations.

Thanks to the grace of God, the hands (and backs) of many faithful members, the sale of the Pine St. property, and a generous bequest and memorial gifts, we were able to bear much fruit this year. The before and after pictures are amazing! We:

- obtained a clear Certificate of Occupancy for the old manse after plumbing work and termite damage repairs were done, and the income now covers much of the pastor's housing allowance;
- had Serv-Pro remediate mold in the basement, had the HVAC ducts cleaned, and had new dry-wall installed to recreate the basement classroom and closets;
- had All County Exterior repair the roof of the original sanctuary, and had Evans Wildlife remove squirrels from the attics of both buildings and seal the holes;
- painted the red doors and much more on Clean Up Day;
- replaced five toilets with new water-saver toilets for the sanctuary and upper room, and installed a sump pump and purchased two dehumidifiers for the basement;
- had Extreme Painting dry-wall and paint the Upper Room walls and ceiling, and had the floor stripped and waxed;
- purchased new (much lighter) fellowship tables, table cloths and chair cushions;
- created a parlor in the chancel of the original sanctuary for small group meetings;
- re-created a Sunday School classroom in the basement with fresh paint, curtains and carpet tiles.

The expenses in our 2014 Challenge Budget total \$34,240 as follows: General cleaning, insurance, lawn care/snow removal and telephone/internet \$15,765; sanctuary utilities and maintenance \$10,100; education building utilities and maintenance \$7,900; old manse \$475.

Please consider joining our Team that meets at 6 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.





Evangelism & Fellowship Team—Elder Bob Lykes



The purpose of the Evangelism & Fellowship Team is to make sure our doors are open to everyone God draws to the church, welcome new members into the church, offer opportunities for spiritual refreshment in Coffee Hour, Small Groups, and Fellowship Events, and undertake Caring Ministries with the Deacons. Thanks to the grace of God and the help of many caring disciples of Jesus Christ, here are signs that we are bearing fruit in Lakehurst:

This year members and friends enjoyed weekly fellowship at Coffee Hour after worship to get to know long-time members better and welcome visitors. We also enjoyed Pot-Luck Feasts for Church School Sunday and Homecoming Sunday, and Fall and Christmas Luncheons.



In coordination with the Deacons, we reached out to members who are sick or homebound, and developed a parish nurse program to offer education and resources. We hope to establish a Transportation Ministry and start some small groups this fall.

We launched the Church’s website and Facebook page this year, and continued to publish a monthly newsletter to let everyone know what is happening here. (The mom of one VBS participant found us by Googling “vacation bible school in Lakehurst.” It works!)

And we welcomed 9 new members into the faith community, including:



Renata Sarajew grew up in South River and retired as a secretary at St. Peters Hospital in New Brunswick. Renata is an ordained Deacon, and transferred her membership from the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. She lives in Crestwood Village with her husband Sergie, and she is already serving with our Food Pantry.



Ray McGlyn grew up in Red Bank and works at Wal-Mart and WaWa. He also is an ordained Deacon, and transferred his membership from The Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury. Ray lives in Crestwood Village. He is interested in mission and member ministry. Ray sang in the summer Pick-Up Choir and will join the Chancel Choir if his work schedule permits it.

The expenses in our 2014 Challenge Budget total \$550 as follows: Advertizing \$150; Evangelism supplies \$50; Fellowship Supplies \$350.

We could use your HELP: host coffee hour, invite a friend to worship, serve on the Team that meets at 5 pm on the 2nd Thursday, start a small group (knitting, crafts, book club), mentor a new member, help with press releases, and pray for the church.



Worship Team—Elder Carole Sloan

Chancel Choir—We hope you will join the fun when Choir practice resumes at **1:00 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 4**, and returns to lead worship music on Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 8.



Chancel Flowers can be given in memory or in honor of someone you love any Sunday. The cost for one bouquet is \$20, or \$40 for two. The flowers can be taken by you or delivered to a homebound or hospitalized member. Please call Laure Childers in the church office 732-657-5211 to reserve a date.



Thank you to Marge Furze and her brother and sister for providing special music during worship on Aug. 25. Thank you also to everyone who sang in the Summer Pick-Up Choir. You are awesome!

Deacons—Moderator Alice Loonam

Transportation Ministry—The Deacons pray for the members and friends of the congregation every month as we go through the church directory. Last month we noticed that many people need a ride to worship and other church activities. Please pray about this. If you feel called to drive one or two people, even once a month, it would be a blessing for all of us. Or if you know someone who can provide transportation for a fee, please tell any deacon or the pastor.



For Fear of Ticks, by BJ Nelson, Parish Nurse



Ticks are around 365 days a year in the area in which we live. It is easier to catch a disease than you may think. Typical ticks include Lone Star Ticks (Lyme disease), Relapsing Fever Tick, Deer Tick (Lyme & encephalitis), American Dog or Rocky Mountain Tick (spotted fever, encephalitis.)

Symptoms for all tick-borne diseases include fever, malaise, headache, aches & pains. To protect against tick “bite”, avoid tick infested areas, dress properly (see Tick Card for guidelines), use tick repellents & do frequent tick-checks on each other when coming in from outside.

For more detailed information, see the “Tick Borne Disorders” cards on the table in the Upper Room under the mailboxes. Please take one. If gone, let me know & I will get more. Stay Well!



Mission Team—Elder Kim Milana



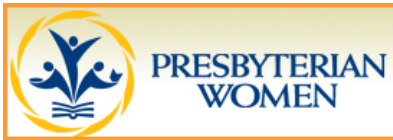
We donated a lot of **School Supplies for Children in Need** at Lakehurst Elementary School. Thank you for your generosity!

The Food Pantry is open from **10 to 11 am** on the **LAST Wednesday** of each month. Donations of canned soup, vegetables, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, and cereal are appreciated. Members of the church can use the pantry throughout the month. Just speak with Elder Milana or the pastor.



Cub Scout Pack 10—The Cub Scouts meet on Friday evenings and are open to all boys in 1st to 5th grade. In Sept., the Scouts will explore Colliers Mills Wildlife Expo in Jackson, and go to Washington's Crossing.

Boy Scout Troop 10—The Boy Scouts meet at 7 pm on Sunday evenings. On Aug. 31, they went deep sea fishing.



submitted by BJ Nelson, secretary

After an exciting and fulfilling 2012-13 season, Presbyterian Women of Lakehurst NJ are preparing to launch another event-filled year with Bible studies, projects to aid people in need and friends of the Church, inspiring speakers, and good fellowship.

The first meeting will be **Monday, September 9, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room. A short Bible Study led by Elder Anne Bell will start things off. The study theme this year is An Abiding Hope. We will then have a fun activity: bring something to **“Show & Tell.”** This will be followed by the regular business meeting and refreshments.

Come add your leadership, guidance and nurturing and help our “cup overflow.”

Property Team—Elder Jim Dillon

Chair Cushions. The new chair cushions have arrived. 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. Thank you.

Thank you to Kim Milana and Glenn Jr. for scraping a century of paint from the old Sunday School classroom—and thanks to **everyone** who cleaned and painted and prepared the basement to be used again!





SEPTEMBER

2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 Worship and Communion 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	2	3	4 10 Mission Team 1:00 Choir Pract. 6:30 N.A.	5	6 6 Cub Scouts 7 Pack Committee	7
8 10 Worship 11 Luncheon 7 Boy Scouts	9 1:30 Presbyterian Women	10 10 Finance Team 1 Deacons Mtg. 4 Christian Educ.	11 1:00 Choir Pract. 6:30 N.A.	12 9 am—5 pm Senior Deaf Club 5 Evangelism 6 Property Team	13 6 Cub Scouts	14 11:30 Baasch Memorial Srvc. Cub Scouts—Wildlife Expo
15 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	16	17 6 Session Mtg.	18 12:00 Worship Team 1:00 Choir Pract.	19	20 7 Pack Meeting	21 3 Ocean County Deaf Club
22 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	23	24 Presbytery Mtg.	25 8:30 Pack Bags 10 Food Pantry 1:00 Choir Pract.	26	27 6 Cub Scouts	28 *** HAPPY BIRTHDAY CRAIGE SMITH
29 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 7 Boy Scouts	30					and PATTY COLEMAN



Annette Zeisler celebrated her 90th birthday with her family in the Upper Room on August 4th. She got to see her brother Zen’s breakfast in the church’s new parlor, his antique oak table that now holds the mailboxes, and the redecorated Upper Room which was funded in large part with Zen’s bequest.

Annette then finished physical therapy in Brick, and moved to Florida. Her temporary address is: 667 Casa Loma Blvd., Boynton Beach FL 33435. Her permanent Florida address and phone will be in the next Beacon. On Aug. 21, Annette received our “hands of love” blanket and said “it is one of the most precious gifts I have ever received.” You will be in our heart always, Annette.



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**Welcome Newest Members
and Homecoming Luncheon
after Worship Sunday, September 8**



Everyone is Welcome

WORSHIP  WITH US!

Sept. 1 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Luke 14:1, 7-14	<i>“Christian Humility”</i>
Sept. 8 16th Sunday after Pentecost Homecoming Luncheon	Luke 14:25-33	<i>“Bearing Fruit”</i>
Sept. 15 17th Sunday after Pentecost Christian Education	Luke 15:1-10	<i>“Fruit of Forgiveness</i>
Sept. 22 18th Sunday after Pentecost Property	Luke 16:1-13	<i>“Fruit of Integrity</i>
Sept. 29 19th Sunday after Pentecost Evangelism & Fellowship	Luke 16:19-31	<i>“Fruit of Compassion”</i>