



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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From the Pastor

With all of the disturbing news in the world, some people are challenging their Facebook friends to list for five days three things in their life for which they are grateful.

For whom and for what are you grateful? About what do you care most passionately? We are, all of us, caregivers or "stewards" of those things that give life meaning, or add joy and beauty and well-being to those we love.



In the church, we are stewards of our children as we love them and nurture them in the faith. We are stewards of the gospel as we gather to worship God, and live as faithfully as possible as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are stewards of the property that we inherit from ancestors in faith, and of the memories that we create for future generations.

We show to the world God's love as we care for our children, the Word, and resources. But what the world needs most of all today is for us to reveal the harmony and joy of people with varied backgrounds and political persuasions who are able, by God's grace, to work and play and grow together as a community of faith.

In the pages that follow, you will see that being a faith community is not an end in itself. Rather, together we are able to hear and respond to God's call in ways that we cannot do individually. And a faith community is far greater, stronger and more faithful than the sum of its parts.

So, I challenge you, friends, for the next five days to list three things for which you are grateful. And I hope that sometime during the week, unlike some people in our culture today, you will express gratitude for Jesus and for the community that gathers to worship and serve him.

With gratitude for you, *Pastor Christina*

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NOTE THE DATE

9/2	Caregivers Bible Study
9/3	Choirs Practice!
9/4	Craft Group
9/7	Homecoming! Bible Study
9/8	Presbyterian Women
9/9	Teachers' Workshop
9/14	Confirmation Meeting
9/16	Bible Study
9/18	Craft Group
9/21	Bible Study



Stewardship Message

Evangelism & Fellowship Team—Elder Renata Sarajew



Everything we do builds and strengthens the community. The purpose of the Evangelism & Fellowship Team is to make sure our doors are wide open to everyone God draws to the church, welcome new members, offer opportunities for spiritual refreshment in Coffee Hour, Small Groups, and Fellowship Events, and undertake Caring Ministries with the Deacons. We also get the message out via website, Facebook, newsletter and press releases.

Thanks to the grace of God and the help of many caring disciples of Jesus Christ, here is a glimpse of the “community” in 2014: with outreach at the Lakehurst Fall Festival, coffee hour, special luncheons and events, Passover Seder, and small group ministry.



We are very careful to limit expenses. But we expect that 2015 costs for paper and plastic supplies may be higher because more people participating in fellowship activities. And we hope to expand our small group ministry next year.

Evangelism & Fellowship	2014 budget	2015 challenge budget
Advertizing	\$150.00	\$150.00
Evangelism Supplies	50.00	100.00
Fellowship Supplies	350.00	500.00
Small Groups	-0-	400.00
Total	\$550.00	\$1,150.00

Please consider helping this ministry when you make a Time & Talent pledge for 2015: host coffee hour, invite a friend to worship, serve on the Team that meets at 12 noon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, start a small group, shepherd a new member, help with press releases, and pray for the church. Thank you!



Evangelism & Fellowship Team—Elder Renata Sarajew



Homecoming Luncheon 11 am on Sunday, September 7

Join us for a pot-luck supper after worship on September 7. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the sanctuary or call the office and let us know that you are coming!

Everyone is invited to bring a **table-ready** entree or side dish or dessert or make a small donation. The church will supply beverages, plates, cups, and utensils. We usually have lots of delicious food, a few laughs and wonderful fellowship. So, join us and welcome our newest members—who are listed on the next page.

Care for the Caregivers

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 10:30 am, we gather in the Living Room for an hour of prayer, sharing and caring. Everyone who actively or prayerfully cares for a loved one is welcome to join us.



New Group: 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Bring your favorite yarn, needlepoint, art or paper project, chat and learn from one another. Any questions, ask Donna Lemanski.

Membership—What is the difference between a *member* of this faith community and someone who *visits* regularly – even for years? Not much, from all appearances. We have many long-time visitors who actively participate in the life and ministry of this church, and we are very grateful.

But something life-giving and life-changing happens *internally* when you declare that “Jesus is your Lord and Savior” and you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation. It could be likened to living together and then getting married, or being a foster parent and then adopting a child, but the difference here is between you and God.

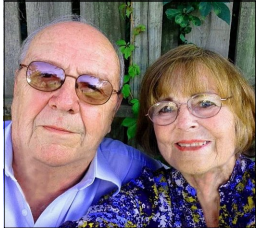
Interested? Talk with the pastor or any member of the church. And know that you are welcome here!





Evangelism & Fellowship Team—continued

At worship and at our homecoming luncheon on September 7, we will welcome our newest members to the faith community. Please introduce yourself to:



David & Diana Bryce



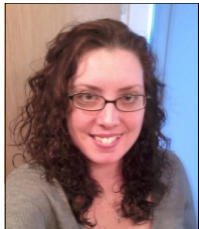
Susan Diaz & James Masse



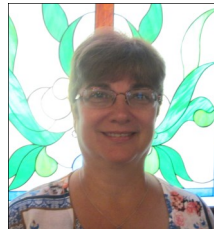
Phyllis Johnson



Scott & Catherine Kelemen



Cindy Martinez



Valerie Pomaro



Laura Reid



Mildred Sherwood

David & Diana Bryce, life-long Presbyterians, enjoy cars, trains, dogs (Dave), painting, gardening, crafts (Diana), children and grandchildren (both). They also are interested in welcoming new members, fellowship, Bible study and small groups. They were received by Letter of Transfer from The Presbyterian Church of Toms River.

Susan Diaz & James Masse plan to marry here on Dec. 5. Susan, who grew up in the Catholic church, is a dental hygienist and is interested in worship, caring for members and small groups. James came here as a child with his grandparents. He is a Marine, works with the glazier union, and writes children’s books. James was baptized here on July 22, 2014.

Phyllis Johnson has long-participated, raised her children and taught Sunday School in the Reformed Church and is “joining” a church for the first time. Phyllis is teaching Sunday School and VBS, and is interested in C.E., office administration, and the Craft Group. She also enjoys knitting, traveling and volunteering in the hospital.

Scott & Cathy Kelemen are usually seen with their beloved Ashley, Connor, Jacob and Ellyanna. Scott, a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Toms River, works with Meridian at Home and expects to earn his BSN next year. He enjoys welcoming and caring for members, CE, small groups and Bible study. Cathy, a domestic engineer and cub scout den leader, is most interested in child development. Cathy was baptized here on July 22, 2014.

Cindy Martinez is usually seen with her beloved son David who is a member of Cub Scout Pack 10, and her son Devon who helped her with activities for VBS. Cindy was baptized in the Pentecostal church and is training to be a medical assistant and phlebotomist. Cindy is also most interested in scouting and child development.

Valerie Pomaro, a life-long Presbyterian, was received by Letter of Transfer from PCTR. Valerie is an active member of our Evangelism & Fellowship Team and adult Bible study group. She taught VBS and will teach the Preschool Sunday School class in the fall. Valerie is a substitute teacher in East Windsor, and she enjoys cooking, baking and crafts.

Laura Ann Reid was baptized in the Catholic church but was married in the Presbyterian church where her in-laws were members. Laura has three adult children, one of whom is Valerie Pomaro, and she enjoys Bible study, arts and crafts, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Mildred Sherwood, a life-long Presbyterian, has been worshipping here since 1989 and decided “it is time to join the church.” Mildred is a widow, with an adult son in Texas, and many good neighbors. She enjoys needlework and reading. Mildred is one of the people with no prior experience who joined our new Hand Bell Choir because “it’s fun.”



Stewardship Message

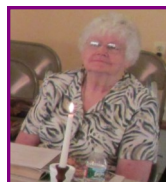
Presbyterian Women—Moderator Anne Bell



PW Purpose—Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to **build an inclusive, caring community of women** that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.

And that is exactly what we do! In 2014, we gained “*An Abiding Hope*” as we studied Exodus and Deuteronomy. We contributed to the church’s mission by stuffing warm socks with toiletries for people who are homeless, baking and sending cookies to college students with our prayers at exam time, contributing \$242 to the P.W. global Least Coin ministry, purchasing 49 blankets for CWS disaster relief, and donating \$143 to our church’s Food Pantry. We also led worship and decorated the sanctuary for Christmas. And in all we strived to live in harmony with one another as a witness to the church through fellowship and engaging programs.



All women, of all ages, are welcome to join with us at **1:30 pm on the 2nd Monday** of each month, starting September 8. This year we will study Paul’s letters to the Corinthians. As Dr. Beverly Gaventa (who taught Rev. Hindley Biblical Greek) wrote in her book *Our Mother St. Paul*, Paul nurtures the health and well-being of the church as a mother nurtures her family. Nancy Koch has study guides for \$8. Scholarships are available. In addition to our study and mission, we hope to offer a “High Tea” next spring, and we are requesting a small budget from the church offerings to support that project.

Please come on September 8, and help us Build Community that includes you!



Stewardship Message

Christian Education Team—Elder Bobbie Seidel



Everything we do builds and strengthens the community of faith. 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 participants, here is a glimpse of the community-building ministry of CE in 2014: with Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Kid’s Klub, and Adult studies.



We are blessed with parents and grandparents who are bringing children to Sunday School, Kids Klub and VBS, and we have been blessed by memorial gifts to create classrooms and buy curriculum. Now that the CE program is up and running, we have had to increase our budget for 2015 as follows:

Christian Education	2014 Budget	2015 Challenge Budget
Sunday School supplies/curriculum	\$100.00	\$250.00
Vacation Bible School “ “	-0-	300.00
Youth/Confirmation	150.00	150.00
Adult education supplies	50.00	50.00
Total	\$300.00	\$750.00

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 6 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Thank you!



Christian Education Team—continued

Sunday School classes start back up on Sunday, September 7.

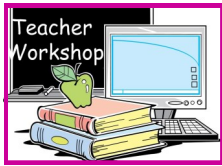
The classes are:

Toddlers-Preschool in the Living Room for age-appropriate videos, games and lessons.

Early Elementary (K-gr.2) in the Fellowship Hall Classroom

Older Elementary (gr. 3 to 6) in the Lower Level Classroom

The children participate in the first 15 minutes of worship in the sanctuary with their families and then go to their Sunday School classroom after the Children's Message.



Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 pm Teacher Workshop All Sunday School Teachers and anyone who wants to check it out, are invited to a meeting for orientation on curriculum, DVD player, supplies and games to make each class a mini VBS—so the children learn the Bible in a way that makes them want to come to Sunday School!



Kids Klub for children ages 8 to 12 meets in the basement **on the 1st Sunday** of the month at 5 pm for faithful fun, fellowship and snack.

And **Li'l Kids Klub** for younger children meets in Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Class will be held this year on the **2nd Sunday at 11:30 am starting Sept. 14**. Parents and youth who are interested, are invited to come to that first meeting.

Adult Education: The congregation is studying *The Story*, a condensed narrative version of the Bible on the **1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:30 am and 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm**. The first study this month is chapter 13 on King Solomon's reign. The second study is chapter 14: The Kingdom Torn in Two. Books are available to buy or borrow from our library.

Nuts and Bolts Leadership Training Day at Princeton Theological Seminary Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 8:30am-3:30pm. Workshops are for ALL leaders in the church focusing upon creative worship, team-building for small groups, resources, crisis intervention for youth leaders, listening skills, nurturing spiritual life, stewardship resources and much more. Pastor Christina will offer workshops for Deacons and everyone engaged in a ministry of care and compassion.

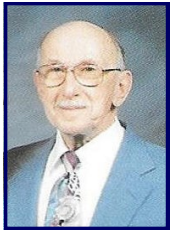
Pathway to the Future

Monmouth Presbytery Program for Church Leadership

Monmouth Presbytery is developing a program to educate members of the Presbyterian Church who wish to deepen their relationship with Christ and broaden their understanding of the church. Please speak to Pastor Christina for more information. Classes begin in January.



Deacons—Moderator Alice Loonam



Happy 100th Birthday, Harold Tindall. Harold and Jean Tindall were active members in the church for many years. When his beloved Jean passed away, Harold moved to be closer to family in Iowa. But he still contributes to the life and ministry of the church in many ways. And we extend to him our gratitude for his faithfulness and our prayers for good health and joy.



Dorothy Gottuso recently moved from CGW to Brandywine Senior Living, 5 Meridian Way, Shrewsbury NJ 07702. You can text her at 732-551-1967, or send her a note. And keep her in your prayers as she adjusts to a new way of life.

Transportation Ministry—The Deacons pray for the members and friends of the congregation every month as we go through the church directory. We note 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.



Lifeline Health Screenings

Tuesday, November 11, 9:00-5:00 in Fellowship Hall

Save the date. More information to follow.



Remember in Prayer Nancy Barker's friend Mimi; Anne Bell's brother Tom; Nellie Breiner; Dave Bryce's brother Bob; Vi Caldwell's granddaughter Dana; Gladys Claus' granddaughter Carol; Patty Coleman's niece Lisa; Don Covert; Bea Cox; Judy Eggers; Barbara Fair's family & friends; Marge Furze; Alice Georgeson; Rev. Helen Granozio and friends Fran, Donna and all to whom she ministers; the Koch's family Linda & Melanie; Donna Lemanski & brother Tom; Alice Loonam's family; Alice McCollum; Hazel Melone's grandson John; BJ Nelson; Margaret Plenk; Valerie Pomaro's cousin Joanne; 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 friends; Barbara Swindlehurst; David Weeden's sister Carol and nephew Kevin; Estelle Werner; Carol White, friend Carol, & son's father-in-law Lou, and Ken's relatives Diane & Buddy; Marjorie Wong & son Jason, cousin Karen. Please pray for all who are grieving.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life," says the Lord.

We give thanks for the life of **Jean Maxwell** who moved into God's eternal embrace on August 17, 2014. A Memorial Service at our church is being scheduled for the future when all family members can be present.



Worship Team—Elder Glenn Milana



Summer Pick-up Choir—THANK YOU! And we hope to see all of you summer-come-lately singers in the Chancel Choir this year!

Chancel Choir—Join the fun when Choir practice resumes at **1:00 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 3**, and returns to lead worship music on Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 7.

Hand Bell Choir—Practice resumes at **3:00 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 3**—now with your new Bell Tables and Music Notebook Stands and Lights. Practice is in the sanctuary. Join the fun and swing those bells!



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.

Come As U R—meets in the Living Room at 5 pm on the **1st Sunday of each month** to watch a short, thought-provoking video followed by discussion led by Elder Glenn Milana. This new community is for saints, sinners, seekers, and doubters. Everyone is welcome.



Stewardship Team—Elder David Weeden

A Blessing from Heaven?



Love-Your-Church

Last month the Church received checks from Allied Credit Union in Minnesota totaling **\$1,420**. When Laure called, the Credit Union said that the donor is Anonymous.

If anyone knows who made the gift, please let us know so we can designate the funds for a particular purpose and say **THANK YOU** for your faithfulness!



Mission Team—Elder Kim Milana

School Supplies for Children in Need at Lakehurst Elementary School are being delivered. **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.

The Church's Mission also includes: monthly meetings of the **Ocean County Deaf Club** and the **Seniors Deaf Club**, and weekly meetings of **Cub Scout Pack 10** and **Boy Scout Troop 10** and **N.A.** And we hope to start an Al-Anon meeting at the Church. We also distribute **food at Thanksgiving** and **Christmas gifts** to children in need at Lakehurst Elementary School, and budget funds for local and global ministries and emergent needs.

Taking Care of Your Skin in the Sun By BJ Nelson, Parish Nurse



Are you a "sun bunny?" Do you sit out, tanning to a crispy brown to feel "I am healthy if I have good color during summer and into the fall." The fact of the matter is being safe in the sun can decrease exposure to cancer: limiting ultraviolet rays by staying in the shade, putting on a shirt, wearing sunscreen, wearing a hat and sunglasses. Avoid tanning beds. This may foil your purpose to become "crispy brown" but it will also foil your body's tendency to develop melanoma or other skin cancers.

Ocean County ranked first in the state for melanoma-related deaths: 302 from 2000 to 2010, according to the NJ Cancer Registry. Detection is the key to keeping a cancer from turning deadly. More than half of cancer deaths can be prevented if people make healthy choices.

Maintain a healthy weight. Be as lean a possible without being underweight; be physically active. 150 min. of moderate exercise or 75 min. of intense exercise each week; eat a healthy diet with the emphasis on plant foods, limit choices of red & processed meats, choose whole grains instead of refined grain products; limit alcohol intake; get all recommended screening tests done.

According to the National Cancer Institute, patients with an early stage of the disease may live for many years. People have many options if they are diagnosed early. "The biggest and most important thing to keep cancer from turning deadly is for someone to have early detection." Avoid tobacco, limit sun exposure and artificial sweeteners are high on the list, along with high levels of radiation and inherited genetic mutations.


There is a big push in the coastal counties of NJ to try to reduce the risk of skin cancer through a program called Choose Your Cover. They advocate everyone seeing a dermatologist once a year to be safe.



SEPTEMBER


2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 10:30 Care for Caregivers 7 Bible Study	3 10 Mission Team 1 Choir Practice 3 Bell Choir Pract. 6:30 N.A.	4 1:30 Craft Group	5 6 Cub Scouts	6
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A Special

THANK YOU



Thank you for a blessed time of rest and renewal in August, with special thanks to Carole, Anne, Glenn, Laure, Diana, deacons, elders and everyone who lent a hand while I went to Charleston, France, Germany, Minnesota, Alaska, China, New Zealand—all without leaving home! And it's good to be back at the Church.

Pastor Christina



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**Welcome Newest Members
and Homecoming Luncheon
after Worship Sunday, September 7**



Everyone is Welcome

WORSHIP  WITH US!

Sept. 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost Communion & Luncheon	Matthew 18:15-20	<i>“Abiding”</i>
Sept. 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew Barberio is preaching on <i>“Forgiving”</i>
Sept. 21 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Philippians 1:21-30	<i>“Striving Side by Side”</i>
Sept. 28 16th Sunday after Pentecost	Philippians 2:1-13	<i>“Serving”</i>
Saturday, Oct. 4 St. Francis of Assisi Day Sunday, Bring <u>Photos</u> of Pets	10 am to 12 noon in the Parking Lot	Blessing of the Animals