



# The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

## September 2016

The Presbyterian  
Beacon



### PASTOR - Pastor Donna Lepsky

Dear Friends,

The lazy, hazy, hot days of summer are coming to a close. Soon it will be time for the crisp and refreshing days of Fall with its' new beginnings. A few things are happening that you will want to put on your calendar. Rally Day is September 11 with the start of the Sunday School year, commissioning of the teachers and a picnic after church with live entertainment. World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 2 and we have a Blessing of the Animals Service planned for October 9. More church events are in the works for November and December and there will be updates in the next newsletter.

What new plans have you thought about for the remainder of 2016? Many people tell me their lives are busier now than ever since they retired. Is there space for God in those plans? What if every day there was a regular time for prayer, a kind of appointment with God. He is on your calendar each and every day. It would be kind of difficult to call and re-schedule God, wouldn't it?

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to give you a future and a hope. But will we be able to hear God? In a multitasking world, space for God is needed now more than ever for the fullness of life God has promised.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Donna

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#### PLEASE NOTE:

- 9/4 Bible Study
- 9/6 Bible Study
- 9/7 Choir & Bell Choir Practices resume
- 9/8 Service at Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab
- 9/11 Rally Day Commissioning Sunday School Teachers
- 9/12 Pres Women
- 9/13 Deacons
- 9/18 Bible Study Country Wonder
- 9/20 Bible Study
- 9/25 Stewardship Team
- 9/28 Food Pantry



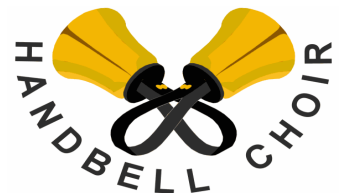
### Worship Team

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in Volunteer Choir, it was a great summer!



**The Chancel Choir resumes practice on Wednesday, Sept. 7,** and returns to the loft on Sunday, Sept. 11. 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 also resumes practice on Sept. 7** at 3 pm. 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

**THANK YOU** to all who were able to help out with the purchase of school supplies! So happy we could help children start their school year off with the necessary supplies.

Food Pantry is open from **10 to 11 am on the last Wednesday** of each month. **We are in need of tuna and cereal.** With the holidays that will be approaching rather quickly we could also use the staple holiday meal items like; instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, turkeys, chickens and gift cards for Shop Rite. 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** will resume on **Sunday, September 11th**. 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!

## Fall begins

### September 22nd

## 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** – The date for September has been changed to **September 18 at 5:00 pm**, due to Rally Day on the 11th. 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

The 2016-2017 PW/ Horizon Bible Study will be “WHO IS JESUS!”. It’s a good Question! All church women welcome to our first bible study on **Monday, September 12th at 1:30 in the afternoon.**



### Rally Day September 11th

**Evangelism & Fellowship** along with **Christian Ed** are having Rally Day, summer is over, time to reconnect.

**Sunday School starts!** We will have commissioning of the teachers, a picnic after church with hot dogs and and ice cream Sundae bar. Also, live entertainment. Sign up sheets will be posted for side dishes. Please reserve the date and join us as we welcome everyone back!

## LOOKING AHEAD!

**October 2nd—World Communion Sunday**

**October 9th—Blessing of the Animals**

*Autumn Blessings*

Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9



# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 1 Al Anon Mtg	3
4 10 Worship Communion 11 Fellowship 11:30 Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scouts	5	6 6 Bible Study	7 1 Choir 3 Bell Choir 6:30 N.A.	8 9 Sr Deaf Club 10:30 Hampton Ridge Healthcare & Rehab	9 1 Al Anon Mtg	10
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WORSHIP  WITH US!

<p><b>September 4</b>  <b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Justin Stewart</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—Deacons</b></p>
<p><b>September 11</b>  <b>17th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Bobbie Seidel</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—Rally Day Picnic</b></p>
<p><b>September 18</b>  <b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR—Carol Reagor</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host— Dot Duncan</b></p>
<p><b>September 25</b>  <b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p>		<p><b>Worship LDR— Glenn Milana</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Host—</b></p>