



The Presbyterian Church at Lakehurst, NJ

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

March 2013

The Presbyterian
Beacon



From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When Johnny Cash was trying to get his first break, the record producer Sam Phillips asked him, "If you knew you were going to die, what would you do so people would remember you?" Cash sang an honest song about a convict, longing for redemption.



This month, we will continue our journey with Christ to the cross. We will gather at the table with him on Maundy Thursday, when Jesus knows that he is going to die and he has this final opportunity to show us how to live as God created us to live.

What does Jesus do? First, he takes bread, gives thanks and blesses it, and then breaks the bread into enough pieces that everyone has bread to eat. "Do this in remembrance of me," Jesus says, "for this is my body that is given for you." Then, Jesus humbles himself, kneels down, and washes the feet of one disciple after another. And after showing us what generous self-giving looks like, and what loving service feels like, Jesus says: "love one another, just as I have loved you." And if we do not desert Jesus, on Friday, we may hear him say from cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

My friends, if we knew we were going to die, what would we do? What would we say? What would we sing? In a humble, generous act of self-giving, could we love and forgive—everyone? Let us ponder that question as we continue our journey with Christ.

With love,
Christina

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards and expressions of love and support on the passing of my brother. I thank God for everyone of you.

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Don't Forget!

- 3/2 Caregivers & Parish Nurse Gathering
- 3/10 **Daylight Savings**
- 3/1 P.W.
- 3/19 Receive New Members
- 3/23 Spring Clean Up!
- 3/24 **Wondrous Love Cantata 3 pm**
- 3/27 Food Pantry
- 4/20 Officers' Retreat
- 5/18 Deacons Flea Market



Evangelism & Fellowship Team



New Member Dessert

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, AT 6 PM
THE CHURCH COUNCIL
WILL HOST A DESSERT, AND
RECEIVE OUR NEWEST MEMBERS.**

If you are interested in joining the Church as an active or an affiliate member (retaining membership in your long-time church), or if you want more information, please tell the Pastor.

Fellowship Time—This is an important time to connect with your church family and to welcome new people. And you can host by signing up on the calendar hanging on the door inside the kitchenette in the Upper Room, or just tell Christina that you want to contribute one item or some cash for a Sunday. Please join us next Sunday!



Coffee Fellowship



Presbyterian Women will meet on
Monday, March 11, at 1:30 pm
Refreshments are served.
And all women of the church are welcome!

Stewardship & Administration Team

The Per Capita contribution for 2013 is **\$35 for all active members**. This is a once-a-year assessment that supports the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA). There is a blue envelope in your offering box, or write “per capita” on your check for \$35 payable to The Presbyterian Church. Thank you.



Don't forget: before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 9, set your clock ahead one hour!

On Feb. 10, we ordained and installed new officers, and on Feb. 19, the Church Council appointed the following Team Leaders:

- Christian Ed—Elder Dawn Heaney
- Evangelism—Elder Bob Lykes
- Mission—Elder Kim Milana
- Property—Elder Jim Dillon
- Stewardship—Elder David Weeden
- Worship—Elder Carole Sloan



Also Deacons Carol Reagor and Alice Loonam were installed for a second term.



Worship Team

On Sunday, March 3, **Presbyterian Women** (P.W.) will lead worship. This is the day that P.W. “*celebrates the gifts of women*” in the church. **Elder Carole Sloan** will offer the Children’s Message, **Elder Anne Bell** will offer the sermon “Dry Places and Sanctuary,” and worship leaders include **Deacon Alice Loonam** and **Elders Bea Cox, Kim Milana** and **Violet Caldwell**. Rev. Hindley will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and other women of the church will usher, serve communion and sing in the choir. Please join us for this special worship service.

At **3:00 pm on Palm Sunday**, the expanded Chancel Choir will sing Lloyd Larson’s

Cantata “WONDROUS LOVE.”

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to hear the story of God’s love in Jesus Christ, and plan to stay for the reception following the Cantata.



At **3:00 pm on Maundy Thursday**, March 28, join us for a communion service of light and darkness as we read the story of Christ’s passion.

And celebrate our Savior’s resurrection on **Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10 am**, in our sanctuary—bedecked with lilies—glorious sounds from the choir, Diana Smerillo on organ, and Steve Heaney with bagpipes—and filled with new life and hope!

EASTER LILIES—The cost of each lily is \$10, and the deadline for ordering is March 13.

If you would like to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the order form or call Laure Childers, the office administrator (732-657-5211) with your name, phone number, the name of your loved one, and indicate whether you wish to take the lily on Easter Sunday, or leave it for a Deacon to deliver to a member who is ill or homebound. Order forms are in the sanctuary entrances.



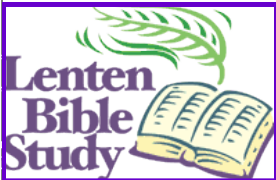


Christian Education Team

Sunday School for Children—The children begin in worship at 10 am and go to class after the children’s message. Classes are nursery/ toddler, preschool-K and early elementary. If you feel called to support the education program by teaching, assisting or providing childcare, please let Elder Dawn Heaney know.



The **Confirmation Class** is meeting via internet in addition to occasional outreach activities and face-to-face gatherings. But we will have the traditional reception of Confirmands on Pentecost Sunday.



Join us on Sundays after worship to study the Psalms

- Mar. 3: Psalm 32 – Confess your truth before God.
- Mar. 10: Psalm 126 – Find healing in God.
- Mar. 17: Psalm 118 and Luke 19:28-40 – Praise God!

Property Team

Spring Clean Up Day—Saturday, March 23, 9 to 12

Won’t you come and help us **make the Church property sparkle** for Easter. Please sign up so we know how many hands we will have. There is something to do for everyone! It was fun last Spring. Let’s do it again!



Maintenance and Repairs: After reviewing proposals from five companies, the Church Council contracted with All County Exterior to repair the roof on Fellowship Hall (using insurance proceeds for that purpose), and with Serv-Pro to do mold remediation work in the basement (using sale proceeds from 212 Pine St.). Now, we are waiting for the work to begin ..

Litigation: We ask for your continued prayers for **William Cooper, Jr.** and **Tina Orth** for God’s blessings, grace and a change of heart. In February, we learned that the Appellate Court denied our Motion to dismiss the appeal and denied our Motion to defend the appeal ourselves because the law requires all corporations to be represented by counsel in court. Ken Palmer, Esq. offered to write to Mr. Cooper for a copy of the papers. We still do not know the basis for the appeal. We believe that only God can resolve this matter. Please pray.



Mission Team

Team Members Wanted!

The Mission Team meets at **10 am on the 1st Wednesday** of each month for about an hour to plan, assess, and discern how Christ is calling us to serve his people. We are reorganizing the Team, as many of our members moved to the Finance Team. Please let me know if you can help!



The Food Pantry is open from **10 to 11 am on the 4th Wednesday** of each month. Members of the church can ‘shop’ for food at other times by contacting Elder Kim Milana or the pastor. Donations of tuna, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, soup and cereal are always appreciated. If you can help sort and shelve the food any time, or bag the food on the 4th Tuesday, or distribute food and greet our neighbors on the 4th Wednesday, please let Elder Kim Milana know.

Cub Scout Pack 10 and Boy Scout Troop 10

worshipped with us on **Scout Sunday, February 3**. The scouts served as ushers, and want to do it again! And Elder Milana did the Children’s Message: how a young boy in England helped someone who was lost. No matter how young (or old) we are, we can serve God, and do good deeds. On February 15, the Cub Scouts enjoyed the **Blue & Gold Banquet**.



Cub Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall every Friday evening at 6 pm and learn to “do their best, to do their duty, to love God and country.” And they have fun while they are learning. The Cub Scouts are open to all boys in 1st to 5th grade. If you are interested in learning more, please see me.



Alice B. Perry College Scholarships are open, according to Mrs. Perry’s will, to “all needy and worthy students who wish to go to college.” 2013 Applications are now available, in the church entrances, or by calling or writing to the church office, and completed applications are **due before May 1, 2013**.

One Great Hour of Sharing—We will receive a special offering on **Palm Sunday, March 24**, for the Presbyterian Church’s mission for *Disaster Relief, Hunger Relief, and Self-Development of People*. With OGHS funds, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program is providing assistance to victims of Superstorm Sandy here in Ocean County. Please give as generously as you can. And thank you!

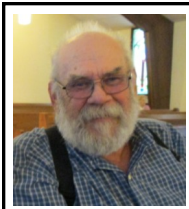




Deacons' Corner



Family & Friends who request prayer: Nellie Breiner; Violet Caldwell's granddaughter, Dana; William Cooper, Jr. and Tina Orth; Denise Danley; Barbara Fair's friends, Doris and Mary; Marge Furze's cousin, Anita; Lynn Giglia; Helen Granazio's friend, Frank; Donna Lemanski; Alice Loonam and her family; Jean Maxwell; Alice McCollum; the McLean's son, Jimmy; Margaret Plenk; Diana Smerillo's grandson, Gared; Fred & Nora Steel; Tom Walker; Ken White's cousin, Charley; Joe & Marge Wong's son, Jason. All who are grieving, especially the Danley family, the Heaney family, and Ken White's nieces, Angie and Allie. And all who are suffering the effects of Superstorm Sandy and the sequester. (Please remember to get the person's permission before you announce their name and circumstance in worship or add them to the public prayer list. We do have a Confidential prayer list too. Thank you.)



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

Lester B. Danley, Sr.

May 22, 1942 – February 6, 2013

Tom Walker is recovering at home with a blanket from the Deacons that says: *"God loves you, and so do we."* And Food Pantry workers signed their names in the hands that are drawn on the blanket, to enfold Tom with our love and prayers.



Deacons' Flea Market— Saturday, May 18, 2013

Save the date! And see Deacon Barbara Fair to reserve your indoor or outdoor table.

Keep Your Kidneys Healthy

By BJ Nelson, Parish Nurse

Prevention of Kidney (Renal) Disease is a major national healthcare goal. Diabetes is the most common cause of kidney disease but it can also result from high blood pressure and diseases that affect the immune system such as lupus.



Signs of an inflammation of the tiny filters in your kidneys are: pink or cola-colored urine (from red blood cells) ; foamy urine (due to excess protein); high blood pressure; swelling in your face, hands, feet and abdomen (fluid retention), and fatigue (from anemia or kidney failure).

To prevent kidney problems, see your doctor regularly, drink plenty of water, use salt sparingly, and be aware of abnormalities such as blood, pain, fever, or swelling.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 Pack Commte	2 10 Caregivers- Parish Nurses
3 10 Worship 11 Bible Study 7 Scouts	4	5 10 Property 12 Choir Pract.	6 10 Mission 2 Choir Practice 6:30 N.A.	7	8 6 Cub Scouts	9 
10 10 Worship 11 Bible Study 7 Scouts	11 1:30 P.W.	12 10 Stewardship 12 Choir 1 Deacons 4 Christian Ed	13 Evangelism 2 Choir Practice 6:30 N.A.	14 9 Sr. Deaf Club	15 7 Pack Meeting	16 3 Ocean County Deaf Club
17 10 Worship 11 Bible Study 7 Scouts	18	19 12 Choir 6 Council & New Members	20 1 Worship Team 2 Choir Practice 6:30 N.A.	21	22 6 Cub Scouts	23 9 Spring Clean up Day
24 10 Worship 11 Fellowship 3 CANTATA 7 Scouts	25 	26 10 Bag Food	27 10 Food Pantry no choir prac- tice 6:30 N.A.	28 1 Choir Practice 2 Maundy Thurs. Service	29 Good Friday 6 Cub Scouts	30
31 Easter Sunday 10 Worship 11 Fellowship						

Anne and John Lamb send their love and fond thoughts to you from Florida, and so does Jean Rausch from Connecticut. We haven't heard from Grace or Charley! How are you?



- March 02 Craig Smith
- March 09 Logan Hunter
- March 11 Logan Benecke
- March 11 Ken White
- March 12 Emily Hunter



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Easter Cantata **Wondrous Love!
Cantata**

Sunday, March 24, 3 pm
Refreshments following
Tell your friends!

WORSHIP  WITH US!

March 3 3rd Sunday in Lent P.W. leading worship	Psalm 63	Elder Anne Bell preaching <i>“Dry Places & Sanctuary”</i>
March 10 4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins!!	Psalm 32	<i>“Journey to the Cross” (confess)</i>
March 17 5th Sunday in Lent	Psalm 126	<i>“Journey to the Cross” (heal)</i>
March 24 Palm Sunday	Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Luke 19:28-40	<i>“Praise God”</i>
March 28 Maundy Thursday 3:00 pm	Gospel readings of Jesus’ Passion	<i>Tenebrae & Communion</i>
March 31 Easter Sunday	Luke 24:1-12	<i>“Amazing!”</i>