

Our Life Together

Weekly News and Events at
First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck

April 23, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

- 9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns
- 9:30AM Worship Celebration
- 9:45AM Stepping Stones,
Children's Sunday School
Bible & Bagels
- 10:30AM Fellowship Hour
- 11:00AM Chime Choir
- 11:00AM Adult Education

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- 7:30PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 7:30PM Book Club Discussion

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- 7:00AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:30PM Homework "Safe Space"
- 7:30 Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 7:00PM Bell Choir
- 8:00PM Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

WEST WINDSOR COMMUNITY DAY 11:00AM - 4:00PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- 9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns
- 9:30AM Worship Celebration
- 9:45AM Stepping Stones,
Children's Sunday School
Bible & Bagels
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Adult Education - Revs. Len and Andrew Scales will share an overview of their ministry with Princeton University students. The Scales have found "the dynamic of the provisional," a guiding principal for the Taizé Community in France, helpful for their work with a community that is constantly in transition. Join for a conversation about viewing challenges as opportunities.

Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning, 7:00 AM in the parlor in the Christian Education building.

Women's Bible Study

The "Confessing the Beatitudes" study group will meet Monday nights through May 15, 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the library of the Christian Education building.

Book Club

The Book club's next selection is, *Eligible*, by Curtis Sittenfeld. The discussion will be Tuesday April 25 at 7:30 in the parlor. Happy Reading! Questions? Contact Terri DeVincenzo: rtcnz@verizon.net or 609-716-1776

Grover Vegetable Garden Update

Thanks to Jim Souders and Clifford Reed, who transported 3 truckloads of straw from the DeSandre Brothers' Company farm on Cranbury Neck Road on Monday. They were aided in unloading by Ryder Van Dyke, who was planting potatoes, so the work wasn't completely done by men in their 80s. Please support the garden by donating your newspapers for additional mulch.

If you would like to adopt a row (by yourself or with a friend), contact Trish Miele (trish530@hotmail.com) or Peggy Redman (predman799@gmail.com). If you would like to work once in a while, please let Peggy know so she can add you to the email list.

DNPC 2017 Intergenerational Mission Trip Update

Many thanks to all of you who have been getting the word out, but for those of you who don't yet know, sign-up is going on right now for the 2017 DNPC Intergenerational Summer Mission Trip - July 16-22! Full details are given on the sign-up sheet, which can be found in the Sanctuary, in the church office, on the church website, or you can email Don (youth@dutchneckpresbyterian.com) and ask for one! **The deadline for sign-up is TODAY, Sunday, April 23.**

Ushers/Greeters and Fellowship Hosts

Do you have questions about your dates to serve? Are you eager to share hospitality and maybe a favorite treat?

For Usher/Greeter questions contact Linda Williams:

lwilli6@msn.com or 609-799-9288

For Fellowship Hosting questions, contact Debbie

Gervasio: dg144@verizon.net or 609-586-4065

West Windsor Community Day

Saturday, April 29th - 11:00am - 4:00pm

Duck Pond Park, 560 Meadow Road - Free Admission

Fun for the whole family – there will be food trucks, free

rides, and games, tables representing community

organizations. The police department will bring the container for unused/outdated prescription medicine.

Volunteer at the DNPC table for one hour and receive a T-shirt. Contact Peggy Redman, 409-799-4727

Capital Singers of Trenton April Concerts

The Capital Singers of Trenton (Richard Loatman, Artistic Director) will present "America Sings!" a program of American choral music on Saturday, April 29 at 4pm at Princeton Abbey in Princeton and on Sunday, April 30 at 4pm at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Trenton. Tickets may be ordered online or will be available at the door on the day of each concert. Call (609) 434-2781 or visit www.capitalsingers.org for further details.

World Labyrinth Day May 6

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
177 Princeton-Hightstown Road
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church invites the community to celebrate their new labyrinth on May 6 from 11:00 to 3:00. Details can be found on their website: www.popnj.org.

The Reverend Ellie Johns-Kelley to Preach on Wills Emphasis Sunday, May 7

We welcome the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley for the Wills Emphasis service on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Johns-Kelley is the Ministries Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation covering the Northeast region. Prior to joining the Foundation, she served for four years as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren, PA. She also served as Director of the Summer Youth Institute and Associate Director of Admissions at Pittsburg Theological Seminary. Ellie received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Muskingum College and a Master of Divinity degree at Pittsburg Theological Seminary.

We are pleased to have the Rev. Johns-Kelley on the day we acknowledge and give thanks for the generous gifts the church has received in the past. Her visit, sponsored by the Memorial, Planned, and Special Gifts Committee, continues Dutch Neck's tradition of having a guest preacher on this important day. She will also lead the adult education class on "Composing a Legacy: Live Forward, Give Forward" following the service.

How to reach the pastor, the Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff:

- Through Julie Erkel Hagee in the church office, Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon at (609) 799-0712 or admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com.
- For pastoral emergencies, please call his cell phone at (609) 580-0556 anytime.
- Through e-mail: jvwanderwerff@dutchneckpresbyterian.com.
- Friday is Jan Willem's Sabbath day.

Summary of April 18 Session Meeting

Session met on Tuesday evening to discuss and approve a "New Ministries Initiative" proposal. A substantial portion of the 2016 budget surplus will be set aside as "seed money" for new ideas for ministry in the 2017-18 year. Members of the congregation will be encouraged to form teams of 4-6 people and propose to session ideas for new ministries. Should those ideas need some "seed capital" to get off the ground, session will have the ability, from this set-aside, to fund especially promising proposals. The purpose behind this plan is to encourage holy risk-taking, stimulate new ministry ideas from church members, and then provide the means to put them into action. More information, examples, and promotion will roll out to the congregation in May and June.

Noting the continuing difficulty of filling slots on session and identifying committee and team leaders, session decided to make itself a "nominating committee of the whole," and in the next month put on a full-court press to recruit new members. In addition, session recognized the need to be more flexible about term lengths.

The pastor identified for session the new seminary interns for the 2017-18 year. We will have three: Ms. Rachel Park, Mr. Brandon Shoenweiss, and Ms. Susan Brazier. He also asked session to approve a plan whereby, in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation (October 31, 1517, the day monk Martin Luther nailed 95 theses criticizing certain practices in the Roman Catholic church to the door of Wittenburg Cathedral in Germany), our congregation would worship with our Lutheran brothers and sisters at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday morning, October 29, 2017. The Worship and Music committee had already endorsed this plan. Session approved enthusiastically.

In other business, session passed a motion of appreciation and thanks to the two outgoing members, Shannon Cirullo and Diane Marolda, for their good work and leadership over the last three years—in Diane's case—or four—in Shannon's. On the recommendation of the Facilities Care committee, session approved an increase of 10% in the standard building use fee for the CE building, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
David Redman Clerk

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