

Our Life Together

Weekly News and Events at
First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck

May 14, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

- 8:45AM Non-Ringer Singers
- 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 Committee Meetings
- 11:00AM Chime Choir
- 11:00AM Adult Education

MONDAY, MAY 15

- 7:30PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 16

- 7:30PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18

- 10:30AM Cornerbrightners
- 7:00PM Bell Choir
- 8:00PM Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, MAY 21

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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.

Adult Education - TODAY - "New Ministries Initiative Fund." David Redman will explain and discuss a new initiative, approved by session, to generate new ideas for ministry in the coming year. Come and learn more!

May 21 Rev. Jonathan Shenk and a co-teacher (and former inmate) will discuss Mass Incarceration in America.

May 28 Asking the Hard Questions and Having the Hard Conversations at the end of life. The class will discuss practical AND pastoral steps to take before end

-of-life time comes for you or a loved one.

Men's Bible Study

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

Cornerbrightners

Cornerbrightners are collecting \$ for DIAPERS during the month of May. Homefront is requesting the \$ or actual DIAPERS. Any size is definitely acceptable. We appreciate the congregation's co-operation in helping the needy of our area. Boxes for donations are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

The next Cornerbrightners meeting is Thursday, May 18th at the home of Thelma Bornheimer.

Questions? Contact Betty Blaine: 609-443-1642

Spring Clean-Up Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in the church cleanup on May 7th and to those who have adopted and maintained a section of the church grounds. A special thank you to Katharine Osborn for organizing the "Adopt A Spot" initiative.

2017 Graduates Recognition

This is the time of year for graduation celebrations. The Dutch Neck family would like to acknowledge and celebrate the high school and college graduations of our young people. They will be listed in the bulletin on June 4. Please submit your information by Sunday, May 28.

Please send the following information to Julie Erkel Hagee at admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com: name of student, where they are graduating from & where they are heading for college (if you desire it to be public information). (Example: Sue Smith is graduating from WW-P North and will be attending Boston College).

Grover Vegetable Garden Update

Jane Shafer has already harvested more than 3 pounds of spinach and taken it to the RISE food pantry in Hightstown. David Redman and Bob Dix have planted peppers, and Bob Jackson removed enough "undigested" waste from the compost heap that we were able to bring the rest into order. If you would like a one-time job of cutting grass at the edges of rows (or a season-long gig), or if you would like to adopt a row to plant and care for, please contact Peggy Redman (predman799@gmail.com).

May Book Club

The book group will be reading *Alexander Hamilton*, by Ron Chernow. This book is longer than our usual book choices, so we will discuss the first half of the book at the May meeting on Tuesday May 30 at 7:30. Happy reading! Questions? Contact Terri DeVincenzo: rtcenz@verizon.net or 609-716-1776

Our Church Picnic will be June 11

The Board of Deacons will be hosting the Annual Homecoming Picnic on Sunday June 11. We will be having worship that day at 10:30 and the picnic will follow. The Deacons will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers & drinks. There will be sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall for side dishes, salads and desserts. There will be games and fun for the kids. The Rev. Weaver and his wife Harriet will be in attendance. Tables and chairs from Fellowship Hall will be set up outside, but feel free to bring your own comfortable lawn chair or blanket. Please reach out and invite friends of Dutch Neck to this fabulous day of food, fellowship and fun!! Any questions, please see Terri DeVincenzo rtcenz@verizon.net or 609-716-1776 or Julie Donaldson.

Trenton Rescue Mission Donations

If you are spring cleaning, moving or just freshening up your wardrobe and you want to get rid of clothing, there is a collection box near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. The Trenton Rescue Mission will be collecting items every Wednesday. Please consider donating to this worthwhile organization.

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

Do you want to receive our email updates? Contact Julie at admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com to subscribe.

YOUTH EVENTS - youth@dutchneckpresbyterian.com

Learn how to make SUSHI!

On Sunday evening, May 28th at 5:30 PM, we'll be gathering at church to learn how to make real, authentic Japanese sushi, and enjoy a meal together! This event is open to absolutely anyone and everyone, of any age, so if you like sushi, and would like to learn how to make it, or would like to eat it, or any combination thereof, come join us!

DNPC Youth Canoe/Kayak Adventure!

On Saturday, June 3rd, we'll be having a Canoe/Kayaking trip down the canal. We'll meet at the church at 9:00 AM, and proceed to the Alexander Road, Princeton canoe rental location. From there, we'll take a trip up the canal, take a brief portage to the lake, and work our way towards Kingston. Kayaks and Canoes will be rented, but if you have one of your own which you prefer, feel free to bring it along. Hope to see you there!

Calling All Musicians!

Do you play a musical instrument? ANY musical instrument? Do you want to learn how to do some jazz-type playing with that musical instrument? If so, send an email to youth@dutchneckpresbyterian.com and let us know, because we're going to start a Youth Instrumental Group! Whether you can play with the pros, or can only honk out a note or two, we'd love to have you with us!

Homework "Safe Space"

Every Wednesday 5:30-7:30 PM

Come to relax and do your homework, and get a little help if you need it! We need volunteers to commit to help out every week. Snacks will be provided! Contact Don: youth@dutchneckpresbyterian.com

Deadlines for Publication Submissions

Sunday bulletin submissions and Friday *Our Life Together* email submissions are due to the office by noon on Wednesday.

All submissions should be sent to Julie in the church office: admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com, with "OLT" included in the subject line.

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 AM to 2:00 PM & Thursdays from 9:00 AM 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.