

Our Life Together

Weekly News and Events at
First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck

May 21, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

- 9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study
- 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, MAY 22

- 7:30PM Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- 5:30PM Homework "Safe Space"
- 7:30PM Deacons

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

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Adult Education - TODAY - 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.

Questions? Contact Betty Blaine: 609-443-1642

Women's Bible Study

The "Confessing the Beatitudes" study group meets on Monday nights 7:30PM - 9:00PM in the library of the Christian Education building.

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).

From the Worship Committee

On Sunday, June 4, we celebrate Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church as the body of Christ. This is also Sunday School Sunday at Dutch Neck Church, a time for us to acknowledge all of our teachers and be led in worship by the younger members of the congregation.

Our former pastor, Rev. Jim Weaver will lead us in worship the next Sunday, June 11, at the special time of 10:30am, so that we can gather for the church picnic directly after the service. Welcome back Rev. Jim and Mrs. Harriet Weaver!

And on Sunday, June 18, as we celebrate Father's Day, we'll also recognize all our church choirs for leading us in worship through music this past year.

Ringers needed! If you've ever been curious about handbells, or know someone who is interested, please talk to Gail or any member of the bell choir. The bells will ring in worship one more time in June and then take a break until school starts again in the fall.

Grover Vegetable Garden Update

Alice Jackson has planted a row of green beans, and Virginia Dearborn and Judi Skalak have planted a variety of peppers. Girl Scout Troop 72827 will work in the garden on Sunday, May 21, from 2:00 to 4:30, and you are welcome to join in! If you have questions, please contact Peggy Redman (predman799@gmail.com).

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.

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:
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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.