

Our Life Together

*Weekly News and Events at
First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck*

May 28, 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
- 5:30PM Sushi Making

MONDAY, MAY 29

- 11:00AM Memorial Day Parade
- 12:00PM Memorial Day Ceremony
- 7:30PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 30

- 7:30PM Book Club Discussion

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

- 7:15PM Centering Prayer

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

- 9:00AM Youth Canoe/Kayak Adventure

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Adult Education - TODAY - 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.

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.

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

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, college, and graduate school graduations. 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 after graduation (if you desire it to be public information). Example: Sue Smith is graduating from WW-P North and will be attending Boston College.

Annual Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday, May 29

Parade: 11:00 am - starts from West Windsor-Plainsboro High School, South

Ceremony: 12:00 noon - West Windsor Municipal Complex corner of Clarksville Road and North Post Road. The Rev. Jan Willem will be leading opening and closing prayer.

Centering Prayer Group

Please join us for Centering Prayer on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:15 pm in the parlor in the CE building. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Donaldson:

609-731-2971 or juliedon4@aol.com

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

Grover Vegetable Garden Update

Fifth grade Girl Scout Troop 72827 planted a row of beans and a row of basil on Sunday. Don Van Antwerpen will supervise the Sunday school and Bibles & Bagels students in the garden this week, which should lead us to a full complement of 16 rows of vegetables and herbs - the most we have ever grown. There will be a work party at the garden most Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00. Please join us! 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!! 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: rtcenz@verizon.net or 609-716-1776

Potluck Dinner and Movie Night

To Be Announced - Fellowship Hall
DNPC is working to organize a potluck dinner with Temple Beth Chaim and the Institute for Islamic Studies. We will be viewing "The Other Son," a movie in which two young men, one Israeli and one Palestinian, discover they were accidentally switched at birth. If you are interested, contact Florence Cohen: 609-454-3883 or hchcfec@aol.com.

Busy Bees

Calling all knitters and crocheters. Busy Bees meet the 1st Tuesday of the month upstairs in the CE Building at 10 AM. We make afghan squares, scarves, hats and many other items to keep the less fortunate warm.

Bring your lunch on Tuesday, June 6 and we will provide drinks, dessert and yarn.

For more information contact: Peggy Ellery at 609-426-8728 or Bev Souders at 609-799-1612.

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 weekly *Our Life Together* and/or our Monday prayer email? 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!

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.

SUMMARY OF SESSION MEETING OF MAY 16, 2017

In its Tuesday evening meeting, session continued to wrestle with the problems of getting new session members and session leadership of major committees and teams. Some stop-gap measures were suggested: that we be flexible about the term of service on session; that each session member take a turn sitting with a currently leaderless committee and then report back to session; that session try meeting on “Committee Meeting Sundays” (second Sunday of every month). We agreed to think and pray more on these issues and return to them in the fall.

Bob Dix presented preliminary plans for a memorial garden to the right (north) of the first block of cemetery plots behind the rear parking lot. Three types were considered: a green garden (no markers, just a landscaped area in which ashes could be strewn); a permanent marked space (an area with a granite monument on which family names would be carved); and single regular “casket” plots, that could accommodate the burial of four urns. Session approved the selling of single grave plots (at half-price of \$1,500) and ordered Bob, and the Cemetery Committee, to proceed with having Doug Sutpen prepare formal plans for a combination of the first two types. A rough estimate for the project is \$15,000.

In other business, session discussed and made decisions about the allocation of monies in the “Liabilities” section of the church’s Balance Sheet, and formally ceded Abundant Grace Dinner Church to Plainsboro PC. Finally session noted with gratitude a number of successful activities: the new roof on the Manse completed; a good Spring Clean-Up Day; two new bike racks acquired and soon to be installed; a highly visible partnership in the NAMI Walk/Mercer County with the Institute for Islamic Studies; the Grover Garden off to a good start under a new, more inclusive plan; and the “Adopt-a-Spot” plan for the beautification of church grounds now fully implemented.

Respectfully submitted,

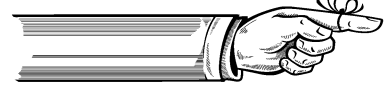
David Redman, *Clerk of Session*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

		Timothy Dix	06/15
Andrew Shook	06/01	Kay Reed	06/16
Kathy Murray	06/02	Akiko Van Antwerpen	06/16
Elizabeth Allen	06/03	Bill Davis	06/17
Daniel Kelly	06/03	Loretta Dunn	06/19
Wendy MacCarthy	06/03	Ian MacQueen	06/19
Diane Marolda	06/03	Brooke Wiener	06/20
Gerry LaForge	06/04	Emily MacCarthy	06/22
Melvin Sanders	06/05	Mary Alice Britton	06/23
Heather Tindall	06/08	Ryan Brubaker	06/24
Jan Willem van der Werff	06/10	Sharon LaForge	06/24
Danielle Brubaker	06/11	Muriel Perrine	06/24
Luke Marolda	06/11	Betty Reynolds	06/24
Maggie Slonaker	06/11	Mark Sabin	06/28
Robert Anderson	06/13	Frank Liao	06/30
Cori Michibata	06/13	Emma Sizer	06/30
Glenn Michibata	06/13	Julia Weingaertner	06/30
Dennis Whitney	06/13	Samantha Wiener	06/30

PRAYER

REMINDER



Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown)
- M&M's candies



What you do:

1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)

2017-2018 Confirmation Class

This September, we will be starting our Confirmation Class for the 2016-2017 school year! If you are (or a member of your family is) interested in being part of this, please let us know! You can do this by sending an email to Don, the Youth Minister, at youth@dutchneckpresbyterian.com, or just finding him in church and telling him. We've got a great class planned for this year, and we're hoping you'll join us!

Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in helping out with a youth event? Do you like kayaking? Are you free on Saturday, June 3rd? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we could use your help! The youth kayaking trip is fast approaching, and we could really use a few adult volunteers. Let Don know ASAP, or send an email to youth@dutchneckpresbyterian.com if you're willing to help out!