

Our Life Together

Weekly News and Events at
First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck

May 7, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK - WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY

- 9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns
- 9:30AM Worship Celebration
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- 9:45AM Stepping Stones,
Children's Sunday School
Bible & Bagels
- 10:30AM Fellowship Hour
- 11:00AM Worship Committee
- 11:00AM Chime Choir
- 11:00AM Adult Education
- 1:00PM SPRING CLEAN-UP!

MONDAY, MAY 8

- 7:30PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- 6:30PM Presbytery Fellowship Event

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 7:00AM Men's Bible Study
- 5:30PM Homework "Safe Space"
- 7:15PM Centering Prayer

THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

SUNDAY, APRIL MAY 14

- 8:45 Non-Ringer Singers
- 9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns
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Adult Education - TODAY - As part of Wills Emphasis Sunday, the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley will teach a class on creating a legacy for your church.

May 14 "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.

An Invitation to Join the Worship Committee

Are you enjoying Worship Service this morning? So much so that you would like to be a part of the process of making it possible each week? If so, we invite you to join us today at 11:00AM in the Parlor Room for our monthly Worship Committee Meeting! We hope to see you there!

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.

Men's Bible Study

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

Spring Clean-Up TODAY

Sunday, May 7 at 1:00PM

Let's work together to spruce up the church grounds and welcome in the warmer weather. Contact Kevin Mackenzie at kandgmackenzie@comcast.net or 609-240-5512

Presbytery Fellowship Event

Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30PM

A Stated Meeting of the New Brunswick Presbytery will be held at the Garden Theatre in downtown. There will be a screening of the film, "Out of Order, Queer Pastors Redefining Church".

Non-Ringer Singers will sing next Sunday, May 14

Our pick-up choir for all ages meets on May 14 for our monthly contribution to the Sunday worship celebration. We hope that you will join us at 8:45 a.m. in the SANCTUARY when we will have you ready to sing for 9:30 am worship. No preparation, music reading, or prior choral singing experience is necessary and the choir is open to all ages--bring the kids! And a friend!

Questions? Contact Martin Tel (martin.tel@ptsem.edu) or Gail Lee (lebhaf2015@gmail.com)

Grover Vegetable Garden Update

Two rows of spinach are clearly recognizable. Jane Shafer planted peonies along the front fence in the garden, so we will have sweet blossoms for years to come. Due to your generous response, we are done collecting newspapers for mulch. If you would like to work in the garden, please let Peggy Redman (609-799-4727 or predman799@gmail.com) know so she can add you to the email list.

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

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 just 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

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.

Homework "Safe Space"

Every Wednesday 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

Did you miss the NAMI walk?

You can still donate to support this important cause. Visit www.namiwalks.org, click donate, then search for "Compassion for ALL Our Neighbors". Every donation gets us one step closer to our goal.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

OUR CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE JUNE 11
Worship Celebration Begins at 10:30am with food, fun, and fellowship to follow.

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 meeting is Thursday, May 18th at the home of Thelma Bornheimmer.

Questions? Contact Betty Blaine: 609-443-1642

West Windsor Community Day

Thanks to all the people who worked at or behind the scenes to represent Dutch Neck at West Windsor's Community Day – Bonnie Benkard, Florence Cohen, Julie Donaldson, Terri DeVincenzo, Jim Gladwin, Suzanne Hagen (who is on the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners), Mildred Moomaw, David and Peggy Redman, Clifford and Kay Reed, and Bob Thomson.

We hosted a hopping frog game, sponsored a giant firehouse -dog-slide (a perfect photo op for Appelgets), and greeted many of the 5,000 people who came to find out more about West Windsor. Check out our pictures on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian of Dutch Neck). If you have additional pictures you would like us to post, please send them to Julie Erkel Hagee: admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com

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

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.