

Our Life Together

Weekly News and Events at
First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck

June 18, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study
9:30AM Worship Celebration
11:00AM Adult Education

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

7:30PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study
9:30AM Worship Celebration
11:00AM Adult Education

Next Week's Readings:

Sunday, June 25

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10,16-17;

Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Adult Education - TODAY

The class will be devoted to an update on the progress of the Rev. E. Walker's CELDI, Inc. mission in Monrovia, Liberia. Through the miracle of modern technology, we will hear from Rev. Walker directly while he is in Liberia and we are in the classroom.

CELDI is an education and youth leadership development project founded and led by Rev. Walker, who has appeared at Dutch Neck before. CELDI provides nutritional support, homework help and educational enrichment for poor schoolchildren in the capital and, by identifying and grooming high-achieving upper-school students as peer advisors and mentors, develops young people as leaders for their country.

Dutch Neck church has been a major contributor to CELDI's founding and success, both in financial terms and by providing members for its Board of Trustees.

Men's Bible Study

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

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:

llwilli6@msn.com or 609-799-9288

For Fellowship Hosting questions, contact Debbie

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

Potluck Dinner and Movie Night

Saturday, July 15 - Fellowship Hall

Dinner starts at 6:00pm

Movie starts at 7:30pm

DNPC has organized 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 in the hospital. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation. Please plan to bring a favorite entree, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. If you are interested, contact Florence Cohen: 609-454-3883 or hhcfc@aol.com.

Grover Vegetable Garden Update

We took two pounds of Snap peas to the RISE food pantry this week, as well as collards. We have a few volunteer raspberry plants, which will be sitting just inside the small garden gate on Sunday for you to take home, first come/first served.

There will be workers in the garden on Saturday morning, if you would like to volunteer to help. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Redman (predman799@gmail.com).

2017-2018 Confirmation Class

Coming in September

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!

Trenton Rescue Mission Donations

If you are 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.

Do you want to receive our weekly *Our Life Together* and/or our Monday prayer email? Contact Julie at admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com to subscribe.

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!

DNPC FACILITY SCHEDULING

Are you planning an activity or event at DNPC? Whether for a church related function or a private event, please check the Facility Calendar at dutchneckpresbyterian.com for availability. When you are at the website, click the "About Us" tab and select "Facility Calendar" at the bottom of the list. Click on any date and you will be able to see an up-to-date listing of that days activities.

Please remember that all activities need to be scheduled through the church office in order to avoid facilities use conflicts. Contact Julie Erkel Hagee in the church office if you have questions or would like to schedule an event: 609-799-0712 or admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com.

Drive-In Movie Night - LEGO Batman

June 23, 2017 @ 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Duck Pond Park

535 Meadow Rd Princeton, NJ 08540

The Lego Batman movie is coming to the big screen! Join us at Duck Pond Park to see the Dark Knight face off against his greatest foe in true Batman style. The screening will be at the park so bring a blanket, a snack, and the entire family for what is sure to be an unforgettable movie experience.

Conversation with the Pastors

Sunday, July 16 - Cranbury Inn

Topic: Economics and Faith

Deadlines for Publication Submissions

Sunday bulletin submissions and Friday *Our Life Together* email submissions are due to the office **by noon on Tuesday**. 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: jwvanderwerff@dutchneckpresbyterian.com.
- Friday is Jan Willem's Sabbath day.

An Update from the Rev. Dr. Karla Ann Koll

(excerpts from her most recent letter)

Dear companions in mission,
Greetings from Costa Rica, where the start of the rainy season has brought unusually heavy rains. The plants in my garden are happy, but in some places roads have washed out and people have been forced from their homes. The weather here is no longer as predictable as it once was thanks to climate change. Javier, my husband, is currently in his home country of Nicaragua just to the north of Costa Rica, where the rains have not been as abundant. We hope there will be enough rain this year to help the farmers, including us, recover from years of drought.

The beginning of May found me in Rosario, Argentina, attending a regional consultation for the Commission on World Mission and Evangelization of the World Council of Churches. About twenty women and men involved in churches and theological schools around Latin America met, together with a few folks from other continents as well as some ten representatives from churches in Argentina, for four days to reflect on the movement of God's Spirit in mission today and the way God's mission emerges today in the margins of societies. On our last day in Rosario, several of us participated in a march marking the fortieth anniversary of the struggle of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, the courageous women who challenged the dictatorship by demanding to know what happened to their disappeared children and grandchildren. The Mothers continue to search for the children of those who were disappeared and earlier this year they identified the 122nd grandchild. I also was able to spend a couple of days with friends and PCUSA colleagues in Buenos Aires before I flew back to Costa Rica on May 8th...

As I finish this prayer letter, my heart is filled with sadness at the news of the death in Portland, Oregon on Friday, May 26th, of a young man, Taliesin Namkai-Meche, who had studied at Reed College with our daughter, Tamara Torrez-Koll. Taliesin was one of those who stepped in to protect two teenage women, one Muslim and one black, from a white man who was harassing them on a train. The attacker then stabbed Taliesin and two other men, one of whom also died. The attack happened a short distance from the immigration law office where Tamara works as a legal assistant. I pray for all who are victims of acts of hate and for those whose hearts are full of hate. I especially give thanks for those who stand up to hate, even at the risk of their own lives. They help us to continue to dream of a world without hate. May we find the courage to stand against hate in all its forms.

Blessings, Karla