

# Our Life Together

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

June 25, 2017

## TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:00AM Men's Bible Study  
7:30PM Deacons meeting

## SUNDAY, JULY 2

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

### Next Week's Readings:

Sunday, July 2  
Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; 15-18;  
Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Adult Sunday School

Sunday morning adult education classes have concluded for the academic year. Look for more great offerings in September.

Looking ahead:

Adult Sunday School will resume formally on Sunday, September 17 with the first of two classes that will form a "Brief Introduction to the Protestant Reformation." In 2017 we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the symbolic beginning of the Protestant Reformation--Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral on October 31, 1517.

In the early fall, we plan to hold several classes, some with the Prince of Peace Lutheran congregation, on the Reformation. Stay tuned.

### Men's Bible Study

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

### June Book Club

The book group is reading Alexander Hamilton, by Ron Chernow. This book is longer than our usual book choices, so we will discuss the second half of the book at the June meeting on Monday, June 26 at 7:30. Happy reading! Questions? Contact Terri DeVincenzo: [rtcenz@verizon.net](mailto:rtcenz@verizon.net) or 609-716-1776

### Conversation with the Pastors

Sunday, July 16 at 7:00PM - Cranbury Inn  
There will be a presentation by David Hitchcock on the topic of economics and faith.

### 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 [hhcfjec@aol.com](mailto:hhcfjec@aol.com).

### Grover Vegetable Garden Update

While weeding a potato row this week I picked up a "rock" the size of a 5-year-old's fist and realized it was a potato, growing right at the surface! If you want to make surprising discoveries, or just help feed hungry people, please consider weeding (you can come on your own schedule for a quiet experience or on Saturday morning for a communal one) or harvesting on Sunday afternoon at 5:00. Contact Peggy Redman ([predman799@gmail.com](mailto:predman799@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com).
- For pastoral emergencies, please call his cell phone at (609) 580-0556 anytime.
- Through e-mail: [jwvanderwerff@dutchneckpresbyterian.com](mailto:jwvanderwerff@dutchneckpresbyterian.com).
- Friday is Jan Willem's Sabbath day.

### July Birthdays

Elizabeth Hillpot	07/01
Kim Kelly	07/01
Kyle LaForge	07/01
Jim Souders	07/01
Beverly Souders	07/02
Casey Sue Gervasio	07/03
Cynthia Applegate	07/07
Brittany Benfer	07/07
Matthew Mansfield	07/07
Robert Taylor	07/07
Philomena Bergstrom	07/08
Katelyn Britton	07/08
Erik Luijendijk	07/08
Robin Schwing	07/08
Barton Kartoz	07/13
Charlotte Wonnell	07/13
Steve Hansen	07/15
Peg Ellery	07/16
Ronnie Hanley	07/16
Don Van Antwerpen	07/16
Madison Cannon	07/17
Ken Carter	07/19
Jacquelyn Dearborn	07/19
Thelma Bornheimer	07/21
Lucas Carter	07/21
Carolyn Hurlburt	07/21
Betty Anderson	07/22
Terri DeVincenzo	07/22
Elizabeth Mansfield	07/22
Peggy Redman	07/23
Gordon Riggs	07/23
John Gleim	07/24
Kevin Mackenzie	07/24
Elizabeth Anderson	07/25
Melanie Bugher	07/25
Jesse Coleman Jr.	07/26
Olivia Donaldson	07/26
Pamela Hansell	07/27
Linda Gage	07/28
Gilbert Gleim	07/30
Nicholas Lusdyk	07/30
Keith Reed	07/30
Tom LePrevost	07/31

## SUMMARY OF JUNE SESSION MEETING

June 20, 2017

At the end of an absolutely beautiful day, Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and at the summer solstice, session gathered behind the rear parking lot to inspect the proposed site for a memorial garden for the interment of ashes. Bob Dix, Facilities Care, and Gordon Riggs, Cemetery Committee, showed plans for a 10' X 12' garden space, with a 6' granite monument centered in it, that would hold up to 108 names. Access to the memorial garden would be by a new road extending from the parking lot, out to the garden and then cutting across the graveyard to connect with the current access road along the south side of the CE building. Later, inside, session formally approved the plans—which will cost approximately \$22,000.

Session heard from members of the music staff, first individually—Ken and Amy Carter for the Children's Choir; Gail Lee for the Chancel, Bell, and chimes choirs; and Martin Tel, organist—and then together, to assess the health and vitality of the church's music program. It was universally acknowledged that our music is both a strength and a blessing to our worship life and that we need to preserve and support it. The Children's and Chancel choirs are in good shape—both larger now than they were even a couple of years ago. Age and retirement moves have had an adverse impact on the Bell Choir, however, and steps must be taken to shore it up. Using Zigler funds to hire, e.g., Westminster Choir College ringers was suggested.

The church has three young people under care in the process of preparation for ordained ministry. Tonight session heard from Sarah Logemann, an Inquirer, who is doing a summer internship at the PC(USA)'s headquarters in Louisville, KY. Active, busy, thoughtful, and articulate, Sarah said she has learned a great deal about her call to ministry since the last time she talked to session and feels ready to move on to the next stage, that of Candidate. Session, and Sarah's liaison Sharon Gladwin, agreed and formally agreed to keep her under our care and support her request to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) to advance to Candidacy. Sarah is due to appear before CPM on October 2, 2017.

Finally, session said a sad farewell to Bill Davis. He and Debbie—who have done so much for the church in so many ways over decades--will be departing the area July 1 for Dover, NH, to be close (like, next door!) to their grandchildren. Session presented Bill with a signed card of good wishes and a new book by Krista Tippett.

Respectfully submitted,

David Redman, *Clerk*

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### **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](mailto:lwilli6@msn.com) or 609-799-9288

For Fellowship Hosting questions, contact Debbie Gervasio: [dg144@verizon.net](mailto:dg144@verizon.net) or 609-586-4065

## New Ministries Initiative Fund

The First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck  
with Christ as our center,  
we are led by the Holy Spirit  
*to be a dynamic, interactive, innovative church,*  
inspired to reach out to one another,  
to our community, and to the world.

New ministries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are likely to be “entrepreneurial” in nature and driven by small groups of congregants; “entrepreneurial” in the sense that one or more people see an unmet missional/social need and propose plans to meet that need. Small groups of 4 to 6 individuals would drive these initiatives because no one individual is likely to have all the energy and ideas needed to make the plan succeed and because the best problem-solving requires the energy and expertise of several dedicated people.

New enterprises often need seed capital to test their concept and get off the ground. “Starter grants” are common in scientific research, for example, to help investigators sharpen and refine their ideas. It is proposed that a substantial portion--\$10,000—of the 2016 budget surplus of just over \$17,000 be turned into a New Ministries Initiative Fund, the money to be put into a “foundation fund” of its own among other church funds and financial assets (and, to be clear: the whole amount of the fund would be available for expenditure, not just the interest); unused funds in 2017-18 would be carried over into the next year.

Session shall invite and encourage members of the congregation to think of new missional activities, make a plan, then build a team to carry them out and, if financial resources are needed to implement the plan, apply to this fund for help. Teams would be strongly encouraged to consult with session members, session committees and teams, Presbytery committees, community organizations, or any other resource that is likely to offer sound planning and spiritual insight (e.g., our pastor, other pastors, experts from the Seminary, etc.). Session would solicit applications quarterly, review them and, with advice and guidance from the pastor, select and fund promising projects. Proposals must address human needs.

New “entrepreneurial” ministries might serve both a missional need *and* generate additional resources for the church; they might be just “break-even” operations; and some will undoubtedly fail. But the important principle behind this initiative is that the Gospel enjoins us to be risk-takers, not risk-avoiders, in order to further God’s kingdom here and now.

### Guidelines:

Proposals shall be no more than one page and state the purpose of the project and the group or problem or need it is targeting, the membership of the team, the time-frame of the project, and the means by which the project will be evaluated. A budget statement, if funds are being requested, may be an additional page or attachment.

There will be four proposal deadlines during the year (2017-18): September 15 and December 15, 2017, and March 15 and June 15, 2018.

Session and the pastor will review the proposals at their regular monthly meeting after the submission date and choose promising proposals. Submission does not guarantee selection.

Successful teams will be required to give session a progress report on their project at the half-way point.

If you have questions or ideas, please contact David Redman at [redmandn@gmail.com](mailto:redmandn@gmail.com).