

# Our Life Together

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

July 2, 2017

## TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study

9:30AM Worship Celebration

## TUESDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

## SUNDAY, JULY 9

9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study

9:30AM Worship Celebration

### Next Week's Readings:

Sunday, July 9 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17;

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Men's Bible Study

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

### 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.

### Adult Sunday School

Looking ahead:

Sunday, September 17, 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.

## Grover Vegetable Garden Update

As we were standing up after a companionable time of weeding, Lillian Wei told me a saying, something like "If you kneel for your father and you kneel for your mother, your garden will prosper." If you would like to honor your parents, feel free to do so in our vegetable garden! You can come any time, but you are most likely find company there on Saturday morning. If you have questions, please contact Peggy Redman, [predman799@gmail.com](mailto:predman799@gmail.com).

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

## Cereal Sundays

Once again, it's time to help our HomeFront friends by providing boxes of low sugar cereal. These items are used to provide breakfast for the day campers and to provide meals for the semi-permanent guests at the residence facility. A collection boxes will be in the narthex, the red wagon, and the fellowship hall. Last year our goal was to collect 200 boxes to commemorate our bicentennial. We can do this again with your help!!!

## 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. Please make sure your article includes contact information.

### **Backpacks for NJ Children's Home Society**

The Deacons are once again doing the backpack project for the Children's Home Society which benefits children and families in need in the Trenton area. Please stop by the deacons' table during fellowship hour to sign up for a child's name and pick up a list of ideas to help in choosing items to fill the backpacks. All backpacks need to be brought in to the church no later than August 6th. Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have questions, please contact Linda Benfer at [lbenfer@comcast.net](mailto:lbenfer@comcast.net) or 609-799-4166.

### **Mid-year Giving Statements**

Thank you for your faithful giving to Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church! All givers and pledgers have received or will soon receive giving statements by mail. The statement includes all recorded giving from January through June. When your statement arrives, please check it carefully for accuracy. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Julie in the church office: [admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com](mailto:admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com) or 609-799-0712.

### **2017-2018 Confirmation Class**

Coming in September

This September, we will be starting our Confirmation Class for the 2017-2018 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: [admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com](mailto:admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com) or 609-799-0712.

### **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.