

Our Life Together

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

July 16, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study
9:30AM Worship Celebration
7:00 PM Conversation with the Pastors

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Sunday, July 23 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 28:10-19a and *Psalms* 139:1-12, 23-24 •
Romans 8:12-25 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

ADULT EDUCATION

Conversation with the Pastors

"Economics and Social Welfare"

Sunday, July 16 at 7:00 PM - Cranbury Inn

There will be a presentation by David Hitchcock on the topic of economics and faith. In preparation for the discussion, please view "Free To Choose 1980 - Vol. 04 From Cradle to Grave - Full Video" on YouTube. The second half of the video is especially helpful for our examination of the topic.

Men's Bible Study

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

Lectionary Texts and Hymns

Every Sunday at 9:00 AM., before the regular service, come meet and read and discuss the day's Bible texts and/or explore the hymns we will sing. We meet in the parlor in the Christian Education building.

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

This week a new set of Girl Scouts helped weed and harvest. We took over 10 pounds of beautiful yellow squash to the RISE food pantry in Hightstown, as well as lots of green beans. However, something is nibbling on our vegetables, after having gnawed a series of holes in our double fence. Do you have a trap you could lend us for a week? If you have questions, please contact Peggy Redman, predman799@gmail.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 the Cornerbrightners challenged us to collect 200 boxes to commemorate our bicentennial. We can do this again with your help!!!

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 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 or 609-799-0712.

La Convivencia

Celebrating Food and Music Across Faiths and Cultures

Saturday, August 5, 2017, 3PM -5PM

Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

An afternoon of musical and food traditions across the faith and cultures. All are welcomed. There is no better way to build relationships than over food and music—that's why La Convivencia is hosting a community potluck to foster stronger relationships and understanding between people of different ethnicity and faiths, something more important now than ever before. Please bring a dish from your tradition to share! Join us and build stronger relationships in shared service to our community! Bring jars of peanut butter, grape jelly, and loaves of bread to donate to Arm & Arm.

For more details, please visit www.laconvivencia.org

If you have further questions, contact Tasneem Sultan: tasneemqsultan@gmail.com

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, 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 note, Trenton Rescue Mission does not accept games, toys, or car seats.** Thank you for 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 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!

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. Please make sure your article includes contact information.

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 day's 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 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.
- 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.