

Our Life Together

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

July 23, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, JULY 30

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

ADULT EDUCATION

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Sunday, July 30

Genesis 29:15-28 and *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or
Psalm 128* • 1 Kings 3:5-12 and *Psalm 119:129-136* •
Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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.

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!!!

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.

Grover Vegetable Garden Update

On Monday morning, with the use of Ron Slinn's HavaHart trap, we removed a young woodchuck. Despite warnings that woodchucks come in families, on Tuesday morning the trap was empty. Here's hoping it remains so for the rest of the week and we can return the trap on Sunday! This Monday morning we took almost 50 pounds of yellow squash to Hightstown's RISE food pantry, and Monday afternoon we had to harvest more. Would you be willing to conduct a daily harvest in early August and leave the squash in the fellowship hall refrigerator? Please let Peggy Redman know at predman799@gmail.com. The 5:00 Sunday harvest could also use more helpers, as green beans are thick on the bushes.

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.

How to Reach the Pastor:

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 (609) 799-0712.

The Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff will be away thru Aug 20. If you have a pastoral concern please contact the church office, or the following deacons: Julie Donaldson 609-731-2971 or Terri DeVincenzo 609-716-1776.

In case of a pastoral emergency you can also contact:
The Rev. Anita Milne: 609-213-7129; e-mail: anitajmilne@gmail.com
The Rev. Dawn Adamy: 609-306-3739; e-mail: revdawnhpc@comcast.net

Community National Night Out Against Crime

Tues. Aug. 1, 2017 at WW Comm. Park 5 PM-10 PM
This has historically been a great opportunity to meet neighbors, community leaders, our officers, EMS & volunteer firefighters. There will be entertainment, food, games, & inflatable. If you have any questions feel free to contact Ptl. Insalaco at (609) 799-1222 or Insalaco@westwindsorpolice.com

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!

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!
The West Windsor Township PD is once again taking part in the annual National Night Out Against Crime. This year it will take place on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 5 pm-10 pm at the West Windsor Community Park located at 193 Princeton-Hightstown Road and is free to attend.

An Update from the Rev. Dr. Karla Ann Koll
Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Co-worker
Serving in San Jose, Costa Rica and supported by DNPC

Dear Friends,

As July began, I was in Leipzig, Germany, serving on the language services team for the General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC). It was wonderful to see the Reformed family gather from around the world. The WCRC includes more than 80 million Christians in over 220 churches from 109 countries, though not all member churches were able to send representatives to Leipzig. Though English was the dominant language, we worked in five additional languages: Spanish, French, German, Bahasa Indonesia, and Korean. My friend and colleague Elsa Tamez, who served as the first president of the Latin American Biblical University (UBL), offered two of the Bible studies. It was a joy for me to be able to interpret for Elsa, allowing those who didn't understand Spanish to enjoy her creative approach to Paul's letter to the Romans through the voice of Phoebe, the minister from the church in Cenchreae and bearer of the letter to the church in Rome (Rom. 16:1).

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Now I am back at work at the Latin American Biblical University (UBL) here in Costa Rica, where we are in the middle of our second semester of the year. I continue to accompany distance students working through courses in the history of Christianity and ethics. We are excited to see several students close to completing their bachelor's or licenciate theses. Our coordinating team is already making plans for next year, seeking ways to encourage more people to enter theological studies in Costa Rica and around Latin America, even as we continue to wait for the Costa Rican government to approve our on-line bachelor's programs.

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As I close this letter, I am filled with gratitude for the many ways in which I am privileged to accompany Christian women and men who striving for a just and verdant world. I am thankful for the gifts and prayers that make my mission service in Central America possible. Thank you to all of you for walking this journey with me.

Blessings,
Karla

This article contains only a few excerpts from the Rev. Dr. Koll's letter. To read her entire letter, please click on the link in the Friday, July 21, Our Life Together email.