

# Our Life Together

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

August 27, 2017

## TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study

9:30AM Worship Celebration

## MONDAY, AUGUST 28

7:30 pm Women's Book Club

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

7:30PM Deacons Meeting

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study

9:30AM Worship Celebration

### Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Sunday, September 3 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Romans 12:9-21 • Matthew 16:21-28

### 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

This summer Conerbrightners has been gathering low-sugar cereals to provide a healthy breakfast for children who might not otherwise get one. All cereals are taken to Homefront from which they are distributed to those with greatest need. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE SO WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL OF COLLECTING 200 BOXES BY THE END OF AUGUST. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

### Grover Garden Update

We have started lifting potatoes from the soil, a beautiful task as the pink Red Norlands are exposed in the dark brown earth. The job requires patient strength and a deft use of a shovel or garden fork. Come join our harvest Sunday at 5:00 PM in the fenced-in garden behind the CE building. We still need help with cutting the grass on the garden pathways. Please contact Peggy Redman (predman799@gmail.com) for information.

### 2017-2018 Confirmation Class

On Sunday, September 10, from 11:00-12:15 in the youth room, 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!

### Book Club News

The women's book club will meet on Monday, August 28 at 7:30 PM to discuss the summer reading selections we each have read and decide what books we might want to read going forward. If we can get the book in a bag selection (Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance) by that night, we will distribute them. That will be the book we discuss at the end of September (date to be announced). So, please come with your favorite picks from your summer reading. Happy reading!

### Ministries Fair

The Ministries Fair will be held during fellowship hour just after the 9:30 Worship Service on September 10. Fellowship Hall will be open at 8:30 so committees can set up tables for their displays about planned activities for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Members and visitors are urged to visit each table to plan their year and to see what other Dutch Neckers are doing.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 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](mailto:admin@dutchneckpresbyterian.com) or 609-799-0712.

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

### The 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."

The New Ministries Initiative Fund is the result of a recent session action to establish a mechanism to generate new ministry ideas by members of our congregation. To learn more, read over the document links in our Friday *Our Life Together* email or contact David Redman at [redmandn@gmail.com](mailto:redmandn@gmail.com).

Our first proposal deadline is September 15. We would love to hear your questions, suggestions, and ideas.

### 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!

## September Birthdays

Hazel Bencoter	09/03	Isabel Williams	09/12	William Bencoter	09/23
Carole Carson	09/03	Olivia Williams	09/12	Emily Anderson	09/24
Sarah Logemann	09/03	Joy Whipple	09/16	Spencer Perrine	09/24
Laura Whipple	09/03	Katelyn Haegley	09/17	Clifford Reed	09/24
Megan Martin	09/04	James Britton	09/18	Tom Haegley	09/27
Laura McCormick	09/05	Kate Brubaker	09/18	Grant Weingaertner	09/27
Christian Seeland	09/06	Sarah Javick	09/18	Luke Weingaertner	09/27
Christopher Davis	09/08	Susan Berenato	09/19	Reid Weingaertner	09/27
Patrick Murtland	09/08	Kees Luijendijk	09/19	Blair Bugher	09/28
Ellen Ruckstuhl	09/08	Gregory Olsson	09/19	Elfriede Dilatush	09/28
Mattias Diaz	09/09	Henry Hamm	09/20	Ryder Horan	09/28
Kristen McCormick	09/09	Ernest Acheampong	09/21	Robert Kelly	09/29
		Felicity Murtland	09/21	David Redman	09/29
		Laura Dunn	09/22	Marybeth Ruddy	09/29
		Daniel Velez	09/22	Amy Carter	09/30