

Our Life Together

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

September 10, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

- 9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study
- 9:30AM Worship Celebration
- 9:45AM Children's Sunday School, Bible & Bagels
- 10:30AM Ministries Fair
- 11:00AM Confirmation Class

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 7:00PM 9/11 Remembrance

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 10:30AM Busy Bees
- 5:30 Presbytery Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:00AM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:00AM Lectionary Texts and Hymns Study
- 9:30AM Worship Celebration
- 9:45AM Children's Sunday School, Bible & Bagels
- 10:30AM Fellowship Hour
- 11:00AM Adult Education
- 11:00AM Confirmation Class

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Sunday, September 17 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-35

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.

Ministries Fair Today

The Ministries Fair will be held during fellowship hour just after today's Worship Celebration. Members and visitors are urged to visit each table to plan their year and to see what other Dutch Neckers are doing.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Designate gifts to DR000169-Harvey. You can also give with a credit card by visiting presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY or by phone at 800-872-3283.

Grover Garden Update

We grew 50 pounds of red potatoes in one row, and 75 pounds of brown potatoes in the next row over, with the same amount of effort. Hmm. We were able to distribute tiny potatoes to doll owners who came to church this past Sunday; the rest of the potatoes went to RISE food pantry. Please join us on Sunday at 5:00 to harvest tomatoes, peppers, beans, squash, and basil. For information please contact Peggy Redman at predman799@gmail.com.

Busy Bees

Time to dust off your knitting needles and crochet hooks. The Busy Bees will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12, at 10:30 am, upstairs in the CE building (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE). All are welcome. We supply yarn, coffee, and dessert, so bring a sandwich. For more info call Bev Souders at 799-1612 or Peg Ellery at 426-8728.

Cornerbrightners

The Cornerbrightners will be meeting on Thursday, September 21, at 10:30 AM at Betty Blaine's home. If you have questions, contact Betty Blaine at 609-443-1642

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 group will be reading, *The Hillbilly Elegy*, by J. D. Vance for the month of September. The discussion will be on Tuesday September 26 at 7:30 in the parlor. There are 6 books circulating from Book in a bag program. If you are in need of a book please contact Terri DeVincenzo. Happy Reading!

September 11th Remembrance Ceremony

September 11th Remembrance Ceremony to be held on Monday, September 11th at 7:00 PM at the Ron Rogers Arboretum, Memorial Twin Ponds (Across from West Windsor High School South, at the corner of Clarksville Road and Rt. 571)

The Commemoration will include an invocation by Jan Willem, a reading of names, and laying of the wreath.

Women's Retreat "Spiritual Spa"

November 10-12

Registration for our retreat is now open!

Just email Sally Stillwell at sallys4@verizon.net or Terri DeVincenzo at rtcenz@verizon.net and say, "yes, I'm in."

We will gather at Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 10 at 6pm and carpool our way to the retreat center in Mantoloking, NJ. We will return after lunch on Sunday, the 12th. Leading our retreat will be Rev. Terry Thomas Primer, DMin. She is currently the chaplain at Monroe Village. Costs for the retreat are estimated at \$225 per person. They include 2 nights of single room lodging and 5 meals.

We are grateful for the generous grant from the Earl Tindall Memorial Fund and offer heartfelt thanks to Lisa and Steve Melchoir. Their support makes the retreat programming and leadership possible.

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

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.

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

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.