

Our Life Together

Weekly News and Events at
First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck

September 17, 2017

TODAY AT DUTCH NECK

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 7:30PM Session

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 7:00AM Men's Bible Study
- 7:15PM Centering Prayer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 10:30AM Cornerbrightners
- 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 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 24 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

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

Reformation I: Luther and the 95 Theses, taught by Matt Habgood, Princeton Theological Seminary
Today is the first of two classes that will form a "Brief Introduction to the Protestant Reformation." We are celebrating 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.

Men's Bible Study

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

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

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!

Hurricane Relief

Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Gifts can be designated in two ways: Hurricane Harvey (DR000169-Harvey) and Atlantic Regional Hurricanes (DR000194). You can also give with a credit card by visiting presbyterianmission.org or by phone at 800-872-3283.

Grover Garden Update

We reseeded the potato rows with cilantro and radishes, famous for being fast growers. Please join us on Sunday at 4:00 to harvest tomatoes, peppers, beans, squash, and basil. For information please contact Peggy Redman at predman799@gmail.com.

2017-2018 Confirmation Class

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

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

Facilities Update

The Facilities Care Committee has 3 large projects that we are working on and would like to bring to your attention:

1. Memorial Garden - this is an area that will be located in the "new" section of the cemetery behind the rear parking lot. It will be a space where individuals can place the ashes (cremains) of their loved ones in a space - including a single grave stone for names - separate from the traditional burial plots. Small biodegradable bags containing the cremains will be placed in the ground where they will eventually become "one with the soil". Alternatively, members can purchase a single plot with room for 4 urns containing remains. A new road will connect the parking lot to the MG and through to the oval road in the section of Cemetery abutting properties on Village road. Work to start soon.

2. Shed - the current shed is in serious disrepair and in need of replacement. Demolition will be conducted by Carmine once the appropriate permits are obtained. We will replace it with a smaller and more maintenance-free version.

3. New windows in Fellowship Hall - the "colored" windows at the end (facing parking lot) of FH on both sides of the stage are also in need of repair due to the presence of significant rot in most of the wooden supports between the windows. Since repair would be costly - and windows are 60s era with little/no insulation - we have decided to replace them. While this will be expensive, in the long run it will be the most cost efficient solution. **We are now collecting donations to the Repair Fund to help defray the cost (\$30K)** and to help preserve our capital monies for future projects (e.g., new boiler, painting exterior of Christian Ed building). **Donations may be made directly to the church office or placed in the offering using a Repair Fund envelope.**

Upcoming Events - Fall Clean-up: Sunday Oct 29, 1-3.
As always, we appreciate the tremendous support you have always demonstrated toward our facility projects/work.

Sincerely,

Facility Co-Chairs
Bob Dix, Kevin Mackenzie

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.

Community Blood Drive - October 28, 10AM - 3PM
Please consider giving the gift of life by participating in the upcoming community blood drive, sponsored by Religious Leaders of West Windsor. See the Rev. Donna Bevenssee after service to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Please see bulletin insert for more details.

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.