

Tower Time

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He has arrived! Scott Thayer started his work on January 17, 2010. Two generous members of our congregation, Brian and Maria Swedberg, are lending him their Seaside Park summer house for several months while Scott waits for his wife Karen and son Zach to join him in New Jersey. Zach is finishing a semester of middle school in Houston.

Please pray for Scott's work in pastoral care and if you have ideas and suggestions about improving our efforts to support and love our members please share them. We'll be evaluating all we are doing (and not doing) over the next months and then launching some new care initiatives.

Remember also Karen's parents in your prayers. Her father is 94 and ill and has been caring for his wife who is 91. As soon as the Thayers find a home here they'll move her parents down to Toms River.

Our Lenten Season begins with a service on Ash Wednesday, February

17th. Wednesday Lenten Services and our weekend worship will focus on living our lives as Christ's disciples without fear. We'll use Max Lucado's book "Fearless" on Wednesdays when our Lenten dinners will lead to worship time and then small group discussion.

Can you imagine life free from fear? Fears can inhibit and constrict, they can paralyze us and shorten our life spans, or they can just lessen our capacity for joy. The comprehensive character of fear in daily life is well illustrated by the emotions surrounding a move such as the Thayer family is undertaking. Moving often involves a fear of the new and unknown, a fear of failure in untried responsibilities, a fear of running out of funds in an expensive new setting, a fear for your children, and for the sick or aged, a fear of death! Many of us spend countless hours anxiously focused on the worst case scenario.

I'll be writing an accompanying devotional for daily use on these same things. Plan on a Lenten Season where we face and conquer our fears. Give Scott your best PCTR greeting and pray 2010 will be a seminal year in our life and mission together.

*Yours faithfully,
David*

February Worship

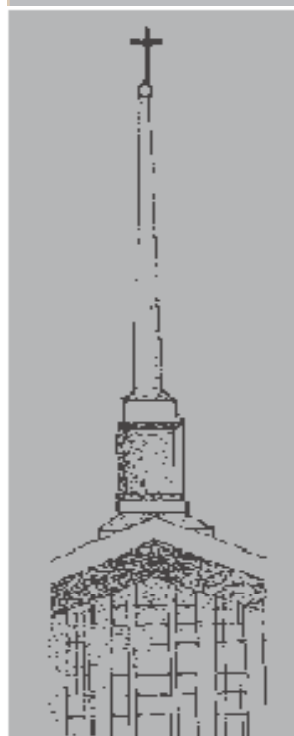
January 30th & 31st
Victoria A. P. Pruner
"Language of the Heart"

February 6th & 7th
Scott A. Thayer
"Keeping Secrets"

February 13th & 14th
David M. Joynt
"Knee-mail"

**Series: Living Without
Fear**

February 20th & 21st
David M. Joynt
"Fear & Faith"

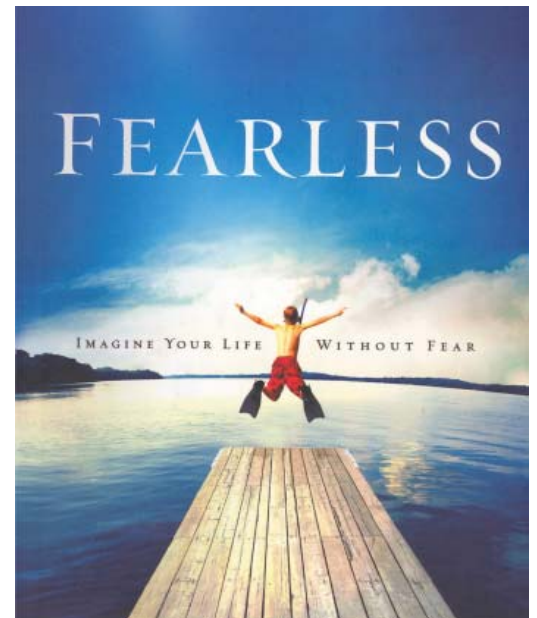


Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear.

We fear being sued, finishing last, going broke, the mole on the back, and the sound of the clock as it ticks us closer to the grave. Every season brings fresh reasons for fear. They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word terror. Fear sucks the life out of the soul, curls us into embryonic state, and drains us dry of contentment. Wouldn't it be great to escape it? What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? According to Jesus, this is possible. The one statement he made more than any other was this: "Don't be afraid." During our Lenten Series we will use the book "Fearless" written by Max Lucado. We will through worship, study and discussion discover Jesus' invitation to courage and new fearless life!

To be part of our "Church Wide" study of "Fearless" just sign up! Use the Lenten Series bulletin inserts, or go to the Adult Education table outside of Fellowship Hall. Our Lenten Series begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and continues each Wednesday through March 24th. Our schedule is as follows:

- 5:30-6:30 – Dinner in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30-7:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00-8:30 – Small group study and discussion time using Max Lucado's "Fearless" series

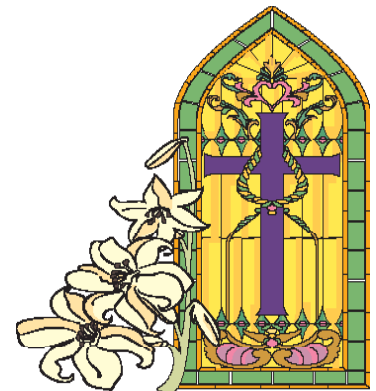


The price for dinner if paid in advance will be \$7.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for children under 12 and \$16 for a family. At the door the price will be \$10.00 for adults and \$20.00 for a family.

As always, children are welcome for the entire evening. During worship and the adult small group time which follows, the children will meet in the Creation Room for their own study of FEARLESS – using an adaptation of the "Fearless" series.

The Junior and Senior Highs are also included in this great study. They will attend worship from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. After the worship time, the Junior Highs will meet in the Haven and the Senior Highs will meet in the River for a time of study centered on "Fearless." Both Fellowship groups will end at their regular times.

*To My Church Family,
I'd like to say **THANK YOU** for the
many cards and prayers I received
during the time I was out. Your
concern really touched me and
made a rough time go smoother.
Thanks! Your friend,
Mr. Joe*



Once a Year . . .

We make New Year's resolutions to get a physical, rotate our tires, pay our taxes, spring clean (if we're lucky) and, in the Presbyterian Church USA, pay our Per Capita. Per Capita is a set amount of money per member that is given to the larger Presbyterian Church. This year PCTR will no longer take money from the budget to pay your per capita. The 2010 per capita is \$34.92 per member. We ask that you give your per capita in the

"Per Capita" envelope in your envelope packet or found in the pews.

Remember, confirmed members who are youth also are to pay \$34.92 per capita. If you need to spread out your per capita payments over several months that is fine. Just remember per capita comes just once a year!

Thank you for your support!

Confirmation Class of 2010

The youth of our church are off to a great start in 2010. An incredible group of our young adults made their confirmation on Sunday, January 10th. Please take a moment to view their pictures and read their statements of faith displayed on the bulletin board located near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. It has been such a joy for our staff, confirmation leaders, mentors, and families to share this twelve week journey with these young people of such impressive insight, faith and love. We wish them God's continued blessings as they begin a new chapter in their faith journey as members of PCTR.

Matthew Beyers	Ryan Fabricatore	Peter Marino	Trevor Signorino
Rachel Beyers	Joseph Finley	Natalie Maszera	Kyle Stanley
Sarah Beyers	Hayley Garrison	Madison McCall	Zachary Strouse
Samantha Burns	Tristan Geiger	Ian McConville	Marisa Summers
Peter Cagno	Peter Johnson	Oliva Ollendorf	Ashley Taintor
Jessica Celmer	Madeleine Joynt	Gabriella Pedersen	Luke Thomson
Michael Celmer	Emily Karu	Mike Petrowsky	Katherine Toomey
Sarah Culp	Ryan Klem	Alexander Quattrock	Anthony Viglione
Samantha D'Amato	Kevan Kubiel	Shelly Ridgway	George Vliet
Devon Dries			Presley Wolf

PCTR NEEDS YOUR E-MAIL

It is easier and quicker to spread the word of the Church's new and ongoing programs and events through e-mail.

***Currently over 200 families are signed up and receive our Church e-mails. Why not you?
Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.***

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

e-mail: _____

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Moses charged the people of Israel to love God with their whole heart, to keep these words write them on their hearts AND to teach them diligently to your children, talk to them your home, and when you are away, bind them as a sign on your hand.

Our children's ministry hears God's charge to us through the words of Moses. During each week children come to PCTR and learn of God's love through study, song and fellowship. Yet for us to faithfully teach our children there must be times of learning at home. In the hectic pace of life so often "God's time" is squeezed out. In the new year we encourage our families to break free and share your faith with your children. Before you know it they will be grown facing decisions of life, let us together prepare them for the great adventure God has in store for them.

Our four **Church Schools** began their new term of our Church School Curriculum. We will be learning about Jesus' life and ministry. What a joy it is to watch the children grow in their faith. We are truly blessed by God to have such energetically faithful children!

The children will be receiving their One Great Hour of Sharing Banks on February 21st. Each child is asked to save over the next few weeks to help people in need throughout the world. This offering is one of the offerings that was there to help the people of Haiti. The children are bring their banks on Palm Sunday March 28th during the worship service.

Family Sunday will be on the 21st and we ask that children dress in play clothes ready to compete in the PCTR Winter Olympics. Our children's choirs will sing in worship and then all the children will head to the opening games in Fellowship Hall.

Our **AIM Club** started back in January and have begun to prepare for singing on February 21st. We will be finishing a series on "Jesus' life" learning about the people along the way who were changed by his great teachings. As Lent begins we will join the congregation in studying "Fearless" by Max Lucado. We will explore the many real and imagined fears that hold our children back. Often keeping them from following where Jesus is leading.

Star Club has close to 40 young children 3 and 4 years old, they have such fun as they sing songs with Michael. As they listen to the stories of faith they are amazed by God's power and love. The children will be preparing to sing again in March, so it is the perfect time for your little one to join us on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00pm

Our very young children (1-5) and their parent(s) will gather on February 5th in Fellowship Hall for **Mustard Seeds**. Each time we come together it is wonderful. So many of the children learn for the first time what it is like to make a friend, share a toy, to create a work of art to hang up at home.

Each time we have a Bible story, music, craft and free time. Newcomers are welcome, don't be shy bring along a child in your life and share in the wonder of childhood.

One of the steps as young Christians is coming to the Lord's Table. We call this stage in a young person's life "**Disciples' Communion**." On Sunday, February 28th at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel, there will be a meeting for our 5th grade youth and their parents to begin preparing for "Disciples' Communion." As a part of the process, parents and youth meet with the ministers and are given materials to assist them in preparing. The youth will then come to the Lord's Table on Maundy Thursday April 1st. We hope you will plan to be a part of this very serious faith-step for your son or daughter. If you have any questions, please contact Tory Pruner at the Church.

Children's Ministry Calendar Church School -

Saturday at 5:00 pm,

Sundays at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

AIM - 1st through 5th grade

Fellowship/choir

Tuesdays at 4:15-6:30 pm

Star Club - Pre-K - K

Fellowship/choir

Wednesdays at 4:00-5:30 pm

Mustard Seeds - 1yr. - 5 yrs.

Friday, November 13 - 9:30-11:00

Special Dates:

Ash Wednesday, February 17th

Disciple's Communion Meeting -

February 28th - 12:30 in the Chapel

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our CAST and FISH groups have also kicked off the year with great enthusiasm. We continue to study the Book of John during our time together. January included our "Rennid Evissergorp" which is a Progressive Dinner spelled backwards and performed in reverse. Wouldn't we all prefer to eat dessert first? It was a fun and fellowship-filled time had by all. We would like to extend our most heartfelt "Thank You" to the wonderful parents and friends who so graciously opened their hearts and homes to make this event possible.

The young adults of PCTR are active in our church and community in so many ways. Please keep an eye out for them as they serve and celebrate our great God in our choirs, our Sunday school classrooms, our Youth Deacons, Bible Study Groups, CAST and FISH programs, Boys Scouts, and in our high schools' concerts, plays and athletics. God has blessed them with many gifts and talents. Please keep them in your prayers as they work to use them to make a difference here at PCTR and in our community.

GET OUT YOUR CRAYONS!

THE PCTR YOUTH COUNCIL ART SHOW & AUCTION WILL BE COMING IN MARCH

The New Year is upon us and we are preparing for the "Third Annual Art Show & Auction". Please be sure to check the bulletin for the March weekend date and mark your calendar as this is one event you won't want to miss. You are all invited to join us in Fellowship Hall Saturday, 3-5 & 6-8 pm and on Sunday before and after each service. All art work will be displayed at these times and then on Sunday at 12:30 pm we will host a "Meet & Greet" where you'll be able to meet the artists, enjoy some refreshments and participate in an auction of all the work displayed.

Once again we are looking to you to share your artistic gifts and talents by donating one or more pieces of your artwork to be displayed and auctioned. Any visual art would be welcome. We also welcome original photography, textile wall hangings, pottery and handmade jewelry. All work should be either matted, framed or prepared for display and **must be received the first week of March**. We're hoping to see all of last year's artists and some new faces too! Remember that this is for a very good cause as all proceeds will go towards our Youth Mission Trips!

Winter Camp Adventure to Lake Champion

A fun-filled, adventure-filled and Christ-centered weekend to reconnect with old friends, meet hundreds of new ones, enjoy live music, good food, and the great outdoors including hiking and a zip-line is planned just for you. The CAST and FISH Youth Groups along with our Advisors have an exciting month of activities to look forward to. One of the highlights of our Youth Calendar is the trip we have planned in late February/early March to Lake Champion, NY for Winter Camp. FISH are scheduled to travel the weekend of February 26th - 28th. CAST is planned for March 5th - 7th. This is a great time to spend studying God's word, worshipping him through music and celebrating him in fun and fellowship with Christians from churches throughout the area. All youth are welcome to attend. Look for permission slips in The River, outside the Ministry Office and outside Fellowship Hall.

Youth Ministry Calendar

Jr. High Bible Study

Saturday at 5:00 pm - the River

Sunday at 10:00 am - Mission Room

Sr. High Bible Study

Sunday at 10:00 - the River

CAST - Wednesday Nights

5:00pm Jr High Bells - the Sanctuary

5:30pm Jr High Choir - Small Rehearsal Room

6:30pm CAST begins in the River

FISH - Wednesday Nights

5:30pm Sr High Bells in the Sanctuary

6:00pm Sr High Choir

Large Rehearsal Room

7:00pm FISH begins in the River

Special Dates

Feb. 3rd - Youth Week Applications Available

Feb. 7th - Souper Bowl

**Feb. 24th - CAST Away/FISH'n Trip
Youth Week Applications Due**

Feb. 26-28 - FISH WinterCamp

March 5-7 - CAST WinterCamp

Sunday Morning Adult Education in the Haven

Encounters - 9:45-11:00

The Encounters along the Way group, which meets from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m., will continue the study of Max Lucado’s Next Door Savior – Near Enough to Touch – Strong Enough to Trust. Just as Jesus walked the streets of Nazareth and Jerusalem, he’s walking our streets today. Are you stressed, poor or lonely? He understands because he’s been there. Unsure of the future? Upset that friends have let you down? He’s been there, too. As Max Lucado points out, “Whatever you are facing, he knows how you feel.... When you turn to him for help, he runs to you to help.” Just like a good neighbor, Jesus is eager to open his

door. All we have to do is knock.

Next Door Savior will help you grow from knowing *of* Jesus, to really knowing Him on a personal level, and being certain of His presence in your life.

Lucado takes a look at the life of Christ as if Christ is your neighbor next door. Thus, the book has a contemporary feeling, which will help us to see how the living Christ is working in the world around us.

Anyone can join this study. Come for some or all of the sessions, which are being led by Pat Grill.

Enrichment - 11:15-12:30

The **Enrichment** group, led by Elizabeth Edwards, will continue its use of Neil Hamilton’s study guide and DVD on Controversial Issues from a Biblical Perspective. For the five Sundays of Lent (no class on Palm Sunday or Easter) two will concern current events and the Church’s participation therein. The first will be led by Deane Sharp and will include an excellent power point presentation about the compelling story told in the book “Three Cups of Tea.” Deane has done a great deal of research and personal searching to learn about the courageous, caring man who has the leading role in this book. She does an absolutely wonderful job of explaining and involving the listeners in the story! Do come and learn about the whole situation and benefit from the hard work Deane has completed to be prepared for a time such as this Sunday of

Enrichment.

Another Sunday of Lent will involve Robin Kuri’s trip to Malawi, Africa last summer. She did a presentation last November that proved extremely popular. This will be a truly worthwhile class. Look for the exact Sunday date.

The other three Sunday classes will consist of Bible Study on Jesus’ Passion week. It is so easy to run far too fast from Palm Sunday to Easter. We will make a careful study together of Thursday and Friday prior to Easter. That is, we will study Jesus’ final hours with his disciples and in Gethsemane as well as his arrest, trial and the actual crucifixion and death. Come learn what the gospel writers tell us about these significant hours of Jesus’ life and the fulfillment of his destiny! Your celebration of the Empty Tomb will be tremendously enhanced by this study and discussion.

LIF - Monday Nights in the Haven

Catered Dinner at 6:30 (\$7) Worship & Songs 7:00; Study & Discussion Groups 7:15

Beta

*Discussion of Books by Christian Writers
Led by Liz Thomson & Iver Kennedy*

Max Lucado presents some of the Bible's most interesting lives. Come closer to God's heart for you, by spending time with this cast of characters.

Cast of Characters contains 22 character studies, profiling both men and women who loved and were loved by God. These heroes—from King David to Joseph, Moses to the Samaritan Woman, Abigail to Lazarus—may be known for their achievements, but Lucado explores how God accomplished more through their failures than their successes. Lucado reveals how these ancient biblical characters are relevant to modern concerns among people such as doubt, rejection, insignificance, purpose, humility, suffering, risk, and consequences.

Quest

*Men's Ministry
Led by David Joynt & Pete Thomson*

A group that provides men with an encouraging process of how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus and directed by God's word. A study of the Beatitudes will begin in January.

Join us for some or all of these classes
New members are always welcome!

Bethel Bible Class

*Study the Scriptures in a Historic Context
Led by Pat Grill*

The Bethel Bible Series is an excellent tool to enhance the biblical literacy. The study uses a historical approach to the Hebrew-Christian heritage of faith with an overview of the New Testament. The study of Scriptures in the context of the period in which they were written brings a great understanding of the biblical narrative. This 10-week study will include these topics: Justification, I and II Thessalonians, I and II, Corinthians, The Church, I and II Timothy, I Peter, "False Teaching," (Colossians, James, II Peter, I and II John, Jude), Sanctification, The Second Coming.

Each class involves a lesson, a time for looking at Scripture, a time of discussion and a time for questions. This course speaks to everyone – regardless of how much or how little you have studied the Bible before.

Gamma

*In-depth Study of Christianity
Led by Chris Reynolds*

Reformed Doctrine of Predestination

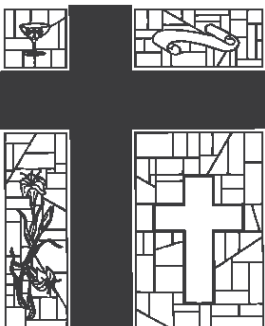
By Loraine Boettner

This is quite possibly the most useful introduction to Calvinistic theology that you will find.

Boettner's excellent study will be of use to both the Reformed person who wants to understand his beliefs, and to a non-Calvinist who wants to correctly understand the Calvinistic system.

The book is not just a study in Predestination; all of the five points of Calvinism are treated in some detail, as well as a number of careful chapters responding to the common objections to Calvinism.

Boettner concludes with a wonderful 90 pages on "Calvinism in History."



Reel Faith
Wednesday, February 10th

"The Reader"

On Wednesday evening, February 10th at 6:15 we will have our first Reel Faith film viewing and discussion for the new year:

"The Reader."

The film concerns a young man's introduction into the sexual realm by way of an older woman AND the providential reuniting of their paths - she was oblivious - many years later when she is on trial for her part in multiple deaths in a concentration camp. The later

events are truly surprising. The potential for theological discussion is endless! The plot and the acting are absolutely superb. It is a GEM of a movie, a masterpiece!

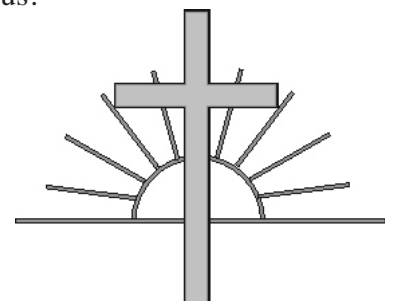
We will have sandwiches (with a donation basket) OR you may bring your own. Sweets and drinks will be provided. The discussion will be facilitated by Elizabeth Edwards, Charlotte Aldefer and Kirsten Holman. It is an R rated movie, so with regret children are not encouraged to come.

"The Dance of Forgiveness"
Saturday, February 6th - 9:00am-3:00pm

Is there any one of us who doesn't struggle with the concept – the demand – of forgiveness? Not likely! Come to Christ Episcopal Church, Washington Street, on Saturday, February 6th, and discuss this all-important aspect of our Christian Faith – ethically and theologically. About 25 of us will be meeting there from 9:00 am to either 3:00 or 3:30 pm. We will be meeting sometimes in a large group, sometimes small groups and sometimes just two or three or even alone. We will consider all the Biblical imperatives, from the teaching of Jesus as well as Paul, and we will delve into all the obstacles that we as human beings experience when we try to forgive another. Nothing is out of bounds in our discussions! The use of a book by David Augsburger (*The Freedom of Forgiveness: Seventy Times Seven*) will be optional; look for notices about its availability at a reasonable price.

The price of the Retreat will include the price of lunch (sandwiches, for which you will have a choice) and a snack, juice or coffee prior to the opening of the time to-

gether. This price will be posted in due time. Please see either Betty Applegate or Elizabeth Edwards to sign up; OR phone Elizabeth Edwards at 732-914-0092. We will need to have the final count by noon on Friday, February 5th. Dress casual! We will begin at 9:00 (come a few minutes earlier if you wish a pre-meeting coffee; we will end at either 3:00 or 3:30, with Communion in the Chapel being our concluding activity (so to speak) together, Communion with a re-experiencing and re-accepting of God's forgiveness of us through Christ being an entirely appropriate and meaningful conclusion. Do plan to come! Watch for other notices about sign up, book availability and menu choices! The number of participants will be limited; do pray about coming and as led, please join us!



Fellowship Club

Birds of the Pines

Hoping for a peak at Spring? Fellowship Club has a great program for you. Fred Lesser, a naturalist with the County of Ocean Dept. of Parks and Recreation, will again be our guest. On **February 19th, 2010**, he will present a power point slide show on Birds of the Pines.

Mr. Lesser will illustrate abundant and rare birds found in the Pine Barrens including the bird habitats and locations. His interest in birds has spanned over 50 years and includes travel to all the continents but Antarctica. Fred has been with the county parks for 17 years and currently is at Wells Mills Park in Waretown.

Join us for fellowship at 11:00 a.m. and bring a sandwich for lunch at 11:30 a.m. We provide the beverage. Call a new neighbor or church member to join us! You won't want to miss this prelude to Spring!!

A Message of Love to My Church Family

Our family has been truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from our church family on Bill's death. We thank you and ask God's richest blessing for each and every one of you.

Glen, Will, Janet
& Annie Scratchley

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ocean Classic Concerts hosts 11th Annual Handbell Festival

On Sunday, March 7th, area handbell choirs, playing individually and together, join to make a joyful noise to the Lord at our Ninth Annual Handbell Festival. Our guest director this year will be Jill Mahr. This concert will be a feast for eyes and ears! This year's festival will again be performed twice, at 5:00 and 7:30 pm, to accommodate all who wish to attend.

While there is no charge for admission to these two identical concerts, a \$10 donation is requested. Free tickets will be available beginning Friday, February 12th at the church office.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Next Host Week - February 21st - 28th

Sign up outside Fellowship Hall to help with the upcoming Interfaith Hospitality Host Week.

Your favorite recipe, your sharing a meal with our guests, your laundering sheets and blankets, set up and take down, your staying overnight, your grocery shopping ...all add up to a warm welcome and a safe environment for three or four guest families while they search for affordable housing.

Get involved in this vital mission today!

**The wellness survey results are in and
the Health Ministry Council has scheduled the next workshop...**

Wellness Workshop Series: Stress and Balance

Some 40 million Americans regularly suffer from troubling levels of anxiety.

Does worry and anxiety keep you up at night?

Does it keep you from being your best self?

Find out ways we can face whatever life throws our way.

Join us for an interactive workshop.

The Reverend Scott A. Thayer
Associate Pastor of Congregational Care

Sunday, February 28th
Begins at 12:30: Lunch included.

Presbyterian Women

Adah - February 22nd
11:30 am - Mission Room

Elisabeth - February 16th
6:30 pm - Church

Esther - February 9th
10:00 - Susan Blone

Eve - February 17th
7:30 pm - Judylee Koenig

Joanna - February 17th
6:45 pm - Church

Joy - February 15th
7:00 pm - Pat Taylor

Leah - February 26th
9:30 am - Renaissance

Lois - February 9th
1:00 pm - Whiting Area

Lydia - February 16th
7:00 pm - Church

Martha - February 23rd
10:00 am - The Haven

Mary - February 23rd
12:00 Noon-Mission Room

Rachel - February 12th
9:30 a.m. - Mission Room

Rebecca - February 9th
9:30 am - Mission Room

Sarah - February 16th
9:30 am - Mission Room

“Hospitality did not seem to be a distinctive mark of the Israelite community in the time of Joshua...the “set apartness” of the Israelites from other nations was a basic requirement.” Mary Mikhael

We Christians are the inclusive ones. We go out evangelizing. We send missionaries around the world. We invite all into our churches. And yet, today in the western world, we're on the defensive. And to bring it down to a personal level, think for awhile about all those people you know who would never set foot in a church. And think for awhile about their reasons for not doing so. You've probably heard just about every possible reason, or excuse. Some may be more valid than others, some may sound really lame. These are the ones I've heard:

“Christians are judgmental and intolerant.”

“Churches just want my money.”

“God is in nature, not a church.”

“Christians are hypocrites.”

“I don't want some church telling me how to run my life. I need my freedom.”

“It may be right for you, but it's not right for me.”

“My children can decide for themselves when they're adults. I don't want to impose any religion on them right now.”

And for those who like to sound intellectual by quoting well-known persons:

“Religion is the opiate of the people” Karl Marx

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 1st - Coordinating Team Meeting -
12:30 pm Mission Room

Feb. 3rd - Chat with the Pastor -
7:00 pm in the Chapel

“Psychoanalysis has shown us that a personal god is, psychologically speaking, nothing other than an exalted father.” Sigmund Freud

“God is dead.” Frederick Nietzsche

Whenever I hear one of these, I always suspect there's something more going on. There seems, to me, that there's some underlying hostility. It's that kind of hostility to anyone or anything that calls people to put themselves out, to be better than they were, to take the higher road, to open themselves up to the possibility that science is not the answer to man's problems, to worship anything other than themselves, to simply growing up.

So where does that leave us Christians. I'd say, look to ourselves, model our lives and churches on Christ. If we do that all those shooting arrows at us will run out of ammunition. And maybe then, some of them will set foot in a church.

***Blessings in the New Year,
Phyllis Klar***

***Chat with the Pastor
Wednesday, February 3rd
7:00 pm in the Chapel***

David M. Joynt's topic will be the Middle East situation. The Chat is open to all, not just PW or just women, men are invited. Join us!

Our Prayer List

Jane Aiken	Coleman	Art Harris	Virginia McCarthy	Robert Petty	Robert P. Stevens
Margit Aksdal	Bonnie Collett	Ellen Harris	Matthew McCormick	Monica Jean Petyo	Marietta Stevenson
Jeanette Albert	Nick Colucci	Ed Haye	Trisha McCormick	Andrew Phebus	Helen Stewart
Jeanette Altieri	Vincent Connor	Mary Helle	Sarah McDermott	Gub Polhemus	Jaycon Stillman
Amanda	Ellen Connors	Willis Herman	Wendy McFarland	Josi Poli	Mervin Stines
Gino Amarini	Ireland Conaghan	Carol Herzer	Mary McGehey	Michael Polich	Bill Stolte Sr.
Harold Anderson	Carolyn Cooper	Marjorie Heyburn	Thomas McKenna	Ann Marie Poll	Bill Stolte
Joe Andretta	Fr. Vincent Coppola	Ed Hickey	James McLean	Neil Prothers	Evelyn Stratten
Leslie Andrews	Dolores Corona	Maureen Hirtis	McMann Family	Robin Pucci	Connie Sullivan
Alexa Angstar	Robert Crawford	Lt. Summer Hollywell	Thomas Mead	Faye Purcell	Greg Szamari
Rebecca Antunes	Vanessa Cunha	Bill Hourigan	Kathy Mertons	Kathy Rahner	Cathy Taylor
Robert Applegate	Harold Dacus	Steve House	Jerry Messana	Carly Joan Raso	Raymond Taylor
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Annual Meeting
Wednesday, February 10th
6:30 pm

On Wednesday, February 10th, you are invited to a scrumptious chicken dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm followed by a time of worship as we reflect on the many ways God has blessed us as a family of faith in 2009.

Our meeting will be held in the Sanctuary beginning at 6:30 pm. This Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of The Presbyterian Church of Toms River is held not only to hear and see the way God has moved in and through each of us but also to present the 2010 Terms of Call, the 2010 Budget, receipt of year end reports and other business as necessary. Mark you calendars and sign up to be a part of this great event.

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