



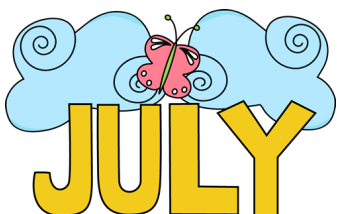
GOOD TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

July-August 2018

Special points of interest:

- Bible Studies
- Coming Events
- Youth



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Ah, summer! A chance to catch a breath or two after a busy program year. As we move into the summer months of July and August, I often reflect on the rhythm of life, its ebb and flow in season after season. We can see that rhythm set down in the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures. In the first creation story in Genesis it indicates one full day of rest out of seven. In looking at the book of Leviticus, there are laws that commend a balance between productivity and renewal.

For those of us in the Reformed tradition whose theological inheritance includes a foundational layer of John Calvin, we can see the influence of his writings in what has been called a "Protestant work ethic". Over generations we have seen that idea translated in our national culture as success and worth based solely on what has been accomplished rather than our worth as a precious gift from God in whose image we are made.

In this often fast-paced, frenetic world, it may seem more difficult to find and maintain a healthy balance between work and time away from work. Thus, there is all the more reason to "work" at getting away, taking a break from time to time to explore the world around us and soak in its beauty, reconnect with family and friends, play games, read books not directly related to one's work, laugh, and dream. When was the last time you sat down and did nothing, but breathe in the air around you and silently give thanks?

During most of the summers of my adult life I have been able to take time away for rest and renewal, often returning to the beach and the ocean. It is a blessing to have that opportunity for such a vacation. But there have been times when I stayed in place, at home, with no particular plans. They have brought blessings of renewal as well.

And on my return to work, I give thanks to be able to begin again with the ministry of the community I serve and with the people I so deeply respect and care for.

May you all have a restful and renewing summer.

Jacqui Van Vliet

COMMUNITY

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry will not be holding its monthly pancake and sausage breakfast until **Saturday, September 8th, at 8:30 AM.** At that time, our brothers from the Market Street Mission will be joining us, who bring a spirit of joy and celebration to our songs of praise, and to our study.

Copy Cats—Retired Ladies

Copy Cats will be meeting on **Tuesday, July 24th, at 12:00 noon at Rosie's Trattoria,** 1181 Sussex Turnpike, Randolph. Please call Terri Haas at 973-267-0420 if you would like to attend.

Our **August** meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 28th, at 12:00 noon at New York Pizza,** 57 Main St., #2, Chester. Please call Florence Lambrose at 908-879-9404 if you would like to attend.

Book Club

Bookies Book Club will meet not again until **Monday, September 24th, at 7:30 p.m.,** in the Church Parlor. We read varied and interesting books. Please consider joining us. Call Pat Olson at 973-539-7941 if you have any questions.

Nurture Ministry

If you enjoy visiting and chatting, you're a natural for bringing flowers or meals to our shut ins. They always have a lot to share and your help would be a blessing to them. Let Russ Hitchcock (russhitchcock@yahoo.com) know if this is something you can do occasionally.

Memory Café

The July gathering of Memory Café will be **July 19th** from **2 to 4 p.m.** We will be entertained by Mitch Radler from NJ Folk Project.

The August gathering will be on **August 16th** from **2 to 4 p.m.** Please pass this information on to anyone in the community that could benefit. The Café is for anyone who is living with dementia or other cognitive impairments. Please call Ginny Fisher at 973-229-4145 for more information.

MAGIC PENNIES

"MAGIC PENNIES" SUMMER SCHEDULE

Magic Pennies Cards will be sold at Coffee Hour **ONLY on the FIRST SUNDAYS of July and August (July 1 and August 5).** Please plan accordingly for your summer purchases. If you should need cards at any other time throughout the summer, feel free to contact Laurie Fu directly to place an order. PH:973-605-8602, E: lfu87@aol.com.

Remember: Magic Pennies offers cards that can be helpful for your vacation plans including:

DISNEY * AIRLINES * CRUISE LINES * SPAS * HOTELS * RESTAURANTS * GAS & QUICK SHOPS



CELEBRATIONS

Happy July Birthday to:

Cantrell, Jenn	7/1
Nelson, Sarah	7/2
Martella, Cassandra	7/3
Rossetti, Dave	7/4
Ulbrich, Donald	7/5
Bergeron, Isabella	7/7
Barnes, Tyler	7/8
Bruhn, Jack	7/9
Kieliszewski, Ron	7/9
Nunn, Bill	7/9
Crain, Jillian	7/11
Van Orden, Mark Jr.	7/12
Drown, Zachary	7/13
Sheldon, Craig	7/14
Ulbrich, Barbara	7/16
Loutzenheiser, Carl	7/22
Weismantel, Alex	7/22
Koch, Hadley	7/24
McDermott, Alan	7/24
Sheldon, Sue	7/25
Thorne, Jennifer	7/25
Lappe, Meg	7/26
Williams, John	7/26
Arzberger, Brandon	7/27
Cusmano, Megan	7/27
Hyde, Lois	7/27
Hudak, Kiara	7/28
Nowik, Elizabeth	7/28
Begley, Michael	7/29
Lappe, Doug	7/31



Happy July Anniversary to:

Carpenter, Bill & Audrey	7/1	68 Yrs
Caccavale, Kelly & Joe	7/7	28 Yrs
Sheldon, Craig & Sue	7/18	31 Yrs
Rubin, Rich & Nancy Hults-Rubin	7/19	38 Yrs
Minor, Elissa & Michael	7/23	30 Yrs
Wurster, Charly & Joanne	7/29	4 Yrs

Happy August Anniversary to:

Moran, Craig & Pam Dise-Moran	8/2	15 Yrs
Arp, David & Anne	8/7	42 Yrs
Haas, Russ & Terry	8/8	54 Yrs
Falcone, Michael & Kari	8/9	15 Yrs
Swope, Becca & Matt	8/9	21 Yrs
Hartle, Joshua & Andrea	8/12	18 Yrs
Yingling, Doug & Cathy	8/13	46 Yrs
Smith, Kim & Alan	8/14	36 Yrs
McKeever, John & Betsy	8/19	46 Yrs
Benjamin, Hildy & Art	8/22	59 Yrs
Arzberger, Kelly & John	8/28	4 Yrs
Becht, Kristin & Robert	8/28	24 Yrs
Grandusky, Michael & Michele	8/30	43 Yrs

Happy August Birthday to:

Carpenter, Bill	8/1
Minor, Eric	8/1
Osborne, Hudson	8/1
Fox, Tom	8/2
Miller, Doris	8/3
Bohn, Jake	8/4
Lynch, Linda	8/5
Batson, Peggy	8/7
Bergeron, Lori	8/7
Faundez, Amy	8/7
Hill, Robert	8/7
Smith, Beverlee	8/7
Carman, Karen	8/8
Rosenfeld, Michelle	8/8
Johnson, Dave	8/9
Pinto, Katie	8/9
Trevena, Muriel	8/9
Malpere, Joyce	8/10
Burke, Mike	8/11
Caccavale, Julianne	8/12
Feeney, Alan	8/13
Traetto, Arlina	8/13
Malpere, Molly	8/14
Rider, Eric	8/14
Jain, Alec	8/17
Contreras, Ruth	8/18
Csengeto, Matthew	8/18
Rossi, Henry	8/18
Wurster, Joanne	8/19
Annuik, Claire	8/20
Dise-Moran, Pam	8/20
Stock, Jared	8/22
Burke, Karen	8/23
Gilly, Henrik	8/23
Eapen, Keira	8/24
Pinto, Jessica	8/24
Case, Andrea	8/25
Cregan, Chloe	8/27
Friedman, Mason	8/27
Malpere, Anna	8/27
Nelson, Zack	8/30
Annuik, Samuel	8/31
Bergeron, Tom	8/31
Weismantel, Susan	8/31



YOUTH INFORMATION

The Youth Gathering

The Youth Gathering Mission Trip will be the week of July 22nd to 27th. We will be working in Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Western PA), foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. This is a small mining community struggling to survive. We will be partnering with established ministries in the area to help serve the community and share our faith while showing God's love to others. Our work will be on a goat farm and nursing home. We have 3 youths 2 adults looking forward to it.

On **Saturday, July 14th, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, there will be a car wash to raise funds for the Youth Mission Trip to Johnstown, PA. Free will donations will be accepted. Thank you and God bless!



Upcoming outings for youth: camp out Friday, July 20th. See me for details.

Respectfully,

Ben Lanza

JOYFUL NOISE

Joyful Noise – Now Registering for Fall Classes!

Ages 2 ½ - 5 Years

NAEYC accredited

Full and Part-Time Daycare

"By the Hour" Before and After Care



We begin summer with Vacation Ventures, our Summer Bible School. Then 8 weeks of Summer Exploration, Enrichment and Fun follow. During this time children enjoy art, literature, music and movement, dramatic play, water play and exercise. Share the good news with friends and neighbors!

preschool registration



As always, we thank you for your prayers and support!

Jane Whitehead and the Joyful Noise Staff

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Summer church school, for children in **third grade** and younger, will begin on **Sunday, July 8th** and run for 8 weeks ending on **Sunday August 26th**. This class will meet in Room 1. Each Sunday a favorite Bible story will be highlighted and a craft and video will be part of the fun. If you would like to help teach this class there are still openings call or e-mail Kathy McNall at 973-627-8708 or kjmcnall@yahoo.com. Our regular church school year will resume on **Welcome Back Sunday, September 16, 2018**.

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GATHERING & BELONGING

The Gathering & Belonging Ministry is looking forward to a fun and relaxing summer!

We will be taking a break from Bunco for the summer but we will schedule a Fun Friday with Dinner & Bunco in the Fall. Pay attention to the weekly announcements and we will let you know!

Mark your calendars for the Progressive Dinner on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH!** If you are interested in hosting or helping, please contact Kathy Opsasnick at katharine.opsasnick@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 21, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Christian Education room. Please join us!

Pam Dise-Moran

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Community Blood Drive

There are Blood Drives scheduled for **Saturday, July 7th and August 4th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall.** To schedule an appointment, please call Larry Ripley at 973-539-4598.

MISSIONS

Mission Ministry -Market Street Mission Backpack Project

This year instead of being assigned an item to collect for the Market Street Mission Backpack Project, the Mission is asking for financial sponsorship. They will collect funds to then purchase, at a cost efficient price, back packs from a company that are already prepared for specific aged students. This system will cut back



on the hours needed to sort and pack items collected. Please help us support the mission with a donation. A sample pack will be available on Sunday mornings OR drop your donations in the can in the church office. The deadline for collections is **Sunday, July 29th.** Any questions contact - Ginny Fisher- (973)229-4145.

WALSH MEMORIAL BELL CHOIR MISSION CONCERT TOUR

The annual mission concert tour of the Walsh Memorial Bell Choir will be July 1 to July 7, 2018 to New England. They will be giving a free concert, open to the public, of their tour repertoire in our sanctuary on **Saturday, June 30, at 7:00 p.m.**



WALSH MEMORIAL BELL CHOIR 2018 Tour Concerts

Saturday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.
MORRIS PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
400 Speedwell Ave. Morris Plains, NJ

Thursday, July 5, 2:15 p.m.
ROYAL MEGANSETT NURSING & REHAB
209 County Road North Falmouth, MA

Sunday, July 1, 4:00 p.m.
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
1120 Silver Lane East Hartford, CT

Friday, July 6, 8:00 p.m.
STE. MARIE CHURCH
378 Notre Dame Ave. Manchester, NH

Monday, July 2, 3:00 p.m.
THE RESIDENCE AT MELROSE STATION
158 Essex Street Melrose, MA

1st SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

July 1st and August 5th are communion Sundays. As we partake of the bread and the cup, we experience the spiritual presence of Christ with us. Throughout his life, Jesus acted always for the benefit of those who were in need and on the margins. When we are fed by the Lord's Supper, not only is our spirituality nourished (our sense of connection with God), but so is our faith (our beliefs and actions that result from that connection). As a symbol of our deep connection with Christ and a sign that we are his hands and hearts at work in the world, we will bring a non-perishable food item to worship on the days we celebrate communion. They can be left in the back of the sanctuary with the ushers or brought forward and placed under the communion table. As God feeds us, we feed our neighbors.

The most needed foods are: dry milk, Parmalat, evaporated milk, calcium fortified milk alternatives (soy, rice, almond milk), soups, pasta, canned fruit, canned beans, tuna fish, Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger & Tuna Helper, Boost, Ensure, Glucerna, Enfamil, baby food, baby wipes.



FEED THE HUNGRY

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSICIANS & VOCALISTS

We are looking for experienced players from High School age all the way through adults to join our Praise Band. Any instruments are welcomed but we would love another guitar player and a drum set player along with a vocalist. If you or someone you know has interest, please email Carl Loutzenheiser at carl.bells@mppresby.org



Are you looking to get involved?!

Come and join the Music Ministry!

Do you love to sing or play a musical instrument? Everyone can worship through music! Contact Carl Loutzenheiser at carl.bells@mppresby.org

Do you want to get involved with operating the sound board and screen projector? Volunteers are always welcome! Contact the church office.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Handbell Choir opportunities are available for all! Contact Kathy Opsasnick at katharine.opsasnick@gmail.com or Carl Loutzenheiser at carl.bells@mppresby.org.



HANDBELL OPPORTUNITIES

The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir Program welcomes all children second grade and above and any adults who would like to participate in the music ministry of handbells. The Bell Choir Program includes several handbell choirs, with ringers generally grouped by age and experience. To become a ringer it is not necessary to currently be a part of our church family or to have previous handbell or music experience.

Handbell choirs rehearse each week and take part regularly in worship services. They also have opportunities to play outside the church, including extending their musical ministry in the local community and participating in events with other handbell choirs.

If you are interested in ringing, have questions about the handbell program, or would like to suggest other potential ringers, please contact Kathy Opsasnick, (973-627-6425), katharine.opsasnick@gmail.com, or Carl Loutzenheiser, (973-267-1258, carl.bells@mppresby.org).





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EVERYONE is welcome here to worship the Lord!

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM, Coffee & Fellowship at 10:30 AM
