

The Cranbury Presbyterian

"We praise God that we are called to serve Christ in love. We invite others to join us in this calling."

(From our Mission Statement)

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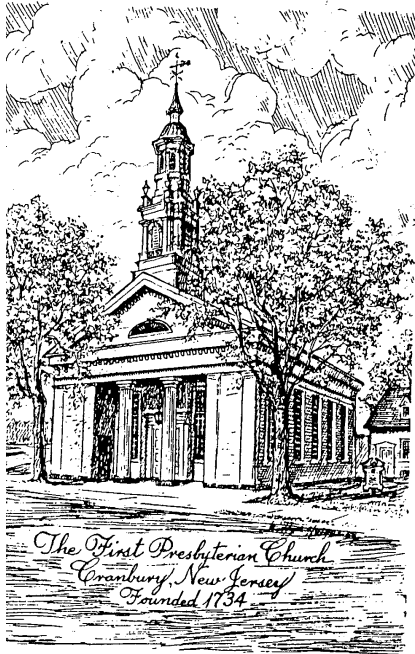
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275TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS...



The 275th Anniversary Task Force has been very busy planning our 275th anniversary events for this fall. There are a few dates that you'll want to reserve:

- October 17 - Our church will be a historic stop on the Cranbury Historic House Tour. Following the house tour, at 4:30 pm, our own Donovan Klotzbeacher and John Burkhalter will present a concert featuring harpsichord and English flute.
- October 25 - A special worship service for Reformation Sunday which will include the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using a communion liturgy based on John Calvin and the Reformed tradition. We will also be recognizing and honoring our 50+ Year Members.
- November 1 - All Saints Day, our climatic 275th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service. Donovan Klotzbeacher is writing a special anthem for our Chorale, bells and brass. We will also sing a hymn he composed for our 250th anniversary. As per tradition, the communion service will note those from our church family who have died during this past year. A catered luncheon will follow the worship service. At the luncheon, there will be a special presentation on David Brainerd. Reserve your seat for the luncheon starting on September 20. Donations will be used to defray costs of the luncheon.

Other activities that you'll want to watch for:

- The Minute for History on September 20 introduced our church's historic cut nails (c. 1859) recovered from our chancel renovation in 1995. A limited number of the historic nails, with an informative brochure, will be available for a small donation. Proceeds will defray the costs of the November 1 Anniversary luncheon.
- The Minute for History on October 11 will highlight our Church's Historical Timeline (1734 - 2009). Copies will be distributed at the end of the worship service, and will be available on the church website.
- Commemorative bulletin covers, designed by Ginny Swanagan, will be used starting on September 20 and concluding on November 1. There will be a new bulletin cover each week, so you'll want to collect them all!
- Adult Sunday School class on Jonathan Edwards taking David Brainerd's advice in his last letter to his brother John in Cranbury to "read Mr. Edwards..."

We hope you'll join us in all of these activities, as we celebrate 275 years!

Blessings, the 275th Anniversary Task Force: Bev Gilbert, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Joanne Hughes, Carlene Reyes, Audrey Smith, Ginny Swanagan, Pastor Rosanna, and Pastor Lou.

From Pastor Rosanna...

Clifford and I are thrilled to announce the birth of Theodore Maurice Anderson on Friday, September 11 at 6:11 p.m. He weighed in at 7 pounds 4 ounces and is 20 inches long. We truly feel that Theodore is God's gift to us.

I will miss being with you in person during my maternity leave, but I will be praying for the congregation every day until my return. I hope that you will also keep me and my family in your prayers.

Thank you so much for your support and for sharing in our joy. May God bless each of you!

Grace and peace, Rosanna

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Class during Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

Fall Adult Sunday School: The class on Jonathan Edwards is being postponed. Instead we'll be kicking off the fall with the Book of James. Come & join us in the library for friendly conversation that goes where the spirit leads us.

October 18 - November 15 - "Who Are You?" lead by Bob Kane is a Bible study series that will explore God's covenants in the Old and New Testaments and how they relate to our lives today.

November 8 - 15 - Inquirer's Class lead by Dr. Lou Mitchell in the Library

December 13 - December 20 - Peer-led Bible study in the Library

Adult Education at Other Times

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:00-8:30 pm, The Cranbury Inn - All men are invited to join us in a relaxed setting at the Inn. We are studying on **The Westminster Confession of Faith**, part of the *Book of Confessions* which is Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Weekly themes are the starting point for our conversation about confessing Christ in our contemporary context. For more information, please contact Mike Kasper at cwcollector@aol.com or Clifford Anderson at clifford.anderson@ptsem.edu.

Martha Circle Women's Bible Study: First Monday of the Month, 1:30 pm in the Library: All women are welcome to attend! Our new study for the year is *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, the Horizons Presbyterian Women's Bible study for 2009-10. This description is from the denomination's website, www.pcusa.org. "In the nine lessons of *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, Mary Mikhael invites us to explore the challenging, sometimes heartrending, book of Joshua. Pursuing such themes as leadership, the promise of land, the concept of 'holy war,' and outsiders becoming insiders, we learn ultimately to find rest in the justice and mercy of God."

Join us for a time of fellowship, Bible study and prayer, with the discussion led by Rose Eller. She can be reached at 655-9175.

TRANSITIONS NETWORKING GROUP

Focus: Maintain a spiritual base while going through career and job transition.

Meeting: Weekly on Fridays from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in Room 1.

Coffee and donuts/fruit will be provided. The group will be facilitated by church member Charlie Ernst.

This is an opportunity to connect with others going through job change and sharing information about jobs, opportunities and resources. It will feature expert speakers and guests, and provide Scripturally-based resources focused on career and life changes.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS NEWS

**FALL WORKDAY is coming!!!
Saturday, October 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00**

Please come out and help
your B & G committee spruce up our church.

Your help in landscaping, painting,
minor repairs and cleaning
will be greatly appreciated.
We have a variety of projects for everyone.

Some projects we need help with include: Outside ground care including sweeping and flower bed fixing up, kitchen and appliance cleaning, basement cleanout, painting, window and wall cleaning as well as some general handyman tasks.

If you have a specific project or need that you would like taken care of please let your B & G committee know.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to this wonderful fellowship opportunity.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2009-2010 PROGRAMS

This year our Sunday School students in Workshop Rotation (Grades 1 to 4) will review the Greatest Commandment and learn the story of Moses. Our first Celebration Sunday is October 18. The curriculum for the full year is available on the church website (<http://www.cranburypres.org>). The 5th and 6th graders undertake an in-depth study of the New Testament. Students in 7th grade and higher learn more about the Christian faith and what it means to be a member of the church. In our Confirmation Program, our biblical curriculum, based on the study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA), includes time for study, service, fellowship, and spiritual exploration. The course for the Youth Class (Student in Grades 8-12) is based on "Blue Fish TV" and "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly".

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Grade	Room
Nursery	Room 17
2 & 3 year olds	Room 18
4 year old	Room 20
Kindergarten	Room 13
Grade 1 & 2	See Rotation Schedule *
Grade 3 & 4	See Rotation Schedule *
Grade 5 & 6	Room 26
Confirmation	McKnight Room
Grades 8-12	Youth Room

* Rotation Schedule and Location

Storytelling/Games	Room 5
Drama	Room 9
Art	Room 8
Movie/Bible Bites	Room 14

THIRD GRADE BIBLE BLAST!

Third Grade Bible Blast will take place on **October 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The evening will be packed with fun activities to acquaint our third graders with our church, their classmates, and Bibles they will receive during worship on Sunday, October 18.

CPNS NEWS



We had a great beginning to a new school year; everyone has settled into our daily routine at CPNS and are looking forward to renewing our old friendships as well as making new friends. We still have a few openings left in our program this year. We are also offering several enrichment programs including, Math & Science, Music & Movement, Art & Literacy, and new this year, Power of Play and Mommy's Morning Out. Please don't let these opportunities pass you by; if you are interested please call Janice at 655-8663 or e-mail her at Cpnschool@comast.net.

Even as we begin the new school year, we look ahead to our registration process for the school year 2010-2011. As a church member you are given priority in registering your child. The date for this registration is November 9, 2009. This is a week earlier than usual; we want to be able to accommodate everyone. Please call or e-mail Janice so you can find out about our Christian Preschool that has recently achieved our NAEYC accreditation. Please let your neighbors know about us as well, so they can attend too. If you have any questions please call me at 655-8663. The registration materials will be available after November 1.

We saw many of you at our First Presbyterian Church table at Cranbury Day. We are so thankful the weather didn't dampen our spirits. Being part of the larger Cranbury Community affords us the opportunity to participate in these wonderful Cranbury events.

Our Christian Education commissioning took place on Sunday, September 27 and our CPNS teachers were commissioned as part of this service. The CPNS teachers this year include, Kathy Edwards, Bobbie Bartolone, Rosellyn Cassidy, Jennifer Colonna, Julie Hardaker, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Kathy Iorio, Laurie Davis, Kelly O'Keefe, Linda Protinick, Debbie Petro, Denise Reilley, Patty Skapyak, Kathy Wiseman, Sheila Morrissey, Eileen Sahli and Janice Parker. Please say hello to them when you see them.

The Cranbury Fire Department will be visiting with our children and will be talking about how fire fighters are our friends and about fire safety. We are so thankful for the dedication of these individual who volunteer their time to make our community a safe place for us and our children. We are so blessed living and working in a town like Cranbury.

The beautiful fall season gives us just another opportunity to enjoy God's creation. Our children will be visiting our local Stults Farm pumpkin patches and our 2 1/2-year-old classes venture into our playground to their very own pumpkin patch, created just for them

Please feel free to stop by and visit with us, when you have the opportunity, and see all the special things happening at our church, not just on Sunday but during the week as well.

Your Friends at CPNS

DEACONS NEWS

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Yes, it is that time of year again. The time to rake leaves and the time to look through your pantry and search for canned goods and other goodies for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Your Deacons will be filling over 60 holiday baskets this year for families in need in our area, and we need your help to make 2009 a wonderful Thanksgiving for all.

Items needed are:

frozen turkeys; canned vegetables; canned fruits; soups; cranberry sauce; cereal; pasta/sauce; crackers; rice; boxed potatoes; stuffing; cookies; pancake mix/syrup; cake/muffin mixes; olives; peanut butter; jam; jello/pudding; canned nuts; granola bars

Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall. Just inside the front door there will be two large boxes labeled "Thanksgiving Baskets". You can also bring items to church on Sunday and put them in the green wheelbarrow by the church door. If you have an extra frozen turkey, please give it to a Deacon to put in the freezer. **Food will be collected starting Sunday, October 18 through Friday, November 20.**

Thank you very much in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Riemann at (609) 799-8526.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has recently added several lecture series on CD from the "Teaching Company". Each lecture is presented by a noted professor and includes a course guidebook that has a bibliography, glossary, maps, illustrations and summaries of each lecture.

Look for these new lectures in the library.

The History of the Christianity in the Reformation Era
Taught by Professor Brad S. Gregory, Stanford University.

The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon
Taught by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The New Testament
Taught by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Old Testament
Taught by Professor Amy-Jill Levine Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

The Apostle Paul
Taught by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Emory University.

The Life and Writings of C. S. Lewis
Taught by Professor Louis Markos, Houston Baptist University.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS NEWS

PEACEMAKING OFFERING REMINDER: The Peacemaking Offering coin boxes and offering envelopes are due **Sunday, October 4**. Children should turn in their filled coin boxes during Sunday School.

TASK - A Great Way to Serve: Our church has been serving a meal at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) for well over ten years and providing donations of food, clothing and hygiene products for over 15 years. It is indeed a special mission of the church.

If you would like to serve a meal, call Anne Gordon in the church office or e-mail her at agordoncpc@comcast.net. The church van departs the church parking lot the first Thursday of every month at 2:30 p.m. and returns by 5:30 p.m. Closed toed shoes are required.

October 1(adult volunteers); November 5(youth volunteers); December 3(adult volunteers)

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER!!! It's no news to you that times are tough right now - and our own Skeet's Pantry has been busier than ever, helping fill the empty spaces on the tables of needy families in Cranbury and neighboring communities. We are providing food for well over 100 adults and children each month... BUT the shelves in the pantry are getting empty faster than ever because of the need.

PLEASE help to keep our shelves full so that we can continue to care for folks in need. Just put your donations in the wheel barrel outside church on Sunday or leave bags labeled "Skeet's Pantry" in the front hall of our Fellowship Hall. Thank You!!

Foods Needed Include: Soup - canned or powdered; Peanut Butter; Tuna Fish; Macaroni & Cheese; Beans/Pork & Beans; Canned Fruit; Canned Vegetables; Cake Mixes

Other Items which are Helpful: Toothpaste; Tooth brushes; Soap; Laundry detergent

(Other foods are welcome, too - just please first check the expiration dates on them.)

CROP Walk

This year's CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Mercer County Park (East Picnic Area). CROP Walk is a great way for our church to help fight hunger and poverty both in our community and around the world. It's also a lot of fun! If you haven't already registered to walk and would like to, there will be a sign-up during Coffee Hour starting today. Donations/sponsorships of walkers will also be accepted (checks should be made out to "CWS/CROP").

The church van will be available to take walkers to the park again this year. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot (make sure to bring your envelopes with your donations!) and return around 4:00 p.m. Those not wishing to ride in the van can do a caravan with us, or simply meet us at the park. If you have any questions, contact Linda Ill (609-409-1441).

MISSION MATTERS

As always, the Mission, Service, and Grants Committee is grateful for donations to some of the missions in which we are particularly involved. This last month Skeet's Pantry was assisted by extra gifts, thank you. The Mission Commission made a scholarship grant of \$1,000 enabling two young children to spend a week at Johnsonburg. We are so blessed that we can help out in this way

At the request of Session, the Committee is submitting the following causes as those that, in our opinion, have priority for receiving grants: Better Beginnings, Centurion Ministries, Disaster Relief PCUSA, Guatemala Mission Trip, Spring of Hope Children's Food Program, Haningers/Congo/MCK/ Good Shepherd Hospital, Heiffer, Johnsonburg and Johnsonburg Scholarship Fund, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Princeton Chaplaincy, Princeton Seminary, TASK. These causes are listed alphabetical order and are not ranked in any order of importance.

The congregation is probably not aware of all the time, thought, effort, and, yes, money, that go into the planning, trips, parties, etc... of the church Senior Fellowship. Connie Bauder chairs this committee, and is constantly concerned for the progress and efficient operation of the Fellowship. We all owe Connie a special note of thanks, as well as an appreciative nod to all the committee members who work with her.

George Conley indicated that there is much interest on the part of former travelers to Guatemala to make the trip again. John and Carol Sprout and Heidi Knowlton are taking responsibility for the Peacemaking Offering which will be held October 4. Karen Jones is again spearheading arrangements for the October 18 CROP Walk. How about being a walker or supporting with a generous contribution those who are!

ELECTION NIGHT SUPPER

The committee voted the following grants from our endowment fund interest: Healthy Mothers/Healthy Children for the work of Mike and Nancy Haninger in the Congo, \$4,000. We have taken Mike and Nancy as our special missionaries and are kept up-to-date on the wonderful and helpful work they are doing in the Congo. NAMI Mercer (National Alliance on Mental Illness) which is celebrating 25 years of service this year, \$3,500 which is our birthday gift to them. We have heard personal testimony of how helpful they can be and have been to people affected in some way by mental problems.

IMCK and the work of the Good Shepherd Hospital, \$5,000. This work is right in conjunction with the work of the Haningers. Some of you may remember when Bernard who is a doctor at the Hospital spoke to us, telling of the services the hospital renders to those who might otherwise go unattended. Centurion Ministries, \$5,000. This is a Princeton based ministry which works to free prisoners wrongly accused. Carol Kientz volunteers in this ministry. Princeton Hospital Chaplaincy, \$1,000. We have contributed to this chaplaincy for many years and consider it a worthwhile service to the community. Camp Johnsonburg and the Bob Haverkamp Memorial Fund, \$3,000. How fortunate we are to have this Camp within our Synod and available to us! It has been a source of pleasure, spiritual growth, and learning for many of our young people through the years.

Our mission work is a basic part of our church, and we trust everyone is interested and concerned about what is happening in that area.

Gretchen Stults

OTHER NEWS

CONCERT IN OUR SANCTUARY ON OCTOBER 17

You are invited to attend a free concert presented by "The Practitioners of Musick" in our sanctuary on Saturday, October 17 at 4:30 p.m.. The program will be one hour in length and will be performed by John H. Burkhalter, English flutes, and Donovan Klotzbecher, harpsichord. John and Don have generously offered to present the concert in celebration of the 275th anniversary of our church.

The concert will follow the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society's Historic Cranbury House Tour that will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 17. A gourmet luncheon, presented by the Friends of the Cranbury Public Library, will be held in Fellowship Hall, 11:30 to 2 p.m. on the same day. Our sanctuary will be open for the house tour. Advance sale house tour tickets are \$20, and luncheon tickets, by advance sale only, are \$12.00. Tickets on the day of the tour will be sold for \$25 in front of the former PNC Bank on North Main Street. For tickets, please visit Blue Rooster Café, Charmed By Claire, Cranbury Bookworm, Henderson Sotheby's International Realty, Cranbury History Center, or Cranbury Museum. You may also print out an order form at www.cranburyhistory.org, or contact Audrey Smith at 609-655-5361.

Last November, many church members enjoyed a delicious supper in Fellowship Hall on Election Night. The Election Night Supper, presented by the Woman's Club of Cranbury, was very successful so Woman's Club members decided to do it again this year. Tickets are \$15.00 and a children's meal, available for children 10 and under, is offered for \$7.00. If you would like to sit with friends, you can reserve a table for eight. Two seating times and three take-out times are available. Plan to come out for an evening of good food and fun. Proceeds from the supper will go to the Woman's Club Scholarship and Charitable Contributions Fund. For tickets, please contact Gail Geijer at 609-395-0297 or Audrey Smith at 609-655-5361, pick up an order form on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or print out an order form at www.cranburywomansclub.org.

OUTREACH NEWS

CRANBURY COFFEE HOUSE

The Opening Night of our Cranbury Coffee House was a successful one. We had 42 adults and 11 children as well as additional donations. We provided a time of fellowship and entertainment to not only our church family but our community as well.

As you know the coffee house is a venue to showcase local musical talent with musical genres such as Jazz, Folk, Acoustic Rock, String Quartet, Barbershop Quartet, Open Mike, Oldies & Brass Band. The coffee house will be a once a month event held on the second Friday of each month through June 10, 2010. Our October event will be on Friday, October 9 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Jack Jona will be performing. His music is Jazz and the Big Band Sound. We hope you will all mark your calendars and let all your friends and neighbors know about this wonderful opportunity.

Through the effort of a small task force we have been able to make the opening night happen, however your help and support will be what will make this program a continued success. Remember the proceeds less expenses benefit Skeet's Pantry & the Deacon's Benevolent Fund.

For more information about how you can help please contact George Conley cell: 609-577-7201, e-mail: geolive60@aol.com. For information about the Cranbury Coffee House please go to www.cranburycoffeehouse.com.

We thank you in advance for all your help and support.

SPECIAL INVITATION

JILL OLDS' ORDINATION: Our congregation has been invited to attend the ordination service for Jill (Rumpf) Olds on Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 103 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT. All are welcome! Since it is a bit of a distance from here, Jill asks for our prayers at this very exciting time in her life and career.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Senior Fellowship exercise class has grown and grown! We are currently keeping a waiting list. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please call Connie Bauder at 395-1215.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

October 1, October 5, October 12, October 15,
October 19, October 22, October 26, October 29

Upcoming Events

Seniors in the congregation are invited to the **Deacons Luncheon on October 24**, at **12 noon** in Fellowship Hall. We will have a pot luck buffet luncheon with entree, dessert and beverages provided by the Deacons and the side dishes provided by the seniors. Bring your favorite side dish to share. This will be a joint meeting with the Golden Age Neighbors who by custom bring their own plate and utensils. Members of Senior Fellowship and other seniors who do not bring their own place setting will be seated together and provided with place settings. Members of the congregation who are not on the Senior Fellowship call list should pre-register with Connie Bauder at 609-395-1215, by October 19 so we can give the Deacons a count. Come join the fun.

Senior Fellowship will have a **Halloween Party on Friday, October 30 at 11:30**. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. After lunch, we will be joined by the children of CPNS. The children will sing for us and parade around the room in their costumes. Of course, there will be candy.

Program Schedule

Senior Fellowship is open for all seniors in the church or community. We have a wonderful group and would like to have you join us. We provide rides for those who need them. The Senior Fellowship coordinator is Connie Bauder. If you have any questions, please contact her at 395-1215.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE NEWS

Stewardship Offerings Update to September 13 2009

	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Offerings Received	\$6,754	\$267,135
Amount needed to meet our obligations	\$7,038	\$279,046
Special Offerings:		
Collection for Historical Records	\$0	\$975

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

All students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to participate in our dynamic Youth Group! We have a friendly group of students, dedicated leaders, and a full schedule of faith-filled and fun activities, including many opportunities to serve the Lord through helping in mission projects. Note the new time of 6:30-8:00 p.m. for Sunday evening Youth Group (we're testing it this fall).

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES

On October 11, our Youth Group would like to prepare and send a care package to the college students of our congregation.

Parents: Help us stay up to date with your son or daughter by giving his or her current address to Youth Ministry committee member Sharon Pulz at pulz@cabm.rutgers.edu or 655-8770.

Congregation: Let's show them that we care by donating items for the youth group to put in a care package to our college students.

Example: small and light weight snacks, school supplies, or something inspiring

A donation box will be located by Fellowship Hall. Thanks very much for your support!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The Youth Group will be bringing "Friday Dinners" to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) in November. A "Friday Dinner" is a brown bag meal provided on Thursday night to ensure a healthy meal the following night, when the soup kitchen does not serve. The following items are needed for this project:

200 large brown paper bag lunch bags; Mayonnaise: 1 jar; Sliced Cheese: any amount appreciated; Peanut Butter: 5 jars; Jelly: 5 jars; Fruit: apples, oranges or pre-packaged (mandarin oranges/pineapples); Cookie/Brownie: pre-packaged small packages; Pretzels: small bags; Drinks: individual juices: 100 in total

Please label your donations "TASK/Bag Dinners" and place them in a collection box marked "TASK" by Sunday, October 25. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sharon Pulz, 655-8770 or the church office. Any extra, unopened items will be donated to either Skeet's Pantry or TASK.

Thank you, Youth Group and TASK

SAVE THESE DATES!

- 10/4 (Sun.) 11:30 a.m. Mission Fair – Youth Table
6:30-8 p.m. Youth Group
- 10/11 (Sun.) 6:30-8 p.m. Youth Group-making college student's care packages
- 10/18 (Sun.) 2:00-4:00p Service Project: CROP Walk at Mercer County Park for Church World Service meet in church parking lot
- 10/25 (Sun.) 6:30-8:00p Youth Group

Some Highlights of Other Fall Activities

- 11/3 (Tues.) Youth Service Project: Serve at the Election Night Supper
- 11/5 (Thurs.) Youth Group Service Project: Assist at TASK
- 11/20-22 (Fri. 4 pm-Sun. 1 pm) High School Fall Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg on "Gifts of the Spirit." Several parents are needed as leaders. Contact the Youth Ministry committee chair Bob Gregory at rgg@princeton.edu or 936-9881 for more information.

WALKING IN FAITH

My "Walk in Faith" has been and continues to be strengthened by learning from many wonderful and exemplary Christians.

Years ago I used to receive a Billy Graham publication, and I have saved some articles from those issues. There is one entitled "Insistent" by John R. Cortis, a member of the Billy Graham Crusade Team in the 1980s. I remember the first time I read this to share with a small group. I could hardly finish the reading because of the deep emotion it evoked. I hope you will be blessed by reading it, too.

"One of the first projects we faced in 1983 was a request by a Filipino evangelist who wanted 100,000 New Testaments. He was insistent. "I must have them, and I must have them within the next six months."

So I asked, "Why do you need 100,000?"

"Because", he said, "I can distribute 100,000 in the Philippines in the next six months."

I challenged that, so I wrote to some of the references he had given me and asked, "Do you think that it is realistic for this man to ask for 100,000 New Testaments?"

The answer came back, "It is absolutely realistic."

Now I was a little curious about that because that's a lot of literature. So I wrote again to the person who was giving approval and asked, "What makes you so positive that this man can do it?"

He came right back with his answer: "Because he already did it in the last six months."

So I wrote once more to the evangelist and asked, "Sir, how would you carry 100,000 New Testaments? That's a lot of literature. You surely need a bicycle, a motor bike, an automobile – a van?"

"No," he wrote, "I just carry them on my back."

Again I wrote asking other questions, and I wrote to some other people to see what kind of ministry this man had, and what his church relationship was.

Finally one man wrote to me and said, "Sir, you've written a number of letters, and already a couple of months have gone by. Don't you understand it is urgent that this man get those 100,000 New Testaments?"

I replied, "What's so urgent about it?"

He responded, "Because he has a terminal cancer."

Then I asked the question, "How old is this man?"

He answered, "Eighty-one years of age."

Imagine - 81 years old with terminal cancer, and his request had been so urgent because he had been told he had six months to live.

The above account of this evangelist's journey makes me take stock of my own walk with Our Lord. Do I value, really value the days the Lord has given me? Or do I bury them in busy schedules and shallow activities? Do I remember to ask The Lord for His Will in my life, for His Purpose in my days? What about you?

Gail Geijer

WORSHIP NEWS

PRESERVING OUR CHURCH HISTORY

This year of our church's 275th Anniversary is an appropriate time to preserve our history as contained in numerous church documents. Although, we have not found any detailed records of our first 10 years, we have a wealth of historical information dating back to 1744 including Records of the Congregation (births, baptisms, ministers, deacons, communicants, marriages, etc). However, during the time of Rev. Smith's pastorate (1762 - 1789), owing to the infirmities of Rev. Smith, there were no regular session meetings, no books of records for communicants, baptisms or deaths. Reverend Snowden (1791 - 1797) searched for records or papers to enable him to recreate a concise history of the church but was unable to do so. It was during Rev. Snowden's pastorate that regular session meetings were held and church records were once again maintained. Many records also show us how important the church was (is) in the community with entries that describe resolving disputes, imposing sanctions for use of "strong language," etc. These records are too important to chance losing or deteriorating for lack of care.

Our documents total just over 9,600 pages of which 1,927 are already on microfilm. Our objective is to microfilm the remaining documents then transfer all to a media format, such as in pdf files (Adobe Reader) that will be available to anyone who wishes access. We also hope to make most, if not all, available on the church website and provide CDs to Cranbury's History Center and Public Library. These records do make some very interesting reading. The original documents will eventually be moved to Princeton Seminary where they have the appropriate storage facilities.

In order to achieve our goal, we need your financial assistance. If you believe this is an important project, please write your check to the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury and write "Church Record" on the memo line. Small regular donations are gratefully accepted since this project will take some time to complete. Thank you.

<p align="center"><u>Pastors</u> Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell Rev. Rosanna Anderson</p>	<p align="center"><u>Worship Service</u> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service(Childcare provided)</p>	<p align="center"><u>Church Office Hours</u> 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Office Closes on 10/1 at 2:30pm</p>	<p align="center"><i>"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases."</i> (Lamentations 3:22)</p>
<p><u>Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School (CPNS)</u> Janice Parker, Director Phone: 609-655-8663 cpnschool@comcast.net</p>	<p>You can view the monthly newsletter, calendar and hear past sermons on our website at www.cranburypres.org.</p> <p>If you have suggestions, or want to submit information to be included on the website, send your request to webmaster@cranburypres.org. Requests made by Wednesday will be posted on the website by Saturday.</p>	<p>The deadline for the <u>November Newsletter is October 22</u>. If possible, please submit articles as attachments via email to: FirstPresOffice@comcast.net</p>	<p align="center"><u>Dates and Deadlines</u></p> <p>10/15 9:00a Session Material Due 10/20 7:30p Session Meeting 10/22 Newsletter Articles Due</p>

October Birthdays

Katelyn DePaula	10/03	Taylor Miller	10/10	Ken Gordon	10/19
Jeffrey Mortensen	10/03	David Geijer	10/11	Jerry Michaud	10/21
Steven Vitabile	10/03	Michael Patterson	10/11	Timothy Reddan	10/21
Cathy Vogen	10/03	Jennifer Probasco	10/12	Cynthia Barclay	10/23
Katie Olsson	10/04	Doris Wiegartner	10/13	Jason Trenkle	10/23
Nicholas Rosado	10/04	Joshua Benedict	10/14	Debbie Mara	10/24
Vicki Waciega	10/04	Mark Schroeder	10/14	Elisabeth Till	10/24
Rosanna Anderson	10/05	Emma Bodmer	10/15	Beth Jondahl	10/25
Edward Konrad	10/05	Bev Gilbert	10/15	Jon Mitchell	10/25
Dorothy Swec	10/05	Joan Sasso	10/15	Beth O'Shaughnessy	10/26
Daniel White	10/05	Andrew Kristiansen	10/16	Amanda Barclay	10/27
Jerry Downey	10/06	Dawn Michaud	10/16	Sharon DeMarco	10/27
Walter Kipp	10/07	Blasé Toto	10/16	John Henzler	10/27
Stanley Anuszewski	10/08	Anna Wahler	10/16	Arlene Duran	10/28
Tyler Vandenberg	10/08	Peter Altamore	10/17	Janet Wheeler	10/28
Julie Bond	10/09	Bruce Sutton	10/17	David Barclay	10/29
Mary Lou Kerr	10/09	Winston Bonwell	10/18	Christine Klaskin	10/29
Hazel Reinecke	10/09	Gretchen Cadranel	10/18	Carolyn Barlow	10/31
Emily Toplin	10/09	George Giovanos	10/18	James Holcomb	10/31
John Bond	10/10	Katherine Wood	10/18	William Kristiansen	10/31

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