

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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From the Pastor...

One of the most popular professors during my time at Harvard was a man named Henri Nouwen. Nouwen was at Harvard just one academic year. He had also taught at Yale. He was a Roman Catholic priest originally from Holland, who was well known as a writer. His best know book was probably *The Wounded Healer*, which taught that we are all to some extent broken and in need of healing ourselves, even as God calls us to be involved in the healing of others. Nouwen left the academic life in order to serve in a home for severely challenged adults. He was until his death a man of humility and peace. October 3rd is World Communion Sunday. On that day we will receive our Peacemaking Offering. The prayer for peace printed below comes from one of Nouwen's books entitled *A Cry For Mercy*. May his prayer be ours as well.

Blessings, Lou

PRAYER FOR PEACE, by Henri Nouwen

O Lord, you came to bring peace, to offer reconciliation, to heal the separation between people, and to show how it is possible for men and women to overcome their differences and to celebrate their unity. You revealed your Father as a Father of all people, a Father without resentments or desires for revenge, a Father who cares for each one of his children with an infinite love and mercy and who does not hesitate to invite them into his own house.

But our world today does not look like a world that knows your Father. Our nations are torn by chaos, hatred, violence, and war. In many places death rules.

O Lord, do not forget the world into which you came to save your people; do not turn your back on your children who desire to live in harmony but who are constantly entangled in fear, anger, lust, violence, greed, suspicion, jealousy, and hunger for power. Bring your peace to this world, a peace we cannot make ourselves. Awaken the consciousness of all peoples and their leaders; raise up men and women full of love and generosity who can speak and act for peace, and show us new ways in which hatred can be left behind, wounds can be healed, and unity restored.

O God, come to our assistance.

O Lord, make haste to help us. Amen.

From Pastor Rosanna...

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Our 2010 Youth Mission trip, "Missions 101" at Ocean Grove, NJ, included an afternoon of beach time. Although the beach was well-staffed with lifeguards, our youth ministry team decided to have some adults keep an eye on our students in the water. I was one of those adults. The waves looked to be of fair size and the currents didn't seem too strong. Some of our adults swam with the students. I stood at the edge of the sand and talked with another adult while we watched our group. We stayed poised to jump in if needed. I was grateful for the teens and leaders who occasionally looked back to make sure they didn't get too far away. Gradually the swimmers drifted away from our original spot, slowly enough that it wasn't really alarming. At first, I thought we should accommodate them and keep moving to stay near our group. Then I realized that our real job was to be a visual sign post. It was only by staying put where we were on land that we could provide reliable and accurate help. Being in one spot let those in the water gauge for themselves how far they were drifting. For the ones who only glanced back rarely, the gradual shift became that much more dramatic. That helped the more aware swimmers in our group to succeed in exhorting the others to come back closer to our area.

Maybe this image provides a metaphor for these verses in Proverbs. Our experience of life in the world may be similar to swimming in the ocean's waves. We may be busy enjoying the view of the sun on the water and talking to our friends. We may be only vaguely aware of being drawn along by a current. If we rely on ourselves, and our own judgment, rather than depending on God who is truly trustworthy, we can get into trouble before long. But if we continually seek the Lord and acknowledge him, if we constantly refer back to God and check in with him, he will keep us on a steady course. Looking to God and seeking his will may seem like a burden or an imposition at first. But then we will discover a great sense of relief when we realize that we don't have to rely on our power alone in the sea of life. The Lord himself will be our guide and protector. The One who walked on the water and told the wind and waves to stop—and they obeyed! – kindly holds us securely. May we trust in him with our whole heart!

Grace and peace, Rosanna

ADULT EDUCATION

Please join us for Adult Sunday School through October 24 with Dr. Louis Mitchell. We have started a 6-week adult Sunday school class on Jonathan Edwards. The book we are using is *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* published by Yale University Press. Participants are responsible for securing their own copy of the book.

New Series

"The Sermon on the Mount" with Gretchen Gaebelein Hull: We are delighted to announce a new Bible study led by Gretchen Gaebelein Hull. She has attended worship with us for the past several years. She is the author of *Equal to Serve: Women and Men Working Together Revealing the Gospel*, published in 1998 by Baker Books. She has written numerous other book chapters and

articles and she is a widely-cited scholar. Participants should read Matthew chapters 5-7 and be prepared for a close reading of the text. This six week series will take place on November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5 and 12 in the Library.

ADULT EDUCATION AT OTHER TIMES

Cranbury Men's Bible Study: Sundays 7:30-9:00 p.m. at The Cranbury Inn: All men are invited to join us in this relaxed setting for our study of the Westminster Confession of Faith, in the *Book of Confessions*, Part I of the Constitution of the PC(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 p.m. in the Library. Rose Eller leads our group next Monday, October 4. Our study is *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today* by Barbara Rossing, the PC(USA) Horizons Bible study. All women are welcome to join us!

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School 2010-2011 Programs

This year our Sunday School students in Workshop Rotation (Grades 1 to 4) will learn about God's Creation, the Ten Commandments, and the story of Jesus. Our first Celebration Sunday is October 17. 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 Old 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 (students in Grades 8-12) is based on "Blue Fish TV" and a PC(USA) Bible study curriculum in the We Believe series.

Sunday School Room Assignments

Grade	Room
3 & 4 year olds	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

Pre School

Date	Kindergarten	3-4 Year-Olds
Oct 3	Joseph Lesson 2	
Oct 10	Joseph Lesson 3	
Oct 17	Joseph Lesson 4	
Oct 24	Joseph Lesson 5	
Oct 31	David and Jonathan Lesson 6	

Grade 1 to 4 Workshop Rotations

Date	Workshop Rotation Bible Story
Oct 3	God created everything
Oct 10	God created everything
Oct 17	Celebration Sunday
Oct 24	God gave Ten Commandments to people of Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai
Oct 31	Ten Commandments

5th and 6th Grades' lesson in October is the section 2 Genesis 12-50 and section 3 Exodus

Bible Blast for Third Graders - will take place on October 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 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 17.

CONFIRMATION CORNER

We are off to a great start in our new year! May God bless each of you on this adventure in "faith seeking understanding." Thanks very much to the parents who signed up to assist with events and activities this year. Please note these service projects and special contributions to our community of faith in October and November. Your Confirmation Teaching Team: Rosanna Anderson, Becky Huselid, Maggie Miller, Peter Miller, Nancy Cole Rhodes and Matt Rhodes

Saturday, October 9 9-10:30 a.m. Fall Church Work Day
 Sunday, October 10 10:30-11:30 a.m. Class participation in worship: we will lead the Call to Worship

November Dates

Nov. 7 No Confirmation Class due to the NJ Teacher Convention holiday weekend
 Nov. 14 Confirmation Class 9:15-10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30-11:30 a.m., Service Project: Operation Christmas Child- bring full boxes
 Nov. 21 Confirmation Class 9:15-10:15 a.m., Worship 10:30-11:30 a.m., and Field Trip on Sunday evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm Community Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service
 Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent and Thanksgiving Weekend, no Confirmation Class

CHOIR NEWS

The Bell Choir is in need of substitutes who are available on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. and possibly several Sundays a year. Please email Pat Bohrs at pbohrs@att.net if you are available. The only qualification is that you can read note values.

Spreading the WORD through Music

The Bell Choir will present a program for the Golden Agers Luncheon on Saturday, October 16. The Brass Choir will provide the music for the church service at the United Presbyterian Church of Millstone on Sunday, October 24.

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 3 and 4/5-year-old programs this year. We continue to offer

our enrichment programs including, Math & Science, Music & Movement, Art & Literacy, Power of Play and Mommy's Morning Out in the Fall/Winter and again in the Winter/Spring. These programs are also open to children in half day kindergarten programs. 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@comcast.net.

Even as we begin the new school year, we look ahead to our registration process for the school year 2011-2012. As a church member you are given priority in registering your child. The date for this registration is November 8, 2010. Please call or e-mail Janice so you can find out about our Christian Preschool that is also accredited by NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We offer a developmentally appropriate academic preschool program for children. 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.

Our Christian Education commissioning took place on Sunday, September 26 and our CPNS teachers were commissioned as part of this service. The CPNS teachers this year include, Kathy Edwards, Rosellyn Cassidy, Jennifer Colonna, Wendy delaRosa, Pam Dressel, Dorothy Klotzbecher, 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 individuals 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 creations. Our children will be visiting our local 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



INQUIRERS' CLASSES

Are you interested in learning more about joining the First Presbyterian Church? Please

call the church office at 609-395-0897 and let us know that you want to participate. Classes will be

held at 9:15 a.m. on November 7 and November 14 in the church library. On November 21, there will be the new member breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Lou Mitchell will be leading these sessions.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS NEWS

CROP WALK

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God" -Micah 6:8

Have you ever been hungry? If you know you are going to be able to eat some time soon, it's not bad; our bodies are just reminding us that it's time to refuel. But, if you don't know whether you will be able to eat at all, that's something very different. And even worse, if you don't know if you will be able to feed your hungry children, that's crushing. Imagine what that must be like.

1.02 billion, or one in seven people, are hungry and malnourished worldwide. Many of them are children.*

As Christians, we are called to be compassionate to those in need. One way in which we can reach out to our brothers and sisters in the US and globally is through our participation in the CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Hunger Walks are inter-faith, community events designed to raise awareness and funds to help eradicate hunger locally and globally.

Once again, our church will be participating in the WHAM/Hightstown CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 17 at Mercer County Park**. We need people to walk. And we need people to sponsor our Walkers.

Last year, CROP Hunger Walks provided over 4 million dollars to some 3,000 soup kitchens and food pantries across the U.S and over 15 million dollars to assist hungry people around the world. The Cranbury Presbyterian Team raised \$2,500 last year and we are hoping to surpass that amount this year. So, we need *each* of you. And together, step by step we can make a difference in the lives of people in need around the world.

To register to walk with the Cranbury Presbyterian Team, or make a donation, please go to: www.cropwalkonline.org. Please support this cause and come walk with us on October 17!

*Source: Church World Service

MISSION MATTERS

Inasmuch as we join our national church in contributing to Bread for the World, it is very gratifying and proof of the value of the organization to learn that Arthur Simon, founder of Bread for the World, has received an award that, for this type of organization is the equivalent of the Nobel prize!

He, of course, modestly attributes the award to members and their efforts. The other winner was the president of Heifer

International, thus making it apparent that both hands on assistance and efforts to affect systems are vital in the work to eliminate poverty and hunger. We congratulate Mr. Simon and rejoice that perhaps we had a small part in bringing this deserved honor to him and Bread for the World!

From the Fun of Thanksgiving through the Joy of Christmas,

Our MISSION FAIR & CARING CRAFTS SALE

can help to keep the spirit of Thanks,

Caring and Giving in our Hearts.

Be there & Celebrate MISSION on

Sunday, November 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

You will find exciting Mission Information from:

- Camp Johnsonburg
- Centurion Ministries
- Womanspace
- NAMI Mercer County
- Your ReSource NJ
- Guatemala Mission Team
- Bread For the World
- Cranbury Presbyterian Senior Fellowship
- Cranbury Presbyterian Youth Mission Team
- Skeets Pantry & the Cranbury Presbyterian TASK Team

Some of our Mission groups will also have items you can purchase to help support their work:

- Womanspace - Luminaria to add to your neighborhood
- Christmas decorations
- Guatemala Mission Team - Guatemalan Coffee & Tickets for 2011 Team Dinner
- Skeets Pantry - A Guide to Central Jersey Farm Markets

You can donate gently used medical equipment at the Your ReSource table - bring your used walkers, canes, etc. on Sunday morning and our friends from Your ReSource will take them and recycle them to folks who can make good use of what you no longer need. If the item is too big to bring with you, talk to the Your ReSource volunteer at the Fair about possibilities for getting the item to their location.

You Can Buy WONDERFUL HANDCRAFTS at our Annual CARING CRAFTS SALE at the Fair, Too!!! It will be the perfect time to pick up some great Christmas gifts for friends and family at the best prices - and all with the personal one-of-a-kind touch that means so much. Both cash & checks are welcome. It's worth noting that checks will be tax-deductible because your donation for these crafts will be going to the Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo to support their important work.

Last but not least - pick up some tasty treats at the Mission Fair bake sale. You can nibble while touring through the Fair, or take goodies home for enjoying later on.

DONATIONS NEEDED for the
2010 Mission Fair
CARING CRAFTS & BAKE SALE
on **November 14, 2010**

If you can give something from your crafty self or your kitchen,
we need YOU!

CRAFTS:

Once again, we are asking for donated crafts such as knitted or embroidered handwork, paintings, wood work, handcrafted jewelry, and ceramics.

The sale of your handcrafts will raise money to support the vital work of doctors, nurses and missionaries at the Good Shepherd Hospital in the Congo.

BAKED GOODS:

Your cookies, cakes, brownies, pies - whatever kinds of goodies you like to make are needed for the Bake Sale at our Mission Fair. Those goodies will also help to support the Good Shepherd Hospital.

If you can donate crafts or baked goods, please stop by the Mission Fair table at Coffee Hour after church on Sunday morning so that we can put you on our donor list and thank you for caring so much - Thanks very much!!!

FARMERS AGAINST HUNGER

Farmers Against Hunger is dedicated to collecting fresh fruits and vegetables from farms, farm markets, wholesalers and food distributors and distributing it to those in need. It is a part of the New Jersey Agricultural Society. Farmers Against Hunger has been helping local farmers donate their surplus produce to area soup kitchens, food pantries, and those in need for over 10 years. Created in 1996 by several local farmers, Farmers Against Hunger is a non-profit entity that operates year round and was designed to link farmers, grocery stores and produce suppliers with over 60 emergency feeding organizations, soup kitchens and service organizations, as well as providing produce to the state's food banks. In 2007 alone, approximately 1.5 million pounds of fruit and vegetables were distributed throughout New Jersey serving thousands of individuals and their families each week.

Since its inception, Farmers Against Hunger has collected and distributed more than 15 million pounds of produce to the state's neediest - children, seniors and the working poor. All produce is donated to Farmers Against Hunger and is never sold!

Our own Skeet's Pantry benefits from monthly contributions of fresh produce from this hard-working organization. Our church recently awarded a grant for \$500.00 to help support their efforts. And now we can help them further by purchasing a copy of **The Farm Trail Guide**. The book was produced to raise funds for Farmers Against Hunger and awareness about New Jersey farms. The cost is \$10.00 and can be purchased at our church's 2010 Mission Fair on November 14 and from various farm stands in the area, including the West Windsor Farmer's Market, Saturdays at the Princeton Junction train station and at the Trenton Farmer's Market. Their website is: www.njagsociety.org to learn more about them.

OTHER NEWS

Anna Wahler, a member of our church for fifty years, will celebrate her 100th Birthday on October 16, 2010. Anna, Audrey Smith's mother, lives in Assisted Living at Monroe Village. If you would like to send her a card, please send it to: 2 David Brainerd Drive, Apt. 12, Monroe Township, NJ 08831.

Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society invites you to attend *Cranbury Wassail*, a progressive tour of five Main Street homes decorated for Christmas, on Saturday, December 11, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Festive refreshments and beverages will be served in each home, and special guests from Cranbury's history will add to the enjoyment of the evening. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased by contacting Audrey Smith at aud123abc@aol.com or 609-655-5361. Only 100 tickets will be sold, and the event is expected to sell out early.

SAVE THE DATE: 2011 Women's Retreat will be held April 8 to 10, 2011 at Camp Johnsonburg. All women in the church are invited to attend. The cost is \$100.00. The theme will be *The Spirituality of Women: Finding Time for God and Ourselves in the world in which we live*. For more information, contact Anne Gordon or Joanne Petto.

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 the church office at (609)395-0897.

EXERCISE SCHEDULE

October 4, October 7, October 11, October 14,
October 18, October 21, October 25, October 28

Upcoming Events

On **Saturday, October 16 at 12(noon)** the Deacons will hold their **buffet luncheon for the Senior Fellowship and the Golden Age Neighbors** in Fellowship Hall. The main dish, beverages and dessert will be provided. If you cook, bring a side dish like a salad or deviled eggs to share with the group. The Bell Choir will play various selections for entertainment at 12:30 p.m. This is open to all seniors so if you have never participated before this would be a delicious way to join either group.

Senior Fellowship will have a **Halloween Party on Friday, October 29 at 12(noon)**. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages 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 to 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 Connie.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

College Care Packages! If you would like your college student to receive a Care Package, please e-mail their name, college mail and e-mail address to the church office, agordoncpc@comcast.net. Also, the Youth Group is looking for donations for the care packages: small lightweight items, school supplies, or something inspirational. All donated items may be brought to the church office or put in the donation box by Fellowship Hall before October 24. Thank you for your help!

Anne Gordon and Barbara Santoro

Camp Johnsonburg to Host Johnsonburg Day: Camp Johnsonburg is continuing a new tradition with our third annual Johnsonburg Day, to be held on **Saturday, October 9**, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This is an opportunity to visit camp, reunite with friends, and have fun as a family. Come and join us for food, music, games, fellowship and lots more. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Rosellyn Cassidy or Anne Gordon.

Youth Group Activities

October Events

- Oct. 3 11:30 am-12:15 pm Coffee Hour Fundraiser for 2011 Youth Mission Trip.
6:00-7 p.m. Youth Group (Theme: The First Commandment)
- Oct. 9 (Sat.) Johnsonburg Day from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Oct. 10 12:00(noon) - 4 p.m. Youth Group Retreat day at Ocean Grove
- Oct. 17 1:30-4:00 p.m. CROP Walk, no evening meeting
- Oct. 24 6:30-8:00 p.m. College Student Care Packages

November Events

- Nov. 7 6:30-8 pm Youth Group meeting in the McKnight Room
- Nov. 14 6:30- 8pm Service Project: Sort Food for Thanksgiving Baskets- Fellowship Hall
- Nov. 19-21 (Fri. 5pm - Sun. 2 pm) High School Retreat on Stewardship at Camp Johnsonburg
- Nov. 21 7-9 pm Community Interfaith Thanksgiving worship service
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving weekend, no evening meeting

Save the Date!

- Dec. 3-5 (Fri. 5pm - Sun. 2 pm) Middle School Retreat on Stewardship at Camp Johnsonburg

WALKING IN FAITH

**Homecoming Picnic
by Elder Ron Riemann**

On September 12, the members of First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury kicked off the new Sunday school year (and NFL Season) with our Annual Homecoming Picnic. What normally takes place in our new courtyard was hastily moved into Fellowship Hall when it looked as though the first predictions of rain in 9 weeks were actually going to come true.

The rain did not dampen our appetites, as we were still able to polish off 175 burgers, 100 hot dogs and about 20 Veggie burgers along with delicious salads and desserts. The Grilling Staff would like to give a special shout out for Lil Connelly's Deviled Eggs.

In keeping with tradition the Brass Band provided another wonderful performance, lifting everyone's spirits and making us quickly forget about the rain. All in all it was a great afternoon of fun, food and fellowship, and a nice way to transition from summer into our fall church schedule.

We would like to thank the members/spouses of the Congregational Life Committee for these opportunities to bring us together.

<p><u>Worship Service</u> 10:30 a.m. Worship (Childcare provided)</p>	<p><u>Staff</u> Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell, Pastor Rev. Rosanna Anderson, Associate Pastor Rev. Joanne Petto, Parish Associate Kurt Heineman, Seminary Intern</p>	<p><u>Church Office Hours</u> 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><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 cpsnschool@comcast.net</p>	<p>You can view the monthly newsletter, calendar and hear past sermons on our website at www.cranburypres.org. 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 due on October 21, 2010.</u> If possible, please submit articles as attachments via email to: FirstPresOffice@comcast.net</p>	<p><u>Dates and Deadlines</u> 10/14 9:00a Session Material Due 10/19 7:30p Session Meeting 10/21 Newsletter Articles Due</p>

