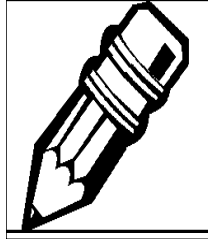


May 2017

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
of the CITY OF CAPE MAY

*THE VISITORS' CHURCH FOR OVER A CENTURY*

# THE OPEN DOOR



From the Interim Pastor -

I enjoy it when folks comment on my sermons. It's always good to hear that people are listening!

We talked about forgiveness a number of times recently and I observed that quite a few of you had something to share about that topic. Forgiveness is such a foundational issue in our lives as people of faith and also as human beings. We observed that understanding someone is a crucial first step in being able to forgive them. It's also true that as we better understand ourselves, we can learn to forgive ourselves and ask the forgiveness of others we have wounded. The tricky part of this is that, understanding and forgiveness do not offer an excuse for misdeeds and wrongdoing. There are always consequences and sometimes the consequences can be severe. In spite of this, the practice of forgiveness offers us the hope of reconciliation. Being healthy emotionally and spiritually are achievable goals. I trust that as we apply the principles of forgiveness, we will all continue to find new growth and healing.



By all means, keep the sermon  
and newsletter article feedback coming.

*Regards and Peace,  
Rev. Tim Hines*

**Obedient in faith we intend to work  
together to touch the lives of others  
and be disciples of the Lord.**

## CELEBRATIONS!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...

May 3rd Heather Averill  
Tom Curran  
6th Jim McDowell  
10th Mary Kobayashi  
12th Alice Jones  
14th Ed Kobayashi  
17th Priscilla McQueen  
18th Jamie McDowell  
20th Nancy Benson  
28th Carol Willard

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...

May 10th Paul & Kristine Gentilini

## SPIRITUALITY IN PRACTICE (SIP)

The SIP's for May are as follows:

May 7th Plant something.  
May 14th Send a card to a serviceman or woman.  
May 21st Learn something new.  
May 28th Write a poem.

## IN OUR PRAYERS



Friends & family of  
Jim and Jackie Richards  
John & Carol  
Carrie  
Mike Duval  
Kate & Art Gorden  
Moore family  
Stella  
Warren  
Henry Walsh  
Roxanne Landis  
Tommy  
Our Stephen Ministers  
All serving in the Military

## IN SYMPATHY

We extend our condolences to Pastor Jim and Jackie Richards on the passing of Jackie's mother, RuthAnna Hoke. If you would like to send a card, their address is:

35 Cedar Circle  
Newville PA 17241

## OPEN DOOR DEADLINE

Please have any news, pictures, celebration announcements, etc. in by

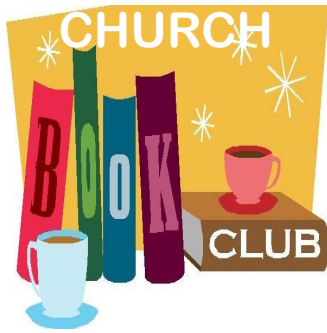
**Monday, May 15th.**

Email information to:

[office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com](mailto:office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com)

or place information on the office desk.

Thank you.



Our Church Book Club will meet on Sunday, May 7th in the church lounge at 6:00 PM to discuss *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer.

Amazon's summary: In *The Canterbury Tales* Chaucer created one of the great touchstones of English literature, a masterly collection of chivalric romances, moral allegories and low farce. A story-telling competition between a group of pilgrims from all walks of life is the occasion for a series of tales that range from the Knight's account of courtly love and the ebullient Wife of Bath's Arthurian legend, to the ribald anecdotes of the Miller and the Cook. Rich and diverse, *The Canterbury Tales* offer us an unrivalled glimpse into the life and mind of medieval England.

The Church Book Club would love to have you join this discussion — all are welcome. If you have any questions, call Linda Linhares at 884-2646 or Connie Blocher at 884-7817.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balances as of February 28, 2017

### Endowment Fund:

Wells Fargo Advisors      **\$154,003.29**

### Manse Fund (Principal 80,000.00):

Wells Fargo Advisors      **\$ 91,349.75**

**Total income for Feb.                    \$ 6,905.73**

**Total expenses for Feb.                \$ 16,288.29**

**Net income for Feb.                      - \$ 9,382.56**



### Consolidated Operating Checking Account Cape Bank, Cape May, NJ:      **\$24,297.83**

Includes donations to the following sub-accounts for 2017:

Capital Building Fund                \$515.00

Parking Lot Receipts                \$ 96.00

Submitted by:  
- Annie Szulczewski

## RUMMAGE SALE—MAY 6TH 9:00AM TO 1:00 PM

Please donate items for our Rummage Sale that are CLEAN and in decent condition: clothing, books, toys, games, linens, decorative and seasonal items, kitchen items (but nothing that plugs in). Drop off Monday-Friday 9AM to 1PM; Monday and Thursday evenings 5PM to 8PM. We also need people to assist with the sorting and pricing from May 1st to 5th during those hours, as well as, help during the sale. Questions? Please call Gail Bridges at 898-0514 or twobridges@comcast.net.

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Thank you for your response to sending in Pledges, the response has been 40% better than previous years. It is a great help in establishing budgets.

We had our bus trip to Peddlers' Village in Lahaska, PA on April 22nd. There were 25 people who traveled and enjoyed a fun day of shopping. Some of us had lunch at the Cock 'n Bull Restaurant, while others went off on their own. We were able to raise just under \$300 for the church. I am looking into a trip in November to Lancaster to see the Christmas Show at Sight and Sound.

*Frank Smith, Chair  
Stewardship Committee*

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Our second bid on replacing the lift has come in just under \$25,000, as compared to the first bid of just under \$30,000. We have received a contribution from the Carley Foundation of \$25,000 to be used for a new lift— a blessing indeed.

Our new fire alarm system is installed and operational and has been inspected and approved by the city inspector. This system goes directly to the Fire Department should the alarm go off. It also has an outside alarm. Our next challenge is the Fire Sprinkler that the Fire Marshall said we must install and we have a year to comply.

We still have one air-conditioning A Coil to be replaced.

*Frank Smith, Chair  
Building & Grounds*

## **CAPE MAY COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET**

Quarterly Board meeting held Thursday April 20th. President Barbara Blair summarized the meeting this way: "a brief and partial summary reveals our progress: we are insured, the 501(3)c application is in its final step for approval, the volunteer records are being recorded, strategies for community outreach and communication have been formulated, operations procedures are being observed and recorded, we are in compliance with Food safety and State regulations."

The Treasurer's report was received with this information: the balances included \$11,979 in operating account; and \$10,000 in the capital expenses account. Year-to-date we have received \$3,115.54 in donations and disbursed for food, utilities, supplies and misc. \$4,454.49.

Tina Johnson, Exec. Dir. reported: the number served on average from January to March—77 families. The numbers were down due to deaths and income requirements that force people to leave the area. Tina noted we had the most Hispanics in January but none so far in April. Since our mission is to help people with food scarcity, we discussed how to best serve this community.

Ron Rollet reported that from February 1 to April 14, 2017 we had a total of 36 volunteers working on 21 different dates at 17 particular tasks. The total volunteer hours for this period totaled 204.75.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00 PM

*-Hugh N. Blair  
Board member for the Board of Directors*

# MAY 2017

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                                  | Saturday  |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| 30  | 1<br>Rummage Sale set-up<br>AA - 7:30<br>(lounge)                  | 2<br>Rummage Sale set-up<br>Alanon 10:00<br>Mission Mtg 6:00<br>Eve Alanon 7:30<br>AA 7:30 (sanctuary) | 3<br>Rummage Sale set-up<br>AA 12:30<br>(lounge) | 4<br>Rummage Sale set-up<br>Bells 4:00<br>S. Ministry 6:00<br>AA Mtg 7:30<br>(lounge or sanctuary) | 5<br>Rummage Sale set-up<br>Choir 9:00  | 6<br>RUMMAGE SALE<br>9:00AM to 1:00 PM<br>AA 7:30                       |
| 7<br>Church Book Club 6:00  | 8<br>PNC 3:00<br>Deacons Mtg 6:00<br>AA - 7:30                     | 9<br>Alanon 10:00<br>Eve Alanon 7:30   | 10   | 11<br>Bells 4:00   | 12<br>Choir 9:00<br>Food Closet 9:00    | 13<br>Boat Safety Class<br>7:30AM-4:30PM<br>Vow Renewal 4:00<br>AA 7:30 |
| 14 Mother's Day   | 15<br>OPEN DOOR DEADLINE<br>PNC 1:00<br>AA - 7:30                  | 16<br>Alanon 10:00<br>CM Book Club 11:30<br>Eve Alanon 7:30  | 17   | 18<br>Bells 4:00   | 19<br>Choir 9:00<br>Wedding Rehrsl 5:00 | 20<br>Wedding 4:30<br>AA 7:30   |
| 21<br>Habitat for Humanity<br>stud decorating after both<br>services<br>Jazz Vespers 3:00 | 22<br>AA - 7:30  | 23<br>Alanon 10:00<br>Eve Alanon 7:30  | 24   | 25<br>Bells 4:00   | 26<br>Choir 9:00<br>Food Closet 9:00    | 27<br>AA 7:30   |
| 28  | 29<br>Memorial Day<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>ELTC 1:30-6:00<br>AA - 7:30 | 30<br>Alanon 10:00<br>ELTC 1:30-6:00<br>Eve Alanon 7:30  | 31<br>ELTC 1:00-9:30                             | 1  | 2                                       | 3   |