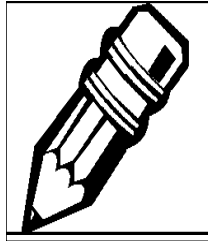


July 2017

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 have a pack of firecrackers in my dresser. I picked them up at a yard sale a number of years ago and they've been sitting there untouched ever since. Each Fourth of July, I plan to set them off; but I just never get around to it. Why? Well, I think it's because I'm afraid. Yes, the sound of fireworks is exciting and even expected on the 4th, but what if I got caught? Imagine the news story, "local minister arrested for fireworks violation, film at 11!" And, what if the firecrackers went off too quickly? We all know that hundreds of people are injured each year setting off fireworks. Yeah, I guess it's a pretty good idea to not set them off! Maybe I should just throw them away?

It occurs to me that beyond fireworks there are things associated with July 4th that we should all be fearful of. Indeed, fireworks remind us of the terrible battle that was going on when the Star Spangled Banner was written. "Rockets red glare," and "bombs bursting in air," sends shivers down the spine of everyone who



witnesses them. Rockets and bombs are still glaring and bursting. Nations stand poised to act and react with violence. The threat of such violence should cause us all to stand firm in our commitment to be peacemakers. I trust we will all find ways to turn our fear into action that makes a difference in our homes, church and community. Amen!

*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...

July 10th Dixie Barab
13th Lynda McDowell
16th Dorothy Balzano
22nd Herb Anger
25th Peggy Curran

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...

July 4th Robert & Joan Barta
10th Bruce & Zan Jeffries-Fox

SPIRITUALITY IN PRACTICE (SIP)

The SIP's for July are as follows:

- July 2nd Hold a door open for someone.
- July 9th Turn off your phone during dinner.
- July 16th Call a friend you haven't spoken to in a long time.
- July 23rd Smile at someone.
- July 30th Share some good news.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Alissa Groff
Family & friends of Connie Riley
Robin (travel)
Jim
Bill
William
Yurdanka
Nikki & family
Bill Preston
Dee Preston
Tommy
Our Stephen Ministers
All serving in the Military

OPEN DOOR DEADLINE

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

Monday, July 17th.

Email information to:

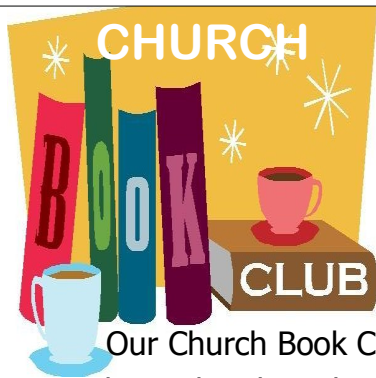
office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com

or place information on the office desk.

Thank you.



Our Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13th from noon to 5:00 PM at Kiwanis Park on Madison Avenue. Parking is, once again, allowed at PNC Bank. Plan on joining us for a wonderful time of fellowship and great food!



Our Church Book Club will meet on Sunday, July 9th at the CMP picnic tables at 6:00 PM to discuss *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce.

Amazon's summary: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* followed its unassuming hero on an incredible journey as he traveled the length of England on foot—a journey spurred by a simple letter from his old friend Queenie Hennessy, writing from a hospice to say goodbye. Harold believed that as long as he kept walking, Queenie would live. What he didn't know was that his decision to walk had caused her both alarm and fear. How could she wait? What would she say? Forced to confront the past, Queenie realizes she must write again. In this poignant parallel story to Harold's saga, acclaimed Rachel Joyce brings Queenie Hennessy's voice into sharp focus. Setting pen to paper, Queenie makes a journey of her own, a journey that is even bigger than Harold's; one word after another, she promises to confess long-buried truths—about her modest childhood, her studies at Oxford, the heartbreak that brought her to Kingsbridge and to loving Harold, her friendship with his son, the solace she has found in a garden by the sea. And, finally, the devastating secret she has kept from Harold for all these years.

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 May 31, 2017

Endowment Fund:

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$157,966.63**

Manse Fund (Principal 80,000.00):

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$ 92,690.02**

Total income for May \$ 10,988.00

Total expenses for May \$ 27,867.74

Net income for May \$-16,879.74



**Consolidated Operating Checking Account
Cape Bank, Cape May, NJ: \$24,850.96**

Includes donations to the following sub-accounts for 2017:

Capital Building Fund \$31,345.00

Parking Lot Receipts \$ 2,494.00

Submitted by:
- Annie Szulczewski

COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 PM in the lounge.

News from Community FoodBank of NJ—

As summer approaches, the Community FoodBank of NJ is gearing up for our toughest season. During the summer months, food insecure kids lose access to school meals, often their only reliable source of healthy food. Join our efforts by attending the Seafood Festival at the Atlantic City Boardwalk on Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th. It's a family-friendly event which will, once again, support the Community FoodBank of NJ—Southern Branch with a portion of the proceeds and the Chowder Cook-Off!

Did you know that 1 in 5 of NJ's children does NOT know what's for dinner?

Share your garden produce—Consider taking your surplus summer produce to the Green Team Project, Cape May Lutheran Church, 500 Pittsburg Avenue, each Thursday morning after July 20th from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. Your tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and lettuce are needed. They will be distributed to a local food pantry and the Victorian Towers.

ANOTHER MINUTE FOR MISSION

Your Mission Committee is pleased to report the results of two special offerings:

One Great Hour of Sharing received \$1124.27; and Habitat for Humanity Stud Project received \$600.

Who/What is the Mission Committee? This committee was initiated by Session to establish, promote and administer the mission portion of our church budget. Elder Lou Riccio chairs this group with four members: Tina Johnson, Linda Riccio, Barbara and Hugh Blair. This year the committee proposed a budget of \$6,000 to Session. The money is appropriated from the money contributed annually by our church members. This year, the committee has decided to send \$1,000 to each of the following six projects:

- Backpack program, Greenwood School
- Family Promise
- Branches Outreach Center
- Cape May Food Closet
- International needs
- Emergency needs
(disasters, catastrophes)

In addition, the committee promotes the denominational offerings including One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace Offering and the Christmas Offering. The committee is also in charge of the weekly Minute for Mission at each worship service.

DEACONS DOINS

Come Meet Your Deacons!! Deacons will be hosting Coffee Hour on July 16th. Please come by and share in Fellowship. What Do Deacons Do? Foster Fellowship. Show Hospitality. Welcome new People. Care for the Lonely. Comfort the Sick. Celebrate God's Gift of Life. Serve. Pray. Express Compassion...that's what Deacons Do!

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 AA Mtg 8:30
						AA Mtg 7:30
2	3	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED Alanon 10:00	5	6 Bells 4:00 S. Ministry 6:00	7 Choir 9:00 Wedding Rehrsal 6:00	8 AA Mtg 8:30 Wedding 5:00
						ELTC 6:30 AA Mtg 7:30
9 Church Book Club CMP 6:00	10 PNC Mtg 3:00	11 Alanon 10:00	12	13 Bells 4:00 Session Mtg 6:00	14 Choir 9:00 Food Closet:9:00	15 AA Mtg 8:30
						AA Mtg 7:30
16 Deacons Coffee Hour	17 Open Door Deadline	18 Alanon 10:00 CM Book Club 11:30	19	20 Bells 4:00	21 Choir 9:00	22 AA Mtg 8:30
						AA Mtg 7:30
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