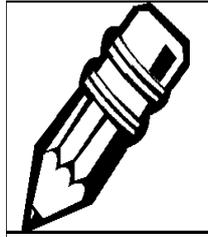


August 2017

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of the CITY OF CAPE MAY

THE VISITORS' CHURCH FOR OVER A CENTURY

THE OPEN DOOR



From the Interim Pastor -

One of the concerns of the interim period is that of momentum. It's important for members of the congregation to be aware of the fact that things are moving forward. With that in mind, I think it's important to highlight the work and progress of the Pastor Nominating Committee. As you know, this committee was elected by the congregation to work on behalf of the congregation to secure new pastoral leadership.

The committee has reported recently that they are meeting regularly and working diligently. It's also been reported that a number of candidates are being considered; and it's quite possible that a decision will be made in the near future.

When this happens, a candidate will be presented to the congregation and the congregation will vote on the committee's recommendation.

This is an exciting time! I'm sure we will all benefit by knowing that things are indeed moving forward!



Let's continue to remember the PNC as they continue to labor so conscientiously for each and all of you.

In the meantime, stay cool and enjoy the rest of your summer!

*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...

August 1st Dick Barab
3rd Zan Jeffries-Fox
5th Sue Wichterman
6th Robert Barta
17th Reef Gentilini
23rd Ando Randrasana
24th Heijung Colameco
Linda Linhares
26th Jack Wichterman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...

August 5th Sue & Jack Wichterman
24th Louis & Carol Elwell

OPEN DOOR DEADLINE

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

Wednesday, August 16th.

Email information to:

office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com

or place information on the office desk.

Thank you.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Cluff Family
Jean Finnegan
Sunny
Family & friends of Jane Rech
Jackie Richards
Alan
Sally Harvex
John
Frank Lovero
Ali
Winter Favre (surgery)
Gail & Pat
William
Tommy
Our Stephen Ministers
All serving in the Military

AUGUST SIP's

August 6th— Invite someone over or out to lunch.

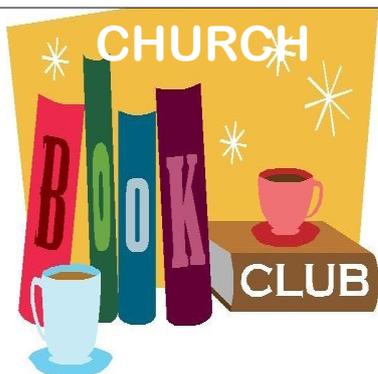
August 13th—Invite someone to come to church with you.

August 20th—Attend Jazz Vespers.

August 27th—Thank a police officer for their service.

DEACONS DOINS

Come Meet Your Deacons!! Deacons will be hosting Coffee Hour on August 20th . 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!



Our Church Book Club will meet on Sunday, August 6th at the CMP picnic tables at 6:00 PM to discuss *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout.

Amazon's summary:

Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn't spoken for many years, comes to see her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy's childhood in Amgash, Illinois, seems to reconnect them, but just below the surface lie the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of Lucy's life: her escape from her troubled family, her desire to become a writer, her marriage, her love for her two daughters. Knitting this powerful narrative together is the brilliant storytelling voice of Lucy herself: keenly observant, deeply human, and truly unforgettable.

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 June 30, 2017

Endowment Fund:

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$161,746.31**

Manse Fund (Principal 80,000.00):

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$ 93,128.34**

Total income for June \$ 11,529.10

Total expenses for June \$ 24,057.46

Net income for June \$-12,528.36



**Consolidated Operating Checking Account
Cape Bank, Cape May, NJ: \$13,976.49**

Includes donations to the following sub-accounts for 2017:

Capital Building Fund \$31,345.00

Parking Lot Receipts \$ 5,669.10

Submitted by:
- Annie Szulczewski

IN OUR FATHER'S HOUSE



Jane Rech
Member 2001—2017

WHEN GOD LEFT THE BUILDING

The Mission Committee is sponsoring the showing of "When God Left the Building" on Wednesday, August 2nd in the Wedgewood Room at 5:30 PM.

We will begin with a covered dish supper which will be followed by the movie at 6:30 PM and discussion. This film is a documentary filmed in NY State and presents the stories of churches and their members who found themselves struggling with declining membership. It compares the decline of these churches with the demise of the Eastman Kodak Corporation. This video was referenced by Rev. Blair in his sermon, "Let's Talk Church", delivered on June 11th.

A trailer of the video can be viewed on our church's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/First Presbyterian Church of Cape May](http://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofCapeMay). Members who have seen the video report that it has helped them think about the future of our church.

Persons attending at 5:30 PM are asked to bring a dish which will serve five or six persons. The sponsoring committee will provide cold beverages. If you are unable to make the dinner, please arrive by 6:30PM when the video will begin. Allow time in your schedule to join in discussion immediately after the showing.

You can find information about the video by Googling the title on your computer's browser.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

PNC REPORT

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has been working hard, meeting Mondays and sometime Fridays, and sometimes twice a week going through applications.

Out of almost forty applicants, we have reached out to six so far. One already answered a call and two others did not reply. Out of the remaining three, two have been interviewed; the third will be interviewed this month.

We are feeling pretty good about these three candidates after having seen or heard sermons on Google, going through their resumes and interviewing their references.

Keep us in your prayers for guidance in making the choice.

- Frank Smith



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 allowed at PNC Bank.

Needed Items:

- Chopped onion
- Coolers/Ice
- Water/Iced Tea/Lemonade
- Cheese
- Rolls

Look for the sign-up sheet in the lounge. Plan on joining us on the 13th for a wonderful time of fellowship and great food!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

We are still waiting for the Fire Inspector, but we have met the requirements of a new alarm system which is connected directly to the Fire Department. We have until the end of June next year to have a sprinkler system installed downstairs. We are gathering estimates, and also looking further to see if it is still required under the code with our new alarm system.

Installation of a new lift should begin in the next couple weeks and is scheduled to be completed by Labor Day. Thanks to a grant received, 90% of that expense is covered.

There is yet one more air conditioner for the Sanctuary that needs to have the A-coil replaced. That will cost about \$7,500. Right now only two of the three are working and on these hot days it is really putting a strain on them.

- *Frank Smith, Chair*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

I am putting out a challenge to our membership. Last year, our August 1st to the end of the year challenge raised \$30,000 which covered the cost of the alarm system, cleaning of the steeple, repairing the ceiling and replacing two of the three air conditioning coils in the sanctuary.

Our pledges, though slightly increased from last year, and cash gifts in the plate on Sunday, are not enough to do all that we want to do in and around our community. Last year, the income from the parking lot, rental/wedding fees and donations sent in, along with the challenge covered approximately 95% 2016's expenses. So, please, let us all work together. Give a little more each week or make one big gift to help meet the challenge. The work listed in the Building and Grounds Report is above what we have budgeted for in this fiscal year.

- *Frank Smith, Chair*

ELTC PRESENTS:

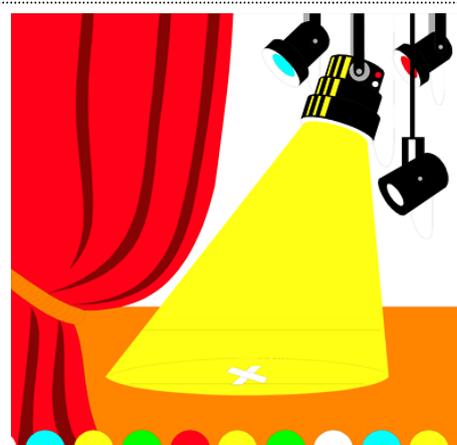
Through the month of August, ELTC presents **AH, WILDERNESS!** Eugene O'Neill's only comedy, from 1933, offers a gentle portrait of family values and teenage growing pains.

Performances Wednesday thru Saturday evenings are at 8:00 PM.

On Sunday, August 13th at 8:00 PM come and see **SOMEONE MUST WASH THE DISHES.**

Michele LaRue performs this humorous 1912 satire by suffragist Marie Jenney Howe. The performance will be followed by a lecture.

For information and reservations, call 609-884-5898.



CM COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00 PM and reports the following:

The treasurer, Carol Elwell, noted that as of June 30th there was a checking account balance of \$19, 428.21 and a savings account for capital expenses in the amount of \$15,002.84. Year-to-date we have received donations totaling \$11,299.07 plus \$250 in gift cards.

Director Tina Johnson reported that the new distribution schedule—government food on second Friday of the month and non-government food on fourth Friday—was proceeding as planned, with minimal confusion.

Ron Rollet reported that for the period 4/15/17-7/14/17 we had 34 volunteers give 504.25 hours of their time on 33 individual dates. They self-identified 15 separate tasks such as administration, bagging, sorting and shelving performed during their volunteer time.

A moment of silence was held to honor the life and service of Board Member Maurice Hight, Lutheran church, who died on Thursday, July 13th.

Hugh Blair noted that our Facebook page had two posts this month seen by several hundred people. Unfortunately, not many liked our page which would help us with our marketing power.

The Board discussed holding our meetings at different churches. We will start that practice in January 2018.

The Board also discussed having a sit-down dinner honoring our volunteers and neighbors receiving our services sometime in November.

The meeting adjourned to meet next on Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 PM.

Current food needs: cereal, canned fruit, bar soap, tuna, dry spaghetti and jelly.

Like us on our Facebook page. Search for us on Facebook using: CM COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET. You'll find: quotable quotes, news, pictures, our distribution schedule and much, much more.

Extra produce from your garden? Donate extra tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce to the Green Project, Lutheran Church, Pittsburg Ave., Thursday mornings from 9:00 to noon. They will deliver to local food closets and Victoria Towers.

Cape May County, according to an April 2017 report, ranked 21st out of 21 NJ counties regarding services for the safety and welfare of children.

Did you know that 1 of every 5 children in the state of New Jersey doesn't know what's for dinner? There is poverty in Cape May County beyond the façade of multi-roomed beach homes, expensive restaurants and yachts worth thousands in the marinas.

- Hugh Blair

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Alanon 10:00	2 Alanon 10:00	3 Bells 4:00 S. Ministry 6:00	4 Choir 9:00	5 AA 8:30
6 Church Book Club CMP 6:00	7	8 Alanon 10:00 Mission Mtg 2:00	9 Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 Movie 6:30 ELTC 8:00	10 Bells 4:00	11 Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00 PNC Mtg 3:00	12 AA 8:30
13 Church Picnic Noon – 5:00	14	15 Alanon 10:00 CM Book Club 11:30	16 Open Door Deadline ELTC 8:00	17 Bells 4:00 Session Mtg 6:00	18 Choir 9:00	19 Boating Safety Class 7:30 – 5:00
20 Jazz Vespers	21	22 Alanon 10:00	23	24 Bells 4:00	25 Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00	26 AA 8:30
27	28	29 Alanon 10:00	30	31 Bells 4:00	1	2