

November 2017

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of the CITY OF CAPE MAY

THE VISITORS' CHURCH FOR OVER A CENTURY

THE OPEN DOOR



From the Pastor -

Sing to the Lord a new song! So says the psalmist (96:1) and a hymn I happen to love, Earth and All Stars (#26 in the Glory to God hymnal). While the psalm is pretty familiar, the hymn is a little eccentric in its verses; for example, "Classrooms and labs, Loud boiling test tubes/Sing to the Lord a new song!" Loud boiling test tubes? Well, that is a new song!

For me, the oddity of the hymn's last two verses reinforces its theme, which is so very often a critical one in the life of the church—sing a new song! The new song might seem a bit strange, even feel a little uncomfortable at first (loud boiling test tubes?), but there are absolutely moments when the old, comfortable songs we've been singing just won't do.

God does new things, in new ways, and we need new songs to celebrate them. I know that First Pres Cape May knows that, and that's a big part of why I feel called to be your pastor.

This week, as I look at local maps and learn names and study old issues



of the Open Door, I can't wait to hear the first notes of the new song we will be composing and singing together, the new ways in which we will be proclaiming to the world that, in the words of the hymn, "God has done marvelous things!"

- Pastor Nicole

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

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Session has called for a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 19th at 10:15 AM between services for the purpose of electing Deacons and Elders for 2018 and for presentment of the budget for 2018.

Also, a Corporate Meeting has been called immediately following for election of President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Corporation.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Sue Witt
Jeri Verize
Bill Rogers
Jean Finegan
Kate
Marsden Family on the death of William
Jackie Richards
William J.
Mike
Tommy
Our Stephen Ministers
All serving in the Military

CELEBRATIONS!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...

November 3rd Bill Hill
5th Michael Mottola
12th Jonathan McDowell
22nd Edward Russell
24th Rebecca Davis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...

November 4th Lynda & Jim McDowell

OPEN DOOR DEADLINE

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

Wednesday, November 15th.

Email information to:

office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com

or place information on the office desk.

Thank you.

NOVEMBER SIP'S

November 5th Visit a neighbor.
November 12th Compliment a child.
November 19th Invite someone to lunch.
November 26th Let someone know you're thankful for them.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Installation of the new lift is scheduled to begin the week of November 13th and should take four to five days to complete. Meanwhile the old lift again has failed; a transformer burned out and would be several hundred dollars to replace. We are going to forego that repair as it would end up being thrown out when the new lift is installed.

WELCOME PASTOR NICOLE

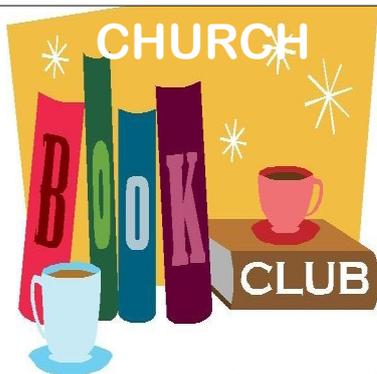
Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson Duran has served small, medium and large churches over the past 15 years and most recently has been the chaplain at Rosemont and Broomall Presbyterian Villages. She is a member of Philadelphia Presbytery and a regional moderator for the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry.

Nicole holds a Ph.D. in New Testament from Vanderbilt University and has taught Bible and literature in a variety of contexts. She is the author of several articles, as well as, the books *Having Men for Dinner: Deadly Banquets and Biblical Women* (Pilgrim Press, 2006) and *The Power of Disorder: Ritual Themes in Mark's Passion Narrative* (T & T Clark, 2009).

Having grown up in eastern Ohio, she has lived in Thailand, South Africa and Turkey. Currently she lives in Bryn Mawr, PA with her husband, Metin, and twin sons, Ahmet and Nazim, who are almost 17 years old.

Nicole enjoys singing, camping, swimming and reading good fiction.





Our Church Book Club will meet on Sunday, November 12th in the church lounge at 6:00 PM to discuss *The Bookstore on the Corner* by Jenny Colgan.

Amazon summary :

Nina is a literary matchmaker. Pairing a reader with that perfect book is her passion... and also her job. Or at least it was. Until yesterday, she was a librarian in the hectic city. But now the job she loved is no more.

Determined to make a new life for herself, Nina moves to a sleepy village many miles away. There she buys a van and transforms it into a bookmobile — a mobile bookshop that she drives from neighborhood to neighborhood, changing one life after another with the power of storytelling.

From helping her grumpy landlord deliver a lamb, to sharing picnics with a charming train conductor who serenades her with poetry, Nina discovers there's plenty of adventure, magic, and soul in a place that's beginning to feel like home... a place where she just might be able to write her own happy ending.

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 September 30, 2017

Endowment Fund:

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$164,642.73**

Manse Fund (Principal 80,000.00):

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$ 94,515.04**

Total income for Sept. \$ 17,046.86

Total expenses for Sept. \$ 16,635.98

Net income for Sept. \$ 410.88



Consolidated Operating Checking Account Cape Bank, Cape May, NJ: \$25,985.07

Includes donations to the following sub-accounts for 2017:

Capital Building Fund \$31,385.00
Parking Lot Receipts \$37,815.10

Submitted by:
- Annie Szulczewski

STEWARDSHIP

Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 9th at 3:00 PM

We have a long way to go with what is needed in the church building in way of repairs and updates. That is why we once again are having the "Challenge". It is off to a slow start as compared to last year. We need everyone to step up to reach the goal of matching last year's total of \$30,000. If you have an idea on fundraising, let us hear about it and we will help with your event.

2018 Budget will be presented at the Congregational/Corporate meeting on the 19th. Committee Chairs, please get your desired budget to me by November 9th. Thank you. - Frank Smith



Once again, our Mitten Tree will be up during the month of December. Each year we send the mittens, scarves, hats and gloves to needy children.

So...get knitting and crocheting. Time is marching on and December will be here before you know it.

I am open to suggestions as to where you would like to send the items this year.

Thank you. - June Willis

ELTC PRESENTS

November 3rd & 4th

SHERLOCK HOLMES:
Adventure of the Speckled Band

Holmes and Watson race against time to stop the bizarre murders in an eerie country manor. This performance is "radio-style" with live sound effects and commercials.

November 24th, 25th: December 3rd, 7th, 8th at 8:00 PM; December 9th at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM

The opening of Little Women and other Alcott favorites.

For more information please call 884-5898.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Observance

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

-Author Unknown

HUGE CHRISTMAS CARD

In December, our Huge Christmas Card will, once again, be on display in the lounge. Instead of sending cards to your church family, tape your card onto the Huge Card, saving money on cards and stamps. Put your savings in the box near the card. Last year, your donation went to The Blind Center of The Jersey Cape. If you have another idea as to where this money may be needed, please let me know.

The Huge Card will be set up in the Lounge in the next few weeks, so be on the lookout!

- June Willis

DON'T FORGET!

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 AM. Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



Dickens Yuletide

Bazaar



The Dickens' Bazaar 2017 will be held Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Once again, we will be offering crafts, plants, books, baked goods, needlework, doggie treats and new Christmas items. There will also be a pared down Attic Treasures, featuring good, clean, gently used items. There will be carolers and, perhaps even an elf. Of course, there will be our famous Tea Room to refresh all comers.

Items will be accepted up to and through November 5th. After that date, nothing will be accepted.

Books can be stored under the pews in the Chapel. Clean and in good condition items for Attic Treasures can be left in the nursery (please don't block food closet items stored there.) Sign up sheets for the Tea Room and Baked Goods are up in the lounge. Volunteers are always welcome! Please see me or any committee member for ways to participate.

Most importantly, invite friends and family to visit and to shop on the 11th! See you then.

- Linda Kissling

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 Halloween	1	2 Bells 4:00 S. Ministry 6:00 ELTC 8:00	3 Choir 9:00 ELTC 8:00	4 AA 8:30 7:30 AA ELTC 8:00
5 Daylight Saving	6	7 Alanon 10:00 ELTC 11:00 Mission Mtg 3:00 Eve Alanon 7:30	8	9 Stewardship Mtg 3:00 Bells 4:00	10 Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00	11 Veterans Day BAZAAR 7:30 AA
12 Church Book Club 6:00	13 AA 7:30	14 Alanon 10:00 Open Door Deadline Eve Alanon 7:30	15	16 Bells 4:00 Session Mtg 6:00	17 Choir 9:00	18 AA 8:30 7:30 AA
19 Congregational/ Corporate Mtg 10:15 Jazz Vespers 3:00	20 Food Closet 9:00 AA 7:30	21 Alanon 10:00 CM Book Club 11:30 Eve Alanon 7:30	22	23 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	24 Choir 9:00 ELTC 8:00	25 AA 8:30 7:30 AA ELTC 8:00
26	27 AA 7:30	28 Alanon 10:00 Eve Alanon 7:30	29	30 Bells 4:00 Hanging of the Greens 6:00	1	2