

FOR TO US A SON IS GIVEN



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The Very Best Time in the World...and the Best Time of Your Life

We'd be hard pressed to know it from the conversations on the street. Conversations registering discontent with a government perhaps filled with opportunists who appear to serve the powerful and the wealthy far more than common struggling people. Conversations registering fear and concern that foreign powers and "outside influences" threaten a way of life. Conversations expressing loss and wistfulness about a treasured cultural or religious heritage lost or receding, and a future that seems less and less promising.

Yes, these are the conversations we might have heard the on the streets of Jerusalem or the lanes of Bethlehem the first Christmas...the very day God "put on flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood!" (John 1:14, The Message Version). Into our "real" world came God to be "God-with-us" or Emmanuel! In our Christian tradition, the fulfillment of God's promised PRESENCE in Jesus was a singular event of beauty and a BEST time of blessing and reassurance, shining in every moment of history.

Here at PCW we observe ADVENT as a season of preparing to recognize and receive (i.e., be present to) the GIFT of God's presence in our world and in our lives. It appears that people prepared to receive the gifts of God are humble people, who know our need of God's help, expectant people who long to experience God's faithfulness, and grateful people, who are cultivating habits of gratitude that open our eyes to the gifts of God all around us.

How might this Advent season be for you and for me a time of opening our eyes to the most beautiful time in our lives, this congregation's life and the life of God's world? John Ortberg speaks of the gift of the present: "The greatest moment in your life is now. Not because it is [the most] pleasant or happy or easy, but because this moment is where God is. If you are going to be with God at all, you must be with God now, in this moment."

What kind of peace, blessing, encouragement and love comes through us to families, neighbors, co-workers and fellow seekers this Christmas, through people who are living, moment by moment, the very best time of our lives?

May you know the joy and peace of God's presence in each of the present moments of this season!

In Joy,
Pastor Sam (Transitional Pastor)

Advent/Christmas 2017 Schedule



Live Nativity

December 3, 1pm Front Lawn

FREE

Taize Service

December 19, 6:30pm Chapel



Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017

10 am Worship in the Sanctuary

5 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship in the Sanctuary

8 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

10 pm Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion



New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2017

10 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10 am Contemporary Worship in Westminster Hall

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

The PNC has received 38 Pastor Information Forms (PIF) so far. Twenty-four were matched by the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) and 14 were self-referred. We are in the process of reviewing the PIF's. We will continue to receive additional PIF's through further CLC matching and self-referrals.

Through networking over 50 people have been identified to speak with about suggestions for names of potential candidates. This list has been broadened to include Seminaries. Thank you for your suggestions and please continue to speak with any PNC member to give them names of people you think we should contact for referrals.

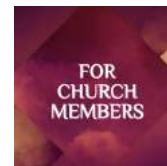
The PCW website has been updated. At the top right corner of the website is a PNC Update link. When you click on that link it takes you to a screen with two boxes. One is for Pastor Candidates and the other is for Church members.



The "Pastor Candidates" box includes:

- ◆ A video about PCW
- ◆ PCW Vision and Mission Statements
- ◆ PCW Mission Study Report
- ◆ Faith Formation at PCW
- ◆ Job Profile
- ◆ MIF (PCW's Mission Information Form)
- ◆ Link to CLC website
- ◆ Learn about the town of Westfield
- ◆ You Tube Channel for PCW which includes videos about AGAPE, Wired, Zambia and Mission trips

The "Church Members" box contains:



- ◆ The monthly PNC update articles that have been in the Spire.

Faith Formation

Christmas Pageant Costuming

Christmas Eve Family Service
5 pm in the Sanctuary on December 24th

Calling ALL potential Angels, Stars or Shepherds
3 years old - 5th grade students

Please pick out your costumes for the Christmas Pageant at one of the following locations, dates and times:

- ◆ Dec. 3 @11:00 A.M. in the Robinson Room
- ◆ Dec. 10 @11:00 A.M. in the Robinson Room
- ◆ Dec 20 @5:00 P.M. in the Assembly Hall

Questions? Please contact Christine Treger: ctreger@westfieldpc.org

Coming up:

NO Sunday school December 24th. There will be one morning service at 10 A.M. in the Sanctuary and it will be interactive and intergenerational and there will be lots for everyone to do, see and hear! All are welcome !

Vacation Bible Camp Needs Volunteers NOW!

You heard right! We are looking to fully staff VBC by the end of January 2018! If we can do this then VBC will be July 9-12, 2018 (four days). If not, we will not have 2018 VBC. Needed: 2 Co-chairs, Leaders & helpers: Snack, Recreation, Bible Story, Craft, Music, Opening Assembly and Mission, Science leaders & Shepherds for preK, K, 1st, 2nd & 3rd and 4th & 5th grades. Volunteers from middle & high school – 101 years are welcome! Registration for church members will begin February 1st & non-church members March 1st ...provided we fill all the volunteer positions! Everyone interested should contact ctreger@westfieldpc.com A.S.A.P.

Christmas resource for Parents:

"The Nativity" by Cynthia Rylant - "stunning" by School Library Journal. Rylant has created a sublime take on a story that will appeal to readers of all ages.

-Christine Treger, Director of Faith Formation



On November 15, the kids from C.O.W., Church on Wednesday, helped the Presbyterian Women in their Give Thanks project of Hygiene Kits for Hurricane Relief. A big thank you to the church for the donations and a hug of thanks to the children (and even the littlest ones) who helped assemble the plastic bags filled with a wash cloth, hand towel, nail clippers, soap, a comb, bandaids and a toothbrush.

You're Invited To...

Senior Members Invited to Lunch on December 6

Because the Senior Network has made separate events from what used to be lunch and a movie, the only event for December will be lunch. It is set for 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6 at Charlie Brown's restaurant in Scotch Plains.

Lunch is for anyone who is a senior citizen, not just Senior Network committee members. However, the Senior Network asks that if you plan to attend, please call the church office (908-233-0301) by December 3. Everyone pays for his/her own meal.

The next movie will be shown in the Christian Lounge of the Parish House on Wednesday, January 24, starting at 1 p.m. The Senior Network will show "The Shack," about a man whose life is derailed by the tragic disappearance and death of his young daughter. Police determine the girl was the victim of a serial killer after finding her torn dress in a vacant cabin.

When the father receives a note in his mailbox inviting him to meet the letter writer at a cabin, he sets out with the idea that he may be able to capture his daughter's killer. Instead, he encounters three people whose task is to help him gain a broader view of life and begin a slow healing for himself and his family.

Based on a best-selling novel by the same name, the film stars Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer, Graham Greene and Tim McGraw.

We hope to see you at both of these events. Come and bring a friend.

Theology Discussion Group

We are engaged in a discussion of Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward*. This is an engaging book by a contemporary and contemplative Franciscan Priest. In this book, Rohr presents life as having two parts. In the first half, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity - climbing, achieving, and performing. But those concerns will not service us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loads of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way. *Falling Upward* offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how our failing can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth?

We meet on the first and third Monday's of each month from 7:30-9 PM in the Christian Lounge. Please consider joining in on the learning and sharing. Contact Alan Smith (alandsmith518@gmail.com or 917-239-1667).

Lunch and a Book

We will meet on Friday, January 5, 2018 from 12- 1:00 p.m. in the Church library to discuss "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens. This is a story of a college student who is tasked with writing a senior citizen's biography - his subject is a dying Vietnam vet who is a convicted murderer and rapist. The story twists and turns as the student learns there is more to his subject than meets the eye.

Come join us for the discussion - All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Lisa Black, lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com.

Save the Date!

Help save a life by participating in PCW's annual blood drive.

January 28, 2018

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Assembly Hall

Appointments are preferred.

To schedule an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org



You're Invited To...



Agape Community Kitchen Fundraiser - A Night Out for All

December 9

Where: Crossroads (78 North Ave, Garwood, NJ 07027)

Time: 4pm-6pm

Music by Bill Cook & Steve McCall

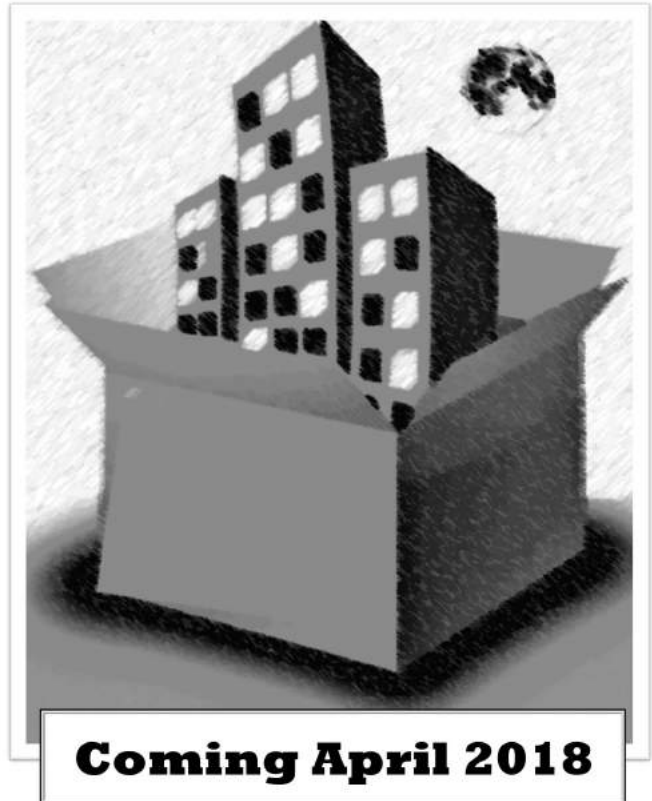
Cost: \$10/pp for 6th graders and older;
5th graders and younger are free.

All ages are welcome.

Food may be purchased at Crossroads.

*\$100 additional donation buys you a song request, which
you may sing with us if you like.*

*\$1000 donation buys you having us come to your house
and playing for a party.*



FISH Bowl

The FISH guests were warmly welcomed by our congregation at the end of October. Thanks to all who volunteered and made our guests feel at home in this space. Special thanks to Bob Rosengarth who did three tours as our overnight host. Bob was willing to give up the comfort of his own bed on multiple nights to help us.

We are hosting again January 28-February 4. Please prayerfully consider how you can help with this mission of our church. Make it part of your New Year's resolution to get more involved with helping our neighbors!

The mission of the FISH Hospitality Program (FHP) is to serve homeless families and single women by providing shelter and meals, and such other assistance as we are able, in order to give them a new opportunity to live independently in their communities as respected families and individuals. FHP does assist and enable our guests to obtain housing, jobs, medical services, and other assistance to which they are entitled, as far as resources allow. FHP serves people in need without regard to race, religion, national origin, or disability. <http://fishhospitality.org/>

Advent Lunch & PW Bake Sale

Sunday, December 10

11am, Assembly Hall

Everyone is welcome to the Advent Lunch. A suggested donation of \$10/pp, \$25 family maximum will be collected at the lunch.



Presbyterian Women

Friday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Our All Church Christmas Dinner will be held in Assembly Hall. At \$35 per adult, a sumptuous, catered, buffet meal and Special Music will get you in the holiday mood! Buy tickets after church now, for no tickets will be sold at the door. Questions? Contact Lily Yucetepe at 908-591-6161.

Tuesday, December 5, 9-11:30 a.m.

Our Annual "Shopping Spree" will be held at AristaCare at Norwood Terrace in Plainfield where we share gifts for the residents. To carpool, meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to arrive for set up at Norwood at 9 a.m. We need personal shoppers for each of the residents as well as gift wrappers for the morning of the event. The day before – Monday, December 4, from 2-3 p.m., come to Assembly Hall to sort and assemble the items for the residents and place them in vans and cars for the next day's delivery. If you have new or nearly new items for Norwood Terrace, please leave them in the mail room in Parish Hall. Questions? Contact chair Susan Dougherty at 732-382-5367.

Sunday, December 10, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The Annual Holiday Bake Sale in Assembly Hall will be held after all services. Why bake for your holiday crowds? Just stop by the Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale to pick up cakes and cookies to pop in the freezer (or eat some on the way home!). All prices for all pocketbooks and palates.

Thursday, December 14, 1:00 p.m.

The Christmas Tea in the George Plenty Room will provide holiday fellowship. Whether or not you are a member of a Circle, all women of the church and their guests are invited to this lovely event with tea sandwiches, cookies and a thank you to our Church staff. Special guest and master storyteller the Rev. Helen Beglin will entertain and Marnie Ainslie will lead us in a few Christmas Carols accompanied on the piano by our music director Paul Sanner. No reservations or white gloves necessary!

Mission Commission Updates

Annual Turkey Drive Recap

Thank you to all who contributed to the Turkey Drive! Many turkeys and several bags of non-perishable food were collected for the Elizabethport Presbytery Center. The donations were given to families in need throughout Elizabeth, so that they could enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

-Jane Collins



Syria Supper Club

On Friday, Oct. 27, Carole and Bill Cook hosted members of the PCW's Mission Commission for a delicious meal prepared by a Syrian family who recently relocated to Elizabeth. With the help of two interpreters, attendees at the dinner had an opportunity to learn more about the Syrian culture and family life, as well as the challenges this family has faced in their new home country. Proceeds from the dinner provided an important source of income for the family that prepared the meal.

The dinner was coordinated with the help of an organization called The United Tastes of America Syria Supper Club. This organization supports families of Syrian refugees recently settled in New Jersey by connecting families with dinner hosts. Dinners like the one hosted by the Cooks are held each weekend throughout the state. If you are interested in attending a dinner, scheduled events can be found at www.theunitedtastesofamerica.org

Members of the Mission Commission will also be hosting dinners in the coming months. Watch in future issues of the *Spire* and weekly bulletins for dates and sign-up information!

A Special Thank You from Zambia

We have received thanks from the Livingstone Congregation about instruments & the women's guild. Read the email, below:

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

On behalf of CCAP - Livingstone Congregation, I wish to thank you so much for the money we received from your Congregation totaling to US\$2095 for HBC food supplements and for Women's Guild jewelry sale proceeds respectively. The Women are so happy and thankful to your Congregation for helping them raise US\$1720.00 through the sale of their jewelry. The Chairperson of the Women's Guild (Mrs Joyce Kasaro), asked me to ask you to convey the Women's sincere gratitude to the entire PCW for helping them sell their merchandise. As a Church, we continue praising the Lord for what you are doing in His Name. May He continue blessing you all. The HBC will be distributing foodstuffs to their clients on Thursday 16th November, and as usual we shall send you pictures of the event.

As for the chicken coop, we are now doing the flooring. Please find here, a few photos of the musical instruments.

Regards,

Robert



PCW Youth (Grades 6-12)



12.10
6:30 pm - 8 pm

youth
worship
night

You don't want to miss this night at PCW singing your favorite worship songs and hearing the PCW Youth Senior Interns give the message.

Youth Xmas Party
12.17
6:30pm-8pm



Put on your craziest Christmas outfit and join us at PCW for our annual Christmas party! There will be food, games and a photo booth. We're asking that all students bring a new pair of gloves or winter hat or a \$10 donation for the Agape Community Kitchen Clothing Closet.

Christmas Memories, Stories & Traditions

Thank you to those that have shared a Christmas memory, story or tradition with us.
Your stories are also on the bulletin board in the Church Breezeway.

Christmas Tree Tradition

50 years ago we went out to western New Jersey to chop down our Christmas Tree. Every year, in rain, sleet, snow, ice; no matter the weather conditions, and now our children and their children plan the trek "out west" beginning early October.

Going to church on Christmas Eve

We started out with our children at the 5pm, graduated to the 8pm, then the 11pm. Now, we are back to the 5pm; but there is something really special seeing all the little kids at 5pm with our grandchildren, but the most meaningful service to me is the 11pm, where we ring in Christ's birth at midnight and sign "Silent Night".

-Myrna Cummings

One Christmas Eve here at PCW, we had a woman who was a soldier stationed in Iraq. At the 11pm service, singing "Silent Night" in our candlelit Sanctuary, her family was able to call her so that she and her fellow soldiers could sing with us at the same time. What a blessing!

Growing up in the Philippines, we baked St. Lucia buns on December 6. Then, gave small boxes of gifts to orphan children on Boxing Day, December 26.

-Ellafe Cockroft, PhD

A tradition we have is to get our 2 sons and their families together and we all make Christmas Cookies. Such a lot of fun!

-Gary & Janice Hunsinger



My family watched the movie "White Christmas" every year. When my youngest sister got married my family did a skit at their rehearsal dinner which included singing the "Sisters" song from the movie. Gaither and I still watch the movie each year.

-Pam Shaw

Every Christmas morning we have breakfast of homemade Quiche Lorraine, fresh squeezed orange juice, fruit - including red strawberries and green kiwis. We always shower and dress before coming down to see the tree, presents and stockings. Everyone loves being together.

Each Christmas Eve my mom would recruit me or one of my brothers to do our annual cookie delivery. We would sneak up to the back door of the firehouse and drop a plate of Christmas cookies. A quick run back to the car and we were off. Mission accomplished!

Our family starts the the Christmas season by decorating the house. The tree goes up. The wreath goes on the door. Grandma's nativity gets put on display and an army of nutcrackers make their way out of storage. This, all while holiday movies play on the TV and we recite the words right along with the actors.

-Brooke May



Growing up I loved decorating for Christmas! Although I was a strict 'no decorations or Christmas music until after Thanksgiving' rule follower. My brothers were Boy Scouts so we always got a tree from the Scouts and pulled out all the decorations from the attic whenever we could get all 6 of us in the room at the same time. My mom's job was always putting on the lights. We were not allowed to touch the tree until the branches had rested and she put the lights on. The suspense always killed me! Then my dad would unwrap all the ornaments and had them to one of my siblings to put on the tree. My favorite job was putting out the nativity scenes. We had a family member who started collecting them from all her world travels and in her older age started giving them to my mom. I was fascinated by them. There were some from Africa and China, Mexico and Guatemala. In middle school I went on this kick of wanting to put them all out at the same time - there were probably 20 sets at that point! I covered every flat surface on the first floor with nativity scenes. Bathrooms, kitchen, living room - you name it! I'm not sure what I loved more annoying my mom by cluttering her house or seeing the Nativity in every color and culture. Whatever the reason I still miss it around this time of year.

-Rev. Amanda

Christmas Memories, Stories & Traditions

This is more of a tradition than a story. Our children are now 40 and 37. Back when they were young I started a tradition which has carried on to this day with our five grandchildren. Christmas morning when our children would get up (of course extremely early) the first one to remember to place baby Jesus in the manger would get to open one of their gifts first from under the tree. We did not hide the baby just moved him close to the manger. We have continued this tradition with our five grandchildren. Some years they do not come over to our home at the same time so Jesus needs to be moved out of his manger for a while. This way each family gets a chance to remember what Christmas is really all about. Have a blessed and safe Christmas.



-Jane and Lou Francz

Another Christmas Story

Family tradition brings my son, daughter, and their families on Christmas Day and staying for the night. Flashback to 1995 - mid-afternoon - and a surprise visitor at the front door is none other than Santa himself. Let him in? Well, my son and son-in-law seemed to be enough muscle for security. Finally Santa spoke, and all was well with a familiar voice of four decades.

"He went straight to his work". From his bag came a shower of small gifts. As he recited "The Night Before Christmas" each noun brought a gift for one of, then, eight of us. "All through the house" brought a tree ornament in the shape of a house. "Not even a mouse" – stuffed toy mouse for one of the grandchildren. "Stockings were hung" – socks for my son-in-law. "Visions of sugarplums" candy for all – etc. The poem was eventually over with a departure of "to all a good night."

As he left, the deer population of Westfield crossed backyard – eight of them! I learned later that Santa visited at least two other families to spread the joy of Christmas. This true story was related to me several years ago.

-David Rogers

A Christmas Memory: A Special Gift

A while ago, when I was early on my journey of working and creating a life away from my childhood home, I had a curious conversation with my Mother which became a special gift. It occurred as many wonderful conversations proceed – from a dialog when you are distracted by other duties – and in this case, the duties of decorating the family Christmas tree. Between the selection and placement of our family's collection of ornaments, we were deep into talking about niceties, when we stumbled upon a topic – a topic that made us cry with tears of joy, loss, and renewal. My mother described a time when I exercised my independence and when she learned that she needed to let go. She told the story of my life as a young child when I would rush home to greet her and enthusiastically tell her stories of the day. This was a highlight of her day. But one day, I didn't come home to greet her. She waited, but I didn't come. Instead I was distracted by adventures and activities of my own choosing. It was from this conversation that I came to appreciate the special gift that my mother gave me – the gift of my life and my independence. And for this, I am truly thankful – thankful for her love, for her wisdom, for her exceptions, and for her letting go. I now look back at this memory fondly and reflect also about how this may also be the story of my relationship with God.



-Alan Smith

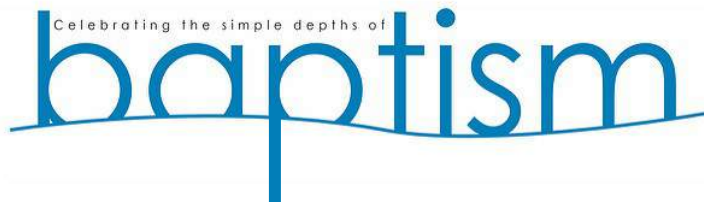
Clerk's Corner

From the Session Meeting in November 2017

- ◆ The Session was pleased to greet the 2018 Confirmation Class. Rev. Amanda Huels-Joria introduced the class members followed by an invitation to spend a few minutes of informal conversations in small groups.
- ◆ The Pastor Nominating Committee updated the Session on their progress to date. A significant number of responses have already been received responding to the posting of the position on the PC USA web site.
- ◆ Every year we look at the membership rolls according to a prescribed recipe. Through this exercise we identify and correspond with people who have moved from the area to verify their intentions as regards membership at PCW. Supplementing these actions, it is a prescribed task of Interim Ministries to look more deeply into the rolls and determine the magnitude of the truly 'Active' membership. It is vital that the new Pastor understand the statistical make-up of the congregation. To fully understand the composition of PCW a task force has been established to look closely at membership and define parameters by which 'Active' membership can be enumerated. The culmination of this work will enable us to more accurately respond the new Pastor's question –“Who are you?”
- ◆ The Presbytery of Elizabeth's December Regular Meeting will be held at PCW on December 12.
- ◆ The time is approaching when the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) will be seeking leaders to fill the seats of Session, Deacons, (CNC) and Auditor. A slate of candidates is required to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in March.
- ◆ Officers of the corporation of the church are elected each year from and by the Session. On November 14 the Board of Trustees (a subset of the Session) elected Ruling Elder Jane Francz as President and Ruling Elder Barbara McLaughlan as Vice President of the corporation.
- ◆ Dr. Henderson led a discussion concerning thought-provoking concepts of leading by EXAMPLE. Session pondered and discussed the aspects Generosity, Prayer, Worship and Faithful Priorities. He distributed a document entitled “Creative Destruction and Disorienting Missional Engagement Transform Congregations” directed to focusing attention to both Creative and Disorienting transformations.

-David Rogers, Clerk of Session

We Celebrate the Baptism Of...



We celebrate the baptism of Dylan Forrest Jones, son of Katherine and Joseph Jones on November 12, 2017.

We Extend Christian Sympathy...

To the families of:

Dorothy (Dodie) Doyle , who passed away on November 10, 2017.

Dodie was a member of PCW since 2006. She was active as a Deacon, attended the JOY Lunches, participated in small groups and was the Tuesday Morning Receptionist in the Church Office for several years.

A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, December 16, 2017, at 11:00am in the Chapel. Friends are invited to attend.

Please keep Dodie's family in your prayers.

Elizabeth Howarth, who passed away on October 31, 2017.

At the age of 97, she was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for 83 years having joined on December 10, 1933. Her daughters, Claudia Heffner, and her twin sister, Joyce Freed, were also members of PCW.

A Memorial Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, November 3rd. Please keep Claudia, Joyce, and the rest of the family in your prayers.



Please keep their families in your prayers.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events.

There are years of recovery ahead for those affected by Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma & currently Hurricane Maria, as well as everyone devastated by the earthquakes in Mexico and fires in the Northwest U.S.

Will you help extend the hands of Christ by standing in the GAP? -**Give. Act. Pray.**

Find out how you can help through PDA's website at <https://pda.pcusa.org/>.

Office & Property Update

The O&P Commission has been busy accessing the needs of our campus. Our analysis and reviews has concluded with the engagement of Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects of Cranford for campus renovation design services. A full report of the driving issues as well as plans for the renovation will be provided in January. We look forward to showing off the plan renderings and answering your questions. Stay tuned!

-Michael Quinlan

Community Corner

Celebrate the New Year family-style with New Jersey Festival Orchestra!

On Sunday, December 31, at 7 p.m., under the baton of Maestro David Wroe, New Jersey Festival Orchestra again presents one of New Jersey's most popular New Year's Eve festivities. This year's performance, "Puttin' on the Ritz," promises a superb review of American stage, screen and television musicals presented in glorious symphonic splendor that will be appreciated by young and not-so-young alike.

The family-friendly program reads like a Who's Who of the best of American musical theater. It's a chance for adults to reminisce to songs they all know, for kids to learn more about and enjoy some of the most exciting characters to grace the stage and screen, and for us all to revel in the genius of America's finest composers.

Featuring Broadway soloists Marissa McGowan (A Little Night Music, Les Mis, Bonnie and Clyde), Hannah Shankman (Les Mis, Wicked), Michael Mendez (Chaplin) and Adam Monley, (Les Mis) this is a musical celebration eagerly anticipated by much of central New Jersey.



Broadway's Marissa McGowan joins NJFO on New Year's Eve for "Puttin' on the Ritz"

Special discounts are available for children under 18, making this event (which starts at 7pm and ends at 9pm) a perfect way for the entire family to welcome in the New Year together. Patrons are advised to purchase tickets well in advance as this concert has been a sell out for the past five years.

Tickets are available online at www.njfestivalorchestra.org or by calling (908) 232-9400. Purchase tickets online to avoid all ticketing and handling fees.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you wish to give a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to honor a special person or occasion:

- Complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail the form to the church office along with your check made payable to PCW.
- Please be sure to write 'Christmas Poinsettias' in the memo section on your check.
- The suggested donation is \$25.
- Deadline for giving Christmas Poinsettias is December 17.



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE



I wish to give Christmas Poinsettias in loving memory of:

I wish to give Christmas Poinsettias in honor of:

FROM: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>December 2017</h1>					1 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Christmas Dinner 7pm AA	2 10am Ruby Slippers AA
MS Fall Retreat Returns			MS Fall Retreat 12/1-12/3			
3 8am Worship 9am Questers 9am Youth Sunday School 10am Worship 10am wired 11am Serendipity Bible Study 1pm Live Nativity	4 11am Small Group 7pm Troop 72 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Theology Discussion	5 7am MS Breakfast Club 10am Staff Mtg. 10:30am Small Group 12pm AI-Anon 4pm Small Group 6pm Confirmation 7:30pm Session 7:30pm Women's AA	6 7am Dawn Patrol 12pm Senior Network Lunch 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape 5pm COW 7pm PNC 7:30pm Chancel Handbells 7:30pm Chansonettes 8pm AA	7 9am PW Circles 9am Morning Craftsmen 5:30pm AA 7pm PCW Youth Staff 7:30pm Choir	8 9:30am Bible Study 7pm AA	9 12pm Ruby Slippers AA 4pm Agape Fund-raiser
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31 9am Questers 10am Worship 10am wired		 	 		For planning purposes our online calendar at westfieldpc.org/monthly-schedule/ provides an extended view of activities. The calendar is updated regularly. Dates are of course subject to change.	



December 1

Nemec, Joel
Finley, Frederique
Cohen, Jacob

December 2

Baker, Deborah
O'Neil, Mark
Pierce, Michelle
Priesing, John

December 3

Ainslie, Marilyn
Dembiec, Walter
Husch, Katherine
Ebel, Alex

December 4

Colao, Lisa
Flannery, Janine
Gunning, Jeffrey
Wright, Christopher
Mulzoff, Joy

December 5

Vierschilling, Barbara
Purachev, Gregory
Cunningham, Barry
Cordeiro, Carolyn
Timko, Barbara
Shepard, Lauren
Crenshaw, William
Beck, Ryan

December 6

Hanscom, Warren
Degen, Wayne
Gruman, Kristin
McArdle, Carolyn
Ingrassia, Benjamin

December 7

Fredericks, Carol
Testa, A Thomas
Hoffman, Christian
Grom, Alexander
Dickey, Jacob

December 8

Miller, Douglas
Sorge, Amy
Hoeft, Chad
Bracco, Danny
Sandstedt, John

December 9

Jackson, Robert
Testa, Nancy
Rosengarth, Robert
Monzella, David
Walpole, Denyse
Stockwell, Andrew
DeCristofaro, Brian

December 10

Danskin, Mary Kay
Taylor, Susan
Sommese, Stephanie
Sexton, Kyle

December 11

Adams, Ludwig
Pinkin, Jeffrey
Keller, Christopher

December 12

Wiehl, Lois
Factor, Carl
Bristow-Fitzhenry, Carol
Parkinson, Emily

December 13

McMahon, Joshua
Werder, Kelly
Doyle, Jessica

December 14

NO BIRTHDAYS

December 15

DuBois, Eleanor
Vierschilling, James

December 16

Finter, Lucille
Frawley, Patricia
Harrison, Anastasia
Dickey, Michael
Keenan, Donald
Hoy, Christian
Mantone, Shea

December 17

NO BIRTHDAYS

December 18

Hewit, Carol
Fritz, Cherie
Gearhart Parsons, Elissa
Becker, Helen
Firenzuoli, Rocco
Siwulec, Anne
Morgan, Griffin
Valentine, Scott

December 19

Schwarz, Bradford
Himmel, Anneliese
Wright, Brennan
Brown, Daley

December 20

Trott, John
Speir, Gregory
Wetlesen, Matthew

December 21

Kole, Marillyn
Johnstone, Irvine
Bungerz, Deborah
Dackow, Susan
Fahrenthold, Carol
Lau, Michael

December 22

Maggio, Linda
Bischoff, Leslie
Cook, Carole
Schwartz, Charlotte

December 23

Murtishaw, Thomas
Chapman, Brian
You, Rongling
Brown, Tess

December 24

Heinbokel, Robert
Keough, Colum
Ebel, Sarah
Becker, Sean

December 25

Woodfield, Wendy
Keough, Aidan

December 26

Mill, Robert
Fraits, Roberta
Barker, Carol
Goodwin, Christopher
Grow, Geoffrey

December 27

Klimas, Valerie
Anderson, Brian
Miller, Catharine
Henry, Michael
Henry, Milone
Anderson, Jake

December 28

Alexander, Laura
Posada, Alex
Jacobsen, Erik
Meierdierck, Jeffrey
Peterson, Keith

December 29

Jacobsen, Leslie
Pote, Heidi

December 30

DePaul, Barbara
Sinclair, Joan
Ciarfello, Stephen
Potamousis, Dimitri

December 31

Goodwin, Pamela
Ehrhardt, Caroline





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This Holiday Season give a gift that gives back. Instead of spending hours at the mall or online looking for gifts for your loved ones make a contribution to the Agape Community Kitchen in their name.


With each gift purchased , you will receive a Holiday Greeting Card to give the recipients of your gift. For gifts purchased online you can download a PDF of the greeting card and print it at home. In addition, gifts can be purchased in the Church Office from Linnette Mercado, who can provide you with a pre-printed greeting card.

Help us spread God's love this Holiday Season by purchasing a gift during the 25 Days of Agape!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship Service in the Chapel at **8:00am**
 Contemporary Worship, Wired in Westminster Hall at **10:00am**
 Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary at **10:00am**

Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12) - 9am, Youth Room (3rd Floor Parish House)
Combined Sunday School (3yrs-5th grade) at 10:05am - CE Building

Child care for infants thru 3yr olds is available in our nursery located in Room 104 in the lower level of the Christian Education Building, 9:00am - 11:00am.