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Be a Blessing Machine

Dear Friends,

An Anglican Vicar once described the notion of being a "Blessing Machine." He said that is what the Church is (or should be) and what we are all called to be. But how can we be a Blessing Machine? Perhaps, said another way, why is it that we are called to be a blessing?

First, we have to remember that God is the ultimate Blessing Machine, from whom all that we have has come – the earth, the stars and all creation. Accordingly, we are blessed to share His blessing alongside our other fellow creatures.

Second, we have to trust in God and in ourselves that, by helping others, our own lives will be made more complete. To do this, we must truly connect with each other. This takes courage, because we have to let someone into our own life to do this. We are blessed to share our own blessings with others.

Third, we cannot turn away from God's blessing when someone else offers it to us. Let them make their life better, too. We are blessed to be able to receive blessings from others.

Lastly, we know that a life of generous blessing allows us to generously give back a portion of such blessings to God's Church. We all know this. And Paul tells us to do so cheerfully! We are blessed to be a generous blessing.

Please consider how much you can share with others, through the Church. Consider as well the many blessings you have received as a result of God's grace. And, as we asked last year to 100% of the congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, please respond, even if it is just a note to say, "I'm here and willing to pray for The Presbyterian Church in Westfield."

Be bold. Please let our church know what you can do, what you can give. Be brave.

Be a Blessing Machine.

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Commission



Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

Good news!!!!

Members of the PNC met with Elizabeth Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) on Thursday night, 10/5/17, to present PCW's Minister Information Form (MIF). The COM was very supportive and approved our MIF with a couple of suggestions and minor changes.

The PNC loaded our MIF onto the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website. The MIF was reviewed and electronically signed by PCW's Clerk of Session and a Presbytery representative. The CLC matched PCW's MIF with Personal Information Forms (PIF's) from pastors looking for positions in their data base. The MIF is posted under "Opportunity Search" on the CLC web site. Prospective pastor candidates can view PCW's MIF and self-refer his/her PIF to the PNC. We now have access to the matched PIF's and a self-submitted PIF.

The PNC has shifted into "networking mode". We are speaking with many people asking them for suggestions of prospective candidate's names. If you have a suggestion of someone we should contact or minister's name that should be considered please reach out to any member of the PNC.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

PNC Members: Jessica Cerino, Carole Cook, Robin Hoy, Josh McMahon, Anita McNamara, David Seaman, Pam Shaw, Alan Smith, Gary Zanfagna

Congregants may find updates on the search process at www.westfieldpc.org/pastoral-nominating-committee.

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

Faith Formation

So, what is LUNCH BUNCH anyway?

LUNCH BUNCH IS..

- ◆ It is a Sunday School Mission Project
- ◆ It is a way to express our thanks & gratitude to God for ALL God does for us
- ◆ It is a way *our* children can be involved in service to others
- ◆ It is what Jesus is calling us to do!

On the 3rd Sunday of the month (October – May) the 1st – 5th grade Sunday School class meets in the Robinson Room (next to the parking lot doors in the brick parish house.) They begin with a scripture lesson and short discussion and then they fill 160 bag lunches that will be delivered to the AGAPE Community Kitchen the following Wednesday and are given to the dinner guests as they leave.

We encourage the 4th & 5th graders, with a parent, to go to Agape and distribute the lunches they have made. *There is no way their hearts will not be touched by the gratitude the dinner guests convey.*

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Matt 25:40

"After Spring" Documentary Recap



On Sunday, October 22nd, Jim Naugle, a volunteer with World Vision, shared a presentation at each of the services about World Vision's work with refugees, specifically those affected by the turmoil in Syria. Since the start of the Syrian conflict six years ago, nearly 11 million people have been displaced. Close to 6 million are internally displaced in Syria, while approximately 4.8 million are now living in neighboring countries, waiting for the day when they can return to Syria.

Jim's presentation was followed by a screening of the film *After Spring*, which tells the stories of Syrian refugees and aid workers at the largest refugee camp for Syrians, the Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan. This camp is home to 80,000 people, half of whom are under the age of 18 years old.

Jim shared the following message with the PCW congregation after his visit:

Thank you to the congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for your warm welcome on Sunday, October 22nd. I truly felt welcomed from the moment I arrived until I left at the end of the day. I was fascinated to attend each of the services you offer and to drink in the diversity and passion you share! I was also touched by the outpouring of compassion from all of those I spoke to after the services and was thrilled at the number of people who chose to become "Refugee Responders". If anyone missed their chance to "join the conversation", please know you can make an ongoing donation to the World Vision Refugee fund at this site: http://bit.ly/for_syria_wv and if anyone wants to sponsor a child, you can visit this site: <http://cause.worldvision.org/jimnaugle>.

Thanks again for all of your support! God bless you all!

Jim Naugle

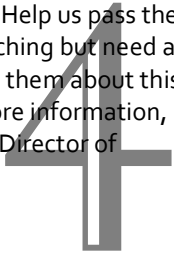
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You're Invited To...



We have just celebrated 4 years of reaching out to those in our community who are responsive to a contemporary approach to worshipping God on Sunday mornings. Help us pass the word to others who may be searching but need a friend, who could be YOU, to tell them about this kind of offering. If you want more information, please contact Kevin Wilkin, our Director of Contemporary Worship at kw@wired4worship.com.



Baptism Class

If you would like to attend the Baptism Class on November 5 at 11am in the George Plenty Room, please contact Rev. Cindy Bowman to RSVP at cbowman@westfieldpc.org or 908-233-0301 ext. 47.

If childcare is needed during this class, we must know in advance, prior to October 30.

Lunch and a Book

Lunch and a Book - We will meet on Friday, November 3rd from 12- 1:00 p.m. to discuss "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D.Vance. As always, we will be in the Church Library. One reviewer writes, "From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class *Hillbilly Elegy* is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside."

All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Lisa Black, lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com.

Westfield Day Care Center

The Westfield Day Care Center will be celebrating 50 years of quality, affordable early learning and child care next year! We will celebrate with a Tricky Tray event on May 10, 2018 at the Westwood in Garwood. Save the Date! We are looking for people to attend, donations and any other services that would make our event successful! For more information call 908-232-6717 or email Thera Rocco, Executive Director at thera@westfelddaycarecenter.org.

SAVE the DATE of Tuesday, December 5!

Volunteers needed for Presbyterian Women's annual "Shopping Spree" for the residents at AristaCare at Norwood Terrace in Plainfield. Leave at 8:30am, return at 11:30am.

- ◆ New or nearly new items are needed for the residents to give to their family members. The wish list includes items for men - packaged socks, undershirts, cologne.
- ◆ Drop off donations to the mail room in the Parish House.

Contact Susan Dougherty at crusadersue@hotmail.com, 732-382-5362 for details.

The Morning Craftsmen

This group of talented volunteers brings their carpentry, painting, plumbing and other skills to the church on Thursday mornings to tackle small to medium-sized projects around the campus. The group is recruiting new members, and invites you to consider joining this worthwhile effort. We gather at 9am on Thursdays in the George Plenty Room to plan out the morning. It may be small repairs of pews, painting of doors, replacing an electrical outlet, etc. Each project that is completed in-house is a cost saver to the church.

Interested? Have questions? Come by on a Wednesday morning to see what we do, or contact Warren Hanscom (908-789-8961; wkanscom@gmail.com) or Gary Hunsinger (908-654-4155; jghunsinger@msn.com).

The All Church Christmas Dinner

...needs volunteers! The Friday, December 1 event could use men and women to make the all-church event happen!

If you are able to help with entertainment, decorations, set up, clean up or any other aspect of it, contact Lily Yucetepe at lily.yucetepe@yahoo.com 908-591-6161.

You're Invited To...

Night of Remembrance



Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss will be holding its' annual Iremember memorial service on Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm. The non-denominational service is open to the community and will provide an opportunity to remember the people in our lives who have died, and participate in an evening of hospitality, healing and hope. This is an event for all ages adults and children.

The evening includes a community art project and memorial service followed by light snacks and refreshments.

There is no cost to attend iRemember. While registration is not required, for planning purposes, it is appreciated. To RSVP for the evening of hospitality, healing and hope, email mandi@imagineenj.org.

More information on Imagine can be found at www.imagineenj.org.

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).



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.*

Senior Network: Update

For the past few years, The Senior Network has been providing a lunch and a movie once each month except during the summer. Beginning in November, these will become separate events.

- ◆ *On **Wednesday, November 29, 1:00pm** in the Christian Lounge, the group will show a movie that aims to help get you into the Christmas spirit. The film, "Angels Sing," stars Harry Connick Jr. and includes Lyle Lovett, Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson. Connick plays Michael Walker, whose brother died on Christmas Day decades ago in a tragic accident that Michael still blames on himself. After buying a house in a Yule-mad neighborhood, however, Michael begins to see beyond his own sadness.*
- ◆ *Then, the Senior Network invites senior citizens to join members for lunch at Charlie Brown's restaurant in Scotch Plains on **Wednesday, December 6, at 12:30 pm**. Each person will pay for his/her own meal. In order to reserve enough space for the group, the Senior Network asks that you RSVP to the church office, 908-233-0301 by December 3.*

**We hope to see you at both of these events.
So come and bring a friend.**

Donations for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance & Elizabethport

Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

As Christ's followers, we are called to action. Presbyterian Women is collecting items for hygiene kits, which will be shared by PDA with communities affected by recent natural disasters.

Items will be collected until November 10, and can be dropped off in labeled bins throughout the church. ONLY the following donations are needed for the kits:

- ◆ Hand towels (approx. 16" x 28")
- ◆ Washcloths
- ◆ Wide-tooth combs
- ◆ Nail clippers
- ◆ Bars of soap (wrapped in individual packages)
- ◆ Toothbrushes (single individually wrapped packages)
- ◆ Band Aids

Collecting items until November 10!

Annual Turkey Drive for Elizabethport

The Mission Commission will once again be holding a Turkey Drive in November. Please consider donating a frozen turkey and/or nonperishable side items (e.g., stuffing mix, canned vegetables). Donations will be distributed in Elizabeth on Thanksgiving week by the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center.

- ◆ **All donations must be received by November 15.**
- ◆ Frozen turkeys can be delivered to the walk-in freezer in the Assembly Hall kitchen.
- ◆ Other food donations can be placed in one of the collection boxes on the first or second floor of the Parish House, or in Westminster Hall.

Thank you for your support!

Thanksgiving Pie & Cake Sale 2017: Information

Once again the Zambia Team and Mission Commission will be selling pies and cakes for the benefit of our partners in the Livingstone CCAP congregation. The proceeds of the sale, a target of \$3000, will be used to help in the construction of an addition to the sanctuary, which will include the vestry and pastor's office.

We are offering a wide selection of delicious cakes and pies, including traditional pumpkin and apple pies. Perhaps you'd like to try something different like a Fruits of the Forest pie, a combination of apples, strawberries, blackberries, rhubarb and raspberries. It is sure to become a favorite.

Prepaid orders will be taken from October 29 through November 12. You'll find order forms in your bulletin, at the order tables or at the reception desk in the Parish House. You may place your orders after the Sunday services at the tables outside the chapel, in Westminster Hall and in the Narthex. You may also turn in your order form with payment to Tina Barulli in the church office or you may order and pay by credit card online using EasyTithe. Orders will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 19.

Don't need pies or cakes? You may make a monetary donation or donate a pie for Agape, which will be credited as a tax-deductible donation. Pies will be served to our guests in Elizabeth on the evening before Thanksgiving. Double the impact of your donation, by helping both those in need in Zambia and here at home.

Not cooking this Thanksgiving? The pies and cakes make great hostess gifts. All the pies and cakes are frozen, so they will keep for the holidays.

The pie and cake sale has become a PCW Thanksgiving tradition. We thank you for your support of our brothers and sisters in Livingstone, Zambia.

The Zambia Team

ORDER FORM

Thanksgiving Pie & Cake Sale 2017: ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PIES	PRICE	QUANTITY
Apple, Deep Dish (Unbaked 10")	\$14	
Apple-Cranberry, Deep Dish (Unbaked 10")	\$15	
Blueberry, Deep Dish (Unbaked 10")	\$17	
Cherry, Deep Dish (Unbaked 10")	\$17	
Fruits of the Forest, Deep Dish (Unbaked 10")	\$15	
Peach, Deep Dish (Unbaked 10")	\$15	
Peach Berry, Deep Dish (Unbaked 10")	\$17	
Coconut Custard (Unbaked 10")	\$12	
Pumpkin (Unbaked 10")	\$12	
Pecan (Pre-Baked 10")	\$15	

CAKES	PRICE	QUANTITY
Carrot Cake (14 Slice)	\$27	
Cheesecake (14 Slice)	\$22	
Chocolate Fudge (14 Slice)	\$27	
Belgian Chocolate Mousse (14 Slice)	\$24	
Tiramisu (14 Slice)	\$27	
Pumpkin Praline Cheesecake (14 Slice)	\$27	

DONATION TO AGAPE	PRICE	QUANTITY
DONATE A PIE TO AGAPE	\$14	

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Cash or Check# _____

**PRE-PAID ORDERS FROM
OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 12**

Cash, Check or Credit Accepted

Please make checks payable to "PCW"
and write Zambia Pie Sale in Memo.

TARGET GOAL: \$3000

All pies & cakes are frozen!



DONATION FOR ZAMBIA ONLY	\$ _____
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MISSION COMMISSION/ZAMBIA TEAM PIE & CAKE SALE - RECEIPT (Please keep this for your records.)

PICK UP YOUR ORDER ON NOVEMBER 19, 8:45am - 12 noon in Assembly Hall

YOU HAVE ORDERED:

Apple _____ Apple-Cranberry _____ Blueberry _____ Cherry _____ Fruits of Forest _____ Peach _____ Peach Berry _____
 Coconut Custard _____ Pumpkin _____ Pecan _____ Carrot Cake _____ Cheesecake _____ Chocolate Fudge Cake _____
 Belgian Chocolate Mousse Cake _____ Tiramisu _____ Pumpkin Praline Cheesecake _____

Total Paid \$ _____

PCW Youth (Grades 6-12)



Middle School Breakfast Club

Tuesdays, 7am, \$5/pp

Middle School & High School Fellowship

Sundays, 6:30pm

NOVEMBER 5 - Bonfire & Dinner @ The Colao's, 6:30pm

NO FELLOWSHIP ON NOV. 19, 26 & DEC. 3

Sunday School

Sundays, 9am

Agape

Wednesdays, 3:15pm

Stay connected with PCW Youth:

Rev. Amanda Joria, Associate Pastor for Youth & Mission, ahuels@westfieldpc.org, 908-233-0301 ext. 37

Linnette Mercado, Youth Assistant, lmercado@westfieldpc.org, 908-233-0301 ext. 22



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Clerk's Corner

From the Session Meeting in October 2017

The Pastor Nominating Committee met with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for approval of the Ministry Information Form. It was approved and has been forwarded to the Church Leadership Connection of the denomination's General Assembly. This is the denomination's method to post the job offering for Pastor-Head of Staff within PCUSA. Other advertising avenues will be used as well.

Dr. Henderson led a discussion concerning two thought-provoking concepts – "What drives your church?" and "Conversation on Congregational Life". Session pondered and discussed the aspects presented as a means to further understand who and where PCW is at this time and directions to take in the future. To further strengthen the spiritual life of our church community, Dr. Henderson stressed involvement in "BLESS" groups.

Information concerning interesting future events was presented. The first will be an all-church mission event planned for April, 2018, PCW Box City, which will raise awareness about homelessness, while also raising funds for FISH. Stay tuned for details as specific plans are formulated. The second is an "All-church" lunch will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2018 sponsored by the Worship Commission. The Stewardship Commission announced that Commitment Sunday will be November 19.

David Rogers, Clerk

Sarah Kasko is Recipient of Longwood University's SNVC Institute for Leadership Undergraduate Scholarship - Tap Into Westfield Article



We are pleased to announce Sarah Kasko as the recipient of the 2017-2018 Longwood University's SNVC Institute for Leadership \$1,000 Undergraduate Scholarship.

Leadership is a trait that has been inherent in Sarah since she was a little girl. She began giving of herself as a member of the Girl Scouts in the first grade. Participating in service projects for over eleven years had set the stage for her to continue sharing her talents during her years at Longwood.

After two service trips to assist victims of natural disaster relief from severe flooding, Sarah states in her essay that she knew, "there was no way I could go away to college and not participate in leadership roles or community service." She had initiated the "End in Mind" to make a difference as a transitional person to impact change during her time at the University.

Prior to the start as a student at Longwood, she contacted the Cross Country Coach to ask to be considered as a Team Manager. The coach was quite impressed and immediately offered her this role. This is no small commitment since it required waking up at 5:30 a.m. to facilitate practice and meets.

Sarah also serves as a Resident Assistant to over 30 first year students at Longwood. She offers them not only guidance on the practices and policies of the University, but also valuable insights on how to get the most out of the college experience through involvement.

She was recently inducted to Alpha Phi Omega, a National Service Fraternity where she currently participates in 35 hours of service each semester. Even during summer break she continues to assist others as a counselor at a camp for children with special needs. Sarah's personal goal is to "be a better person every day."

Although she has not participated in "The 7 Habits of High Effective People" training offered by the SNVC Institute, she has demonstrated the qualities and principles of the program. Sarah takes responsibility for her personal paradigms to create positive change in all she does, not only for herself, but with all others with whom she has contact. She strives to be a positive role model to all.



By DIANE T. BARRETT, LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY'S SNVC INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/westfield/articles/sarah-kasko-is-recipient-of-longwood-universitys>

Co-Weds

For those of you who are not acquainted with the social group – Co-Weds – Dr. Fred Christian, our Pastor from 1955 through 1972 recruited his son and daughter-in-law to start a social group for young marrieds. The group has had more than 60 couples/ singles involved over its 50+ year existence, meeting on the first Friday of every month.

During early October the group (now having a roster of about 25 people) enjoyed two events - a lunch at Elwood Jacoby's new residence and the 80th birthday party of former PCW member, Kurt Steckley at which the photo to the right was taken.



Westfield House in Kikuyu Kenya Update

Some of you will remember back in 1998, PCW held an auction fundraiser for the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF), a mission arm of the PC(USA), to build a staff housing unit at the then new Orthopedic Rehabilitation Hospital in Kikuyu, Kenya. In the summer of 1999, PCW's senior pastor Rev. Bill Forbes and I traveled to Kikuyu for the dedication service of this building. I remember at that service, the head of the Orthopedic Rehab Hospital said that "doctors and nurses will come to Africa, but it is necessary to provide adequate housing in order to get them stay."

This past June, while working on a mission project in Nairobi with a group from Ireland, I was able to return to Kikuyu for a brief visit. I reconnected with Stu Ross who was the project manager for the MBF Orthopedic Hospital project. He is still living in Kikuyu, now working for the Outreach Foundation, another PC(USA) organization. Over the years, he has overseen the building of many Presbyterian Churches in Kenya. While these churches are not elaborate (a concrete slab with a corrugated metal structure), they provide houses of worship for many Presbyterian Kenyan people. While I was there in June, Stu was hosting a group from NY state, who were helping to build a church in a nearby village.

I am happy to report that our Westfield House is still standing and serving its purpose. Our 1998 mission dollars are still at work providing housing for short- and long-term visiting hospital staff. There are many items around our church campus, of which you may not recognize their significance. Have you noticed the blanket hanging on the wall as you enter our Parish House from the parking lot? This was given to PCW as a thank you for our donation for the Westfield House by MBF.

-Barbara Ringk



All Saints Observances

November 1 & 5

We know that we remember for all time those who have touched our lives. On **Wednesday, November 1** (All Saints Day) at 12 noon, in our cemetery across Mountain Ave, you are invited to gather for an informal time of reflection and remembrance. We'll sing together, pray together, read together and listen for God together.

On **Sunday, November 5**, we will continue the PCW practice of remembering those in our congregation who have died in the past year by speaking their names in worship and offering prayer and response.

Please join us.

We Celebrate the Baptism Of...



We celebrate the baptism of Benjamin Charles Grow, son of Geoffrey and Amanda Grow on October 8, 2017.

We Welcome PCW's New Members

These new members joined PCW on October 29, 2017.

WELCOME!

Ed Zhou

Amy & Robert Maloof
and their children William & Nicholas

Nicole Snyder

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/>.

Mission Trip to Texas with Presbytery



November 28-December 4

A team from Elizabeth Presbytery will work with All Hands Disaster Relief in Aransas Pass, TX.

ALL Adults are welcome to join.

- ◆ Accommodation in local church gym
- ◆ 3 meals a day provided
- ◆ Travel to and from Corpus Christi will be participant responsibility

Contact Maureen Paterson for more information. Email: mpaterson@brpc.org or Phone: 908-766-1616 ext. 11

Information from <https://www.hands.org/> about All Hands Disaster Relief in Texas.

ALL HANDS VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

This is the fourth time that All Hands Volunteers has responded in the Gulf Coast region of Texas in the last two years alone. That makes this response personal for us.

Operating in Fort Bend County, Harris County, and Aransas Pass our teams are knee deep in mucking and gutting, mold sanitation, chainsaw work and debris removal – the first big leaps toward getting families back into their homes. Another team continues to operate the VRC (Volunteer Reception Center) in Aransas Pass, enabling volunteers to effectively plug into the response effort. To date, we have put 1172 volunteers to work through the VRC alone.

RESULTS TO DATE

- Total Volunteers: 709
- Total Volunteer Hours: 15,593
- Human Impact (Homeowners + Volunteers): 2,178
- Number of Homes Completed: 161



Please donate any amount for flowers for either the Sanctuary or the Chapel.

Sanctuary Arrangement: \$150
Chapel Arrangement: \$50

- ◆ Any amount is welcome and will be combined with others, and cited in the bulletin (names, not amounts).
- ◆ Celebrate our members' joys and remember their loved ones.

Please volunteer to deliver flowers to our homebound, ill, hospitalized or bereft members.

- ◆ Small bouquets are made from the sanctuary and chapel arrangements; these are distributed to our church members who are infirm, bereft or otherwise in need of sustenance.
- ◆ Bring joy to someone's day by letting them know that we are thinking of them and praying for them.

Contact us

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Community Corner

NJ Festival Orchestra



Celebrate the Holiday Season with New Jersey Festival Orchestra!

From traditional to pops, choral favorites to renowned tenor fare, the winter season of NJ Festival Orchestra concerts will fill the entire family with warmth and cheer.



They're back! On Saturday, December 9, last year's darling, award-winning tenor Cody Austin, returns with friends to celebrate and captivate with a dazzling selection of renowned tenor fare to welcome in the holiday season. A family festival of symphonic pops and wintertime favorites guaranteed to make the season merry. Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$76 for adults and there is a special discount price of only \$15 for students K-12.

Holiday Tenor: Cody Austin (who sang the lead role of Alfredo to great critical acclaim in NJFO's *La Traviata* last March) returns to lead the return of The Three Holiday Tenors with NJFO on December 9th.

On Sunday, December 31st, at 7pm, Westfield High School auditorium, the NJ Festival Orchestra again presents one of New Jersey's most popular New Year's Eve musical celebrations. This year's performance, *Puttin' on the Ritz*, promises a superb revue of American musical theater classics presented in glorious symphonic splendor and features renowned guest vocalists direct from the Broadway stage and beyond.

Tickets for both concerts are available on line at www.njfestivalorchestra.org. Tickets may also be purchased by calling (908) 232-9400 or by visiting the office at 224 E. Broad Street, Westfield (10am-3pm). Patrons are advised to purchase tickets online – no ticketing or handling fees and it's simple, secure, and possible to select seats and print your own tickets.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		PIE SALE UNTIL THE 12TH TURKEY DRIVE UNTIL THE 15TH				
FISH GUESTS AT PCW UNTIL 11/5						
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11/1/17

Vincentsen, M Jockers
Purachev, Joan
Thornberry, Nancy
Brand, Owen
Hunsinger, Craig
Dohm, Timothy

11/2/17

Kampe, Robert
Collins, Marla
Cyr, James
Munson, Wendy
Kolterjahn, LCPL Paul
Robins, Nicholas
Yamano, Claire

11/3/17

McIntyre, Margaret
Lamb, Rachel
Lowe, Marissa

11/4/17

Reinhardt, Doris
Sturm, Barbara
McLoughlin, Susan
Walker, Thomas
Mackay, Elizabeth
Shields, Sara
Shor, Eric

11/5/17

Schroeder, J Wayne
McCrea, Christina
Berges- Firenzuoli, Adriana
Austin, Brooke
Fraites, Adam

11/6/17

Ousterman, Alice
Sandstedt, John
Mora, Anne Marie
Crenshaw, Celine
Riley, Charles



11/7/17

Musso, Mary
Rees, Alfred
Lapham, Mary
Dix, Kelsey

11/8/17

Nassif, Menhan
Tonking, Kathryn

11/9/17

Sweet, Jeannette
Cederroth, Sandra
Benz, Hal
DuMont, Lisa
Aliche, Karen
Mackay, Christopher
Trimble, James
Seib, Kathryn
Pink, Katherine
McCauley, Declan
Fallo, Jack

11/10/17

Melloan, George
Humphreys, Richard
Roff, R Wallace
McArdle, Margaret
Mockbee, Geoff
McCurdy, Lauren
Cook, William
Werder, Kyle

11/11/17

Connell, Patricia
Foltz, Cyrene
McLaughlin, Yvette
McMeekan, William
Katz, Allyson
Rhodes, Christopher
Rogers, Alicia
Palia, Eric

11/12/17

Brown, Betty
Sharma, Manju
Zavetz, Audrey
Ruprecht, Lorraine
Thompson, Scott
Gerckens, Maria

11/13/17

Forbes, Philip
Yarusi, Ashley
Thompson, Ryan
Shields, Connor

11/14/17

Cutler, Frank
Diddell, Julia
Hoffman, Jane
Keating, Karen
Star, Jennifer
Kimmins, Britton

11/16/17

Gruman, Karen
Lubalin, Darcie
Svoboda, Diana
Fleder, Allison
Kristiansen, Kyle
McCall, John
McCall, Thomas
Swingle, Kelsey

11/17/17

Shields, Timothy
Koetje, Natasha
Korins, Catherine

11/18/17

Brown, Julia
Jacoby, Ellwood
Gordon, Robert
Tarleton, Bridget
Powell, Rhea
Maines, Ryan
Curtiss, Ethan
Curtiss, Natalie
Beke, Mary
Riley, Ameer

11/19/17

Elsasser, Sharon
Dwyer, Jessica
Dohm, Kelly
Crooks, Maggie

11/20/17

DiMaria, Alex
Masin, Nora
MacPherson, Gordon

11/21/17

Kashlak, Karen
Zippler, Jake

11/22/17

Folwarski, John
Noce, Philip
Fischer, Christopher
Fischer, Katherine
Dailey, Aidan

11/23/17

Golden, Carey

11/24/17

Wright, Sally
Crooks, Whitney

11/25/17

Knudsen, Wendy

11/26/17

Hoogsteen, Margaretha
Wilson, John
Gray, Scott
Ingrassia, William
Spurlock, Theresa
Howell, Russell
Dolling, Charlotte
Ingrassia, Maxwell

11/27/17

Gillespie, Charlotte
Johnsen, Henry
Paden, Cheryl
Gearhart, William
Lamberts, Claudia

11/28/17

Hennessey, Terry
Heinbokel, William
Golden, Bill
Pavleszek, Paige
Brown, Samuel
Taylor, William
O'Donnell, Michael
Tarleton, Perry

11/29/17

Trimble, E
Stone, James
Perez, David
Aliche, Lisa
Polak, Nicholas
Kim, Katherine

11/30/17

Manchester, Mabel
Murtishaw, Taylor
Bond, Kathleen





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JOY Lunch

November 12, 11am

Assembly Hall

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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.

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