



First Presbyterian Church  
of Metuchen

Where God's Love Welcomes All



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# Parish News

## PASTOR'S PEACE

by Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

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On my first foray to Africa, I preached in a church in Malawi in a major city. This is code for "there were 5,000 people in worship." I preached with a translator and fell into the hypnotic rhythm of offering a few words and waiting for them to be echoed in a different language. The text was a line from the Apostle Paul where he spoke of what it means to be "face to face" with God. Taking my seat, I was relieved, and in awe, of the mass of people all gathered to worship. Then something confusing happened.

A man rose from among the people and started to sing. His acapella song seemed to go on and on and on. He sang in a manner similar to chanting, but also rapping. It was almost spoken, and almost a song. When he finished, the congregation broke into wild applause. The Malawian pastor next to me could sense my confusion. He leaned in close and said, "that man . . . he just sang your sermon; he sang your entire sermon back to you."

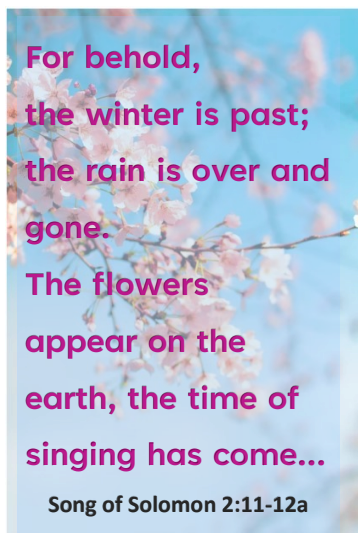
Needless to say this is not a moment I will forget. There have been times where my children have quoted back lines from one of my sermons, but it was always with an intent of humor or with a need to make a point. I do believe people listen carefully to sermons, and I believe what is written should be chosen carefully. Yet, for the most part, I don't see the sermon as the key to worship, or the point, or even the focus.

To me, the sermon should be something that helps you sing better or pray with greater clarity. That is its role in worship. It could offer food for thought, or even irritate you enough that you ask a good question. But in worship, on Sundays, it is there to aid in song and prayer.

This view was not where I started. It took years, decades even, before I began to see a simple distinction. Someone might remember a line from your sermon, or a story. But the chances that they will sing it during the week, or be able to conjure the tune of it years to come, this is very low in terms of potential. I believe the best thing a sermon could be in the future is faithful prayer. This is not so with song. Hymns stay with us for decades; the tune is woven in our heart. An anthem is a common voice; a sermon is solitary.

In no time at all First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen will experience a profound moment of celebration. Brenda Day will lead her final anthem, and with this, forty years of ministry will find a moment of completion. The chances are good that the role Brenda has played all these decades has become a bit invisible because she was always there. She was there leading you, teaching you, cajoling you, and, at times, even chastising you. She has given a whole generation to this church. Being here in this way can make her remarkable gift an expectation—simply how things are here.

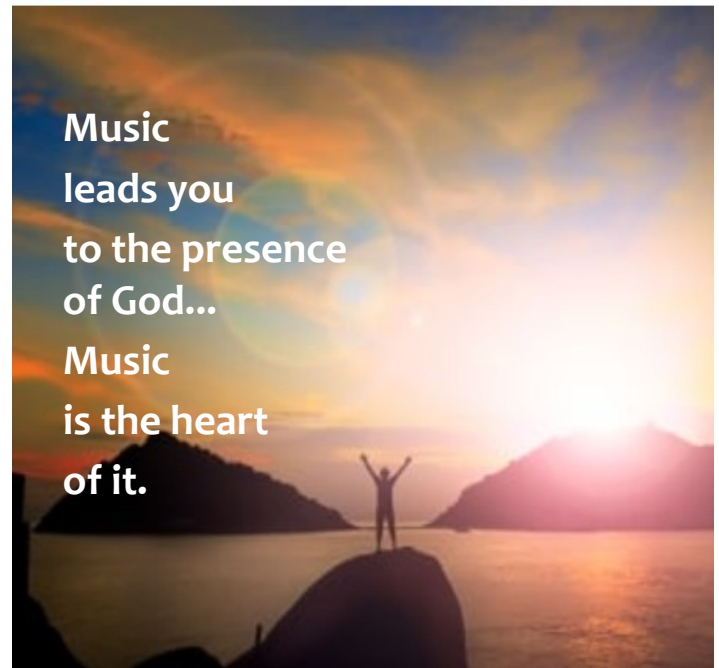
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Yet, as I shared with the Search Committee and Personnel, what Brenda has done is rare and unique and, in many ways, the very heart of our worship. You might remember a line from a sermon I wrote, but she helped people transform their memory with song, gave voice to their hopes and played the melody of their prayers. This is something I hold in the utmost esteem.

Consider for a moment how many people heard the gospel in the hymns she played; how many young people offered their emerging faith in the children's choirs she led. Even more, one of the most fascinating of all her gifts: imagine how many people found courage, the courage to rise up and sing for joy because she gave them the confidence and assurance. As we prepare for her final Sunday, I want you to pay attention to worship in a new way. Look to the way our hymns are the real communion, and the choir is an image of the kingdom. Consider the preludes and the offertories and the postludes as the way music leads you to the presence of God. Music is the heart of it. And then remember the gift you have been given.



- Session reviewed the current COVID-19 Optional Mask Policy that is in place throughout the church campus. There is a consensus where both members and non-members alike appear comfortable following their conscience regarding FPC-M COVID-19 protocols. Those attending Worship Services have options to worship via livestream, come in person and stay within the confines of the mask required area (in the Sanctuary balcony), or come in person and choose the main floor area of the Sanctuary where the wearing of mask is optional. Session continues to monitor weekly the State of New Jersey's weekly COVID-19 score for the Central East region.
- Session looks forward to welcoming and examining the 2022 Confirmation Class during a Special Session meeting on Tuesday, 26 April.
- The Finance and Personnel commissions are collectively developing a Policy for Grants for use by all FPC-M Ministries.



**MAY 15 and  
MAY 22  
10:40 am  
In the Library &  
With Zoom Option**

Membership at the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen is a living legacy. By becoming a member you are joining your faith to over 300 years of worship and service here in Metuchen and the greater community.

We are excited to offer this series of New Member Classes to adults interested in becoming members of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen.

They will meet with Rev. Garry to explore what it means to be Presbyterian, what are the opportunities to be part of ministry, and what mission projects and efforts are currently under way for people of all ages.

If you or someone you know would like to attend these classes, even to get answers to your questions, contact us in the church office.

Call: (732) 491-2300 or email: [fpc@fpcweb.org](mailto:fpc@fpcweb.org)

The Zoom details will be emailed closer to the date to those availing of this option.

## The Social Justice Committee asks...*DID YOU KNOW?*

"The books that the world calls immoral are books that show the world its own shame."  
- Oscar Wilde

In high school, I read "Of Mice and Men" and "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck. I also read "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee and F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby".

If I had known at the time that these and so many other pieces of classic literature were either banned or challenged at various points in their lifecycle, I would have probably thought they were super cool and subversive, instead of just considering them homework.

That said, every year, books are challenged and often times banned from classrooms, school libraries and even local public libraries. The question I wanted to answer for myself was, why? If schools and local public libraries had taken time to vet the material that appeared in their buildings, how could they be challenged and potentially removed by others? The answer, it turns out, was disappointingly simple: it was because someone, anyone, just didn't agree with the subject material.

In the case of George Orwell's "Animal Farm", it was because of the book's "political theories."

For William Golding's "The Lord of the Flies", it was because the book is "demoralizing inasmuch as it implies that man is a little more than an animal."

According to the American Library Association, many of the books most targeted in 2021 are about the Black and LGBTQIA communities. Again, my question was, why?

"What we're seeing right now is an unprecedented campaign to remove books from school libraries but also public libraries that deal with the lives and experiences of people from marginalized communities," said Deborah Caldwell-Stone, the director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. "We're seeing organized groups go to school boards and library boards and demand actual censorship of these books in order to conform to their moral or political views."

In other words, books on the 2021 most challenged list like "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe, "Lawn Boy" by Jonathan Evison, and "Out of Darkness" by Ashley Hope Pérez are being challenged and banned because they speak of issues such as gender fluidity, homosexual relationships and interracial romance. In fact, of the 10 most challenged books of 2021, only one speaks about "traditional" gender roles, heterosexual relationships and intrarace romances.

The fact is, there are LGBTQIA and non-white students in every school and community that have banned these books. By banning books that speak of non-traditional or minority



communities, a very clear message is sent to those very same communities: we don't welcome you, we don't want to learn about you or we don't want to include you. It certainly seems to unfairly target members of those communities and it won't be long before laws are passed prohibiting classroom discussions about sexual orientation or gender identity. Oh wait, that's already happening, beginning with the passage of the "Parental Rights in Education" bill in Florida. Under the bill, primary school teachers will be barred from classroom instruction related to sexual orientation and gender identity, while educators of all grade levels will be prohibited from instruction on those topics that are not "age or developmentally appropriate" for their students. Supporters of the bill have argued that the legislation seeks to strengthen the rights of parents and shield children from classroom "indoctrination." Indoctrination. Just by learning about others. From things like books.

In an effort to promote learning about, listening to and including all, the Social Justice Committee has donated to the Church Library a copy of some of 2021's most challenged books. We encourage you to borrow one, read it and make your own informed decisions. Also, the New York Public Library is allowing Apple and Android devices access to a selection of commonly banned books to read for free: <https://www.nypl.org/spotlight/books-for-all>

While you're reading, please consider these articles as well:

### From New York Times:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/04/books/banned-books-libraries.html>

### From the American Library Association:

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengebooks/classics>

*\*Many thanks to **Mike Draper** for this enlightening article.*



# ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

## HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY



What My Grandmothers  
Taught Me

May 2, Monday  
7:00 p.m.  
In the PW Lounge  
and by Zoom

Learn from the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** We always have room! In this month's **Lesson Eight**, we will again look at Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary, a model disciple for all those who follow Jesus, allowed God to work in her despite the risks she faced and pointed others to faith in Jesus. The **Scripture text**: Luke 1:26-56, 2:1-52, John 19:25-27 There will be one more lesson left. However it's never too late to join. Deb Teall leads the study.

The lessons may be accessed from our website:  
<https://fpcmetuchen.org/ministries/presbyterian-women>  
Those joining us by Zoom may use the link below:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327982944?pwd=bHljVXo1bYtaUnN3RGxRdTJPMXJHQT09>

Use meeting ID: 813 2798 2944 Passcode: PW270  
Call, text or email Deb Teall to sign up:  
Cell: 908.917.3990 | Email: [debteall@optonline.net](mailto:debteall@optonline.net)

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
May 18 @ 7:30 am  
Social Center Dining Room



Rev. Garry continues to whip up his signature breakfast but, most of all, we continue to enjoy the great conversations, fellowship, and shared laughter! It's definitely worth your time! Hope you can join! Call us in the church office if you have any questions.



## A Weekly Pastoral Bible Study On the Teachings of Jesus

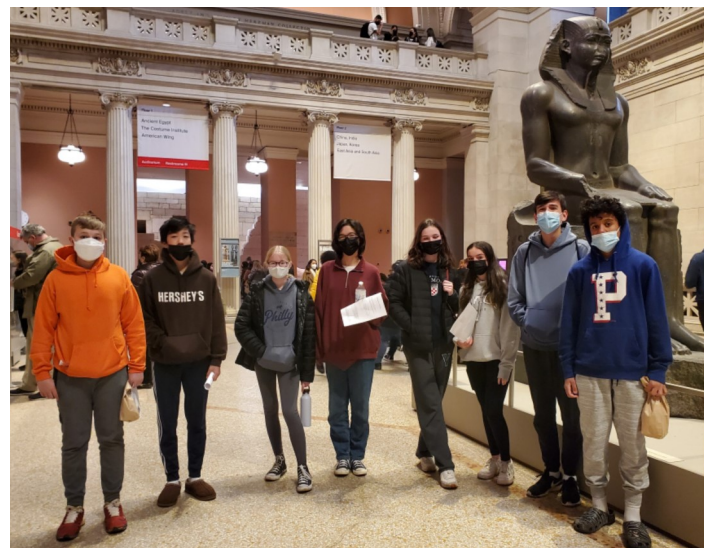
Wednesdays @10:30 a.m.  
PW Lounge / By Zoom  
With Rev. Fred Garry

The weekly lessons are available from our website. Click on <http://www.fpcweb.org/resources/study-resources/> and look for the Gospel Stories Wednesday Bible Study for the latest material.

Join in person or virtually by Zoom using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84711673419>

Use Meeting ID: 847 1167 3419



Our confirmands will soon be presented to the Congregation following their meeting with Session and after a year long study of exploring their faith and what it means to be Presbyterian. Some of them are pictured above when they joined Rev. Garry and Seminarian Kristy for an afternoon in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Please be sure to join us on Confirmation Sunday as we welcome our newest members!

## UPDATES FROM THE



### Another Food Pantry Easter is in the books!

Last April 12, about 30 volunteers gathered at the pantry to pack for 100 food pantry families so that they could enjoy a holiday meal with their families, complete with fresh produce. Each family was also given a supermarket gift card to buy the meat or extras to go with their meal.

The following morning, Wednesday, we distributed those 300 bags and we had lovely weather for it!

This year, we didn't have to purchase ANY of those 100+ gift cards!!! They were ALL donated from folks right here in the congregation, the community, and organizations who support our mission.

Thank you all SO much and Happy Easter!

### Community Garden News

Our community garden has grown! Please stop by and see how our garden has gotten bigger, not to forget that we've even added a shed (thanks to funds from our Deacons and Local Mission!) We do need volunteers in the Food Pantry garden and if you're interested please contact Sarah Teti (732) 491-2325.

### Mission Volunteer Night and Other Meetings

Our next Mission Volunteer Night is on Thursday, May 19th, from 7:00-8:30 pm. We will be assembling 100 hygiene kits for Church World Services (CWS) which CWS will distribute in areas affected by natural disasters. Look for the signup link on the FPC Food Pantry Facebook page.

Just a reminder that Local Mission meetings are held the 2nd Thursday (11:30am-12:30pm) throughout the year, except for June & July. Our next meeting is May 12, 11:30am in the Social Center auditorium. Please contact Local Mission Chair, Wendy Kukowski, for any questions (732)983-2457 or wkukowski14@gmail.com.



### DINE BELOW THE LINE

If you enjoy Food Network's "Chopped" you will not want to miss this!

Local mission is thrilled to share the news that on **May 12 at 6:00 pm**, the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen will host this year's "**Dine Below the Line**" event right here in our Social Center.

*Dine Below the Line* is an annual hunger awareness event where chefs prepare meals and compete to see who can invent the best dishes from foods found in food pantry's. This event is organized through Feeding Middlesex County and Replenish (formerly MCFOODS-the Middlesex County Food Bank).

All are welcome and admission is free, but you must sign up before hand, because the space is limited.

Thank you!



## Dine Below the Line

**A fun, informative, community cooking competition that shines a light on food security and how to eat healthy on a budget. Participants will have a chance to vote for their favorite meal.**

### Competing teams include:

Alice's CUP at St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry  
Sharon Baptist Church Food Pantry

**Thursday, May 12, 2022 | 6pm**

First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry  
270 Woodbridge Avenue  
Metuchen, NJ

**Free to attend and all are welcome.**

To attend in-person, registration required  
at [tinyurl.com/SignUpDineBelowtheLine](https://tinyurl.com/SignUpDineBelowtheLine)

**This event will also be live streamed at 7pm.**

No registration required to join remotely  
at [tinyurl.com/DineBelowtheLine2022](https://tinyurl.com/DineBelowtheLine2022)





FROM YOUR: *DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*

*We are God's children, fearfully and wonderfully made.*

## K through 4th Grade LEGO SUNDAYS MAY 8th in the Social Center

Lego Sunday continues to be a big hit with the Sunday School. Our thanks to Jen Edge for sharing the Palm Sunday story with the children in April.



## COFFEE CHAT WITH GRACE

**May 15th @ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Social Center**

We invite our Senior High youth to join Grace in baking delicious sugar cookies and decorating as flower cookies to share with a friend or family. Please RSVP to Mrs. Leardi or Grace.



## LAST MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR:

**1st TUESDAY** (Age 4 years thru 2nd Grade)

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4:30—5:00 pm**

Join the group with some fun and games!

**JUNIOR CLUB** (For 3rd to 6th Grade)

**May 5<sup>th</sup> / 5:30 - 6:15 pm**

Let's enjoy our last game of Gaga in the Social Center.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN RECESS

In observance of Memorial Day weekend, Sunday School will be in recess on May 29th.

## SAVE THE DATE ! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022



**JUNE 27 TO JULY 1, 2022**

**MON.- THURS. 9-11:45 A.M. / FRI. 9-10:30 A.M.**

**OPEN TO CHILDREN ENTERING K TO 6TH GRADE**

Volunteers are greatly needed for decorations, leadership, clean up, break down. VBS is an outreach to our community...come and join the fun! Let us know where you wish to volunteer. Contact CE Director Nancy Leardi.

Questions? Contact your CE Director, Nancy Leardi:  
(732) 491-2264 or [nleardi@fpcweb.org](mailto:nleardi@fpcweb.org)



## WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

5:00-6:00 pm	Junior High
6:00-6:30 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Combined Dinner
6:30-7:00 pm	Westminster Choir (Grades 7-12)
7:00-8:00 pm	Senior High
7:00-7:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (Grades 7/8)
8:00-8:30 pm	Good News Ringers (Grades 9-12)

### ***Hello Youth Group members and friends,***

The end of the program year is here, but fear not because we have some exciting things on the horizon!

**MAY 4** Rev. Ashley DeTar-Birt from More Light Presbyterians will be joining us at Youth Group to talk about faith communities and LGBTQIA+ advocacy.

### **MAY 11 6:30 –8:00 PM**

Last Youth Group of the spring will be a combined group with an outdoor BBQ and games!

### **HABITAT 2022 FUNDRAISERS**

Bring all of your dirty vehicles back to Metuchen's finest washers in the business for these car wash fundraisers!

**MAY 7** Mother's Day Car Wash 8am -12pm

**JUNE 18** Father's day Car Wash 8am - 12pm

Habitat 2022 will be July 24-31 in Roanoke, VA.

### **MAY 15 Youth Sunday**

You don't want to miss this celebratory service featuring the Senior Class of 2022 as preachers, liturgists, and musicians.

If you have any questions, any ideas, want to chat, grab a coffee - you can connect with me at [abair@fpcweb.org](mailto:abair@fpcweb.org) and 989-859-2083.

Grateful to be in this ministry with you,  
Rev. Ashley Bair

*If interested or have questions on the Youth Program, please email [youthgroup@fpcweb.org](mailto:youthgroup@fpcweb.org)*



### **Presbyterian Young Women**

### ***Beading***

May 1st, 5:00-6:30pm  
Social Center

We are making Mother's Day gifts for all those we love. Join us for beading, and fellowship! Kindly RSVP so we can plan on the supplies.

Questions? Contact Nancy Leardi

## **Donate the Beauty of Flowers!**

### **Donate flowers May 29!**

Honor or remember someone you love!

We have room for one more floral arrangement to brighten our Sanctuary.

Let us know if you would like to fill this spot.

Call or email Deb Teall.

Cell: (908) 917-3990 or Email: [debteall@optonline.net](mailto:debteall@optonline.net)



## **UPDATE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE**



A special Search Committee has been formed in an effort to identify the next Director of Music Ministries. With quite big shoes to fill, the Committee has been gathering very frequently since early March to discern our requirements, advertise the position, screen applicants and listen to their performances, and to conduct interviews.

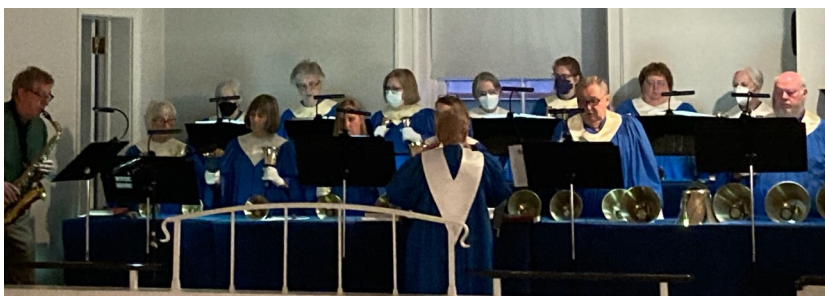
With a goal to have someone in place by September, the Committee asks that we keep them in our prayers as they work towards bringing a vibrant, talented and organized leader to FPC to sustain and continue to grow our beloved music programs.

It is quite a lofty task but not impossible with your prayers and support. A detailed description is currently posted in our website.





Morning has broken like the first morning;  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world



Much like the song, it was exhilarating to be able to worship and sing once again, and to feel refreshed with all the choirs, both the adults and the children's choirs, blessing us. Photos above were taken during the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service and Easter Services. Praise indeed for how we are springing anew!

**A reminder that as the 2021/2022 Choir year draws to a close, the following are important last rehearsal dates:**

Jubilee Choir	May 10, Tuesday Pizza Party - location TBA
Westminster Choir	May 11, Wednesday
Junior Choir and Joy Ringers	May 12, Thursday Pizza Party - location TBA
Senior Choir	June 2, Thursday

Thank you, Brenda Day!  
**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**  
**JUNE 12, SUNDAY**

*Often when you think  
you're at the end of something,  
you're at the beginning  
of something else.*

*-Fred Rogers*

We wanted to make sure that everyone whose lives have been touched by Brenda Day and her Music Ministry is able to join us next month as we celebrate her retirement. Please plan to come on June 12 and stay for a Reception to follow at the Social Center. If you have once been in choir, please join us as we sing again "In Joyful Song," a song lovingly dedicated to Brenda's 30th Anniversary as Music Minister.

Someone wrote that "retirement is wonderful if you have two essentials – much to live on and much to live for." We want to make this a joyful celebration of what lies ahead for Brenda.





## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the CHURCH COMMUNITY

### CELEBRATE 125 YEARS WITH PW!

#### Join us for Coffee Hour May 22 – and eat CAKE!

Our church's Presbyterian Women will celebrate 125 years this year – with a Coffee Hour after worship on Sunday, May 22. Please join us for fellowship, info about PW missions and CAKE! By late May, we HOPE we can host this Coffee Hour outside.

### JOIN US AGAIN FOR SUMMER COFFEE HOURS

#### PW hosts Coffee Hours June 26, July 24 and August 21

Again, if the weather cooperates, we will host these Summer Coffee Hours outside. We will focus on specific missions that benefit the church and our community – not fundraisers, just an opportunity to showcase our activities with humor and ingenuity. We welcome all interest, questions, volunteers!

### DID YOU KNOW.....NATIONAL PW CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF GIVING

#### Our local PW Birthday Offering helps national efforts

For a century, the national Presbyterian Women's organization has supported important humanitarian efforts across the country through its Birthday Offering. Our church's PW gives a generous donation every year to the cause, multiplied a thousandfold by PWs in the US. Recently, the national Birthday Offerings has helped these efforts...

- The Presbyterian Church in Lares, Puerto Rico, received \$105,000 to enhance its work providing food, purified water and personal items to those affected by the devastating weather disasters in 2017 and 2020.
- McLeary House in Farmington, Maine, received \$80,000 to renovate the transitional home into a warm and healthy place for 3-4 families or 6-8 individuals to live while they seek permanent homes.

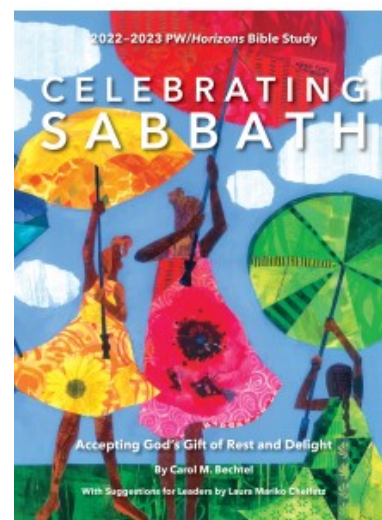
### NEW HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY FOR NEW YEAR

#### Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight

The new Horizons Bible Study, nine lessons, will begin in October and run monthly through June 2023. The study will "consider Sabbath as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality...as God's intent for all creation (including busy women)...as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness...as a reminder life is precious...as a day devoted to community and justice..."

Bible passages are drawn from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke and Acts.

ALL are invited to join in-person or by Zoom. Check Parish News and the PW website page for more details as we approach Fall, and contact Deb Teall by June 30 if you want a hard copy of the Bible Study ([debteall@optonline.net](mailto:debteall@optonline.net)).



*Nurture Faith*



*Support Mission*



*Work For Justice and Peace*



*Build Community*



*Develop Leaders*

**Questions about PW?** Please email Deb Teall ([debteall@optonline.net](mailto:debteall@optonline.net)) or Nancy Kipnis ([njbkipnis@optonline.net](mailto:njbkipnis@optonline.net))



Christ's love offers strength in hard times. This Father's Day, share that love with others through CWS Tools. CWS Tools builds a stronger future for families where their safe places weather storms to come. Consider honoring your father with a gift that builds sturdy foundations and unshakeable futures. Your partnership with CWS Tools will help even more families rebuild and repair. Won't you join us by making a gift today?

Please return the completed form along with your contribution to the Church Office. Checks may be made payable to: *First Presbyterian Church*, and indicate "*Tools of Hope*" on the memo line. The Mission Commission will send an acknowledgment note to the person you are honoring and the list of donors will be posted along with our Worship Bulletin on Father's Day, June 19th.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION (\$5.00/ Tools) \_\_\_\_\_ PLEDGE ENVELOPE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

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RETURN THE FORMS NO LATER THAN: **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE**

That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock;  
when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it,  
because it had been well built.

- LUKE 6:48 NRSV



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**REGISTRATION IS OPEN  
FOR THE  
2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Young Learners, Pre-K3, Pre-K4, K-Wrap and Full Day Kindergarten classes are registering for the fall. Visit our website [www.communityns.org](http://www.communityns.org) for more information about our programs.

Call 732-491-2240 to schedule a tour on a school day! There are extended options available for our 4 and 5 year old students.



The office will be  
**CLOSED** in observance of  
Memorial Day.



**First Presbyterian Church  
WEBSITE TIPS**

Just a click away...

Curious to learn what the different Commissions are, their responsibilities and who the current officers are? From our website, click "**ABOUT US**" and look for COMMISSIONS. There is also a blue box that you can click to know who the current officers are. It's that simple!

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**INDONESIAN PULPIT SUPPLY  
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2022**

May 15	Rev. Ferdinanda Pattipeilohy
May 22	Rev. Samuel Kaha
May 29	Rev. Ferdinanda Pattipeilohy

The **INDONESIAN FELLOWSHIP** Worship Services are held each Sunday at Noon except for the first Sunday of the month when they join the 9:30 am service. If you have any questions, email Norma Tambingon: [norma.tambingon@yahoo.com](mailto:norma.tambingon@yahoo.com)

**"TUHAN Allahmu ada di antaramu sebagai pahlawan yang memberi kemenangan. Ia bergirang karena engkau dengan sukacita, Ia membaharui engkau dalam kasih-Nya, Ia bersorak-sorak karena engkau dengan sorak-sorai."**

*Zefanya 3:17 (TB)*

## MAY 2022 PARISH NEWS

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### Church Office

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### Sunday Worship Service

9:30 am

In-person and Livestreamed on  
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