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## Fanwood Presbyterian Church "Growing in God's Love, Serving All God's People" through "Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out"

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

#### Leaders Gifted and Charged to Discern

The session, after 6 months of intensive study of same-sex issues in the church, feels called to keep the gift of spiritual discernment in these regards with those currently charged to do so. Regarding membership, the only gift necessary is that of faith-- believing in and professing faith in Jesus Christ; and in Him, turning from evil and turning back to God as our baptismal vows command. So the hospitality and membership committee will continue to welcome any and all who are willing to do so to new member classes and recommend them to the session for membership.

Regarding ordination, the nominating committee will continue their work of considering who may be gifted to serve as officers. The session recommends to the committee that no one be excluded based on sexuality, just as no one is currently excluded for not following Jesus' most important command to love and care for any hurting person whom we have the power to help. (See the questions of the lawyers to Jesus about the most important commandment, how to inherit eternal life and the parable of the Good Samaritan in Mark 12:28-30 and Luke 10:25-37.) The session will continue to examine candidates for ordination and make a final determination.

Regarding same-sex weddings and weddings between a man and woman, the current policy of the pastor discerning through pre-marital counseling whether he or she feels called to officiate at their wedding will remain in place. And the session will continue to decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether to host weddings.

I would like to lift up an Alleluia to the Holy Spirit working in and through our elders and other participants throughout our

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2016		May				2016	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:35 a.m. Coffee 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Session 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. - Middlers 6:30 p.m. - Meal 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	<b>5</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group	<b>6</b> 7:00 p.m. Needle Nite	<b>7</b>	
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<b>15</b> Youth Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship <b>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1:00 p.m. Small Grp 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Committees 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. - Middlers 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group 7:00 p.m. Trustees	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Food Bank	
<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1:00 p.m. Small Grp-last time before summer break 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	<b>25</b> <b>Last Day for Youth Groups until Sept.</b> 10:00 a.m. - Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. - K.K. 5:15 p.m. - Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. - Middlers 7:00 p.m. - HS Youth 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir	<b>26</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group - last time before summer break	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>30</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	<b>31</b> 1:00 p.m. Prayer Grp					

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## Session and Committee News

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study. I am so proud of them for following our covenant of *"listening and speaking with gentleness and respect, loving my fellow believers as my own brothers and sisters, in order to glorify God and further the peace of Christ Jesus which transcends all of our understanding."*

The Spirit spoke to and through us, calling us to maintain peace, unity and purity in a way which honors diverse theological and hermeneutical perspectives within the church. We will continue to trust that the Spirit will speak and provide clarity in God's good time.

I believe that our session is representative of our church in terms of having a diversity of views on these matters. Some have clarity and feel quite strongly...on both sides of the issue; others have inclinations but are not sure or do not feel strongly; many more simply do not know. Thanks be to God that peace, understanding, wisdom and love have reigned as we wait on the Spirit in these regards. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. With love, grace, peace, hope and Jesus as my Way, Truth and Life,  
Pastor David



### MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Missions Committee has a few updates on our recent and ongoing activities:

We are very pleased to announce that Sue Kelly has joined our team - Wonderful to have a new perspective on what we do - Welcome to Missions, Sue!

There is a new opportunity for everyone in the congregation to make life a little more pleasant for our homeless brothers and sisters in our area. Missions will be collecting specific toiletry and other useful items on a monthly basis - for instance April was the month for toothpaste and toothbrushes - to give to the residents at Park Hotel in Plainfield, and to the guests who come for a hot meal at the Cranford -Elmora Soup Kitchen in Elizabeth. We accept full size or travel size of the requested item, and Thank You in advance for your generosity!  
May will be the month for shampoo and conditioner. June will be the month for soap and washcloths. Items should be placed in the labeled boxes in the narthex.

Our meal ministry at the Cranford-Elmora Soup Kitchen is flourishing, and everyone who has participated in delivering the bagged lunches on a Sunday afternoon has found it a fulfilling and worthwhile experience. Families with children have found it a particularly rewarding exercise, as the children learn about the spirit of giving to those less fortunate than themselves.

Wishing Everyone a happy and healthy Spring - Missions.

# Presbyterian Women



**“PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN STRETCHING  
HANDS, MINDS AND  
HEARTS FOR MISSION”.**

**Presbyterian Women are all women in the Church: we encourage each woman to take part actively in what-ever is of interest to her AND SUPPORT OUR ON-GOING EFFORTS.**

## **Notice to all Women of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church**

We have been invited to join the Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge on their retreat **June 4<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-4pm at Camp Johnsonburg. The theme of the retreat is *“Prayer” “Why do we Pray”* with Rev. Linda Hora as leader of the retreat. The cost of the retreat is \$25 with the reservation by May 20th. Please send your

check made out to FPC noted PW retreat to the office. We will send one check to Woodbridge. We will car pool leaving from our parking lot about 7:30am.

**The next Needle Nite will be Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Westminster Hall.** The participants will continue with their charity projects. At the April meet the Needle Niters celebrated the accomplishments of the past year.

52 quilts made and given to Children’s Specialized Hospital, Lyons Veterans Hospital and the Center for Hope Hospice.

16 baby afghans, 7 sweaters, 20 hats, and 4 pr. of booties given to the new born at Beth Israel Hospital.

18 scarves, 3 hats, and 20 ditty bags were given to the seafarers through the Christmas at Sea project of the Seaman’s Church Institute. Cheers to all the quilters, knitters and those who crochet for charity.



## ***The Reading Group***

The Book Groups read for May 10<sup>th</sup> is *The Shoemaker’s Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. This is an historical novel set in the early 1900s and a love story. It takes two teenagers from the beautiful Italian Alps and follows their separate journeys to the Italian section of New York City. Enza comes to support her family and Ciro, who is banished from the convent where he was raised and worked to apprentice for a shoemaker. This story follows the immigration and the struggle of people coming to America and succeeding and eventually moving west.

The group will meet at Dory Ledesma’s home, at 42 Fieldcrest Dr. Scotch Plains at 2 p.m. All are welcome to come whether you have read this book or not.

# Church News

## Special Worship in May

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**- Our last 11:15 a.m. service of the school year. Thanks to everyone who is a part of this blessed praise and worship, especially Derek Brown, Jessica Knierim, and Seth Jahnke, for giving their time and talents, week in and week out (like the choir at 9:30 a.m. to whom we also give thanks!)

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**- Youth Sunday and our return to our summer schedule of one 9:30 a.m. service

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Westminster Preschool and Sunday School Teacher Recognition Sunday. Come join us for a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Westminster's Mission to our children, to give thanks for all teachers, including our Sunday School teachers, and to especially honor Dee Vasnelis and Lynne Tanguy who are retiring from teaching at the Preschool. The children from Westminster will be singing, along with Joyful Noise.

### ➤➤➤➤➤ May Birthdays ◀◀◀◀◀

Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	
1	Christopher Chapman	9	Richard Jablonski	17	25	Brian McGuinness
2	Kenneth Geissel	10	Graeme Daniskas	18	26	Melissa Miller
3		11		19	27	Suzanne Hernandez
4		12	Jay Goetz Jill Stueck	20	28	
5		13	Natalie Jablonski	21	29	Linda Francavilla
6	Morgan Brown	14	Judy Raub	22	30	John Baliko Judith Wussler
7	Nancy Goetz	15	Doris Davis Debra Khalifeh	23	31	JoAnne Kaiser
8		16	Hilde Anke Dawn Mattos	24		

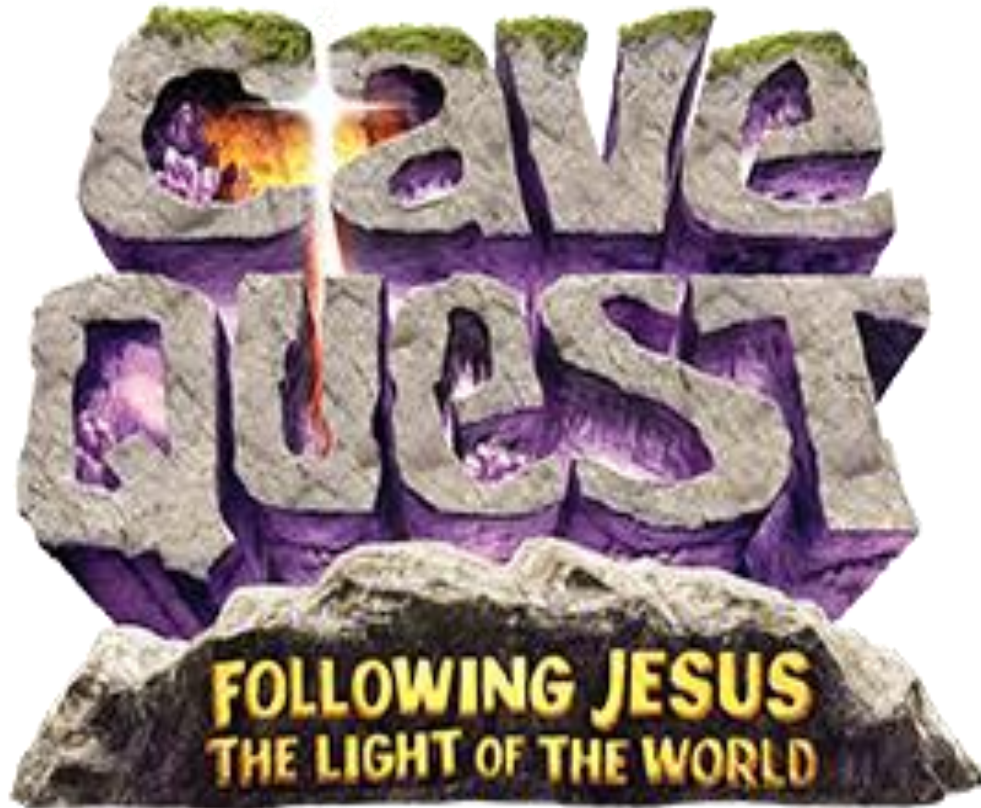
### ➤➤➤➤➤ June Birthdays ◀◀◀◀◀

Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	
1	Mike Camfield	9	Wendy Warwick	17	25	Doris Cavicchia Bert Korteling
2	Dorothy Ditzel Henry Kohlenberger	10		18	26	Cynthia Jablonski
3	Sally Drewes	11		19	27	Mary Zwicky
4	Vincent Krey	12		20	28	Iain Fraser Ashley Kaiser John Lindros
5	Tyler Geissel	13		21	29	
6	Elizabeth Sharrett	14		22	30	Betsy Holderried
7		15	Kevin Miller	23		Connor Thompson
8	Courtney Johnson	16		24		

# 2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 1 – 5, 2016

Save the dates!



Join us this year for Vacation Bible School as kids ages 4 years old (by 10/1/16) to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders learn to follow the light of the world, Jesus. Registration will open May 1st, and will be on a first-come first-serve basis. Registration pamphlets will be available in the narthex, church office as well as in the parking lot entryway of the church.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Christie at 732-598-3183 or [christianne9@verizon.net](mailto:christianne9@verizon.net)