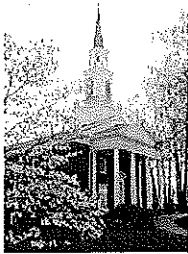


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Fanwood Presbyterian Church

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

A Call to Repentance

The worst mass shooting in U.S. history is calling me, the church and our nation to repentance. While it is true that our politicians have done next to nothing to address the horrific gun violence plaguing our nation, they are no different than the rest of us. I have not done enough to decry the daily violence and demand change. The American church has not been bold in crying out to the powers and principalities of our nation the very cry of our Messiah Jesus to the sword-wielding Peter and the powers of his day: "No! Those who live by the sword will die by the sword!"¹

And let us please not blame this on Islam or even "radical" Islam. Think about whether you want Christianity or even "radical Christian" identified with supposed Christians who have carried out heinous murders. Let us instead be a part of the healing and reconciliation of divisions among religions. Let us join American Muslims in leading the world in a continuous non-violent reformation of our faiths.² Together we can witness to the peaceful, free, tolerant, civically engaged nation by and for all peoples which our forefathers and mothers envisioned; a nation which can witness to the kind of world which God always intended when he gave us dominion over the earth.

Lastly, we must all with one voice condemn not only hateful, violent deeds toward the LGBTQ community but the words and ideas that feed such action as well. We must join the consistent response of their community since the shooting to fearlessly embrace Love and Peace.

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¹ We must at the very least demand: a. that those on a terror watch list not be permitted to buy guns; b. that gun owners must have licenses and training just as drivers do; c. that anyone who sells a gun anywhere must do a background check on the buyer (unlicensed as well as licensed dealers.)

² See the included statement from an association of NJ Muslim groups.

2016		July -- August			2016	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					July 1 No Needle Nite	2
3 9:30 a.m. Worship	4	5 1:00 p.m. Prayer Grp	6 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thrift Shop	7 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word	8 2:00 p.m. Reading Group Meets	9
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Our God is calling us to loving, peaceful, unifying action. So reach out to a Muslim and let them know that you support them and the God of peace and mercy we all worship. Reach out to an LGBTQ friend or acquaintance and let them know how sorry you are for this horrific event and the fear of violence with which they have to live. Reach out to your local, state and national political leaders and demand moral and reasonable gun regulations which protect the right to bear arms. Do all this in the name and in the Spirit of the Prince of Peace and Lord of Love, Jesus Christ.
Pastor David

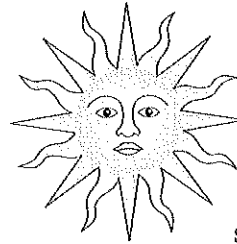


Ministerium News

NJ Muslims Condemn the Mass Shooting in Orlando June 13, 2016

On behalf of a broad spectrum of more than 80 Muslim organizations in New Jersey listed below, Muslims of New Jersey express our profound shock, sorrow, and categorically condemn the murder of 50 innocent people and the injuring of another 53 victims in Orlando, Florida. We wish to offer our heartfelt condolences for the victims and their families whose loved ones have been taken so tragically. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased and the injured.

This individual perpetrator of such a horrendous crime does not represent Islam or Muslims in any sense. The Islam we know and practice calls for peace, mercy, love, tolerance and helping others. As the Qur'an



states, "Whoever kills a person, it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind." (Qur'an 5:32)

Hate, bigotry and violence are our common enemy and we reject the hate and anger that lead to these kinds of acts of violence. We, as American Muslims, condemn this worst act of mass shooting in U.S. history in the strongest possible terms. As Americans, we reiterate our commitment to the peace, safety, and security of our nation, as well as our solidarity with fellow Americans. We pray for the safety and security of all Americans.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to ministerium member, Ayaz Azlan, Director of the Muslim Community Center in Roselle- ayazaslam786@yahoo.com

Summer Worship by Dr. Ray

Roberts, former pastor of Westfield Pres.

I invite you to commit to joining us for worship this summer, if you are in town.

I encourage this because congregational worship is a spiritual practice that is central to the Christian life. It creates space in our lives to focus us on God, remember God's goodness, and hear again God's call to follow Jesus. We don't do this as well on our own as we can do it together.

I encourage you because I've heard a lot of folks say that they would like to attract new members. Summer is a time when families move and check out churches in their new

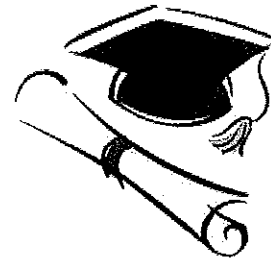
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community. If our attendance is low and our worship lacks energy, we won't make a good impression and they won't have a good representation of who we are.

This later reason for putting a priority on worship reminds me of something an Old Testament professor of mine, Walt Bruggeman, said to me when I first entered seminary. He encouraged us to attend chapel. He acknowledged that there would be times when we'd feel like we were too busy with schoolwork and there may even be times when we wouldn't get much out of it.

Yet, he said, we should still go because we do not attend worship for ourselves [or just] for what we get out of it. Worship is something we do together. And sometimes we go because other people need to see us there.

See you this summer!



Congratulations to our 2016 Graduates!

Max Kaiser will be attending the American Honors Program at UCC studying Computer Science/Engineering.

Callie Santo Salvo is excited to be heading to Mitchell College in New London Ct where she will be studying Graphic Design.

We also congratulate **Maddie Korteling**, **Grace Wayman** and **Griffin Whitmer** on their graduations and pray God's blessings upon all of them as they live into His next calling.



FPC
Food Bank

FPC FOOD BANK

We are in need of canned meat, canned fruit peanut butter and jelly. **Thank you for your much needed donations**

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

The next Need Nite will be Friday,
August 5th at 7pm in the dining room.
Yes! Needle Niters there will be ice
cream and fixings to make your own
Sundae. Bring \$s to help with the cost.
The participants will continue with their
charity projects.

Please enter the building through the
middle door on Marian Ave or if
bringing a machine use the ramp.

Small Groups or Circles of women meet
for fellowship, service and Bible study.

*Circles are open to all women and
new members would be welcomed.* Please
call the leader of the Circle that fits your
schedule.

Deborah's Circle meets a 7:30pm on
the third Monday of each month,
September though June. "Women of the
Bible" is the study for the year. Ginny
Kurek, 889-4645 is the leader.

Priscilla's Circle meets at 9:15am on
the second Thursday of each month. Betsy
Holderried is their leader, 889-6963.

Rachel's Circle meets at 8pm on the
fourth Tuesday in Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar.,
and May. Diane Knechtel is the leader,
233-3633.

If there is a program that you think would
be of interest to the women of the
Church or the Church membership, we
would love to hear of it and make it
happen. Call any of the Circle leaders
or Cena.

Church News



The Thrift Shop at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church *will be open through June on Wednesdays with the usual hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. New hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 6th and 13th, after which we will close for the summer.* The Thrift Shop, run by volunteers, is located at the rear of the

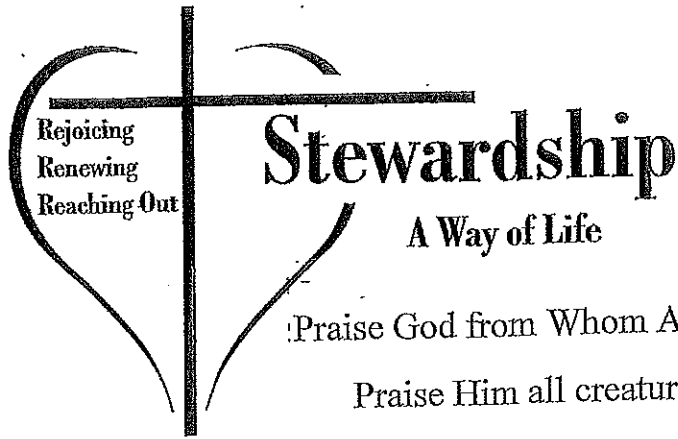
church complex on McDermott Place. The Thrift Shop will feature freshly stocked with Summer clothing and customers will find a variety of books and needlework kits to take along on vacation. All proceeds from the sale of the gently used clothing and household items are returned to the community through non-profit groups. If your clothing is no longer becoming to you they should be coming to us. Donations will be welcome on Wednesdays from 10am until 1pm. For further information and directions please call the church office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org.

▶▶▶▶▶ July Birthdays ◀◀◀◀◀

Date	Date	Date	Date
1	9 Jennifer Campanile	17	25 Joan Gustafson
2	10 Andrea Hill Dyke Pollitt	18	26 Henry Dean Hernandez Rochelle Lindemann
3	11 Nicholas Korteling	19	27 Caroline Leahy Keith Middleton
4	12 Olivia Whitmer	20	28 Robert Jackmin Maryann Miller
5	13 Alyssa Gardner Jane Weber	21	29 Carol Zimmerman
6	14 Robert Ditzel	22	30 Carmen Hopkins
7	15 Connor Jablonski Kelly Saum	23	31 Louise Meyler
8	16 Jason Kosmaczewski Kyle Remo Norman Swenson	24	

▶▶▶▶▶ August Birthdays ◀◀◀◀◀

Date	Date	Date	Date
1	9 George Kurek Evelyn Santo Salvo	17	25 Marlowe Canfie
2	10 Patti Baird Mildred Krey Donna Zaleski	18	26 Joaquim Cardona Jon Wayman
3	11 Katherine Turso	19	27 Marcena Pollitt
4	12 Griffin McClure Russell Miller	20	28 Stella Whitefield
5	13	21	29 Tamara Jackmin Charlotte Middleton
6	14 Megan Middleton Oliva Charnock	22	30
7	15 Edward Baird Julie Glover	23	31 Christine Korteling Griffin Whitmer
8	16	24	



Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Praising God is an expression of gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Stewardship is the responsible maintenance and wise use of the gifts God has bestowed upon us. Stewardship is about our grateful response to God through sharing our gifts of time, talents and resources. As we grow in Stewardship, we grow in our relationship with God.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is excited to present to you its new face. It represents our original purpose and message of "Stewardship as a Way of Life" with a new twist. In the weeks and months ahead, you will see this logo often, along with a message of a Bible passage, a quote, S & F news and even an occasional "funny". It is the hope of the committee that these messages will serve as a gentle reminder to strive to make Stewardship a way of life by sharing your special gifts and to live each day with a grateful heart.

Thank you for all that each of you do and give to help FPC live out its mission of "Growing in God's Love, Serving All God's People through rejoicing, renewing and reaching out".

FYI: The Doxology is the tenth and last verse of the hymn, "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun", lyrics by Thomas Ken, written in 1674.