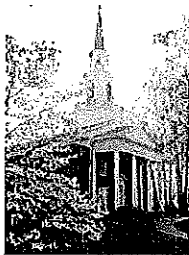


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## Fanwood Presbyterian Church

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

Dear friends,

I cannot believe that summer is drawing to a close already. This has me wondering whether it is true that "all good things must come to an end." While this is, of course, true on one level, it might be better to say that "all good things transition into other good things." So what might this mean for this summer coming to an end?

1. Time at the beach becomes time at the park, playground and gym. We sure will miss the sand and the waves but will we rejoice in other outdoor activities?
2. Vacation time becomes school and work time. Time of restoration is meant to rejuvenate us for the blessings of learning, work and service.
3. Hot and sunny days become crisp, colorful ones. I did not know how much I missed four seasons while I lived in Texas until I moved to NJ. Every new season brings much in which to delight.

I am reminded of my boys who have so much fun doing most anything that that they have a tizzy when told it is time to do something else. But more often than not, once they start doing the new thing, they do not want to stop that! We see here both a natural anxiety toward the new but also the child-like willingness to receive the Kingdom with joy when the new descends (or is imposed!)


Transitions are rarely fun, however, especially when they involve loss. And thus we are filled with compassion and understanding toward those going through difficult ones. But we do trust that even the most final of ends, death, transitions into the most glorious good, eternal life in the Kingdom of heaven.

I want to commend all of you on how you have transitioned into worship in the dining room this summer and I hope that the many new things ahead, including a new Pentecostal congregation joining us on Tuesdays and Saturdays, invoking and bearing the Spirit in a freshly renovated sanctuary, will be received with much joy and excitement. We will return to two services on Celebration Sunday on Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> and we will return to the sanctuary for Homecoming Sunday on Sep. 28<sup>th</sup>. (See below.)  
Sincerely yours in Christ, David

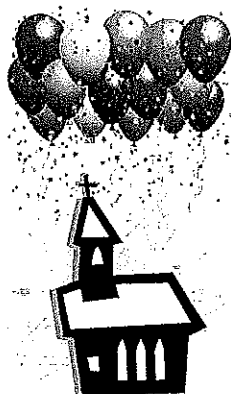
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Labor Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> 7:30 p.m. Session Mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 p.m. Needle Nite	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>8</b> October Fanfare Articles Due	<b>9</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Deacons Mtg	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop 5:15 p.m. Joyful Noise 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p. m. Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Celebration Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service 12:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Church Committees	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop 5:15 p.m. Joyful Noise 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p. m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Trustees Mtg	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30- 11 a.m. Food Bank
<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service 12:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop 5:15 p.m. Joyful Noise 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p. m. Bible Study	<b>26</b> Movie Night 7:00 p.m.	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Homecoming Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service 12:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing				

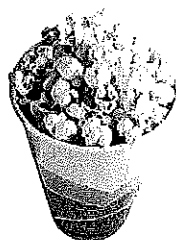
## Upcoming Events



### Celebration and Homecoming

**Sundays--** We shall welcome everyone back from summer vacations on Celebration Sunday, Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> with a return to two services at 9:30 a.m.

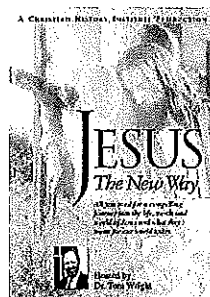
and 11:15 a.m. Between services, we will have a special coffee hour, opportunities to learn more about and sign-up for programs, including Sunday School registration. On September 28<sup>th</sup> we will return to our worship home in the sanctuary and rejoice in the wonderful work God has led over the summer.



### Movie Night-- Heaven is For Real

Come to the sanctuary on Sep. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to watch this vivid account of a 4-year old

who, during emergency surgery, slipped from consciousness and entered heaven. The boy is the son of a small-town Nebraska pastor so the viewer enters into the family's and congregation's struggles, as well, especially when combined with such startling news coming from such a young child. Popcorn, drinks and other refreshments will be provided.



### Small Groups— Jesus the New Way d.v.d. series by N.T. Wright

Our small groups really enjoyed the first three lessons (which were so full of blessed teachings that we split them into 6 sessions.) You are more than welcome to join the last three lessons split again into six sessions on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to view the first three lessons before the 11<sup>th</sup> at home, let Pastor David know.

### Mid-day Fellowship

Save the date! Thursday, October 2. We are going to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see a comedy "Breaking Legs". The cost is \$45. All members will be called. Other interested parties please call Shirley Pillow at 908-889-5602. The deadline is Sept. 13. Checks should be made out to Fanwood Presbyterian Church and given to Judith Bowen in the church office. Car pools will be arranged.

# Music at FPC



## 2014-2015 Ensemble Information Tom Berdos, Director of Music Ministries

*All musicians are welcome to join us as we make joyful music for the glory of God!  
Please contact Tom ([tom.berdos@gmail.com](mailto:tom.berdos@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming involved.*

**Joyful Noise** – children’s choir for children in grades 1-5. Joyful Noise sings at both morning services, approximately twice per month. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 5:15 – 5:45 p.m. in the choir room, beginning on September 10.

**Orchestra** – for brass, woodwind, and string players in middle school and older (multi-generational). The orchestra plays 5-6 times per year at the 9:30 service. Music is posted online the week before, and rehearsal is in the sanctuary on the mornings we play.

**Sanctuary Choir** – for singers in grade 7 through adult, singing in worship each Sunday at the 9:30 service and occasionally at the 11:15 service. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:15 p.m. in the sanctuary, beginning on September 3.

**Concert Chorus** – join with the Sanctuary Choir as we prepare and perform major choral concerts including Handel’s Messiah and the Fanwood Choir Festival. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:30 – 8:15 p.m. in the sanctuary, beginning 7-8 weeks before the specific performance.

**Sanctuary Ringers** – handbell choir. Participants must be able to read music. Ringers (middle school and older) register for different parts of the year using the sign-up sheets in the choir room. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in the choir room. Be careful, ringing handbells is addictive!

**Praise Band** – for instrumentalists in middle school and older, by audition. The Praise Band plays each Sunday at the 11:15 service and occasionally at the 9:30 service. Rehearsals are after worship on Sundays, 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, beginning on September 14.

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6*

## Christian Education



(Nathan, Luke, Seth, Jason, Olivia, Jess, Abby, Libby, Zahraa, Lisa and Lila)

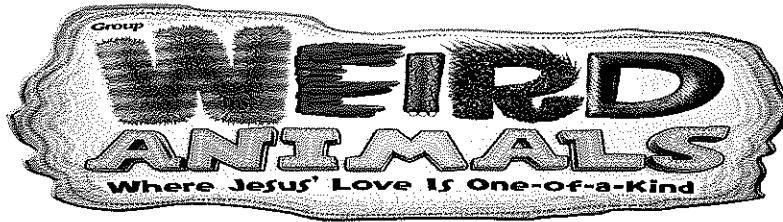
During the week of July 14, Fanwood Presbyterian Church ran its annual Summer Quest program, which is a weeklong camp where youth participate in local mission work. This year we had 11 youth, 1 teen helper and 2 adults who spent a week learning about God, fellowshiping, and stepping out of their comfort zones to help others.

During the week we visited Shiloh Bible Camp, where the youth were required to depend on one another to get through a challenge course, climbing wall, and zipline. This was a great start to the week, since the kids were able to get to know each other and also to trust that they would be treated with love and respect throughout the week. The next day the kids shopped for, and prepared 200 bagged lunches to go to the homeless, which were delivered by 2 of the kids later that week. On Wednesday we visited the First Children's School and Thursday we went Kayaking. Kayaking was a lot of fun, but it was also challenging for many of the kids. They had to learn to not only trust in God, but also in their Kayak partners. They learned that we cannot get through life on our own strength, rather we need to depend on God strength to get us through difficult and scary times. On Friday the leaders served the kids breakfast, the kids prepped for SQ Sunday and we ended at the pool club.

Each day the youth spent time looking at different verses in the Bible and wrestling with whom God is, and why it's important to have a relationship with Him.

*I would like to send a special thank you to Krista Daniska and Alex Poulious for their wonderful leadership throughout the week. They truly showed the love of Jesus to our Summer Quest kids.*

## More Christian Education



This year during VBS the kids learned that Jesus loves each of us no matter what! We had close to 100 kids and 30 helpers attending VBS, with each day starting out in the dining room with music and a brief Bible message. The kids were then led to a variety of stations such as: music, Bible, snack, recess, recreation, craft and music, where they learned more about the day's lesson. Each day ended with more music, dancing and a recap of the day's lesson .

Throughout the week you could hear children laughing and singing throughout the halls and yelling: "Jesus loves you" at the top of their lungs. No matter where you were, you could see children, dancing, running, jumping, giving high 5, and hugging one another. The love of Jesus was evident throughout the week. Not only were the children affected, so were the leaders. The lessons being taught did not end at 12:30 each day, rather they continued on well past the time the kids left. At the end of each day, the teen leaders could be found hanging out, playing basketball, or meeting up at a pool, they did not want to leave the church or their new/old friends.

I would like to thank all the children, parents and leaders who helped make VBS such a success. VBS is one my favorite weeks of the year and I look forward to next year. If you can, please plan to help out next year, you will be blessed in so many ways. (Next year VBS will run July 20-24, 2015). Christie Alston



### A Word From Westminster Preschool

After a fabulous summer to relax, enjoy and rejuvenate, our Westminster Preschool teachers are eager to begin our 19th year in operation! Our families are looking forward to a rewarding school year as well, as our doors will open on Monday, September 8th . This year our play yard is enhanced with two new pieces of equipment! A new fire truck as well as a "Merry- Go-Trike" both certain to be a huge hit! Our Gertrude Hawk Easter candy fundraiser made these purchases possible. Thanks to our wonderful Trustees for keeping our buildings and grounds in good repair, and please keep referring friends and neighbors to our wonderful school! Wishing all families a terrific school year ! Thank you ! Nancy Bantz

PS- We have a few remaining spots in our January '3 Minus' class. If your child turns age 2 in April, May, June, July or August this class is perfect for you! Please call Nancy at 889-4405 for registration information.

## 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 whatever is of interest to  
her AND SUPPORT OUR ON-GOING  
EFFORTS.**

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. Women of the Bible is the study for this year. Ginny Kurek is the leader

Priscilla's Circle meets at 9:15am on the second Thursday of each month. Dory Lesdesma is their leader.

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

For more information about Presbyterian Women of FPC please call the Church office at 908-889-8891.



### *The Reading Group*

The next book to read is *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty.

On a summer's day in 1922 Cora Carlisle boards a train from Wichita Kansas, to New York City leaving behind a marriage that's not as perfect as it seems, and a past that she buried long ago. She left to chaperone a hyper-precocious and bratty 15 year old for a summer that would change them both.

The book club will meet at Cena Pollitt's house, please check the bulletin for date and time. For further information please call Cena at 889-2029.

## September Birthdays

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1	Evan Zakovic	9	Macada Brandl Virginia Seavy Christie Alston	17		25	Kenneth Kaiser
2	James McClure Garth R. Seavy	10	Ross Leahy	18	Ryan VanOstenbridge	26	
3	Clifford Stueck	11	Ryan Brandl Virginia Kraus	19	Beverly Pilato	27	
4		12	Joshua Chaillet	20	Jessica Knierim Sharon VanOstenbridge	28	Elizabeth Andrews Kyle Magee Allison Prestridge
5	Elvin C. Downer Jr. Janet Newell Diana Vasnelis Jeffery Wright	13	Mark VanOstenbridge Jennifer Gould	21	Dorothy Ledesma	29	
6		14	Elizabeth Armstrong Susan LeWand Nicole Turso	22		30	
7		15	Kaelan Mattos	23	Richard Hopkins Jackson Lubalin	31	
8	Chris Poulis Kelly Prestridge	16	Lauren Wright	24	Barry Deniskas Tyler Daniskas Kelsie Lubalin		

We have special birthdays this month! Garth Seavy and Elvin Downer are both turning 90 years young!

*Don't forget about Fanny Wood Day after Homecoming Sunday!*

*Borough of Fanwood NJ presents*

## Fanny Wood Day



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car show...kiddle & pony rides...live music

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## Congratulations to Louise Meyler



Our own Louise Meyler was named Fanwood's Volunteer of the Month (July) in recognition of her work with the FPC Thrift Shop.

Mayor Colleen Mahr presented Louise with a framed drawing of Fanwood's historic train station to commemorate the occasion, which was announced during the Borough Council's July 15th meeting.

"We believe this is the jewel of Fanwood," Mayor Mahr told Louise. "When you hang this up, you will think of us here and know that all the things you have done for our community have

meant something really special."

Louise, 93, co-founded the Thrift Shop and has worked there for decades, accepting donations, sorting and repairing items as necessary and of course selling them on Wednesdays. Her daughter nominated her for the council recognition.

For those unfamiliar with the Thrift Shop, it carries everything from clothing and shoes to household items, games, decorative items and bric-a-brac. It is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who donate all income to local and regional charities such as the Fanwood and Scotch Plains fire departments, First Children's School and United Family and Children's Society.

"You are an inspiration to your six children, your 17 grandchildren and your 21 great-



grandchildren," Mayor Mahr told Louise, motioning to a gallery filled with friends and family. "Your family loves you. Your customers love you. The people you work with love you. And I'm just so thrilled that your daughter reached out to us."

Louise smiled and in her typical, understated way, replied: "All I can say is thank you all, and volunteerism is wonderful. You get much more from it than you give."

Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr discusses the framed drawing of the old Fanwood train station with 93-year-old Louise Meyler, who was honored as the borough's "Volunteer of the Month" during ceremonies at the council meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Meyler was one of the founders many years ago of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church's Thrift Shop and continues to work there. (Photo by Brian Horton) *Cynthia Brian Horton*