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

Christmas-- God has come to earth and entered into all human bodies. **Epiphany--** the light of Israel's God spreads to all the nations of the world. **Easter--** nothing can conquer God's light within and His will for Life. **Pentecost--** the Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh.

All of these mean peace, love, joy and mercy now cover the earth and fill its peoples. Do you believe this? Do you see it, feel it, hear it? Will you magnify it within and around you? How? When darkness, despair, war and judgment weigh you down, will you remember the Lord? Will you turn to him and open yourself up to His Spirit of love, mercy and peace within, around and above you? God bless your 2017 with new life; incarnational resurrection life alive in your body now, empowering you to rejoice in and love all things as never before. "For from God and through him and for him are all things. To God be the glory forever! Amen."




Romans 11:36,



Sincerely,

Pastor David

Capital Campaign Update from the Session and Trustees

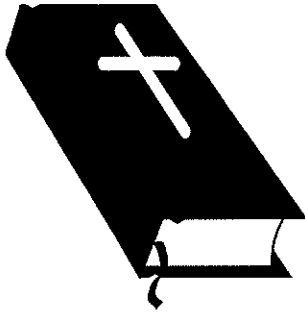
The session would first like to thank the trustees for their excellent work, year-round. The amount of work they do is staggering and you can learn about it through Judith who would be glad to talk to you or share their minutes with you. We are also grateful that they started discussing the renovation of the downstairs bathrooms. We received two blessed gifts to the capital campaign which will allow us to complete the bathrooms, hopefully in the summer.

2017		J a n u a r y				2017	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 9:30 a.m. Worship Nancy DiTomaso preaching  New Year's Day	2 Church Office Closed	3 1:00 p.m. Small Group 2:00 p.m. Prayer Grp 7:30 p.m. Session 7:30 p.m. Scottish Dancing	4 9:30 a.m. - Job Networking 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thrift Shop 4:15 p.m. Kingdom Kids 5:15 p.m. Joyful Noise 5:30 p.m. Middle School 7:00 p.m. High School 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary choir	5 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Small Group	6 7:00 p.m. Needle Nite	7 Mission trip begins Nicaragua Jan 7-17	
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Session and Committee News

New Ministers* at the Church



Dear friends,
You will be seeing some new friends and helpers on Sunday mornings and perhaps during the week. Rev. Ken Macari and his wife

Linda have both retired this year and will be involved in the church. Ken will preach on Jan. 8th and do the children's message on the 15th. He will also be studying at the church some weekdays and occasionally helping with pastoral care. Thanks for welcoming these blessed servants of the Lord with loving arms. Ken's mini-bio. Is below:

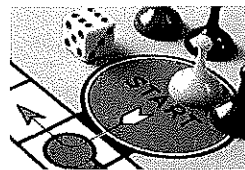
Ken Macari is an Honorably Retired Teaching Elder of Elizabeth Presbytery. He retired this past October after 21 years from the Community Presbyterian Church over in Edison. A native of Philadelphia, PA, Ken served the Hermon Church under the Philly Elevated Train from 1977 to 1989. After serving the North Park Church in Buffalo, NY for six years, Ken took the call to Edison, in Advent of 1995. He met his wife, Linda, at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. They will be married forty years in March of 2017. They have two children: Sarah and her family who live in Howell, NJ; and Peter who lives in Astoria, Queens, NY.

Ken has been very active in Elizabeth Presbytery serving on various committees in the areas of immigrant new church development, mission outreach, Committee

on Preparation for Ministry and briefly as Pastor to Pastors in 2013. Over those thirty nine years, Ken served three times as a Commissioner to the General Assembly, supervised nearly 20 Princeton seminarians and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell focusing on Preaching from the Epistle to the Colossians. He has strong interests in small group spiritual formation and supporting a local church's vision for community outreach (especially to those new to the USA). Ken enjoys golf, swing and ballroom dancing with Linda, all kinds of music, Marvel Comics and has been a longtime friend to Pastor David as well.

*Please *remember* that we are all ministers of God's gifts to us.

Sunday (Night) School Schedule



All middlers are encouraged to join Sunday School and board games or basketball from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will probably have a class on New Year's Day but not on Jan. 8th or 15th as Pastor David will be on a mission trip. Participants, please let Pastor David know of your availability and interest on New Year's Day. We are studying "What's Up?" which is a well-reviewed middler curriculum focused on Jesus and his gospel.



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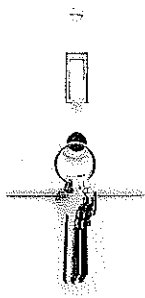
Guest Song and Worship-Leader, Jan. 15th



Mike Epp, former worship leader at Evangel will be leading worship with Marcello, Christie and Ken on Jan. 15th at 11:15 a.m., when our second service begins again. Come check out the new worship space if you have not yet had a chance to do so!

The Trustees wanted to remind all organizations:

Be Responsible: If you are the last group to leave the building please:



Turn off all Lights
Lock all doors

Thank you. Trustees



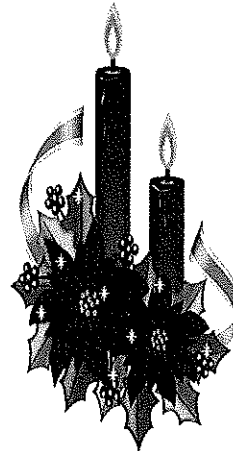
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Congregational Meeting, Jan. 29th Between Services

We will elect trustees and receive financial reports at this meeting. Because we want strong attendance for quick updates and encouragement, the session decided to

have it again at this time. Anyone who would like to go deeper into our vision, mission and stewardship joys and challenges may join us at the Feb. 7th session meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room alcove.

Fanwood Presbyterian Church invites all to attend our services and programs. From December 18th to January 8th, we will have wonderful combined holiday services at 10:30 a.m.



On Christmas Eve, the church will have two services. The Family Service will be at 5 p.m. with children 4-years old to fifth grade presenting a Christmas pageant. The Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 8:30 p.m. with special music under the direction of

Marcello Velame, featuring the Sanctuary Choir and a string quartet.

The Church also invites young people in grades 5-8 to join the new Sunday evening Bible Study, Board Games and Basketball Program. This is held in the Dining Room and in Westminster Hall at 6:30 p.m. Please enter the gym from Marian Ave. and call the church for the holiday and January schedule.

For more information or directions please call the office at 908-889-8891 or email admin@fanwoodpc.org or check fanwoodpc.org.

Christian Education

A Word From Westminster!



At this time of my writing, the classrooms and hallways are glistening with glitter from Christmas crafts galore, the children are practicing their lines for The Christmas Story performance, (just precious) and the children's eyes are open wide with the anticipation of Christmas, Jesus' birthday! My wish is that all of you reading this have had a very Merry Christmas with the ones you love, and that this new year will be all you have hoped for and a little bit more! ☺

During the month of January and ongoing until we are full, Westminster is conducting open registration for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Please spread the word of this amazing school and staff to your friends and neighbors! We will be starting up our 22nd year and are eager to begin a new year!

Wishing you and yours a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Best wishes,
Nancy Bantz

p.s. – Be sure to check out Westminster Preschool's Facebook pages for a look at what we do!

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.**

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

The next meeting of Needle Niters will be Friday, January 6th at 7 p.m. in Westminster Hall on Marian Ave. Quilters will continue to work on this year's pattern, "9Patchtastic". Also a new technique will be demonstrated. The 110 gift bags that had been made previously were filled with toiletries at our December 2nd meeting to be given to Park Hotel residents.

Presbyterian Women

Gifts of 12 knit afghans were given to Beth Israel Hospital in Newark for the newborn. Quilts, knit and crocheted baby items, lap robes, hats and scarves all made monthly and distributed to many charities.

All are welcome to come and see what is being done and to join the group; If fabric, batting or yarn is needed, Needles Nitters may e-mail their request to needlenite@fanwoodpc.org. For further information about these projects or directions to Fanwood Presbyterian Church please call the office at 908-889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org or check the web www.fanwoodpc.org.

Although the Presbyterian women Assoc. is, regrettably, not very visible we still have obligations and financial needs. The 3 Circles and the Book Group are self-sustaining, the Needle Nite uses PW funds. Yes, they receive donations of material and yarn, but they buy in bulk the batting and other goods not donated. The Park Hotel residents are given small Birthday gifts each month often these are purchased from our funds. We also have an obligation to support our church. Pledge Slips are being distributed in the Circles and are available at the office or a tear off on the next page. Please, a small pledge fulfilled would be much appreciated.

All women of the church are Presbyterian Women.

To the women of Fanwood Church.



The Reading Group

The book group has chosen THE PARIS WIFE by Paula McClain as its next read. This book is a portrait of being in Paris in the glittering 1920's. It is a story of ambition that captures the love affair between Ernest Hemingway and Hadley Richardson, his first wife from Chicago.

The group will meet at 2:00 PM on January 13 at the home of Cena Pollitt, 352 LaGrande Ave., Fanwood. Join us for a lively discussion and good fellowship. For more information or with questions, call Cena at 908 889-2029.

Both Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries have a copy of this book.

Presbyterian Women



The Needle Niters of Fanwood Presbyterian Church show the 110 gift bags fill with small toiletries to be given to the residents of the Park Hotel.

Pledge Card

Presbyterian Women

Fanwood Presbyterian Church

I pledge \$ _____ for the current year.

Pledge payments may be made through Circle/ Group leaders or directly to the church office.

Please make all checks payable to:

Fanwood Presbyterian Church

Memo: Presbyterian Women

Name: _____

Birthdays

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Date		Date		Date		Date	
1	John Cardona John Stueck Kristen Thompson	9	Rhaena Linderman	17		25	Davis Stewart
2	George Vasnelis, Jr.	10	Callum Wayman	18		26	
3	Diane Knechtel Alexander Poullos	11	Samantha Howell Margaret Weber	19		27	Jeanmarie Stewart
4	Stella George	12	Joan Poe Elizabeth Schwartz	20	Lizabeth Baliko Kimberly Shoback Katherine Dreyer	28	
5		13	Matthew Dreyer Lorene Knierim Karen Thomson	21		29	Keith Oatis Patricia Reyes
6		14	Kimberly Rafferty	22	Jennifer Zakovic Hannah Charnock	30	
7		15	Braelyn Brandl	23	Alisa Schink	31	raeden Rafferty
8	James Slifer	16	Debra Glover	24	Carol McClure Carly Whitmer		

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1	Carter Slifer Madilynne Slifer Maryadele O'Neil	9		17	Ashley Ulman	25	
2	Michael Howell	10		18	Peter T Halas Liz Henderson Jillian Leahy Jennifer Lorber	26	Brian Lorber
3		11		19	Joan Caroselli	27	Gregory Baliko
4	Theodore Bassman Jr. JH Stephan Fallon	12		20	Brian L Bantz	28	
5		13		21			
6	Max Kaiser	14		22	Michael Donofrio Norman Gustafson		
7	Stephanie Baliko	15	Susan Kelly	23	Olivia Francavilla Kimberly Slifer		
8		16	Luke Travis	24	Genine Schwartz		