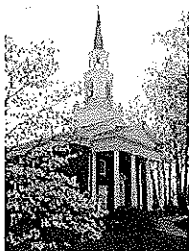


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## Fanwood Presbyterian Church "Growing in God's Love, Serving All God's People" through "Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out"

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear congregation,

After hearing little and mixed feedback from the congregation -- about an equal number in favor and opposed -- regarding the possibility of more frequent celebration of communion, the session and I have decided to wait on God in this regard. I felt there was little passion and a fair amount of uncertainty and anxiety about it. And the last thing we want communion—the sacred pinnacle of our spiritual union with God and each other in Christ- to do is divide us in any way. It has become clear that there is much Christian education called for in order to bring a fuller awareness and truer experience of the fellowship in the Spirit which communion brings.

Let me begin with a simplified summary of a very complex and mysterious subject. The founder of the Presbyterian tradition, John Calvin, believed neither in the physical presence of Christ in the bread or wine (for Jesus' body is at the right hand of our Father in heaven) nor that the bread and the wine merely are part of a symbolic remembrance of Christ's body and blood. For Calvin, the body and blood of Christ Jesus are spiritually and significantly present in the bread and the cup which we take in by faith. The descended Spirit raises us up into the presence of Jesus in heaven as we commune with Him and all saints in Him at the table. As the things signified- the body and blood of Christ Jesus- seal themselves upon the hearts, minds and souls of believers with and through the signs of the bread and juice, the signs and those who partake in them ascend to Jesus' body and participate in the things signified. "Our souls are fed by the flesh and blood of Christ in the same way that bread and wine sustain physical life. Dwelling in us by His Spirit, he raises us to heaven to himself, transfusing into us the vivifying vigour of his flesh." [John Calvin, specific references can be found at link on next page] **continued on next page...**

2015		June - July			2015	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>June 1</u>	<b>2</b> 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Session	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop 7:30 p.m. Choir Reh	<b>4</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word	<b>5</b> 7:30 p.m. Needle Nite	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship New Member Brunch and Congregational Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Deacons at David McFedede's home	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop	<b>11</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word	<b>12</b> Westminster Preschool Graduation Congratulations Class of 2015	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Piano Recital	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Committees	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop	<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word 7:00 p.m. Trustees	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Food Bank
<b>21</b> Father's Day 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop	<b>25</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>29</b> HS Mission Trip Johnsonburg all week	<b>30</b> 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group	<b>July 1</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop	<b>2</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word	<b>3</b> Church Office Closed No Needle Nite	<b>4</b> Independence Day
<b>5</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 p.m. Needle Nite	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b> 9:30 a.m. Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00 p.m. Prayer Group	<b>29</b> Thrift Shop closes until September	<b>30</b> 9:30 a.m. Meditating on the Word	<b>31</b>	

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One wonders how the sacrament differs from the Spirit's uniting us with Christ in general. Matthew Mason's reflection on Calvin's understanding points out, "It is not that we ever stop being united to Christ; rather, this ongoing union is strengthened and nourished as we feed on him spiritually even as we feed on the bread and wine physically."

\*[Matthew W. Mason, [www.theologian.org.uk/doctrine/calvinonthelordssupper.html](http://www.theologian.org.uk/doctrine/calvinonthelordssupper.html) ]

Now if this seems a bit too much for you to wrap your head around, take comfort in knowing that the same was the case for Calvin who concluded, "Now, if anyone should ask me how this takes place, I shall not be ashamed to confess that it is a secret too lofty for either my mind to comprehend or my words to declare. And to speak more plainly, I rather experience than understand it."

Learning what our forefather Calvin believed about the sacrament and striving to have the same profundity of faith in Jesus as he did, may we all have a truer experience of the body of Christ through communion in the church, "the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."  
Ephesians 1:23

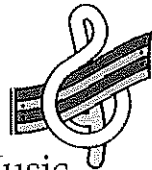


### *FPC FOOD BANK*

**Hello from the food bank**

Don't forget to donate any cans or dry foods you can spare to the food bank:  
We can always use:  
Cooking oil, tea and coffee.

Many thanks for all your donations !



**Music  
Ministry**

Here are several photos from tonight's choir concert at Fanwood Presbyterian Church, Fanwood, NJ, benefiting the Fanwood and Scotch Plains Rescue Squads. (see the next page)

For the fourth year in a row, this concert is staged on the first night of EMS Week with singers and musicians from across northern New Jersey. Admission is free, but donation plates are passed. We raised \$2,228.00, to be split between the rescue squads.

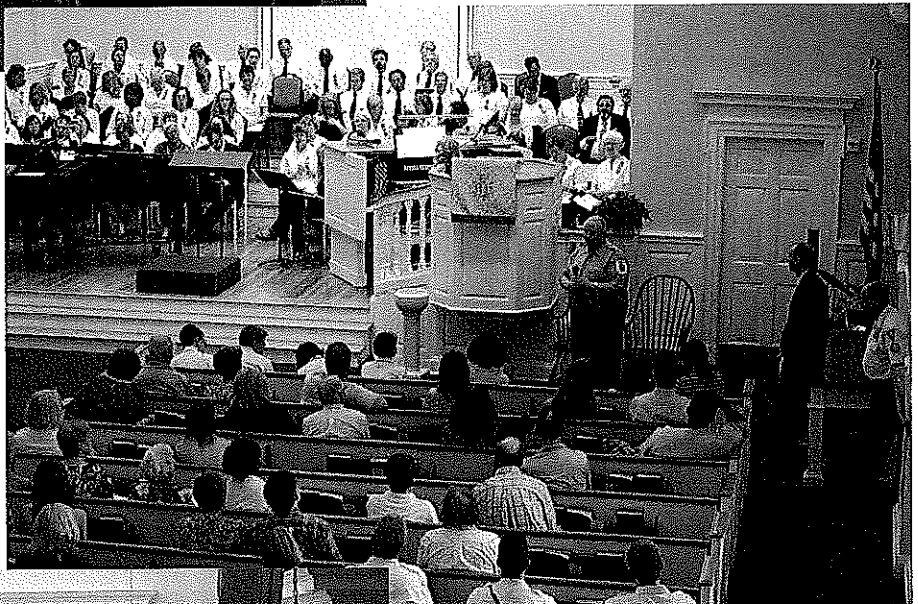
Yours in Christ,  
Tom

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

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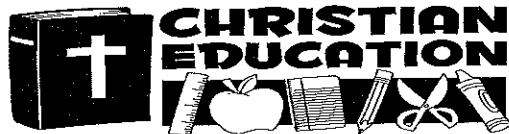
**Church Music Director Tom Berdos  
at piano and guest conductor  
Dr. Cindy Bell leads the chorus**



**Scotch Plains Rescue Squad  
Chief Dan Sullivan makes remarks**



## Christian Education



### Vacation Bible School Registration

Vacation Bible School will take place the week of July 20-24. Children from 4 yrs old (by 10/1/14) to those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend this summer's "Everest, Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" VBS program. Registration pamphlets are now available in the narthex, church office as well as in the parking lot entryway of the church. Registration will be open from April 19<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup> and is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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

### Senior High Summer Mission/Work Trip: June 28-July 3rd

This summer all High School aged youth are invited to join us on a Summer Mission trip to Camp Johnsonburg. This will be a week full of worship, fellowship, fun, team building, swimming, boating, mission work and much more. This trip will cost \$330 and includes the cost of one off site trip to the Delaware River. If you are interesting in attending this trip please contact Christie at 732-598-3183 or [christianne9@verizon.net](mailto:christianne9@verizon.net). Deadline for registration is June 7<sup>th</sup> and requires a deposit of \$50.00 to hold the spot.



### A Word From Westminster Preschool

Once again, it seems impossible that another terrific school year at Westminster will come to an end on June 12th! A huge thank you to the hard work and dedication of our fine staff, including Lynne Tanguy, Lorene Knierim, Dee Vasnelis, Donna Zaleski, and Carolyn Capodicasa! They are all top notch. I am so very thankful for another year of Friday worship on the chancel steps with Mrs. Libby Andrews and Pastor David. Worship is a huge part of our preschool mission. We thank you for your time with the children.

This year we congratulate church member Max Campanile as he graduates from Westminster Preschool. We know you are well prepared for kindergarten, Max, but we will miss you dearly.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful and fun-filled summer with your friends and families. We look forward to the upcoming 2015-2016 school year as well!

Best wishes, Nancy Bantz

## Christian Education

The following children received Bibles on May 17, 2015:



Dietrich Jahnke, Michael Donofrio, Graeme Daniskas, Isabelle Miller, Isabella Campanile, Allison Eggert, Megan Saum, Kelsie Lubalin, Abigail Elliot and Charlotte Middleton

# 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, 889-4645 is the leader.

Priscilla's Circle meets at 9:15am on the second Thursday of each month. Anne Teets is their leader, 889-6047.

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



The reading Group will meet on Friday, July 10 at 2pm at the home of Dory Lesdema, 42 Fieldcrest Drive, Scotch Plains. The book selection is The Kitchen House by Katherine Grissom. 7 year old Lavinia is orphaned on a ship from Ireland. The Captain sends her to his tobacco plantation as an indentured servant to work and live with the slaves. "A tragic story of page-turning suspense, exploring the meaning of family where love and family prevail", publisher. Both libraries have this book.

## >>>>> June Birthdays <<<<<<

Date		Date		Date		Date	
1	Mike Camfield Alexis Marta	9	Wendy Warwick	17	Joshua Allen Gould	25	Doris Cavicchia Bert Korteling
2	Dorothy Ditzel Henry Kohlenberger	10		18	Edna Lake Jessica Sot	26	Robert Brandl Cynthia Jablonski
3	Sally Drewes	11		19	Mary Zwicky	27	
4	Vincent Krey	12	Madison Korteling	20	Iain Fraser	28	Ashley Kaiser John Lindros
5	Tyler Geissel Luke Zimmerman Thomas Zimmerman	13		21		29	Ava Campanile
6	Elizabeth Sharrett	14	Sean Geissel	22	Bailey Remo	30	Betsy Holderried
7	Charlotte Donofrio	15	Kevin Miller	23	Connor Thompson		
8	Courtney Johnson	16		24			