

The Presbyterian Church at  
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## Reflections from Tom

Welcome to our PCAS Mission  
Study: *“An Interim Journey”!*

We will be working with the  
Center for Parish Development

beginning in the Summer and through the Fall, to discern the  
directions that God is calling PCAS in mission and ministry.  
Through Congregational Celebrations and gatherings, study  
and prayer, plus looking at our community and connecting  
with our community, we will “journey” with God.

Engaging the congregation’s imagination and participation,  
we will share multiple four-session home **Bible Studies**  
 (“A People of Salt and Light” – see Carol’s box below), a  
**Heritage Celebration** for the Congregation in connection  
with our September 24<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Worship Service, and a  
**Vision Celebration** in November to share our results. The  
Mission Study Team and Session of PCAS will also be looking  
at information and demographics, guided by our CPD  
Consultant Ray Schulte.

This is an exciting Mission Study program, but it truly needs



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## Sunday Worship

- Sunday Worship  
10:30 AM
- Sunday School  
10:30 AM
- Coffee Hour  
11:45 AM

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## June Birthdays

full congregational participation and input. So, please take the time and initiative to be a part. It will provide the story that we share with prospective Pastors when we conduct the Pastoral Search in 2018.

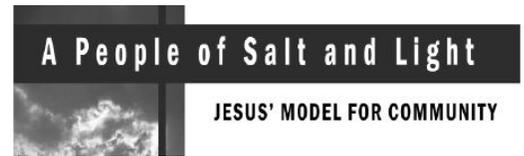
Join the “Journey”!

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson, Interim Pastor

## Mission Study Team

The **Mission Study Team** would like very much to organize a summer Bible Study (or several) in our homes. This will be part of the process contributing to our Mission Study. The study is entitled “**A People of Salt and Light**”, and my home will be the first group formed, Carol Morse.



This will be a four-week study starting in August, either morning or evening, depending on the preference of the group. If more than 6-8 sign up, we will have a second home study. Please pray for this endeavor. It will be a social as well as a learning experience.

Let the Church Office know, so that I can prepare for this new study.

God Bless, Carol Morse

## Worship

### Summertime Confession

Ok, confession time—I can’t WAIT for school to end! As a teacher, I’ve begun counting the days remaining in the school year (exactly 18 days left as I write this!!). Don’t get me wrong, I enjoy teaching

but like my students, I look forward to the freedom summer affords—days at the beach, time to travel, long afternoons of reading and time with friends. I especially love those first weeks when I no longer rise to the loud buzzing of my alarm clock before sunrise and drag myself out of bed, my mind still hazy from not-quite-enough sleep, and into the hurriedness of a work day. Instead, on summer mornings I revel in being able to awaken to the sound of birds, sunlight creeping in through the cracks in the shades, and the luxury of lying in bed, lazily contemplating the day ahead. When I do finally climb out of bed, I like to sit on my deck with a cup of hot tea and leisurely read the newspaper before I dress and start my day. Summer is wonderful!

Of course, it is tempting to do this on summer Sunday mornings as well. After all, summer is short. But I resist the urge to “skip” worship and get up and get going on Sundays. I always feel rewarded for my effort by the beautiful music, often from special guest musicians, by stimulating and inspiring sermons, and by the joy of fellowship. Fellowship comes not only in the form of greeting one another but also when we share our joys and concerns. For me, this is one of the most important parts of our worship service and as a member of the body of Christ, I feel a responsibility to lift those concerns in prayer during the week. There have been times in my own life when knowing others were praying for me or a loved one has provided great comfort and hope. And let’s face it, it isn’t always easy to share our concerns because it sometimes feels like an admission that we aren’t in control or that our lives are less than perfect. But this is one of the values of church. Church is one of the few places where we can safely be our imperfect selves, confessing our worries, our struggles, our fears, our doubts, and have those confessions met with love and acceptance. And just because it is summer doesn’t mean we stop being human or having joys and concerns. Our need is constant and our need to be in community, to love and support one another, never takes a vacation.

When I first joined the United Methodist church in my teens, I promised to support the church with my time, my talents and my gifts. That understanding of my role in the church hasn’t changed

## July Birthdays

## August Birthdays



## June Anniversaries

now that I am a Presbyterian. I firmly believe it is a gift to be able to pray for one another, and I don't know what to pray for if I don't attend church and hear others' prayer concerns.

So, this summer I'll forgo that decadent second cup of tea and being able to read the paper from cover to cover in one sitting to attend church each Sunday this summer. And if perchance you don't see me on a Sunday morning, it won't be because I was feeling selfish and self-indulgent. I pledge that even if I am away on vacation, I'll find a church and attend worship. In addition to hearing the beautiful anthems and inspiring sermons, I'll listen to the prayer concerns voiced by that congregation and pray for them, too. And you can count on me to keep praying for each and every one of you all summer long. God bless you!

For the Worship Committee

## July Anniversaries

## August Anniversaries

## Personnel & Administration

### A Message from P&A

As we move into summer, the programs and expenses of the Church continue even when we are not in attendance. And as the financial report shows, we are entering the summer months already with a deficit that will grow over the summer unless we are disciplined in continuing to give to the Church even when we are not sitting in the pews.

So we ask that, if you cannot be in attendance, prayerfully consider sending in a check to the office as your weekly tithe, or "catch up" for fallow weeks away when you return. And for those who

pledged a weekly amount, this is especially important since in preparing the budget we have assumed receipt of that weekly amount regardless of attendance.

Blessings for an enjoyable and safe summer.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT January - April 2017

	ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET
INCOME	\$102,505.70	\$302,498.00
EXPENSES	(\$104,165.51)	(\$306,998.00)
GAIN/LOSS	(\$1,659.81)	(\$4,500.00)

MONTHLY REPORT POSTED ON CHURCH HOUSE BULLETIN BOARD

## Session

### Session Update

As you may or may not know, Session meets once a month. Here is a summary of what was discussed at our May meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know, or contact one of the other Elders.

- Deacons reported they are preparing for the Strawberry Festival and they are working on logistics of installing an AED in the Sanctuary.
- PW reported they too are working on Strawberry Festival. Also, they are thankful to Kay and Bonnie for organizing the Women's Service last month.
- Mini Manse is having mold remediation done and other repairs to prevent future water damage to the structure. Insurance will cover all of the cost for this work.
- The Manse Task Force is finalizing the selection of an architect to lead us in the renovations on the Manse to make it a safe and comfortable place for our new pastor (TBA) to live.
- We will once again be having a per-capita dedication on Pentecost Sunday. Reminder that per capita is \$36/person.

- A motion was passed to change the number of members on our personnel committee. Currently there are three members and we will increase it to five members. Session will appoint the two new members for that committee.
- Church & Society is planning a Fall worship service focusing on the mission work that our church and church members are doing.
- There is a Presbytery meeting this month to discuss the future of Monmouth Presbytery. It's a very important meeting.
- Rev. Tom reported that in the last month, we had a funeral for \_\_\_\_\_ and a wedding for \_\_\_\_\_. Also, we are in the final stages of selecting a new platform for our new church website. Finally, he told us that our seven member Mission Study Team is underway and all is going well.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Clerk of Session

## Presbyterian Women

### Strawberry Festival News

The **Strawberry Festival** is this Saturday, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017** from **9:30 - 2:00 pm** so make plans to come! Now is the time to do your baking for the Bake Table and dig up some plants for the Plant Table. Invite some friends to spend a great day shopping for everything from Home Décor items to Books, Plants, Beach Accessories, Crafts, and Baked and Gourmet Goods as well as eating a great BBQ lunch and Strawberry Desserts. And don't forget to pick up some **strawberries!!** Co-chairpersons *Nancy Lee and Joyce Davies with assistance from Nancy Vodhanel* are working hard to make sure we have a successful event.

If you have last minute donations we still need **Jewelry: bracelets, earrings, necklaces, wristwatches**. The Jewelry Table is very popular, so it needs to be well stocked. *Please drop off jewelry in the Church Office as soon as possible.*

Our **Bake and Gourmet Table** needs **cookies, cupcakes, small breads, chocolate dipped strawberries, individual sweet treats, candies and pies**. Our Gourmet part of

the table would love **rubs, BBQ sauces, hummus, salsas, sauces, etc.** all with a **list of ingredients**. *Please bring them on June 2<sup>nd</sup> or early on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Bake Table.*

For the **Garden Greens and Herbs Table** please bring a **potted plant** or two to donate. We'd like to offer **tomato plants and herbs** that are starting to grow so if you can put together a small pot with one or more tomatoes or herbs for us to sell please do. *Please bring your donations on June 1 – 3.*

Our **Beach, Picnic & Accessories Table** needs donations of **beach bags, picnic baskets, baseball caps, beach hats, beach towels, visors, sunglasses, like-new flip flops, plastic ware, summer plates and unopened napkins!** We will also take **handbags, leather goods and other accessories**. *Please put donations in the box in the Church House foyer or in the coat closet.*

For our **Home Décor Shoppe** we need **small home furnishings: lamps, mirrors, wall décor, wastebaskets, table linens, décor pillows, any decorative items, statues, candlesticks, decorative plates and vases** you might like to recycle. Please only goods in working order and of good quality. *Please leave these items in the Terrace Room closet.*

We collect books year round so **fiction and nonfiction books, cookbooks, kids books, gardening books, biographies and history books** are welcome. *Please drop off books by the Book Nook in the back of Fellowship Hall.*

There will be a **Crafts Table, Strawberry Desserts, BBQ Lunch, the Eatontown Municipal Band and more**, so please plan to help, to come and invite friends.

We still need **help** with some shifts the day of the Festival and beforehand getting things ready. Please consider that the **profits from the Strawberry Festival go to mission** and every donation of your goods, time or talents goes to those in need.



## Fellowship



### The Great American Picnic & Barbecue Cook-Off

Join us after church on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, for fellowship, food & fun activities. This year's theme is "Red, White & Blue" so come dressed as patriotic as you can! We'll have live music and face painting for the kids. Something new this year: a Barbecue Cook-Off contest. Bring your BEST barbecue dish, like ribs, pulled pork, chicken, etc. Our special guest judges will award prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The Fellowship Committee will provide hot dogs on the grill and drinks. Bring your favorite summer side dish or dessert. Please sign-up on the boards in the Church House lobby. Any questions contact Sherri Adler or Bonnie Tortora.



### The No Joe Show

The Fellowship Committee needs people to host the "NO JOE SHOW" this summer. This is our Coffee Hour which doesn't have coffee but does have cool refreshing drinks and delicious cookies. Partner with a friend and host a "NO JOE SHOW" which takes place in the Social Room behind the Sanctuary right after the 9:30 am Summer Worship Service. Sign-up on the "NO JOE SHOW" poster in the Church House Lobby.

## Church and Society

### Celebration of Mission Work Mission Fair Church Service

In the fall Church and Society Committee will be working with Rev. Tom Robinson on a Mission focused church service. This will be something new for our congregation. We have many groups and individuals in our church doing mission work, but we tend to only see what we are doing. This service will bring together in a multimedia presentation (Yes the church service will be in the auditorium) all the mission work of groups like Dorcas, Mission Belles, Men's Group, Deacon's, PW, Sr. Highs, Church wide activities like making and delivery meals and building a fence, plus the work of individuals – for example, Rich's works with Habcore, Nancy's work with Kid's Alive, Lori's with Bright Beginnings.



In a recent children's sermon, Rev. Tom Robinson told the story of a young boy on a beach. He was throwing starfish trapped on the sand at low tide back into the water to rescue them. When questioned by an older man on making a difference when there were 10,000 starfish lying around, the boy threw one more into the ocean and said. "I made a difference to that one".



We make a difference with the mission work of our church. The Church and Society committee would like to hear from you. Let us know what you are doing and remember to take a photo or two. You can contact Kirsten S [redacted]. You will be helping to build enthusiasm for mission work.

I have included two pictures to get you motivated!

Kirsten [redacted] Elder, Church and Society Committee

## **CWS Tool Sunday Father's Day June 18<sup>th</sup>**

We are more familiar with CWS Blanket Sunday. Tool Sunday is an “off-shoot” of Blanket Sunday. It gives communities in disaster areas the resources to sustain themselves and their families. When refugees return to their communities, they have lost everything including their “tools”. Money collected on Tool Sunday purchases boats for fishing, farm tools and seeds for agriculture and training in using the best methods.

I recently helped on Saturday morning taking down the old church fence. Although I spent a fair amount of time taking pictures, I did take apart one fence using two tools – a crowbar and a hammer. All the participants were encouraged to bring their tools. We needed them!

This offering will help other communities accomplish tasks by having the necessary tools. There will be envelopes in the church pews.

Kirsten [redacted], Elder, Church and Society Committee

## **Events**

### **Organ Dedication Concert**

**Sunday, June 11th, at 2:00 pm**

Organists Reid Masters, Allan Robinson,  
(Trinity Episcopal Church, Red Bank) and  
[redacted] will showcase  
each of our 4 magnificent organs.

All are invited!



## New Jersey Council of Churches

### ***Congregations Organizing for Climate Justice***

Presented by the Theology Working Group  
of the New Jersey Council of Churches in partnership with GreenFaith

**June 10, 2017 – 10:30-2:00**

**Pinelands Center at Mt Misery, 801 Mt Misery Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015**

#### **Conference Leader:**



**Rev. Fletcher Harper  
Executive Director, GreenFaith**

Fletcher is an Episcopal priest and GreenFaith's Executive Director. He has organized faith communities nationally for the two Peoples Climate Marches, and works with diverse faith communities globally on environmental issues.

Participants will

- Learn how to get involved in Jersey Renews, an environmental-labor-faith-social justice campaign for green jobs, renewable energy, cleaner air, and policies that meet the threat of the climate crisis
- Build skills to work with GreenFaith to organize local, multi-faith environmental action hubs

**To register, reply to this email or call 609-577-9787 for more information**

**\$15\* in advance (payment can be made at the door)**

**\$20\* on day of conference \*includes lunch**

**Advance payment can be made by check payable to:**

**NJCC, P.O. Box 10371, Trenton, NJ 08650**

**[office@njcouncilofchurches.org](mailto:office@njcouncilofchurches.org)**

A Mission Project for Hope and Heroes



It was a beautiful day in the Big Apple filled with blue skies, warm sunshine, family and friends, and perhaps most importantly, it was a day filled with HOPE and HEROES. There were different kinds of heroes – some were heroes who are fighting or have fought that horrible villain named Cancer; some were parents, siblings and family who used their super strength to hold up and support a beloved child who had or is battling cancer; and some heroes were regular people whose compassion and caring for others could fly above the highest clouds! The most important thing about all the heroes was that they had enough hope to believe that one day there will be a cure for cancer!

There was something else that made the day beautiful. In addition to the awesome friends who walked with him, our friend Mikey D knew that there was a church full of people – most of whom he does not even know – who are behind him, helping to lift him up! Mike and his family are so very grateful to everyone at PCAS who have been praying for him and contributed to Team Mikey D. Heroes are strong and powerful but, even so, there is no power like the power of prayer!



We know your prayers helped because Mikey completed his last chemo treatment the Tuesday after the walk and his prognosis is good!

Although we do not have the final dollar amounts, we know we met our goal of raising \$1,000 in sponsorships for the Hope and Heroes Walk and even more for Mikey and his family. The support has been overwhelming and although we have sold out of 135 T-shirts, requests for more shirts have been coming in. We are considering placing one final order if we receive enough requests to meet the minimum order amount.

So please accept a big THANK YOU from the Senior Highs,

\_\_\_\_\_!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Our end-of-the-year Sunday School celebration is on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. The kids will have a pizza and ice cream party right after the Children's Message in worship. Thank you to all of our amazing teachers who made this year great! This is the last day of Sunday School but the Nursery will be open all summer!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join our VBS – July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – Noon! There will be science, music, games, crafts, Bible stories and more! Everyone is welcome to attend this amazing FREE event! For more information or to register your child, please contact: Sherri Adler

## A BIG THANK YOU

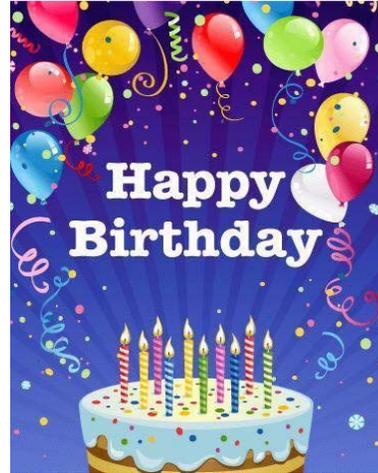
Thank you to the Dingelstedt Family who donated an Air Hockey Table Game for our Youth Room. Everyone is invited to come upstairs and play!!

**SUMMER BIRTHDAYS**

**June**

**July**

**August**



## June Liturgy

Date	Old Testament
4	Numbers 11: 24 - 30
11	Romans 8: 12 - 17
18	Genesis 22: 1 - 14
25	Genesis 32: 22 - 33

Date	New Testament
4	Acts 2: 1 - 21
11	Matthew 28: 16 - 20
18	Matthew 10: 40 - 42
25	Matthew 10: 34 - 39

Date	Sermons
4	"We are the Pentecost Story"
11	"Being Mistaken for God"
18	"A rough ride for God"
25	"When We Experience The Jabboks of Jacob"

## June Serving Schedules

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Date	Flowers	Date	Deacons
4	Stewardship	4		4	Team A
11	CE	11		11	Team B
18	Church and Society	18		18	Team C
25	Fellowship	25		25	Team D

Date	Candle Lighters	Date	Elders
4		4	
11		11	
18		18	
25		25	