



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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RALLY DAY SUNDAY

September 8, 2019

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 A.M.

Meet and Greet with the
Sunday School Teachers

12:00 Noon

CHURCH PICNIC



at Red Bank Battlefield
Please call the church office or email
Kristen if you haven't signed up yet
kristen.franchetti@pcwoodbury.com
and let us know how many are
coming and if you are bringing a
side dish or a dessert.

SUNDAY

September 15, 2019

9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL
FOR ALL AGES

TRICENTENNIAL MEETING
will be held TONIGHT,
Thursday, Sept. 5th at 7:00 pm.
There is still a lot to be done
and planned for our 300th year.
Everyone is invited to come and
help support this cause! This is
our time to celebrate our
history!

From the Pastor...

We are past Labor Day weekend, which means that technically the Fall is upon us and the school season is beginning in our community. It is a time to return to a familiar schedule of work, education, extra-curricular activities and church life. I would like to use this season for each of us to consider our relationship with Christ and His church. Luke 14: 27 proclaims "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Jesus calls people to sacrifice willingly for the Kingdom of God. I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider making a sacrifice of time during the remainder of this year. Please join us on Sunday morning for Worship, Fellowship and Christian Education.

Sunday, September 8, 2019, is for us the first Sunday of a new program year. Lots of things get going this week -- from school activities to community events -- that will demand we make sacrifices. Rev. David Lose asks us to consider how discipleship and sacrifice will affect our lives and our children's lives beyond the Fall 2019 Schedule.

"I'm asking you to allow Jesus' words in this passage to get equal time, to ask our people to look at the long arc of their lives and ask what is important to them, what they hope for them and their families. Not simply because they should, but because the abundant life and way of discipleship that Jesus both promises and announces also takes sacrifice -- not to earn God's grace but to live into the discipleship life that grace makes possible. This isn't about our eternal destiny, Friends, God has already taken care of that. This is about the caliber and character of our Christian lives. And, like anything else worth doing, discipleship takes time, energy, work, and practice -- in a word, it takes sacrifice."

I hope that you will make this sacrifice to continue maturing in your relationship with Jesus Christ and helping this community build God's Kingdom in this place and time. I hope that you will join

us as we begin the Vital Congregations Initiative with the other churches in West Jersey Presbytery:

VITAL CONGREGATIONS INITIATIVE



Vital Congregations

Sunday Mornings:

9:30 am worship & 11:00 am study

September 15 Acts 2:42-47
Lifelong Discipleship Formation

September 22 John 4:1-41
Intentional Authentic Evangelism

September 29 Romans 12:1-21
Outward Incarnational Focus

October 6 John 13:1-20
Empower Servant Leadership

October 13 Hebrews 4:9-5:10
Spirit-Inspired Worship

October 20 Galatians 6:1-10
Caring Relationships

October 27 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13
Ecclesial Health

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday,
September 12, 2019
5:30 P.M.



Join the church and
community for a time of
delicious food and fellowship.

300TH ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE: There is a timeline on the wall in the Chapel. There will be post-it notes near the timeline. We ask you to think of the defining moments in this congregation within your memory. Please add events to the time line that you believe are important to the life of the church. Events that were positive in the life of the church and events that were negative in the life of the church. We are seeking to review our history: who we have been, who we are and who is God calling us to be moving through our 300th Anniversary. Please add as many events to the timeline as you believe are important.

BEGINNERS CLASS VOLUNTEERS are needed for the 1st Sunday of each month. You would be responsible for watching the 3-5 year olds after the Children's Chat. Contact the church office or Kristen Franchetti if you can help out.

NEW BIRTHS: We welcome, Julian James Hill on August 21st and Jack Eric Kelly on July 26th. Congratulations to their parents, Amanda and Jon Hill and Katherine and Ryan Kelly.



DEACON'S NEWS: During the month of September, the Deacons will be collecting crayons, coloring books, jigsaw puzzles and picture books for the children's ward at our local hospital. Thank you for your support.

BAND CONCERT: On Friday, September 13, the band HEDERA will give a concert in the chapel starting at 7:00 pm. Chris Federici, a member of this church, is also a member of this band. Come out for some great rock & roll music and fellowship! All are welcome.

WEST JERSEY PRESBYTERY MEETING will be held on Tuesday, September 17 at 7-9 pm at our church. All are welcome to attend. Opportunities to help out and volunteer will also be available. More details and sign-up sheets in the chapel.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Meg Lolly, Meghan and Dave Orem, Alex Jenei, Fred Petri, Florence Meyer, Florence Hillman, Fred Davis, Emma Mustard, Brian Praetzel, Amelia Exley, Judy Fetty, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

YOUTH RETREAT: Fall Back Weekend at the Woodbury Heights Presbyterian Church Friday, September 20 – Saturday, September 21st. Cost is \$20 per person and includes Meals and Event Shirt. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join in. Please register here by **Sunday, September 8th** if you'd like to attend: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showRSVPSignUp/10c0c4baeaf28aafb6-fall1> Any questions, see or call Becky Schad.

SAVE THE DATE AND YOUR "STUFF". The Fall Rummage Sale is quickly approaching! - November 2nd. More info to follow.

Pitman Manor Fall 2019 Study: Recognizing God's Grace - The grace of God is a central conviction of Christian faith and the Reformed theological tradition. This study will explore what it means to live out the grace of God and perceive God's grace all around us.

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| September 9 | The Bible Teaches about God's Grace |
| September 23 | Grace through Christian History |
| October 12 | Reformed Understanding of Grace |
| October 28 | Gracious Lives of Others |
| November 11 | Practicing God's Grace |
| November 25 | God's Amazing Grace |

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 8 - 14, 2019

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| RALLY DAY | 8:45 AM | Adult Choir |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 AM | Prayer Room 3 |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 10:30 AM | Meet and Greet with the Teachers |
| | 12:00 PM | Church Picnic at Red Bank Battlefield |
| Monday: | 10:00 AM | Bible Study |
| | 6:30 PM | Girl Scouts |
| | 7:00 PM | Trustees |
| Tuesday: | 1:00 PM | 60+ Bible Study |
| | 6:30 PM | Cub Scouts |
| | 7:00 PM | GWCM Meeting |
| Wednesday: | 10:00 AM | Staff Meeting |
| | 6:30 PM | Cub Scouts |
| Thursday: | 5:30 PM | Community Dinner |
| | 6:30 PM | Cub Scouts |

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: SEPTEMBER 15 - 22, 2019

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| Sunday: | 8:45 AM | Adult Choir |
| | 9:00 AM | Prayer Room 3 |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 10:45 AM | Children's Choir |
| | 11:00 AM | Church School for all Ages |
| Monday | 3:00 PM | Scout Meeting |
| | 6:30 PM | Girl Scouts |
| | 7:00 PM | Session |
| Tuesday: | 10:00 AM | Women's Association Meeting |
| | 1:00 PM | 60+ Bible Study |
| | 6:00 PM | Presbytery Meeting |
| | 6:30 PM | Cub Scouts |
| Wednesday: | 8:30 AM | Men's Breakfast |
| | 10:00 AM | Staff Meeting |
| | 6:30 PM | Cub Scouts |
| Thursday: | 6:30 PM | Cub Scouts |
| Friday: | 6:30 PM | Youth Fall Back Retreat at Wdby Hts PC |
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