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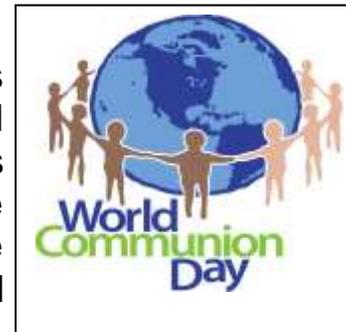
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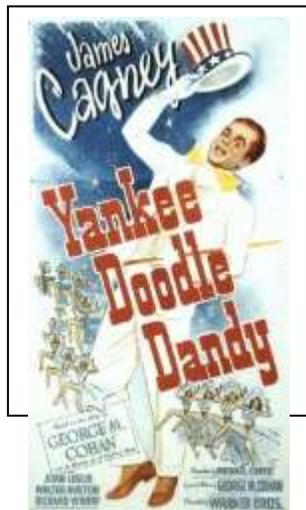
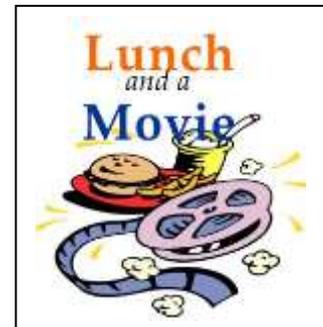
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, October 7**, we will join with Christians around the world as we worship our creator and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This will be a particularly meaningful service and we encourage you to bring your family and friends, as we extend our hands and hearts to our brothers and sisters around the globe and nearby.



LUNCH AND A MOVIE

Please join us for another of our wonderful Lunch and Movie programs on Wednesday, October 10th at noon in the Parish House Auditorium. As usual, our Outreach committee will provide a delicious lunch and we will be enjoying a classic movie, Yankee Doodle Dandy, starring James Cagney, Joan Leslie and Walter Huston and Frances Langford.



So join us for a wonderful afternoon. The food, fellowship and movie are a winning combination. If you've never joined us before, this is a great day to begin. Members, friends, and neighbors are invited. Please sign up at the info table in the Chapel or call the office (973) 379-4320 to let us know that you will attend. There is no charge for this event, but a free will offering is gratefully accepted.

STEWARDSHIP

No matter how long you've been coming to church, there are some "religious" words that don't always seem to correspond to how we use them outside of church. For instance, think about the word "steward." Outside the church that can be a union official who represents workers to management. Or the keeper of a restaurant wine cellar. Or, on a cruise ship, the officer in charge of provisions. All stewards.

Biblically speaking, we're probably more familiar with disciples than with stewards. Can you name a Bible steward? I can think of only two instances: 1) Joseph when he was in Egypt after his brothers sold him to slave traders and 2) In the parable Jesus told about talents, there were 3 stewards who were in charge of the owner's money and possessions. In both cases, stewards had authority and could make decisions on the master's behalf. To be that kind of steward took good sense and good faith. The owner took risks trusting his stewards.

Did you know that God considers us to be his stewards? Think about the risk God takes in making us stewards of the earth and resources! St. Paul wrote, "As servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." (I Corinthians 4:1). We are to be managers of a holy trust which is the very love of God. In the church, the mission projects, the programs, the personnel, and the buildings are the necessary means by which we invest and increase the Good News and love of God. Hence, the word stewardship—as we care for the resources God has given us.

As we think about the practical matters of the church, the budget, we want to be good stewards of our resources and grateful responders to all that God has given us.

I've heard people say "Give till it hurts!" No! Give till it feels good! Good stewards give to God in praise and thanksgiving for what we have. It feels good to praise God for the love we have been given!

During the month of November our church begins the process of planning a budget for the next year. In order for the church to be good stewards of the resources that will be available, we ask you to prayerfully and carefully consider what you might give to the church in financial support. We call it a "pledge," but realistically it's an estimate of what you might be able to give in support of our church. As usual, you will receive a letter from the church office in the next few weeks with a card for that estimate.

Jesus wants you for a steward. Remember that God given us everything that we have. Because we love God, we gladly and joyfully dedicate our gifts to God's service on November 18th, "Thanksgiving Sunday".



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

To my dear Church Family:

I want to thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your pastor. As the years go by, I will look back on this time together with great joy.

In over 11 years, I've watched children grow up. I've baptized, performed marriages, said fare-well to some members who needed to move closer to children, and performed too many funerals. I've visited hospitals, rehabs, and home-bound. Together, we realized a few dreams, lived through a few trials, but mostly had wonderful times with each other, serving God together. I also want you to know that I will remember how you ministered to me and my family as well. You helped me through my mother's death, prayed with me when Richard had medical problems, and rejoiced with me when my two sons got married and then my two grandchildren were born. You will always be in my heart—and my prayers.

While I am leaving you at the end of this month, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning, and will be with you for the rest of time. If, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you allow Jesus to guide you, our Springfield Congregation will always have a mission. Faces may change in the pulpit and in the pews. There may be unforeseen decisions which need to be made. But a passion for our Lord and Savior will see you through all your future time. This passion guided the earlier congregations for nearly 275 years here in Springfield—a passion which allowed them to navigate their own difficulties and worries. They managed and flourished; so can we.

This is important to remember: The church is not the minister! The building (although historic and beautiful) is also not the church. You—the people reading this newsletter, the people in the pews, the people in the kitchen, the people in the choir, the people with their arms around each other, the people praying and laughing together, the people caring for each other—You. You are the church.

The Bible is full of stories about people who faced harder things than a minister retiring! God always took care of them. God sent people to remind them to keep their eyes firmly fixed on God and to move forward. That is my message to you. Keep your eyes firmly fixed on God and stick together—praying for and helping each other. God always makes a way, and God will do it again for you.

I know you have a bright wonderful future. I know that under new pastoral leadership you will continue to find ways to connect with the

neighborhood (that is also changing!) and invite more people to join you Sunday morning.

Finally, I share with you the Mitzvah blessing, the words with which we close every Presbyterian Women's meeting: "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."

Be at peace to go and serve the Lord!

God Bless,

Pastor Vicky



FAMILY AND FRIENDS APPLE AND PUMPKIN PICKING

Our Christian Education Assistant, Lisa Guida, will lead a caravan of church members and friends on a wonderful outing on Saturday, October 6th to go Apple and Pumpkin Picking at Riamede Farm in Chester.

We will meet in the church parking lot at 10am and follow each other in our own cars to the farm. According to the website, there is an entrance fee of \$3 per person, which includes a hayride to the orchard and pumpkin patch to pick your own fall favorites. If you need to meet us there, the address is 122 Oakdale Road, Chester, NJ.

We are praying for beautiful weather, as no rain date has been established. All costs are to be paid directly to the farm. All the fun and smiles are multiplied when sharing it with others!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW will conduct their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 17th at 1:30pm**, with a focus on the final preparations for the flea market. It is very important that all members attend this meeting.

The Presbyterian Women will sponsor an **Indoor Flea Market** again this year on **Saturday, October 27th** in the Parish House—9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There are a few tables still available for rent. One 8 foot table is provided for \$25.00, payable to *Presbyterian Women*. Please call the office if you are interested



Donations of new or gently used giftware, jewelry, housewares and decorative items are being accepted now in the church office. Since all items need to be priced, please bring in your donations as soon as possible. - Please, no clothing.

TOILETRIES AND PAPERGOOD COLLECTION MISSION

Through your generosity, our **Care Closet** has helped some members and friends supplement their toiletry and paper product needs.

Are you aware that food stamps cannot be used to purchase such basic items as toilet paper and soap to wash hair, body or clothing?

At this time, our supplies of the following items listed below have been depleted or are in short supply and we'd appreciate any and all donations to continue this church mission to help others.

Consider adding an item or two to your grocery cart each week. Your small act of kindness will have a very large impact on those in need. Toiletry items and paper goods go on sale regularly, so we hope you will take advantage of the sales circulars when making your purchase. Another suggestion is to find full sized items in area dollar stores.

Donation Boxes can be found at the Parish House and in the Chapel. The items will be collected from both locations and stock a supply closet in the Parish House. Should the need arise for members or friends of our church, they need only speak to Linda J. in the office. You may stop in or leave a confidential message on her voicemail, and she will put together a bag that can be picked up during office hours.

Items in need for our "Care Closet":

(ITEMS SHOULD BE UNOPENED AND INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED FOR HYGIENIC REASONS)

Individually packaged toilet paper rolls (or 4-packs)

Paper towel rolls

napkins

Tissues

full-sized Shampoo (clean scent)

Deodorant (for men and women)

dish soap

Full-sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash and floss

Individually wrapped bar soap (Ivory or Dial is best-no strong scents)

men's shaving cream

disposable razors,

body wash (clean scent, that can be used by men or women)

SPECIAL REQUEST:LOW SODIUM SOUP& VEGETABLES, PASTA & RICE

Thank you for supporting this important mission of the church!





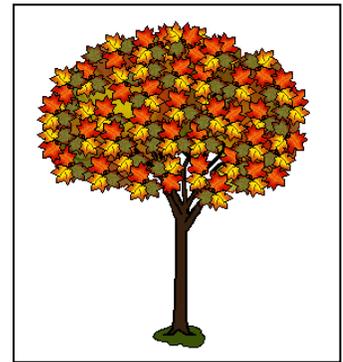
NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Session will meet on **Monday, October 1st** at 7:30pm in the Parish House. Please contact Linda Amiano if you are unable to attend. 973-229-9273.

Trustees will meet on **Wednesday, October 24th** at 7:30pm in the Parish House. Please contact the Rev. Ney if you are unable to attend.

OUTREACH/MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next meeting of the Outreach/Membership Committee will be held on Tuesday, **October 30rd** at 1:30pm in the Parish House.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship Group will conduct their meeting on the **third** Saturday, October 20th at 9:30am at the 164 Shunpike Manse.

Men's Fellowship members are asked to assist the Presbyterian Women by providing security during the indoor flea market on the 27th. Please speak to Don Rathjens if you are willing to help.





1 Dawn Dauser Doherty	17 Donald Dauser
6 May Smith	21 Zara Joy Mullan
8 Michael Goldberg	22 Ifeyinwa Okobi
9 Janice Bongiovanni	26 Brandy Jimdar
15 Ruth Ammerman	27 Margarete Grimm
15 Jessica Hecking	

PLEASE NOTE: BIRTHDAYS ARE PROVIDED FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DATA BASE. (ONLY MONTH AND DAY ARE PRINTED) IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS MISSING FROM OUR NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE WITH YOUR INFO SO THAT IT WILL BE INCLUDED NEXT TIME.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION:

Very soon, you will be receiving an invitation to the Farewell Reception for Pastor Vicky, which will take place immediately following her last Sunday Worship with us, on October 28th. Please reply quickly once you receive it, so that we can plan accordingly.

I wish to assure you that while we are all saddened that Pastor Vicky will be retiring at the end of this month, the Transition Committee, Chaired by Dawn Clarke, has been formed and is already working, with Presbytery guidance, to find an Interim Minister to bridge the time between Pastor Vicky's departure and the eventual placement of a new Pastor. Thank you , in advance, for your faith in us.



PUZZLE

A promise to the earth

After the flood in Genesis, God promised to “never again ... destroy all living creatures” (Genesis 8:21, NIV).

Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.

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GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV

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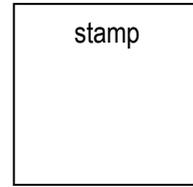
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Apple/Pumpkin Picking-meet in church lot 10AM
7 World Communion Sunday Communion Worship 10:15am Fellowship Hour 11:15am Rev. Brooks Smith, Guest Preacher	8 COLUMBUS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	9	10 Lunch & Movie Noon-Aud.	11	12	13
14 Lay Service Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Hour 11:15am	15	16	17 PW 1:30pm	18	19	20 Men's Fellowship 9:30am-Manse LDYAG 11a-3p
21 Worship Service 10:15am Fellowship Hour 11:15am	22	23	24 Trustees 7:30pm	25	26	27 PW INDOOR FLEA MARKET- PH 9AM-3PM
28 Worship Service 10:15am Farewell Reception for Rev. Ney immediately following the worship ser- vice in the Chapel.	29	30 Membership/ Outreach meeting 1:30pm	31	Aud. = Parish House Auditorium PW= Presbyterian Women LDYAG= Learning Disabled Young Adult Group Church Office Hours: Weekdays 9am-3pm		

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SAVE THE DATES!

November Events:

Lunch and Movie – Wednesday, 11/14

Community Thanksgiving Service –Location TBD –Monday,11/19 -7-8pm

December Events:

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, December 2nd during the 10:15am Worship Service

Santa’s Helpers Workshop and Parents’ Night Out – Friday, December 14th

Christmas Luncheon - Sunday, December 16th