



# THE TOWER

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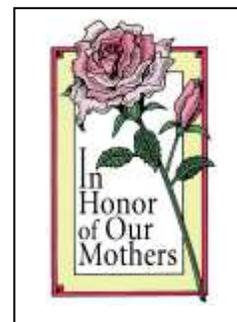
MAY 2018

## **50 YEAR MEMBERS HONORED**

*Please join us in celebrating all of our 50 year+ members on **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** at our 10:15 a.m. worship service. What a wonderful celebration to honor those who have been a vital part of our church family for so many years! There will be a special coffee hour in celebration of these long-standing members, and to wish Jean Sim (a 53 year member) well, as she moves to Delaware this month.*

## **MOTHER'S DAY – SUNDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Please join us as we remember and celebrate mothers in our Congregation on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am. As is our tradition, the Men's Fellowship Group will be hosting the Fellowship Hour.



## **DAY OF PENTECOST –MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

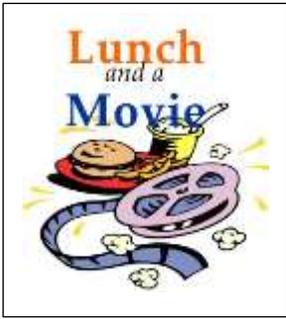
On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. As is tradition, we wear red, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit, on this day.



**MEMORIAL DAY** On Monday, May 28th, we remember our fallen heroes. Let us give thanks for all veterans, every day. Several of our members participate in the Springfield Memorial Day Parade. This year, Don Auer will lead the parade as Grand Marshall! Details will be found in the Springfield Patriot times and in our bulletin. If you are in town, we're sure our local veterans would appreciate your support!

The service is conducted at Veterans' Park on the corner of Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road. In the event of rain, the service has been held in the Chisholm Community Center in the past.

## **LUNCH AND A MOVIE- MAY 9<sup>th</sup>**



The weather is **finally** getting warmer outside, but there's always a warm welcome waiting for you at our monthly Lunch and Movie event. Our next one is on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Parish House. Our movie this month is the 2017 movie "*A Dog's Purpose*" Starring Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid, and Peggy Lipton (remember The Mod Squad of the '60s?) Any dog lover like our pastor will really enjoy this movie! This comedy-drama follows a particular dog who looks to discover his purpose in life over the course of several lifetimes and owners. Of course, the dog teaches us a thing or two about life as well!

Plan to enjoy a delicious lunch, friendly conversation, and a heart-warming movie to round out a pleasant afternoon.

Please call the office (973-379-4320) or sign up in coffee hour after church so that we may have an accurate count to prepare the food. Bring a friend! There's room for everyone!

## **ATTENTION YOUNG FAMILIES!**

We will be sponsoring a "Sunday Afternoon at the Zoo" – Turtleback Zoo! – on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This will serve as a "get-together" for our younger families – especially our new members. What a fun way to meet our other parents and children!

There is no charge for this fun event. Rain date is Sun. June 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may wish to eat before you go, pack a picnic lunch or purchase snacks on site. Please let Pastor Vicky (908-338-7429) know if you are interested, so that she can purchase tickets ahead.

## **BUS TRIP TO THE SEEING EYE, INC. June 7<sup>th</sup>**

We are planning a local trip on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to go to the Seeing Eye Dog Institute in Morristown. The Seeing Eye was pioneered in Jan 1929 and moved its headquarters to Morristown in 1931. It was the first guide dog school in the country. This organization brings life to those visually impaired. We will hear about and see the progression from the breeding process to training the trainer to the patience of matching a visually impaired person to the perfect leader dog.

Following our experience at the Seeing Eye, we will enjoy a wonderful 3 course lunch at Roots Steak House in Morristown.

Since the trip is so local, we will car-pool to Morristown. The cost of this trip is \$35.00 per person. Please call the office or Carol Kaiser (973)467-1171 and let us know if you can be a driver or will ride with someone. We will leave Springfield at 9:30am for a 10am tour.

## **FALL BUS TRIP**

We are planning to take a bus trip near the end of September to see the Battleship New Jersey and Camden Aquarium. Details will be available in the June Tower.

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR.....

It's amusing to me what we humans find beautiful. Lovely soft hands can be beautiful. We think some faces are beautiful. In fact, a group of scientists tested a lot of people to get out a consensus about what made up a beautiful face. Eventually they came up with a formula for beauty—a certain distance between the eyes, a certain measurement of the nose and lips, even eye color came into the equation.

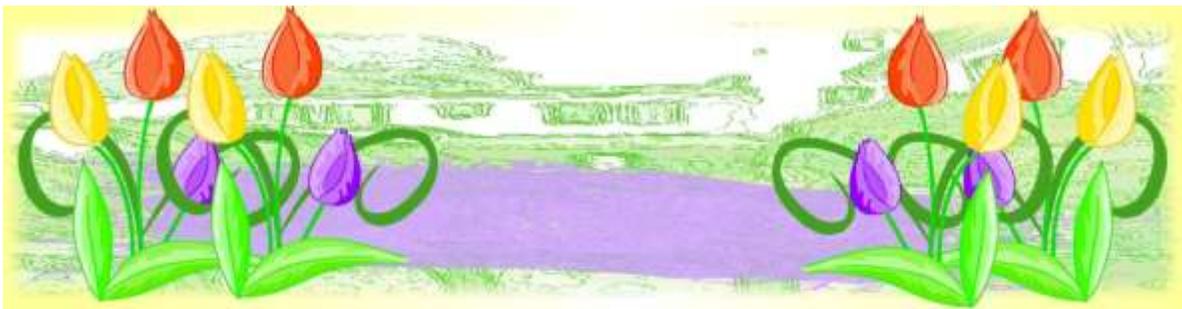
Don't you know that the Bible turns everything upside down?! Listen to this verse from Isaiah: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the **feet** of him who brings good tidings," (52:7). Not how beautiful are the herald's lips, which proclaim the good tidings, or his eyes as he proclaims them, or even the good tidings themselves—but how beautiful are the feet—the feet, without which he could have never made it up the mountainside, without which the good tidings would never have been proclaimed at all.

We don't know enough about the background of that verse to know what inspired that herald's heart and mind, or who gave him the good tidings of peace and salvation in the first place. But as to the question about whether or not he would actually do something about them—put his money where his mouth was, so to speak—his shoe leather where his inspiration was!—his feet were the ones that finally had to decide. And maybe that's always the case!

When the disciples first came upon the risen Christ that first Easter Sunday, it wasn't Jesus' healing hands they touched or his teaching lips or his holy heart. Instead it was those same tired feet that had carried him to them three years earlier. The same feet that had dragged them all around Galilee and Jerusalem so many times. The same feet that stumbled up the hill where he was crucified. "They took hold of his feet and worshiped him." (Matthew 28:9).

According to Christian writer Fred Buechner, "If you want to know who you really are, as opposed to who you like to think you are, keep an eye on where your feet take you." Think about it!

*Pastor Vicky*



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The Men's Fellowship Group met on April 14<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Brooks Smith to hear about his mission work in Nicaragua.  
(photo credit: Don Rathjens)

The Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Parish House. At this meeting, we will distribute and discuss information regarding Veteran benefits.

In honor of Mother's Day, we will host the Fellowship Hour on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Members of this group are asked to speak to Don Rathjens to offer help with those plans.



May 2 Anthony Farrand  
May 3 Ashley Wahlers  
May 8 Wilma Brenn  
May 10 Loretta Werner  
May 13 Amy Smith  
May 14 Emilia Bliss  
May Ferrer

May 16 Nancy Hennessey  
May 18 Jake Jones  
May 21 Steve Wichik  
May 22 Mary Pat Deane  
May 24 Betsy Mullan  
May 25 Liliya Khobotkova  
May 29 Linda Donnelly

WE ARE HAPPY TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAYS OF ALL OUR CHURCH FAMILY! IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND PROVIDE MONTH AND DAY, AND WE'LL ADD YOU TO OUR LIST!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The May 10<sup>th</sup> trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse will be the last gathering of the Presbyterian Women before the summer break. Please call Gloria Southward with any questions about this trip, which is open to all members and friends, men and women.



The PW will be hosting the Father's Day Fellowship Hour on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Gloria if you are able to help with the refreshments and/or serving that day.

We will meet again on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Parish House, at which time we will discuss the details in planning the indoor flea market.

Looking Ahead to June....

## **SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED - JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Please join us on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for a very special Sunday celebration to honor our 2018-2019 academic year scholarship recipients during the worship service at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.



## **JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> – THE ALL- CHURCH PICNIC**

**Come One, Come All!**

It's that time of year! Join us for great food and socializing. Catch up with those you seem to miss on Sunday mornings. Just remember to sign up early so we can plan enough food for everyone!

Any questions, please speak with Lisa Guida or any member of the Outreach Committee.

**DATE:** SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

**TIME:** 11:30AM -1:30PM

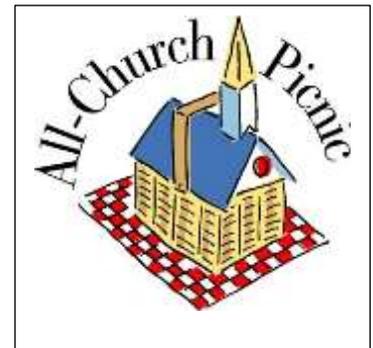
**PLACE:** Parish House Front Lawn & Aud.(rain or shine)

**COST:** \$6.00 Adults

3.00 Children under 12 yrs

15.00 Family (immediate only, please)

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, according to the first letter of your last name. Please let us know what you will bring, so we know what we need to purchase. "A-M" brings desserts; "N-Z" brings salads.



## **VACATION BIBLE CAMP - JUNE 25-27**

We will be sponsoring an energetic Mini-Vacation Bible Camp on Monday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 27 from 9:30 am--12 noon. in the Parish House (37 Church Mall). The theme this year is "**Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus**", and it promises to be an exciting adventure for the children.

We look forward to the opportunity of sharing Bible stories, songs, crafts, snacks and water fun with the children ages 3 to 6th grade. There is no charge for church members. Non-members - \$25.00 per child. If you are able to volunteer for small activities, any amount of time, please call Lisa Guida (973-376-6620)



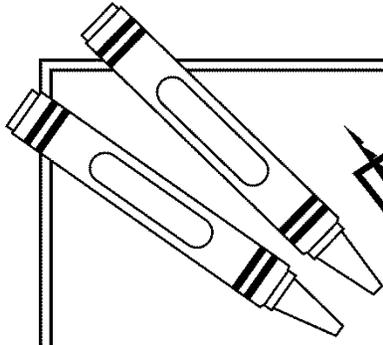
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May 2018



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| Sanctuary/Chapel: 210 Morris Avenue<br>Office/Parish House: 37 Church Mall<br>Springfield, NJ 07081<br><br>PH-Parish House<br>AUD - Parish House auditorium<br>DR- Parish House Dining Room (lower) |   | 1<br>Outreach<br>1:30pm—PH<br><br>Investment<br>Cabinet 6:30pm<br>PH | 2<br><br>SCCChorus 4-6  | 3<br><br>Choir 7:30pm                                      | 4   | 5<br>LDYAG 11am-3pm                                 |
| 6<br>10:15am Communion<br>Worship Service with<br>50yr + Mem. Celebration<br>11:15am—Fellowship<br><br>3pm SCCC Spring<br>Concert—Chapel  | 7<br><br>SESSION<br>7:30PM  | 8  | 9<br>LUNCH &<br>MOVIE-Noon<br><br>SCCChorus 4-6               | 10<br>PW @Hunterdon<br>Hills Playhouse<br><br>Choir 7:30pm | 11  | 12<br>No LDYAG<br><br>Men's Fellowship<br>9:30am—PH |
| 13 Mother's Day<br><br>10:15am Worship with<br>Baptism<br>11:15am—Fellowship  | 14  | 15   | 16<br><br>No SCCC   | 17<br><br>Choir 7:30pm                                     | 18<br><br>Chapel<br>reserved -pm  | 19<br>LDYAG 11am-3pm<br>Aud. reserved               |
| 20 Day of Pentecost<br>Presbyterian Heritage<br>10:15am Worship<br>11:15am—Fellowship<br><br>Turtle Back Zoo Trip   | 21  | 22   | 23<br>SCCChorus 4-6<br>(last of season)<br>TRUSTEES<br>7:30PM | 24<br><br>Choir 7:30pm                                     | 25  | 26<br>No LDYAG                                      |
| 27<br>10:15am Worship<br>11:15am—Fellowship   | 28 Office Closed<br><br> | 29   | 30  | 31<br><br>Choir 7:30pm                                     | PH-Parish House<br>AUD - Parish House auditorium<br>DR- Parish House Dining Room (lower)<br>SCC-Spfld Community Children's Chorus<br>LDYAG- Learning Disabled Young Adult<br>Grp. |   |



# PUZZLE

## WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



*Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.*

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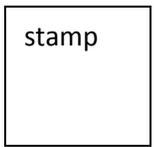
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\_\_\_\_\_."

\_\_\_\_\_ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

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**LOOKING AHEAD ...**

June 3<sup>th</sup> - Sunday to celebrate our scholarship award recipients for 2018-2019

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Annual Church Picnic at the Parish House immediately following our worship service. Everyone is invited! - PLEASE SIGN UP AT INFO TABLE

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Lunch and Movie

June 17<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day

June 25-27 Vacation Bible Camp at the Parish House. 9:30 - Noon.

The theme is *“Shipwrecked”* and includes Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Snacks, Games and Outdoor Water Fun!