

# *Good News October 2012*

**Verse of the Month:** “And he said to humankind, ‘Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.’” ~ *Job 28:28*



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## **A Prayer for Our Pastors**

God bless our faithful pastors--they dedicate us, baptize us, marry us, bury us--and hold a special place in our hearts. We honor them, the sheep-watchers of the flock of God, and ask God's blessing and anointing on their lives and ministry. *Many thanks to Pastors Cobb and Reedell.*



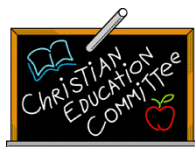
## **World Communion to be Observed October 7**

Shortly after WWII the World Council of Churches recognized the need for international healing, unity and good will among the Christian community and declared the first Sunday in October as World Communion Sunday (it was originally World Wide Communion).

Our church has observed this special time for over 60 years, and we will do so again this year on October 7.

In this time of sectarian, political, and international tension it is important that we stand together to demonstrate the ideals and hopes of our Lord expressed in His prayer before His crucifixion that we might all be one. (John 17:22)

Please plan on being with us as we gather at our Lord's Table on October 7 at both services.



## **Christian Education Committee News:**

The CE Committee had a meeting in September to help kick off all of our programs for the school year and to discuss new ideas for the future. Our programs have something for "kids" of all ages, from Sunday School and all three Youth Groups to the Women's Circles and the new Adult Sunday School class led by Anna Mae Werner.

These programs are successful due to the hard work of our staff and volunteers, as well as everyone who gives of themselves to support and participate in these activities. We thank you for your hard work and support, and encourage everyone to get involved and participate - there is sure to be something to help encourage you on your own walk with Christ.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more announcements on specific events coming up this month.

In His Service,  
Scott Sabo  
Christian Education Chair

## **Sunday School and Related News for October**

Rally Day went well. Our theme was a combination of voicing justice and trusting in God's justice. The congregation helped us and we all chanted "Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God" from

Micah 6:8. Roger Wolcott did a great job designing our coins. Louise and Maria helped put the coins together. Alice Smith did an awesome job inscribing names in the Bibles we gave out to nine individuals. All the teachers, aides, and kids came out, and Linda Gillis stepped forward to assist in coordinating all the Sunday School events. Our sponsors have been very generous in their support of our program.

### **Highlights and Up Coming Events**

- ◆ Our **Christmas musical** rehearsals begin in October. We will decide on the program very soon, and the rehearsal schedule will be posted. The performance date is set for December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ We hope to plan a special event for the youth this fall that will close with a campfire. We loved **Freedom USA** so much a few years ago that it is likely to have an encore. More details about that soon.
- ◆ Our **Jr. and Sr. Youth Choirs** are expected to make their appearances in October under the direction of Harold Hawkes.
- ◆ **Grades 7-8** will present the Call to Worship on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive by 9:15 am to prepare.
- ◆ **Grades 5-6** will present the Call to Worship on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please arrive fifteen minutes early as well.
- ◆ Our **Halloween party** is scheduled for Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00-8:30 pm. There will be games to play, refreshments, and possibly a hay ride. The prizes will be extra special this year. Details will be announced in the weekly bulletins. Parents and other interested adults can sign up to bring in refreshments, help set up, or help run a game. Come out and have a wonderful time. We will most likely have a fun hayride.
- ◆ Our first **Family Worship Sunday** will take place on October 28<sup>th</sup>. All classes participate in the service and should arrive 15 minutes to meet as classes for a final preparation. Preschoolers and kindergarteners will sing two songs for our call to worship. Grade 1-2 will be greeters and hand out the bulletins. Grade 3-4 will do the offering. Grade 5-6 will read the responsive reading. Grades 1-6 will do special music with Priscilla. Grades 7-8 will lead the Scripture reading. Grades 9-12 will lead the Jr. Sermon and present a drama of some sort. This will be a wonderful day!

I look forward to all our fall events. Stay tuned for the announcements.

In Christ's love always,  
Priscilla



### **Lions and Lambs**

Lions and Lambs began in September with a very successful and enthusiastic planning meeting for events of the 2012 calendar year. What an enthusiastic and gifted group we have!

Our first event will be the "Hallelujah Hay Ride" on October 14 to be coordinated with parent Bob Gillis. Stay tuned for more details.

New ideas for this year include adding 45 minute Boy Socials and Girl Socials immediately following the monthly Brunches. Parents feel that this will give the children the welcomed opportunity

to build fellowship amongst themselves through preferred activities. Our goals include recognizing and praising the differences between girls and boys, while emphasizing Christian principles and values that can be nurtured during these activities.

Lastly, the bulletin board outside of the church office captures and reflects the grand memories of the past year. Enjoy!

My prayers for another blessed year.

In His Service,  
JoAnn M. Sabo

### Addicted<sub>2</sub>Jesus (A<sub>2</sub>J) – Junior High Youth News



In July, the youth went on a trip to Cobb Cabin for boating, water fun and hiking. Thank you to Pastor Cobb for hosting and chaperoning. Thank you to Chris Gillis for being a junior counselor. He was a most helpful set of hands. He and pastor Cobb will not soon forget this memorable trip.

In August, the youth went on an outing in Ocean City to Wonderland Pier for Wrist Band Wednesday. A good time was had by all even though we got caught in the rain. A big **THANK YOU** to Scott Sabo and Karen Muldoon for chaperoning with me.



An exciting year is planned for A<sub>2</sub>J, and our first full meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Youth will be having a trip to Scullville this month for a haunted hay ride and a tentative trip to Oceanville Fire House is scheduled October 14<sup>th</sup> to learn about serving in your community and fire safety for Fire Prevention Week. Bible study will be lessons that relevant to junior high youth and we'll do some fun games and crafts. Hope to see all youth returning from last year.

I don't pull the program off by myself. I have help from several dedicated members of the congregation. Returning once a month to help me again this year are Chris and Bob Gillis, Janna Beth Cobb, Tina Harvey, and Dawn Duran. Thanks for your dedication to our youth!



*All Youth in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us weekly at 11:00 am in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom for check in. Guests are encouraged and welcomed to try the program. If a parent did not attend the parent meeting, they need to speak to me about registration for the A<sub>2</sub>J Program. I can be reached on my cell 609-533-5187.*

Yours in Christ,  
Linda



### Senior Youth News

Senior Youth group has started. The dinner schedule will be handed to each person as soon as it is available. It will also be posted on the bulletin board and monthly in the Good News.

Harold has great plans for the teens. He will meet with them on Monday nights, and they will perform during the service on Brunch Sundays.



Jack will have Bible study and games planned. He has been working on the POINTS system. He does hand out a copy to the teens. If you need an additional copy please let me know.

The group will be involved in the Brunches again this year. It is a fundraiser for them. To earn your tips the teens: set tables, serve food in buffet lines, serve coffee and tea, bus tables, wipe down table cloths and put them away, they fold up tables and chairs and put them back in the closet and sweep the

floors. If your teen will be eating, please give me their money before the service. I will make them a plate and put it aside with their name on it.

Please note that if there is no school on a Monday, there is no youth group.

We are looking forward to a *great* year!  
Karen



### **Men's Fellowship to Meet October 6 at 8:30am**

The Doug Jablonski Men's Fellowship will meet on October 6 for a breakfast of eggs with bacon and sausage (still \$3.00). Our meeting will follow to discuss our Turkey Trot Scholarship breakfast and walk on November 24. Other events to be discussed are Gary Young's return and a fund raiser dinner and talent show with the high schoolers.

All men of the church are invited to join us on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 8:30a.



### **Women's Circles**

We have been studying the beatitudes since January and are now up to the seventh one - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. What does it mean to say that those who seek peace and make peace will be called children of God? We need to remember that Jesus was sent to this earth to make peace. He is called the Prince of Peace. Jesus came to reconcile us to God the Father and to each other. In this beatitude He calls us to be about the work of seeking peace and tearing down the walls that divide.

**The Ruth Circle** will meet 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Betsy Cunius. The **Sarah Circle** will meet in Cobb Lounge Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. The **Martha Circle** will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Carol Thomas. All women of the church are encouraged to join us for study and fellowship at the circle that best meets your time schedule. We would love to see you and you will be warmly welcomed.

**Just a reminder: Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for returning information about your college student(s) to the church office.**

# CARE BOXES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Our women's circles will be making up care packages for all of our college students. We need profile information for each of our students so we can be sure to include everyone. Please return the following information to the church office through the offering plate or email [absecon\\_presby@msn.com](mailto:absecon_presby@msn.com) by **October 14**.

*Please print clearly*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_



**Worship Committee**

## From the Choir Loft

If you like to sing, please join us. We have three choirs at Absecon Presbyterian Church to choose from:

**Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. (7:45 p.m. when bell practice begins)

**Senior Youth Choir** rehearses on the 2nd & 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m. (choir will sing on brunch Sundays, the 3rd Sunday of every month)

**Junior Youth Choir** rehearses on Sundays at 10:45 in Cobb Lounge (Choir will sing on Communion Sundays)



## Christmas in September - Real Partners Uganda

The good folks at Absecon Presbyterian Church are being asked again this year to help provide Christmas meals for the children of Mustard Seed Academy and their families in Lukaya, Uganda. Their school vacation occurs during December and January, and while they are out of school many of the children may not be receiving regular meals. Christmas for these children is pretty bleak with no special food, no presents and no money for celebrations.

A \$10.00 food package that includes beef, oil, rice, beans, salt, soap, etc. provides several meals for the

child and his/her family at Christmas. This is one of the most-anticipated events in Lukaya. This year Real Partners Uganda would like to provide Christmas packages for 400 children (45 more than last year) and 35 staff members (11 more than last year). The Community Presbyterian Church in Brigantine and the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church also participate in this venture.

**Checks are to be made out to the Absecon Presbyterian Church and designated for Xmas Uganda.** Last year this church and the A2J Junior High Youth Group gave enough to provide meals for 116 families.



## CROP Walk – Sunday, October 14, 1:30 Heritage Park (Step up! We need you!)

### What are CROP Hunger Walks?

- Neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together, we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger fighting initiatives.

### Why walk?

- We walk because we want to end hunger – one step at a time!

### Where does the money go?

- The money goes to fight hunger and poverty locally and globally, with 25% of what a CROP Walk raises going to local food banks/pantries and other hunger fighting initiatives.

For sponsor forms or questions, please see Greg Hamaty or check the church office. (Our church can help change the world!)



Ahhh the cooler weather is finally here and our Autumn activities swirl around like the leaves. Deacons will once again need your help with our Harvest Home donations to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Starting October 21, we will be collecting non- perishable food and personal items (we will have a list of what is most needed). Look for our table (and a large box for gently used jackets and coats) in the vestibule for your

donations.

The next Deacons meeting will be Saturday, October 27, at 10am in Cobb Lounge where we will be planning our Autumn and Winter activities.

In Christian service and love,  
Naida Burgess, Moderator  
Kris Jenoriki, Vice Moderator

## Stewardship Committee Report

**Help the Counters!** The Sunday counters, including me, have found that many times when you miss coming to church for several Sundays, you place your weekly contribution in the envelope for each Sunday you missed. This means the counters have to open and record each envelope. You could help speed the counting process along and allow the counters to get home for lunch on Sunday if you would paper clip all envelopes together and put your contribution for all the weeks in the top envelope, OR you could just put the most recent envelope in the plate containing your total contribution for the weeks missed. If you designate your contribution, fill in the envelope as you usually do. It is not important that your contribution be recorded by week; just your contribution for the year.

*Your volunteer counters will be eternally grateful for your help in making the process more efficient!*

### Statistical Report for August

Budget for 2012	\$220,771.00
Budgetary needs through August 26, 2012	\$148,596.00
Our giving through 8/26/12	\$114,862.76
Investment Income	\$ 15,214.79
Rental Income (net)	\$ (2,577.26)
Total	\$127,500.29
Amount <u>under</u> budget	\$ 21,095.71

### Average weekly giving by month

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>		<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
January	\$3257.33	\$3665.34	July	\$3085.94	\$2876.39
February	\$3384.29	\$3126.90	August	\$2851.41	\$2202.63*
March	\$3326.92	\$3391.40			*closed 8/28
April	\$3527.09	\$3545.45			
May	\$3271.90	\$2760.05			
June	\$3403.33	\$3301.79			

Gerald W. Hoenes  
Stewardship Committee Chairperson

## FUNdraising Committee



On Monday, Oct. 8th, we will be taking a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre to see Jonah. Thank you to all that bought tickets, we are sure to have a great time. There was such an overwhelming response to this trip that we were able to fill two buses. THAT'S 108 PEOPLE! Also, if you were put on the payment

plan and still owe money, please see Dawn Duran or Scott Sabo ASAP to make your final payment.

We had a committee meeting on Sept 20th to discuss the next FUNdraiser. We're planning a "Dinner and a Movie Night" in January so watch for details. Also, we are still working on our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. We will keep updated.



We thank everyone for their continued support. After all, YOU put the FUN in

FUNdraising!

In Christian Love and Fellowship,  
Dawn Duran, Chairperson



### **Thank Yous for September**

This is start up season, so we thank Priscilla for a great job with Sunday School, Karen for a great job with 4F and senior youth, JoAnn Sabo for a great job with Lions and Lambs, Gerry for the first month of circles, Mr. Hawkes for choir, senior youth choir and junior youth choir, and everyone who got into the swing of things. We're off and running.

There are also a lot of special thank yous:

- Tina, Priscilla, and dozens of workers who made our yard sale a big success on September 15.
- Leo, Sandy, Melvin, and others for a great first brunch on September 16.
- Leo, Karen, and lots of helpers for our first successful 4F lunch on September 10.
- Jan, Drew and others for putting the plastic roof over the trash area. It's finally done!
- Amos Bhagwandeem for adding 12' of baseboard heat to the hall by the church offices. This had always been a cold place in winter, but not anymore.
- Bill & Ginny Davenport, Joe Marshall & Louise Speitel, Kris Jenoriki, and Melvin Washington for the new bushes in front of the manse. They will be relandscaping other areas as well.
- Vic Werner and Christopher Gillis for special music.
- Vic Werner for igniting the grill in the kitchen just in time for Men's Fellowship.

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### **News from the Trustees**



#### **Fall Work Day October 13 from 9-Noon**

Our Fall Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 12 noon. Many hands are needed to get our church ship shape, so please sign up on the sheet on the foyer bulletin board for whatever task you would like to do that morning (wash windows, clean kitchen, clean refrigerator, wipe down and polish pews, rake leaves, pull weeds, etc). Light refreshments will be provided. Children and youth groups are encouraged to help with this endeavor.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Kris Jenoriki (748-1214).

## **New Church Lighting to be Given in Loving Memory of Bret & Pat Castle**

A large memorial gift has been made by the Castle Family (Alice Guy is their daughter) and will be used to replace or upgrade fluorescent lighting in our church. The new lighting uses the skinnier fluorescent tubes and is twice as efficient as the old lighting. It also gives out more light. For those of us who have been complaining about lights that don't always go on in rest rooms and parts of Madden Hall this is very welcome news. It will also realize noticeable savings in our monthly electric bill.

A memorial plaque will be put up when the work is complete. Melvin Washington is in charge of this project.

## **Memorials to be Dedicated at October Brunch Oct. 21**

We will take a few moments to dedicate two special memorials at our October Brunch.

The first is the beautiful cabinet made by Brent Young in the corner of Madden Hall. This cabinet houses the original steeple top and is illuminated every night. (It really looks best at night.) It is being dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Jill & Harry Williamson, two long time members of our church. We thank the family for their interest in preserving our church's history this way.

The second is the new doors at the entrance to Madden Hall. The old doors were coming apart and the veneer was peeling off. The new doors have a beautiful oak finish. They are being dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Bill Sr and Bill Jr Downer. We thank Marguerite for her interest in this memorial after the sad loss of her husband and only son both within a relatively short period of time. We are glad their names will be on a major church entryway.

## **Vic Werner to Evaluate Church Building Systems**

We are blessed to have someone in our church who has a business of evaluating and caring for building systems. Vic will be evaluating the heat, air conditioning, exhaust fans, etc. in the church, Stopfer Building, mission houses and manse in October. His results will inform our building budget needs for 2013.



## **Fellowship Committee News**

As we all know a successful yard sale greatly depends on the weather, and our day was blessed with sunshine. Thank you to all the brave souls who endured the early hour start and stayed to the end. And to all who pitched in where needed, I sincerely appreciated all your help.

October will host our annual Applefest which is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month. This year along with our apple and baked goods we will be offering hot dogs and sauerkraut. Hours for the event will be 6-8pm. Entertainment will also be provided. When pricing for this event is finalized I will advise you through the bulletin.

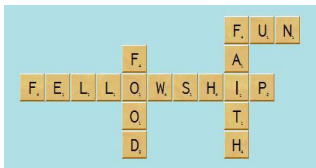
Sincerely,  
Tina Brown

## EVERGREENS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>. 12 NOON

Betty Lloyd and Mary Bew will be sharing with us their most recent trip to Africa, with an interesting talk and pictures of their travels. Please join us for another African adventure.

We welcome seeing new faces and extend a special invitation to each of you. Bring a sandwich and a friend. Dessert and a beverage will be served.

Praise for Him!  
Joanna Howell



### F F F Luncheon Monday, October 1, 11:00-1:00

The new FELLOWSHIP Luncheon was a great success in

September. The food was fantastic, the committee great, and the fellowship wonderful. In order to get a better handle on the amount of people attending, we will have a sign up sheet. The more accurate the head count, the more accurate the shopping, and that helps to keep the price down.

For those of you who were not able to join us, or perhaps haven't heard of the luncheons yet: it is \$7.00, 2nd Monday of the month (except Oct; that will be Oct. 1st). We open the doors at 11 am and

serve lunch at 11:30 am. There was an interest on the questionnaire in reference to activities. We will be setting up tables with cards, board games, etc. If you do not wish to participate in these activities, please stay and enjoy fellowship, coffee and desserts. This is a beautiful opportunity to have a great meal, meet new people or reconnect with old friends. Play cards or just catch up on what's new.

If you have any questions, please see me, Naida, or Loretta.

See you next month,  
Karen Muldoon

*Tentative Menu for  
Monday, October 1, 11:00-1:00  
Cost \$7.00*

*Petite NY Strip Steak  
with Lemon Scented Thyme Butter*

*Potatoes Sautéed with Garlic and Walnut Oil*

*Celery and Apple Salad*

*Guinness Stout Chocolate Cake  
with Orange-Raspberry Sorbet*

### Lunch Bunch to Travel to Tuckahoe Inn October 3

Meet at the church at 11:30 on Wednesday, October 3, to travel to the Tuckahoe Inn on Rt 9 in Marmora.

**Friday** Happy Friday 6:00pm October 12



Come join us on October 12 for a fun time, going back to the 50's with the Fonz, Richie and the gang from "Happy Days". We will be showing an episode from the show.

Please bring a dish to share for our usual dinner at 6:00.

Like the FONZ says, "Be There."

Victor



**Sunday Brunch Menu**

**October 21, 2012**

**Cost \$6.00**

*Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Biscuits*

*French Toast Sticks with Maple Syrup*

*Cheese Tortellini in Alfredo Sauce*

*Make Your Own Baby Spinach Salad*

*Chicken Cacciatore*

*Soft Polenta*

*Naida Burgess' Quinoa and Black Bean Salad  
(from "A Taste of Heaven")*

*Barbara Morgan's Cinnamon Ice Cream  
(from "A Taste of Heaven")*

*Chocolate Cake  
Assorted Cookies*

## Helpful "Details" on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>'s Congregational Event!

(For church folks and their many Friends)

- ⇒ Dinner (Nancy's "Pork & Trimmings") served continuously from 5-6:30 – so no one is rushed!
- ⇒ As always, reserved seats for Handicapped – if you arrange in advance with Joanie.
- ⇒ You may select your sanctuary seat(s) before having dinner – place a coat, etc. on your "Spot-s"! (Taped names will only be used once a year now except for Handicapped.)
- ⇒ If you and/or your friends opt not to come for dinner, the program is still \$10 with seating as available after 6:30 (ticket needed). We can only seat and feed 150 in Madden Hall – but the sanctuary holds 200.

It has been a great deal of work to provide 2 seating for every big congregational event for many years - - So - - this year we'll still have 2 events but this one will not have 2 seatings or seats reserved in advance.

Please get your dinner/program tickets ASAP as we all have many friends who hope to attend. (Available from Joanie 641-1839 from September 29 on.)

(Your Fellowship Committee is excited to try this new approach.)

Tina Brown, Chair

(Note: The Big Event is George Wesner, from Radio City, returning on April 20, 2013 – PTL!!!)



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**Congregational Event!!**



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**7pm**  
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powerful, effective and in touch  
with today's church.





I'm sorry to be late in writing this. I was writing a note to myself trying to say something different. (Now, I can't find it.) So, I'll just say the Deacons are really doing an outstanding job. I really appreciate the goodies that have been sent to me. The chocolate chip cookies are always welcome!! Kris, your casseroles are awesome. Many thanks to all, for all you do. I know I'm not the only one that appreciates your thoughtfulness. Thanks again.

Betsy Cunius

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To the person who sent flowers for May Clay we want to say Thank You. And all who attended her service and had kind words to say.

Yours in Christ,  
Georgianna Clay Brixius

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Thanks to all who prepared the meals, cookies, etc. for Eric Newell and me. It was greatly appreciated and so kind of everyone to think of me.

May God bless the hands that do such thoughtful things.

Thanks again,  
Eric & Essie

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### **Pleasantville Church Moving to Ocean Heights Avenue**

The offices of the Ocean Heights Presbyterian Church have moved from their Pleasantville location to their new location in Egg Harbor Twp.

The congregation will move out of their building on Shore Road and begin worshipping at their new location later in October.

### **A Volunteer Opportunity**

The Pine Cone Gift Shop at the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center Mainland Division is looking for volunteers to help in their gift shop. Come and be part of a fun and rewarding service to your community hospital. (Volunteer 3 hours and receive a delicious free lunch or dinner!)

For information call 652-1000 and ask for the gift shop.

For years our own Ron Pfeiffer and our dear friends the Holland Family have volunteered hours of inspiring musical blessings at the hospital – often playing right in front of this lovely gift shop.

“You have never lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” ~ John Bunyan



## Reflections on the Autumn

“And the One who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’” ~ Revelation 21:5

By the time you read this I will be up in the Poconos, hopefully having a new cover made for my boat and having it winterized. The temperature gauge on it isn't working too well, and the speedometer needs adjusting, but it's a good old boat and I intend to keep it a few more years. (It's 11 years old now.) Still, I wonder how much to invest in an aging asset.

I had the same feelings about my pool when I covered it up for the winter. The filter motor was getting loud, so I'm going to have it serviced. This spring I put a new liner in it (the 4<sup>th</sup> one), and I'm wondering if there will ever be a fifth.

Same feeling with my grills. Some I've changed burners on three or four times. This year I changed a gas hose that had a hole in it. Maybe it's just time to retire it and get a new one, but that's the grill we used at the yard sale and it worked fine.

Picnic tables, cars, garage door openers all conjure up the same concerns: when to stop servicing and look at something else. Maybe I don't need all this stuff, anyway.

Sad to say, all of us working types have to deal with those feelings about our careers as well. On September 23 I turned 64, and the Presbytery is having a retreat for 30 of us who are nearing retirement. We've all done a lot of continuing education, and we all have a lot in common. We don't generally use PowerPoint, and we struggle to communicate with a generation that would rather text us from across the room than tell us what they want. We also feel the clock ticking, and know that good and healthy retirement years are limited. We also have something else in common: we want what's best for our church. We want growth, development, and the ability to reach a younger generation whose needs, music and communication styles are different. We worry about the future.

We are like aging baseball players who want to go out while our game is still near its top, or at least respectable. We don't want people to leave the retirement dinner saying, “We thought they'd never go. We want things ready for next year's team.” We want to be remembered well, but like a car battery we don't want to be traded in for a new one when we still hold a good charge and can get things started on a cold morning.

This battery is good for a couple more winters, I think. But for those of you who say, “Can't you just stay till 72?” All I can say is that's probably not very good for any of us.

We serve a God who makes all things new. Transitions are trying, but change is good. It's even exciting at times.

In the mean time, lets keep our batteries charged up so we are ready to jump start our great fall programs.

See you in church,

*- Dave*

### **Lay Assistants**

- 7 9:30  
11:00
- 14 9:30 Scott Sabo  
11:00
- 21 9:30 Joan Nale  
11:15 Vic Abelson
- 28 9:30 Grades (4)5-6, 7-8  
11:00 Dawn Duran

### **Head Ushers**

- 7 9:30 Vic & Rita Abelson  
11:00 Shirley Smith, Denise Ott
- 14 9:30 Elaine Risley, Carol Thomas  
11:00
- 21 9:30 Don & Deborah Wong  
11:15 Mary Bew, Betty Lloyd
- 28 9:30 Norman Johnson, Marjorie McGuigan  
11:00

### **Collection (9:30)**

- 7 Edith Budd, Joan Nale
- 14 Dirk & Desiree Williamson
- 21 Ron & Joyce Pfeiffer
- 28 Grade 3-4

### **Deacons for the Month**

- 9:30 Dottie McCaffrey
- 11:00 Mary Bew

### **Acolyte (9:30)**

- 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

### **Nursery (9:30)**

- 7 Gloria Achamizo
- 14 Alice Malfi
- 21 Fran Tanner
- 28 Jennifer Platt

### **Van Drivers**

- 7 John Channell
- 14 Barb Hughes
- 21 Dirk Williamson
- 28 Vic Abelson

### **Refreshment Hosts**

- 7 Bryan & Vicky Hawkes
- 14
- 21
- 28 Flaherty-McHale Family

### **Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew**

- 7 Set-up – Libby Little  
Cook – Ed Little  
Clean-up – Richard & Doris Wood
- 14 Set-up – Bob Wilkenloh  
Cook – John Channell  
Clean-up – Bill & Ginny Davenport
- 21 Join us for Brunch!
- 28 Set-up – Kris Jenoriki  
Cook – Bryan Hawkes  
Clean-up – Olga Davies & Jean Delesantro