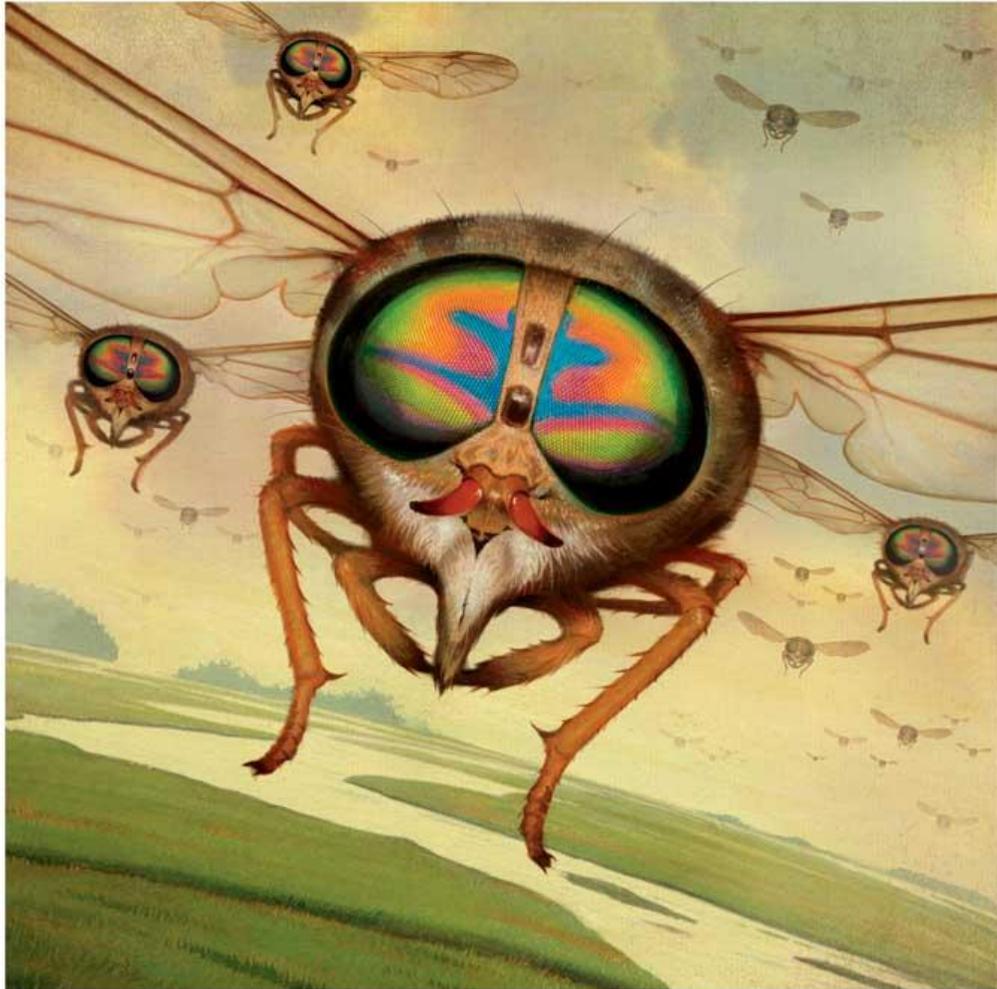


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Good News



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It's Almost Time

Dear Friends,

As a naval officer, I was always a keen observer of the weather. It has stayed with me even though I am no longer a sailor. I check forecasts regularly and even have a weather station in my house and a weather application on my phone, which I check regularly. My wife wonders why I bother since the forecasts change hourly and you can't really depend on them for planning purposes.

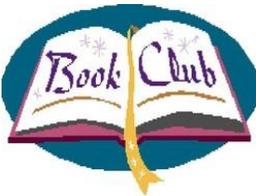
I really can't say why I check things that I know will change even a few minutes after I check them. I guess it is human nature to want to know what the future will hold. We can predict, but the future is always subject to change.

Soon, I expect that you will have a new called pastor, but I cannot predict with certainty that he or she will stay for a long time or a short time. There are too many factors that influence the success or failure of any ministry. I cannot predict how you will grow in faith and in effectiveness over the next few years either. Oh, sure, I can tell you about the trends and about what the futurists are predicting, but like the weather forecast, it is subject to change.

All any of us can do is to do our best and turn to God through the Holy Spirit for guidance, realizing that it is God that gives the growth. We are always to remember that we are the Lord's agents and ambassador and the gift of faith is God's alone to grant. So, as I complete my time with you in the next couple of months, I can guarantee that I will pray for you and I can guarantee that you won't hear from me once I am gone, but I will always wish the best for you as my brothers and sisters in Christ.

But, for now, we still have work to do together before I leave for the Gulf of Mexico. For a little while, then, I'll see you in church.

Grace and peace,
Tom Purchase, the IP



Christian Readers Book Club

Our next meeting will be on July 19, at 6:30 PM. Our discussion will be on the book One Light Still Shines by Marie Monville. Marie is the wife of the man who unleashed such horror on the Amish school house in Lancaster County,

Pa. This reveals three love stories - the innocent love of a devoted wife for a husband in pain; the incomprehensible love of God in the aftermath of massacre and destruction; and the redemptive love of Christ. Join us as we look at this story.



Congratulations, Class of 2017

Jackson Harvey, Son of John & Tina Harvey
8th Grade, Galloway Township Middle School
*Awarded the Mary Ellen Starn Award for Leadership
Will attend Absegami High School

Nicholas Sabo, Son of Scott & JoAnn Sabo
8th Grade, Pilgrim Academy
Academic Honors

Cameron Sermarini, Great Grandson of Jack & Dee Heil
12th Grade
Will attend Bucks Community College

Kristin Hudak, Daughter of Bob & Barbara Hudak
ECPI University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Erin Nassif, Daughter of David & Naida Burgess
University of Miami
Masters of Marine Conservation

James Townley, Son of Jack & Donna Townley & Grandson of Carol Kleiner
University of Penn
Bachelors & Masters in Material Science Engineering
Minor in Math
*Magna Cum Laude - 2nd place in Senior design competition
Internships: U.S. Gov't at Brookhaven Labs , Long Island & Stanford University, California

Jeremy Wong, Son of Don & Deborah Wong
Widener University
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Would like to work in Aeronautics Industry



Worship Committee Report



The summer Hymn Sing will start June 25 at 9:45 am.

A substitute pastor will be present at the 10 am Service on June 2. Rev. Purchase will be in Ohio attending his daughter's wedding.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Burgess MD, Chair, Worship



Mission
Committee

Mission/Evangelism Committee Updates

Bakely House

We anticipate that our mission house will be vacant beginning in August and, after refreshment of the house as needed, we will begin our search for candidates to use it.

Camp Johnsonburg

This one week youth camp will be active in our church beginning July 31st.

Family Fun Day

After long and careful consideration and by majority vote, we have decided to redirect our energies regarding Family Fun Day for 2017 into revision and improvement. We want to try to showcase our church in a more effective manner, using this event as a way to do that. There will be no Family Fun Day in 2017, but we intend to bring an improved version of it back for 2018.

In His Name, please keep these efforts in your thoughts and prayers.

Leo Ransone

Mission/Evangelism Chair

Deacon
Ministry



Deacons wish to thank the congregation for your continued support and donations and for making our church a welcome place for all.

Communion for the summer months will be July 2, August 6 and September 3.

Your donations of nonperishable, non-expired food items to the Community Food Bank of New

Jersey are still needed and greatly appreciated during the Summer months (you can see the list of items needed out in the vestibule). The Food Bank takes laundry detergent and disposable baby diapers too.

Deacon for the month of July will be Alice Smith, Deacon for the month of August will be Betsy Eberhard and Deacon for the month of September will Laurie McManus.

Our next meeting will be Saturday September 9 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Again thank you for your continued support.

In Christian service and love,
Naida Burgess, Moderator
Loretta Metz, Vice Moderator



News from the Fellowship Committee



Looking Back: Our **Strawberry Festival** on June 2nd was success. John Channell and the Albert Hall Players were a perfect fit for the occasion. With slightly lower volume, folks were able to carry on conversations and enjoy the music as well. This fund raiser raised \$330.00 which is typical for a strawberry festival. Thank you to all hands that washed strawberries, prepared strawberries, served strawberries, ate strawberries, sold strawberries, and cleaned up after all those strawberries! This is our longest running fundraiser and has been in existence since 1868!

Our **Pool Party and Barbecue** at the Galloway Swim Club will have taken place by the time you read this. As I write this, however, the pool party is two days away. Tina has all the decorations we need for a Hawaiian Luau. The table cloths are decorated with pineapples and leis are ready for each of our guests. At this point we have over 50 people planning to attend. We'll be serving hotdogs and hamburgers on the grill. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Our Benefit Dinner for Barbara and Russ will have taken place on Saturday, June 24th from 5:00-7:30 pm. But as of now we are still busy in the preparation stage. Things are looking good! Leo is preparing pasta with a choice of two sauces: Alfredo or Marinara with Meat. Lee Wolff is preparing the salad and rolls. Numerous members from the congregation volunteered to bring baked goods. Donna Hughes, Elaine Risley, Darla Hand, Tina Harvey, and I have been busy gathering items for the Chinese Auction and that is looking good too! We are hoping for a good

crowd that night to make this fund raiser especially successful! I would like to thank everyone right now for supporting this benefit for Barbara Hughes and Russ Adkisson.

Looking Ahead

The dinner cruise will take place on July 26, 2017. Gayle Ackerman has put together the details. Dinner will take place at Scales at 5:30 pm. Then the cruise boat will depart at 7:00 pm. The entire event will cost \$35 just like last year. Gayle will post a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. I will post a van list for people who would like a ride. And don't worry! This year I'll bring my GPS so I don't get lost on the way home! (Never knew there were so many back streets in the inlet.)

Our next **congregational event** will take place on **Saturday, September 30th** with Chiz Rider, world famous Christian trumpet player. Joanie will keep us posted with all the details. I do know that Nancy Sooy is cooking, and that is always a treat!

Enjoy the summer and recharge your battery...mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, August 24 at 7:00 pm** in the Cobb Lounge.

To God Be the Glory,
Priscilla Schultheis



Celebrating
60
Years...

Jack & Dee Heil will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 30th. They invite everyone to join them after the worship service that day for cake.

Congratulations!



Serving This Summer

July

02 Leo Ransone
09 David Burgess
16 David Burgess
23 David Burgess
30 Leo Ransone

02 Vic & Rita Abelson
09 Elaine Risley, Naida Burgess
16 Mary Bew, Betty Lloyd
23 Don & Debora Wong
30 Vic & Rita Abelson

02 Joan Nale, Franklin Nale
09 Jack & Dee Heil
16 Tina Brown, Carol Kleiner
23 Roy Birkbeck, Greg Hamaty
30 Ann Wallace, Ginny Davenport

Alice Smith

02 Jennifer Platt
09 Gloria Achamizo
16 Jennifer Platt
23 Gloria Achamizo
30 Jennifer Platt

02 John Channell
09 Tina Brown
16 Tina Brown
23 Vic Abelson
30 Jose Achamizo

02 Jinny Wolcott, Elaine Risley
09 Louise Speitel, Jean Delesantro
16 Donn Hughes, Darla Hand, Carol Jorgensen
23 Dottie McCaffrey, Joan Nale
30 Alice Smith, Bob Hudak, Gerry Reedell

August

Lay Assistants

06 David Burgess
13 David Burgess
20 David Burgess
27 Kirk Conover

Head Ushers

06 Vic & Rita Abelson
13 Elaine Risley, Naida Burgess
20 Bob & Barbara Hudak
27 Mary Bew, Betty Lloyd

Offering

06 Joan Nale, Franklin Nale
13 Jack & Dee Heil
20 Roy Birkbeck, Greg Hamaty
27 Tina Brown, Ann Wallace

Deacon of the Month

Betsy Eberhard

Nursery

06 Gloria Achamizo
13 Jennifer Platt
20 Gloria Achamizo
27 Jennifer Platt

Van Drivers

06 John Channell
13 Vic Abelson
20 Tina Brown
27 Vic Abelson

Refreshment Hosts

06 Vic & Rita Abelson, Jim & Laurie McManus
13 Donna Hughes, Darla Hand, Betsy Eberhard
20 Carol Kleiner, Don & Deb Wong
27 Tina Harvey, Kris Jenoriki

Every picture tells a story.



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