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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Rick's Reflections

This is a participatory article. There is a part for you to fill in as you read this. So get a pencil ready.

I was thinking about the celebration of Pentecost. This May 19th we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower the church. We ask everyone to wear something red to church that Sunday. Red is the traditional color for Pentecost because of the tongues of fire that appeared over the disciples in the upper room.

But like Easter, Pentecost is about more than just the anniversary of something that happened a long time ago. At the church's birthday party we celebrate what the church is now as well as remembering its birth.

When Paul wrote to the earliest churches, he had a lot to say about the Holy Spirit. It was, and still is, mysterious in the way it empowers the church to do the work of the Lord. To the church in Galatia he called these things the fruits of the Spirit. When the tree of your life is planted in Christ by faith and watered with prayer, it produces these fruits. Now here is where you get to participate. Take a few minutes and write a name beside each of the fruits of the Spirit that Paul mentions. My guess is that you will be able to think of one person who really shows evidence of this characteristic.

LOVE PATIENCE GENEROSITY
JOY SELF-CONTROL FAITHFULNESS
PEACE KINDNESS GENTLENESS

Galatians 5:22

Whether you show your list to anyone or tell one of these people that you thought of them when you thought about joy or kindness is up to you.

The other part of the participation is for you to take a look at the tree of your own life. How many of these fruits are evident? Which ones do you need to work on?

That's not a bad way to celebrate Pentecost.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

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GREETERS NEEDED

To volunteer, please use the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact:

Janet Bruns 973-267-5023

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To volunteer, please contact the Session Member of the month.

May: Bret Fischer 908-204-0820

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Volunteer to be a Coffee Hour host. Bring your favorite snacks and help make this time of fellowship a pleasant one for all.

A Deacon will be available to help you on Sunday morning.

Contact the Deacon of the Month:

May: **Anne Waite** 973-993-9481

Thank You, April Coffee Hour Hosts

Special thanks go to Judith and Olivia Shelton, Meg and Don Richardson, Lisa Chapman and Sue Whitehouse for graciously hosting Coffee Hour; during the month of April!



APRIL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



The following are highlights from the April 16, 2013 Session Meeting.

The meeting began with Jane Coyle reading devotions.

Committee Highlights

There will be a Congregational Meeting on April 28th during which it will be recommended that Reverend George E. Chorba be awarded the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus. Reverend Chorba devotedly served our church for 36 years. This recommendation is made out of love and respect and in recognition of his steadfast dedication.

Adult Education: The Committee is busily at work planning new and interesting programs. June Tamburro will host a session on Prison Ministry on May 5. Join us after worship and before the picnic on June 9 for Biblical Family Feud! More programs are in the works for the fall.

Congregational Life: The Sheeleighs have once again generously offered their home for the location of our church picnic on June 9⁻

Membership: Vincent and Alison Como and Judy Thompson were accepted into membership on April 14th. Let's give them a warm welcome! All the listening sessions have been completed and the suggestions compiled for review. Each committee has copies of the comments for consideration. In addition to suggestions, there were many positive comments.

Youth Education: The next Youth Sunday will be on May 5th; during which the young people of our church will have an opportunity to share their gifts with us during worship. On May 18th and 19th the youth group will be working on a house in Madison through Habitat for Humanity.

Worship and Music: A big thank-you goes to David Mitchell for the inspirational church décor he provided during Holy Week. Thank you, also, to Min Kwon for sharing her gift of music with us. The Holy Week services were moving and edifying.

Mission and Outreach: There are three new committee members. Suggestions for other non-profits to consider for outreach are being considered.

Personnel: The daunting task of replacing Richard is under way. Members of choral and organist groups may be a good resource. Recommendations will be accepted and considered, as appropriate.

Communion will be served on Sunday May 19th. The next Session meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7 pm.

Reverend Sweeney adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Coyle, Clerk of Session



Habitat for Humanity (MH4H)

I'm departing, for just this month, from my usual format in order to let you all know about a significant development in our work mission efforts. Due to a number of factors, we have

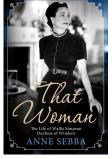
transitioned away from our All Hands on Deck NJ shore efforts, which involved nearly everyone in our congregation! In place of this, we will be increasing our involvement in local, Morris Habitat for Humanity (MH4H) construction projects.

First of all, let me tell you a little bit about this group. MH4H helps local, low-income, hardworking families achieve the American dream of home ownership. All of these projects take place close to home in our very own Morris County. I've had a number of conversations with MH4H, and I'm pleased to say that we already have several opportunities for involvement. My hope is that many of us from our church will continue to be involved in our active, work, mission efforts. Additional information on each project will be forthcoming as we get closer to the dates, but, for now, here's what we have on the horizon.

- May 18-19 Habitat Blitz: The Habitat Blitz will utilize teams of volunteers to construct an entire house in two days! There are two, 4-hour shifts with 10 volunteers in each shift. Shift times will be 8:00 am-12:00 noon, and 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. I have placed sign-up sheets for this Habitat Blitz on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We've already got several youths signed up, but there's plenty of room for youth and adults! The only stipulation is that volunteers have to be at least 16 years old in order to participate in the Habitat Blitz.
- **June 8:** Building project (location to be determined)
- **June 22:** Building project (location to be determined) Building teams for the two building projects in June can be comprised of 5-20 volunteers.
- * Important age information for participation: Ages 18 and above are allowed to build. Ages 16-17 are also welcome, as long as there is at least 1 adult chaperone for every 5 of these youth volunteers.
- * What do volunteers need to bring?: Bring lunch and dress appropriately. All tools will be provided for volunteers.
- * What can you do if you are unable to build? Volunteers are needed to provide lunches for the FPCNV builders. Please contact our Deacons if you'd like to assist with lunches. People (14 years old through adult) may also volunteer at the MH4H ReStore at 274 South Salem Street in Randolph, NJ (just off Route 10 West). If you're interested, their telephone number is 973-366-3358.

In addition, MH4H will be adding Landscaping Days to their calendar over the summer. These days are open to volunteers, ages high school and above. Until then, watch for updates in E-mails, the bulletin, other *Pipe Organ* editions, morning announcements during worship services, and on the flat screen at coffee hour. You may also contact me at gward@pcnv.org if you have any specific questions.

FPCNV Book Club April Book Selection and Schedule



That Woman by Anne Sebba

In contrast to most British assessments of Wallis Warfield Spencer Simpson, later the Duchess of Windsor, this book is clear-sighted unsentimental about but relatively sympathetic to the woman for whom King Edward VIII gave up his throne in 1936, shaking Britain

and its royal family to the core.

And amazingly, after 75 years, there is new material to assess. Sebba has gained access to previously unexamined Simpson letters that reveal more about who she was, her fears and regrets during the abdication crisis, how she tried to prevent it and the marriage, and how she was nearly destroyed when the "romance of the century" was nearly universally condemned.

Simpson, in Sebba's telling, was misunderstood. The

Meeting Dates and Book Selections

Where: Library When: 7:30 pm

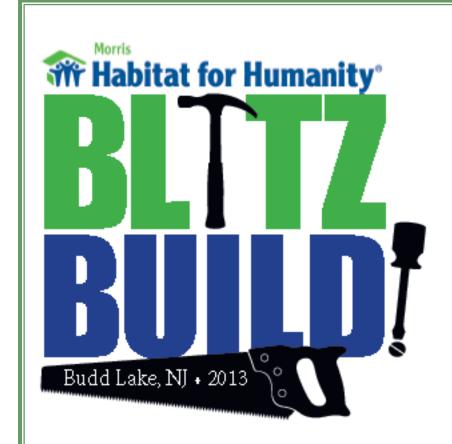
May 14 That Woman by Anne Sebba

Jun 11 The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes

New members are welcome.

ridiculous things said and believed about her at the time would curl hair, and some of it came from the King's family. It was his sister-in-law, the Duchess of York, later Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who contemptuously dubbed her "that woman."

~USA Today



Sunday, May 19

Please come to church in your work clothes if you are taking part in the Habitat for Humanity Blitz on May 19th.

The group will leave together for the building site right after Coffee Hour.

Adult Ed ~ Coming Events



JUNE TAMBURRO, PRISON MINISTRY: May 5

The United States currently has over two million people in prisons or jails, most for non-violent crimes, and has the highest incarceration rate in the world. Many studies show that mass incarceration actually increases crime and has a devastating effect on poor families and communities. Approximately 44% of people released from prison are re-incarcerated within three years, either for committing a new crime or violating conditions of parole.

Incarcerated people are severely undereducated compared to the general population. Among federal and state inmates, about 37 percent do not have a high school diploma or a GED compared to 19 percent of the general population. There is extensive research that shows an inverse relationship between recidivism and education.

...I was in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25:36

Completing a college program, either while incarcerated or upon release, can decrease the recidivism rate by as much as 72%.

New Jersey is at the forefront of offering higher education in prison. The New Jersey Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prisons (NJ-STEP) is a consortium of higher education institutions in NJ that works in partnership with the Department of Corrections and State Parole Board to provide college courses toward degrees for students while incarcerated, and assists in their transition to college life upon release. NJ-STEP is privately funded and is housed at Rutgers University in the School of Criminal Justice.

Come and learn more about NJ-STEP from June Tamburro, who works as an academic counselor for students at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for women. June will talk about her calling to work in the prison and share some thoughts about our Christian response to the injustice of mass incarceration.

PASTOR RICK SWEENEY, CHURCH FAMILY FEUD: June 9



Now it's time for everybody's favorite game show—CHURCH FAMILY FEUD! On June 9th after worship Fellowship Hall will be the site of a match between two teams of eager contestants (play along please)! They will try to guess the most popular answers to questions about the Bible and the church.

Valuable prizes await the winning team (now you really have to play along), and fun will be had by all. Please join your host Rick Sweeney and his lovely assistant, Vanna (Prudy) Sweeney. This will be the best time of your life. (OK, you may not be able to play along with this one, but it will still be fun.)

Congregational Life Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, June 9
4-7 pm
At the home of
Kathy & Matt Sheeleigh
8 Sycamore Farm Road, New Vernon



Burgers, dogs, dessert, and soft drinks provided. Bring something to share: an appetizer, salad, or side dish that will feed eight. Please bring your own chairs or a picnic blanket to sit on.

To RSVP: Sign up at Coffee Hour, or Email response to: laprefam@mac.com

Men's Breakfast

Tuesday Mornings ~ Blue Willow Restaurant 7:30-8:30 am

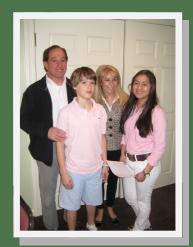
All of the men in the church are welcomed to attend a prayer and Bible study breakfast for six consecutive Tuesday mornings. We will meet at the Blue Willow Restaurant from 7:30 to 8:30 am each of the following mornings.

May 21 June 11
May 28 June 18
June 4 June 25

Each man will order his own breakfast. We will do a brief Bible study based on a book by Eugene Peterson entitled **Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best.** This is a study based on passages from the prophet Jeremiah. We will also spend time praying for each other each morning

This will be a fine opportunity to get to know other men in the congregation as we seek to deepen our relationship with God. It also offers a wonderful chance to invite men who are not in our church to come with you. No reservations are necessary. We hope to see you at the Blue Willow on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:30 am.

Our Newest Members



Alison and Vincent Como

Alison and Vincent Como both grew up in Chatham and raised their 28-year-old daughter, Alexandria (Ali), there. Ali is an interior designer in Chatham. They also have a 17-year-old daughter, Hayley, who is a junior at Madison High School, and a son, Tripp, an eighth grader who attends the Harding Township School and is looking forward to Madison High School next year. Their dog, Teddy, completes the Como family.

Judy Thompson

Judith (Judy) Thompson was born in Washington, DC and grew up in the small neighborhood of Anacostia, where the southern atmosphere of racial prejudice and segregation permeated its schools and society. Judy attended her local Sunday school, sang in the children's choir, graduating to the adult choir at 12. She was active in her church's teen group and attended Bible study. At home, her parents taught respectful values that conflicted with the racially charged attitudes of that time. When 12-year-old Judy stood to give her bus seat to an elderly black woman carrying a heavy bag, she was verbally abused by the white passengers and threatened by the driver. Once the integration movement began and a few black students arrived at her high school, Judy welcomed them, ignoring the picketing and opposition.



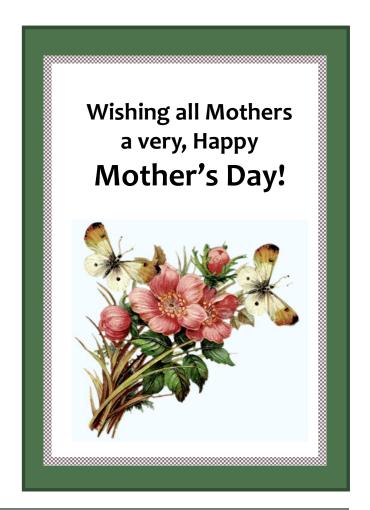
Judy attended Davis and Elkins College, a Presbyterian school in West Virginia, majoring in English and Education. There she met her future husband, Charles Thompson, whom she married in 1960 following her graduation. Shortly afterward they moved to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Judy taught middle school English to lower performing students, before moving in 1964 to Parker, PA, where Charles was pastor of two small churches. In 1969 they moved to Orchard Park, NY, where Charles was an associate pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1976 her husband was called as_Pastor of the First Presbyterian and Trinity Church in South Orange, NJ serving until 2010. Judy and Charles raised two children, Matt and Debbie. Judy taught middle school until she retired in 1992. She has long been active in church affairs, including the Women's Association, the Board of Deacons, singing in the choir, and working to help homeless families. The Thompsons moved to the Morristown area when Charles retired in 2010 and found a home at the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon.

Come & Celebrate The New Vernon Choir



Sunday, May 19, is Choir Recognition Sunday. We will have a service of music, praising God, including some singers who have been with us before. Make this Sunday special by coming to celebrate the work and dedication of the choir in its ministry of music.



Monday Women's Bible Study Great Figures of the New Testament

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study will be starting a new study series on Monday, April 22nd. We will be using a DVD series taught by Vanderbilt University Divinity School Professor Amy-Jill Levine as the launching point for our discussions of great figures of the New Testament. There are shepherds and kings, friends and enemies, evangelists and martyrs, a prodigal son and a good Samaritan. We will be considering some of the people who surrounded Jesus, Jesus himself, evangelists of the early church, political figures, as well as some of the characters about whom Jesus told his teaching stories. Our Professor says in



her introduction, "Designed neither to debunk nor to proselytize, the lectures seek, rather, to provide a deeper understanding of the figures who anchor Christian origins and whose stories, told and retold from the first century to the present, provide insight into our diverse religious, societal, and aesthetic values."

Led by the Rev. Barbara Aspinall, the group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Women church members, friends, and community folk are all welcome and encouraged to participate. And there's always a fresh pot of coffee!

Outreach Focus: The Nairobi Partnership



A few years ago, our Session decided that we were going to designate our Presbytery mission dollars to a specific project called the Nairobi Partnership. This is a program of Newton Presbytery that connects the Presbyterian Church of Kenya with our local churches.

We have hosted Elder Peter Mrutu and Rev. Patrick Thegu at our church in the past year. We are building personal friendships with brothers and sisters in Christ who live far away and have great needs that we can help meet.

Some of the work of our partnership is bringing friends from Kenya to visit and sending some of

our people to visit there. But we are also involved in vital work that makes lives better for our Kenyan friends.

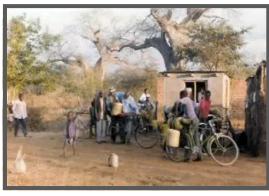
Kasasule Health center is a critical care facility in a part of Kenya that is extremely isolated. The nearest hospital is over 30 miles away and travel is difficult. Some 10,000 very poor inhabitants are treated there every year.

The Partnership has been involved in supporting and expanding that health center. People who might otherwise die are treated because of the funds that the



Partnership and others provide. There is a need now for a generation system to provide clean drinking water. There is also a need to provide a new ambulance. Programs are being developed to help older citizens in the Kibwezi region of Kenya.

There is much work to be done. Part of our Outreach money is being used to make life better in Kenya. Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Kenya as we continue to partner with them in doing the Lord's work there.







Movie Group News



Save the Date:

Wednesday, May 29 7:00 pm

The next movie group date is Wednesday, May 29. We will meet at the Chaneys' at 7:00 pm. Look for information on the movie selection in *News & Notes*.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS...TWICE!

The congregation enjoys the flowers on the altar each Sunday, and your gifts enhance the beauty of our lovely church. In addition, the acknowledgement in the weekly program allows others to share in your memorial or celebratory dedication.

BUT, THERE IS MORE...

Did you know that after the service, Deacons deliver the flowers to people in our church family?

Pastor Rick advises the Deacons regarding recipients. Then, two Deacons are assigned this task on a monthly basis. Engaging in this traditional mission, the Deacons combine flower delivery with a friendly visit and a copy of the Sunday bulletin.

For further information and/or to sign up for a Sunday floral contribution:

Call or email Bernice Paton at 973-539-5168 or bnice234@comcast .net



Minister of Music

Richard Cox has announced that he will be retiring at the end of June as our Minister of Music, a position that he has held for 16 years. Although it will be challenging to replace him, the Music and Worship Committee has reviewed his job description and is beginning the search for someone to fill the position. The following information is currently available for download at the pcnv.org website at:

http://www.pcnv.org/pdf/Minister-Of-Music-Job-Description.pdf

If you know of anyone who might be interested in applying, please have them contact Tricia at the addresses listed below.

POSITION INFORMATION

Minister of Music, Choir Director (part-time) Position Title:

Brief Position Description:

- Work in conjunction with the Minister of Music to create and manage new music program for the church each year.
- Select and order music appropriate for a volunteer adult choir to enhance the worship service.
- Provide special soloists and musicians, as required, to enhance the music experience for the congregation.
- Enlist and direct volunteer assistants; e.g., Choral Music Librarian.
- Direct two rehearsals per week for an Adult Choir; lead the choir at Sunday service.
- Create special music programs for services such as Maundy Thursday, Easter, Christmas Eve, and Christmas.
- Explore new musical approaches to appeal to a broader range of interests on the part of the congregation.
- Attend meetings of the Music & Worship Committee whenever possible.
- Position requires the following qualities:
 - Commitment to the Christian faith
 - Experience and competence in directing music groups
 - Working well in team setting with staff and other committees
 - Enthusiasm and ability to share this with the church
 - Degree in Music or equivalent experience required

Worship One service on Sunday at 10:00 am

Music: Historically traditional, but seeking more diversification

Hours per Week: 20 hours

Organ Description: Casavant Freres 2-manual 24-stop pipe organ, well maintained

Baldwin Model M piano, well-maintained Piano Description:

COMPENSATION

Annual Salary: Mid-teens, depending upon experience

Paid Vacation Four weeks, based on a full year of service

HOW TO APPLY?

Application: Please mail or e-mail your letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to the First

Presbyterian Church of New Vernon, Attention: Tricia Tiensch, PO Box 218, New Vernon, NJ

07976 or office@pcnv.org (Subject: Minister of Music Position)

Closing Date: June 30, 2013 or until the position is filled

	Help Us Celebrate You!							
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Barbara Fischer

December 13, 1937-April 14, 2013

Bret Fischer's mother, Barbara Fischer, passed away on Sunday, April 14, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Please keep Bret, his father, Charlie, and the entire Fischer family in your thoughts and prayers.

> To send a card or note: Bret Fischer and Family 132 Mt. Airy Rd Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Charlie Fischer 46 Chuckanutt Drive Oakland, NJ 07436

New Member Class May 12 ~ 8:45 am

There will be another new member class on May 12 at 8:45 am. If you would like to join the Church at this time, please call the Church Office and let us know.

If you would like to join, but this time does not work for you, let us know that as well, and we will make an alternate arrangement.

Church Office: 973-538-8394

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Juli	IVIOII	Tue	VVEU 1	2	3	3 4
			1	Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am	AA Meeting noon	4
				Choir 7:30 pm		
5 Youth Sunday June Tamburro on Prison Ministry 11:30 in Library	Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	7	8	9 Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am	AA Meeting noon	Confirmation Class Retreat 9am-3pm Cross Estate
	Outreach 4 pm		Adult Ed 5 pm	Choir 7:30 pm		
New Member Class 8:45 am	Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	14	15	16 Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am	17	18
HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!	3.30 11 4111			New Vernon Garden Club 9 am	AA Meeting noon	
	Deacons 7:30 pm	Book Club 7:30 pm Library		Choir 7:30 pm		
communion 19	20 Women's Bible Study	21 Men's Breakfast	22	23 Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am	24	25
Choral Program Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build 1 –5 pm	9:30-11 am	7:30-8:30 am Membership			AA Meeting noon	
	Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm	5 pm Session Mtg. 7 pm		Choir 7:30 pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	No Women's Bible Study today.	Men's Breakfast				
	Church Office Closed				AA Meeting noon	
	Memorial Day Holiday		Movie 7 pm at Chaney Home			

May Worship at FPCNV, 2013

Sunday, May 5Sixth Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday
Liturgist: Grayham Valentine

Sunday, May 19 Day of Pentecost Communion

Minute for Mission: Nairobi Partnership

Choral Service

Sunday, May 12Seventh Sunday of Easter

Preacher: Dr. Sweeney Liturgist: Mattie Saulnier Sermon: *Spiritual Xanax*

Text:

Revelation 21:1-7, 22:1-5 John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 26 Trinity Sunday

Preacher: Dr. Sweeney Liturgist: Hunter Macy Sermon: *Character*

Text:
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5

The Pipe Organ First Presbyterian Church 2 Lee's Hill Road, PO Box 218 New Vernon, NJ 07976-0218 Happy Mothers' Day!

May HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 5

Youth Sunday
June Tamburro ~ Prison Ministry

Saturday, May 11

Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, May 12

New Members' Class Mothers' Day

Sunday, May 19

Choral Worship Program Habitat Blitz Build

Monday, May 27

Happy Memorial Day Church Office Closed

E-mail Addresses

The Church Office is still collecting and correcting members' e-mail addresses. If you would like to be included in various e-mail mailings,

please e-mail office@pcnv.org or call 973-538-8394.

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