

The Pipe Organ

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
New Vernon, New Jersey

Bill Stone's Reflections

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Our 2019 Stewardship Campaign is underway, and the theme this year is "Growing Together, Rooted in Faith." Tom and our stewardship team thought this would be a good theme because it both nods to our rich history—as we continue to celebrate our 185th anniversary—and points forward, as we work to grow our church's ministry to people of all ages. To help us think about all of this, we are spending five weeks looking at *John* chapter 15. We started off with Jesus' speech on the vine and the branches quoted above. Except for those who are part of the local Garden Club, Jesus' analogy to pruning and growing might be a bit of a stretch for us to completely understand.

Most of the examples Jesus uses in the gospels draw on the everyday life and routine of the people he worked with. This is the reason we hear so much about sheep, shepherds, and agriculture. I'm guessing most of us didn't grow up on a farm. We don't know much about sheep or shrubs. But I bet almost all know a good glass of wine when they taste it—and this is where we can make our connection to the vines in this morning's parable.

When we think of the best wine in the world we generally think of France. For centuries the French have been perfecting their wine making. From their grapes, to their soil, to their fermenting and aging processes, French wines are considered the benchmark against which all others are measured. The French pride themselves on this and will often snub foreign wines—especially American wines—for being unsophisticated or lacking. However, behind all this posturing lies a dirty little secret. Nearly all the grapevines in France are grown on American roots. From a 5 euro bottle of supermarket red to a Chateau Lafitte Rothschild, the French wine industry wouldn't exist today without these American imports.

In the 1850s, the vineyards in France were hit by a plague. An influx of small bugs called Phylloxera were attacking the root systems of their grapevines. The vineyards tried everything to get rid of these bugs. They put poisoned

toads under the vines. They brought in chickens to wander through the vineyards and eat the bugs. The French government even offered a massive prize to anyone who could successfully control or prevent Phylloxera infestation. But nothing worked. And after about 10 years, 40% of the grapevines in France had been destroyed.

At some point, a few of the French farmers noticed that the American rootstocks they had planted as an experiment weren't being affected by this bug. The bugs would eat the leaves of the American vines, but they left the roots alone. And so—in desperation—they tried grafting their French grapevines onto the American rootstocks, and it worked. These hybrid grapevines thrived, and slowly by importing American roots and grafting them to their surviving vines, the wine makers in France were able to reconstitute their once decimated vineyards. Those who refused to profane their French vines with these foreign roots saw their plants wither and their businesses close. When Jesus says to his disciples, "I am the vine and you are the branches," he is emphasizing the importance of being connected—being in relationship

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with something bigger than yourself. This is a point we've heard again and again over the past few months. When you become a Christian, you become part of a family—one that includes a surprisingly diverse set of members. And together as a church family we are charged with bearing fruit—doing God's work in the world. Sometimes this work is incredibly easy and fulfilling, and other times it can be a real slog. But in our best moments, when we all come together and work towards a common goal, the church produces fruit much greater than the sum of its individual members.

Part of why I think the church is so effective at this is because our faith forces us to acknowledge that self-sufficiency is a myth. We are dependent creatures, and like those French vines, we need community and connection to survive. This is a countercultural idea, and acknowledging that you aren't self-sufficient can appear to some as a sign of weakness. But the truth is once we let go of the idea that we can do it all, being everything to everyone at all times, we are set free. In verse four of this morning's story, Jesus says that a branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine. And the same is true for us. We depend on others—on God and our community—in order to thrive.

Throughout its history, the most essential ingredient in this congregation by far has been its members. The First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon has been ministering to this community for 185 years. We benefit greatly from the faith and hard work of those who have gone before us. As today's congregation, we inherit their legacy of faith. We are called by God to build on their success and to nurture the seeds of faith God has planted here. It is amazing to see God at work in this church community. Like those French vineyards, we have been gifted with strong and resilient roots, and I cannot wait to see where God will invite us to bear fruit in the future. I pray that we might all be bold in our commitment to further support the ministry of this congregation—in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us and as an act of faith trusting that God will continue to be with us as we move into the future together.

Deacons' Pantry Sale

November 18 at Coffee Hour

The Deacons will hold a Pantry Sale on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, featuring soups, stews, salads, salad dressings, homemade bread, cookies, candies, and other baked goods. All will be festively packaged to make lovely hostess gifts. Or use these homemade delights as part of your own Thanksgiving celebration. All proceeds will benefit the PIN Fund.



Ready, Steady, Christmas at First Presbyterian

A Holiday Celebration
for all ages

To register visit pcnv.org
or call 973-538-8394

Christmas Camp (ages 3+) 2-4pm

An afternoon of Christmas fun, including crafts, games and a short movie, ending with carol-singing in the church

\$5/child

Wood Workshop (ages 8+ w/adult) 2-3pm

(Children ages 8+ w/adult)
2:00-4:00 Come & create
your own masterpiece

\$15/child

Wine Tasting (ages 21+) 3-4pm

Enjoy a guided tasting of eight wines, and find some to serve at Christmas Dinner!

\$30/person.

Wreath Making (adults) 2-4pm

Join David Mitchell as he helps you create a bespoke Christmas wreath

\$50/person.

Sponsored by: Pollaro Furniture, USA Wine Traders Club (Chatham),
and David Mitchell Fine Event Design



GROWING TOGETHER, ROOTED IN FAITH

2019 FPCNV Stewardship Campaign

Throughout the year FPCNV has been celebrating its 185th anniversary, reflecting on our church's rich history and the integral place we have held in the Harding community for generations. Now we are looking ahead to ensure that our church family will continue to thrive and prosper for another 185 years.

Over the next five weeks we will continue celebrating our history as we remain rooted in our faith and friendships. We will also introduce some exciting new initiatives to help

people of all ages connect as we recognize the great opportunity we have to grow together as a church community.

THIS YEAR WE:

Raised
\$380,000 Stewardship

Held
3 Messy Church
Events

Served
11 Non-Profits

Gave
Over \$100,000 to Missions and
those in need

Led
20 Mission Events

Hosted
29 parents, carers, and children at
Toddler Time

WHAT'S NEXT?

Mission

- Intergenerational Mission Events
- Strengthening our connection to Mission Partners

Social

- Multi-generational member-hosted dinners
- Ongoing Confirmation Class and Family Engagement

Spiritual

- Bible study to accommodate busy schedules
- Forging stronger young parent connections

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



- Volunteer for a church committee
- Participate in a mission project



- Host an Adult Education talk
- Help the Church with your professional expertise



- Contribute to our 2019 Stewardship Campaign

We invite you to join us in this important work by supporting our 2019 stewardship campaign! Generations before us have set a strong foundation for the FPCNV community, and your generosity will help us all grow together!

Our goal this year is to raise \$380,000. We are asking all members to increase their pledge by 5% over 2018 to help us deliver our 2019 growth initiatives.



Session Highlights from the October 16, 2018 Meeting

Devotions were led by Rev. Stone



Clerk's Report: Reported that the Clerk's Questionnaire was completed and sent to Presbytery.

Pastor's Report: In lieu of most committee reports, Rev. Stone asked Session to revisit the Church's mission statement.

Core Values

- 1) Intergenerational
- 2) Creative Worship
- 3) Mission focused
- 4) Spiritually growing/learning

Discussion was centered on answering the following questions: What are we passionate about? What do we have the potential to do better than anyone else? What will pay the bills?

Finally, each member of Session was tasked with writing their own version of the Church's mission statement. Their challenge was to do this in 8 words or less. Below are their suggestions:

- 1) Spreading God's Love/Word to all who desire it
- 2) Provide our church family with a caring, loving spiritual home
- 3) Encourage our congregation to continue to grow as _____
- 4) Grow a caring and active faith community
- 5) Attract new members that add to our potential
- 6) Strengthen our community to impact the world
- 7) Enrich spiritual growth in serving our intergenerational congregation
- 8) Enrich our spiritual community with support and service
- 9) Empower families to thrive in life and in faith

Work on this will continue at our November meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth Education (Don Richardson, excused):

- Revamped Messy Church with a Halloween theme and mission connection. December event developing.
- Volunteer reception went well with about 10 volunteers for nursery and Sunday School.
- Toddler Time is up and running.

Finance (Keith Wood): Asked that committee chairs think deeply about their budgetary needs for next year and submit their amounts for the 2019 budget.

Buildings & Grounds (Tom Ewig, excused):

- Brick manse is over the \$15,000 budget by \$3,000 after dealing with all the new renter's issues.
- Looking to put a water softener in Fellowship Hall for about \$1,800.
- Working with the Stones on air conditioning for the Manse. We have a quote of \$12,000.
- Working with Speer to upgrade the Fellowship Hall basement's AC for the new renters, Deep Roots School.
- Septic overhaul is going according to plan.
- Waiting on Tree-Tech to estimate taking down trees at the Manse.

Stewardship (Tom MacCowatt):

Organizing the campaign for 2018. Kickoff on Oct 21st and ending Nov 21st. Discussed the meetings with the consultant, Bill Stone & Christin Willis on how to broaden stewardship to be a year-round endeavor. Will be highlighting the projects and efforts of the Church this year in outreach and goals for the future in stewardship communications. Mission project leadership will speak on Sundays during campaign period & use both letter and email communications this year and an online giving option. Goal is \$380k.

Adjourned with prayer by Bill Stone at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan Shelby, Clerk of Session

Sunday Speaker Series 2018-2019

11:15 am to 12:15 pm



Douglas W. Simon: *Challenges for American Foreign Policy*

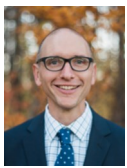
November 11

The international system is undergoing major changes, including China's challenge to American global economic and military power, the growing importance of Eurasia, Russia's aggressive attempts to regain much of its former geographic and political influence, and finally, an erosion of the post-WW II emphasis on multilateral diplomacy and organizations, the most prominent being the European Union. Woven into these patterns of change is the specter of a new arms race: conventional, nuclear, and cyber weapons. How the U.S. will react to this emerging environment is one of the most critical questions of our time. Dr. Simon is emeritus professor of political science at Drew where he specialized in international affairs, U.S. foreign policy, international organization, and national security. He is co-author of the book *The Challenge of Politics*, now in its fifth edition with a sixth in preparation.

Russ MacAusland: *Ukraine 101*

January 13

A recent trip to Odessa and other Ukrainian locales served to inspire Harding resident and travel enthusiast, Russ MacAusland, to strap on his camera, pull out notebook and pen, and delve into some historical research of the area as well as recording its visual richness. He will introduce us to some famous Ukrainian-Americans and offer insights into the area and its politics. To whet appetites even further, he will also consider some foods of the region. Originally from Boston, Russ, now retired, was an executive in the magazine publishing business in New York that took him all over the world. He continues to delight in traveling and is also a sportsman who enjoys skiing and mountain climbing.



Nathan Stuckey: *Farminary: Calling Stewards of the Earth*

February 10

The Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary integrates theological education with small-scale sustainable agriculture. Located at the Seminary's 21-acre farm, it is a garden of innovation and an incubator for leadership. Issues of agrarian thought and practice—ecology, sustainability, food justice—require our faithful attention as stewards of the earth and its bounty. **Nathan Stuckey**, who serves as Director of the Project, grew up on a farm in Kansas where his love for agriculture first took root. He spent six years doing ecumenical youth ministry on the eastern shore of Maryland and two years farming back in Kansas. Nathan earned M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary. His scholarship explores the integration of theological education and agrarianism, and he sees Farminary as a locus for enacting that integration.

Mary Bodenstein: *Relieving Stress*

March 10

We are constantly told that emotional stress affects our health. Are you ever bothered by headaches, stiff neck, worry, caregiver or child-raising challenges; do you suffer from insomnia? How about a dose of...CALM? Experience for yourself simple stress reduction strategies to help relieve both physical and emotional tension. You will leave feeling more relaxed and empowered, enjoying enhanced problem-solving skills after experiencing a mind-body-spirit wellness connection. Mary Bodenstein, LCSW, a graduate of Rice University with a Master's in Social Work from Kean, is an Accredited Certified EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) Practitioner by AAMET (Association for the Advancement of Meridian Energy Techniques), the largest professional EFT Association worldwide. She has been implementing mind-body-spirit wellness practices for 25 years. Founder of Stress Relief NOW, Mary is always seeking effective stress management techniques and particularly enjoys sharing them.



Hymn of the Month: God is Calling through the Whisper

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Author: Mary Louise Bringle (b. 1953)

About the Author: Mary Louise Bringle is Professor of Philosophy and Religion Chair of the Humanities Division at Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina. She was chair of the committee that oversaw the publication of the new "Glory to God" hymnal.

About the Hymn: The first lines of Mary Louise Bringle's hymn transport us to the story of Elijah crouched in the cleft of the rock: "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by" (1 Kings 19:11a). This invitation sounds familiar, much like the one we receive every day... Go out there – God is passing by. For Elijah, and for us, we need the discernment to place the presence and voice of God for God is not often found in the powerful wind, or in the earthquake, or in the fire. Rather, God is heard in the "gentle whisper" that Bringle calls the "Spirit's deepest sighs." The whisper is so subtle that it requires us to still ourselves in order to discern it. If God sounds like the beauty of nature rustling in the wind, then how can God be heard unless we get quiet? And if we were to get quiet what might we hear?

"The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge." (Psalm 19:1-2)

God is calling out to you in order to make God's presence known – Can you hear?

If you can hear God calling to you in the "beauties that catch us by surprise," can you also hear God calling out to you in your neighbor who is "longing for redemption and for rescue from despair?" God is not simply calling out to us – God is also calling us to something and to someone. The principle of stilling ourselves in order to discern God in the whisper of beauty is the same one necessary for discerning God in the "face of need" and "pleading." God is no doubt calling you to your neighbor – Can you hear?

In something akin to an antiphonal Psalm, Bringle's hymn concludes with a call and response. God is calling out to us, and in more ways than one. But upon hearing God's call, we're presented with a choice. The final stanza of the hymn turns us in that direction: "God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!" Because the calling of God resounds in our ears – that is, if we really hear – we are compelled to respond. The hymn offers us the perfect opportunity for response because, just as Bringle suggests, music and praise are a fitting answer to the call. In the "carols of our hearts," we experience a "life of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing." In this way, we sing back to God our reply as an expression of our understanding.

"God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!" - by Marquette Bugg



Singing in the Choir at Christmas

The choir welcomes members from the congregation to join us for our Christmas worship services. This year we will be joined by strings and horns for our Christmas Eve celebrations, and we would love to have anyone who is otherwise unable to sing throughout the year to feel welcome to join us for this extra-special music!

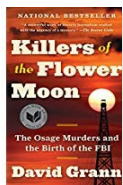
Email Marty at
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Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, November 28 @ 7:30 am
La Di Da Café

All men of the Church
and their guests are welcome.



FPCNV Book Club November Book Selection

***Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann**

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most

Book Club Meeting Dates & Book Selections

Where: FPCNV Library

When: 7:30 pm

NOV 13 *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

DEC 18 Dinner - Grain House, Old Mill Inn

JAN 8 *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

FEB 12 *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee

MAR 12 *A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot* by Mary Walton

APR 9 *Munich: a novel* by Robert Harris

MAY 7 *Radio Girl* by Sarah-Jane Stratford

JUN 11 TBA

chilling conspiracies in American history. - Amazon.com

Memorial Service William Brewster Paton Saturday, November 3 11:00 am

There will be a Memorial Service for our dear member, Bill Paton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd at 11 am followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in memory of Bill to:

FPCNV
PO Box 218,
New Vernon, NJ 07976
or
Mane Stream
ManeStreamNJ.org

To send a card or note to Bernice at her new address:
8000 Fellowship Road
Apt 5219
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

It's Time To Brighten a Child's Life: Christmas Is for Children 2018

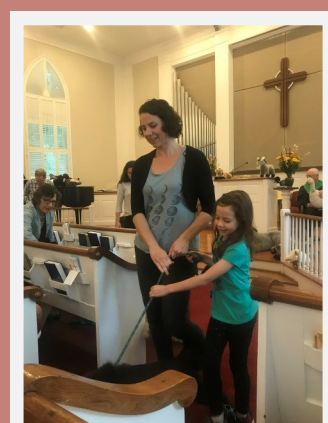
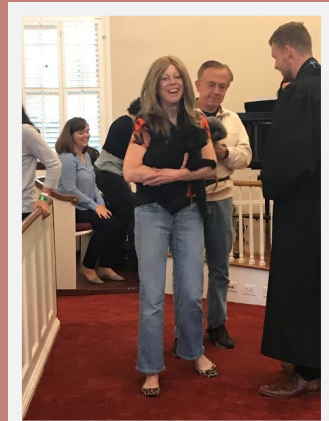
Christmas Is for Children, Inc. is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing all children the love, care, and joy that comprise the spirit of Christmas. Since 1991, CIFIC has supported over tens of thousands of local, underprivileged children dealing with homelessness, poverty, AIDS, domestic violence, and substance-abusing parents. Our partnership with CIFIC involves sponsoring children whose families are not in a position to purchase them holiday gifts.

This year, our church will once again sponsor children identified through Family Promise of Morris County, "a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization dedicated to ending the crisis of homelessness faced by Morris County families by partnering with other public and private agencies, religious congregations, and community volunteers to provide shelter, case management, and mentoring services leading to self-sufficiency."

Family Promise has 50 children for us to sponsor this holiday season. That number is significantly greater than the last few years. Sponsors are provided a gift wish list for each child and asked to spend between \$75-80 per child. On **Sunday, November 18**, gift wish lists will be available at Coffee Hour for anyone who would like to sponsor a local child this Christmas.

To learn more about Christmas Is for Children, log onto www.NJChristmasIsForChildren.org or contact Susan Fischer at shfischer@verizon.net or at 908-204-0820.

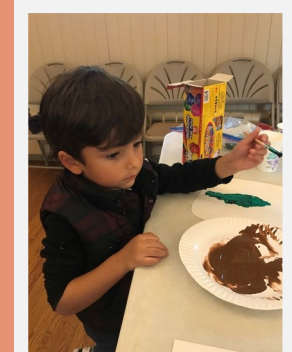




BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2018

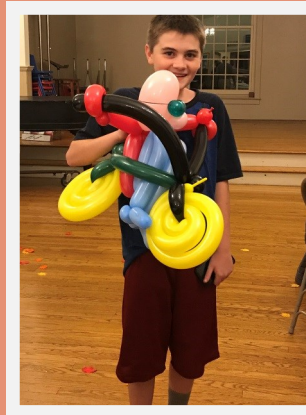
Our All Age Blessing of the Animals Service was a wonderful opportunity for people of all ages to come together and give thanks to God for our pets. The children of the church led much of the service, and we look forward to their contributions during this month's Thanksgiving service on the 18th.

Families at Four October 20, 2018



Many thanks to this month's photo submitters: Nancy Burrows, Andrea Di Ruggiero & Faith Winow

Outreach : MHA Social Club Dinner

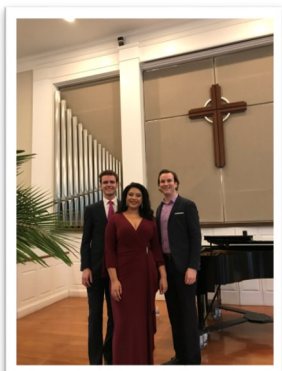


Thank You

A special thank you to all who have so very generously provided the flower arrangements that grace the sanctuary for our Sunday worship services. Following the service, the flowers are taken by the Deacons to those who are ill, shut-in or celebrating a special event. If you wish to give flowers, please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall.

Call the office on the Friday a week before you will be giving them to indicate just how the dedication should read. At your earliest convenience, please send a check for \$60 to the Church Office and designate that it is for flowers on such and such date. We have been pleased to work with Jardiniere Florist in Bedminster for several years now. They have always been pleasant and responsive to our needs and requests.





CME Music Made Here Opera Extravaganza Delights!

On a breezy Sunday autumn afternoon, the Center for Musical Excellence (CME) presented another musical treat, *Opera Extravaganza*, the third concert of its 2018 inaugural series *Music Made Here*. The first eye catchers to greet the audience were two enormous vases filled with giant palms and oversized roses, creation of David Mitchell Event Design, clearly announcing that something special was about to happen. And so it did! Following a welcome by Min Kwon, CME founder and director, the program opened with tenor Brian Michael Moore singing Verdi's "Questa o quella" from *Rigoletto*. Brian is in his first season with the Metropolitan Opera, and it will be fascinating to follow his career. Attendees can say "I first heard him at FPCNV, and he

was almost near enough to touch"—quite a difference from the vast spaces in opera houses where one must rely on binoculars!

The impressively talented pianist/accompanist Lachlan Glen, who hails from Australia and is also a conductor and producer, not only delighted the audience with an amusingly clever composition of his own, "Not Your Father's Chopsticks," but also introduced the singers and offered interesting and light-hearted commentary as the program progressed. Deftly handling the soprano roles, Gabriella Reyes thrilled the audience with a range of arias from the familiar (Bernstein's "I Feel Pretty") to the perhaps less well known ("Carceleras" by Chapi). Tenor and soprano voices blended beautifully in an aria from "La Boheme." Gabriella made her Metropolitan Opera debut this summer and excitedly reported that she will soon be appearing on the same stage as Placido Domingo!

The concert was followed by a reception with the artists in Fellowship Hall. We are indeed fortunate to have world class musicians perform for us—and right on our doorstep! Thank you, Min, for bringing these highly talented and rising stars to New Vernon.

- Review submitted by Anne Thomas



THE CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Winter Celebration

Featuring CME GRANT WINNERS



Brannon Cho, Jiayan Sun, Euntaek Kim, Reed Tetzloff, Matthew Cohen, Gabrielle Chou, and Moye Chen

Sunday, December 9, 2018

CONCERT: 3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon

\$30 per person, under 18 free

Cocktails & Silent Auction: 5:00 pm, Dinner: 6:00 pm

Il Capriccio, Whippany, NJ

\$150 per person, Black tie optional

Tickets available for both at CMEMusic.org (or at the door for concert only).

The Congregational Life Committee
Invites you to the

2018 Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 8

TIME CHANGE: 5-8 pm

Reservations will be needed ahead of time.
Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall.

Adults: \$20
Children 5 and older: \$5
Children under 5: Free



let's do
lunch

SENIOR LUNCHEON Wednesday, November 28 at noon

This month's special luncheon for our Seniors, their friends, and caregivers will be on Wednesday, November 28th at noon.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by November 26th to Debbie in the Church Office at: officeadmin@pcnv.org or 973-538-8394.

Riddle: What's A Senior?

According to the AARP, a senior is one who has reached the age of 50. From my perspective, that doesn't sound particularly old, but hey, the more the merrier. More what? you may well ask. More happy souls enjoying the SENIOR LUNCHEON that Barbara Gill and her talented crew put together on the fourth Wednesday of the month at noon. The tables are festively decorated, the food offerings are plentiful and inviting, and the company is congenial—a happy mix. What a delightful way to relax and chat, and as one is wont to do at all good Presbyterian gatherings, indulge and dip into the edible offerings.

Once I admitted to myself that, yes, I am indeed a senior, I called the Church Office to RSVP and reserve a seat at the next luncheon. I can highly recommend that you join the fun. Make *your* reservation. Invite a Church pal to join you, sit next to someone you don't yet know well and make a new friend. Offer someone a ride. Share your news, celebrate an occasion. And don't miss the next luncheon where we will happily celebrate your occasion with you.

Don't miss the fun on November 28th!

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 1:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	2 AA Meeting noon	3
4 Communion Worship: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	6 Women's AA Step Meeting noon	7 Toddler Time 1:30-3:30 pm	8 Bible Study 1:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	9 AA Meeting noon	10
11 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am Sunday Speaker Series: Doug Simon 11:15 am	12 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	13 Women's AA Step Meeting noon Deacons' Mtg 7:00 pm Book Club 7:30 pm	14 Toddler Time 1:30-3:30 pm Finance Mtg. 7:00 pm	15 Bible Study 1:30 pm Session Mtg. 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	16 AA Meeting noon	17
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November Worship

Sunday, November 4

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III

Liturgist: Jonathan Shelby

Sunday, November 11

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III

Liturgist: Marion Hoffman

Sunday, November 18

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III

Liturgist: Jane Coyle

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King Sunday

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III

Liturgist: Marjatta Di Serio



Christmas Angels Needed MC Correctional Facility



Drop-off Deadline Friday, December 7

The holidays are an especially difficult time for inmates and their families. This is when your generosity will truly touch the hearts of the men and women who are incarcerated at MCCF. Your acts of kindness may be seen as the brightest beacon of God's love this holiday season. The Prison Ministry is asking the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon if they can donate the following this year:

- ☐ Men's T-shirts, white crewneck only, sizes L, XL, 2X, 3X (no V-necks or pockets allowed)
- ☐ Women's sports bras, a variety of sizes, must be white, no wires
- ☐ Hair Conditioner med or lg bottles, fragrance free or neutral fragrances (over 90% of inmates are male)
- ☐ Soap bars, regular or bath size, unscented, neutral fragrances

Please do NOT gift wrap your donations.

If anyone prefers to make a monetary donation, checks to the "Chaplaincy Program of MCCF" will be used by them to fill any gaps in the collection program. Thank you for remembering the people at the Morris County Correctional Facility this holiday. If anyone would like to help make up the bags for the inmates, your efforts would be greatly appreciated. They will be assembled on Monday, December 10, from 9 am to 3 pm at:

United Methodist Church, 50 South Park Place, Morristown, NJ

Prison Ministry—Other Ways You Can Help

Volunteers are needed to help pick up donations from churches in the area and to help assemble the Christmas gift bags for the inmates at the Morris County Correctional Facility. If you can help for a few hours or more, please contact Debbie in the Church Office (973-538-8394) or Nancy Barrett (973-425-1414.)

The Pipe Organ

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2 Lee's Hill Road, PO Box 218
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SAVE THE DATE:
Ready Steady Christmas
Sunday, December 2
2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Highlights This Month

Sunday, November 11
Sunday Speaker Series: Doug Simon

Sunday, November 18
Deacons' Pantry Sale!

Church Office Closed
November 22 & 23
Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, November 28
Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café at 7:30 am
Senior Luncheon at noon

E-mail Addresses

The Church Office is still collecting and correcting e-mail addresses from our members. If you would like to be included in various e-mail mailings, please e-mail the office at office@pcnv.org or call 973-538-8394.

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