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Let no one despise your youth, but set a good example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

I Timothy 4:12

Rick's Reflections

David Kinnaman has written a book entitled, **You Lost Me: Why Young Christians Are Leaving the Church**. He writes that, based on his research, times have changed. It used to be that we expected to lose young people to church involvement from Driver's license to Marriage license. We assumed that they would return when they had children of their own. Kinnaman says this is not the case today.

He states six reasons for the absence of young people in church. They are:

ISOLATIONISM: One-fourth of 18-29-year-olds say church demonizes everything outside church—including the movies, music, culture and technology—that define their generation.

SHALLOWNESS: One-third call church boring. About one-fourth say that faith is irrelevant and Bible teaching is unclear. One-fifth say God is absent from their church experience.

ANTI-SCIENCE: Up to one-third say the church is out of step on scientific developments and debate.

SEX: The church is perceived as simplistic and judgmental. For a fifth or more a 'just say no' philosophy is insufficient in a techno-porno world. Young Christians are as sexually active as their non-churched friends, and many say they feel judged.

EXCLUSIVITY: Three in ten young people feel the church is too exclusive in this pluralistic and multi-cultural age. And the same number felt forced to choose between their faith and their friends.

DOUBTERS: The church is not a safe place to express doubts, say over one-third of young people, and one in four have serious doubts they'd like to discuss.

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Rick's Reflections, continued...

So how are we doing at the New Vernon Church? Which of these reasons do we need to address and change so that we do not lose this generation? Kinnaman prescribes inter-generational ministry. We need to find creative ways of passing the torch of faith and love from person to person, generation to generation. This is important research and a good place to start to reverse this trend.

But I have another suggestion. The best way to overcome the reasons given is to live Christian lives with integrity and openness to new ways and new ideas. My guess is that our young people will get their answers to these objections primarily by watching us. Let's all work to reverse this exodus and rejoice in our youth.

In the joy of Christ,

Pastor Rick

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 21st

On October 21, you are invited to bring those special members of your family referred to as your pets.

It is a long-standing tradition for the Church to bless the animals. We will do that at the beginning of worship on the 21st.

Bring your dogs and cats and birds and whatever creatures, great or small, for a blessing.





CELEBRATIONS



The September Session Meeting was canceled because of weather advisories, so we thought that we would take the opportunity to celebrate our Session members and thank them for their tireless contributions of time, talent, and care for our church.

Jane Coyle, Clerk of Session and Nominating Committee
 Nancy Barrett, Adult Education Committee
 Nancy Burrows, Outreach Committee
 Tom Ewig, Membership Committee
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 Kerra French, Youth Education Committee
 Bonnie Gannon, Music and Worship Committee
 Anne LaPré, Congregational Life Committee
 Tom MacCowatt, Stewardship Committee
 Larry Malm, Administration Committee
 Brenda Myers, Personnel
 Mike Phillips, Treasurer

With great appreciation from the staff and congregation.

Celebrating Our Joys

Congratulations to Reid and Darlene (Noetzli) Cappel on their August wedding; new parents Alexis and Patrick Gerbracht (and grandmother, Harriet Schneider) on their Labor Day arrival of Amélie; to MJ and Olin Friant for their 60th Wedding Anniversary, and to Anne and John Thomas for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Reid & Darlene Cappel
August 26 Wedding



Olin & MJ Friant
60-Year Wedding Anniversary!



Amélie Année Gerbracht
Born on September 2, 2012



Anne & John Thomas
50-Year Wedding Anniversary!



Maximized Abilities

I've decided most of us are lazier than we think we are and complain far too much. Does that make you uncomfortable? Good! It unnerves me, too, but maybe we need to feel that way in order for us to realize

our true potential. Our gifts and abilities are often our biggest hindrances. What brought on this thought? Let me share with you an experience I had driving out of my town one day.

The hamlet of Pottersville sits in a valley, surrounded on three sides by large hills. The only moderate terrain follows the Lamington River southward out of town. All of the five, major roads leading into Pottersville are beautiful, popular routes for cyclists, as two follow the river, and the other three offer spectacular views of the surrounding, hay roll-crested hills and fields.

I jumped into my car one morning and headed into the center of town and encountered a bicycle tour that was just beginning to stream down Pottersville Road from the east. As I headed up the road, I realized the tour was comprised of hundreds of riders. Most of the cyclists I saw were enjoying cruising down the 1.3-mile descent, having already conquered the .6-mile climb from Route 206. "These bikers are enjoying the payoff," I thought. They were riding two or three abreast and sporting smiles on many of their faces. The climb they had just completed is challenging, but it's nowhere near as challenging as it would have been if their direction were reversed. The winding hill climb out of Pottersville is a killer, as the 1.3-mile incline makes it seem like twice that distance.

I was traveling slowly in my car, being cautious of the continuous stream of riders coming down in the opposite direction. About two-thirds of the way up the hill, I spotted another rider going my direction... up the hill. This guy, obviously not with the tour, was tackling the extra challenging side, but he was showing fatigue and moving slower than most riders I've seen in his position. The stream of celebratory riders was still cascading down the other side of the hill, and I was slowing down considerably because I had to pass in between the mass of coasting cyclists on my left and the solitary climber on my right.

Then I saw it. The rider on my right who was going up the hill didn't have a left leg. I'm not implying that he had a prosthetic limb. I mean he had no limb at all beneath his left knee! Amazing questions raced through my head. How difficult must it be for this guy to get on his bike? How hard is it for him to dismount? Plus, (and I don't care about how many gears he may have), how much harder than others must it be for this rider to keep up his momentum and crank *UP* the Pottersville hill? His right leg was doing the work of two! Most recreational cyclists rest their legs on the upstroke. This guy was using his right leg, foot, cycling shoe, and pedal to put as much energy and effort into his upstroke as he was into his downstroke. His spinning was labored, for sure, but for good reason, and I was deeply touched by the courage, strength, and determination displayed by this rider.

That solitary cyclist has humbled me. He was an unexpected wake-up call. I wondered if the other riders noticed him as they hurtled down the hill, smugly celebrating the reward for their climb, which was less than half that of this solitary climber. Who was handicapped the most? It wasn't the one-legged cyclist. I decided it was the riders in the tour, the ones who get to draft behind each other, the ones who get to have police stop traffic for them at major intersections, the ones who ride with support vehicles, the ones who get to appreciate the vistas and cool breezes on their necks after a hard climb... but nowhere near as much as this one-legged rider. And that goes for all of us... all of us with God-given talents and abilities. Do we maximise our abilities, or do we take the easier route and let complacency seep into our lives? Do we appreciate the gifts, grace, and the abundant, simple pleasures in life that surround us, or do we find ourselves blindly wanting more and more? Do we challenge ourselves to do more than most would expect? Do we realize how much more we could accomplish if we doubled our efforts, and do we recognize the gift we have in that choice? Do we see the hidden blessing in voluntarily trying harder because we wanted to do so instead of being forced to do it?

We mustn't allow our abilities and our abundant gifts from God to handicap us, so I've decided today to reinvent my own ride, my ride through life, and I'm going to approach it with the mindset of that one-legged rider. You're invited! Come and join me on the tour.



Homeless Solutions Inc. (HSI), a Morristown non-profit providing emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent affordable housing to families and individuals, is excited to announce its new venture, **Furnishing Solutions**, a furniture resale store whose proceeds will benefit HSI programs and services. The store is managed by two of our

parishioners, Blake Cook and Donna Miller, and is now open to the public. **Furnishing Solutions** is located in Powder Mill Plaza West, 2960 Route 10 in Morris Plains.

Furnishing Solutions is accepting donations of furniture, artwork, decorative items, mirrors, lighting, rugs, and housewares. To schedule a donation, please email donations@furnishingsolutions.org.

In addition, we are actively seeking interested volunteers to be part of **Furnishing Solutions**. There are opportunities in a variety of areas on a regular basis or for an occasional shift. To volunteer, please email Nina Nemeth at volunteer@furnishingsolutions.org.

To learn more, visit www.furnishingsolutions.org.





Outreach Focus: Willow Tree Center

Willow Tree Center Service People Served & Results

Based in Morris Plains, the Willow Tree Center is a not-for-profit prevention and intervention agency providing substance abuse and violence counseling and education services for youth, adults, and families statewide. With only four full-time professional staff, three graduate counselors-in-training, and 25+ volunteers, we accomplish:

Intervention Services: The Willow Tree is licensed by the state of New Jersey to provide counseling for mental health, alcohol and drug use disorders. Our treatment services are:

Addiction Evaluations to determine the level of treatment needed. We are licensed to provide Level 1 outpatient services.

Counseling Sessions for adolescents, adults, couples, and families to stop the cycles of addiction and violence, and to promote emotional health and wellness. We provided 3,587 counseling hours during this past fiscal year.

Drug Testing We work with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory to test for the presence of alcohol and other drugs in urine.

Family Interventions are designed to help family members, friends, and employers to motivate those they care about — those in denial of their addiction(s) — to seek treatment for their dependency. To date, we have intervened with 36 families with a 95% success rate. Because each intervention takes three months to prepare and implement properly, we typically provide four per year.

Positive Parenting To Guide Good Choices, an ongoing weekly, free parenting program funded by the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHDAS). This program will supply you with “the manual” you wish your children had come with at birth. Parents leave each session with skills to implement immediate positive change. Last fiscal year, we provided skill training for 262 parents. Meets Mondays from 7 to 8pm, and you are welcome to attend.

Parents Enduring Loss From Addiction (PELA), a free self-help group for parents who have lost a child (of any age) to alcohol or other drugs. This group meets the third Thursday of each month. Unfortunately, the need for this group is growing. We currently have 18 parents who attend regularly.

An **Education and Relapse Prevention Group** to motivate substance abusers and alcoholics/addicts to:

- Learn more about and protect their sobriety, and
- Learn how to live life on life's terms.

We are receiving referrals from Preferred Children's Services, the NJ Department of Children and Families, Morris County Probation, and the community at large.

We have been awarded Provider Affiliations with Morris County **Drug Court** and Morris County **Driving Under the Influence Initiative (DUI) Program** — both of which, according to NJ statistics from the NJ Division of Addiction Services, are having a positive effect in reducing recidivism rates.

Prevention Services: Willow Tree Center believes substance abuse and bullying can be prevented by proactively teaching skills that build character and enable people to cope well with life issues. Our specific prevention services are:

Custom-designed programs are individually developed programs to meet the specific needs of various groups. Most recently, we worked with the Roxbury Clergy Council helping them to work with families dealing with suicide.

Keys to Inner Visions or KIV—Through a grant from the NJ Division of Addiction Services, we are working with both isolated/disengaged youth and abuse victims, helping them to CHANGE their beliefs and behaviors; reduce their involvement in violence, drug abuse, school and social failure; and giving youngsters hope and skills to make better choices.

100 VOICES Speak Up! is an anti-bullying program to empower 100 middle or high school youth to serve as positive change agents, or "Upstanders," to improve the school climate. Held over one full day and onsite at your school, 100 VOICES will motivate youth and offer them appropriate and effective methods to SPEAK UP and intervene.

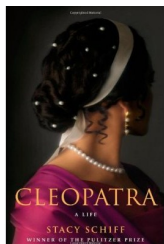
Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is the most well researched and comprehensive program to improve school climates (K-12). Willow Tree Director Sue Nobleman is a nationally certified Olweus Trainer.

Community Involvement: Willow Tree staff maintain active memberships and hold leadership positions on an extensive number of National, State, and Morris County committees:

- National Association of Teen Institutes (NATI)
- Addiction Ministry 1st Presbyterian Church, New Vernon
- Morris County Substance Abuse Advisory Board (CASS)
- Underage Drinking Coalition of Morris County
- Morris Mental Health and Substance Abuse Advisory Board (MHSAAB)
- Morris County Professional Advisory Committee (McPAC)

FPCNV Book Club

October Book, Meeting Dates, and Book Selections



***Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff**

For those who think they know enough about Cleopatra or have the enigmatic Egyptian queen all figured out, think again. Schiff, demonstrating the same narrative flair that captivated readers of her Pulitzer Prize-winning *Véra*, provides a new interpretation of the life of one of history's most enduringly intriguing women. Rather than a devastatingly beautiful femme fatale, Cleopatra, according to Schiff, was a shrewd power broker who knew how to use her manifold gifts—wealth, power, and intelligence—to negotiate advantageous political deals and military alliances. Though long on facts and short on myth, this stellar biography is still a page-turner; in fact, because this portrait is grounded so thoroughly in historical context, it is even more extraordinary than the more fanciful legend. Cleopatra emerges as a groundbreaking female leader, relying on her wits, determination, and political acumen rather than sex appeal to wield her power astutely in order to get the job done. Ancient Egypt never goes out of style, and *Cleopatra* continues to captivate successive generations. -- Margaret Flanagan

Meeting Dates and Book Selections

Where: Library

When: 7:30 pm

OCT 9	<i>Cleopatra</i> - Stacy Schiff
NOV 13	<i>It's Time To Start Thinking: America in the Age of Descent</i> by Edward Luce
DEC 11	Café Beethoven
JAN 8	<i>Mighty Be Our Powers</i> by Leymah Gbowee
FEB 12	TBD: <i>The Garden of Beasts</i> by Erik Larson, or <i>Dosha</i> by Sonia Meyer
MAR 12	<i>The Innocents</i> by Francesca Segal
APR 9	TBD
MAY 14	TBD
JUN 11	TBD

New members are welcome.

Min Kwon & Friends

Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 pm

Min Kwon and her sister, Yoon Kwon, will be performing with friends of The Center for Musical Excellence (CME), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Min is the Founder and Artistic and Executive Director of the CME. To learn more about this non-profit dedicated to helping young artists, you can visit their website at:

<http://www.cmemusic.org>

Also planned is a Silent Auction featuring VIP passes in Vienna and NY venues, a Curaçao hotel stay, and enticing local delights. The concert will benefit CME. Tickets will be available at Coffee Hour, in the Church Office, and at the Kemmerer Library, or by contacting Anne Thomas or Sue Mitchell. A brochure about CME and copy of the Silent Auction selections will also be available.

Tickets are selling fast, and seating is limited. If you would like to attend, please purchase your tickets (\$20 each) as soon as possible. They are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis.



Adult Education Program

There are many opportunities for growth for our adult members, among which are two morning Bible studies that meet on Monday and Thursday.

- October 14** Pastor Rick will review Rob Bell's new book, *Love Wins*
- October 21** Beth Smith will bring us another lecture/discussion on *The Four Agreements*
- November 4** Dr. Charles Selengut will speak on *Islam and the Christian West*
- November 18** Rev. Charles Thompson will lead a discussion on the topic, *The Need To Argue with God*.
- December 2:** June Tamburro will lead a discussion on *Domestic Violence*
- December 23:** Dr. Deborah Thompson Prince: *Seeing, Hearing, and Fearing Angels*

Love Wins ~ Rick Sweeney

Sunday, October 14, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Many in our congregation are familiar with Rob Bell from the NOOMA series. He has written a book entitled , *Love Wins*, that has stirred some controversy in religious circles. Bell's main thesis is that we should rethink our concept of hell. He does this by reinterpreting many scripture passages and ideas. For Bell, heaven and hell could be the same place, and death may not be the last chance to choose grace.

On October 14th after worship, Pastor Rick will consider Bell's new book. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions as well. We will meet in the church library.

The Need To Argue with God ~ Rev. Charles Thompson

Sunday, November 18, 11:30 -12:30

Using the story in *Exodus* 32:1-14 about Israel's failure to be faithful to God by building a golden calf, followed by Moses' subsequent conversation with God, we shall think about the dynamics in our relationship with God.

We say God is absolute and unchanging and that we are always to submit to God. But are there times and situations in which we need to argue with God? Are there times and situations in which we need to convince God to do something God might otherwise not do? We also believe God works to enable us to be our best selves. But are there also ways in which we can enable God to be God's best self? As we think about our relationship with God, these are questions to which, for our well-being and God's well-being, we need to find answers.



The Congregational Life Committee
Invites you to attend

The 2012 Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 16
Immediately after Worship
In Fellowship Hall

We will enjoy lunch together while we
decorate the PCNV Christmas Tree!

Music and traditional carol singing.

Each family is asked to bring a salad, side or main dish.

The Congregational Life Committee will provide
dessert and beverages.

Each family is also asked to bring a small wrapped gift to share
(no more than \$20 in value) for the grab bag!

***Come and enjoy the spirit of the
Christmas Season with each other.***



October Movie Night ***A Separation***

Wednesday, October 10
7 pm at the Chaney's'

(Jodaeiye Nader az Simin)
2011 PG-13 123 minutes

An Iranian husband and wife split up over his decision to stay and care for his aging father instead of leaving the country with his family. But his fateful choice to hire a stranger to do most of the caretaking breeds unexpected consequences.

Language: Persian
This movie is: Cerebral, Emotional

Kentucky Adopt-A-Family

The FPCNV youth group's Kentucky Adopt-A-Family mission project will run from Sunday, October 7-Sunday, October 28.

Individuals and/or families can sign up to "adopt" the Kentucky families in the nursery room where the boxes and informational materials are displayed.

All items must be in the boxes by Friday, November 2, to allow time for everything to be packed for departure.

New Contact Information

Emmie Corbin
3201 Fellowship Village Rd
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
908-626-9635

Maggie & Bob Gray
400 Deer Valley Road, 2E
San Rafael, CA 94903
415-578-2508

Stewardship Campaign for 2012-2013

Step Up to the Plate

In this fall season of celebration, our church family is emphasizing the good things about our church and working to strengthen areas that need improvement. The Stewardship Committee is celebrating the positive response to our 2011-2012 campaign but hoping to build on that success by asking all members to **“Step Up to the Plate!”**, the theme for our 2012-2013 campaign. As a member, each of us has a responsibility to support the Church financially so that we may continue to grow and thrive in our community.

The financial health of our church is a team effort. Last year, our Finance Committee worked hard to cut expenses, thus reducing the budgeted operating loss without sacrificing important programs, and the congregation responded to close the budget gap further by increasing their pledges by 5%. This year, the budget is in much better shape, but there are still a few more bases to cross to secure the long-term financial health of the Church. We are asking each of our members to step up once again and pledge 5% more this year to help provide salary increases for our dedicated staff and to help build a capital expense cushion.

The **Step Up to the Plate!** opening day ceremonies officially kicked off at worship on Sunday, September 30th, and we are hoping to hit a grand slam this year with 100% participation.

Please join the team and prayerfully consider what you can do to support our church in 2013.

Stewardship Committee

Tom MacCowatt, Chair
Aimee Bloom
Nancy Burrows

Tom Ewig
Kerra French
Bonnie Gannon

Scott Noyes
Mike Phillips
Jonathan Shelby

GATHERINGS...

A celebration of life at our church...

During October, November, and December, the Membership Committee will organize gatherings—in the form of wine, cheese and other refreshments, or hot soup and refreshments, or Dinner—at various host family homes strategically and geographically selected. We hope that you will say “yes” to the host family who will soon be issuing an invitation. Pastor Rick will attend all gatherings and lead us in discussions on what we have to celebrate in the life of our church and where we can improve. Please watch for further information, coming to you shortly.

Highlights From Rally Day ~ What You Celebrate About PCNV

Good friends
and years of
wonderful
Bible study

I would like to celebrate the
new friends that I have
made—beautiful, kind people
I would likely not have had
the opportunity to know.

The welcoming and
supportive people
The music
The sermons

We celebrate
the caring
community which
especially looks
after us when
we are ill!

I "celebrate" ALL the members
of our beautiful church!!! I also
celebrate what our "tiny" choir
does, singing praises each
Sunday, and hoping for more
voices each week.

Never
being
alone!



HUNGER WALK 2012

When: Sunday, October 21, 2012

Registration: 1:00 pm

Starting time: 1:30 pm

Refreshments & Music: 2:30 pm

Where: Community Soup Kitchen—Church of the Redeemer, 36 South St, Morristown
(on the side of the church)

How: Ask your friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to make a donation in honor of
your efforts (you may also sponsor yourself).

Join over 900 walkers to raise much needed funds for the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center. Walkers are able to assume the identity of a composite Soup Kitchen guest and track their story through cards handed out during the walk. Ask your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to sponsor you—it's easy using email or Facebook!



Advent Banners



If you would like to donate a banner in memory or in honor of a loved one, please consider purchasing one of the five banners for Advent Season. A Hope, Love, Chi Rho, Joy, or Peace banner can be purchased for \$79 each.

If you would like to make a donation to purchase one of these banners, please send your check and dedication into the Church Office.

New Member Classes

Sunday, October 28 & Sunday, November 4 at 8:45 am

New member classes will be held on Sunday, October 28 and November 4 from 8:45 to 9:30 am.

If you are interested in joining our Church, please contact Debbie Hennessey in the Church Office at : 973-538-8394 or dhennessy@pcnv.org.

Women's Bible Study ~ A Note from Helen Parr

I am delighted to be back as the Monday am Bible study leader for October. We will pause from the usual chapter-by-chapter reading of Genesis to consider the major themes and theological ideas of this first book of both the Christian and Hebrew Bibles as we look at a video series presented by Prof. Amy Jill Levine of Vanderbilt. Prof. Levine's lectures for the Teaching Company are interesting and provocative. I look forward to some lively discussions!

On October 1 we will look at the two creation stories, Genesis 1-3:28. Our focus will be on the Adam and Eve story, Genesis 2:4-3:28. The topics for the remainder of October are:

- October 8, *Murder, Flood, and Dispersion*, Genesis 4:1-11:32
- October 15, *Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar*, Genesis 11:26-21:34
- October 22, *Isaac*, Genesis 21-22
- October 29, *The Jacob Saga*, Genesis 25-36
- November 5, *Folklore Analysis and Type Scenes*, Genesis 25-36.

I encourage everyone with an interest in the origins of our faith to join the class for this overview of Genesis. Please encourage interested friends to attend. The time commitment to Genesis can be short, only October, or year long, continuing the excellent work of June Tamburro and her class in a detailed year-long study of Genesis. It's up to you.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, October 1.

Blessings, Helen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	2	3 Youth Dinner & Cookie Ministry 6-8 pm	4 Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am Choir 7:30 pm	5 AA Meeting noon	6
7 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Communion	8 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY	9	10 Movie Night The Chaney's 7pm	11 Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am Choir 7:30 pm	12 AA Meeting noon	13
14 Confirmation Class 8:45-9:30 am Love Wins Dr Sweeney 11:30 in Library CLC Harvest Celebration YES: Hiking or Bowling 12-2 pm	15 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am Finance Com. Mtg. 7:00 pm	16 Session & Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm	17 Youth Dinner, Wii/Gaming Night 6-8 pm	18 Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am Choir 7:30 pm	19 AA Meeting noon	20 Session Retreat
21 Blessing of Animals The Four Agreements Beth Smith Library 11:30 am Soup Kitchen's Hunger Walk 1pm YES CSK : 1-3 pm	22 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	23	24	25 Bible Study 8:30-9:30 am Choir 7:30 pm	26 AA Meeting noon	27
28 Confirmation Class 9-9:30 am Min Kwon & Friends of CME Benefit Concert 3 pm (Silent Auction opens at 2:30 pm)	29 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	30	31			

OCTOBER, 2012 Worship

Sunday, October 7

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion

Preacher: Dr. Sweeney

Liturgist: TBA

Sermon: *But We Do See Jesus*

Text:

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Sunday, October 14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. Patrick Thegu

Liturgist: Dr. Rick Sweeney

Sermon: *Challenged*

Text:

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 21

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessing of the Animals

Preacher: Dr. Rick Sweeney

Liturgist: TBA

Sermon: *Servants Entrance*

Text:

Job 38:1-7, 31-33

Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 28

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Dr. Sweeney

Liturgist: TBA

Sermon: *The Obituary of Moses*

Text:

Job 42:1-5

Mark 10:46-52

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THE WILLOW TREE

Sue Nobleman will
provide the
Minute For Mission
during the month of
October

Highlights This Month

October 14

Love Wins Discussion
Harvest Celebration

October 21

Blessing of the Animals
Beth Smith—*The Four Agreements*

Sunday, October 28

Min Kwon & Friends of CME
Benefit Concert in Fellowship Hall

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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