

# The Pipe Organ

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Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings."

Mark 9:5

### Rick's Reflections

What if the story ended here? Peter and James and John were with Jesus at his transfiguration. They believed that life would never get any better than this. So they suggested that they all stay there on the mountaintop and let the rest of the world below go to hell.

What if the story ended here? In 1933 this church had to sell the manse and share a pastor with the Myersville Church. There was consideration given to closing the doors of this church forever due to a lack of finances.

What if the story ended here? What if the cold, biting winds of winter never ended? What if we did not know that spring was on the way? If we did not know that once again there would be warm breezes and sunny days to be outside in tee shirts, would we be able to stand the cold dead gloom of winter?

What if the story ended here? In 1920 a bill was introduced to close the U.S. patent office because there was nothing else to invent. What if that had passed?

What if the story ended here? What would have happened if the dark night of the soul that comes to great leaders in times of doubt and uncertainty would have dissuaded them from their mission? What if I would have listened to that voice of self-doubt that shouted "you have no business in the ministry," rather than the still small voice that said, "I will be with you?"

The truth is, the story doesn't end here. Whether we are on top of the world, or in the very depths

of despair the story goes on. The story of salvation in Christ, the story of this church's witness to the world, the coming of spring, the continuation of invention and innovation, the story of your life journey and mine, all continue. Let us give thanks, not just for what has been and what is, but also for what is yet to be. The story goes on. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,

### Pastor Rick

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#### **Session Committees**

We thought it might be helpful to list the committees of Session, to let you know what they do, and to give you the names of the chairs of each of these groups.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Responsible for programs to instruct adults in faith and life application through Bible study, guest speakers, and discussion groups throughout the year. Chair: Nancy Barrett

**YOUTH EDUCATION:** Plans and monitors the Church's Confirmation class, Sunday School, and Youth Ministry. Chair: Kerra French

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** An important part of the life of the church is fellowship. This group takes the lead in planning and supervising dinners, picnics, and special events throughout the year. Chair: Ann LaPré

**FINANCE:** Responsible for the formulation of a budget, the monitoring of income and spending, investments, and the reporting of the Church's financial status to Session and the congregation. The leader of this committee is the Treasurer. Interim Chair: Mike Phillips

**STEWARDSHIP:** Leads the campaign to interpret our mission as a church and encourages faithful giving by members of the congregation through the pledge process. Chair: Tom MacCowatt

**ADMINISTRATION:** Responsible for our insurance policies, use of building policies, office management, and phone and office equipment contracts, technology and other aspects of the administration of the Church. Chair: Larry Malm

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Care and maintenance of the church buildings and property, including the cemetery. Chair: Bret Fischer

**MEMBERSHIP:** Responsible for care of current members, recruitment of new members, and the keeping of an accurate roll of membership. Chair: Tom Ewig

**MISSION AND OUTREACH:** The Church accepts responsibility to care for those beyond our doors. This committee is responsible for the allocation of mission funds to organizations in our community and throughout the world. They are also involved in the interpretation of our mission to the congregation. Chair: Nancy Burrows

**NOMINATING:** Each year this committee is responsible for choosing candidates to serve as elders and deacons as well as other corporate officers for the Church. Chair: Jane Coyle

**PERSONNEL:** Responsible for hiring, monitoring, and evaluating the paid staff of the Church. Chair: Brenda Myers

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC:** The planning and monitoring of worship services, communion and baptisms, the choir and other musical programs in the Church are the responsibility of this group. Chair: Bonnie Gannon

If you would be interested is serving on any of these or just want more information, please call the chairperson or Pastor Rick.



### FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



The following are highlights from the February 21, 2012 Session Meeting.

The meeting began with Bonnie Gannon leading devotions. She read a piece about Faith from a daily devotional. This message reminds us that faith is like air, always there even if never seen.

#### **Committee Highlights:**

**Adult Education:** Naked Spirituality lead by Pastor Rick will start Sunday, February 26, and will continue for four sessions. The trip to see Godspell is set for April 14. Fifteen members are signed up to see a remake of this classic show!

Youth Education: Ideas are being batted around on how to get kids more involved!

**Congregational Life:** Game night will be held on Friday, February 24. The church picnic will be on June 10. Confirmation Sunday will be May 20 and will be followed by a special coffee hour.

**Worship & Music:** Still working on finding a replacement for Maggie, although we know she is irreplaceable! The Presbytery has released new Hymnals.

**Stewardship:** It was a great campaign. Thanks to all who generously contributed!

**Buildings & Grounds:** Bret Fischer will be assessing all the buildings for necessary repairs. The window project is still in progress

**Membership:** The New Beginnings program was accepted. This program offers our church the opportunity for an objective, but trained, outsider to carefully evaluate our church's needs and make recommendations to revitalize and strengthen our congregation and the programs we provide.

Pastor Rick will be attending a Homiletic Conference in Atlanta from May 14 to May 18.

The next meeting for the Newton Presbytery will be March 13 in Blairstown.

The Congregational Meeting to receive the 2011 Annual Report & 2012 Budget will be held on March 4, 2012 following Sunday Service.

Communion will be served on Sunday, March 4, 2012. The next Session meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

Pastor Rick adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Coyle – Clerk of Session



## The Persistence of God

"What was that?" I asked.

"I said, if I didn't know better, I'd say it looks like snow. Hi, I'm Vince," said the unassuming character who sat next to me at the auto care shop.

Vince was fifty-eight years old, portly, with semi-long salt-and pepper hair, a moustache, and a beard. His plaid shirt, dark blue work pants, Carhartt jacket, and steel-toed boots told me he was used to the physical side of life, but he had a warm smile and a personable demeanour to him.

"Yep, the older I get, the more I can't stand the cold," he quipped. "I've broken more bones than I care to remember. I've fallen three times for a total of one hundred feet. The worst one was several years ago while I was huntin' one day up behind my farm in Long Valley. I had forty-five acres of woods behind my home, and I set out before light for my favorite tree stand. I packed me a big lunch, but," he said with a wink, "I ate it all before 6:00 in the morning. There was nothin' much happenin', so I set back to rest, and before I knew it, I was asleep. Now, I had a safety railing around my stand, which works, as long as you're standin', but I was sittin' down, so the railing was above my head. Don't you know? I fell off that stand while I was sleepin'... broke both of my arms in three places, broke my left femur, and suffered internal injuries. There was nobody around cuz I like to hunt alone, and nobody knew where I was or what I was doin'. I couldn't move. I jus' lay there wonderin' what I was gonna do. The pain was bad, like nothin' I'd ever had before."

"What did you do? Did someone find you?" I asked?

"After layin' there on the ground for what I guess was four hours, I heard a voice. God talked to me... said to use my cell phone. I didn't do it. In fact, I argued with God for about six hours cuz I knew that phones don't work up there. I can get reception at the end of my farm's driveway, but that's it. After, like I said, about six hours, it started to freezin' rain, and it was starting to get dark, and God kept tellin' me, "Use your phone. Use your phone." He was persistent, so I decided I'd try it. Remember, both of my arms were broken in three places, and I hurt a lot, so it took me about an hour for me to move my arm to the point where I could reach my phone. You know what? It worked. I got through and got help. They ended up havin' to airlift me outta there, but I don't remember much after the call. Well, I gotta tell you. That phone never worked up there before my accident, and I've gone back a few times afterwards. There's never any signal at all, but for some reason, it worked that day when God told me to call."

"That's an amazing story," I said, now completely wrapped up in Vince's tale. "Do you still have the farm?"

"No... I lost it. My farm was worth several million dollars, but I had too many bills. I went through a divorce six years ago, and I got diabetes and cancer. I was on chemo for 2 years – sick as a dog, and I couldn't work. The government put liens on everything I had. I'm several million dollars in debt. I get all my food from food stamps and a soup kitchen. But I've had a good life. I've owned some amazing houses. I sold one of my homes to the King of Morocco. The same one just resold for nine million dollars. I was friends with Mike Tyson when he lived in Bernardsville. We'd walk into each other's homes like we owned them. I knew Malcolm Forbes... used to ride my bike with him... and I've hunted big game all over the world, so I can't complain. God's been very good to me. I worship in a church in Sayreville. Love it. Wouldn't trade it for anything. God saved my life once, so I want to praise him for as long as I live."

With that, my car was ready. The oil was changed and the tires were rotated. As I stood at the counter, Vince got up and walked over to me and looked me in the eye. "Thanks for listening," he said.

"No... thank you!" I responded. "You have strengthened my faith in God and mankind today. Some people would think you have every reason in the world to be angry at God and abandon him, but you didn't."

We shook hands, smiled, and I walked out to my car, thinking how much I have for which to be thankful. Most of the time, I don't see it. I don't realize it. I don't think about it. Vince had reminded me that status quo isn't permanent. There are no guarantees of anything except one thing. Wherever we are, whoever we are, God loves us and cares for us with persistence, and we should show him our love in return. That's the most important thing we need to remember... ever.

## Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour continues to be a favorite with our members here at the Church. It is also one of the easiest ways for our members to contribute to the life of our congregation. Hosting Coffee Hour is a great way to get involved.

You don't need to provide a gourmet assortment of treats, (but you can if that is your talent). If you would like to volunteer but baking (or the time it takes) is not your forte, please don't let that deter you. Store-bought cookies will be enjoyed just as well.

Some members team up with a friend and share the fun of hosting. If you have any questions, please contact the Deacon of the month listed on the Coffee Hour sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

## Naked Spirituality & Four-Part Series

Have you ever wondered why evangelical churches seem to be growing while mainline churches seem to be in decline? Have you ever wondered about your own spiritual journey and if there are others who have similar passages in faith?

Pastor Rick will lead a four-part Adult Education series on Brian McLaren's book, *Naked Spirituality*. The dates are February 26, March 11, 18, and 25. We will meet in the Library at 11:15.

McLaren investigates four stages of spirituality:

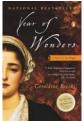
- I. FEBRUARY 26 **Simplicity**: The season of spiritual awakening. The main words that express this stage are HERE, THANKS, and O.
- II. MARCH 11 **Complexity:** The season of spiritual strengthening. The main words that express this stage are SORRY, HELP, and PLEASE.
- III. MARCH 18 **Perplexity**: The season of spiritual surviving. The main words that express this stage are WHEN, NO, and WHY.
- IV. MARCH 25 **Harmony:** The season of spiritual deepening. The main words that express this stage are BEHOLD, YES, and SILENCE.

As people and churches work through these stages, we can still echo the transforming power of Christ in the world. As with most things, these stages are not once and done, automatically moving on to the next stage. They cycle in our lives more than once.

We will explore these stages as we try to better understand our own spiritual journey without all the window dressing that sometimes obscures our vision. Please join us for this study.

# FPCNV Book Club

### Schedule & Book Selections



#### March Book Selection: Year of Wonders ~ Geraldine Brooks

When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes we follow

the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition. As death reaches into every household and villagers turn from prayers to murderous witch-hunting, Anna must find the strength to confront the disintegration of her community and the lure of illicit love. As she struggles to survive and grow, a year of catastrophe becomes instead annus mirabilis, a "year of wonders."

Inspired by the true story of Eyam, a village in the rugged hill country of England, "Year of Wonders" is a richly detailed evocation of a singular moment in history. Written with stunning emotional intelligence

Meeting Dates and Book Selections
Where: Library When: 7:30 pm

Mar 13 Years of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

Apr 10 A Perfect Spy by John LeCarré

May 8 The Art of Racing in the Rain~Garth Stein

Jun 12 The Empire of the Summer Moon

by S.C. Gwynn

New members are welcome.

and introducing "an inspiring heroine" (The Wall Street Journal).

Brooks blends love and learning, loss and renewal into a spellbinding and unforgettable read.

"The novel glitters . . . A deep imaginative engagement with how people are changed by catastrophe." (The New Yorker)

## Min Kwon's Music



Church member, Min Kwon, has gifted the Church with three boxes of her CD's, requesting that 100% of the proceeds from their sale be used for the benefit of the Church.

Min, a renowned Steinway Artist, has captivated audiences with her solo and chamber recitals around the world and has performed in all 50 of the United States. After a sold out performance in New York's

Carnegie Weill Recital Hall, the New York Concert Review wrote, "...sonic thunder and pianistic lightning...Min allowed for both simplicity and opulence and the results were gratifying." A recital in Manila, Philippines, was praised in the Philippine Inquirer as "a ravishingly beautiful and powerful performance forging a special bond with the audience." The Times proclaimed Min as "masterful...and astonishingly talented."

Three of Min's CD's: Concerto Extravaganza; Min Kwon; and Franz Schubert: Piano Four Hands with Robert Lehrbaumer, will be available for purchase at Coffee Hour (while supplies last) beginning on Sunday, March 4. Min will be available to sign CD's after her student's recital here on April 28. Details about the Recital will be in the April edition of the Pipe Organ.

# New Vernon Presbyterian Nursery School News



New Vernon Presbyterian Nursery School (NVPNS) is now accepting enrollment for our 2½, 3, and 4-year-old classes for the 2012-2013 school year. They are a non-denominational, educational program that offers a warm and nurturing environment that helps your child prepare for kindergarten. All of their classes start at 9:00 am and are 2½, 3½, or 4 hours in duration, respectively. They support their busy parents with optional early morning drop-off, Stay 'n Play until 3pm, summer camp, and enrichment programs. Most importantly, their children and parents have fun!

Established in 1986, NVPNS is located in Fellowship Hall. Please call their Director, Laurie Ptalis, at 973-326-9839 for a tour and visit their website at <a href="https://www.nvpns.org">www.nvpns.org</a>. They look forward to hearing from you!



## March Movie Night

### **THE GUARD (2011) R**

Wednesday, March 7 7 pm at the Chaneys'

When tightly wound FBI agent Wendell Everett (Don Cheadle) invades an Irish village in pursuit of international drug dealers, wisecracking local copper Gerry Boyle (Brendan Gleeson) does his best to annoy the American and get on with his

circumscribed life. But soon there's a murder, and Boyle finds himself swept up in detective work way beyond his pay grade.

John Michael McDonagh directs this action-filled comedy.



# Maundy Thursday Service

### Thursday, April 5 ~ 7:30 pm

Please join us for this special service to bear witness to the lengthening of shadows.



### **Easter Decorations**



If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please complete the following form and send in your donation by Monday, April 2.

Please select your preference:

☐ In honor of

Dedication from:
Dedication to:

☐ In memory of

# Easter Sunday Schedule



Sunrise Service
Bayne Park
6:30 am

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb...

Luke 24:1-2a

Start your Easter with this Sunrise Celebration of our Risen Lord.

Worship Services 9:00 am & 11:15 am

There will be two Worship Services on Easter Morning again this year.





## Easter Morning Breakfast

Hosted by the Deacons Fellowship Hall 10:00—11:00 am

Come join us for ham, egg casserole, sausage, bagels, muffins, fruit salad, cold cereal, and milk, coffee tea, and fellowship.

## Children's Egg Hunt

Fellowship Hall

In our traditional Egg Hunt, bright eggs will be hidden throughout the grounds for your children to hunt. The egg is a symbol of the rebirth of the earth in celebrations of spring and was adopted by early Christians as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus.

Children, bring your basket or sack to collect your eggs in!

## Adult Ed Events

### Looking ahead...

The Adult Ed Committee is busy working on a number of events for the near future.

Here is a sneak peek at what is in the works...

- The Harvard Justice Series ~ Film clip and discussion.
- A guest speaker will discuss Mormonism
- June Tamburro, leader of the Monday Morning Women's Bible Study, will present a program on women in Judah's lineage, their challenges, and what meaning they bring to the Bible.
- Workers on the Nairobi Project will be staying with the Sweeneys and will share about the project on Sunday, May 6.
- ♦ Bible Baseball!
- Beth Smith will return with another discussion on The Four Agreements.

We will keep you posted when the dates and details are available.

# 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 morning bulletin.

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

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



## Adult Choir

The Adult Mixed Choir continues to rehearse on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. The choir is open to all adults and high school students who enjoy singing.

# All People Come And Play!

Whether you are young or older, we welcome you to share your talents with us. Sign up to help us celebrate with musical instruments in worship. This requires limited time commitments only.

Contact Richard for more information: 908-684-0995





#### **REFLECTIONS OF A BEGINNER**

It takes courage to come to a new church. If you've determined that it's the faith tradition you espouse and it's within the geographical range you allow, you try a worship service, maybe knowing a few but not many of the other

attendees. Beside the basics of theology (yes, I believe what they do) and preaching (yes, I get something from every sermon to help me through the week), it's the church members who make the most difference. Are they committed to the church and to each other? How do they show that? Are they welcoming to newcomers? You've walked into their familiar circle. They have their habits and routines. How do you get acquainted? Making the church your own depends on having church members reach out to you.

Feeling welcome is essential. It doesn't matter what your age or whether you're shy or gregarious. New members want to learn about their new church. One can read pamphlets, but most of the education comes from other members. Asking where you live or about your family, stopping when you look lost, inviting you to fellowship or a seminar after worship, showing you where your name tag is, asking you to join a committee ~ all are ways to make a newbie feel at home. And, yes, introducing yourself again and again lessens the stress on someone like me who has trouble remembering names. I am very grateful to the many kind members of FPCNV who are helping me get acquainted with them and with MY new church.

Ann Talcott Member since Palm Sunday 2011

## March Outreach Focus: CE Solutions

Until recently, Carolina Amesquita, the principal at a school in Chimaltenango, Guatemala, lamented that her students were drinking contaminated water directly from the tap, often contracting gastrointestinal illnesses that kept them out of school. Juana Ramirez, a weaver in San Mateo, could no longer see well enough to sort her threads. Her productivity had plummeted, further stressing her already struggling family. While preparing meals over an open-pit fire in her home, Alva Rios was inhaling harmful smoke for hours each day. Julia Garcia was spending more and more of her family income on electricity bills, while Benito Ramirez had no electricity in



his home and at night had to study by candlelight. Elsie Brito, a fourth grade student living in the highlands, had no access to books, computers or internet and thus her opportunities to learn and explore were at best extremely limited, and more than likely nonexistent.



These and similar problems confronting rural villagers in the developing world are being solved through the hard work of women with no entrepreneurial experience or start-up capital who receive support and training from a New Jersey based US Not For Profit called Community Enterprise Solutions (CE Solutions), an organization with its roots right here in New Vernon. Greg Van Kirk, whose family has been a member of the PCNV community since 1977, is the award winning cofounder of CE Solutions. Since day one, the PCNV Outreach Committee

has played an integral role in CE Solutions' growth, providing designated financial support to CE Solutions' educational initiative, "El Centro Explorativo" (The Exploration Center).

Founded in 2004, **CE Solutions** is a social impact innovation incubator and implementation organization. CE Solutions was established with the goal of empowering business and educational entrepreneurs in developing countries to make a difference in their communities. CE Solutions identifies trains, equips and supports individuals and organizations to provide sustainable solutions that address long-standing rural, economic, health and educational problems. CE Solutions strives to change "obstacles into opportunities" by converting traditional relief solutions into high-impact and locally-owned and managed social enterprises and institutions.

**The Centro Explorativo,** CE Solutions' educational initiative, is located in the town of La Pista, Nebaj in the western highlands of Guatemala. The Centro Explorativo provides first-time access to

the tools and resources necessary for underserved children and youth in the Ixil Region to improve their educational opportunities, personal growth opportunities and critical thinking and to develop a love for learning and reading. What began as a closet-sized library with 100 books is now a full service education center with over 2,200 books and provides access to free computer and Internet classes. The Centro Explorativo has three main initiatives, as follows:



# Centro Explorativo's Three Main Initiatives



The library resource center provides tools for the youth of the Centro to feed their minds and their interests. It empowers youth by giving them the opportunity to explore the world beyond their own.



This program teaches and reinforces basic skills (from reading to research to arts and crafts) through lessons that engage a child's imagination and creativity while also teaching effective problem solving.



This program teaches basic computer and Internet skills. As the only computer and Internet center in town, the Centro is a vital resource to children as it closes the ever-widening information technology divide and allows them to fully explore and understand the world.

Greg Van Kirk will be with us on March 25, 2012 to talk about his work with CE Solutions and the Centro Explorativo initiative. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about CE Solutions, please visit <a href="https://www.cesolutions.org">www.cesolutions.org</a> or contact them at info@cesolutions.org.



# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Bible Study 9-10 am	2	3
					AA Meeting noon	
				<b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm		
Communion Congregational Meeting	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	6	7 Youth Group Cookie Ministry 6-8 pm	8 <b>Bible Study</b> 9-10 am	9	10
					AA Meeting noon	
				Choir 7:30 pm		
11 Naked Spirituality	Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	13 Book Club	14	15 Bible Study 9-10 am	16	17
Part II 11:15 am in Library		7:30 p Library		NV Garden Club 9:00 am	AA Meeting noon	
				<b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm		
18	19 No Bible Study	20	21	22 Bible Study 9-10 am	23	24
Naked Spirituality Part III 11:15 am in Library	Madison Garden Club 11 am-3 pm	Session Mtg. 7 pm			AA Meeting noon	
				<b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm		
25 Naked Spirituality Part IV	26 No Bible Study	27	28	29	30	31
Library at 11:15 am					AA Meeting noon Boy Scouts	
					CPR Training 6:30-10 pm	

## March Worship at FPCNV, 2012

### Sunday, March 4

2nd Sunday in Lent

Communion

Preacher: Dr. Sweeney Liturgist: Kevin Travers

Sermon: Reckoned

Text:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25

### Sunday, March 18

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Dr. Sweeney Liturgist: Bob Hicks

Sermon: *Come to the Light* 

Text:

Numbers 21:4-9 John 3:14-21

### Sunday, March 11

Third Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Dr. Sweeney Liturgist: TBA

Sermon: Zeal For Your House

Text: Psalm 19 John 2:13-22

# Sunday, March 25

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Dr. Sweeney Liturgist: Matt Di Ruggiero

Sermon: Cuddles With Pap

Text:

Hebrews 5:5-10 Jeremiah 31:31-33b

Annual Meeting

The Congregation

Session has called an Annual Meeting of the Congregation to take place on Sunday, March 4. The meeting will begin immediately following the Worship Service.

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#### MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

Sunday, March 4
Immediately following Worship

#### **Naked Spirituality Series Continues**

Sunday, March 11: Complexity Sunday, March 18: Perplexity Sunday, March 25: Harmony Time: 11:15 am in Library



#### **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 Office@pcnv.org or call 973-538-8394.

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