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*She is from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one Holy Food,
And to one Hope she presses,
With every grace endued.*

On Saturday, May 6th our Session gathered at the Church for a day-long retreat. Our intentions for the day were:

- 1) To reflect on our congregation's journey of faith;
- 2) To listen and pray together about where God is inviting us to go;
- 3) To consider which values are central to our mission as the body of Christ here in New Vernon

Before meeting, we had read the first two chapters of George Chorba's history of the Church, and we spent the morning reflecting on our journey of faith and the history of our congregation. In small group discussions and in a plenary session, we noticed where God has called us to mission and ministry in the past, and we talked about the challenges that the Church has faced. Toward the end of the morning, we shared which words we might use to describe our church. Those are featured below. When we thought about a hymn or song that might capture the spirit of our church, the most popular suggestion was "The Church's One Foundation."

As we moved into the afternoon, our focus shifted toward the future. Rev. Stefanie Muntzel, who is Newton Presbytery's Resource Center Coordinator, came and led a great session on the Missional Church and adaptive leadership. We then used a process developed by the Church of Scotland to identify our core values.

We first created a long list that included several ideas from each Elder. Then we slowly and prayerfully sifted through them to identify which four will be central to our mission and ministry for the future.

- **Multigenerational Relationships/Love Thy Neighbor**
- **Creative Worship/Honoring Traditions**
- **Service/Mission/Outreach**
- **Spiritual Growth**

These are the core values that our Session has identified as central to our mission and ministry as a congregation. They will guide our planning and decision-making for the future as we continue to discern how God is calling us to serve as the hands and feet of Christ here in New Vernon and in our wider community.

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Education Outreach Dedication
Forward-Focus
Compassion
Programmatic
Independent Buildings Community
Flexible Finance Connectionism
Shared-Purpose Resilience Generous
Relationships Mutual-Respect

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Many years ago the prophet Isaiah wrote to the people of Israel:

**Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)**

As we look back over the last 184 years of FPCNV's history, we see a rich legacy of worship and service. God has guided and supported this congregation through many challenges, and also brought significant opportunities for community engagement and service. As the church today, we inherit this rich legacy and are called to build on it for tomorrow. I look forward to praying and working alongside you as we journey into this future together.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 11th Immediately following worship

The Session has called a brief meeting of the Congregation immediately following the worship service on June 11th. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new members of the Nominating Committee.



Another Round of Applause, Please!

Nicole Izaguirre participated at the International Virtuoso Music Competition in Englewood, NJ on May 7th where she won Second Place. She also participated at the Accolades Piano competition at Mannes School of Music where she received an Honorable Mention. Nicole will be performing at a Winners Recital on May 20th in the Ernst C. Steifel Concert Hall in NYC.



MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following highlights are from the May 16, 2017 Session Meeting.



The meeting began with Peter Saulnier leading devotions

Pastor's report:

- 10 Pastoral calls, 15 Administrative/ Committee meetings.
- Messy Church went well on April 22.
- Celebrated Maisie's baptism on April 30.
- Attended an all-day finance retreat for Newton Presbytery on May 3.
- Led Session retreat on May 6.
- Will be away 5/24-6/10. Charles Thompson will preach on May 28th and Anne Stewart on June 4th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adult Education (Julia Buteux):

She has reached out to many speakers and is confident they will fill the year. Hasn't received any input from the congregation to the bulletin insert.

Youth Education (Don Richardson):

Youth celebration Sunday on June 11 will also celebrate kids moving up in grades. Vacation Bible school will be June 22-23 run by Susan Fischer. Filled all 12 roles of the disciples with children this past Sunday. May move to two classes in the fall, up to 4th grade in one and above that in another class.

Congregational Life (Jen McCann):

The church picnic, a luau, will be held on May 21st. No barbecue but pulled pork and huli huli chicken. June 11 will be a strawberry festival/graduation celebration Coffee Hour.

Finance (Keith Wood):

Operating results are OK: \$67k surplus to date, but summer can be light on the revenue side. Had discussion with Todd Claytor to send a pledge reminder to members. Update on Phase III— estimated completion is June 23rd, work looks good. Tom Ewig has joined the Crossroads Society, and we will have a speaker on this subject.

Administration/Communication (Tom MacCowatt):

Two things: had 2016 Session minutes reviewed at Presbytery and approved. Debbie has purchased upgrades for Servant Keeper and Quickbooks. Training for Debbie, Darlene, and Caroline Ford in June.

Buildings & Grounds (Tom Ewig):

Pella will look at windows. Reviewing bids for parking lot paving.

Membership (Jane O'Keeffe):

Had a successful wine and cheese event with 20 people. We have 6-7 new members joining this Sunday, and there will be a breakfast with Session before the service at 9:15. Mike McCann, Bill Dudley, Jean Molendyke, Jamie Miller have indicated they will be there.

Nominating (Tom MacCowatt):

Special meeting 6/11 to vote on Jeff French and Sandy Finlayson by the congregation.

Music and Worship (Peter Saulnier):

Martin and Jany are happy. We need more members of the Church in the choir. Might be some children whocould be interested. Will also begin a campaign to get new hymnals. Priced at \$25, we will need 225.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julia may have an interested tenant for the basement space, a massage therapist. A woman and her husband are certified therapists and could use all the space. It was agreed to allow them to look at the space, as health and wellness would be a good fit.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jonathan Shelby, Clerk of Session



Outreach Focus: *Children On the Green*

Providing Quality Child Care and Early Education

Twenty-three years ago a handful of people, committed to a shared vision of “high quality, community-based childcare for families of diverse backgrounds,” laid the foundation of Children on the Green. Their goal was to offer a blended, community-based program that provided top-notch care for children of professionals, the homeless, and low-income families.

Their clients are hard-working parents from diverse socio-economic, family, and ethnic backgrounds. Kathy Ross, Director of Child & Family Resources, explained, “The reality is, children are children first. Homelessness is an economic situation that happens at a particular point in time. None of us knows when this could happen to us.” All of the parents they’ve helped have shared the drive to succeed during a difficult time in their lives. The Center is proud that it was able to support these families on their journeys to self-sufficiency. Here are just a few of their stories:



- *A couple evicted from a family-owned home at the same time the husband lost his job. Their two girls made new friends at the Center; both parents found new jobs and saved enough to move to Pennsylvania.*
- *An ambitious chef left her drug-abusing husband. Her two sons grew up in our toddler and preschool rooms, while she began a new job. The family found a house to rent with a spacious yard.*
- *A single mother of two shunned by her parents and out of work. Her sons settled into a nurturing classroom, and she attended parenting workshops at the Center and secured a job in a law office.*
- *A doctor from Egypt left her abusive spouse. While her child was at the Center, she went back to school with the goal of qualifying to practice medicine in the US.*
- *A struggling mother of four took in her nephew after her sister died of AIDS. She left her youngest at Children On The Green, got a job in a busy medical office, and has now worked there for over five years.*

As the first toddlers who entered their program graduate from college and become happy, successful adults, The Center is deservedly proud to be the one that accepts families before they qualify for any other kind of childcare assistance. In an emergency, a child in their community will always have a place to go. FPCNV is proud to support this work of offering valuable resources to local families in need.





Postcard Project

We would love to stay in touch with all of you over the summer as you travel. This year we are introducing a Postcard Project. We invite you to send us a note from your travels, and to take a postcard from New Vernon to any churches that you happen to visit while you're away.

We will have a world map in Chorba Hall and update it with new postcards each week so that everyone can see where our church family has been and pray for those who are away. While you are traveling, you can keep in touch with the Church in a variety of ways. We stream our worship services live on YouTube, and Rev. Stone's weekly message is also posted on the FPCNV Podcast. You can also keep up to date on local happenings via our eNews and Notes.

FPCNV Postcards are available in the Church Office. Please address them to us with your messages at:

PO BOX 218
New Vernon, NJ 07976



Next Movie Selection: The Sting

June 22 at 7:00 pm

Our last movie until September is *The Sting*, starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford. After rookie grafter Johnny Hooker tracks down veteran flim-flam man Henry Gondorff in 1930's Chicago, the duo plans to fleece a homicidal racketeer through a phony racetrack scam involving a string of double- and triple-crosses.



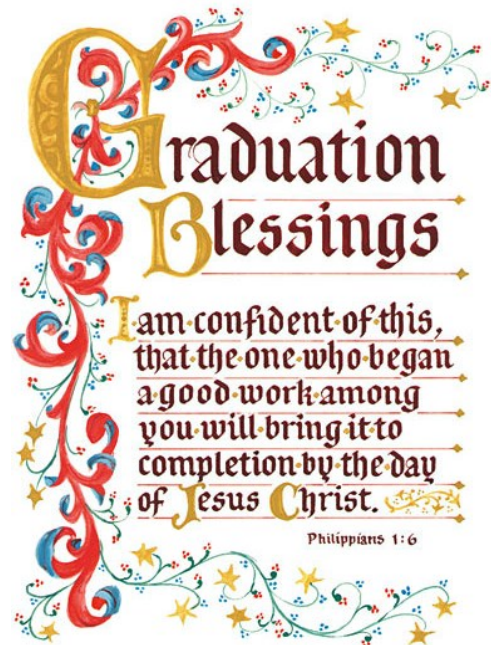
Wednesday, June 14
7:30 am

Nautilus Diner, Main Street, Madison
All men of the Church
and their guests are welcome.

Congratulations



Graduates!



2017

FPCNV Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

NAME AND COLLEGE DESTINATION

Charlie Ewig	Wake Forest University
Mattie Saulnier	Skidmore College
Kyle White	Undecided at print time

COLLEGE GRADUATES

NAME AND COLLEGE COMPLETED

Meredith Claytor	University of Maryland
Matt De Ruggiero	University of Connecticut
Rachel Newburg	Drew University
Hayley Shelby	Drexel University
Austin Steinmetz	Rochester Institute of Technology
Katherine Thomas	Wake Forest University

If you haven't sent in your graduate's information to the Church Office yet, please do so by June 5th at:

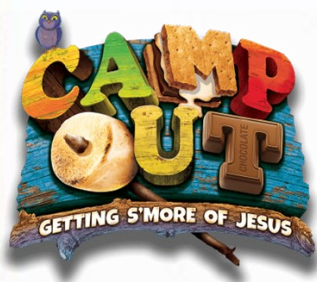
officeadmin@pcnv.org or call Debbie at 973-538-8394



Youth Sunday

June 11

On Sunday, June 11th we will be honoring our graduates! The Congregational Life and the Youth Committees will team up for a very special Coffee Hour Celebration. Please submit your graduate's information by June 5th to officeadmin@pcnv.org.



Camp Out! Vacation Bible School June 22-23

Join us for two evenings of fun as campers discover that Jesus is the light of the world through Bible adventures, games, activities, and projects.

Camp Out will be held **Thursday, June 22–Friday, June 23 from 4-6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall for Preschool (ages 3-5) through Grade 4.

Volunteer opportunities for Community Service are available for Middle and High School students. Please contact Susan Fischer if you are interested in volunteering.

Please register your child for VBS on the pcnv.org website.





FPCNV hosted the MHA Social Club Dinner on May 2nd

Images submitted by Nancy Burrows



Events & Celebrations



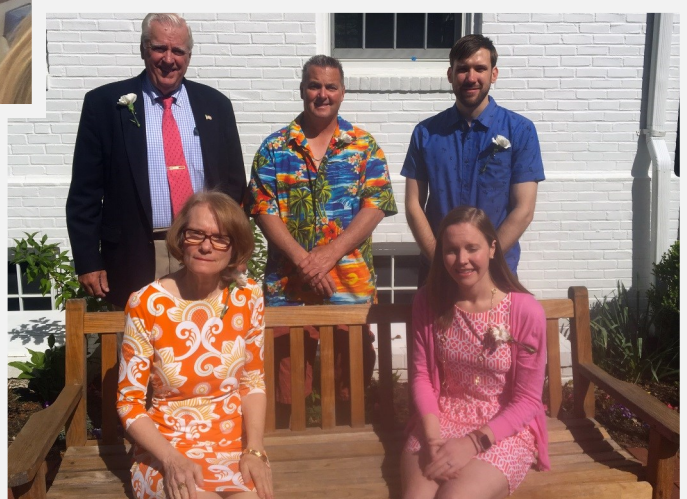
On Sunday, May 21st there were six new members at FPCNV.

The first, Ryan Benjamin Mertz, entered our Church Family by the Sacrament of Baptism.



*Congratulations
& Welcome!*

Though long considered members in our hearts, (from left, above) Mike McCann, Bill Dudley, Michael Stieh, Jean Molendyke, and Elizabeth Sheeleigh made their memberships official.



Congregational Life Hosted a Hawaiian Luau Church Picnic on May 21st





Thank you to Tom Ewig, Jane O'Keeffe and Bill Stone for taking the time to capture these moments on May 21st and submitting them to the Church Office. Your Church Family appreciates them and you!




The picnic was held at Bill and Hayley Stones' manse right after the morning worship service on May 21st. The weather was perfect, the food excellent, the fellowship abounded and a good time was had by all!





June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
One last picture: Smiling Memorial Day Gents! 				1 Bible Study 9:00-10:00 am Choir practice 7:30 pm	2 AA Meeting noon NV Fire Dept. Steak & Lobster Dinner 6-10 pm	3
4 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	6 Women's AA Step Meeting noon	7	8 Bible Study 9:00-10:00 am Choir practice 7:30 pm	9 AA Meeting noon	10 Marty using Chorba Hall 3-5 pm
11 Worship 10 am Youth Sunday & Special Coffee Hour Celebration Congregational Meeting after worship. Marty using Chorba Hall 3-5 pm	12 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	13 Women's AA Step Meeting noon 7:00 Deacons Book Club 7:30 pm	14	15	16 AA Meeting noon	17
18 Worship 10 am Last day of Sunday School Happy Father's Day!	19 Finance Committee 7 pm	20 Women's AA Step Meeting noon Session Meeting 7 pm	21	22 Bible Study 9:00-10:00 am VBS 4 pm-6:30 pm	23 AA Meeting noon VBS 4 pm-6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal 4:30 pm	24 Wedding 5 pm
25 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am	26	27 Women's AA Step Meeting noon	28 Member's Graduation Party 7 pm In the library	29 Bible Study 9:00-10:00 am	31	

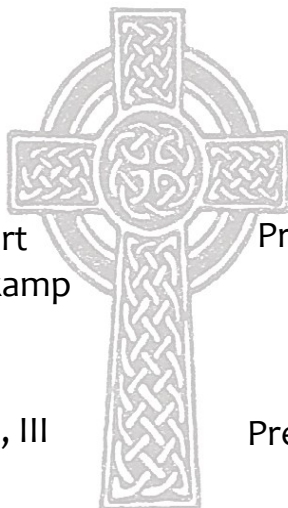
June Worship at FPCNV

Sunday, June 4

Preacher: Rev. Anne Stewart
Liturgist: Carol Conger Vellekamp

Sunday, June 18

Preacher: Rev. William Stone, III
Liturgist: Jane Coyle

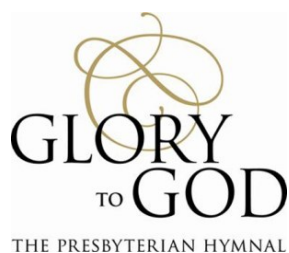


Sunday, June 11

Preacher: Rev. William Stone, III
Liturgist: Austin Steinmetz

Sunday, June 25

Preacher: Rev. William Stone, III
Liturgist: Jonathan Shelby

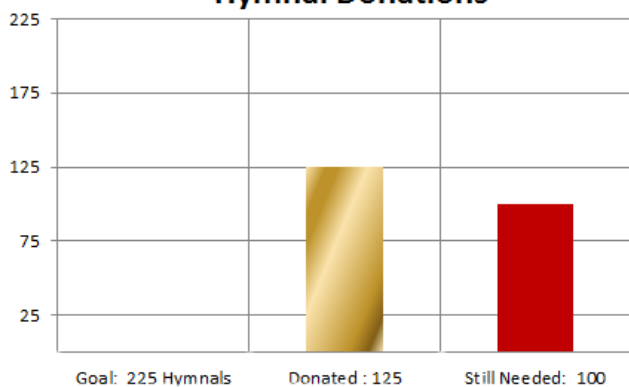


New Hymnals

We are excited to announce that FPCNV is updating its hymnals! We are grateful to those who have submitted their favorite hymns and can assure you that nearly all of them are included in *Glory to God*, the newest hymnal from the Presbyterian Church. As we continue to build on our momentum with Marty and Jany we invite you to support our church's music program by honoring those near and dear to you with the purchase of a hymnal. They cost \$25, and donations will be acknowledged with a dedication bookplate. Our goal is to purchase 225 for the start of our fall choir season. Fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office with your check. Thank you in advance for your support.

Progress as of May 30th:

Hymnal Donations



PLEASE NOTE: Those who donated our current hymnals are invited to bring them home as soon as the new hymnals arrive this Fall.

NEW HYMNAL DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS

YOUR NAME: _____

NUMBER YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE: _____

Check one box for each hymnal and write the name of the person you wish to dedicate it to.

1. ☐ In Memory ☐ In Honor of: _____

2. ☐ In Memory ☐ In Honor of: _____

3. ☐ In Memory ☐ In Honor of: _____

4. ☐ In Memory ☐ In Honor of: _____

Special Pictorial Edition

With Gratitude to our Photographers

Nancy Burrows
Andrea Di Ruggiero
Tom Ewig
Jane O'Keeffe
Bill Stone

Without each of you, these moments would pass without a record. Our sincere thanks for your continued contributions to recording the history of our Church.

Happy
Father's
Day

Wishing all of our Fathers
a very Happy Father's Day!

E-mail Addresses

Have you sent us your e-mail address? If you want to stay current on what's going on at the Crossroads, please e-mail officeadmin@pcnv.org or call 973-538-8394.

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