

# The Pipe Organ

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## Robert's Reflections

By the time you receive this newsletter, Yulia and I will be in Ukraine checking on *This Child Here*, meeting our staff people, talking with kids. There is always the routine anxiety of travel, but I'm feeling a little more anxious this time as the news is not good. A bitter war has consumed the east and could very easily move west. We departed February 23rd and will return March 13th, and I will be back in worship March 16th.

Why is it easier to start a non-profit, move to Ukraine, learn Russian, help street kids and orphans, and make such a difference in the lives of people in some distant part of the world than it is to grow a Presbyterian Church in rural or downtown America? Why do we more easily risk our lives with our market portfolios than we risk the responsibility of leadership as elders, deacons or committee chairpersons in a local congregation? I remember a friend who lived with his wife in an old row house in St Louis, the kind with ten-foot ceilings. He had a sticky note on the fridge. It read, "Janet, I love you enough to die for you, but not enough to go upstairs and get your coat." Why is it when a church burns to the ground, the congregation rallies, raises hundreds of thousands of dollars and builds a new one, yet congregations will do very little to stop their own steady decline?

If you believe in something strongly, you will give yourself fully to it, even with cost and danger. And the risk and the requirements of a great challenge can give us great energy and the courage to accomplish it. But if there is there is little risk or requirement, little gets done.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in the season of Lent. The themes of Lent are: self-examination, sacrifice, courage, risk, danger, and the cross. By this time also, you will have seen the chancel area (or stage) where we worship in Fellowship Hall. It has been painted black. When David Mitchell first came to me with the idea, I thought it quite risky. Black? What could that look like but a dark hole? But after a few phone calls to dis-

cuss the idea with others, I agreed. To my surprise, it looks beautiful, and it is a beautiful idea. It's a blackboard. There is chalk in a box. We encourage you to write your prayers. I always tell people who find it difficult to pray: *Write your prayers.*

I know this sounds quite personal, but as Carl Rogers once said, "What's personal is also most universal." That makes it communal. This is a space in which we are invited to articulate what we care most about. It is a space in which we can say to each other what we say to God. Because it is a personal act, we encourage you to come to the church and write your prayers during the week. Every Sunday morning we will worship in sight of these prayers. Every Sunday after worship, all the boards will be erased in preparation for the week to come. Make it an every-week thing, come by the church, take some time in this sacred space to speak to God in prayer.

Grace and Peace,  
Robert Gamble

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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.

**ADMINISTRATION/COMMUNICATIONS:** 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: Caroline Ford

**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: David Mitchell

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Care and maintenance of the church buildings and property. Chair: Phil Van Kirk.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** Fellowship is an important part of the life of the Church. This group takes the lead in planning and supervising dinners, picnics, and special events throughout the year. Chair: Meg Richardson

**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. Chair: Keith Wood

**MEMBERSHIP:** Responsible for care of current members, recruitment of new members, and the keeping of an accurate roll of membership. Chair: Carol Conger-Vellekamp

**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: Kathy Sheeleigh

**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: Tom Ewig

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

**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: Jonathan Shelby

**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: Tricia Tiensch

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

**If you would be interested in serving on any of these committees or just want more information, please call the chairperson or Dr. Gamble.**



## FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



The following highlights are from the February 10, 2015 Session Meeting.  
The meeting began with Jonathan Shelby leading devotions.

### Committee Highlights

**Adult Education:** On March 1 Dana Gill, our guest preacher and Drew Seminary student, will give a talk on today's seminary students. Amaury Tañón-Santos will speak on Synod Life: Community, Networks and Mission on March 8. More films and activities are being planned for the spring.

**Youth Education:** The youth made brownies for "Souper" Bowl Sunday. Thanks to Suzanne Shelby who picked up balloons for the luncheon! Youth group assembled 22 Valentine packages and mailed them to our college kids. A women's pasta dinner to help connect mothers of young kids, was planned for 2/27.

**Confirmation Class:** Peter Travers, JD Grant, Lauren Shelby, and Kaitlin Bednarski.

**Congregational Life:** In conjunction with the youth club members, the committee provided a delicious lunch on "Souper" Bowl Sunday. There was soup, salad, bread, coffee and dessert. \$134 was collected for the Community Soup Kitchen.

**Finance:** The budget is balanced.

**Buildings & Grounds:** The Freeholders have agreed to fund church projects. Phase 2 of the Sanctuary project is full swing. We expect to be back in the sanctuary in April. There are a couple of organizations interested in renting the basement of Fellowship Hall, negotiations are underway.

**Worship & Music:** Ash Wednesday service is scheduled for February 19 at 7 pm. There are 2 guest preachers scheduled for March 1 and March 8 when Dr. Gamble will be in Ukraine. He will be back in the pulpit on March 15.

**Mission & Outreach:** Due to the treacherous winter weather, the social club dinner with Mental Health Association of Morris County had to be rescheduled; it will be held on April 28. The Christmas offering, earmarked for Doctors Without Borders, totaled \$5,134. All financial commitments for the second half of last year have been distributed.

The following officers of the Corporation of The First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon were elected for 2015:

President: Jonathan Shelby (Stewardship Chair)  
Vice President: Tricia Tiensch (Music and Worship Chair)  
Secretary: Jane Coyle (Clerk of Session)  
Treasurer: Keith Wood (Finance chair)

Robert and Yulia will be in Ukraine from February 23 thru March 12.

Communion will be served on April 2, Maundy Thursday.

The next meeting of session will be on Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm.

Dr. Gamble adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Coyle, Clerk of Session

# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Youth Ministry Activities Calendar

*All activities open to students Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted.*

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday, March 7</b>  | <b>Dinner and Bernards High Musical - 5:30 pm</b><br><i>Join us for food and fun as we meet at 5:30 at Fellowship Hall, grab some dinner, and watch our own Maggie Fischer perform in Bernards High School's Spring Musical, "Seussical."</i> |
| <b>Sunday, March 29</b>   | <b>Service Project 11:30 am - Easter Egg Stuffing</b><br><i>Help us stuff Easter eggs in preparation for the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt. Meet in the upstairs conference room at 11:30 am or following the church service.</i>                    |
| <b>Saturday, April 18</b> | <b>Service Project – The Relief Bus (Grades 9-12)</b>   |
| <b>Saturday, May 16</b>   | <b>Service Project – Community Food Bank of New Jersey</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, June 6</b>   | <b>Service Project - Car Wash</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, June 7</b>     | <b>High School Graduate Recognition Sunday</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, June 13</b>  | <b>Car Wash rain date</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, July 5-11</b>  | <b>Sr. High Mission Trip (Grades 9-12)</b>  |

**PULSE:** High School Students:

Join 9th-12th graders every other Sunday night @ Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church (LCPC) from 7:00-8:30 PM for fun, food, live music, and a brief faith talk.

Check website at: <http://www.studentlifenow.org/> for updated schedule of PULSE meetings. Meet at church at 6:30 PM on PULSE Sundays for a ride to the LCPC. We'll return to the church parking lot by 9:00 PM.





## 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.

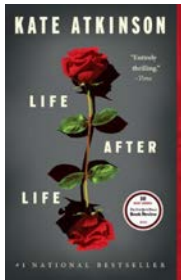
## THE BLACKBOARD

When you enter Fellowship Hall this month, you will see that the stage has been transformed into a giant blackboard. This is a special Lenten project in which the entire congregation and community can participate. For the next six weeks, we will use the blackboard to communicate to each other our prayers, hopes, fears, and joys. This might include personal, community-minded, or global concerns—it is entirely up to you. Here is what you need to do: At least once a week, come to Fellowship Hall. Sit for a minute and look at some of the prayer concerns of your fellow congregants. Then pick up a piece of chalk and write down some of your own concerns. Come as many times as you wish during each week. The walls will be wiped clean every Sunday afternoon so that we can begin each week with a "clean slate."

Why are we doing this? We are actively looking for ways to help the congregation be more connected. By taking each others' prayers into our minds and hearts, we are working to create a renewed source of spiritual power here at the crossroads. It is really important for everyone to participate! In honor of Lent, see if you can carve a few minutes out of each week for this project. (If you cannot make it to the Church or are concerned about your handwriting, leave your prayers in the Office and someone will write them on the wall for you.) Remember, your prayers count, and your witness to other people's prayers is equally important!

# FPCNV Book Club

## Schedule & Book Selections



### March Book Selection: *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson

WINNER OF THE COSTA NOVEL AWARD  
*What if you had the chance to live your life again and again, until you finally got it right?*

During a snowstorm in England in 1910, a baby is born and dies before she can take her first breath.

During a snowstorm in England in 1910, the same baby is born and lives to tell the tale.

What if there were second chances? And third chances? In fact an infinite number of chances to live your life? Would you eventually be able to save the world from its own inevitable destiny? And would you even want to?

*Life After Life* follows Ursula Todd as she lives through the turbulent events of the last century again and again. With wit and compassion, Kate Atkinson finds

### Meeting Dates and Book Selections

Where: Library When: 7:30 pm

MAR 10	<i>Life After Life</i> by Kate Atkinson
APR 14	<i>The Power of Habit</i> by Charles Duhigg
MAY 12	<i>The Light Between Oceans</i> by M.L. Stedman
JUN 9	<i>The Secret Life of Bletchly Park: The WWII Codebreaking Centre and the Men and Women Who Worked There</i> by Sinclair McKay

**New members are welcome.**

warmth even in life's bleakest moments, and shows an extraordinary ability to evoke the past. Here she is at her most profound and inventive, in a novel that celebrates the best and worst of ourselves.

## 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.

Contact Elena if you would like to sing in the choir:  
[elenatbird@gmail.com](mailto:elenatbird@gmail.com)

## 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 Amanda if you would like to play an instrument:  
[amandatsukamoto@msn.com](mailto:amandatsukamoto@msn.com)



# Congregational Life to Host Three Events



St. Patrick's Day-Themed Coffee Hour  
Sunday, March 15

Immediately following Worship



Save the  
date...

Cinco De Mayo-  
Themed Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 3



## Annual Church Picnic

Save the date...

Sunday,  
June 14

Details to follow...





# Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2~ 7:30 pm

Please join us for this Communion Service to bear witness to the lengthening of shadows.



Brazilian Woodcut

## 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, March 30.*

*Please select your preference:*

☐ In memory of      ☐ In honor of

Dedication from:

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Dedication to:

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# Easter Sunday, April 5 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. The first is at 9:00 am, and the second will begin at 11:15 am.

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*



## Easter Morning Breakfast

Hosted by the Deacons

Fellowship Hall

10:00-11:00 am

The Deacons invite all members of the congregation to join them for Easter breakfast at 10 am.

## Children's Egg Hunt

Fellowship Hall

10:00

In our traditional Egg Hunt, bright eggs will be hidden throughout the grounds for your children to find. 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 bag to hold your eggs!*





## Next Movie: **Boyhood**

2014 R 164 minutes

**Wednesday  
April 1  
7:00 pm  
At the Chaney's**

After divorcing, a mother and father continue to share the task of guiding their young son through youth and adolescence, and finally to adulthood. As the years roll by, the relationships among the three characters continue to evolve as well.

## You are invited to join a FPCNV Golf Club

Tom Ewig would like to assemble an informal group to play golf together at the Basking Ridge Country Club. There will be no time commitments or obligations. Just play with us when it fits into your schedule.

If you are interested, please contact Tom Ewig at  
[tewig@martecintl.com](mailto:tewig@martecintl.com)



## 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?

The Pastor 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 that morning's bulletin.

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

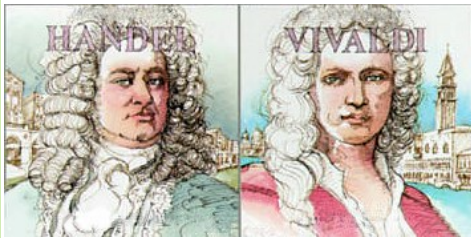
Call or email Bernice Paton at  
973-539-5168 or [bnice234@verizon.net](mailto:bnice234@verizon.net)



# Save the Date

## *A Special Choral Program*

**Saturday, May 2  
7:00 pm**



Please save the date for Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Easter sections of Handel's *Messiah*, to be performed by Masterwork Camerata, the Chancel Choir of FPCNV, a chamber orchestra, and guest soloists.

Details to follow...

## SAVE THE DATE

**TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2014**

**6:00PM -8:30PM**

**FPCNV has invited the  
Mental Health Association of Morris  
County to a  
SOCIAL CLUB DINNER AND MUSIC**



Mission & Outreach is once again hosting the Social Club Dinner for the Mental Health Association of Morris County. We have invited their Social Club members to join us for a lovely dinner and music to be held in Fellowship Hall.

The previous two dinners were so fabulous, we all wanted to invite them again. It was truly a magical and enjoyable evening for all. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or call Kathy Sheeleigh at 973-214-4337 to join in the fun.

Everyone is welcome and each person can contribute to the success of the evening in some special way.



**WHEN CAN WE EXPECT THE NEXT PERMANENT PASTOR?**

These days, Interim/Transitional Pastors are staying at a church for a year-and-a-half to two years. I am told your last Interim/Transitional pastor served you for almost three years. Between now and the summer, a Mission Study team (appointed by the Session) will put together (with help from the congregation) the Mission Study Report. This must be approved by the Presbytery and will be the basis for a Ministry Information Form (MIF) completed by your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that I expect will be elected between Easter and the summer.

The Ministry Information Form goes out to pastors seeking calls to churches. It can be sent directly to pastors and will be available on the PCUSA website for pastors looking for churches. Pastors, in turn, provide a Personal/Pastor Information Form (PIF) in which they present their gifts, skills, and interests. Once you elect your PNC and they have completed the MIF, the Committee will begin the process of collecting PIFs: sorting, calling, and narrowing the search. Your PNC will have access to the forms of all pastors seeking a call.

If church life slows in the summer months, your PNC will meet weekly in the fall. They can expect to receive 50-100 PIFs from pastors seeking churches. They will have many letters or emails to send and sermons to listen to before they begin the process of interviews. By the beginning of 2016, I expect they will have a short list of potential candidates. Since pastors are often reluctant to move in the weeks prior to Easter, you may have a new pastor following Easter 2016, that spring or following summer.

This is a very rough picture of the work ahead. Your PNC must be prepared to have a short list of five to seven candidates only to find that some are not a good fit and others have already been called to churches. This doesn't mean starting over, but it can delay a decision three or more months. Don't settle for less than the right person for you. It is an important choice. Don't be eager to "get this search over with." Trust that God will provide.

Your Interim Pastor,  
Robert Gamble

**ABOUT THE MISSION STUDY REPORT**

The best mission studies involve everyone who wishes to be involved and will ask the following or similar questions:

- What are we doing as a congregation?
- What is God calling us to do in the next phase of our ministry?
- What are the needs of our community?
- What is God calling us to do to meet those needs?
- What specifically will we do to strengthen our congregational and community ministries
- in the next year?
- What must the teaching and ruling elders do to help that to happen?
- What kind of skills, experience, and personal characteristics do we need in our pastor?

## Interfaith Food Pantry Needs

Current Needs: (bolded items needed most)

- Rice
- **100% juice 32 oz.**
- Canned Vegetables
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Tuna Fish** and other canned fish
- **Cereal**
- **Peanut Butter**
- Macaroni and Cheese
- **Soups—regular, hearty, and low sodium**
- Quart and gallon size re-sealable bags
- **Side Dishes:**
  - \* **Instant potatoes**
  - \* **Stuffing**
  - \* **Rice-A-Roni**
  - \* **Hamburger Helper, etc.**
- **Canned meats and meals:**
  - \* **Ravioli**
  - \* **Spaghetti & meatballs**
  - \* **Hash**
  - \* **Stew**
  - \* **Canned chicken, etc.**
- Boost or Ensure: Boost Glucose Control or Glucema
- **Dry Milk (1-quart package)**
- **Enfamil Instant Formula (NOT newborn)**
- **Parmalat (shelf stable 32 oz. size)**
- Baby food—**Stage 1 fruits & veggies & Stage 3**  
Vegetables and meats
- Evaporated milk
- **Diapers 5 & 6**, Pull Ups 4T & 5T, Baby wipes
- Pasta/Whole wheat pasta
- Adult Depends
- Tea (100 ct. boxes)
- **Spaghetti/Tomato Sauce**
- **Canned Beans (Pork and Beans, Pinto, Red, White)**
- Gluten-Free Products
- Individually wrapped Granola Bars

Donations may be dropped off in Fellowship Hall and will be delivered to the Food Pantry by a member of the Outreach Committee.



## Next Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, March 18  
7:30 am

at

The Red Rooster Café  
New Vernon, NJ

## Thank-You Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses

### FEBRUARY

Congregational Life & the Youth Group  
Lisa Chapman & Bill Dudley  
Isobel Broshek and MJ & Olin Friant  
Judith & Olivia Shelton

We are now in need of Coffee Hour  
Hosts and Hostesses for  
March and April



# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>Guest Preacher</b> <b>Dana Gill</b></p> <p><b>Adult Ed: "Who is this Seminary Student?"</b> 11:30 am</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Women's Bible Study</b> 9:30-11 am</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>Women's AA Step Meeting</b> 12:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> 9-10 am</p> <p><b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> noon</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Youth Group</b> Dinner &amp; Bernards High Musical 5:30 pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>Guest Preacher</b> <b>Amaury Tañón-Santos</b></p> <p><b>Adult Ed: Synod Life: Community, Networks, and Mission</b> 11:30 am</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Women's Bible Study</b> 9:30-11 am</p> <p><b>Deacons' Mtg.</b> 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Women's AA Step Meeting</b> 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Book Club</b> 7:30 p Library</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> 9-10 am</p> <p><b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> noon</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>Confirmation Class</b> 9:00 am</p> <p><b>Congregational Life Hosts St. Patrick's Day-themed Coffee Hour</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Women's Bible Study</b> 9:30-11 am</p> <p><b>Madison Garden Club</b> 11 am-3 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Women's AA Step Meeting</b> 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Session Mtg.</b> 7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Men's Breakfast at Red Rooster Café</b> 7:30 am</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> 9-10 am</p> <p><b>NV Garden Club</b> 9:00 am</p> <p><b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> noon</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>Confirmation Class trip to the Church of Christ the King</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Women's Bible Study</b> 9:30-11 am</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Women's AA Step Meeting</b> 12:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>Bible Study</b> 9-10 am</p> <p><b>Membership</b> 5:00 pm</p> <p><b>Choir</b> 7:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>AA Meeting</b> noon</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>Confirmation Class</b> 9:00 am</p> <p><b>Youth Group - Easter Eggs</b> 11:30 am</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>Women's Bible Study</b> 9:30-11 am</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>Women's AA Step Meeting</b> 12:00 pm</p>	<p><b>NOTE FROM THE DEACONS TO THE CONGREGATION</b></p> <p>Please let Debbie, Robert, or any of the Deacons know if there is a member of the Congregation who has had an accident, a fall, a loss, or any kind of personal/family problem so that we can reach out to them.</p>			



## March Worship Plans

**Sunday, March 1**  
Second Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Dana Gill  
Liturgist: David Mitchell

**Sunday, March 15**  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Dr. Gamble  
Liturgist: Phil Van Kirk

**Sunday, March 8**  
Third Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Amaury Tañón-Santos, DMin  
Liturgist: Ann Talcott

**Sunday, March 22**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preacher: Dr. Gamble  
Liturgist: Jane Coyle

**Sunday, March 29**  
Passion/Palm Sunday

Preacher: Dr. Gamble  
Liturgist: Don Richardson



### PASTORAL COVERAGE FEBRUARY 24 -MARCH 12

The Reverend Barbara Aspinall will be covering pastoral emergencies while Dr. Gamble is in Ukraine. Please call the Church Office during regular business hours (8 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday) and Debbie Hennessey will help you get in touch with Barbara. After hours, you can reach Barbara at 908-635-2340.



Dana Gill at a San Salvador church in El Salvador last month.

**Guest Preacher &  
Adult Ed  
Presenter  
Sunday, March 1**  
**Dana Gill**  
**Drew Theological  
Seminary Student**

Dana Gill, a student at Drew Theological Seminary and the President of the Drew Student Association, will preach at our Worship Service on Sunday, March 1. Dana will also provide an Adult Education presentation entitled: "Who is this Seminary Student?"

**Guest Preacher &  
Adult Ed  
Presenter  
Sunday, March 8**

**Amaury Tañón-Santos**  
**DMin. NE Synod  
Networker PCUSA**



Amaury Tañón-Santos will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 8. Amaury will also be providing an Adult Education presentation on "Synod Life: Community, Networks, and Mission." Amaury is the Synod Networker for the Northeast Synod of PCUSA.

Amaury Tañón-Santos

## The Pipe Organ

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### MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

#### Sunday March 1

Guest Preacher from Drew  
Adult Ed: *Who is this Seminary Student?*

#### Sunday March 8

Guest Preacher from Northeast Synod PCUSA  
Adult Ed: *"Synod Life: Community, Networks,  
and Mission."*

#### Sunday, March 15

Congregational Life hosts  
St Patrick's Day-Themed Coffee Hour

For I know the  
*Plans*  
I have for you,  
declares the *Lord*  
Plans to *Prosper* you  
and not to harm you  
Plans to give you  
*Hope* and a *Future*  
-Jeremiah 29:11

### 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 [officeadmin@pcnv.org](mailto:officeadmin@pcnv.org) or call 973-538-8394.

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