



The Pipe Organ

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
New Vernon, New Jersey

Bill Stone's Reflections

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:2-6

As I write this article, our family is gearing up for Halloween. Pumpkins have been carved, costumes fitted, candy purchased, and decorations strategically placed. After seven years overseas, our American excitement for Halloween can now finally be satisfied. No other country celebrates this holiday with as much enthusiasm. Something about it seems to captivate us.

The modern spectacle we know and love bears little visible resemblance to either of its ancestors: the Gaelic Samhain festival of ancient Britain and All Hallows Eve celebrated by the Christian Church. At its core, though, Halloween has retained the central theme of confronting darkness.

In Ancient Britain, the Gaels would light giant bonfires in their villages to chase away shadows and evil spirits. In the Christian Church, All Saints Day is marked by prayers remembering and honoring canonized saints—the luminaries of the church whose lives have brought the light of God into the world.

Today, we have fun dressing up, telling ghost stories, and going to haunted houses. Beneath the fun, however, there is a deeper acknowledgment—that despite the many advances society has made, darkness and death are still a reality of life today. Acknowledging this darkness and naming it can be painful, and that may be one of the reasons why Halloween has become so encumbered by pageantry. It distracts us from confronting this deeper truth head on—remember the French novelist who declared “there is nothing that gives more assurance than a mask.”

As Christians, our faith calls us to confront the reality of darkness in our world—to engage those places where life cannot flourish, and where shadows and pain have become too familiar. We are called to bring the light of Christ into

these situations and into the lives of these people.

This work is not easy, and confronting difficult situations can be painful for all involved. The Apostle Paul knew this firsthand; he spent years in prison as a result of his ministry. Despite this challenge, Paul encouraged his fellow Christians to persevere—to continue answering God’s call to carry the divine light into the shadows—letting their conversations “be filled with grace and seasoned with salt.”

The theologian Albert Schweitzer once said, “At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

In this season, as the nights draw in, I pray that we might all heed Paul’s words—being watchful and thankful. Let us notice those places and people we meet in need of a spark, and give thanks for the ways that God is already at work in our world bringing the light and life of Easter into even the darkest and scariest corners of our world.

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Christmas Angels Needed**Morris County Correctional Facility
Drop-off deadline is Friday, December 8**

The holidays are an especially difficult time for inmates and their families. This is when your generosity will truly touch the hearts of the men and women who are incarcerated at MCCF. Your acts of kindness may be seen as the brightest beacon of God's love this holiday season.

The Prison Ministry is asking the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon if they can donate the following this year:

- ☐ Men's T-shirts, white crewneck only, sizes L, XL, 2X, 3X (no V-necks or pockets allowed)
- ☐ Crew socks, white only, Men's (300 pair) & Women's (30 pair) standard and large sizes
- ☐ Women's briefs – 30 pair, must be white
- ☐ Women's sports bras, a variety of sizes, must be white, no wires

Please do NOT gift wrap your donations.

If anyone prefers to make a monetary donation, checks to the "Chaplaincy Program of MCCF" will be used by them to fill any gaps in the collection program. Thank-you for remembering the people at the Morris County Correctional Facility this holiday.

Note: T-shirts, crew socks, and sports bras can be purchased in packs relatively inexpensively at Walmart's. (Walmart's has Danskin sports bras for \$4.99, a good price. These have a small, acceptable black stripe and logo.) Parishioners may wish to team up to buy packs of some items.

If anyone would like to help make up the bags for the inmates, your efforts would be greatly appreciated. They will be assembled on Monday, December 11, from 9 am to 3 pm at:

United Methodist Church
50 South Park Place (on the Square)
Morristown, NJ

Prison Ministry**Other Ways You Can Help**

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



Session Highlights from the October 17, 2017 Meeting



CLERK'S REPORT: The Terms of Call for 2018 for Rev. Stone were approved. *Moved, seconded, and carried*

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Seven pastoral visits, eight meetings
- *Messy Church* on October 14
- Attended a meeting of the Prison Chaplaincy Program and agreed to serve on its Board
- Accompanied Alla Soroka to the Newton Presbytery
- Attending Field Ed recruitment night at Princeton Seminary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADULT EDUCATION (Julia Buteux): Schedule of speakers was mailed

YOUTH EDUCATION (Don Richardson): *Messy Church* on 10/14 was successful; next one is December 2

CEMETERY (Carol Vellekamp): Learning about the job and will be attending Presbytery seminar 10/25 on church cemetery maintenance

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (Jenn McCann):

- Pumpkin carving/painting on Sunday 10/29; the congregation is asked to come in costume
- Christmas dinner on 12/9 will be a formal roast beef dinner: \$20/adult, \$5/children, under 5 free. Reception 5-6 pm, then dinner. Looking for volunteers for appetizers and desserts.

FINANCE (Keith Wood):

- Reviewed operation statistics—very good month of September, revenues up
- 2017 projected to have modest positive cash flow for the year
- Stewardship results were reported—51 pledges so far for \$174k
- Grant application is in to the State, after signing an easement to the State
- Had an interesting Crossroads Society dinner last Wednesday night with speakers on estate planning and ways of including the church in estate plans
- Chorba book has arrived that will apply toward church history “marketing”

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (Tom Ewig):

- Parking lot repaving will start Monday, continue through Wednesday
- Redoing lighting in Church buildings to save money
- Homeless Solutions will be looking at the basement space next week

MEMBERSHIP (Jane O’Keeffe): Had a meeting and reviewed initiatives for the fall; new directory format from Caroline Ford; new brochure; maybe work with welcome meeting at the Library to advertise the Church

PERSONNEL (Jonathan Shelby): Year-end review of all Church employees has begun; looking for input from Church members

WORSHIP AND MUSIC (Peter Saulnier):

- Continued discussion on choir recruitment
- Upcoming Recitals and Musical Programs: October 8, Reed Tetzloff; November 5, Eileen Sedek; November 12, CME grant winner; December 10, Jany’s student recitals; December 17, “Carols of Nations”; and December 23, “A Christmas Concert”

OLD BUSINESS: Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. Do we hold 10 am service and the 5:00 and 10:00 pm? Consensus is to hold just two evening services and have a Christmas morning service at 10:00.

Adjourned with prayer by Bill Stone at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jonathan Shelby, Clerk of Session


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON PRESENTS


Eileen Cooper Sedek
Soprano



Benjamin T. Berman
Tenor



Paul Conrad
Piano

Songs My Mother Taught Me

MUSIC OF EASTERN EUROPEAN,
SLAVIC AND JEWISH HERITAGE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5 AT 7:00 PM

FEATURING WORKS BY
DVOŘÁK, SHOSTAKOVICH, CHOPIN, ULLMANN, RAVEL, AND GLICK
\$20 General/\$10 Students and Seniors


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON AND


Present

EUNTAEK KIM

CME's 2017 Performing Arts Grant Winner

Joined by

CME Executive Director, Min Kwon

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 AT 3:00 PM

PERFORMING WORKS BY SCHUBERT, LISZT, RACHMANINOFF, AND MORE.

This free recital showcases an immense young talent, right at our doorstep.

A native of Incheon, South Korea, Euntaek Kim has established himself as one of the most promising young talents of his generation. Hailed by *The New York Times* as “nimble” and “colorful” and by *La Libre Belgique* as “sovereign” and “luminous,” he has won prizes at many prestigious competitions. Admitted to the Korean National University of Arts at age nine, he took his first conducting lesson and gave his initial public piano recital in Seoul, presented by the Kumho Asiana Cultural Foundation, at age twelve. He holds BA and MA of Music degrees in piano performance from The Juilliard School, and an Artist Diploma in piano performance from the Yale School of Music. He has appeared in solo recitals and as a chamber musician at, among others, Alice Tully, Weill Recital, and Steinway Halls, the Museum of Modern Art, and has also appeared as a soloist with orchestras around the world.



The Congregational Life Committee
Invites you to the

2017 Christmas Dinner
Saturday, December 9
TIME CHANGE: 5-8 pm

This year we will have a formal roast beef dinner.
Reservations will be needed ahead of time.
Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall.

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

Gifts of Stock

In this season of stewardship we are grateful for the many ways that you support First Presbyterian Church. Your generosity has helped to ensure that our ministry to New Vernon and the surrounding community continues to be vibrant and life-giving. Looking to the future, we are excited to nurture these "green shoots" and discover the fruit they might bear. As you consider how you are able to financially support our ministry, we want to remind you that the Church does accept securities in lieu of cash.

By giving an appreciated stock or fund, you can receive the charitable contribution deduction AND avoid the capital gains tax that would be incurred if you sold the stock and sent in cash. The steps are simple and can be easily handled by your financial advisor. They are listed on our website pcnv.org under the title "GET INVOLVED", then click on "Stewardship." On the left of the page, you will see "Gifts of Securities." Click on that for instructions, which are:

- Notify Debbie Hennessey in the Church Office of your gift by email at dhennessey@pcnv.org
- Copy Darlene Cappel at darcappel@gmail.com
- Have your broker transfer stock to:
Charles Schwab and Co.
DTC: 0164
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- Instruct your broker to email Melissa at mharmon@williamsjones.com to inform her when the securities are transferred.

Calendar of Events 2017-2018

NOVEMBER 2017—JUNE 2018

NOVEMBER

- SUN 11/05 *Songs My Mother Taught Me @ 7:00 pm*
 SUN 11/12 Communion
 Adult Education Speaker @ 11:15 am
 Katherine Hasty, *Cybersecurity*
CME's Euntaek Kim in Recital @ 3 pm
 TUE 11/14 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
 SUN 11/19 Deacons' Pantry Sale at Coffee Hour
 Adult Education Speaker @ 11:15 am
 Rev. Herman Scott on Prison Chaplaincy
 MON 11/20 Finance Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
 TUE 11/21 Session Meeting @ 7 pm
 THU-FRI, 11/23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)
 TUE 11/28 Outreach: MHA Social Dinner 6:30-8:30 pm
 WED 11/29 Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café @ 7:30 am

DECEMBER

- SAT 12/02 Messy Church @ 4 pm - 6 pm (Advent Theme)
 SUN 12/03 Communion & 1st Sunday in Advent
 SAT 12/09 Christmas Dinner @ 5-8 pm (CLC)
 SUN 12/10 All-Church Christmas Pageant @ 10 am
 SUN 12/10 Comfort and Joy Service @ 5 pm
 TUE 12/12 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
 WED 12/13 Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café @ 7:30 am
 SUN 12/17 Lessons and Carols Service @ 10 am
 MON 12/18 Finance Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
 TUE 12/19 Session Meeting @ 7 pm
 SAT 12/23 Christmas Concert @ 7 pm
 SUN 12/24 Christmas Eve Services @ 5 pm & 11 pm
 MON-TUE 25-26 Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)
 MON 12/25 Christmas Day Worship @ 10 am

JANUARY

- MON 01/01 New Year's Day (Office Closed)
 SUN 01/07 Communion
 TUE 01/09 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
 THU 01/11 Finance Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
 MON 01/15 Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
 TUE 01/16 Session Meeting @ 7 pm
 SUN 01/21 Adult Education Speaker @ 11:15 am
 Ted Blanco: *Climate*
 WED 01/24 Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café @ 7:30 am

FEBRUARY

- SUN 02/04 Communion
 MON 02/11 Adult Education Speaker @ 11:15 am
 Prof. Michael Reynolds, *Russia*
 TUE 02/13 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
 THU 02/15 Finance Committee @ 7 pm
 SUN 02/18 1st Sunday in Lent
 MON 02/19 Presidents' Day (Office Closed)
 TUE 02/20 Session Meeting @ 7 pm
 WED 02/28 Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café @ 7:30 am

MARCH (MAR-JUN Finance & Session Meetings TBA)

- SAT 03/03 Square Dance @ 6 pm - 9 pm (CLC)
 SUN 03/04 Communion
 TUE 03/13 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
 SUN 03/25 Palm Sunday
 WED 03/28 Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café @ 7:30 am
 THU 03/29 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm
 FRI 03/30 Good Friday (Office Closed)

APRIL

- SUN 04/01 Easter Sunday & Communion
 6:30 am: Sunrise Service @ Bayne Park
 9:00 am: Morning Worship
 10:00 am: Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt
 11:15 am: Morning Worship
 TUE 04/10 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
 SUN 04/22 Adult Education Speaker @ 11:15 am
 Brad Seabury, *Addiction*
 WED 04/25 Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café @ 7:30 am

MAY

- SUN 05/06 Communion
 Adult Education Speaker,
 Gerald Liu: *Music & Worship @ 11:15 am*
 TUE 05/08 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
 SUN 05/13 Mothers' Day
 SUN 05/20 Pentecost
 WED 05/23 Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café @ 7:30 am
 MON 05/28 Memorial Day (Office Closed)

JUNE

- SUN 06/03 Communion
 SUN 06/10 Youth Celebration Sunday
 TUE 06/12 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
 SUN 06/17 Fathers' Day
 WED 06/27 Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café @ 7:30 am

Hymn of the Month

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Author: Amy Grant (b. 1960)

First Published: Amy Grant, *Straight Ahead*, Waco, TX, 1984

The source listed here is the music collection for the recording of the same name issued in the same year. As is often the case, the recording happened first. In fact, this piece seems to have developed out of the recording sessions themselves.

According to the composer, Michael W. Smith, he had sketched out a melody for the refrain from *Psalm* 119:105 and for stanzas to go with it, but he had no words for the stanzas. He brought what he had done to their session at a recording studio high in the Rocky Mountains and asked Grant to decide on words that would work with the music. Later that night as she headed back to her cabin in the dark, she got lost. After wandering for a while in that unfamiliar terrain, she finally saw a lamp in a window and started walking toward it, not realizing that the light was in her own cabin. Greatly relieved, she walked into that small cabin and sat down with a notebook and pen and wrote this stanza and an additional one not included in the hymnal.

From *Glory to God : A Companion*, by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Many Thanks To Our New Hymnal Donors

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Singing in the Choir at Christmas

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

Email Marty at
martin@martinsedek.com

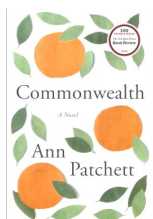


SUNDAY Bible Study

2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and in the spirit of that movement, the Rev. Stone is leading a Sunday Morning Bible Study on the essential tenets of the Presbyterian faith. Each week will focus on a different aspect of our faith. All are welcome to attend, and those wishing to join the Church are especially invited!

The class will run from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Our remaining sessions are on November 12 and 19, and December 3.

FPCNV Book Club November Book Selection



Commonwealth; A Novel, Ann Patchett
The acclaimed, bestselling author—winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award and the Orange Prize—tells the enthralling story of how an unexpected romantic encounter irrevocably changes two families' lives.

One Sunday afternoon in Southern California, Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he has kissed Franny's mother, Beverly—thus setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages and the joining of two families.

Spanning five decades, *Commonwealth* explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children involved. Spending summers together in Virginia, the Keating and Cousins children forge a lasting bond that is based on a shared disillusionment with their parents and the strange and genuine affection that grows up between them.

When, in her twenties, Franny begins an affair with the legendary author Leon Posen and tells him about her family, the story of her siblings is no longer hers to control. Their childhood becomes the basis for his wildly successful book, ultimately forcing them to come to terms

Book Club Meeting Dates & Book Selections

Where: Library **When:** 7:30 pm

NOV 14	<i>Commonwealth: A Novel</i> by Ann Patchett
DEC 12?	Dinner TBA, <i>Born A Crime</i> by Trevor Noah
JAN 9	<i>Irena's Children: The Extraordinary Story of the Woman Who Saved 2500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto</i> by Tilar J. Mazzeo
FEB 13	<i>Vinegar Girl</i> by Anne Tyler
MAR 13	<i>5-Finger Discount: A Crooked Family History</i> by Helen Strapinski
APR 10	<i>The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnaped by the Nazis</i> by Elizabeth Letts
MAY 8	<i>Blood at the Root</i> by Patrick Phillips
JUN 12	<i>The Body Builders: Inside the Science of the Engineered Human</i> by Adam Piore

with their losses, their guilt, and the deeply loyal connection they feel for one another.

Told with equal measures of humor and heartbreak, *Commonwealth* is a meditation on inspiration, interpretation, and the ownership of stories. It is a brilliant and tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love and responsibility that bind us together. - Amazon.com

It's Time To Brighten a Child's Life: Christmas Is for Children 2017

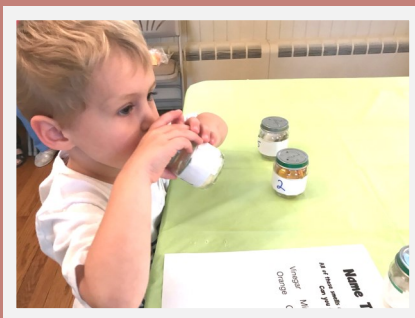


Christmas Is for Children, Inc. is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing all children the love, care, and joy that comprise the spirit of Christmas. Since 1991, CIFIC has supported over tens of thousands of local, underprivileged children dealing with poverty, AIDS, domestic violence, and substance-abusing parents.

Local social agencies, such as Children on the Green, Homeless Solutions, and Eric Johnson House, help to identify those children in our community who are most in need of assistance this holiday season.

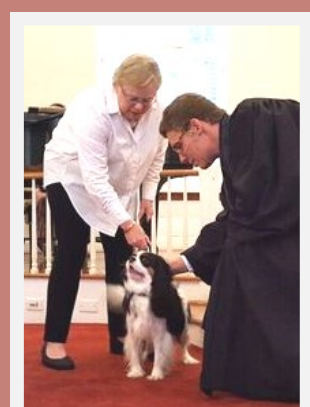
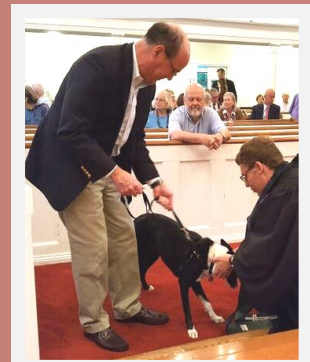
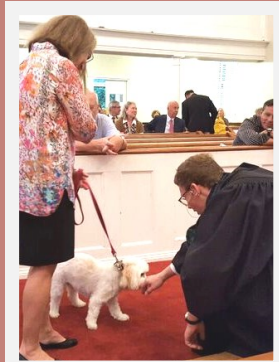
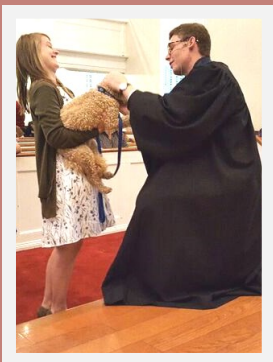
On **Sunday, November 19**, gift wish lists will be available at Coffee Hour for anyone who would like to sponsor a local child this Christmas.

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



Children, parents, and friends all had a fantastic afternoon immersing themselves in the story of the Exodus during our Fall Messy Church. We played "Name that Smell," made pyramids from marshmallows and toothpicks, created bricks out of muddy clay, and more. After these crafts and activities, everyone headed over to the church where we acted out the story, sang, prayed, and chatted with Pastor Bill about what this story means for us today. We topped off the afternoon enjoying dinner together in Fellowship Hall. What a great day! Thank-you to all of our wonderful volunteers who shopped, cooked, helped with crafts, made a mess, laughed, smiled, and stayed behind to clean all it up. You are amazing! **Our next event is Messy Advent on December 2nd.**

Blessing of the Animals 2017



Hunger Walk 2017 & Alla Soroka, International Peace Maker



We had a great team walking to raise money for the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown (CSK). Thank-you to everyone who came out to represent FPCNV. We raised nearly \$2,000 and walked in memory of Julia Peet, who was a long-time supporter of CSK.



FPCNV was honored to host Alla Soroka, one of the PCUSA's International Peace Makers for 2017. We received a grant to fund this visit from the Presbytery of Newton and are thankful to everyone who made her time here possible. Thank-you especially to Jane Kendall and David Dietz who housed Alla and coordinated much of her time here.

Sunday Speaker Series 2017-2018

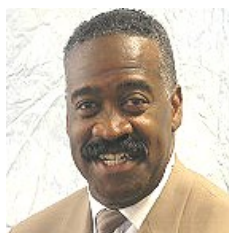
11:15 am to 12:15 pm

HACKING, CYBERSECURITY, AND THE RISKS TO YOU

Katherine Hasty

Cyber is increasingly a focus of media attention. Some threats are sensationalized, others barely receive attention. What are the key things we need to understand in order to stay informed about the cyber domain and how it can impact our security? How is this domain evolving? And what are some basic steps we can all take to better protect ourselves and our community? Kate Hasty has a B.A. in Government from Harvard University and an M.A. in Security Studies from Georgetown University. She is currently a consultant in Washington, DC where her expertise is in cyber security and the impact of technological change on the character of war.

November 12



CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM AT MCCF

Rev. Herman Scott

There will be a special Adult Education program following morning worship featuring the Rev. Herman Scott. He will discuss the chaplaincy program at the Morris County Correctional Facility (MCCF) and life at the jail. He will also bring us updated information on the opioid crisis and his new and changing responsibilities.

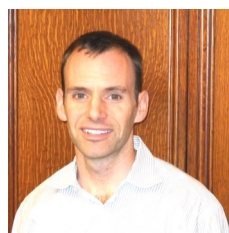
November 19

WITNESS TO THE CLIMATE CONTROVERSY

Ted Blanco

In December 2016, Ted Blanco embarked on a 5-week expedition to Antarctica aboard a US ice breaker to document the scientists involved with project SOCCOM. This project designs and deploys autonomous floats to monitor the “vitals” of the Southern Ocean. The data provides critical insight into what happens deep below the surface, critical to the balance of global climate systems. As the climate changes, we must understand these complex systems before we can enact meaningful solutions. NJ resident Blanco works at Climate Central, a Princeton-based non-profit that researches and reports on our changing climate and its impact on the public. A lifelong documentary filmmaker and storyteller, he is passionate about environmental issues both affecting and caused by human behavior.

January 21



RUSSIA

Michael Reynolds

Michael A. Reynolds, Associate Professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton, will consider current American-Russian relations: What is it both sides want, what are the obstacles to achieving a mutually acceptable arrangement, and can any such arrangement last? He is the author of *Shattering Empires: The Clash and Collapse of the Ottoman and Russian Empires*, a winner of the American Historical Association's George Louis Beer Prize, *Choice's* outstanding academic title, and the *Financial Times* summer book list title. Dr. Reynolds, a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, holds a B.A. in Government and Slavic Languages from Harvard, an M.A. in Political Science from Columbia, and a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton.

February 11

THE HEROIN AND OPIATE EPIDEMIC IN MORRIS COUNTY**April 22****Brad Seabury**

Morris County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Brad Seabury will bring 12 years of experience in the Special Operations Division to share facts about the opiate epidemic in Morris County and what is being done to help individuals and families. Mr. Seabury will detail the latest national and local statistics and delve into how illicit drugs are distributed and sold here in the United States where approximately 80 percent of the world's opioids are consumed. He will also describe how addiction can start and ways to combat it. Although realizing that addiction is a disease, he understands that the stigma of addiction makes getting help difficult.

Representatives from the Center for Addiction Recovery Education & Success (CARES) will be on hand to provide advice to families who have been touched by addiction.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP**May 6****Dr. Gerald Liu**

Rev. Gerald C. Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, will be introducing his new book, slated for publication in 2017, entitled *Music and the Generosity of God*. In a world where access to the divine can seem impossible, Dr. Liu invites readers to experience all sounds as gifts from God. Born in Jackson, Mississippi to immigrants from Taiwan, he is an ordained United Methodist Minister and serves as a Minister-in-Residence at Church of the Village in Manhattan. With a Masters in Divinity from Emory University and a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt, Dr. Liu has taught and ministered throughout the U.S. and Europe.



Deacons' Pantry Sale November 19 at Coffee Hour

The Deacons will hold a Pantry Sale on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, featuring soups, stews, salads, salad dressings, homemade bread, cookies, candies, and other baked goods. All will be festively packaged to make lovely hostess gifts. Or use these homemade delights as part of your own Thanksgiving celebration. All proceeds will benefit the PIN Fund.



NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Men's Breakfast Wednesday, November 29 7:30 am La Di Da Café All men of the Church and their guests are welcome.			1	2 Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm	3 AA Meeting noon	4
5 Worship: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am Songs My Mother Taught Me 7:00 pm	6 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	7 Women's AA Step Meeting Noon Adult Ed. 5 pm	8	9 Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm	10 AA Meeting noon	11
12 Communion Bible Study: 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am Sunday Speaker Series: Kate Hasty 11:15 am CME's Euntaek Kim in Recital 3:00 pm	13 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	14 Women's AA Step Meeting Noon Deacons' Mtg 7:00 pm Book Club 7:30 pm	15	16 Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm	17 AA Meeting noon	18
19 Bible Study: 9 am Worship: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am Deacons' Pantry Sale at Coffee Hour Christmas Is for Children: Gift Wish Lists Adult Ed: Herman Scott at 11:15 am	20 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm	21 Women's AA Step Meeting noon Session Mtg. 7:00 pm	22	23 No Bible Study No Choir Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	24 AA Meeting noon	25
26 Worship: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am	27 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	28 Women's AA Step Meeting noon MHA Social Club Dinner 6:30-8:30 pm	29 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am La Di Da Café	30 Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm		

November Worship

Sunday, November 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Chauncey Handy
Liturgist: Carol Conger Vellekamp

Sunday, November 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion

Preacher: Rev. Jeanne Radak
Liturgist: Peter Saulnier

Sunday, November 19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King Sunday

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III
Liturgist: Ann Talcott



The First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon will host The Mental Health Association

SOCIAL CLUB DINNER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28: 6:30-8:30 pm

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or call Jonathan Shelby at 973-425-2344 to join in the fun. Everyone is welcome, and all can contribute to the success of the evening in some special way.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

- Table Set-up and décor
- Food (talk to Meg Richardson)
- Head of Table
- Greeters
- Waiters
- Kitchen Help
- Servers
- Entertainment (need ideas)
- Goodie Bags (Nancy Barrett & Nancy Burrows are leading this effort)
- Clean-up Crew

First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon Cemetery Deeds

If you have a deed to a plot in the FPCNV Cemetery,
please make certain that Carol Conger Vellekamp has a copy.

The Pipe Organ

First Presbyterian Church
2 Lee's Hill Road, PO Box 218
New Vernon, NJ 07976-0218

Highlights This Month

Sunday, November 5

Songs My Mother Taught Me at 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 12

Sunday Speaker Series: Kate Hasty
CME Young Artist, Euntaek Kim, in Recital at 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 19

Deacons' Pantry Sale!

Church Office Closed

November 23 & 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, November 29

Men's Breakfast at La Di Da Café at 7:30 am

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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