

# The Pipe Organ

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Dear Friends,

It is still mid-November as I am composing an article for the December issue of *The Pipe Organ*. It requires a sense of imagination to put myself in the middle of December, although maybe not that much as I was in the Short Hills Mall yesterday evening and already they have decorations going, Christmas cards and gifts on sale, and samples of tea and sweets, all to get you in the mood for joy to the world. I imagine what it will be like for families attempting to get ready for the holidays: for Christmas Eve when all must be well about the house, for family coming here, for those going to family. Christmas is never as perfect as it appears in the mall, no matter how it gets dressed up, and that's as it should be. Don't expect perfection; expect some raw edges. Expect the darkness as well as the light. You know it's coming. We all have unhappiness likely to unfold in this season *to be jolly*. For some of us, last year brought changes we were not prepared for. They can make the holidays almost unbearable. "I'm not celebrating Christmas," a friend said to me. For all of us, last year's news brought global changes few people were prepared for: the outbreak of Ebola, seven weeks of war between Israel and the Palestinians, the changing war in Syria, ISIS in Iraq, the Russian invasion of Ukraine. For many in our world, a celebration of Christmas will not be possible.

This is why we have Advent: to prepare—for all of it. Advent is the time of waiting, for ache as well as expectation. But Advent also says God is coming. We wait also for God, which requires a sense of imagination: God as a child into our humanness, God into this human mess. God's coming won't be all perfect either. You know the story. King Herod will try to kill the child. The wise men have to go home a different way. His birth is followed by the slaughter of the innocents. Even the date chosen for Christmas is based on the darkness of that day. Legend had it that kings and prophets died on the same date of the year as their conception. If you count nine months back from Christmas Eve, you pretty much arrive at Good Friday. Which is to say, Jesus was conceived on the same date as his death. So somewhere in the shadows of the stable was a cross. My hunch is we live in a culture that wills to hide that cross.

It is in that context I offer this story to take with you into Advent. It is told by William Muehl, a professor at Yale University. He and his wife attended the Christmas pageant at their son's school.

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"The houselights dimmed, the school janitor sneaked on stage with a box of straw, and a purple spot focused erratically about halfway between the pillars of the proscenium arch. Then from the wings came three Virgin Marys, who arranged themselves coyly around the crèche and waved to their relatives in the audience. A vague uneasiness came over me. I feared for a moment that we were about to witness the promulgation of a new dogma—group childbirth. But my wife, who is somewhat more sophisticated than I am in such matters, pointed out that the school had, over the course of the years, acquired three costumes for the Virgin Mary. So, by the strange logic which seems to govern pageants, there had to be three virgins. The virgins were closely followed by two Josephs, who took up sullen postures near the box of straw and stood their picking their noses. Next came the angels, about twenty little girls dressed in diaphanous white gowns and sporting immense gauze wings.

They deployed themselves with suspicious symmetry across the platform. Then the shepherds appeared, an equal number of small boys dressed in burlap sacks and clutching an assortment of saplings which purported to be crooks. At this point an unfortunate discovery came to light. In order to be sure that the angels and shepherds would strike a pleasantly balanced array on stage, the drama coach had made a series of chalk marks on the floor. A circle for each angel and a cross for each shepherd. She had urgently instructed the children that they were all to find and stand on appropriate symbols. But unwisely this marking had been done when the pupils were wearing their ordinary clothes, shorts, skirts, and overalls. When the angels came on in their flowing robes, each of them covered not only her own circle but the adjacent cross as well. The shepherds, driven by God knows what demonic impulse to indiscreet obedience, began looking for their places. Angels were treated as they have never been treated before. And at last one little boy, who had suffered about all such nonsense that he could handle, turned toward the wings where the teacher in charge was going quietly mad and announced angrily, 'These damned angels are fouling up the whole show. They've hidden all the crosses!' Needless to say, his mother and I were greatly embarrassed."

And on earth peace,

Robert Gamble





## NOVEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The following highlights are from the November 18, 2014 Session meeting.



The meeting began with Jane Coyle leading devotions.

### Committee Highlights

**Adult Education:** Unfortunately, Greg Porraro will not be able to do the presentation as planned on December 2. Monetary donations can be made, in lieu of goods, to Morris County Correctional Facility. The money will then be used to purchase items for the inmates. There will be a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a tapestry exhibit and Crusader Bible on Saturday, December 6.

**Youth Education:** The activities planned over the long weekend in November went very well. Five youth members made 50 breakfast-to-go bags. Three of our youth helped to paint several rooms at the Manse for the Gambles. The relief bus trip to Harlem, attended by five youth, was said to be “life changing” and extremely worthwhile. Another trip is under consideration in which adults may also participate. An Adirondacks Mission Trip is planned for July 5-11. If interested, contact Kerra French at [kfrench@somersetillsymca.org](mailto:kfrench@somersetillsymca.org). After the Christmas dinner on December 7, our youth members will be selling night lights made of colorful glass crafted by the autistic young adults from Kirkridge.

**Cemetery:** The grounds continue to be beautified and maintained; a large stump was recently removed. An interment in the memorial garden was conducted, over which Robert presided. There may be additional space available on the property bordering Glen Alpin Road.

**Congregational Life:** Remember to sign up for the Christmas dinner on December 7 at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. It's a potluck dinner, so please indicate if you are bringing a main course, side dish, salad, or dessert.

**Finance:** The development of the 2015 budget is in the early stages. A couple of not-for-profit organizations have shown some interest in renting the basement space in Fellowship Hall.

**Stewardship:** Progress has been slow; please send in your pledges if you haven't already done so. There is a decrease in funds pledged through the loss of some members who have moved from area.

**Administration/Communication:** The website is still being developed.

**Membership:** There has been a decline in membership of 10 people, 4 of whom are deceased.

**Mission & Outreach:** The recipient of the Christmas Eve service offerings will be Doctors Without Borders. If you write a check, make sure to specify this on the memo line or it will go into the general fund. The next social for the Morris County Mental Health Association will be January 27. On December 14, Greg Van Kirk will present the itinerary for the mission trip to Guatemala, scheduled for April 6-11. The food drive for the Interfaith Food Pantry will be ongoing. The Prison Chaplaincy Christmas gift bag collection will continue through mid-December.

**Nominating:** The Committee is still contacting candidates to fill openings on Session and the Audit Committee.

**Personnel:** Dr. Gamble's terms of call do not have to be reaffirmed until 2015 as he started in October.

**Worship and Music:** Plans for Christmas are in the works. Send in a photo of yourself as a youth to David Mitchell via the Church Office. The décor for the Advent season will be simpler than usual, and the orientation of the chairs will change toward the front of the hall.

Communion will be served on Sunday, December 7. The next meeting of Session will be on Tuesday, December 16. Dr. Gamble adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Coyle, Clerk of Session



## CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2014



The Mission and Outreach Committee has selected Doctors Without Borders to receive your generous offerings from the two Christmas Eve services. In spite of the recent political and ethical concerns created by two of the organization's American volunteers, the humanitarian aid to save lives and ease the suffering of people caught in acute crisis is tremendous. Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) helps people worldwide where the need is greatest, delivering emergency medical aid in some 70 countries to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from health care.



A woman visits her daughter in the high-risk area of an MSF Ebola treatment center in Foya, Liberia.

MSF provides assistance when catastrophic events—such as armed conflict, epidemics, malnutrition, or natural disasters—overwhelm local health systems. It also assists people who face discrimination or neglect from local healthcare systems. It is a neutral and impartial humanitarian organization that aims first and foremost to provide high-quality medical care to the people who need it the most.

MSF does not promote the agenda of any country, political party, or religious faith, and as such, endeavors to communicate its history,

background, and capabilities to all parties in a given situation so that it may gain the necessary access to populations in distress.

On any given day and in many locations worldwide, more than 30,000 doctors, nurses, logisticians, water-and-sanitation experts, administrators, and other qualified professionals provide medical care.

In 2012, MSF medical teams carried out more than 8.3 million outpatient consultations; delivered more than 185,000 babies; treated

more than 1.6 million people for malaria; treated nearly 350,000 severely and moderately malnourished children; provided some 284,000 people living with HIV/AIDS with antiretroviral therapy; conducted more than 78,000 surgeries, and vaccinated 690,000 against measles and 496,000 against meningitis.

Started by a group of French physicians in 1971, Doctors Without Borders is a large, international medical humanitarian organization, focused on providing care "to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe."



This new brand of humanitarianism has reinvented the concept of emergency aid. MSF was created on the belief that all people have the right to medical care regardless of gender, race, religion, creed, or political affiliation, and that the needs of people outweigh respect for national boundaries.

Doctors Without Borders currently provides aid to such areas as:

- Liberia for assistance related to Ebola virus and other endemic/epidemic diseases;
- Central African Republic for assistance related to armed conflict, epidemics like malaria, access to health care, and natural disaster;
- Afghanistan for assistance related to armed conflict;
- South Sudan for assistance related to armed conflict, endemic/epidemic disease, and health care exclusion; and
- Democratic Republic of Congo for assistance related to armed conflict and natural disaster.

To learn more, visit their website at <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>

## 2014 Sunday School Christmas Pageant



### Sunday, December 14

This year, the Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be held on December 7 during worship. We are changing our normal program to do something a little new.

Any child is welcome to participate on the morning of the pageant. If your child would like a speaking or leadership role, however, please email Katherine Newburg at [Kat.newburg@gmail.com](mailto:Kat.newburg@gmail.com) to let her know your child would like to take part.



## Youth Mission Weekend in November

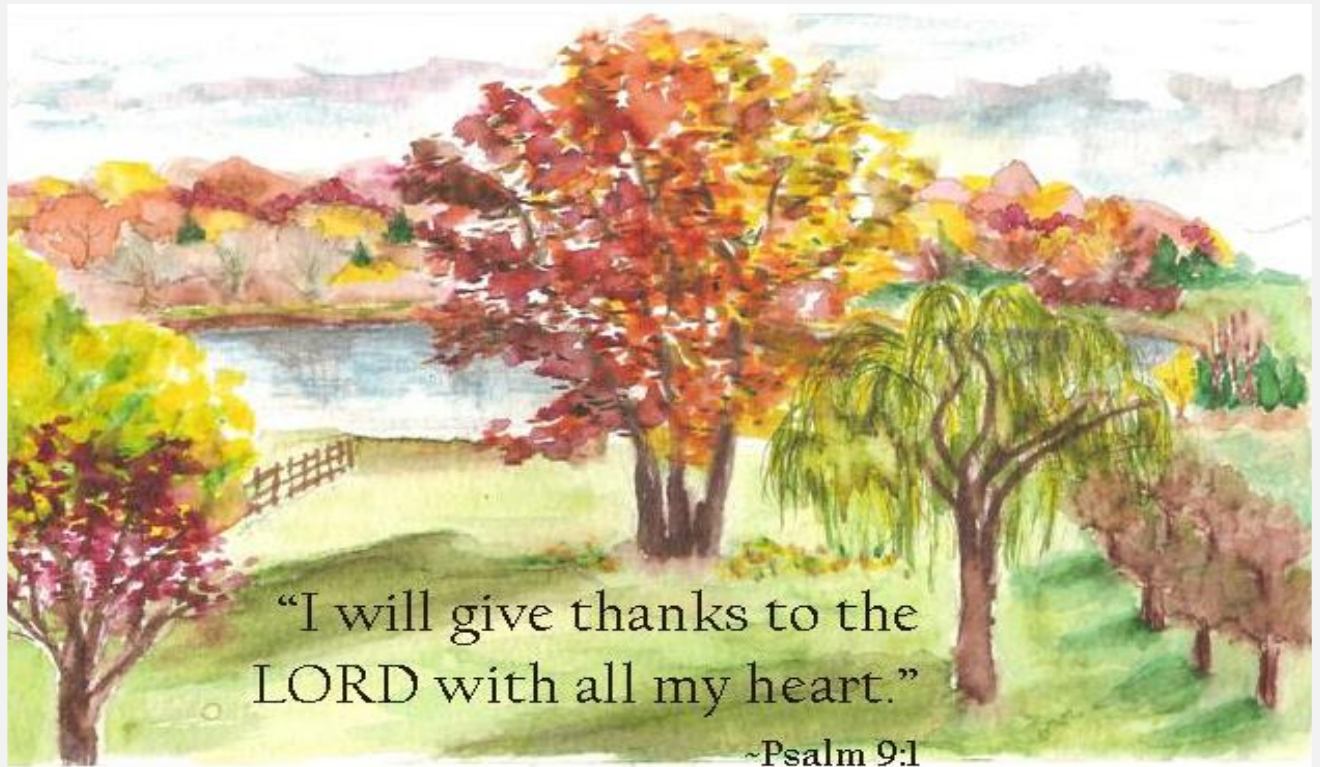
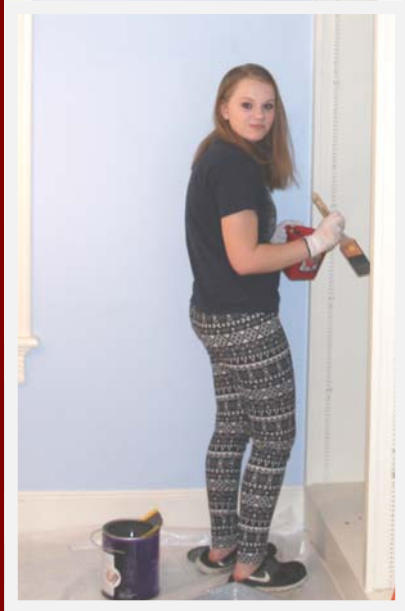
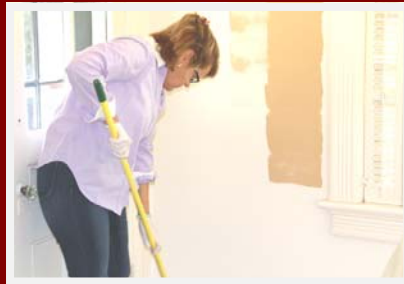


### Weekend Highlights

On Thursday, Nov. 6, Youth Education Chair, Kerra French, Mission and Outreach Chair, Kathy Sheeleigh, and Youth Group members shopped for food, then packed it into individual bags for the Morristown Soup Kitchen's breakfast-to-go program.

On Friday, Jane Coyle, Aimee Bloom, and several members of our Youth Group helped Robert and Yulia paint some rooms in the manse, followed by pizza, laughter, and the feeling of accomplishment for a job well done.





"I will give thanks to the  
LORD with all my heart."

~Psalm 9:1

# FPCNV Book Club

## December Meeting, Meeting Dates, and Book Selections

**Café Beethoven**

**December 10**

**5:30 pm**



### Meeting Dates and Book Selections

**Where:** Library

**When:** 7:30 pm

DEC 16	Café Beethoven at 5:30 pm
JAN 13	<i>The Secret History</i> by Donna Tartt
FEB 10	<i>In the Shadow of the Banyan</i> by Vaddey Ratner
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.**

## Christmas Choral Program

**Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 am**

The Choir will present a Christmas Choral Program during the Worship Service on Sunday, December 21.

### You Are Invited

The Christmas Spirit of Giving has almost arrived! Please consider giving some of your time and talent to our choir for Advent and Christmas. Rehearsals for Christmas music began the first week of November.

Please join the choir on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Singers of much, or even no experience are invited. Email Elena or Amanda for more information at:

[elenatbird@gmail.com](mailto:elenatbird@gmail.com) or [amandatsukamoto@msn.com](mailto:amandatsukamoto@msn.com)







## Handmade Nightlight Sale at Christmas Dinner

**Sunday, December 7**

**6:00-7:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

Members of the Youth Group will be selling handmade glass art—nightlights, pendants, and barrettes made by autistic youth from the Together It's Possible Program.

Don't miss this handy shopping opportunity.



## The Congregational Life Committee Invites You to the 2014 Christmas Dinner

**Sunday, December 7**

**5:00-7:00 pm**

Sign-ups will continue through November 31st in Fellowship Hall, or a reservation can be emailed to me at [nodgem@aol.com](mailto:nodgem@aol.com). Please include name, number attending, and whether contributing a side/salad, main course, or dessert.

Please bring a side dish or salad that will feed eight (8) people.

RSVP on the poster at Coffee Hour or  
RSVP to Meg Richardson at [nodgem@pcnv.org](mailto:nodgem@pcnv.org)



## Deacons' Bake Sale

**Sunday, December 14  
at Coffee Hour**

The Deacons will be holding a large bake sale on Sunday, December 14 during Coffee Hour.

They will be selling all sorts of baked goods, many presented on holiday plates and in tins—the perfect hostess gift to take to a holiday party.

All of the proceeds will benefit the PIN Fund.



## Christmas Eve Services

**Wednesday, December 24 ~ 5:00 pm and 11 pm**



There will be two services on Christmas Eve in our festively decorated Fellowship Hall. The first is at 5:00 pm. Many families with little ones attend this service. The second service begins at 11:00 pm and ends at midnight.

Both of these are candlelight services that will warm our hearts and help us all prepare to welcome the Christ Child into our lives.





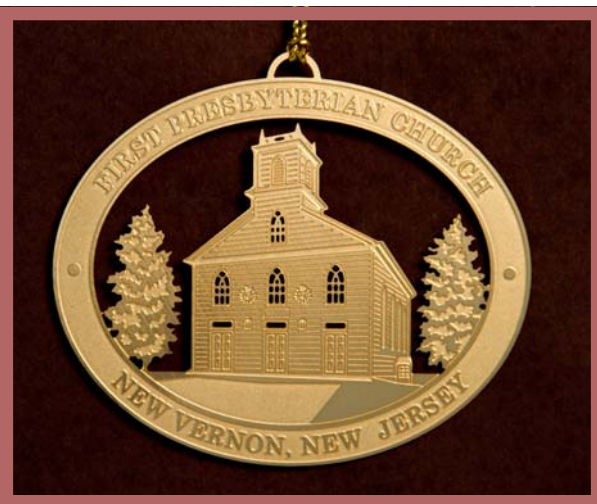
## Comfort and Joy Service

**Sunday, December 14**

**5:00 pm**

On Sunday December 14 we will hold a service of Comfort and Joy at 5:00 pm . We realize that, in the midst of all the celebrations around the Christmas season, it is a difficult time for some. If you have lost a loved one or suffered other hardship this year, you know how the season can be a mixture of joy and sorrow.

In this quiet service, we will seek to be of comfort to each other as we approach Christmas. If you are not mourning the loss of a loved one or dealing with some other painful issue, then be thankful. Come and be a part of this service because you care about the ones who are hurting.



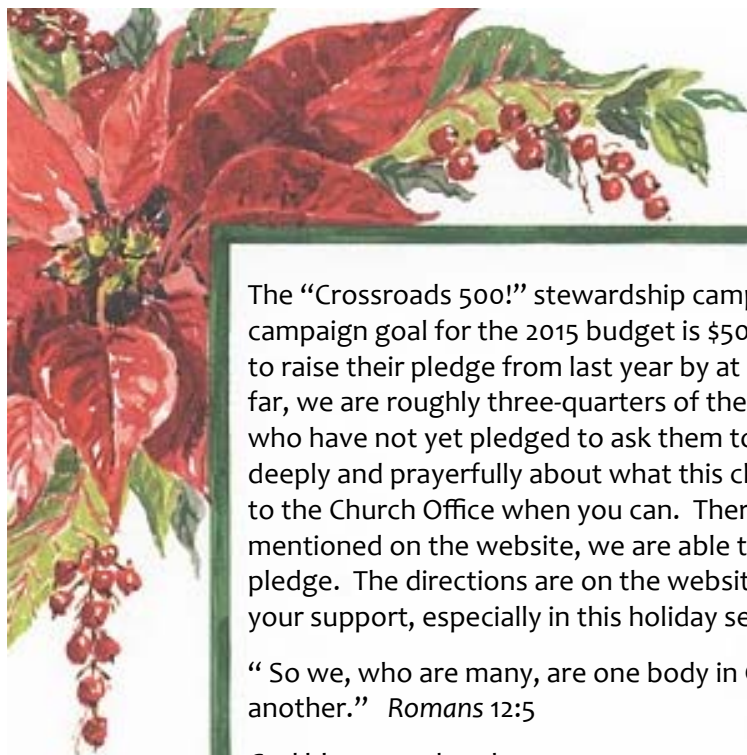
Christmas Ornaments depicting the historic chapel may be purchased at the Church Office. If you would like to reserve them, please call Debbie at: 973-538-8394 or send an email to: [dhennessy@pcnv.org](mailto:dhennessy@pcnv.org)



**Church Ornaments**

**\$15**

**In Church Office**



## 2015 Stewardship Campaign Reminder

The "Crossroads 500!" stewardship campaign is well on its way to the finish line! Our campaign goal for the 2015 budget is \$500,000, and we have asked all church members to raise their pledge from last year by at least 2% to move us toward that amount. Thus far, we are roughly three-quarters of the way to that goal and are reaching out to those who have not yet pledged to ask them to join us in this important effort. Please think deeply and prayerfully about what this church means to you and return your pledge card to the Church Office when you can. There are now other ways to contribute. As mentioned on the website, we are able to accept appreciated securities to fulfill your pledge. The directions are on the website or please call me. We are deeply thankful for your support, especially in this holiday season.

"So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." *Romans 12:5*

God bless our church.  
Jonathan Shelby  
973-425-2344



### Paul Murray Broshek November 6, 2014

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the loss of our member, Paul Broshek, who passed away on Thursday, November 6, after a long illness.

Memorial Services took place the following week.

Please continue to keep Isabel Broshek and her family in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send a card or note:

Isabel Broshek  
6 Cadence Court  
Morristown, NJ 07960

## Thank-you Coffee Hour Hosts

We couldn't do it without you:

### October

Congregational Life  
The Claytor Family  
Ruth & Fenton Chaney  
MJ & Olin Friant, and  
June Poppele

### November

The Newburg Sisters  
Meg & Don Richardson  
The Waite Family  
Jean Molendyke, Phil Van  
Kirk, and Joyce & John  
Murray





## Next Movie Night: December 3 at 7 pm

### Dead Poets' Society

*Dead Poets' Society* is a 1989 American drama film starring Robin Williams and directed by Peter Weir. Set at a conservative and aristocratic boys prep school, it tells the story of an English teacher who inspires his students to change their lives of conformity through his teaching of poetry and literature.

The story is set at the fictional Welton Academy in Vermont, and was filmed at St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Delaware. The script, written by Tom Schulman, is based on his life at Montgomery Bell Academy, an all-boys prep school in Nashville, TN.



### Christmas Eve Services Donations for Sanctuary Decorations

To include a dedication in the Christmas Eve Bulletins, please fill out the form below and make sure it gets into the Church Office with your donation by 9 am on Monday, December 22.

### Christmas Eve Decoration Donation Form

I would like my donation to be dedicated as follows:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Memory of      ☐ In Honor of

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# Christmas Donations

Morris County Correctional Facility

**Drop-off deadline is December 17**

The following is a list of items that have been approved to be donated for the approximately 400 inmates' Christmas gift bags.

- ☐ Men's white **crew** neck t-shirts in lg, X-lg, 2X, and 3X  
(no V-necks or pockets allowed)
- ☐ Men's white briefs
- ☐ White crew socks
- ☐ Envelope with a check made out to **Chaplaincy Program of MCCF** for \$10 or more for toiletry items (these products will be purchased by coordinators so that all gifts will be the same brand/size/color, etc.)
- ☐ Home-baked cookies (5 cookies per plastic baggie—no frosting or metal tins, please)

The above items are the **only ones** that will be accepted by security. Please **do not gift wrap** your donations.

The holidays are an especially difficult time for inmates and their families. This is a time 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 by a prisoner as the brightest beacon of God's love.



## No Time to Bake Cookies?

Nancy Barrett's young neighbor, who likes to bake, will bake cookies for the jail for \$20 a batch. Each batch is about 38 nice-sized cookies. If anyone would like to order cookies from her, you can contact Nancy Barrett at 973-425-1414. When dropping cookies off, it would be helpful if individual baggies hold 5 cookies per bag.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST IS  
NOW MEETING  
MONTHLY  
on the  
Second Wednesday  
at the  
Red Rooster Café  
in New Vernon  
7:30-8:30 am**

## Meeting of the Congregation

**Sunday, December 14  
11:00 am**

There will be a meeting  
of the Congregation for  
the purpose of  
electing officers for the  
coming year.



# Adult Ed Trip

**Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York**  
**Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am-2:30 pm**  
**Pieter Coecke Van Aelst**

*Grand Design: Pieter Coecke van Aelst and Renaissance Tapestry*



Although Pieter Coecke van Aelst is not as well known as Bruegel, The Metropolitan Museum of Art's sumptuous exhibition aims to change that. This show reveals why he was so highly regarded throughout Renaissance and 17<sup>th</sup>-century Europe. These tapestries were owned by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, France's King Francis I, and England's King Henry VIII, among others. Many of Coecke's paintings are included in the exhibit as well.

Much of his subject matter is Biblical. Among his tapestries are "God Accuses Adam and Eve after the Fall," "Seven Deadly Sins," and "The Conversion of Saul."

We will car pool to the Met, leaving the Church parking lot at 9:00 am sharp. After viewing the exhibit, we will have an informal lunch at the Museum. We plan on returning to the Church by 2:30 pm.



**To make a reservation  
for this trip,  
please call:**

**Nancy Barrett**  
**973-425-1414**



## Mission Trip to Guatemala

April 6-11, 2015

GREAT NEWS! Greg Van Kirk is helping us organize a trip to Guatemala to experience firsthand the efforts of Community Enterprise Solutions (CE Solutions). Greg is the founder of CE Solutions and a longtime member of our congregation. His remarkable organization has received financial and prayer support from us for many years. Greg will be presenting information about the trip during Adult Education on December 14. Plan to attend to learn more about this special trip and the exciting works of CE.

Be the first to sign up to join the trip to Guatemala next year; from April 6 through 11<sup>th</sup>. Please note that it has been scheduled during the public school vacation so student congregation members can also participate.

The itinerary is being refined, but generally the plans are:

April 6 – Arrive in Antigua, get settled at hotel, meet our team leaders, and attend group orientation

April 7 – Travel via microbus to Nebaj, stop at ruins and markets along the way

April 8 & 9 – Work in Centro Explorativo, visit local church, and guided hike to explore area

April 10 – Wrap up work project, reflect on our experience, and return to Antigua

April 11 – Fly back to USA

Community Enterprise Solutions' motto, "Changing Obstacles into Opportunities," is based on the premise that it is only possible to truly improve the quality of life in developing countries when you create opportunities for residents to provide solutions for their communities. Handouts of donated materials, although well intentioned, are often neither effective nor sustainable. Community Enterprise Solutions works closely with residents to nurture initiatives that provide long-lasting and positive economic and health impacts.

We will be working at Centro Explorativo, where our congregations directs our funding. The Centro Explorativo educational initiative is located in La Pista, Nebaj in the western highlands of Guatemala. It 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 in 2003 as a closet-sized library with 100 books is now a full-service education center operating in the towns of Nebaj and La Pista. This center has over 2,200 books and provides access to free computer and Internet classes. The only institution of its kind in the region, it holds free after-school classes for children and employs three full-time teachers.

To learn more about Community Enterprise Solutions, please visit their website at:  
[www.cesolutions.org](http://www.cesolutions.org).

Please consider coming on this trip. It is certain to be an amazing experience for all who participate.

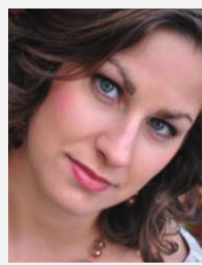




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*Rejoice, Greatly!*

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ELENA TERESA BIRD  
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SOPRANO

WITH  
CARLOS CUESTAS, GUITAR  
KRISTA SWEER, PIANO  
PHILLIP LAMB, ORGAN  
JENNY CLINE, FLUTE  
ALEX YU, RECORDER  
TOD HEDRICK, VIOLA DA GAMBA  
JENNIFER POMEROY, SOPRANO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7  
3PM

ST. MARY'S ABBEY  
AT DELBARTON  
230 MENDHAM RD  
MORRISTOWN, NJ



DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR  
ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO  
**HOMELESS SOLUTIONS**



A CONCERT SPANNING FROM THE 17<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES, THE PROGRAM WILL  
INCLUDE WORKS BY HANDEL, BACH, PURCELL, CHARPENTIER, DEBUSSY,  
SCHUBERT, JOHN JACOB NILES AND JOHN RUTTER, AMONG MANY OTHERS!

**PIN Fund**

The PIN Fund (Persons In Need) was created to help meet critical financial needs of members of our congregation and residents of the greater community.

**Procedure:**

A request for financial assistance is to be made through the Pastor and approved by the Pastor and one or more representatives from the Board of Deacons.

A voucher requiring two signatures (Pastor and Deacon representative) is then submitted to the Manager of Accounting for distribution of funds.

All requests are confidential.

Checks will be written to the creditor requiring payment—e.g., utility company, landlord, doctor, or medical institution—and never directly to the applicant.

**THE PIN FUND IS SUPPORTED BY  
THE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
OUR CONGREGATION**

**HERB Fund**

The HERB Fund is an endowment fund established to provide grants to the greater community, not confined to members of the New Vernon Presbyterian Church, who are in need of financial assistance for college, graduate school, and other post-secondary education expenses.

This fund is under the stewardship of the Board of Deacons and is allocated at the discretion of the Pastor in consultation with one or more Deacons. The investment responsibility resides with Session.



Detailed information regarding the procedure process—such as deadline dates, grant criteria, and application forms—can be obtained through the Church Office and, in the future, from the website.

This year, the applications deadline for the Spring 2015 Semester is: **December 15, 2014**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS WORTHY FUND ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**



# December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div>           There will be a Congregational Meeting            Sunday, December 14            Immediately following Worship         </div>					
	1 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am  New Vernon Garden Club 9 am	2  Women's AA Step Meeting 12 noon	3  Morristown Garden Club 8 am-1:30 pm  Movie Night 7 pm at Chaney's	4 Bible Study 9:00 am   Choir 7:30 pm	5   AA Meeting noon	6
7  Communion  Christmas Dinner 5-7 pm Fellowship Hall	8 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am  Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm	9  Women's AA Step Meeting 12 noon	10  Men's Breakfast at Red Rooster Café 7:30 am	11 Bible Study 9:00 am   Choir 7:30 pm	12  AA Meeting noon	13
14 Children's Christmas Pageant  Meeting of the Congregation 11 am  Greg Van Kirk Mission Trip  Deacons' Bake Sale  Comfort & Joy Svc. 5:00 pm	15 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am  Finance Com. Mtg 7 pm	16  Women's AA Step Meeting 12 noon  Session Mtg 7 pm	17	18 Bible Study 9:00 am   Choir 7:30 pm	19  AA Meeting noon	20
21  Choral Christmas Service  No Sunday School	22  No Women's Bible Study	23  Women's AA Step Meeting 12 noon	24  Church Office Closed  Christmas Eve Services 5:00 pm 11:00 pm	25  Church Office Closed  Christmas Day  No Bible Study	26  Church Office Closed   AA Meeting noon	27
28  Worship Service 10 am	29  No Women's Bible Study	30  Women's AA Step Meeting 12 noon	31			

## DECEMBER WORSHIP PLANS

### Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Preacher: Dr. Gamble

10:00 am Regular Worship Service

5:00 pm Comfort and Joy Service

### Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Children's Christmas Pageant

10:00 am

### Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Choral Christmas Program

### Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Family Service

11:00 pm Candlelight Service

### Sunday, December 28

First Sunday after Christmas

Preacher: Dr. Gamble

10:00 am

## SAVE THE DATE TUESDAY JANUARY 27, 2015

We welcome Guests from the Mental Health Association of Morris County  
**6:30 pm for Dinner and Entertainment in Fellowship Hall**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Table Set-up & Décor

Food Preparation

Kitchen Crew

Greet guests

Table Hosts

Waiters

Servers

Entertainment

Cleanup Crew

Please join in the fun and make this an evening we will all remember!  
Sign up in Fellowship Hall or Email Kathy Sheeleigh at [khsheeleigh@gmail.com](mailto:khsheeleigh@gmail.com).

## The Pipe Organ

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### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

#### December 7

Christmas Dinner at 5 pm

#### December 14

Children's Christmas Pageant 10 am

**Meeting of the Congregation 11 am**

Comfort & Joy Service 5 pm

#### December 21

Choral Christmas Service 10 am

#### December 24

5 pm and 11 pm Christmas Eve Services



O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come, ye, O come  
ye, to Bethlehem!



### E-mail Addresses

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