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Third Place

To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. These words were written by the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 9:20-23. They are about adaptability. Paul knew how to work within the cultures of the lands he traveled.

On the Starbucks website, I learned that, in 1983, Howard Schultz (Starbucks Chairman and CEO) traveled to Italy and became captivated by Italian coffee bars and the romance of the "coffee experience." He had a vision to bring back to the United States the Italian coffeehouse tradition: a place for conversation and a sense of community. From the beginning, Starbucks set out to be a different kind of company: one that not only celebrated coffee and its rich tradition, but that also brought a feeling of connection. He put it like this: First Place is home, Second Place is where you work, and Third Place, he hopes, will be his vast network of coffee shops. In many ways, it already is. Starbucks is a fixture in our culture.

In the past 15 years, I have spent much of my life in coffee shops, both here in the States and overseas. They contain a certain air of community: Do you have a plug for power anywhere? Are you guys online? Of course, people don't go there simply to access the Internet, they go there to meet. Even if their aim is to get coffee and go online, they want to be around others and not sitting alone at home. People feel strangely connected.

This is our culture. How do we adapt? Churches used to be that Third Place. Mainline churches used to have (and some still do) gymnasiums, pools, basketball, softball teams, Scout troops, and more. Now city

leagues and the YMCA offer all that. Churches used to be the place where people connected. Today, they come only on Sunday.

Some churches do have coffee shops. I'm not sure that's possible for us here in New Vernon, and I think there are other ways to draw people to us. How do you think we can celebrate the rich tradition of our faith in Jesus Christ and offer a place where people feel connected? How can the physical space of our church become a Third Place to our members and the people in our community? I would love to hear your thoughts.

Grace and Peace,
Robert Gamble

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Thank-You September Coffee Hour Hosts

Caroline Ford
 Village Bistro

Ann Talcott
 Meg and Don Richardson

All are welcome to volunteer for this enjoyable contribution.

With Special Thanks To

Jim Thorpe for his help with the work on the pulpit.

Anne and John Thomas for cleaning each and every Bible and hymnal in the sanctuary.

Everyone who worked in the basement of Chorba Hall sorting out what to keep, what to dispose of, and where it all should go. Children on the Green and Neighborhood House were pleased to be able to use many

**Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 11th**

On Sunday, October 11, you are invited to bring those special members of your family referred to as your pets from 11 am for our traditional blessing the animals at the beginning of the Worship Service.

Bring your dogs, cats, and birds and what-ever creatures,
 great or small, for a blessing.





September Session Highlights



The following highlights are from the September 15, 2015 Session meeting.

The meeting began with Caroline Ford leading devotions.

Committee Highlights

Adult Education: Julia Buteux will be the new chair. The Committee has some new and exciting ideas for how to include the community in our Adult Ed events.

Youth Education: Congratulations to Katherine Anne Newburg who was hired as our Sunday School Director. The new curriculum, *Faith Builders*, incorporates Faith + Bible + Legos. The three senior highs who went on the mission trip to the Adirondacks had a positive experience. A big thank-you goes to Don Richardson who led the group! The youth handed out water and healthy snacks to cyclists during a cycling event on Sunday, 9/20. In October, they will be going to Camp Johnsonburg for a high ropes course and zip-lining. The youth will also participate in the Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 18. Activities will be planned for the break in early November; the focus will be on helping local church families. Confirmation class will kick off in October.

Cemetery: The Committee does a monthly walk-through in order to keep the grounds well maintained. The Memorial Garden wall has been repaired, and trees were pruned to let in more light.

Congregational Life: The Annual Fall Festival will take place on October 18 at Aimee Bloom's. Chili and drinks will be served. The Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 6.

Stewardship: This year's theme is *Build Faith!* The stewardship campaign will kick off shortly.

Administration/Communication: The Committee is working on bringing audio and video from the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall. The audio issues in the sanctuary have been resolved.

Buildings & Grounds: The Committee is currently working on updating the space in the sanctuary basement. The Deacons' kitchen and a bathroom will be re-installed.

Nominating: The Committee presented a slate of nominees to the congregation for election to the Pastor Nominating Committee. Julia Buteux, was nominated as an Elder and will be ordained and installed on 9/27.

Personnel: Kelly Williamson is our new nursery attendant on Sunday mornings.

Worship and Music: The two pianos in the basement of Fellowship Hall will be sold and replaced with an electric keyboard for Elena to use during choir practice. Two high school students will be eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship and participate in the choir.

Pastor's Report:

- The Mission Study was approved by the Presbytery.
- All Committee Night is scheduled for September 22. All church committees will gather for dinner at 6 with meeting time to follow. Jonathan Shelby generously offered to supply the food.

Communion will be served on Sunday, October 4, 2015.

The next meeting of Session will be on Tuesday, October 20 at 7 pm.

Keith Wood adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Coyle – Clerk of Session



NEXT MOVIE SELECTION

HEREAFTER

Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm
Chaney's Home

Hereafter, directed by Clint Eastwood, imagines what happens after people die by bringing together three stories.

The NY Times said "What does seem new...is what Hereafter makes of the here and now. It is a curious movie in both senses of the word: an unusual experience and an open-ended inquiry into something nobody can really claim to understand. It leaves you wondering, which may be the most fitting way of saying that it's wonderful."

Harvest Celebration

Sunday
October 18
3-5 pm

Hosted by the Congregational Life Committee

At Aimee Bloom's Home

79 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon

Enjoy a bowl of hot chili and liquid refreshment!

Stop by after the Hunger Walk in Morristown

The committee is seeking individuals to bring pots of chili and desserts to be enjoyed by all. Contact Meg Richardson at nodgem@aol.com or 973-985-7242 to contribute.



The Congregational Life Committee
Invites you to attend

The 2015 Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 6
After Worship
In Fellowship Hall

We will celebrate the Advent Season once again
with a congregational celebration in Fellowship Hall.

Meg Richardson will be coordinating the
luncheon this year.

Come and enjoy the spirit of the Christmas Season together.

Stewardship Campaign 2015-2016

NOW BUILD FAITH

Reminder

The “Now Build Faith” Stewardship campaign for 2016 is underway. We have begun receiving pledge cards and the early indications look very good. Our new pastor should arrive next year and let us show him an active congregation and financially strong church! Please make your pledge at this time. The closing date is **November 16th**.

Jonathan Shelby



Adult Education

Anne Stewart

Sunday, OCTOBER 18

11:30 am in the Library



Anne Stewart, Director of External Relations at Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS), will talk about life at PTS, the cross-section of the students there, and the kinds of things students do after graduation. She will also discuss what those seeking churches are looking for and the Adult Education programs at PTS.

Anne earned the MDiv from Princeton Seminary and the PhD in Old Testament from Emory University. She taught Old Testament at Agnes Scott College and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and is ordained as a teaching elder in the PC (USA). Anne is the author of *Poetic Ethics in Proverbs: Wisdom Literature and the Shaping of the Moral Self*.

Mental Health Association of Morris County To Honor FPCNV with Community Partner Award Monday, October 5, 6-9 pm

The Mental Health Association of Morris County (MHA) is celebrating their 13th annual “Food for Thought” recognition event on MONDAY October 5th from 6-9 pm at the Birchwood Manor, 111 North Jefferson Road, Whippany.

Our church has been selected as one of two organizations being honored with a “Community Partner Award” that evening. Over the past few years we have provided the volunteers, talent, and financial support MHA needs to sustain their outstanding County-wide support programs, including their social club dinners at our Fellowship Hall. Other services include mental health first aid training, the faith-based resource support network, and continuing outreach to the homeless with self-help services.

There will be two parts to the evening: a VIP Business Networking Reception with special Hors d’Oeuvres and a craft beer tasting from 5–6 pm, followed by the main ‘Tasting Event’ from 6-9 pm with more than 20 area restaurants presenting their delicious favorites, and a wine tasting. The awards ceremony will be held at 7:30 pm, along with live and silent auctions, a 50/50 raffle, and a tricky tray. The Mental Health Players will perform. Congressman Leonard Lance as the keynote speaker this year.

The VIP Business Reception ticket costs \$100 and includes both events. The ticket for the Main Event is \$65, with a table of 8 at \$450. We hope we can get a group of members to attend to represent FPCNV!

We hope you will be able to join us on October 5th!



Congregational Life

Congregational Life is eagerly searching for new members to join our committee. Do you enjoy planning social events and providing opportunities for friends and family to celebrate with one another? Then Congregational Life is a wonderful place for you to get involved at NVPC. We plan and implement several opportunities each year for our congregation to come together in community and fellowship. Such events as the Fall Festival, the Christmas luncheon and the church picnic are all sponsored by Congregational Life.

If joining the committee seems like too large of a commitment right now, perhaps you could help with one of our events. We always need assistance with set up, clean up, shopping for and cooking food and refreshments, decorations etc. Many hands make light work, and it is a great chance to get to know some dedicated members of your church family. Even the smallest contribution helps! Reach out to Meg Richardson, current chair of Congregational Life if interested:

nodgem@aol.com or 973-985-7242.

OUR NEXT TWO EVENTS:
October 18: Fall Festival
December 6: Christmas Luncheon



Autumn Gatherings

This month look for gatherings that will take place in the homes of our members. These are a bit of a mid-fall check-in with conversation on where the Pastor Nominating Committee is at the time and program ideas for the year to come.

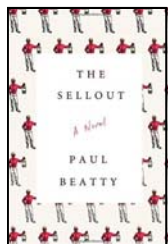
There will also be a reminder that we are in Stewardship Season, but the main purpose of these events will be a time to look ahead and celebrate our congregational life together.

October 14: Hosted by Candace and Rich Weeks
October 15: Hosted by Yulia and Robert Gamble.
October 21: Hosted by Ann and Tom Ewig
October 22: Hosted by Kathy and Matt Sheeleigh

Gatherings on each date will begin at 7:00 pm.

FPCNV Book Club

October Book Selection &



The Sellout by Paul Beatty

A biting satire about a young man's isolated upbringing and the race trial that sends him to the Supreme Court, Paul Beatty's *The Sellout* showcases a comic genius at the top of his game. It challenges the sacred tenets of the

United States Constitution, urban life, the civil rights movement, the father-son relationship, and the holy grail of racial equality—the black Chinese restaurant.

Born in the "agrarian ghetto" of Dickens—on the southern outskirts of Los Angeles—the narrator of *The Sellout* resigns himself to the fate of lower-middle-class Californians: "I'd die in the same bedroom I'd grown up in, looking up at the cracks in the stucco ceiling that've been there since '68 quake." Raised by a single father, a controversial sociologist, he spent his childhood as the subject in racially charged psychological studies. He is led to believe that his father's pioneering work will result in a memoir that will solve his family's financial woes. But when his father is killed in a police shoot-out, he realizes there never was a memoir. All that's left is the bill for a drive-thru funeral.

Fuelled by this deceit and the general disrepair of his hometown, the narrator sets out to right another wrong:

Book Club Meeting Dates & Book Selections

Where: Library

When: 7:30 pm

OCT 13	<i>The Sellout</i> by Paul Beatty
NOV 10	<i>Me Before You</i> by Jojo Moyes
DEC TBA	Café Beethoven Dinner
JAN 12	<i>The First Salute</i> by Barbara Tuchman
FEB 9	<i>Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania</i> by Erik Larson
MAR TBD	<i>Spies Among Friends</i> by Kim Philby
APR TBD	<i>The Wright Brothers</i> by David McCullough
MAY TBD	<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr
JUN TBD	<i>Bach</i> by Tim Dowley (?)

Dickens has literally been removed from the map to save CA. from further embarrassment. Enlist-ing the help of the town's most famous resident—the last surviving Little Rascal, Hominy Jenkins—he initiates the most outrageous action conceivable: reinstating slavery and segregating the local high school, which lands him in the Supreme Court.—Amazon.com



HUNGER WALK 2015

When: Sunday, October 18, 2013

Registration: 1:00 pm

Starting time: 1:30 pm

Refreshments & Music: 2:30 pm

Where: Community Soup Kitchen—Church of the Redeemer, 36 South St, Morristown (on the side of the church)

How: Ask your friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to make a donation in honor of your efforts (you may also sponsor yourself).

Why: To raise funds for the Soup Kitchen and increase understanding about the problems of hunger and homelessness in our community. Walkers assume the identity of a composite Soup Kitchen guest and track their story through cards handed out during the walk. Although the characters in the story cards are fictional, the problems they face are real.

To register online go to: www.cskmorristown.org





Piano Celebration

Saturday, October 10
3:00 pm

Sanctuary
First Presbyterian Church
of New Vernon

All Are Welcome ~ Admission is Free

Featuring

Min Kwon

& CME Young Artists
from the Debut Album

Carl Patrick Bolleia, Soyeon Park, Erikson Rojas,
Reed Tetzloff, and Ming Xie

Also meet the CME Academy Faculty

*This concert is an official acknowledgement and
jubilant celebration of the wondrous gift of the
new Steinway piano.*

Please plan to attend, as it is sure to be a treat.

Youth Ministry News & Schedule 2015-2016

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Our Confirmation Class plans to kick off on Sunday, October 25. If you have a child in the 8th grade that you would like to have participate, please contact Debbie in the Church Office at officeadmin@pcnv.org or 973-538-8394.

We have some exciting things planned for this year for the youth of the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon; we look forward to continuing to demonstrate the importance of our faith by loving and serving others with our hands and feet.

Saturday, October 10 Ultimate Youth Night & High Ropes Adventure

We'll head to Camp Johnsonburg for some time on the High Ropes course, zip line and other games. Dinner will be provided. Meet at Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm. Pick up time 8:00 pm. Pre-registration required.



Sunday, October 18 Hunger Walk



Join Team FPCNV on a 5K (3.1 miles) pledge walk to raise money to benefit the Community Soup Kitchen. Meet at the church at 12:30 pm. Pick up time 3:30 pm. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, November 5 Breakfast-to-Go Bags

If you are off from school, help us purchase supplies and assemble Breakfast-to-Go bags for guests of the Community Soup Kitchen. Meet in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm. Pick up time 4:30 pm.



Friday, November 6 *Community Food Bank of New Jersey



The Community Food Bank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) helps fill the emptiness caused by hunger. Make a difference by joining us as we head to Hillside, headquarters of New Jersey's largest food bank, to sort and pack food items. Meet at Fellowship Hall at 1:15 pm. Pick up time 5:00 pm. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, November 7 In-Reach Workday

We'll stay local and assist fellow church members with some household help. Meet at Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Pick up time 4:00PM. Lunch will be provided.



Please contact Kerra French, Chair of the Youth Education Committee, with any questions: kfrench@somersetcountyyymca.org or 973-644-3221

Schedule subject to change.

*Must be 12 or older

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 13, for the congregation to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Committee that was duly elected consists of Don Richardson as Moderator, Eileen McDonald as Vice-Moderator, Jen McCann as Secretary, Carol Conger Vellekamp, Tom Ewig, Jonathan Shelby, and Keith Wood.

The PNC held their kickoff meeting on Wednesday, September 24. Present at that meeting was the Presbytery of Newton's Committee on Ministry (COM) liaison, Mickey McDonnell, who laid out the process and the steps that come next in calling our next pastor. He will be our Presbytery liaison and guide us through the pastor search process.

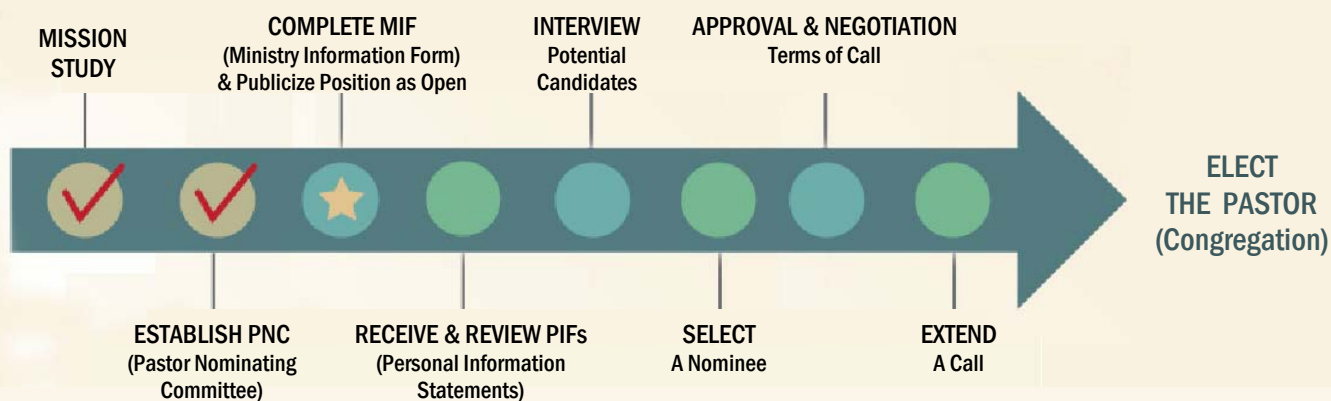
We are now in Phase I, which will consist of the completion of a Mission Information Form (MIF) based on the findings from the Church-wide Mission Study which was completed over the summer months and approved by the Presbytery. The MIF will capture key information about who we are and what we are looking for in a pastor. Upon completion of the MIF by the PNC, the session will approve this important instrument used in the search process. This phase generally lasts for approximately two months.

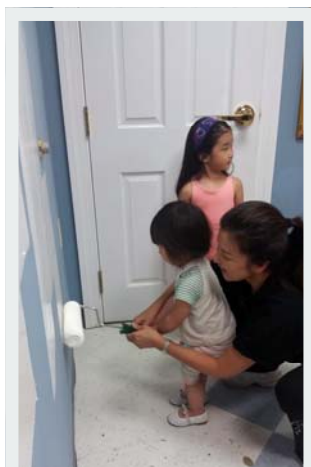
Phase II will involve the fielding of pastor candidate inquiries upon review of our MIF, and it is then that candidates begin submitting their information for consideration. This phase may last for three to four months, depending on the pool of candidates.

Phase III involves interviewing candidates and the final steps which includes choosing a candidate and extending a call to our next pastor. This phase may last several months, with the overall search process typically taking 9 to 12 months.

This is a time of infinite possibility and steadfast hope as we together embrace the future of our Church. Your PNC asks for your prayers for wisdom and discernment, as we ask for your patience and encouragement.

PASTOR CALL PROCESS OVERVIEW





FPCNV HAS A NEW TENANT! CME MUSIC ACADEMY

**There's much excitement in Fellowship Hall as
CME Music Academy launches this fall!**

If you happened to be in the CE building in the summer months you will have noticed the hive of activity as Min Kwon, along with her daughters, students, Tony, and even a crew from Home Depot (that volunteered their services for free when they heard about CME Music Academy opening at the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon).

There is a lot of excitement building as the pieces fall into place for the new Academy.

Featuring solo and group lessons, interactive seminars and unique musical experiences, CME envisions this Academy to be a fun, cultural hub for our community. The work that began over the summer with a fresh coat of paint, music themed décor, and plenty of instruments moved in, has left the space entirely transformed!

Please feel free to stop in to see what has been done or join CME Academy for an Open Studio experience. On weekdays, 11-12:30 pm the faculty of CME and special guest artists will provide live music and open rehearsals for the enjoyment of our congregation and the community.



To learn more about the Academy and its teachers online:
www.CmeMusicAcademy.org

CME Young Artists and Academy teachers will be performing at the Piano Celebration in the Sanctuary on October 10 (see pg. 9).





A Brief History of Sacred Music (part one)

Every week, churches around the world come together to worship and praise God. At the forefront of these meetings is music. I was once told that, "A church's choir is like its business card." And indeed, for better or for worse, it is often the first thing a newcomer will see and hear upon entering the church. Music is undeniably an important part of worship, but where did it begin?

In the early Middle Ages, Pope Gregory I decided that a few changes needed to be made to the Roman rite of worship, and he is largely credited with what we know as Gregorian Chant or plainsong. (Although not the only contributor to music in worship, he was known as the "Father of Christian Worship.") Chant is monophonic—everyone sings on the same pitch, there is no accompaniment, and the rhythm is usually quite free.

Back then, almost everything was learned by rote, or ear, so aligning important texts with tunes was most effective in memorizing the teachings of Christ. It is easy to see how effective music could be in a populace largely illiterate, uneducated in philosophy or theology, and that worshiped in a language other than their own vernacular.

Today, worship is different. We can read the scripture and open the hymnal to four-part harmony. Many of us have multiple degrees, and even if we don't, the teachings of the early Christians, church fathers, or modern theologians are a mere click away online. Music continues to play an important role in worship. Lorenzo Candelaria, Professor of Music History at the University of Texas, El Paso, says, "praying through music allows us to express our highest calling—to come together as a community to worship and praise God—in a way that no other art can...This is particularly true of singing—an art that invites group participation and can often arise spontaneously around a shared sentiment and a decent tune. Singing is a natural response in times of joy or mourning, stress or relaxation—even in times of sheer boredom. It is universally accessible in that—all aesthetic judgements aside—if you can talk, you can sing. In the most general sense, we might think of singing merely as heightened speech: an inflection here, a thoughtful pause there, a lilting cadence to accentuate related ideas...heightened speech is transformed into song."

So, next time you leave church with a hymn stuck in your head, listen to it! Perhaps the Holy Spirit is trying to tell you something (such as, join the choir!). Submitted by Elena Bird Zolnick



OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm	2 AA Meeting noon	3
4 World Communion Sunday Worship: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am Mental Health Association Event 6-9	6 Women's AA Step Meeting noon	7 PNC Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm	9 AA Meeting noon	10 Ultimate Youth Night & High Ropes Adventure 1-8 pm Piano Celebration In Sanctuary 3 pm
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October Worship

Sunday, October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

Preacher: Dr. Robert Gamble

Liturgist: Ann Talcott

Sunday, October 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Dr. Robert Gamble

Liturgist: Peter Saulnier

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Dr. Robert Gamble

Liturgist: Mindo Swartz

Sunday, October 25

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Dr. Robert Gamble

Liturgist: Olin Friant

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, October 7

7:30 am

Nautilus Diner

95 Main Street, Madison

All men of the church and their guests are welcome.

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2 Lee's Hill Road, PO Box 218
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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
10 AM



Highlights This Month

Sunday, October 4

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Saturday, October 10

Ultimate Youth Night & High Ropes Adventure

Saturday, October 11

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Sunday, October 18

Adult Ed: Anne Stewart
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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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