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From Our New Pastor, Bill Stone

The author of *Ecclesiastes* reminds us that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun. In this season of transition when we welcomed a new baby into our family and prepared for an international move, these words (and the song they inspired) keep running through my head. Moments of change and transition are challenging. When we step away from familiar routines, places and people, it makes us much more aware of how vulnerable we are. This is especially true when we don't have control over the change as it happens.

This is one of the big reasons so many ancient cultures studied the skies and tracked the changing seasons. Their livelihood depended on being able to grow and harvest enough crops to survive the winter and support their families. We see remnants of this agrarian lifestyle today in our American celebration of Thanksgiving, and over in Scotland, school children are still given two weeks of "tattie holidays" every October. In previous generations, they would have spent these two weeks in the fields harvesting potatoes alongside their parents and older siblings.

For most of us, a change in the seasons is no longer a matter of life and death, but we still experience many other moments of transition and change that can quickly remind us how much of life lies beyond our immediate control: the birth of a child, the death of a loved one, an unexpected illness, and even starting a new job.

In these moments we, like our ancestors, sometimes look to the skies for some indication of reason or meaning—a pattern to help us make sense of things. These seasons challenge us, but they also offer an invitation. It is in these moments of transition that we can encounter God in new and unexpected ways. These encounters can have a

powerful and lasting impact that allows us to see our normal lives and routines in a different light and empowers/enables us to go deeper in our relationships with God and with one another.

Our church has been in a time of transition and change for a while now, and as a church family you have all had the chance to reflect on where God has been at work in and through the congregation. You have also had many unique opportunities to provide leadership and pastoral care to one another and to the community. As we begin a new season together, I look forward to reflecting with you on this experience and wondering where God might be inviting us to grow and serve in the years ahead.

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With Special Thanks To

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Tom Ewig Jonathan Shelby Jennifer McCann Carol Conger Vellekamp

Eileen Urban McDonald Keith Wood

Thank you for all the time, effort and discernment that you contributed to the search for our new Pastor. Please know that your fellow church members appreciate all you have done.

We also thank the Deacons, members of Session, our Sunday Liturgists, Ushers, and Coffer Hour hosts, and all who have volunteered on Committees and behind the scenes, for being the glue that held things together in our time of transition.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

- Hebrews 6:10



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 16th

On Sunday, October 16, you are invited to bring those special members of your family referred to as your pets for our traditional blessing the animals.





September Session Highlights

The following highlights are from the September 14, 2016 Session Meeting.

The meeting began with Keith Wood leading devotions.



COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Adult Education (Julia Buteux):

Flyer is being mailed with the schedule of speakers for the coming year.

Youth Education (Kerra French):

- Curriculum and Calendar for Sunday School for the coming year is set.
- Youth Ministry Activities for the coming year are set.

Congregational Life (Meg Richardson):

- Sunday School kick-off, September 18, and make your own sundae—partnering with Youth Ed.
- A luncheon will be held after church on Sunday, October 2 to welcome Bill Stone on his first day.

Finance (Keith Wood):

- Illustrating the weak flow of revenue from Current Year Pledges, it was noted that during June-August pledge revenues of only \$22K were received vs. \$54K in 2015. About \$179K remains outstanding, which pairs off almost exactly with the \$177K in budgeted expenses.
- Sanctuary update: Phase II completed slightly under budget. Phase III: we applied for a County grant of \$154,000 in the spring that was received in July.
- Contracts were approved to determine source of and aid in the remediation of well water contamination.

Stewardship (Todd Claytor):

- Theme for fall stewardship campaign is "Ushering In a New Generation."
- Letter going out with pledge cards at the end of September.
- October 9th is Stewardship Sunday testimonial and sermon.

Building & Grounds (Tom Ewig):

- Developing a strategic plan and budget for buildings and grounds.
- Manse has been furnished for the Stones at the direction of Carol Conger Vellekamp.
- Tony will be having surgery on a torn meniscus and will be out for several weeks after surgery.

Membership (Jane O'Keeffe):

- Progress being made in confirming mailing and email addresses, as well as confirming continued contact information of children who have graduated from college.
- Collecting photos of members: email photos to membership.pcnv@gmail.com so that we can have an informal membership directory ready for Bill Stone to use for reference.
- Committee reviewing and updating the membership packet with Bill Stone's information. Would like to have a link to the membership packet on the website.

Mission & Outreach (Jonathan Shelby):

Mental Health fall dinner scheduled for Tues., October 25 in Chorba Hall. Sign-up at Coffee Hour.

Nominating (Tom MacCowatt):

• Caroline Ford, Kerra French and Meg Richardson's Session terms end in January. Keith Wood staying on as Treasurer and Head of the Finance Committee. This Committee will be working on a slate of nominees for Session and Deacons.

Worship and Music (Peter Saulnier):

- Our line-up of guest pastors and organists this summer has been well received.
- Co-minister of Music /Choir Director Search is ongoing, and we have received interest from six qualified persons to date.
- Amanda has returned from her leave of absence.

The next meeting of session will be Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm. Saulnier will provide refreshments, O'Keefe will lead devotions and MacCowatt is responsible for usher recruitment in October. Communion will be served on Sunday, October 2 by *French, Saulnier, Vellekamp, and Ewig. *Team Leader

Reverend Halldorson adjourned the meeting with prayer at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom MacCowatt, Clerk of Session



SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 3:00 PM INSTALLATION SERVICE & RECEPTION

Please save the date for our new Pastor's Installation Service followed by reception hosted by the Congregational Life Committee in Fellowship Hall.



The Congregational Life Committee will sponsor a Welcome Luncheon immediately after worship on Sunday, October 2 to welcome the Stones to our Church Family. The Committee, along with additional volunteers, will provide the food, and a free will offering will be taken.



The Congregational Life Committee Invites you to attend

The 2016 Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 11
After the Children's Christmas Pageant

This year's luncheon will be a potluck meal with the Congregational Life Committee supplying the meat and beverages. It will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Meg Richardson will be coordinating the luncheon this year.

Come and enjoy the spirit of the Christmas Season together.

Stewardship Campaign 2016-2017

Ushering In A New Generation



The "Ushering In A New Generation" Stewardship campaign for 2017 is under way. Pledge cards went out during the last week of September. Our new pastor, Bill Stone, arrived from Scotland with Hayley and the children. Let us show them an active congregation and financially strong church! Please make your pledge at this time. The closing date is **November 20**th.

Todd Claytor

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
FPCNV Will Host the Mental Health Assoc. of Morris County

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 dinner and music in Fellowship Hall. The event held last May was so well received that we 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 Jonathan Shelby at 973-425-2344 to join in the fun. Everyone is welcome, and everyone can contribute to the success of the evening in some special way.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

- 1) Table set-up & décor
- 2) Food for Dinner select menu, buy food, prepare meal and deliver to kitchen on 4/26. This must be coordinated with Meg Richardson.
- 3) Head of Table remains seated at table throughout evening to ensure our guests are comfortable and enjoying conversation. Does not require moving around or carry items (perfect for the less mobile).
- 4) Greeters welcome guest at the door, assist with nametag, escort to table, and repeat for additional guests.
- 5) Waiters one person from each table gets food for each guest at their table and serves the table.
- 6) Kitchen Help assist with warming and final preparation of meal that evening
- 7) Servers plate the meal and pass plate to Waiters.
- 8) Entertainment Nancy Barrett is reaching out to musicians to perform.
- 9) Goodie Bag a take-away of small items, may include a baked good or treat. Nancy Barrett and Nancy Burrows are leading this effort. Please reach out to them with ideas!
- 10) Clean-up Crew Clear tables and clean up in kitchen.



Congregational Life

Do you enjoy planning social events and providing opportunities for friends and family to celebrate with one another? Then Congregational Life is the perfect place for you to become involved at FPCNV. We plan and implement several opportunities each year for our congregation to come together in community and fellowship. Such events as this year's Welcome Luncheon, the Christmas Luncheon and the Church Picnic are all sponsored by Congregational Life.

If joining the Committee seems like too large 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

Discover the

silence within that

creates inner peace

renews energy

for the challenges

of daily living.

Three-Session Meditation Seminar with

Laura Nash

certified by Deepak Chopra, MD

Wednesday November 9, 16, & 23 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

FPCNV Library & Conference Room

Contact: Laura Nash (973) 879-8179 or laura@lauranash.com for pricing information.

In addition, many find that 30-minute group meditation sessions reinforce their intention and deepen their practice. Julia Buteux will facilitate these sessions in Fellowship Hall Library, joined by Laura when possible. These will be held every Wednesday from 6-6:30 pm, beginning November 30, and are free.

FPCNV Book Club October Book Selection

GNOMA Steinem My Leoning Road My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem

"My Life on the Road is the moving, funny, and profound story of Gloria's growth and also the growth of a revolutionary movement for equality—and the story of how surprising encounters on the road shaped both.

From her first experience of social activism among women in India to her work as a journalist in the 1960s; from the whirlwind of political campaigns to the founding of *Ms.* magazine; from the historic 1977 National Women's Conference to her travels through Indian Country—a lifetime spent on the road allowed Gloria to listen and connect deeply with people, to understand that context is everything, and to become part of a movement that would change the world.

In prose that is revealing and rich, Gloria reminds us that living in an open, observant, and 'on the road' state of mind can make a difference in how we learn, what we do, and how we understand each other."

- Amazon.com

Book Club Meeting Dates & Book Selections

Where: Library When: 7:30 pm

OCT 11 My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem

NOV 8 The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

DEC TBA Café Beethoven Dinner

JAN 10 The Golden Notebook by Doris Lessing

FEB 14 D-Day by Stephen Ambrose

MAR 14 The Blackwater Lightship by Colm Tobin

APR 11 The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace by Jeff Hobb

MAY 9 The Round House by Louise Erdrich

JUN 13 The Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole

"A warmly companionable look back at nearly five decades as itinerant feminist organizer and standard-bearer. If you've ever wondered what it might be like to sit down with Ms. Steinem for a casual dinner, this disarmingly intimate book gives a pretty good idea, mixing hard-won pragmatic lessons with more inspirational insights." —The New York Times



HUNGER WALK 2016

When: Sunday, October 16, 2016

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. Our dedicated participants show their support through fundraising and walking as part of a larger community committed to making a difference in the lives of local individuals and families.

To register online go to: www.cskmorristown.org



Youth Ministry News & Schedule 2016-2017

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

Sunday, September 25

Activity: Ultimate Youth Night & High Ropes Adventure

2:00 pm

at Camp Johnsonburg

Sunday, October 16

1:00 pm

Service Project: CSK Hunger Walk 1:00PM

Thursday, November 10 Service Project: CSK Breakfast-to-Go Bags

2:00 pm

Friday, November 11

1:15-5:00 pm

Service Project: Community Food Bank of NJ*

10:00 am-1:00 pm

Saturday, November 12 Service Project: In-reach Workday

Sunday, December 11

Children's Christmas Pageant/Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 11

Service Project: Christmas Is for Children Shopping (following

Christmas luncheon)

Sunday, January 29

11:30 am

Service Project: Valentine's Day Care Packages

Saturday, February 4

Time TBD

Souper Bowl Pregame: Dessert Baking

Sunday, February 5

11:00 am

Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon Serving

Saturday, March 25

Service Project: TBD

Sunday, April 9

11:30 am

Service Project: Easter Egg Stuffing

Sunday, April 16 Service Project: Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, May 13 or 20 Service Project: TBD

Saturday, June 3 Service Project: Car Wash

Sunday, June 4 High School Graduate Recognition Sunday

Car Wash rain date Saturday, June 10

TBD Sr. High Mission Trip (Grades 9-12)

*Must be 12 years of age

Sunday Speaker Series 2016-2017

11:15 am to 12:15 pm

FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS

September 25



Far too often the role of foreign policy and world affairs is minimized as a facto in the election of American presidents. Douglas Simon, emeritus professor of political science at Drew University who specializes in national security, will lay out potential scenarios on the global stage and demonstrate that foreign affairs have historically been critical in the electoral process and factor into the 2016 campaign. In addition to *The Challenge of Politics*, he is

coauthor of *New Thinking and Developments in International Politics: Opportunities and Dangers* and has contributed to numerous publications focused on international affairs.

RAISING CHILDREN, PART I: IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE, IT'S HARDER!

October 16

Popular speakers, Catherine Morrisett and Nunzio Gubitosa of Grace Counseling Center in Madison, will teach listeners how to use their gut instincts to get new, essential information in unpredictable family moments. Unlike consistent rocket science, family relationships are volatile and can change 180 degrees from one minute to the next. See your parenting style in a new light and get answers you raise confident children. Nunzio Gubitosa is certified in individual, family, and group psychotherapy, specializing in work with adolescents. Dr. Morrisett, as a therapist, specializes in individual, marital, and family therapy. Part II of this presentation will be on April 2. Childcare will be provided.

on James Madison, Harry S. Truman, and Woodrow Wilson.

THE ROLE OF OUTSIDERS IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

November 13

Dr. J Perry Leavell, professor of history emeritus at Drew, will provide clarity as we take stock of the 2016 presidential election and its results. He will consider the historical context for such extraparty factions as the Tea Party, Occupy Wall Street, and the political movement spearheaded by Bernie Sanders, as well as offering insights into the influence these movements may have in the future. A highly popular speaker with a wide following in the area, Dr. Leavell lectures frequently on the American presidency and has written histories

MAINTAINING GOOD FENCES WITH FAMILY AND OTHERS

January 22

Cindy Browning, LCSW, is a dynamic and entertaining speaker who has been in private practice for over 20 years where she specializes in the treatment of trauma, couples, family therapy, and addictions. With a dash of humor, Cindy will give guidelines to improving your relationship with yourself, your children, your spouse, and even your boss. In addition to her private practice, she provides professional development workshops and consultations to other therapists. Cindy has been extensively trained at the Meadows in Arizona, recognized internationally for their work in childhood trauma, codependence, and addiction. Childcare will be provided.

FAITH IN A DIVIDED WORLD

February 26



Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia, Director of Church Relations at Princeton Theological Seminary, will lead a lively conversation exploring ways people of faith struggle to live in the world, but not of it. The challenges before us seem to grow daily: racism, war, prejudice, violence, and divisions among people—us versus them. What is the Church's place in reducing this confusion? How can faith inform ways that we engage in the important work of transforming the world around us? Larissa is a member of the Committee on Representation for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and recently served as Vice Moderator

of the 221st General Assembly.

UNDERSTANDING THE MIDDLE EAST

March 26

Dr. Brid Nicholson, an engaging and informative associate professor of history at Kean University with a particular interest in social and cultural history, will consider the latest political and military developments in the middle East. Be it Syria, Israel, or Egypt, she will place these events in their historical context and offer insights into what lies behind the various and escalating conflicts. A native or Ireland, Nicholson received her Ph. D. from Drew and now teaches Irish, American, and Middle Eastern history at Kean.



RAISING CHILDREN, PART II: IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE, IT'S HARDER!

April 2

See October 16 for more information on this topic.

GOOD HEALTH BEGINS AT THE END OF YOUR FORK

Tuesday, April 25 11:30 am to 1:30 pm



Bring a friend and join us for a special Workshop and Cooking Demonstration with Living Plate! A Registered Dietician Nutritionist will demonstrate evidence-based techniques and tips to help you and your family eat healthier and without mealtime stress. Proper nutrition today can affect not only physical health but mood as well. Scientists have found it can also affect

the health of future generations in your family. Call Barbara Coe at 973-425-4088 or email her at waffcoe@aol.com to reserve a spot.

SHARING THE WEALTH: GIVING TRENDS IN NEW JERSEY

May 7

Hans Dekker, president of the Community Foundation of New Jersey since 2003, will discuss the interaction of NJ estate/income taxes and their impact on charitable giving in New Jersey. During Mr. Dekker's tenure, the Foundation's donor and legacy funds have made over \$348 million in grants to charitable causes in our communities. Highlights of the Community Foundation's work in New Jersey include human trafficking awareness, juvenile justice reform, and public media. Mr. Dekker is a past chair of the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers and a trustee of the Hyde and Watson and the Ohl Foundations.



Pipe Organ Articles

The deadline for submission to *The Pipe Organ* is the 20th of the month for the next month's edition. We welcome your input and are always happy to announce your good news and special events and occasions. Committees, please keep us informed!

We also encourage our Committees and members to submit pictures to *The Pipe Organ* if you are present at an event, at Coffee Hour, or have a snapshot you would like to share. You do not have to be a professional photographer. We just wish to share the joy that you spot along the path.

Your input and images can be submitted to:

officeadmin@pcnv.org

Thank you to September Coffee Hour Hosts

Lisa Chapman & Barbara Gill Eileen Urban McDonald Congregational Life Committee Youth Education Committee Carol Conger Vellekamp



NAME TAGS

Let's all form a good habit and be sure to wear our name tags to help Bill and Hayley match a face to a name. This is a simple way we can help them in the weeks to come.

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- 2. Add your first name in the second box
- 3. Add your last name in the third box
- 4. Click on the box that says "Add Me To List" and a confirmation email will be sent to your email address.
- 5. When you receive the confirmation email, you must click on the link to confirm your subscription for this to take effect.
- 6. Finally, please add <u>officeadmin@pcnv.org</u> to your contact list to ensure that the emails are not treated as spam by your email provider.



Volunteers Sought

We are in need of volunteers to take pictures at church events. You don't need to be an expert, just willing to capture these moments.

Contact Debbie in the Church Office if you would like to help.



OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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World Communion Sunday Worship: 10 am Rev. Bill Stone Preaching Welcome Luncheon for the Stones 11 am Fellowship Hall	Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	Women's AA Step Meeting noon	5	6 Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm	AA Meeting noon	8
9 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am	Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY	Women's AA Step Meeting noon Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 pm Book Club 7:30 pm	12	13 Bible Study 9-10 am	AA Meeting noon	15
Worship: 10 am Blessing of the Animals Coffee Hour: 11 am Adult Ed: 11:15 am Raising Children, Part I Youth: Soup Kitchen Hunger Walk 1 pm	Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am Finance Com. Mtg. 7:00 pm	Women's AA Step Meeting noon Session Mtg. 6:30 pm	19	20 Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm	AA Meeting noon	22
Worship: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am	Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am Madison Garden Club 11-3	Women's AA Step Meeting noon Mental Health Association Event 6:30 -8:30 pm	26	Bible Study 9-10 am Choir 7:30 pm	AA Meeting noon	29
30 Worship: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am	31					

October Worship

Sunday, October 2

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday
Preacher: Rev. William Stone, III
Liturgist: Carol Conger Vellekamp

Sunday, October 9

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 16

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Blessing of the Animals

Preacher: Rev. William Stone, III Liturgist: Eileen Urban McDonald

Sunday, October 23

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. William Stone, III Liturgist: Carol Conger Vellekamp

Sunday, October 30

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: TBA Liturgist: TBA

"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

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 DURING WORSHIP



Highlights This Month

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday
Rev. William Stone, III is preaching
Welcome Luncheon for the Stones

Saturday, October 16

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday Speaker Series: Raising Children, Part I
Youth—Community Soup Kitchen

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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