

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to one of the greeters or pastors after worship for more information or if you would like to be contacted by the Outreach Committee please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

Childcare is provided during worship. Children from birth to age 2 may be taken to the infant room, and children age 3 through Kindergarten are welcome in the toddler room. Laurie Davis is the Nursery Coordinator (MusicMomNJ@comcast.net).

Our congregation is very happy to have children participate in worship with their family as part of our church family! “Worship bags” containing quiet faith activities are available in the narthex for children to enjoy during worship.

Hearing devices are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

Friends, as we prepare for worship, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

The Flowers in the chancel today are given in loving memory of Joseph and Henrietta Magnani from their daughter Rose, granddaughters, Linda and Diane and great-granddaughters, Alyssa and Erin.

Head Ushers are Stan and Helen Dickerson.

After Service Greeters are Gail and David Geijer.

Coffee hour is hosted by the Vandenberg family.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to become part of the “chain” of church members who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please contact the church office at (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Lil Conley; Martha Davis; Arlene Duran; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; Audrey Smith and family due to the death of her mother, Anna Wahler; Dorothy Swec; Cathy Vogen; Lindsey Warne; Mildred Watts and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser’s mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darwin’s daughter, Cindy; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Judson Hagerty’s grandson, Greg Hagerty; Monty and Peg Hagerty’s friend, Carole Reed; family member of CPNS, Patricia Holman; Jane Huff’s grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes’ parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill’s mother, Carol Scarpone; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s daughter, Nancy Varga; Carolyn Lee’s husband, John; church treasurer, Art Pellichero and his wife Linda; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun’s niece, Kaitlyn; Leslie Vandenberg’s brother, James Danek; Cathy Vogen’s aunt, Dani Ratkelis and Margo Wegner’s neighbor, Dana Szalus.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation’s service.

Prayer Requests in the Bulletin: *In order to keep the prayer request list up to date we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.*

- Please be sure to sign the “**Pipeline to Session**” cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give “kudos” as well!

Birthdays of Distinction: Jean Specht on May 14 and Martha Davis on May 19. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Adult Classes during Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

Spencer Bruno has been conducting a course entitled “*The Meanings Behind the Gospel Miracles*” in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The stories of Jesus’ miracles are loaded with prophetic and theological significance meant primarily to foster personal faith. By discussing and reflecting on the depths and dimensions that the Gospel writers intended to convey, our attendees have encountered afresh the One whose works and power already announced—and still announces the good news of God’s transforming love in Christ. We have been amazed at the Rest of the Story in miracles which we are familiar with.

Spencer will continue this course for the next two Sundays—please come out and join in! Each week deals with a new topic so you can join in at any time. Everyone is welcome. **Please note** that there will be no Adult Education class on Sunday, May 27, Memorial Day weekend.

~~ BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ~~

We want to send a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped during workday. There was a long list of items on our list and we were able to accomplish many of them. Your time and talents were greatly appreciated.

We had a terrific group of children, adults, scouts and confirmands who not only shared their time and talents to help make our church look even better, but also enjoyed a wonderful fellowship opportunity.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

Mark your calendars NOW! COUPLES’ NIGHT OUT!

Saturday, June 23

Watch for details and plan to attend the second event in this series—the first was hugely successful with every participant laughing and having a great time—they are all coming again—plan to join them!

VBS stands for ... Vacation Bible School!

We hope your child can join us for Vacation Bible School at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury this summer! This year's theme is SonRise National Park and will be held the week of July 30 through August 3 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children entering 4 year old preschool through 6th grade are welcome. **Registration has begun and will continue through May 29.** Registration forms may be found on the church website, cranburypres.org, or in the church office. For further details, please visit the church website or contact either director: Daune Arsnow (448-6181) or Cassandra Khazem (448-7425).

VBS needs your help! To ensure that we can deliver the children an inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! If you’re available to help in any way, please contact one of the directors listed above.

- Lead or assist as a VBS guide and Bible Study Leader
- Assist with Snacks
- Oversee/ Assist with Decorations

Also, please help us defray our VBS costs by purchasing snack and/or craft supplies through our **Giving Tree**. Here's how it works; take an "ornament" off the tree, purchase the item listed on the card, and place it in the donation basket located next to the tree. Please look for the tree in Fellowship Hall. In addition, if you have any of the following items at home that you’d be willing to **donate** to VBS, please place them in the donation basket beneath the giving tree.

- Large buttons (1 inch), need 96
- metal coat hangers (easy to bend), need 20

- shiny wrapping paper
- ribbon
- yarn
- stickers
- decorative paper
- scraps of material
- aluminum cake pans, need 20
- paper grocery bags, need 20

If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to **lend** to VBS to help decorate the sanctuary, please contact one of the directors listed above to arrange for a pickup prior to the start of VBS. These items will be returned to you promptly at the conclusion of VBS.

- Picnic table
- Large artificial Christmas tree
- Large lawn ornament or Christmas display of realistic looking deer
- Lawn ornament shaped like a squirrel
- Large stuffed animals shaped like a bear, a squirrel, a beaver, an eagle or an Alaskan husky dog
- Large eagle shaped cutout
- Green sheets, flat

Thank you for supporting SonRise National Park VBS!

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

Church Directory - If you had your photo taken for the new church directory, we have a copy of the directory for you in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Please stop by and pick up your copy!

~~ CPNS ~~

We are having our Family Fun Day this week. The theme is CPNS Spring-Along. We will turn Fellowship Hall into a Spring adventure land. There will also be a sing-a-long with our very own Mrs. Davis. All family members are invited to attend and we would love for any of our church members to join us as well. You will have four opportunities, Tuesday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Come and help us plant and play with bugs (the pretend kind only) as well as paint with fly swatters. We hope you will be able to come to one or all four programs; we would love to see you there.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at 609/655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

Our CPNS Summer Program registration has begun and classes are filling. If you are interested, please register today. Children that are entering our 3-year-old program up to children entering first grade are eligible to attend.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: A wonderful story reaches us from Lesotho about the powerful Lesotho women farmers, the Joining Hands network of Lesotho. This organization (KKM) is a network of over 200 farmers throughout Lesotho who together fight against hunger injustices. The women every year

plant their seeds in great hope, praying to God and believing that the rains will come for without a healthy harvest they know their families will starve. Even when the rains come late, the women continue to praise God for God's goodness to them, sacrificing their own needs as they prepare meals for their husbands and children. "Bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God" is their practice, one we would do well to emulate it, doing what they do, for they are not only grower of seeds but are community leaders of various organizations that educate other farmers. Truly they are making a difference in their world, in the lives of their children and families, and in themselves.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule: May 14, May 17, May 21, May 24, May 28 (no class), May 31

Opportunity for Service - Please help - Senior Fellowship is a great mission of our church that tries to create a sense of community for senior citizens. This program is run totally by volunteers. For this program to continue, we need your help. We could use people who are not senior citizens as well as senior citizens to be on the programs and trips planning committee. We meet about 5 times a year at 10:00 a.m. in the library on a day most of us agree upon to select trip destinations or program speakers. We make a yearly schedule and plan the details. Committee members help by setting tables, distributing beverages and assisting people as needed or acting as chaperones on trips. You do not need to help with all the trips, just what you can fit into your schedule. Our programs and trips are on weekdays and range from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. depending on the program. If you would like to join our committee, please contact Connie Bauder or the church office at 609-395-0897 and we will contact you.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 5/13(Team #2) and 5/20(Team #3)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

- May 13** 11:30 a.m. "Bake for Heaven's Sake" for the Youth Mission Trip. No evening meeting. Tell your Mom that you love her!
- May 20** Confirmation and Kurt's last Sunday: Youth Group/Youth Class host coffee hour congratulating Kurt and wishing him well! No evening meeting.
- May 27** Memorial Day weekend, no meeting.
- June 3** 9:15 a.m. Rehearsal for Children & Youth Sunday and 10:30 a.m. Lead Worship service
11:30 a.m. Car Wash for Camp Johnsonburg scholarship fund!
4:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Chris Ciccodicola, Ian Pulz and Peter Stewart.

~~ OTHER NEWS ~~

Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center Alumni Reunion - Calling all former Johnsonburg staff members! Camp Johnsonburg is holding their annual Alumni Reunion May 25-28, 2012. The main day of activities is Saturday, May 26, but there will be people spending the whole weekend at camp. Call your camp friends and plan on meeting at J-burg for a weekend of fun and fellowship! For more information, or to register, visit the camp website at www.campjburg.org.

~~ CALENDAR ~~

May 13, 2012 - May 20 2012

Sunday 13	(Mother's Day/ Ascension Sunday) 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom No Youth Group
Monday 14	10:00a Senior Exercise 12(noon) CPNS set-up for Family Fun day- FH 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Library 8:00p AI-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 15	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Room 10 9:00a-3:00p CPNS Family Fun Day - FH 11:45a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 6:30p Session Dinner with the Confirmands - FH 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 16	9:00a-3:00p CPNS Family Fun Day - FH 5:00p-8:00p Women's Club General Meeting-FH 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scout District Mtg-McK Rm 7:30p Deacons - Library 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 17	(Ascension of the Lord) 9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 10:00a Senior Exercise 7:00p Boy Scout Leader Meeting-McK Room (GC) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 18	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
Saturday 19	9:00a-12 noon - Used Medical Equipment Collection - Parking lot
Sunday 20	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship with Confirmation followed by coffee hour 3:00p-5:00p Annual Women's Tea-FH/Kit 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom No Youth Group 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn

A memorial service for former member Jean Guncckel will be held at Monroe Village on Monday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.