

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)*

“Gloria Patri”

THE PEACE* ✠

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✠

Pastor Lou

SCRIPTURE

John 19: 23-30

Mary Speer
Pew Bible pg. 114

ANTHEM

“You Are My Sunshine” Jimmie Davis & Charles Mitchell
arr. with additional lyrics by Jo D. & George Andrews
Children’s Choir

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1: 1-14

Pew Bible pgs. 118

SERMON

“Easter People”

Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #335 (Hymnal)*

“Though I May Speak”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Butler

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Gloria”
(12th Mass)

W. A. Mozart
The Chorale

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)*

“Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Butler

HYMN #27 (Hymnal)*

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

RESPONSE*

Choral Amen

The Chorale

BENEDICTION*

First through Fourth Grade Sunday School Classes

POSTLUDE*

Finale in F

Dom Andrew Moore
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

Leonard F. Swec

May 25, 1919 – April 1, 2015

We give thanks to God for the birth of

Grayson Mitchell Comiski
on March 30, 2015
son of Michael and Elizabeth Comiski
brother of Savannah
grandson of Dr. Louis Mitchell

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children
of God; and that is what we are." I John 3:1*

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 6

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(rain or shine)



strawberries, cake, ice cream

music—games—face painting—clown and more!

Purchase tickets in advance

Family Pass up to five people: \$25

Individual Tickets: \$6

Tickets are available during coffee hour, at the church

office, CPNS or from any Deacon

Tickets at the door

Family Pass up to five people: \$28

Individual Tickets: \$7

**Sponsored by the Board of Deacons to benefit

the Deacons Benevolence Fund



FUNDRAISER - SKEET'S PANTRY

This charity supports families in need in our community.

Doesn't get any better than that!

Thursday, May 21, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gil & Bert's Ice Cream

Celebrity Scoopers:

Pastor Lou Mitchell

Brett Butler, Youth Ministry/Christian Ed Director

Janice Parker, CPNS Director

If you cannot make it on Thursday, there will be an opportunity to donate throughout the week!

You are also welcome to bring can goods; there will be a

collection box there all week.



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. Linda Protinick is the Nursery Coordinator.

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

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

Friends, as we prepare to worship please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. Either refrain from wearing perfume or lessening the amount of perfume worn to church on Sundays. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

Flowers 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 Usher is Stan Dickerson.

Greeters are Jack Britton and Andy Kremann.

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 call the church office at 609/395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Will Ellsworth; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Karen Moser; Karen Moutenot; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Mark Sasso; Margo and Larry Wegner.

Meadow Lakes members with special needs: Peg Dubell; Frank Elliott; Warren Moore; and Bob Smith.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Vicki Bain's mother, Joan Stiles; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat; Joan Fraser's friend, Rev. Greg Keosaian; Paul & Janet Furchak's nephew, Bobby Hennessy; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Joanne Hughes' mother, Bella; Leah Moy's friend, JoAnn Post; the people of Nepal; Fran Stewart's father, Eugene Feeney; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette & family.

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!

Birthday of Distinction: Craig Gilbert on May 10. **Happy Birthday!**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

We want to invite everyone to our **Spring Workday**, on **Saturday, May 16** beginning at 9:00 a.m. There is a long list of items we would like to complete this spring. The list includes outside and inside clean-up and some repairs and maintenance items. No special skills are required. We hope to see you there.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School: We are already getting all ramped up with excitement here getting ready for VBS 2015!!

Pastor Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Youth Director, Brett Butler and VBS Coordinator, Cassandra Khazem are heading up a team of volunteers to help with the planning and organization for VBS and we are looking for team members!

Please feel free to email anyone of us (firstpressuz@comcast.net, bbutler532@gmail.com and/or ckhazem@gmail.com), if you are interested in being a small part of this amazing adventure!

VBS 2015 Everest! Join us from July 27 to July 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an awesome and unforgettable VBS experience!

At Everest, kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Registration is \$27 per child for the whole week! It's easy and fast, just visit this website to register today!

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cranbury

Cranbury Men's Bible Study (Sundays 8:00 p.m.): All men are invited to join us in the church office. Please contact Brett Butler for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Annual Women's Tea: Today is the deadline to sign up for the Women's Tea. Fritz Hager will be the guest speaker, presenting a short program about the Better Beginnings and South County Day Care centers and our church's support.

CPNS

Thank you to our CPNS board and families for providing such a delicious luncheon for our teachers this past week. It's just one way to say thank you for all that the teachers do for the children each and every day. We are so blessed at CPNS having such loving and caring teachers sharing with our children developmentally appropriate academics. They really enjoyed the lunch, thank you!

We also would like to thank the Cranbury Police Department for sharing their time with the children at CPNS. The lessons they share about keeping safe and that the police are our friends is such a valuable one for the children. We can't thank our police department enough for all they do for CPNS.

We are currently registering for the 2015-2016 school year, as well as our Pre-Summer and Summer Programs. Please let your friends and neighbors know about the opportunity to send their child to our Christian preschool. Ask them to email or call me for a private tour of our school. We look forward to sharing our wonderful school with the families of our church and our local community. Registration forms can be found on our church website, or at CPNS.

MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS

May Wish-List for Skeet's Pantry:

- PASTA – any and all kinds (this is a really important food staple for our families)
- TUNA FISH – lots of protein for our families
- PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY – either or both. Ditto the protein & everyone likes "PB&J"
- FRUIT JUICE – Any variety is very welcome

We've taken Pasta Sauce and Beef Stew off the list for now because you have all been VERY kind with your contributions of those items. But, as always, we accept any and all good food, as long as the expiration date hasn't been reached yet. If you have "odd items" of food which you're not sure people might like, we do have a miscellaneous table each month from which our families can select items which we don't have in

enough quantity to put in every bag. But again, please double check that the expiration date is still current on all items. THANKS AGAIN!

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: In Tucson, Arizona, congregations are joining in the Service Worship Sundays in their community that moves the church beyond church walls. Members paint, sew blankets, pull weeds, scrub floors, pack food totes for children, and visit the elderly. And through it all find joy in helping people write a different story for their lives, a story that now includes Jesus. They rejoice with the elderly wife who had prayed for years for her husband to attend church with her who now attends church with him because their mobile home was painted, and compassion showed him the love of Jesus in an unexpected way.

Improve Children's Access to Feeding Programs: A second goal that BREAD FOR THE WORLD recognizes as important is to Improve Children's Access to Feeding Programs. Despite gains that have been made, too many children are unable to get the meals they need to stay healthy and hunger-free, especially during non-school hours. Since 2010, a number of pilot projects have explored how to reach more children through the Summer Food Service Program which would provide the equivalent of the school lunch and breakfast programs. Congress should use this research to improve access and ensure children are receiving much needed meals. Join your voice for keeping our children well fed by coming to the Fellowship Hall on May 17 for the BREAD FOR THE WORLD Annual Offering of Letters, urging our Senators and Representatives to vote for bills that help to guarantee food and nutrition for all our children.

May is Mental Illness Awareness Month. In recognition of the needs of those who are affected by mental illness and receiving treatment in Trenton Psychiatric Hospital (TPH), we are asking for donations to be placed in the box in Fellowship Hall for the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Auxiliary to distribute for birthday gifts and prizes for Bingo, etc. The items they could use are: grooming and cosmetic supplies, playing cards, jewelry, and greeting cards as well as, books, current magazines, DVD's of movies or TV programs. Please donate new or gently used items. (Note that there should be no glass items or anything containing alcohol.) Collection through the month of May.

Those being discharged can always use good grooming supplies such as deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, soap and tissues, as well as small luggage. Please be generous. Many of these folks have no one else who helps them but this small band of auxiliary workers.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Senior Exercise Schedule: May 11, May 14, May 18, May 21, May 25 (No Class), and May 28

Upcoming Event: Senior Fellowship will go to the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton on Tuesday, May 12. We will depart from the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Once we arrive, we will be walking the grounds, the indoor museum and the Domestic Arts buildings for about 3 hours. You will be on your own to tour as you wish. No food can be brought with you so you will be purchasing your lunch at the Peacock Cafe where you can eat it inside or outside in their beautiful Acer Courtyard. Please wear sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes and sunglasses. If it should rain we will be rescheduling this trip. This trip required pre-registration.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

Counting Teams: 5/10 (Team #1) – 5/17 (Team #2)

	Week Ended 5/3/15
Weekly Offering	\$11,267
YTD Offerings	\$176,461
YTD Expenses	\$149,443
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$27,018
YTD Per Capita	\$4,977
% of 2015 Assessment (\$21,286) = 23%	

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 10, 2015 (Mother's Day)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-CR upstairs
5p - 6p Jr. High Youth Group - FH
6p- 8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible -Church Office

May 11, 2015

10:00a Senior Exercise
7:30p Brass Choir
7:30p Congregational Life Meeting-Lib.
8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm

May 12, 2015

9:00a Bulletin Material Due

10:00a Sr. Fellowship Trip - VAN
9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office
1:00p Outreach Committee Meeting- Lib.
7:15p APNC - Rm 10
7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office
7:30p Cemetery Board Mtg.-Lib.
7:30p AA - McKnight Room

May 13, 2015

9:00a Session Material Due

9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing-FH
9:30a, 10:30a, 1:00 p CPNS: Parsonage Barn visits
3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Committee Mtg-ML Mtg Rm
7:30p Bell Choir

May 14, 2015 (Ascension of the Lord)

10:00a Senior Exercise
9:30a, 10:30a, 1:00 p CPNS: Parsonage Barn visits
4:30p- Children's Choir - Sanctuary
7:30p P&A Meeting-church office (upstairs)
7:30p B&G Meeting-Lib.
7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary

May 15, 2015

8:00a-10:30a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution
9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
5:30p Jr. High Retreat at Johnsonburg - (VAN)

May 16, 2015

Junior High Retreat at Johnsonburg - (VAN)
9:00 B&G WORKDAY

May 17, 2015 (Ascension of the Lord Sunday)

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour
11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service
11:45 Lib. Committee - Lib.
1:30p Jr. High Retreat returns from Johnsonburg - (VAN)
3:00p Annual Women's Tea-FH/Kit
4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-CR upstairs
5p - 6p Jr. High Youth Group - McK Rm
6p- 8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH
6:15p-8p Boy Scouts - McK Rm (GC)
8:00p-9:00p Cranbury Men's Bible -Church Office