





## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Yes, it is that time of year again. The time to rake leaves and the time to look through your pantry and search for canned goods and other goodies for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Your Deacons could be filling as much as 150 holiday baskets this year for families in need in our area, and we need your help to make 2014 a wonderful Thanksgiving for all.

### Items needed are:

frozen turkeys; canned vegetables; canned fruits; soups; cranberry sauce; cereal; pasta/sauce; crackers; rice; boxed potatoes; stuffing; cookies; pancake mix/syrup; cake/muffin mixes; olives; peanut butter; jam; jello/pudding; canned nuts; granola bars; copy paper boxes (for packing the baskets)

Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall. Just inside the front door there will be a large box labeled "Thanksgiving Baskets." You can also bring items to church on Sunday and put them in the green wheelbarrow by the church door or weekdays at the church office. If you have an extra frozen turkey, please give it to a Deacon to put in the freezer. **Food collection will run through November 20**

Donations are also accepted to be used to purchase turkeys, fresh fruit and vegetables. Checks should be made out to the Board of Deacons earmarked "Thanksgiving Baskets" which can be placed in the collection baskets during worship. Thank you very much in advance!



**Visitors!** We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our greeter or pastor 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.

**Coffee Hour** is hosted by Chris and Renee Welch.

**Flowers** are given by Beverly Reddan in honor of Doris Wiegartner's Birthday.

**Head Usher** is Rick Norland.

**Greeter** is Jack Britton

**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:** Joy Barclay; Will Ellsworth; Cyndi Girardet; Bill Keller; Walter "Pete" Keve; Ed

Luffey; Karen Moser; Matt Rhodes; Russ Richardson; Ken Rossman; Mark Sasso; Audrey Smith & George Smith; and Carole Vandercher.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Betty Borgeson's sister, Martha George; Nancy Chonko's mother, Shirley Armstrong; Jean Dunham's sister, Pat Conant; Joan & Gordon Fraser's son, Iain Fraser; Paul & Janet Furchak's niece, Jaclyn Lyon and friend, Donna Chahal; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Mark Hughes' grandmother, Olga Zelder; Pat Scott's niece, Brenda; and Gretchen Stults' granddaughter, Jodi Mallette and family.

**Meadow Lakes member with special needs:** Eleanor Speers.

**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. Also pray for the 33 American Mariners lost at sea during Hurricane Joaquin as well as their families.

**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:** Bev Gilbert and Joan Sasso on October 15 and George Giovanos on October 18. **Happy Birthday!**

## CHOIR NEWS

**Musicians Needed** – We need substitute ringers for the Bell Choir and a pianist to accompany the Brass Choir. Some musical background required. Please contact Pat Bohrs if you are interested.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Christian Education classes** for all ages (Sundays @ 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)

**VBS Decorations** - Thank you so much for lending us your camping supplies for VBS this past summer! Please pick up your camping items on the stage in Fellowship Hall as we will be needing that space in preparation for Thanksgiving baskets. Thanks!

## Youth Group

6:00p-7:00p Jr. High (6th-8th Grade) Youth Group  
7:00p-8:00p Sr. High (9th-12th Grade) Youth Group

## CPNS

This week the children in our 3 and 4/5-year-old classes will be visiting local farms. They will be picking pumpkins and seeing all the different vegetables growing in our surrounding farms this time of year. Being able to go on trips such as these builds important literacy skills. The conversations with children about what they are seeing and doing, are important learning experiences for young children. These engaging and meaningful experiences contribute to childrens' language and emergent literacy skill development which is very important for learning to read.

We also continue to register children for the 2015-2016 school year, and the various enrichment offerings. We have

a few spots left, so 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**

**Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer:** The Abundant Life Festival in Ciang Mai, Thailand began with local churches, including congregations of the Presbyterian Church mission partner, the Church of Christ in Thailand, working together. Thousands of Christians were trained as one-on-one counselors for those who would commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

As a result 70,000 people came to 700th Anniversary Stadium to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and a reported 7,000 persons made personal commitments to follow Christ. The Spirit of the Lord is indeed working in Thailand and throughout the nine-country region of Southeast Asia to bring abundant life.

**OCTOBER at SKEET’S PANTRY: The Shelves are Empty Again!** Seems hard to believe, but in just one month we’ve gone from a good supply of food to empty shelves in our pantry. Difficulties with staffing at Mercer Street Friends has been a big part of the problem, and has made it hard for them again to supply as much food as usual to area food pantries. Thanks to your kind monetary gifts over the past months, we will be buying food for our next food distribution on Friday, October 16 but donations of food from all our friends in the congregation and neighbors in the community would also be wonderful!

The food which is most helpful includes:

**CEREAL** – family sized boxes; **SOUPS** of all varieties; **CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES;** **PASTA** and **PASTA SAUCE;** **TUNA FISH;** **PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY;** and **BABY FOOD** would also be appreciated

And PLEASE be sure your donated food is NOT out-of-date. THANK YOU!!!

**SENIOR BREAKFAST CLUB**

Please join the Senior Breakfast Fellowship on **Thursday, October 22** at 8:30 a.m. at the Cranbury Inn. The Senior Breakfast group will host their monthly meeting and we will hear from Clifford W. Zink. He will tell us about Mercer Automobile. Mr. Zink is the author of The Roebing Legacy, a classic American tale of immigration, hard work and entrepreneurship.

If you wish to attend, and have not done so before, please notify the church office at (609)395-0897 so that we can contact you. We need to notify the Cranbury Inn with a head count of the guests that wish to attend. For more information, contact Walter Wright.

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

**Senior Exercise Schedule:** October 12, October 15, October 19, October 22, October 26 and October 29

**Senior Fellowship Event:** Senior Fellowship and the Golden Age Neighbors will be hosted by the Deacons on Saturday, October 17 at 12:00 noon to a luncheon. There is no need to

bring anything, just come and enjoy the fellowship and food. If you are not on our calling list and you would like to attend the luncheon, please preregister by calling the church office at (609)395-0897 by Monday, October 12.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

**Counting Teams:** 10/11 (Team #3) – 10/18 (Team #4)

	<b>Week Ended 10/4/15</b>
Weekly Offering	\$6,729
YTD Offerings	\$332,698
YTD Expenses	\$311,300
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	\$21,398

**WORSHIP**

We have **flower openings on October 18, October 25 and November 1.** Please call Diane Smith if you are interested.

**OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**October 11, 2015**

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  
 6p–7p Jr. High Youth Group-FH  
 7p–8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH

**October 12, 2015 (Columbus Day)**

**Church Office Closed**

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

**October 13, 2015**

**9:00a Bulletin Material Due**

9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office  
 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office  
 7:30p AA – McKnight Room

**October 14, 2015**

**9:00a Session Material Due**

9:00a Skeet’s Food Pantry Packing  
 3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Cmt Mtg-ML Board/Conference Rm  
 7:30p Bell Choir

**October 15, 2015**

10:00a Senior Exercise  
 4:15p- Children’s Choir - Sanctuary  
 7:30p The Chorale – Sanctuary

**October 16, 2015**

8:00a-10:30a Skeet’s Food Pantry Distribution  
 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office  
 5p–8p Bible Blast – All areas

**October 17, 2015**

11:00a-4:00p Sr. Fellowship – **VAN**/Kitchen/FH  
 12:00p Golden Agers/Sr. Fellowship Luncheon – FH/Kit

**October 18, 2015**

9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (CRs/Lib./FH/McK Rm/Rm 1)  
 10:30a Worship w/Baptism and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Distribution followed by coffee hour  
 11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service  
 11:45 Lib. Committee – Lib.  
 4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–CR  
 6p–7p Jr. High Youth Group-FH  
 7p–8p Sr. High Youth Group-FH