



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ✚ Pastor Hannah

SCRIPTURE Luke 15: 1-10 Mary Speer  
Pew Bible pg. 78

ANTHEM "*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*" C. Wesley Anderson  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE Luke 15: 11-32 Pew Bible pgs. 78-79

SERMON "Coming Home" Dr. Louis Mitchell

### THE RESPONSE

HYMN #564 (Hymnal)\* "*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Mitchell

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 "*Onward, Christian Soldiers*" Arthur Sullivan  
Brass Choir

Hymn #592 (Hymnal)\* "*Doxology*"  
Prayer of Dedication\* Rev. Lovaglio

HYMN #391 (Hymnal)\* "*Take My Life*"

RESPONSE\* Choral Amen Donovan Klotzbeacher  
(Hendon) The Chorale

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE\* Presto Thomas Arne  
Organ

\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND

## Announcements

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**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 Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, 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 engaging activities to help children listen as we worship together are available in the narthex.

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

**Coffee Hour** today is our Annual Homecoming Picnic.

**Head Usher** is Stan Dickerson.

**Greeter** is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

**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:** Bill Chermak; Lil Conley; Robert Dyke; Bill Eller; Paul Furchak; Judson Hagerty; Tyler Katsoff; Pete Keve; Lucille Kirkenir; Evan Pease; Russ Richardson; Marge Scott; John & Carol Sprout; Barbara Wahlers; Margo Wegner; and Ina Zimmer.

**Meadow Lakes members with special needs:** Joe Kelly and Betty Smith.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** David Anderson’s father, Robert; Betty Borgeson’s sister, Martha; George Conley’s friends, the House family & Leslie; Barbara & Bub Danser’s grandson, Brian; Jean Dunham’s sister, Pat; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s son, Iain; Gaylord French’s wife, Molly; Gail Geijer’s son, Dan; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager’s daughter-in-law, Liz; Mark & Joanne Hughes’ friends, Sam and Benjamin; Ed Luffey’s mother, Ruth; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis; Pastor Lou Mitchell’s grandson, Grayson; Russ & Cheryl Richardson’s son, Mark; Pat Scott’s niece, Brenda; and Wilma Shimer’s niece, Janean.

**We pray for all people** who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation’s service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm’s way.

***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:** Diane Cox on September 13 and Betty Borgeson on September 18. **Happy Birthday!**

## **CHOIR NEWS**

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The Brass Choir is in need of a piano player that would be available to practice on Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. If you are interested, please email Pat Bohrs at [pbohrs@verizon.net](mailto:pbohrs@verizon.net).

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**Sunday School starts again on September 25!** This year, Sunday School starts with 15 minutes of "Gathering Time" with Pastor Hannah. We'll meet from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Drama Room to sing and pray together as we prepare our hearts and minds to learn about God in Sunday School. Children will then go to Sunday School with their age group from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Our younger grades will all use a new curriculum, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*, which focuses on the gift of God's grace and our grateful response. Grades 6 and 7 will continue with their PresbyTween curriculum as they dive deeper into the Old and New Testament before 8th grade Confirmation. Confirmation will start on September 25 with a meeting for parents and students; the confirmation year is a year of 8th graders figuring out how to finish the sentence, "This I believe...." High School Sunday School will continue under the leadership of Pastor Suzanne with a new curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, where students will learn more about the Scripture read and preached on in worship. If you are interested in joining one of our teaching teams, please reach out to Pastor Hannah at [firstpreshannah@comcast.net](mailto:firstpreshannah@comcast.net).

The CE Committee has also planned several "**Celebration Sundays**" throughout the year which will be open to the whole congregation - Sunday School students, their families, and all of our church friends (that's you!). These intergenerational celebrations will allow the whole church family to come together for bible study, prayer, singing, crafting, serving and even some game playing during the Sunday School hour. We are excited about the new programmatic year, and hope you'll join us!

## **Youth Ministry**

A new year of Youth Group starts **September 18 with a Kick-Off BBQ (5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) for middle and high schoolers.** We'll welcome our newest youth group members, eat food, play games, share about our summers, look to the year ahead and say some prayers. Youth group will continue to meet throughout the year on **Sundays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for middle school and 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for high school.** Youth group is all about community. You get to be goofy as we play games, to be serious as we learn about God, to be passionate as we serve others, to be curious as we ask questions, to be contemplative as we pray together and most of all, you get to be you!

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

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**Pictorial Directory:** Anyone who was not photographed for the new directory and would like to submit a photo, please do so at your earliest convenience by contacting Ed Luffey at [eluffey@gmail.com](mailto:eluffey@gmail.com) or (609)619-3064.

## **CPNS**

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Our 2016-2017 school year begins on Monday, September 12. We have enjoyed our Back-to-School Nights as well as our Playground Gatherings and Open House with our families this past week. Welcoming new families to CPNS as well as seeing all of our returning families is such a great time for all of us. Everyone was able to play in our new enhanced playground during our playground gatherings, thank you so much George Conley, our buildings and grounds chair for making that happen. There is still much work to do in our playground, the project will be completed in stages and I know we are all looking forward to all of the enhancements. We will even have a Music Store for the children to play in. Music is one of the many gifts Mrs. "K" has shared with all the children and families of CPNS over the years and we are so happy that her gift of music can be continued with the children in this way.

We continue to register children for the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School 2016-2017 school year. The registration forms can be found on our website. Enrichment program details are also available on our website. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our Christian preschool.

## **MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS**

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**Fall is Harvest Time:** Please Help Us Fill a Cornucopia for Skeet's Pantry! We all think about food and family when autumn rolls around and we get closer to the special holidays in this beautiful season of the year. Our Skeet's Pantry families think about these holidays too, and the blessings they receive from the generous donors to our Pantry. Their thanks echo through Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Friday morning of each month and their smiles make all your gifts and our volunteers' efforts worthwhile.

**Skeet's "Shopping List" for fall:**

**Peanut Butter & Jelly - Tuna Fish - Canned Soup - Pasta & Pasta Sauce –  
Cereal - Canned Fruit - Plastic Grocery Bags (in good condition)**

As always, please double check expiration dates, and THANK YOU SO MUCH for your help!

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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**Senior Exercise Schedule:**

September 12, September 15, September, 19,  
September 22, September 26 and September 29

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

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**Counting Teams:** 9/11 (Team #3) – 9/18 (Team #4)

**PLEDGES:** Please remember to keep pledges current during the summer. Thank you!

	<b>Week Ended 9/4/16</b>
Weekly Offering	\$7,434
YTD Offerings	\$297,465
YTD Expenses	\$314,370
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	<b>(\$16,905)</b>
YTD Per Capita: \$4,137 (19% of \$21,780)	

**WORSHIP**

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**REMINDER:** Our Fall/Winter Worship Schedule begins next **Sunday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m.**

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p><b>September 11, 2016</b>  <b>(Homecoming Sunday)</b>          10:00a Worship followed by the Homecoming Picnic          11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service          4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–upstairs CRs</p>	<p><b>September 12, 2016</b>  <b>Fall/Winter Church Office Hours begin 9:00a to 3:00p</b>  <u>CPNS First Day of School</u>          10:00a Senior Exercise          1:30p Martha’s Circle – Lib.          7:00p Brass Choir          7:30p Congregational Life Mtg-FH          8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm</p>
<p><b>September 13, 2016</b>  <u>9:00a Bulletin Material Due</u>          9:00a Sr. Fellowship - VAN          9:30a Staff Mtg.-Church Office          10:00a Sr. Fellowship Trip (Jenkinson’s Aquarium) - VAN          7:00p Christian Ed/Youth Ministry Meeting-Lib.          7:30p Stewardship &amp; Finance-Church Office          7:30p AA – McKnight Room</p>	<p><b>September 14, 2016</b>  <u>9:00a Session Material Due</u>          3:30p Meadow Lakes Ministry Cmt Mtg-ML Board/Conference Rm          7:00p Bell Choir</p>
<p><b>September 15, 2016</b>          9:00a Skeet’s Food Pantry Packing          10:00a Senior Exercise          7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>September 16, 2016</b>          8:00a-10:30a Skeet’s Food Pantry Distribution          9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office</p>
<p><b>September 17, 2016</b></p>	<p><b>September 18, 2016</b>          8:00a-10:00a Sunday School Teacher Training  <b>10:30a Worship</b> w/Teacher Commissioning followed by coffee hour          11:00a Meadow Lakes Worship Service          11:45 Lib. Cmte – Lib.          4p–5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice–upstairs CRs          5:30p Middle School/High School Youth BBQ Kick-Off – FH/Lawn/Kit</p>