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JULY 2017

For Priesthood (and for Everyone)

This month marks the end of my first year as your church's pastor, and at long last, I am officially ready to be ordained! As of June 22nd, all that remains is preparing the service. (As soon as the date gets nailed down, I'll let you know!) Since ordination has been such a long time coming, I've had a lot of time to think about it. Here's my favorite poem on the subject: "For Priesthood" by John O'Donohue.

**May the blessings released through your hands
Cause windows to open in clouded minds.
May the sufferings your calling brings
Be but winter before the spring.
May the companionship of your doubt
Restore what your beliefs leave out.
May the secret hungers of your heart
Harvest from emptiness its sacred fruit.
May your solitude be a voyage
Into the wilderness and wonder of God.
May your words have the prophetic edge
To enable the heart to hear itself.
May the silence where your calling dwells
Foster your freedom in all you do and feel.
May you find words full of divine warmth
To clothe the dying in the language of dawn.**

As I see it, this poem is not only "for priesthood," but also for every person of faith. God calls all of God's children, not just pastors, to a life of ministry: proclaiming in word, thought, and deed the good news of God's love for all of creation. (This is one of the reasons why Protestant traditions profess what they call "the priesthood of all believers.")

So, as the time draws nearer for my own ordination, when this poem will likely be read out-loud, know that I am praying this poem for all of you as well.

Peace,
William



- July 2 — Cole Schleper
- July 5 — Carly Potts
- July 6 — Donna Schleper
Michele Venezia
- July 10 — Blake Bolinger
- July 11 — Corrin Arnold
- July 13 — Gail Fouse
- July 16 — Gwyneth Rominiecki
- July 18 — Alicia Kitner
- July 19 — Nina Horton
- July 21 — Lily O'Malley
- July 22 — Johanna Heine
Casey McEniry
- July 23 — Michael Onofri
- July 26 — Matthew Dallas
- July 27 — Jeffrey Conover
- July 29 — Michael Murray
Mary Terry



KUDOS and THANKS!!!

Thank You!

We are so grateful for the high spirit with which members of the congregation took on the task of dealing with the estate of Jean Cifelli.

You are a marvelous, energetic, and fun group of God's people. We were amazed and gratified by the high level of commitment and cooperation we were privileged to witness at every stage leading to the conclusion of the estate sale. We raise our glasses of iced tea to all of you who helped in any way.

Thank you! *Terry and Gail*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marie Katona; Vincene Palmonari; Evelyn Seyebe; Edith Van Arsdale; Paul Sootkoos; Mae Hamilton; Jean Allegretti; Shawna (Kochie) Catarinicchia; Ann McFate.

Please contact the office or the Deacon on call if you wish to add someone to this long-term prayer list.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this year's Strawberry Festival a big success!

We were blessed with perfect weather for this outdoor celebration. We served a record crowd and earned over \$1300.

It was rewarding to see so many smiling faces on workers as well as guests.

DEACONS' CORNER

No Deacons' Meeting in July!

FOOD PANTRY: Ongoing donations of non-perishable food are collected in baskets at the rear of the sanctuary. A deacon delivers these to St. Mary's Food Pantry. **Current needs of the Food Pantry include:** Canned chicken; tomato sauce; microwaveable meals; granola bars; soap; canned pork and beans; razors.

MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET: Please contact the Deacon on Call if you are in need of medical supplies (i.e. walkers, canes, portable toilets). We are not collecting additional supplies at this time.

CARE NOTES: There is a new collection of Care Notes in the display rack on the wall at the back of the sanctuary for your use. Feel free to share them with someone you know.

Take one - Take Heart
Give One - Give Hope

Deacon on call: Bobbi Maiuro: 291-0359

Your Deacons,
Pat Andrus, Megan Arnold, Karen Chamberlin,
Amy Dallas, Jane Erickson, Marlene Lyszczak,
Bobbi Maiuro, Lisa Van Pelt

Youth Deacon: Celia Bolinger



WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR JULY

Pastoral Care—Pastor William Stell

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Sunday Mornings

To volunteer:

♦ *to be a Worship Reader, please contact*
Donna Potts.

♦ *for Fellowship Hour, please contact*
Kathie Ackerman.

Worship Readers

7/2— Donna Potts

7/9— Deb Branson

7/16— Kathie Ackerman

7/23—

7/30—

Fellowship: Simple refreshments will be available with no sign-ups necessary. If you have something you would like to share, bring it along. Lemonade and Iced Tea will always be on the table.

July Communion Servers

Donna Potts, Pat & Mary Terry,
Kathie Ackerman

August Communion—Intinction

MISSION IN ACTION!

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meal: Sunday, July 30, 2017 (immediately following worship)

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile mission in our church, please write a check to The First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown and write "Mission" or "Bread of Life Meals" in the memo section.

Grocery Bag Mission Due Date: Ongoing. We deliver items to the First Baptist Church in Bordentown.

Our church provides microwaveable meals for the homeless each month. Our donation is combined with donations from other churches to provide 20-30 grocery bags to homeless families living in local area motels. Some examples are pop-top soup cans, Chef-Boyardee pasta meals, or cans of stew. We have a basket in the back of the church, labeled "**Grocery Bag Mission**". If you can donate some items for this monthly collection, please place them in this basket. Thank you for your generosity!

Ready to Distribute Mission Meals

The Mission Team has been making up paper bags containing non-perishable food that can be stored and is ready to be distributed. The bags consist of bottles of water, juice, cereal, soups, microwaveable meals, fruit cups, puddings and anything else that stores well and doesn't need refrigeration. Please help us continue this important mission in our church by making up a bag now and then that can be stored at the church. Give your donated bag to anyone on the Mission Team and we will put it in storage.

Grace and Peace to all!

The Mission Team,

Blake Bolinger, Karen Chamberlin, Jane Erickson, Bobbi Maiuro, Karin Venezia

Choir and Handbell Ringers—Thank you for another great year!

Dates for your calendar

Rehearsals resume...

Choir

Thursday, September 14 at 7 in Play & Learn (The first Sunday is likely to be the 24th).

Handbells aka "Desperate Measures"

Thursday, September 28 -1st rehearsal at **8:15** (Sundays to be October 15, November 19, December 5 - check your calendars to see if those dates will work for you.)

Christmas Choir rehearsals begin on **October 19 at 7 pm.**

If you're interested in joining the choir, speak to Wendy in church or contact her via email: giduly@juno.com or phone 215-582-5679 (texts are ok).



July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship Communion	3 7:30 pm Women's AA	4 Happy July 4th	5	6 7:30 pm AA	7	8
9 9:30 Worship	10 7:30 pm Women's AA	11 7 pm Session	12	13 7:30 pm AA	14	15 Church Picnic 1 pm
16 9:30 Worship Church Picnic rain date	17 7:30 pm Women's AA	18	19 7 pm B & G	20 8 am Men's Breakfast 7:30 pm AA	21	22
23 9:30 Worship Mission Trip departure	24 7:30 pm Women's AA	25	26	27 7:30 pm AA	28 Mission Trip return	29
30 9:30 Worship Mission Meal	31 7:30 pm Women's AA					



OFFICE HOURS: Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am-2pm
SUNDAY MORNINGS: [Worship 9:30 am](#)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 2017 ANNUAL PICNIC!

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 15
TIME: 1 PM UNTIL ???
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 16
WHERE: THE BACK YARD OF
ROBERT JOE LEE,
CARYL AND HANNAH
ADDRESS: 93 PAXSON AVENUE, HAMILTON



The following will be provided:

- ◆ Forks, knives, plates, cups, napkins
- ◆ Ice in tubs for keeping drinks cool
- ◆ A large back yard with shade, pool, ball courts, a grill
- ◆ A pot of baked beans supplied by Robert Joe and family
- ◆ Plastic trash bags
- ◆ Some tables and chairs

Please bring the following:

- ◆ Picnic fare for yourself and family (consider doubling up with others)
- ◆ Beverages
- ◆ Lawn chairs
- ◆ Something to share if you wish
- ◆ For swimmers—Swim wear and towel
- ◆ Anything else you need to enjoy a sunny, pleasant summer afternoon

DIRECTIONS

*When you're close to the house on Paxson Avenue: Our house is the seventh house on the left (including the first house on the corner on Nottingham Way) heading north from Nottingham Way. Look for the log cabin mailbox next to the driveway. Our driveway is the concrete one — not the larger gravel one. **NOTE: Please do not park on the street in front of our house or in the neighbor's gravel driveway next door!!!***

VIA I-195 (E or W) or 130S: Take I-195 to Exit 3B, "Hamilton Square." Turn left at the fourth light onto Route 33. Turn right at second light (Wendy's on left) onto Paxson Avenue. Proceed across Nottingham Way at light and see box above.

VIA 130N: Take I-295 North. Take Exit 60 onto I-195. Follow directions for I-195 to house. **OR** If already in Bordentown, take 130N toward New Brunswick. Take Yardville/Groveville (Rt. 156) exit, turn right at top of ramp onto Church Street (which becomes Yardville-Hamilton Square Road), go straight at stop sign, go straight through light at South Broad, cross over I-195, and follow directions for I-195 above.

VIA I-295N: Take 295 North to Exit 63A, Mercerville/33 to 535E. At bottom of ramp, turn right at stop sign. Go straight through the next two lights and bear left when the road forks at the third light (this is where Rt. 33 bears right). Go straight through the next light and get in the right lane. At the next light (Bill's Tavern on left), known as 5 points, bear to the right (do not turn right, left or go straight) between a bank and a fire station. At the next light, turn left onto Paxson Avenue and see bold text above.

"We endeavor in all things to nurture the fruit of the Spirit within the family of God."

From FPCB Mission Statement

JULY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS!

*Bring canned/package meals for Bordentown Motel Ministry
On the **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (July 16)***

July 2— Worship and Communion

July 9— Worship

July 15— Annual Church Picnic

July 16— Church Picnic Rain Date

July 23— Mission Trip Departure

July 30— Mission Meal (following Worship)



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