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"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you, by worrying, add a single hour to your span of life?"

(Matthew 6:26-27)

The first time I went to Israel-Palestine, I was traveling with a group of 20 other college students, led by one of my New Testament professors. At the end of our 10-day trip, at the airport in Tel Aviv, I was the last of the students in line to get my boarding pass, and when I gave the employee behind the counter my information, she said, "You're on a different flight. Your plane doesn't leave until tomorrow."

My heart started pounding, and my mind melted. Thankfully, my professor was right behind me, and he immediately stepped up to the counter to facilitate a productive conversation... when all I could do, in my agitated state, was sputter my disbelief that such a thing had happened. The employee told us that a ticket for the right flight would cost \$1200. I said I'd need to call my parents and have them check to make sure that I had that much money in my bank account. But my professor said, "Don't worry about it. I'll take care of it for now. We can figure out the payment once we get back home." He handed his credit card to the employee, and I managed to mutter "thank you" as I started to cry.

After the employee returned the card, my professor put his hand on my shoulder, looked me in my tearful eyes, and said, "If it's the kind of problem that money can solve, then it's not a problem worth worrying about."

I have repeated that line many times over the years—most often to myself, whenever I feel like I've unfairly lost a few bucks. Of course, money is necessary for life, and it is perfectly legitimate to feel worry over whether or not we can afford adequate food, housing, transportation, healthcare, and so on. At the same time, though, it is important to put our worries into perspective; to interrogate our anxieties and consider setting them aside, at least for a time, as best as we can; to regularly remind ourselves that God feeds the birds, and God helps us get home, and God guides us through the ups and downs of our days and years. "Look at the birds of the air."

Peace,
William



June 1 **Corinne Agins**
 June 2 **Robert Hake**
 June 3 **Geoffrey Chidley**
 Bill Walling
 June 10 **Olivia Lawson**
 June 11 **Keira McAteer**
 June 12 **Dana Ryba**
 June 13 **John Burke**
 Stanley Hawryluk
 June 16 **Megan Arnold**
 Emmett Stark
 Guy Tassi
 June 25 **Katie Frey**
 Leah Shaw
 June 26 **Pastor William Stell**
 June 27 **Mark McAteer**
 June 29 **Dennis Maiuro**



June 8
Guy & Pat Tassi
 June 13
Mike & Debbie Onofri
Alan & Marion Stoneback
 June 17
Tom & Kathie Seaman
 June 24
Pat & Mary Terry



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
 YOUR PRAYERS**

**Vincene Palmonari;
 Evelyn Seyebe; Edith Van Arsdale;
 Paul Sootkoos; Mae Hamilton;
 Shawna (Kochie) Catarinicchia.**

*Please contact the office or the Deacon on
 call to add someone to this long term
 prayer list.*

**Congratulations to the
 2018 Graduates**

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Uma Turner will graduate from
 Columbia Grade School in NY City.

HIGH SCHOOL
Rollins Terry will graduate from
 Westfield High School, New Jersey.

COLLEGE
Patrick H. Terry, graduated from
 Duke University with a Masters
 Degree in Electrical Engineering and
 Computer Science.

Congrats to **Mary and Pat Terry**, the
 proud grandparents of all three
 graduates!

DEACONS' CORNER

NEXT DEACONS MEETING

**Sunday, June 10
(following Worship)**

Change in Organization

In a mutual decision approved by Session, the Board of Deacons and the Mission Commission have agreed that the role of the Mission Commission is to oversee programs serving our local community and the world.

Local programs include St. Mary's Food Pantry, Good Neighbor Guild, Bordentown Motel Ministry, and Homefront.

Moving forward the Board of Deacons will be focusing on service to our congregants and their families. We plan to continue helping hands, prayer chain, Senior Luncheons, Silver Tea reception, funeral luncheons, and outreach to our home based members and college students.

Deacon on call:

Melonie Newton, 291-9534

Your Deacons:

Pat Andrus
Megan Arnold
Linda Blackwell
Karen Chamberlin
Amy Dallas
Jodi Hawryluk
Bobbi Maiuro
Melonie Newton
Lisa Van Pelt
Maggie Hetman (Youth)

WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR JUNE

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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

6/3 — Youth Sunday

6/10 —

6/17 — Cathy Elliot-Shaw

6/24 —

Fellowship Hour

6/3 — Pat & Mary Terry

6/10 — Margaret Conover

6/17 — Donna Potts

6/24 — Amy Dallas

Communion Servers — June

Megan Arnold, Lisa Van Pelt,
Donna and Gordon Potts

Communion Servers — July

Pastor William,
Pat and Jim Andrus,
Robert Joe Lee

MISSION IN ACTION!

Food Pantry

Ongoing donations of non-perishable food are collected in the basket on the right at the rear of the sanctuary. A deacon delivers these to St. Mary's Church Food Pantry. Standard monthly needs of the Food Pantry include: tuna, beefaroni, coffee, canned meat, kids cereal, jarred tomato sauce, canned fruit, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste.

Our Bread of Life Mission Meals

Bread of Life Mission Meals are held on the last Sunday of each month. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile mission in our church, you can write a check to *The First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown* and write "Mission Meal" or "Bread of Life Meals" in the memo section.

Next Grocery Bag Mission

Our church provides microwaveable meals for the homeless each month. Our donation is combined with donations from other churches to provide grocery bags to homeless families living in local area motels. Some examples of items you can donate are pop-top soup cans, Chef-Boyardee pasta meals, or cans of stew. You can put your donations in the basket in the back of the church, labeled "Grocery Bag Mission Meal." Thank you for your generosity!

Coming soon!

The Mission Commission will be updating how we handle our *Ready To Distribute Meals*. In the past we reached out to the congregation to provide bags already assembled with items we could hand out to people asking for help. We have decided, instead, to designate a couple of shelves in the Julien House with items we can hand out when the need arises, which seems to be once every couple of months.

Items we would be looking for:

- Apple sauce
- Fruit cups
- Tuna packets
- Microwaveable meals
- Jello cups
- Juice boxes
- Water bottles
- (other similar items)

Grace and Peace to all!

The Mission Commission

Pat Andrus, Robert Joe Lee, Bobbi Maiuro,
Donna Potts, Karin Venezia





June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				RAIN OR SHINE 	1 Strawberry Festival 6-8:30pm	2 City Yard Sale 9am-3pm
3 10:30 Worship Youth Sunday 5pm Yoga Church	4 7:30 pm Women's AA	5 7 pm Grief Counseling	6 10:30 am Play & Learn Graduation	7 7:30 pm AA	8	9 Church Yard Sale 9am-3pm Green Fair 10am-3pm
10 10:30 Worship Communion 12:15 Deacons' Mtg 5pm Yoga Church	11 7:30 pm Women's AA	12 7 pm Grief Counseling 7pm Session	13	14 Flag Day 7:30 pm AA	15	16 Marjorie's Students' Recital 4-6:00 pm
17 10:30 Worship Happy Fathers Day 5pm Yoga Church	18 7:30 pm Women's AA	19 7 pm Grief Counseling	20	21 8 am Men's Breakfast 7:30 pm AA	22	23
24 10:30 Worship Mission Meal Marjorie's Auditions 1-9pm 5pm Yoga Church	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:30 pm Women's AA	26 7 pm Grief Counseling	27	28 7:30 pm AA	29	30

OFFICE HOURS: Tues, Thurs, Fri 10:30am-2pm

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Children's Chime Choir 8:55am ~ Church School, All Ages 9:15 am ~ Worship 10:30 am

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
by Robert Robinson

Robert had a rough beginning. His father died when he was young. His mother couldn't control him and sent him off to London to learn barbering. Instead, what he learned was drinking and gang-life. By chance, he attended an evangelistic meeting held by George Whitefield, who was one of history's greatest preachers. His words haunted Robert for nearly three years, until December 10, 1755, when he gave his heart to Christ. Robert soon entered the ministry, and three years later at age 23, while serving Calvinist Methodist Chapel in Norfolk, England, he wrote this hymn for his sermon on Pentecost Sunday. It was a prayer that the Holy Spirit flood into our hearts with his streams of mercy, enabling us to sing God's praises and remain faithful to him.

Robert continued working for the Lord until 1790, when he was invited to Birmingham, England, to preach for Dr. Joseph Priestly, a noted Unitarian. There, on the morning of June 8th, he was found dead at age 54, having passed away quietly during the night.

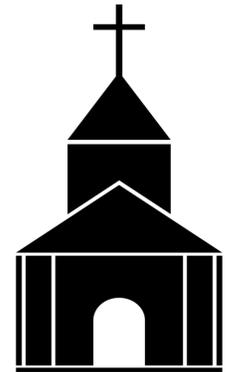
The music for this inspiring hymn is a traditional American melody, and can be found in our hymnal on pgs. 355 and 356. You may listen to it, as well, on the church's website.

Adopt-a-Project

This church project has been very productive and such a big success. The committee would like to thank all who have been working on the many aspects of this.

We have:

- ◆ Organized the kitchen and removed all unneeded items
- ◆ A working pantry has been set up for the Mission Meals with the pots and pans easily accessible
- ◆ The music has been relocated and is now altogether in one room
- ◆ The class rooms over Play and Learn are reorganized
- ◆ There is storage room for big cartons of supplies
- ◆ There are spaces for church decorations, the art show, and the strawberry festival
- ◆ Youth group has its own space
- ◆ The shed is organized
- ◆ The "boiler room" is in the process of decluttering and reorganization
- ◆ Bells are now kept in a secure place
- ◆ The choir pews are cleaned out



In doing this project, all groups now have their own space to safely keep items they need and will know where to find them. As a congregation we need to continue to honor these spaces by keeping them orderly and respecting the use of each place.

Again, thanks to all who worked independently and as a group to accomplish so much. We really do work well together!

Session Meeting Synopsis

The Session met on May 8th. The following topics were discussed/announced:



- * The Grief Recovery Group will meet for 6 weeks from May 22nd to June 26th.
- * The time of Sunday services will remain at 10:30 throughout the summer.
- * The dinner for Home Front tenants on April 24th went very well, with 13 families contributing food and/or drinks.
- * 10 old tables and many ancient hymnals are looking for a new home – see Ted Miller or William, if interested.
- * A roofer will be checking roof to determine cause of leak in classrooms.
- * Per Capita contributions are well below our required payment. If you haven't contributed your \$37 (per member), please consider doing so.
- * The Finance Committee has met with our Investment Account manager to consider options to best utilize funds recently received from the estate of Jean Cifelli.
- * Youth Sunday is scheduled for June 3rd.
- * The Pastoral Search committee is meeting regularly and has completed the documentation necessary to post the position through the PC(USA)'s hiring website.



Bordentown City Wide Yard Sale & Church Yard Sale

Saturday, June 2nd, 9 am -3 pm (8:30am set up)

Yard Sale in Church Yard

If you have anything you're just looking to get rid of and would like to put up for sale, we will be having a yard sale in the church yard.

Tables are \$10 a piece for church members and \$15 a piece for non-church members. (\$25 for 2: non-church members).

Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown.

You can bring payment with you (if you're renting tables) or drop it off/mail it to the Julien House, attn: Jane Erickson- Yard Sale Payment.



Music and Theater By Marjorie presents...



Book by Craig Sodaro, Music by Eric Rockwell, Lyrics by Joanne Bogart
(Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Englewood, Colorado, Inc.)

"Soar away to... Theater Camp!"

- * Learn to sing, dance, & act!
- * Ages 5 - 18
- * Bordentown, NJ
- * Auditions: Sunday, June 24th
- * Show: Saturday, Aug. 4th at 2pm
- * Registration fee \$130
- * Sibling discounts!
- * Show t-shirt & script included
- * Rehearsals: Sun./Mon./Thurs. pm

To register, please contact Ms. Marjorie Polunas-Tafel at:
marjoriepolunas@gmail.com or 732-939-9519

* **Ask about our private lesson program for ***
...voice, piano, acting, & pre-k music!

Music and Theater By Marjorie presents their spring recital, "Happiness is..."

It will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, June 16th at 4pm.

Featuring performances by Charles Schultz' Peanuts characters & First Pres' own:

Meredith, Clare, Cora, & Alicia. A donation will be collected for the church.

On July 1st the Outing Group will walk historic Cadwalader Park in West Trenton.

This park has been recently updated! The trails are very flat and shady.



We will meet at the Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie Mansion at 3:45. As usual, there is a wonderful art show at the Museum. If you want to see that first go early. The show

that ends on July 1st features 35 artists with many different styles and media. The hours on Sundays are 1 to 4 pm.

Directions to the park will be emailed to the Outing Group a few days before the walk. Please email Amy Dallas at aedallas@verizon.net if you would like to be added to that group.

All are invited on June 14th at 11am to a day of games and a cook out at Kathie and Ed Ackerman's 72 Old York Road, Chesterfield, NJ 08515.

Please bring a side dish to share. There will be fixings for the grill, and cold drinks provided.

Sign up as usual at the back of the sanctuary so that we can plan accordingly.

Hope to see you there!



Summer Fellowship Pot-Luck Style

During the summer months, the church will still have Fellowship after worship. You don't need to sign up. All you need to do is bring something. Whatever you feel like bringing we will put out for others to enjoy. Coffee and tea will always be available.

We will resume our weekly volunteer's schedule in September. If you have

any questions or would like to sign up in the fall, please talk to Margaret Conover or Kathie Ackerman.



Sunday School and Youth Group

June 3rd
Youth Sunday 9:15 am
No YG Meeting

June 10th
End of Year Party





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

From FPCB Mission Statement

JUNE CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS!

*Bring canned/package meals for Bordentown Motel Ministry
On the **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH (June 17)***

- June 1 — Strawberry Festival! 6-8:30 pm**
- June 2 — City Wide Yard Sale 9 am—3 pm**
- June 3 — Youth Sunday**
- June 10 — Communion**
- June 17— Happy Fathers' Day!**
- June 24 — Mission Meal following Worship**



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