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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in

New Brunswick, NJ

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From Interim Pastor Leslie

Grace and Peace to You!

As I write this, it's the morning after the last Chilean miner was rescued. I watched, transfixed, as miner after miner emerged from the 26" wide capsule. Hope, resurrection, human ingenuity, survival. A bunch of ordinary guys created a community and a regimen for survival that enabled them to live in a mine for 69 days waiting for rescue, holding onto hope, as the engineers above ground devised ingenious plans to extricate them. Everyone had a role to play, including the families who camped out and kept in touch with their loved ones.

There are some resonances here for life in the church: Hold onto hope. Together ordinary people can achieve the extraordinary. Everyone matters. Believe in resurrection.

I want to thank the members of the Transition Team, who worked very hard on your behalf these last few months. They have been so gracious and thoughtful throughout the search and interview process. They are delighted to be relieved of their duties! Please thank them when you see them: Lawrence Adjah, Agatha Asamoah, Helen Burd, Martha Decker, Steve Farkas, Tom Parr, and Dick Veitch.

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I also want to thank the Rev Dr. Paul La Montagne, who has been a faithful pastor and wise presence these last months. I have encouraged him to continue to consider this his church home, although I suspect the Presbytery will deploy him elsewhere soon to help another congregation in transition.

There are 3 basic ways congregations tend to view the interim time between installed pastors:

1. Get through it as quickly as possible, keep your head down
2. Tolerate it, but don't prolong it, make as few changes as possible
3. Embrace the interim time as opportunity for growth and change

I look forward to helping you to pray, dream, think, and plan about who God is calling you to be. I believe the Session has decided that this is indeed an opportunity for growth and change, as the Spirit leads. I believe in the power of resurrection, whether it's miners emerging into daylight from 2000 feet below the surface, or a congregation searching for a new focus in ministry. Come and be part of the journey.

Blessings,

Pastor Leslie



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

November 7, 2010

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From Interim rev. Paul

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful time I have had working as your immediate short term interim. I have loved preaching; I have enjoyed meeting people; it has been an honor and a pleasure to work with the session and the deacons.

The Presbytery of new Brunswick and the Committee on Ministry also want to thank the church very kindly for the help they have given us. This immediate short term interim ministry has been a pilot project of the Committee on Ministry. We have long seen how churches sometimes decline or get into trouble while looking for an interim minister. It can take 4 to 8 months to find a good interim. So we adopted this idea of having a few ministers in the presbytery capable of stepping in immediately when a minister retires or leaves their church. This ISTI minister would then be able to give the church continuity of worship leadership, pastoral care and leadership of session and deacons while the transition team is searching for a regular interim. The church would be comforted and supported at a difficult time.

Here at New Brunswick with my ministry has been the first time we have tried this concept. What we have learned here will benefit other churches in the presbytery for years to come. At first thought, it has been very successful, but the CoM will also review all that we did with the transition team and the session after a couple of months to see what we can learn for the future. We thank you all very kindly for your help.

rev. Paul

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Good News About Pilot Me

Neighborhood Children Having Fun Learning

Friday, October 1, Professor Worbee used a power point presentation to engage the mentors/tutors in thinking of fun ways in presenting learning to the children in the church neighborhood. This Fall term, on Friday afternoons you can find 22 children and 22 Rutgers University student volunteers working of science, sports, theater, nutrition and more in a new way! That is eleven tables with two pairs of mentors/mentees to a table crowding Fellowship Hall for the first hour of each session. The university student will be working one on one with his/her child with new ideas and experiments for each Friday. Reinforcing writing, reading and speaking is part of each session.

Pilot Me Organization is a recognized Rutgers University student organization and funded through the University. The University encourages the students to become involved in the community; and Pilot Me has done this for more than 15 years. It is a win win situation for town, university, child and student! November 19 our Fellowship Hall and kitchen will look, sound and smell like “grandma’s house on Thanksgiving!”

You are invited to join in the holiday festivities; please call Helen Burd to make a reservation!



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE PLANS
ANNUAL CANNED GOODS DRIVE

On Sunday, November 7 join the children and youth of our Sunday School by donating canned goods to benefit the Franklin Township Food Bank. This community service project designed to teach our children to extend love to the community through sharing.

In addition to the traditional canned goods such as fruit, vegetables, soup and tuna fish, oatmeal, cereal, coffee, tea and hot chocolate would be appreciated.

From April to October, 2010, the Deacons have donated 112 pounds of canned goods to the food bank located in Somerset. Let's add to that amount significantly on the 7th of November.

We look forward to your participating in performing this act of kindness, helping to end hunger in our area.



NOVEMBER

<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lay Assistants</u>	<u>Notebook Collectors</u>
7	Anne Reese	William Bartels	Lyllian & Bob Frisch
14	Carolyn & Craig Cannon	Jeffrey Cobbold	Grace & Steve Farkas
21	Lyllian & Bob Frisch	Dick Veitch	Linda Zabala
28	Charlotte Essuman Precious Okyere	Arleen Van Brunt	Agatha Asamoah Eetai Wu



COMMUNION SET UP
November Karen & John Keithler



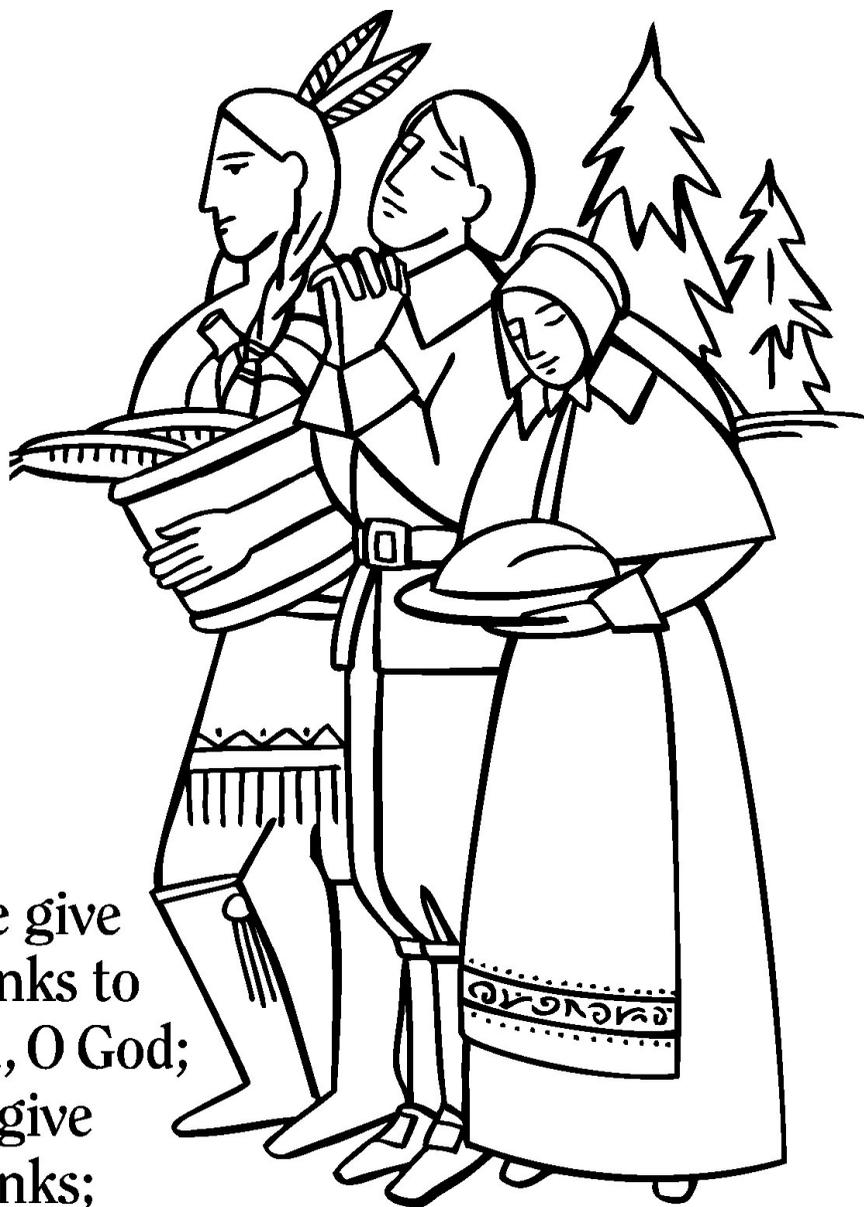
NURSERY SCHEDULE

November Memi Catalla

Happy, Happy Birthday



Matt Decker	Nov 3	Anthony Moore	Nov 9	Pearl Harding	Nov 24
Jim Breen	Nov 4	Will Price	Nov 12	Bob Frisch	Nov 26
Louise Bader	Nov 7	Jim Scudder	Nov 14	Veronica Orlick	Nov 27
John Parr	Nov 7	Charline Shelley	Nov 17	Esther Summers	Nov 30
Maggie McBride	Nov 7	Faye Bader	Nov 24		



“We give
thanks to
you, O God;
we give
thanks;
your name is near.
People tell of your wondrous deeds.”

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THE DEACON'S REVIEW

At the October 10,2010 (10/10/10) Deacon's meeting, Ida read the devotional from a book titled" The 101 things you should do before you go to heaven " from the chapter "clean someone else's toilet". This chapter urged us to do the dirty jobs i.e. washing dirty dishes, clean toilets to help someone; and then you will receive God's blessings.

The first part of the meeting was held in the sanctuary where Elder Jeff Cobbold demonstrated to all the deacons, how to work the new recording system.(Tascam DP-02/DP-02CF). He provided all the Deacons with copies of the manufacturer's operating directions. Jeff reviewed each page and demonstrated all the step on the recorder that must be utilized to enable us to record the Sermon(s). After he completed the recording demo. Jeff explained the new parking decal program; which the deacons will soon have the complete responsibility to manage and enforce, in the near future. After Jeff's presentations we moved to the "Board Room." for the remainder of our meeting.

Moderator Dick Veitch stated that he received thank you notes from the Franklin Food Bank for the total of 112lbs. of food that we had donated to them. He also announced that the Deacons Fall clean up will be held on October 23rd. @ 9:00 am. Letters have been sent to all the other congregations that use our church, inviting their members to participate in our Fall clean-up. Dick also informed us about a member of our congregation who lost a pair a bifocal eye glasses and is in desperate need of a new pair. Dick stated that he will call the Somerset Eye Care Office and inquire if they take any charity patients. If they do not Dick volunteered to pay for the members eye exam. A motion was passed which stated that the Deacons will pay for a pair of bifocal glasses for the member not to exceed \$400.00.

Ida White informed us that she has contacted the members of the congregation who have outstanding financial loans with the Deacons, Most stated that they will try to make monthly payments. When the payments are completed, the Deacons will be in the position to aid other needy families facing financial stress..

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Elder, Carol Campbell The Sessions Rep. Informed us that a member of the congregation, who lives in Dayton. NJ. needs transportation to and from worship services. every week. The Deacons will investigate this situation , to see what assistance we can offer. Carol also reported that a permanent Interim Pastor has been selected by the Transition Team, who worked very hard; Session is thankful for all the hard work and enthusiasm that they put into the search. The new Interim Pastor is scheduled to start on October 25, 2010 .

The New Interim Pastor will need the Deacons to help when she makes the First visit to members of the congregation who are ill and shut-in . Gabe announced, that we must create a new list of Families to receive our Thanksgiving Food baskets. He wants to start with our Congregation members , who are in need. Please inform a Deacon or the church office if you are aware of a family who will benefit from receiving our Thanksgiving Food Basket(s), that are scheduled to be delivered November 21, 2010.

BY: Deacon Frances Barboza-Clark



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

Those special wreaths from the Mission of the Eastward in Maine will be available again this year. The cost is \$12.00 payable in advance with your order by check made payable to PWPNB. The only sign-up sheet will be in the church office, and the sign up deadline is Sunday, November 24th. The wreaths will be available for pick up at the church on Saturday and Sunday, December 4th and 5th .

Clothing/supplies and gifts to go to MATE (Mission of the Eastward) will also be accepted again this year. The items (clothing should be clean and in good condition) should be brought to the church in Kingston only on Saturday , November

27 from 10-2:00 and Sunday morning, November 28th 10 – noon.
Especially needed are warm children's clothing and boots.
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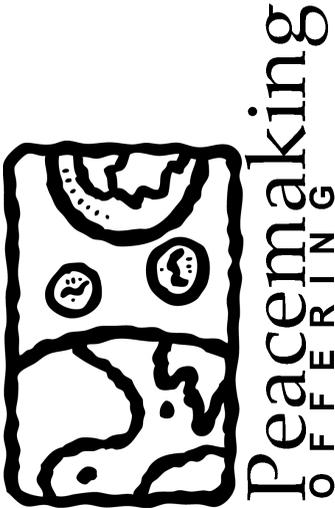
“THIS LIGHTHOUSE”

*The solemn lighthouse illuminates the sea,
bringing strength, beauty and peace to you and me.
The light seems to shine way beyond the mountain
erasing loneliness, fear and our sins.
Most lighthouses reach the clouds in the sky,
thrilling all onlookers as they walk by.*

*Lighthouses stand for guidance, excitement and pure love.
We can see precious loved ones so clearly up above.
This majestic structure rescues so many ships –
and saves lost people from different fishing trips.*

*Graceful dolphins are watching and playing ‘neath the beacon –
Have faith in the Lord
and you will be guided in, and win.*

By Linda Zabala



SPECIAL OFFERING

A Peacemaking Offering will be on Sunday,
11/14/2010

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

The Peacemaking Offering supports the peacemaking efforts of our congregation, Presbytery, Synod and the denomination to spread the peace of Christ.

Our church keeps 25 percent of the offering for peacemaking activities. The other 75 percent will help our partners in the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”

The Stewardship Committee

FLOWER CHART

The new Flower Chart will be posted on the Bulletin Board the first Sunday in October. God has blessed us with Sunlight and David’s Florist. The cost is still \$20.00. Please sign up for a celebration, in memory of a loved one, for a shut-in, and other special occasions.



**THE SPIRE:
NEWSLETTER OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
NEW BRUNSWICK**

Thank you, God!

A decorative flourish consisting of a series of stylized, symmetrical scrollwork and leaf-like patterns, centered below the text.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 2010 ISSUE

NOVEMBER 15, 2010