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### **JULY & AUGUST 2011**

#### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It's that time again! Time for RE-creation . . . a time to re-fresh and re-energize . . . lots of "RE"!

This congregation has been functioning in high gear for the past 9 months, and you deserve to sit back and reflect on all you've accomplished – doing it all “with thanksgiving, in the name of the Lord Jesus!” Fellowship Hall revamping, confirming ten young people, fund-raising, session team-building, Bread-of-Life meals, seasonal services, Deacons' care for our members, youth group, our first international mission worker relationship, church school (pre-K through adults!), choir, first annual picnic/swim party, coffeehouses, fellowship hour, prayer chain, bell and chime choirs, Play-and-Learn leadership transition, office upgrades (copier and computer), Inquirers and new members . . . yummy memories of strawberry smoothies, Palm Sunday pancakes, Harvest Moon luncheon (pumpkin soup and pumpkin pie!), hot dogs at the Strawberry Festival.

I know there's more — that's just a taste of this year's activities. But our faith community is more than activities. It's about sharing the love of Christ, seeing Christ in the faces of those around us, nurturing spiritual formation at all ages, worshiping together in good times and bad, and learning how to become better disciples in a fast-paced techie society.

For me, the crowning moment was in worship on June 5. Two elders jumped in to lead, unbidden, and made seamless transitions in worship while I was pinch-hitting for an ailing musician. It prompted me to say, sincerely, “I love this congregation!” In Presbyterian circles, we hear about “equipping the saints for ministry.” But rarely do we get to see how the whole body works together under unusual circumstances — living up to the roles they've been trained for, and allowing worship (rather than personalities) to take center stage.

I'd be remiss, also, if I didn't compliment all our officers – Elders and Deacons, for their daily sharing of time, talent, and treasure . . . visiting the sick, tending the buildings, coordinating all the teams and committees that enable us to be the Body of Christ in this particular time and place.

One of my favorite quotations about the church is this:

*The laity are not the passengers of a ship. They are members of the crew.*

*Elton Trueblood, lay ministry advocate, 1995*

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bill Sullivan; Rev. Carl Wilton; Bobbi Maiuro's co-worker, Paul Byrne, who lost his father and prayers for that family; Syd Comply; Vivian Mills; Judy Remington; Ellen Lawson; Carl Smith; family of Clarice Rollins, the grandmother of Mary and Pat Terry's daughter-in-law; Simmee's cousins, Charlene and Dave, on their daughter's gun accident and death; Barbara Brown; Baby Lauricella; Travis Maiuro (bursitis of the knee); Virginia Bonnell in Robert Wood Johnson Hospital; Margary Martin (Parkinson's disease); Heidi Karcher, Elke's sister (surgery for benign brain tumor); Stonebacks' neighbors' house fire.

### WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR JULY

**Minister** — Rev. Robin Lostetter,  
Phone: 732-644-8631; Best time to call is  
between 10 am & 10 pm  
rlostetter@bordentownpresbyterian.org

**Director of Music** — Gwendolyn Huber

**Accompanists** — Debbie Hill,  
Lynn Flickinger, Tina Vilic

**Secretary** — SaraLee Pindar  
office@bordentownpresbyterian.org  
*SaraLee's Office Hours: W, Th, Fri 9-1*

**Deacon of the Month** — Keri Pell  
324-3824

#### Worship Co-Leaders:

7/04—Mae Hamilton  
7/11—Kathie Ackerman  
7/18—Robert Joe Lee  
7/25—Pat Terry

*To volunteer as a worship co-leader contact  
Donna Potts, 585-0211*

#### Communion Servers - July (intinction)

Donna Potts; Jean Allegetti  
Robert Joe Lee

### WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR AUGUST

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**Deacon of the Month** — Melonie Newton  
291-9534

#### Worship Co-Leaders:

8/01—Kathie Ackerman  
8/08—Bobbi Maiuro  
8/15—Pat Terry  
8/22—Robert Joe Lee  
8/29—Bill Walling

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#### Communion Servers - August (intinction)

Bob Horton, Marlene Lyszczak  
Jodi Hawryluk

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The 3rd Thursday of every month. Next date: July 21st at 8 am  
Meet at the Garden State diner, corner of Routes 537 and 577 in Wrightstown.

Call Cole for directions, a ride, or information — 499-0265.

Come and enjoy a morning out with the boys.

Yes, you can bring a male friend — religion is not discussed!



# Celebrations



## *Anniversary*

- 7/01— Matt & Stephanie Kohnke  
 7/07— Mary & John Maleski  
 7/25— Jodi & Stanley Hawryluk  
 7/30— Tom & Dana Loschiavo

## *Birthday*

- 7/01— Cynthia Hancock  
 7/02— Frank Katona  
       Cole Schleper  
 7/05— Carly Potts  
 7/06— Donna Schleper  
       Michelle Venezia  
 7/07— Codie Konek  
 7/10— Blake Bolinger  
 7/11— Corrin Arnold  
 7/12— Joann Dansbury  
 7/16— Jonathan Kohnke  
 7/17— Miranda Remington  
 7/18— Alicia Kitner  
 7/19— Nina Horton  
 7/21— Braeden Clemens  
       Lily Grace O'Malley  
 7/22— John Lauricella  
       Casey McEniry  
       Lori Weatherwalks  
 7/23— Michael Onofri  
 7/26— Matthew Dallas  
       Amanda Kelly  
 7/28— Stephanie Kohnke  
 7/29— Mary Terry  
 7/30— Dylan Weatherwalks



## *Anniversary*

- 8/04— Winston & Victoria Taylor  
 8/08— Scott & Leigh Gygax  
       Todd & Sherry Hirth  
 8/13— Stanley & Donna Krupa  
 8/16— George & Sandra Carmichael  
 8/18— Jim & Cynthia Hancock  
 8/19— Frank & Maria Katona

## *Birthday*

- 8/03— Michael Burke  
       Tina Vilic  
 8/05— John Robertshaw  
 8/08— Jonathan Andrus  
 8/09— Ed Dallas  
 8/10— Karen Chamberlin  
       Kevin Patterson  
 8/11— Patricia Tassi  
 8/16— Alyssa Marchetti  
 8/17— Thomas Loschiavo  
 8/20— Anne Chidley  
       Robert Horton  
 8/23— Amy Dallas  
 8/26— Zachary Lyszczak  
 8/30— Elke McAteer  
 8/31— Cassie Bolinger  
       Claire Anna Pauline Burke

# MISSION IN ACTION!

**Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals:** Sunday, July 24, 2011 (immediately following worship)  
Sunday, August 28, 2011 (immediately following worship).

**Next Grocery Bag Mission** due dates: Week of July 17-23 and August 21-26, deliver items to the First Baptist Church in Bordentown.

Our church provides 50 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. Donna Potts has left a pot in the back of the church with soup can labels for your reference. If you can donate some items for this monthly collection, please place them in this pot.

## Ready to distribute Mission Meals:

The Mission Team has been making up paper bags containing non-perishable food that can be stored and 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: Anne Reilly, Karen Chamberlin, Donna Potts, Bobbi Maiuro, Patty Korsak, Nancy Foster, Colleen Swiderski

## FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA & CHOCOLATE SALES

The Mission Team is taking over the Fair Trade Sales —  
look for us during fellowship hour to restock  
or to buy a great gift for someone you love!

Contact Karen Chamberlin if you have a special order  
or if you have any questions...  
609-291-0603 or kcpix@verizon.net



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**SUMMER MONTHS:** The deacons will not be meeting during the months of July and August; however, rest assured that we are available and actively working to serve our church and local community during that time.

**FOOD PANTRY & GOOD NEIGHBOR GUILD:** The Food Pantry is well stocked with donations collections during the Post Office food drive. The Good Neighbor Guild had their meeting on May 24th and discussed the Youth program and the fact that they are currently well funded.

Deacon on call....	July -	Keri Pell
	August -	Melonie Newton
	September -	Amy Dallas

**Your Deacons,**

**Nancy Grim, Melonie Newton, Karen Chamberlin, Greg Hoch, Amy Dallas, Bobbi Maiuro, Barbara Kimball, Kerri Pell**

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## Glow Party

**Pump It Up Glow Party features gigantic, soft interactive fun-filled inflatables. Come prepared to bounce, slide, climb and Jump! Mix in black lights, disco lights and glow necklaces and you have the ultimate party.**

**Event is fully chaperoned by Pump It Up staff.  
Feel free to drop/pick-up age appropriate children.**

When: Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Cost: \$10.00


**Where: 8 Commerce Way, Suite 135,  
Hamilton, NJ 08691**

To order Tickets, e-mail/call Elke McAteer at:  
elke@ergomanagement.com / (609) 324-0271



# July 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<b>3</b> 9:30 am Communion in Play & Learn	<b>4</b>  7:30 Women's AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Group	<b>7</b> 7 pm AA	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30 am Worship in Play & Learn	<b>11</b> 7:30 Women's AA	<b>12</b> 7 pm Session	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Group	<b>14</b> 7 pm AA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30 am Worship in Play & Learn	<b>18</b> 6 to 8:15 pm	<b>19</b> V A C A T I O N	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Group	<b>21</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast L E S C H O O L 7 pm AA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30 am Worship in Play & Learn—Mission Meal after worship	<b>25</b> 6 - 8 pm Pump it Up! Glow Party 7:30 Women's AA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Group	<b>28</b> 7 pm AA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:30 am Worship in Play & Learn						



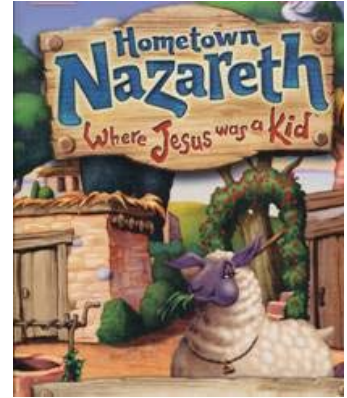
# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 Group	<b>4</b> 7 pm AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 am Communion in Play & Learn	<b>8</b> 7:30 Women's AA	<b>9</b> 7 pm Session	<b>10</b> 6:30 Group	<b>11</b> 7 pm AA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  1 pm 'til ???
<b>14</b> 9:30 am Worship in Play & Learn  Church Picnic Rain Date	<b>15</b> 7:30 Women's AA	<b>16</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>17</b> 6:30 Group	<b>18</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast  7 pm AA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  3 pm Fletcher- Lennon Wedding
<b>21</b> 9:30 am Worship in Play & Learn	<b>22</b> 7:30 Women's AA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 Group	<b>25</b> 7 pm AA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 am Worship in Play & Learn—Mission Meal after worship	<b>29</b> 7:30 Women's AA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30 Group			

## **JULY 18-22, 2011: WE ARE HOSTING VBS!**

Bordentown Presbyterian Church will host the ecumenical Vacation Bible School Program this summer. The VBS theme is about Jesus' life as a kid growing up in Nazareth.

I would like to count on your assistance to help with this one week project. We will need leaders as we offer storytelling, music, arts and crafts, science, games and snacks. The sessions will be in the early evening from 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. and children and youth aged pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend.



We will need additional help turning our sanctuary, fellowship hall and our church yard into the town of Nazareth!

Your participation in even the smallest way will be appreciated. Please consider being involved in the festivities and get to know members of our local faith community as we work together with our friends in Christ from Bordentown Baptist, Trinity Methodist, Crosswicks Methodist and Christ Episcopal Churches.

If you can participate, please watch for sign-up sheets on the back counter or you can contact Donna Potts directly at 585-0211!

### **INTRODUCING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH'S FINANCIAL ISSUES CREATED BY SESSION**

#### ***What is our mission?***

At its April 12, 2011 meeting, Session formed an ad hoc committee to conduct a comprehensive review the church's financial challenges, both short- and long-term. This initiative is not an evaluation of any of the current operations or persons involved with the church's financial life; rather the committee is looking at ways to better manage the church's overall financial portfolio in the context of the recent mission study.

#### ***Who are the members?***

John Lauricella; Robert Joe Lee, Convenor; Michael Murray; Don Ryba; Kathie Seaman

#### ***How can YOU contribute?***

The committee will be contacting several members for information and input, especially those with either a long history with the church (to collect some background information) or those who are directly involved with managing the church's finances (e.g., the treasurer and financial secretaries) or coordinating our fundraising endeavors. When we contact you, our only goal is to collect information about history, ideas, and suggestions.

However, everyone is invited to submit concerns, suggestions and ideas to any member of the Committee at any time. We want to do the best job we can and that depends in large part on benefiting from the wealth of experience and ideas that members share with us.

#### ***What is the time frame for this project?***

We had our organizational meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting again in either late June or early July. We hope to complete our report and submit our findings and recommendations to Session by the end of September of this year.



Floods in parts of the United States continue while drought is the problem in other areas. One way we can help people in the area of the floods is to put together “Gift of the Heart Clean Up Buckets.”

The supplies in the bucket help families as they begin the overwhelming task of cleaning up after flood waters recede. Putting together a bucket by yourself may seem overwhelming but if we work together we can do it!

Look at the list below and decide what you might bring to put in the bucket which the Church Mouse will provide and place in the back of the sanctuary. The Church Mouse will see that all buckets are shipped, including one which is ready to go. Let’s work together to fill another one! Church World Service keeps a supply on hand at all times, but with the flooding this year, the demand must be great. “Gift of the Heart Clean Up Buckets” are made up of many items, all packed in a 5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid. Here’s what needs to be packed inside – new items only, unopened please:

- ★ 5 scouring pads
- ★ 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- ★ 1 scrub brush
- ★ 5 dust masks
- ★ 50 clothespins
- ★ Clothesline, two 50 foot long or one 100 foot
- ★ 1 box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- ★ 1 pair work gloves
- ★ 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex)
- ★ 1 liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol) 12 oz.
- ★ 1 bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn) 25 oz.
- ★ 1 pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes)
- ★ 24 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- ★ 1 bottle insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol), 6-14 oz.  
(Liquids must be in plastic bottles.)

All the items are packed securely in the 5 gallon bucket, the bucket is sealed with packing tape and placed into a box for shipment.

The motto for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is “Out of Chaos, Hope.” Perhaps a bucket we fill with cleaning supplies will bring hope to someone in great need.

*The Church Mouse*

### **News from Sunday School**

The Sunday School Program completed another successful year. We learned about the Messengers of God and their importance in Christianity. During our winter rotation we learned many stories from the bible which contained a water theme: Jonah and the Whale, Moses, Moses and the meaning of baptism. This spring we followed the New Testament readings with stories from the life of Jesus. The carnival concluded this Sunday School year with games, snacks, and prizes for all.

I have enjoyed working with the students and watching them grow. Each child has unique talents and God given gifts. As I will no longer be the Sunday School Coordinator, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the years. This program is a success because of our dedicated teachers. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Pastor Robin in the church office.

Sincerely, Karin Venezia

## RESERVE THIS DATE!

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 13  
 TIME: 1 PM UNTIL ???  
 RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 14  
 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)
- ◆ Lawn chairs
- ◆ For swimmers—Swim wear and towel
- ◆ And anything else you need to enjoy a sunny, pleasant summer afternoon.
- ◆ Something to share if you wish

THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BACK COUNTER  
 PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US!

### 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: 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.

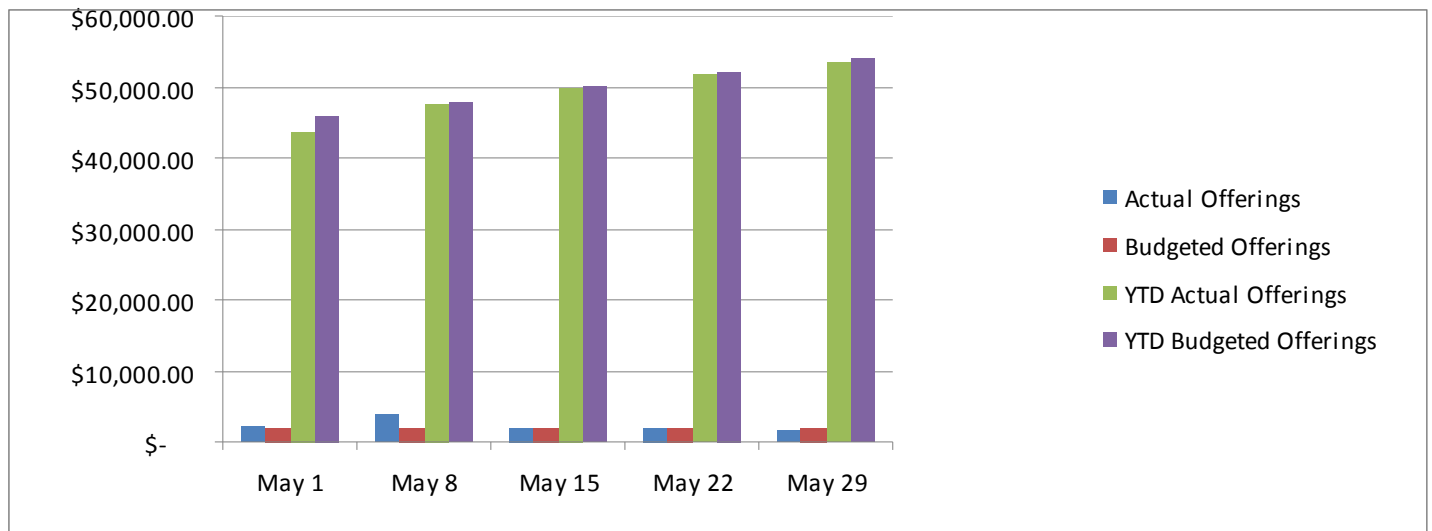
### May 2011 Financial Update

For May, expenses totaled \$12,164.45, compared to income of \$13,661.76 for a monthly surplus of 1,497.31. May's totals were aided by fund raiser income of \$1,277.33 from having a booth at the Bordentown Street Fair. YTD, expenses total \$71,750.82, and income \$57,224.92 for an YTD deficit of \$14,525.90. This compares favorably with last year when there was an \$18,282.18 deficit after five months.

Expenses for the first five months of this year are down \$3,515.97 compared to 2010 (\$71,750.82 in 2011 compared to \$75,266.79 in 2010). 2011 income is up \$240.31 compared to 2010 (\$57,224.92 in 2011 compared to \$56,984.61).

Guy Tassi, Finance Committee

MAY 2011 ACTUAL OFFERINGS COMPARED TO BUDGETED OFFERINGS						
	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	Month Totals
Actual Offerings	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 3,915.00	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 1,659.00	\$ 12,100.00
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 10,250.00
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 43,801.00	\$ 47,716.00	\$ 49,796.00	\$ 51,898.00	\$ 53,557.00	
YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 45,961.00	\$ 48,011.00	\$ 50,061.00	\$ 52,111.00	\$ 54,161.00	



### THANKS FROM THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

A big thanks to all who helped in making the Street Fair and the Strawberry Festival a great success. We are still selling items that were in the booth as well as Strawberry Jam. (I sold some of both today at my quilt group meeting!)

We are looking forward to some more interesting events in the next few months. Your continued excitement and help will be very welcome. Keep watching the bulletin and posted information to keep up to date.

*From the Pastor, continued*

Each one of you reading this newsletter is a valuable crew member! It may be that you offer a helping hand to an unsteady senior, or take a moment to reassure a crying child or distressed parent. It may be the smile you share or the envelope you place in the offering; the spur-of-the-moment gift for a special need, or the quiet word of support to someone carrying a heavy burden; simple friendship or companionship, a talent for baking or painting or teaching, taking notes at a meeting or chairing it.

Summer is upon us! Recreational activities, a more laid-back worship plan, and an opportunity to breathe in the Spirit! I pray that each of you will find renewal during this season of “RE”.

Shalom,. Robin

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Duane & Megan Arnold, Chloe, Corrin

John & Peggy Lauricella

Ed & Heather O’Malley, Riley, Grace



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