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JUNE 2010

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It's nearly Pentecost, and I've now spent a third of a year with you. We've been through rain and snow, Lent and Easter, a Lenten study and 5 session meetings, church school rotation celebration and our first coffeehouse together, and we've served more than 400 Bread of Life meals! I'm beginning to connect faces and names and am becoming familiar with more individuals' gifts and talents. You've let me into your lives . . . celebrations and losses, weddings and funerals, baptisms and story-sharing . . . sacred spaces. There's been a good bit of laughter as well as some sobering moments and a few profound encounters with the Spirit.

So what does Pentecost mean to us? Pentecost – “the birthday of the church” – celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit to Christ's body on earth . . . the church. That's us! We can rejoice in this powerful wind that blows through our committee meetings, our fellowship gatherings, our worship services, and our ministries in the community. The Spirit binds us together in one family, enables us to find solutions to problems that seem overwhelming, and enables us to see Christ in the faces of others . . . not just our sisters and brothers in this congregation, but in the tear-streaked face of a bereft mother in the Middle East, a desperate fisherman on the Louisiana coast, a starving child's hollow eyes in Africa, and a homeless man or woman's downturned face in a local motel.

Genesis begins with Adam (actually *ha-adam*, the earthling) and Eve, who parent all humankind. Through that beautiful book we learn how Noah's family begins anew within a covenant with God and we follow the “wandering Aramean” as we journey with Abraham and Sarah, Rebekah and Isaac, and Jacob and his twelve sons – the forebears of the 12 tribes of Israel. When this expansive story reaches the New Testament, we see Jesus pushing the boundaries of society . . . companionship with lepers, women, tax collectors, Samaritans, and thieves. And we witness in Acts the disciples' ethical struggle as the Ethiopian eunuch, the centurion, and all manner of Gentiles are invited into the family. Human communication that was confused and stymied at Babel is translated to everyone in their own language at Pentecost, as the nascent Church stretches to include all the families of the earth.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eugene Adam; Henry Allegretti; Diane Andreas; Virginia Bonnell; Peter Darpino; Karen Giambone; Judy Harrison; Toni Holevinski; Alicia, Nick and baby Nicholas Kalojiannis; Candace and Virginia Lindh; Joseph McCarthy; Heather Mergen; Alice Patterson; Fern Sacks; Paul Sootkoos; Claire Swarts; the Tolbert family; Pat Wright.



WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR JUNE

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 — Tina Vilic and Debbie Hill

Secretary — SaraLee Pindar
office@bordentownpresbyterian.org
SaraLee's Office Hours: T, W & Th 9-1

Deacon of the Month—Bobbi Maiuro
291-0359

Worship Co-Leaders: TBA
*To volunteer as a worship co-leader contact
Donna Potts, 585-0211*

Communion Servers - June (intinction)
Cindy Chidley, Scott Gygax
Blake Bolinger

Communion Servers - July (intinction)
Donna Potts; Jean Allegretti
Robert Joe Lee

Extended Care
6/06—Elke McAteer
6/13—Chris Bolinger

Fellowship Hour
6/06—Robert Joe Lee
6/13—Kathie Ackerman
6/20—Donna Potts

Happy Anniversary

6/08—Guy & Patricia Tassi
6/13—Debbie Branson & Mike Onofri
Alan & Marion Stoneback
6/14—John & Linda Applegate
Bob & Cheryl Bocock
6/17—Tom & Kathie Seaman
6/23—Jason & Jennifer Knek
6/24—Pat & Mary Terry
6/27—Ray & Lisa Hartmann

Happy Birthday

6/01—Corinne Kitner
6/03—Geoffrey Chidley
Bill Walling
6/05—Kevin Kitner
Joshua Lee
6/07—Tracy Romberger
6/10—Olivia Lawson
6/11—Keira McAteer
6/12—Dana Ryba
6/13—John Burke
Alexa Gygax
Stanley Hawyrluk
6/16—Guy Tassi
6/21—Sharon MacDermid
6/24—Vincent Federico
6/25—Katie Frey
Leah Shaw
6/27—Marge Goldner
Mark McAteer
6/29—Dennis Maiuro

MISSION IN ACTION!

Mission Notes: Anne and the Mission Team are looking for people who are interested in finding out more about what we do for mission projects in our church. If you have a possible mission initiative or if you simply want to know more about what we already do, please talk to anyone on the team. We have a wonderful group that we like to call “friends of mission” that continually provide support for our programs and we’d like you to become a part of what we do to help our community and the world around us.

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals: June 27, 2010 (immediately following worship).
July 25, 2010 (immediately following worship).



Next Grocery Bag Mission due date: Week of June 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.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND 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



Grace and Peace to all!

The Mission Team

Anne Reilly, Karen Chamberlin, Donna Potts, Bobbi Maiuro, Kim Kelly, Anne Hernandez, Patty Korsak, Nancy Foster, Colleen Swiderski



First Presbyterian Church STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 4th, 6 to 8:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church

420 Farnsworth Avenue

Bordentown

Admission: Adults—\$6

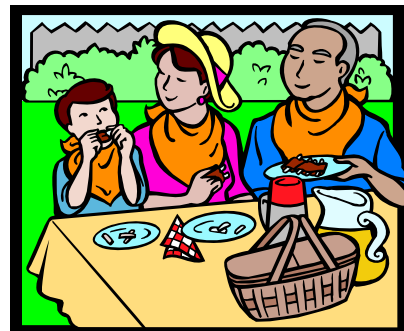
Children Under 12—\$3

Celebrate the season of strawberries with an evening of dessert and fun for the whole family!

- ❖ **Kiddie Korner**
- ❖ **Face Painting**
- ❖ **Games & Prizes**
- ❖ **Hot Dogs**



PICNIC



NOTICE—CHURCH PICNIC FOR ALL!

RESERVE THIS DATE!

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 31

TIME: 1 PM UNTIL ???

**WHERE: ROBERT JOE LEE'S BACK YARD
(CARYL TIPTON'S & HANNAH'S BACK YARD TOO)**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW—JUST SAVE THE DATE

Deacons' Corner

PRAYER CHAIN

There have been many prayer requests coming through the prayer chain over the past few weeks. Death, illness, accidents, etc...these are surely difficult times when it is so important for Christians to bond together in prayer.

Continue praying for those who are on our prayer lists and for those that are passed along via the prayer chain. If you are interested in finding out more about the prayer chain and want to be a part of this ministry in our church, contact any of the Deacons listed below.

Your friends in Christ,

Candy Walling, George Carmichael, Karen Chamberlin, Amy Dallas, Nancy Grim, Greg Hoch, Bobbi Maiuro, Melonie Newton

FAREWELL FROM PATRICK henryp71@hotmail.com

I have some bad news for you. I'm going overseas again. I'm headed to South Korea. I've known that I was going for certain in early April. I bit my tongue the last two times I was in church, as to whether I should say anything or not. After all, I'm not a formal member of your congregation. I'm not even a Presbyterian. (I'm nominally a Lutheran, even though I haven't attended a Lutheran service, other than Easter or Christmas, in 20 years.)

But you guys were always good to me, so I decided to tell you I'm leaving. I fly on Wednesday the 19th, and I'm not coming back to Jersey. Sorry. I enjoyed my time at your beautiful church. I enjoyed the Bible study. I loved the Mission meals at the end of every month. I had a good time at the Benefit Concert last month. It please me that I was allowed to take Communion with you, even though I'm a Lutheran.

If it's not too much to ask, could you please keep sending the study guides to me on the computer? In my line of work, I can't promise you anything, but I will try to keep in touch. Good bye. God bless. Say a prayer for me if you would.

Your brother-in-arms, Patrick

*"We giving all gained all, Neither lament us nor praise,
Only in all things recall, It is fear, not Death, that slays"* (Rudyard Kipling)

Bordentown City Green Fair
Saturday, June 12, 11am - 4pm
Carslake Community Center, 207 Crosswicks Street

A community-wide event designed to educate, enlighten, and encourage local residents of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds to adopt more sustainable and environmentally-responsible lifestyles, and foster stewardship efforts amongst local organizations and municipalities with respect to adopting the sustainable practices necessary to ensure the long-term viability and resilience of our communities.

Highlights include:

- Exhibitors from local/regional/statewide environmental organizations
- Vendors of eco-friendly products and services
- Outdoor recreation opportunities
- Presentations by local/statewide conservation organizations

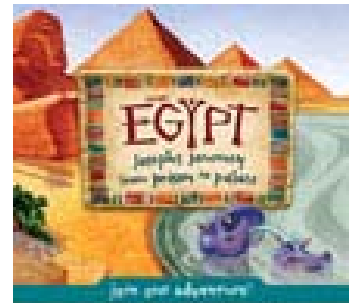
Contact Patti at emailpatti@aol.com for exhibitor information.
 Sponsored by the Bordentown City Green Team.



The June Book Club selection is Mudbound by Hillary Jordan. Set on a hard-scrabble cotton farm in the Mississippi Delta just after World War II, Mudbound is a tragic story of love, honor, and redemption. It is told in alternating narratives by members of two families, one white and one black, as they struggle in a brutal time and place. Mudbound received the Bellwether Prize for Fiction, awarded biannually to a first literary novel that addresses issues of social justice. The Book Club will meet at 7:30 on June 16 at Julien House. All are welcome.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010
Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace
Evenings from August 2 to 6

Send churches to Egypt to join Joseph on a journey from prison to palace! Children will build pyramids...jostle through a colorful marketplace...squish mud to make bricks...and join Joseph on the family friendly adventure of a lifetime! Bible Points:



God gives us hope - Jeremiah 29:11 — *Joseph interprets dreams in prison.*
 God gives us special abilities - Romans 12:6 — *Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge.*
 God gives us wisdom - James 1:5 — *Joseph leads Egypt through famine.*
 God gives us forgiveness - Nehemiah 9:17 — *Joseph forgives his brothers.*
 God gives us a family - Galatians 3:26 — *Joseph settles his family in Egypt.*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

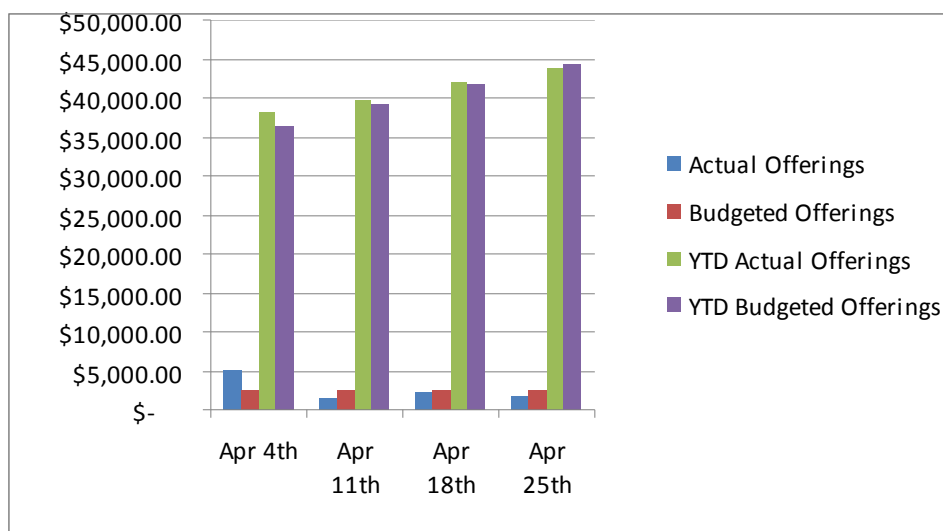
The bad weather in March continued to have an adverse effect on attendance and contributions. For the month, regular offerings were \$8,661 compared to the budgeted amount of \$10,428, for a monthly deficit of \$1,767.

Offerings improved in April, totaling \$10,644 compared to the budgeted amount of \$10,428, for a monthly surplus of \$216. YTD regular offerings were at \$43,792, compared to the budgeted amount of \$44,319, for a YTD deficit of only \$527. For a whole year this projects to be a deficit of \$1,318.

The April concert, to benefit the Church and provide aid to Haiti, was a success as it was well attended and a donation of \$280 was made to Haiti relief and the Church received \$320. The next fund raiser will be the annual Strawberry Festival, which will be held on Friday, June 4th.

Guy Tassi, Finance Committee

APRIL 2010 ACTUAL OFFERINGS COMPARED TO BUDGETED OFFERINGS					
	Apr 4th	Apr 11th	Apr 18th	Apr 25th	Month Totals
Actual Offerings	\$ 5,052.00	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 2,297.00	\$ 1,790.00	\$ 10,644.00
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 2,607.00	\$ 2,607.00	\$ 2,607.00	\$ 2,607.00	\$ 10,428.00
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 38,200.00	\$ 39,705.00	\$ 42,002.00	\$ 43,792.00	
YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 36,498.00	\$ 39,105.00	\$ 41,712.00	\$ 44,319.00	





JUNE 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 pm—Deacons	2	3 7 pm—AA	4 6 to 8:30— STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL	5
6 10:30—Communion 11:45—Inquirers’ Class 2 pm Art Reception at Burlco Library	7 7:30 Women’s AA	8 7 pm—Session	9	10 7 pm—Ecu- menical Summer Choir 7 pm—AA	11	12 11 to 4— Bordentown Green Fair
13 11:45—Inquirer’s Class 6:30 to 8:30 Coffee-	14 7 pm—Women’s Bible Study 7:30 Women’s AA	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 7:30 pm—Book Club	17 6:15—Worship Committee 7 pm—AA	18	19
20 9:30 Fathers’ Day Worship	21 7:30—Women’s AA	22 7 pm—Presbytery Meeting So. Amboy	23	24 7 pm—AA	25	26
27 Mission Meal after worship	28 7 pm—Women’s Bible Study 7:30 Women’s AA	29	30			

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Sunday School 9:15; Worship 10:30; From June 20: Worship 9:30

FROM THE PASTOR—*continued from first page*

At the Ascension, Jesus tells them to be his witnesses, beginning in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, as they knew it. Our Holy Scripture describes how, from one garden in Eden to “the ends of the earth”, from a circumcised Israelite following the purity laws to Gentiles who ate “unclean” foods and didn’t practice Jewish ways . . . the Church was born. It is an ever-expanding family. It is an ever-challenged family. And it is intended to be a blessing to the world, not a curse. God said to Abram, “and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Let us take our place in that great cloud of witnesses, which began with a small straggling band in first century Palestine. And as the author of Hebrews entreats, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. At Pentecost, and at every Pentecost, with confidence and in good company, let our church family be reborn.

Shalom,
Robin



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