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FROM THE SESSION

Update on the Search for an Interim Pastor

As the Interim Pastor Search Committee continues its work, we would like to bring you up to date. By the time this is published, the committee may very well have completed its work and Session may be writing a contract with an Interim Pastor. The committee has eliminated one of the five available candidates and another withdrew from consideration. The committee has already listened to a sermon provided by each of the three remaining candidates and interviewed them in person, and as this is being written, is checking references of the leading two candidates.

We have learned a lot from the candidates, which has prompted us to think and pray harder about where our church is and what its needs are. We want to share with you highlights of what we have learned and concluded along the way.

According to our denomination's *Book of Order*, the process of entering into a temporary pastoral relationship with an interim pastor is quite different from calling a pastor who serves a congregation over the long haul.

- ❖ An interim pastor (§G-14.0550-0553) is selected and contracted *by Session* for a specific, limited period of time (twelve months but renewable as needed). An interim pastor cannot be considered to be the next called and installed pastor. In addition to the ministries of leading worship, preaching and providing pastoral care, an interim pastor is specially trained to help the congregation:
 - ◆ come to terms with its history (including the chronic fiscal distress we have experienced and whatever grief or concerns members may have due to the fairly rapid succession of pastors we have had in recent years),
 - ◆ develop a vision and plan for the future of its life together (this is called a “mission statement”),
 - ◆ nurture the church's leadership, and
 - ◆ prepare for new pastoral leadership and a new future.
- ❖ A called pastor (§G-14.0530-0534) is *selected by the congregation* through a Pastor Nominating Committee elected by the entire congregation and ultimately elected at a called congregational meeting. Once called, the pastor is installed and serves as long as the congregation renews the call annually at a congregational meeting and the pastor does not seek and obtain a call elsewhere.

We anticipate that our Interim Pastor will be here for a period of approximately two years. Once we realized the short-term nature of the relationship and how considerable the two basic tasks of an interim minister are delivering all of the usual services rendered by a pastor plus guiding us to make a healthy transition into a new life together with a new, called pastor, it became clear to us that anything less than a full-time interim pastor would be undesirable. While this decision requires us to consume more of our dwindling financial reserves, we concluded by unanimous vote that this is the best possible investment of a portion of those reserves at this point in our church's history.

We will provide further information about our process and decisions as soon as we can. Meanwhile, we are excited about where we're being led and look forward to that day in the near future when we can introduce you to the person who will guide us through our transition.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jack Ackerman; Eugene Adam; Henry Allegretti; Diane Andreas; Jack Bartram, Virginia Bonnell; Peter Darpino; Karen Giambrone; 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 NOVEMBER

Preaching this month:

11/01— Rev. Courtney Cromie
 11/08— Rev. Raymond Bonwell
 11/15— Rev. Lori Neff
 11/22— Rev. Terry Fouse
 11/29— TBA

Director of Music — Wendy Huber

Pianist — Tina Vilic

Secretary — SaraLee Pindar
 office@bordentownpresbyterian.org
*SaraLee's Office Hours: T & W 9-1;
 Th 10-2*

Deacon of the Month — Cindy Chidley, 291-9734

Worship Co-Leaders

11/01— Pat Terry
 11/08— Bobbi Maiuro
 11/15— Robert Joe Lee
 11/22— Kathie Ackerman
 11/29— Jean Allegretti

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

Communion Servers for November

Mary Terry, Pat Terry, Ted Miller
 Dana Maiuro, Guy Tassi

Communion Servers for December 6

Donna Potts, Tom Bayen, Robert Joe Lee
 Candace Walling, Scott Gygax

Communion Servers for December 24

Karen Chamberlin, Jodi Hawryluk, George
 Carmichael, Victoria Taylor, Blake Bolinger

Extended Care

Willing disciples needed.

*To volunteer for extended care, call
 Elke McAteer at 324-0271*

ANNIVERSARIES

11/01 Nancy & Earl Grim
 11/24 Vincene & Ugo Palmonari



BIRTHDAYS

11/01 Travis Maiuro
 Dennis Maiuro
 11/02 William Federico
 Debbie Liment
 11/03 Emily DelVecchio
 11/04 Christine Bolinger
 Maggie Hetman
 11/05 Bill Sullivan
 11/06 Virginia Lindh
 11/07 Julie Federico
 11/10 Leigh Gygax
 Stanley Krupa
 Jessica Remington
 11/14 Linda Gallo
 11/17 Kristen Lukach
 Erica Rice
 11/19 Donna Hill Krupa
 Greg Hoch
 Annabelle Ramalho
 Michael Ramalho
 Sharon Reid
 11/20 Joshua Hancock
 Pat Terry
 Jacob Zaleski
 11/24 Emily Lukach
 11/25 Isabella Vilic
 11/27 Dan DiLeo
 11/28 Luke Pell

MISSION IN ACTION!

Give, act and pray to help survivors...Be sure to stay informed about what Presbyterians are doing to help others nationally and internationally. Go to <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/> to find out how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has used donations to help others around the world.

Our next Mission Meeting is Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Julien House...come join us as we continue to plan Mission projects for 2009.

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals: November 22, 2009 (immediately following worship). We served 80 meals in October and we expect to need more for the month of November. We will increase our count to 100.



Our church is a member of the Bordentown Area Caregivers group. This group is made up of mission volunteers from various area churches and we all commit to providing a meal once a month. With this rotation of meal deliveries, we are able to combine our resources and be sure that homeless families and individuals in local area motels receive a meal each week. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers in our church that are willing to dedicate time and resources for this worthy mission project. Our church delivers 80-100 meals each month and we average 900 meals per year. This is awesome when you think of it! These are 900 meals that fed people in need at times when it may have been the only meal they would have for days. We have chosen to deliver the 4th or 5th Sunday of each month because the residents have often used all of their state benefits and need our donations to help them through the final week of the month. A good number of these people have young children and they portion out our meals to last them throughout a day or sometimes even several days.

Next Grocery Bag Mission due date:

Week of November 16-21, deliver items to the First Baptist Church in Bordentown. A huge thanks to Donna Potts for collecting and delivering the items we donate each month.

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. 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:

On a regular basis throughout the year we have visitors that come to our church asking for food because they are either transitioning to a new place to live, homeless or have found it financially impossible to feed themselves and their family. 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

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

Contact Karen Chamberlin @ 609-291-0603 or email: kcpx@verizon.net if you are interested in helping with a meal or any of our mission projects.

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CITRUS SALE



Product delivers
SUNSHINE
HEALTH
GREAT TASTE

Dear Families:

We are happy to announce the launching of our first annual citrus sale! It is our hope and desire to earn \$1,000 with this fundraiser. If we are able to accomplish this goal, this fundraiser will become an annual tradition. Parker provides delicious citrus throughout North America every year, and they are providing a wonderful selection of citrus for our church.

We kicked off the sale on October 18th and ask that you take prepaid orders through November 6th. In just four short weeks we will provide friends and families with healthy fruit and raise money for our church at the same time.

1. Please take pre-paid orders for as many cases of citrus as possible in your neighborhood, at work and at after-school activities. ***If every family sells two full boxes, we will meet our goal.*** Order forms are on the next page.
2. You will need to turn in orders and money to Guy Tassi on November 6th, before 5:00 pm.

FRUIT SALE INCENTIVES

- #1 — Top Selling Family Overall receives a \$75 gift certificate at Farnsworth House
- #2 — Second Selling Family Overall receives four movie passes

With your help, I am hopeful of our church's having a successful fundraiser. If you have any questions, please contact me at 609-462-1293.

Sincerely, Guy Tassi

Make Checks Payable To: **First Presbyterian Church Of Bordentown**

Name: _____

Navel Oranges – Ruby Red Grapefruit

Full Case \$30 ~ Approx. 40 Pounds

Half Case \$21 ~ Approx. 20 Pounds



Indicate Quantity for Each Type

Indicate One

		Full	Half	Full	Half	Total	Total		Check	Cash
Name & Location	Phone #	Navel	Navel	Gfrft	Gfrft	Navel	Gfrft	AmountRec.		
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Navel Oranges: Full Case = 60 – 72 Half Case 30 - 36 **Ruby Red Grapefruit:** Full Case = 30 – 32 Half Case 15 - 16

Numbers are approximate and will vary depending on the size of each piece of fruit

NEWS: Kim Long's book, *The Worshiping Body: The Art of Leading Worship*, was published on October 2nd and is available on Amazon.com. Here's what the site says:

- ◆ **Product Description:** *Kimberly Bracken Long, by focusing on what presiders do with their bodies, eyes and ears, lips, hands, feet, and heart describes an attitude and style of worship leadership that is both firmly rooted and blessedly free. A wonderful offering for all worship presiders, seminarians, commissioned lay pastors, new pastors, and experienced pastors, The Worshiping Body is essential reading for anyone interested in how their presence and movement during worship make a difference.*
- ◆ **About the Author:** *Kimberly Bracken Long is Assistant Professor of Worship and Coordinator of Worship Resources for Congregations at Columbia Theological Seminary. A Minister of Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she has served congregations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Each week we continue our worship by building community during Fellowship Hour. This is a time when you can share your thoughts and concerns and ask relevant questions in an informal setting. Here are our Fellowship Hour Hosts for November:

11/01 — Melonie Newton

11/15 — The Burke family

11/08 — Amy Dallas

11/22 — Robert Joe Lee

There will be no Fellowship Hour on 11/29 because of Thanksgiving Weekend.

To host Fellowship Hour, buy simple things to serve such as cookies, donut holes, bagels (split in quarters). Coffee, tea and drink mixes are in the kitchen. In cold weather make a pot of coffee and one of hot water for tea. There will be a designated cupboard for coffee hour supplies — just look for the sign. The coffee only takes about 3 minutes to make and directions are with the supplied. Start cleaning up after about 45 minutes. Put supplies back in the cupboard, rinse out coffee pots and pitchers, and put them back in place.

BOOK CLUB: The Book Club usually meets on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month at 7:30 pm in The Julien House, unless otherwise announced.

Upcoming books are:

- ◆ November—*Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas, which takes place during World War II in a small town in Colorado where an interment camp for the Japanese is built and occupied. The story is told by a young girl on a beet farm near the camp.
- ◆ December—*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Shaffer and Barrows. This is another WWII story, this time about the occupation of Guernsey Island by the Nazis.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR AND CHIMES:

- Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!
- Children's Christmas Choir and Chimes will begin on Sunday, November 1st at 8:55 am in the

SEPTEMBER 2009 FINANCIAL UPDATE

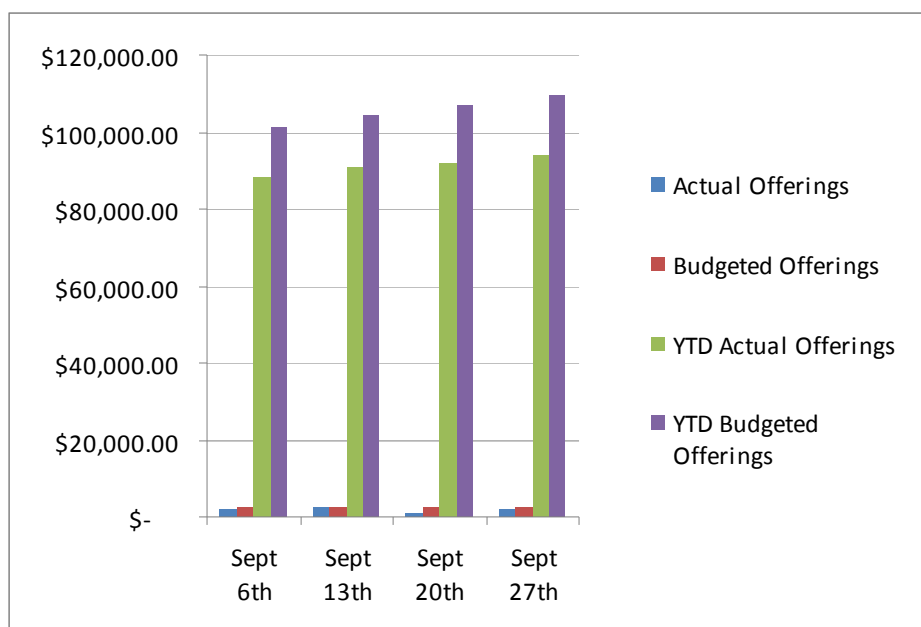
For the month of September actual regular offerings totaled \$7,961, compared to the budgeted amount of \$11,156 (4 weeks at \$2,789 per week), resulting in an increase of the deficit of \$3,946 for the month. Year-To-Date (YTD) regular offerings total \$94,169, compared to the Budgeted amount of \$109,763 (YTD deficit of \$15,594). This would project to a regular offering deficit of \$20,792. While we anticipate the offering deficit to close by yearend as members catch up on their offering pledges, it will be very difficult for the Church to meet its budget goal of a \$10,000 overall deficit.

With that in mind, a few fund raisers have been planned for the end of the year. A citrus fruit sale is being held from October 18th through November 5th, with the goal of the Church making a \$1,000 profit (see letter and order form in this issue). And on November 20th we will be having a vendor fair, in Fellowship Hall, similar to the event held last year. Having a spaghetti dinner in November was also discussed, however, it was decided that more planning time would be required and January 2010 is now viewed as a more realistic timeframe for having the dinner.





Guy Tassi, Finance Committee

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2009 ACTUAL OFFERINGS COMPARED TO BUDGETED OFFERINGS

	Sept 6th	Sept 13th	Sept 20th	Sept 27th	Month Totals
Actual Offerings	\$ 2,152.00	\$ 2,654.00	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 2,065.00	\$ 7,961.00
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 11,156.00
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 88,360.00	\$ 91,014.00	\$ 92,104.00	\$ 94,169.00	
YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 101,396.00	\$ 104,185.00	\$ 106,974.00	\$ 109,763.00	



November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 	2 Mission Team Meeting 7:00pm	3 Deacons 7:00	4 Junior Scouts 7:00	5 AA 7:00 Choir 7:00 Handbells 8:15	6	7
8	9 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Women's AA 7:30	10 Session 7:00	11	12 AA 7:00 Choir 7:00 Handbells 8:15	13	14
15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17	18 Junior Scouts 7:00 Book Club 7:30	19 AA 7:00 Choir 7:00 Handbells 8:15	20	21 Huber-Moore Memorial Service 3:00
22  Mission Meal	23 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Women's AA 7:30	24	25	26  Thanksgiving	27	28
29 First Advent 	30 Women's AA 7:30					

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Sunday School 9:15; Worship 10:30

Citrus Sale Fundraiser



See pages 4 and 5 for details



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