

The Spire

BOONTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • JULY - AUGUST 2017

Faith, Hope and Love in **ACTION!**

Dear Saints,

June was a wonderfully busy month in worship — especially celebrating our new members on **Pentecost**, honoring our scholarship recipients, and graduates, and lifting up this year’s VBS theme:

Living Waters for the world.

Pastor Lorrie preached a super sermon on June 12th to lift up that theme. (see below) As we head into summer which will be **filled** with clean water of every type: lakes, streams, oceans, water parks, water balloons and easily accessible drinking water. May we all take to heart what Lorrie preached and carry our ‘water-gratitude’ wherever we travel, recreate and rest.

♥ Rev. Jen

Picture this:

Somewhere in Cuba, it was still dark, the very early hours of the morning, when the young woman arrived at what had become known as The Fountain. She was thin and bedraggled, her eyes swollen from so much crying and lack of sleep. Her little boy, only 2, suffering terrible dysentery had finally been hospitalized and there seemed little possibility that he would survive. A nurse had told her that her only hope was to find clean water for him. A few weeks earlier, a water purification system had been installed in the community and she heard stories about that water being safe, but she had to get there and had to find clean bottles to put the water in.

Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a preventable water-related disease. 780 million people worldwide do not have access to clean water and this scarcity has caused

more refugees than all the wars in history. Some predict that in this century, wars will more likely be fought over water than over oil.

In many ways, I don’t think that we can feel the sense of the importance of running water. We don’t know what a luxury it is. We have it when we turn the knob on our faucets. If we’re thirsty, we turn the knob, water comes rushing out, or we can take cold water out of the refrigerator. Many areas of our world today don’t have such luxuries. Finding fresh water can be a matter of life and death — not only for people, but for all living things.

A few weeks ago Sherm and I were hiking with friends at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge where we traversed a boardwalk over the pond. It was fun to see the shining shells of painted turtles as they swam just beneath the water’s surface. My friend was sketching the wild iris and yellow water lilies while recalling early Biology class, a thimble full of water from such a bog, placing it under the microscope and being absolutely dumb-founded to discover the amount of life it held. **It was truly living water.**

In scripture, running water is a powerful symbol for life. The Isaiah passage which was written to bring hope to a refugee people who had been forced to leave their homeland, is full of God’s promises to provide rivers and fountains and springs in the midst of wilderness and drought and hopelessness, **God’s loving, caring, giving Spirit bringing not abandonment, but new life.**

When we look at the world through the sunglasses of our culture we get stuck in the pounding percussion of these 3 words: *I Need More!!!* But when we let Jesus’

story become our story we open our minds, our dreams, our hearts until we hear these 3 words: **More Than Enough!!!** And we become certain that there is no place or people beyond the reach of grace.

So let’s consider what we have received from God; this gift of the Spirit, it is not meant to stay within us, but is meant to flow out of us. Listen again to Jesus’ words: *“Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”* Oh, are we not then to look for opportunities to become Jesus’ hands and feet, understanding a little better the plight of our sisters and brothers everywhere who regularly find themselves at the end of the line and the back of the bus? Aligning ourselves with those who put pipes, pumps, and filters in places near and far, we can become partners who give and receive the blessings of our common humanity, not as possession or commodity, but as gifts freely offered.

Living water is neither stale nor boring but fresh and flowing. It’s an image of power. Isn’t the same true for Spirit-filled believers and congregations? See the signs of the Spirit at work in a congregation, **this** congregation, dreaming dreams of new ministries, having visions of new life and mission, and now finding the strength and power of the Holy Spirit to attend to the practicalities of making them real. **That’s what Pentecost is all about.** Does this celebration of Pentecost have a ripple effect? You betcha!! We, the followers of Jesus, can now carry on Jesus’ witness and ministry in the world because our lives have been empowered by the Spirit. Believers, remember to let your own living water brim and spill over from your heart, and know that you are a **channel of life** in this world.

Amen ♥ Rev. Lorrie Skinner

Support Your Deacons

The Board of Deacons uses your donations to help support many people in need. The monies used to do this work in the community do not come from the regular Sunday collection.

This is a separate collection. You can support the Deacons by using the small, **GREEN ENVELOPES** located in the pews on Communion Sundays, each month.



ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, snacks, juice mixes (lemonade, iced tea etc), white rice, chick peas, canned tuna, chicken — Personal care items - shampoo, deodorant, etc.

Deacons Doin's

The Deacons continue to provide assistance to those in need, such as the following the services:

St. John's Luncheon: On June 3, 2017, fellow Deacons and other members from FPCB served up a nice hot lunch to about 20 people at the St. John's Luncheon. Thanks to all who helped.

Dover Faith Kitchen: On June 25th and June 26th the Deacon's cooked and served a hot meal (Shepard's pie) to those in need at the Dover Faith Kitchen. We will be cooking and serving a meal again in late August (August 27th and August 28th). If you are interested in helping, please mark your calendars.

NJ State Firemen's Home: The Deacons continue to provide a monthly worship service to the members of the NJ State Firemen's Home on the first Sunday of the month. Worship service, including a sermon and communion, are provided to the men of the home, as well as the care givers who work there. Recently we have asked these members for their own personal prayers, which we have added to our prayer list. This continues to be an awarding experience. If interested in helping, please reach out to one of the Deacons. We also want to give special thanks to Mike Stora for all of his help and assistance with this ongoing mission.

As always, thank you to all who continue to donate and support all of our missions. It is with your help and assistance that the above services continue to happen and grow. We appreciate your donations and continued support. Thank you! ♥

Events...JOIN US!!! This Summer!

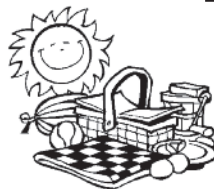
The **Shall We Gather** group is sponsoring a sojourn to the Ocean Grove Annual Choir Festival on Sunday, July 9. The choir program is at 7:00 pm, but the plan is to make a day of it by going earlier and spending some relaxing time walking around, perhaps picnicking, and just enjoying the beautiful town together. Anyone is welcome! If interested, please be in touch with Diane Kearney at dfkjersey@optonline.net or 973-334-4149. To check out the Choir Festival, go to ogcma.org. Incidentally, our own Lynn Ware will be singing in the Festival as she always has. ♥

Fellowship/Evangelism Events!

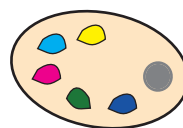


The Fellowship committee is planning a **baseball outing** to see the **Somerset Patriots**, Saturday, July 22nd at 7:00 PM. Tickets cost \$10.00 and may be purchased during coffee hour. Please check the June Spire or call

Deb Stora (201-602-9567), for additional information. ♥



The **summer picnic** is still in the planning stages and we will get additional information out asap. ♥



And, *looking ahead*, we are planning a **painting party** tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 22nd. ♥



Mission at FPCB

In May, more than twenty people toured the lower level of the Reighart Hall building to begin brain-storming ideas for converting the space into a “**Mission at FPCB**”, when the space becomes available to us sometime in the future. Ideas have been coming in, and a small group has been formed to develop a “next steps” plan. Look for information coming over the summer while we plan for a September meeting. ▼



JULY

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| 1 Mae Wiswall | 16 Norma Ketchersid |
| 2 Jessica Curran | 17 Samuel Nickel |
| 2 Mac Reed | 19 Emily George |
| 3 Brenna Nickel | 22 Peter Harris |
| 4 Joshua Bingham | 24 Daniel Ambrosiani |
| 4 Lisa Nordfors | 26 Marty Homeijer |
| 8 Bonnie Chizmadia | 26 Paul DeLuca |
| 9 Samantha George | 28 Kristine Terhune |
| 11 Shannon Ambrosiani | 29 Evelyn Thiel |
| 12 William Tavakkol | 29 Katelyn Stone |
| 13 Lia Ficaro | 31 Peyton Lyn Terhune |
| 15 Debbie Stora | |



AUGUST

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| 1 Cassie Gershaw | 14 Roxanne Tavakkol |
| 1 Lyn Friedman | 15 Lorrie Skinner |
| 3 Gigi Nordfors | 21 John Roberts |
| 3 Christopher Arena | 24 Bob Bingham |
| 5 Elsie Morris | 26 Patrick Lanigan |
| 6 Cathi Harris | 26 Lindsey Danilack |
| 7 Chelsea Mae Davis | 29 Thomas Chizmadia |
| 7 Connor Michael Davis | 29 Roman Tavakkol |
| 8 Kevin Lobb | 29 Grace Tavakkol |
| 9 OJ (Joe) Hordnes | 30 Connie Kelly |
| 13 Danielle Stoveken (Stora) | 30 Barbara Lanigan |

GIFTS Given in Loving Memory

FOR	FROM
Doris Hornick	<i>Marta Borgstrom</i>
Laberta Lewis	<i>Dorothy Hamilton</i>

Important Dates

Shall We Gather
Ocean Grove Choir Festival
JULY 9 (SEE PAGE 2)

Hot News Baseball Outing
see the Somerset Patriots
JULY 22 - 7 pm

CHURCH PICNIC in AUGUST (?)
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Deacons Faith Kitchen August 27 & 28

FIRST CHURCH BOONTON
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
starting July 10
Monday – Thursday 9:30–2:30
Office is **CLOSED** on Fridays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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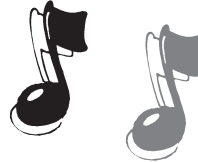
A NOTE FROM SARAH SUMMER 2017

<http://www.fpcboonton.org>

*“Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*



*I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.”*



Share your 'Treasures'

Ever wonder how to share your 'treasures' in a musical way without singing or playing an instrument at First Church-Boonton?? ISO – interested person(s) who would like to share their 'treasures' by sponsoring new anthems for fall 2017 (\$50 per anthem) please contact Sarah Berta via phone, 570-947-6330, e-mail babbleon247@yahoo.com, or in person, if interested!

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

As the choir begins their well deserved summer break, person(s) in the congregation are encouraged to consider attending future choir and/or hand bell rehearsals. If you are interested in becoming a member of either or both of these choirs in the fall, please call or e-mail the organist/choir director.

Special thanks to Peter Lanigan and Alexandria Stevenson for offering the vocal and keyboard talents with the congregation in the month of June. We appreciate your willingness to offer your musical gifts to God and the congregation.

Outdoor Worship is scheduled for Sunday, September 3rd – all interested

singers/instrumentalists are welcome to help with special music for this service. Please let Sarah know if you are available/interested to participate! (minimal rehearsal needed)

If you happen to play a musical instrument or would like to share any other type of creative arts with the congregation during a Sunday morning service in July or August, please contact Sarah (Organist/Choir Director 570-947-6330, babbleon247@yahoo.com), with your availability or to make rehearsal arrangements.

Fall 2016 Rehearsal Schedule:

Chancel Choir ~ Thursdays in September (7:30-9pm)

Hand Bell Choir ~ Thursdays in October (6:15-7:30pm) ♥

IN OUR PRAYERS: Continued from Page 7

GERRY — friend of the Roberts family, has various health issues. Pray for hope, healing and patience so surgery can be done.

THE FERRI FAMILY — friends of the Lanigans, Mrs. Ferri is responding well to a drug trial to treat her brain tumor; but they are moving to a new home, which adds stress to the situation.

GABE CHRISMON — friend of the Danilack's, is serving in Afghanistan. Please pray for Gabe and all the soldiers with him for safety and protection.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM — Let our prayers be with all soldiers as they defend the freedoms that

we hold so dear. We are truly grateful for their service to our nation. We will continue to hold all our service personnel in our prayers until they ALL come home.

FOR OUR FRIENDS AT THE FIREMAN'S HOME...

JOE needs prayers for strength and patience as he tries to re-connect with his three sons and re-unite them with his two daughters as a family. He also asked for prayers for their good health and wellbeing.

JOE'S Granddaughter has health issues with her liver. Pray for the correct treatment to bring her back to health and ready for her July wedding.

BILL asked us to pray for his family and loved ones.

JIM turned 91 and is looking for confirmation of what it will take for God to accept him to go to heaven. Pray for Jim to have a better understanding and assurance of God's grace and love.

DOUG wants prayers for his two brothers and entire family.

EMMANUEL wants prayers to help him with all his medical needs.

LACY — caregiver at the Firemen's Home, requests prayers for family, friends and for all the residents of the Firemen's Home who are faced with daily challenges. ♥



JOYS

♥ Merciful God, receive into heavenly rest...

MALLORY GROSSMAN — classmate of Corey and Sam Nickel. Mallory took her life at the age of 12 as the result of bullying. Please pray for her family, friends and schoolmates.

LOUIS BRUNO — cousin of Kim Robbins, suffered a massive heart attack and passed away in June. He leaves behind his wife MaryAnne and two teenage children,

TIM BRIARTON — Natalie Pisarcik's uncle, succumbed to a brain virus and passed away at the end of June. Please hold his wife Nancy, Sister JoAnne and their extended family in your prayers at this devastating time.



IN OUR PRAYERS: Concerns

ELSIE FORCE — after another serious infection, has been downgraded from CCU to a regular room! Her humor and her appetite rivals any of us! Keep praying for Elsie and her family.

PETER LANIGAN — is back to himself and grateful for God's care (and ours) but also needs prayers to recover from on-going double vision and radiation trips and treatment (and perhaps some chemo). He sends love and thanks for care, prayers and support and weeks of meals (as does Barb)!

DONALD NIX — is suffering from 5 compression fractures as a result of falls. Please pray for healing.

GABE PETRUCCELLI — Frank Petrucci's brother, has a malignant tumor near his pancreas. Please pray for successful chemo treatment.

JEAN CURRY — Robin Nickel's Mother, was diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer. Pray for the Curry & Nickel families.

LUANNE ROTHROCK — has a torn rotator cuff and will have surgery followed by 4-6 weeks of restricted movement and months of PT. Because of her paralysis this is a very complicated process. Please pray for calm and support.

ABBY HETTRICH — has tonsillitis and is receiving a 2nd round of anti-biotics to help her before surgery.

TOM HASSELMANN — is having heart trouble and needs our prayers. He is recovering in assisted living within their Retirement community.

ROB BLANK — is looking for work and his unemployment benefits will soon run out. Pray for his employment.

JULIA — friend of Emily George, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Please pray for Julia as she begins this difficult journey.

CAT — friend of Amanda Roberts, has been in and out of the hospital due to complications from Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Pray for healing.

MICHELE MCDONALD — friend and neighbor of Shavaun Pizar, will be having her 6th chemo session. Please pray for minimal side effects and for Michele's strength and overall health.

CYNTHIA CULVER — needs healing for some health issues as well as to be mindful of others. Also please pray that her son Zeph will continue in the word, worship and love and will be quick to forgive others.

TRACEY AND TANYA — Cynthia Culver's sisters. Please pray for their heart to be healed by trusting in Jesus. Awaken their minds with your Holy Spirit. Also, she thanks God for our faithful leaders.

CONFIRMANDS: Congratulations on the newest members of the church: Addie Keoppel, Amanda Roberts, Anna George, CJ Arena, Declan Ambrosiani, Jennifer Ahart, Patrick Lanigan

SENIORS: Best of Luck to our graduating Seniors, the class of 2017: Julia Ahart, Robert Ahart, Emily George, Lia Ficaro, Jordan Leshnowe, Claudia Yanez

LOYD CHARLTON — just turned 90 on June 20! Also, his grandson Nick was married on June 23 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Boonton. Praise the Lord and pray for Allie and Nick as they start their lives together.

CARL NOLL — Diane Kearney's cousin, had a successful angioplasty and does not need open heart surgery. Thank God!

VIVAN MOLNAR — Kim Robbins' Mom, has finished her chemo. Praise God!

MARY BIRCH — friend of Diane Kearney, was paralyzed on one side from a stroke over a year ago. After having carotid artery surgery on the other side, she can now walk; Praise God! Pray for continued healing.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAYLA WHIPPLE AND MIKE MARTIN on their marriage in June. Please pray for them as they begin this new chapter in their life. ♥

PHIL — husband of Carmella, a colleague and friend of Martel Roberts, needs prayers for continued health as he struggles with cancer.

LUCKY MEADOWS & FAMILY — Joe Hordnes' best man, had brain surgery for a frontal lobe tumor, June 6. Please pray for him and his family.

SHERYL & DEBRAH — friends of Donna Wallis, have experienced family loss and illness. Please pray for them.

MARYANN CARLOS — Anne Ligertwood's brother's fiancé's mother, was diagnosed with stage 3 pancreatic cancer. Please pray for her and her family.

Prayers - Continued on Page 6

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Sarah Berta, *Music Director*
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Congratulations to Scholarship Winners



2017 Vivian Lowther First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Winners

On June 18, 2017, the following students were awarded scholarships during the worship service:

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Julia Ahart: She was a senior and graduated from Jefferson High School. She will be attending the College of New Jersey in the fall.

Julia was very involved at Jefferson High school; She is a member of the national honor society, she was a member of the ski team, and spring track. She is also in contention for a Girl Scout “gold award”— which is the highest award one can receive in the Girl Scouts organization.

Julia was also very involved in helping remodel the “foundation area” of the church a few years ago.

Emily George: She was a senior and graduated from Montville High School. She will be attending Elon University in the fall.

Emily was very involved at Montville High school including being a student athlete, playing Varsity Field hockey and Lacrosse. She was the stage manager for the stage crew at the high school and has been involved in the 11th hour rescue club at Montville High School

Emily continues to be involved with the church by helping out at coffee hour, with ushering and she even took the time to write a beautiful submission to this year’s Lenten Devotional.

RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Jess Beatty: Jess will be a senior this fall at the University of Delaware, where she is currently pursuing a degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.

During her tenure at University of Delaware, she has been involved with the Wildlife Society, has been an Ambassador Mentor for Wildlife Conservation, and she is a member of the Alpha Zeta Professional Agricultural Co-Ed Fraternity.

Brian Lanigan: Brian will be a senior at Montclair State University this fall, and is majoring in the field of Communication and Media Arts.

Brian has an extensive resume and is involved in numerous community activities, including being a resident assistant (RA) and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for Montclair State University; he volunteers as the school mascot (Rocky the Red Hawk) and is the founder of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity at the university.

In whatever spare time Brian does have, he visits First Church and volunteers at Vacation Bible School, helps out during the Easter week services, and also assists with the confirmation classes.

The scholarship and memorials committee wish all of our scholarship winners the very best in the upcoming school year. ♥

Much Success in the Future!
