Visions Newsletter

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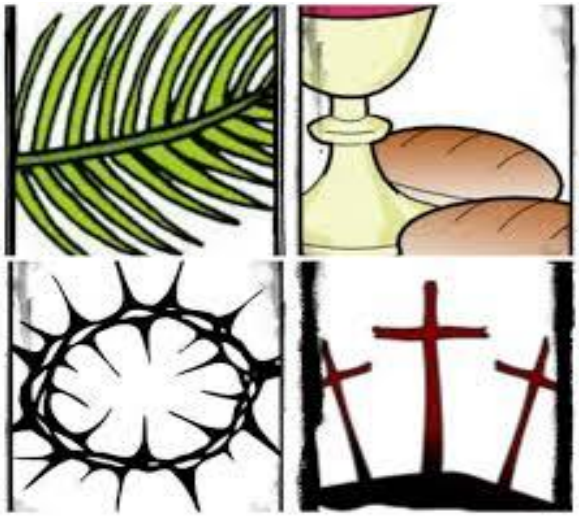
Welcoming Everyone As We Cherish Our Past

Living in the Present and Celebrating Diversity

Moving Forward in Faith With Jesus



APRIL 2019

Letter from the Desk of Pastor Lindsey

During this period of lent, we are asked to examine our lives, past, present and future for repentance, which is not always a something we want to reflect on. Perhaps there had been occasions when we said or did something in our past that we ruefully regret or maybe we would just prefer to forget it altogether. And yet we find creative methods to adapt Lent to our way of life to make ourselves feel better. Of all the sacred holidays and seasons, surely Lent is the least congenial to the modern spirit. We move forward in life through accumulation. In Lent, we move forward by renunciation.

John the Baptist reminds us that there is no good time to repent. It is an ongoing occurrence that we must always consider. Oh, sure pastor, it is easy for you to say, but it is not something that I choose to dwell on. Well, neither do I, but from the time Jesus began to preach, he said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17); and "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:32)

The first demand of Jesus' public ministry was, "Repent." He spoke this command indiscriminately to all who would listen. It was a call for radical inward change toward God and man. Yes, Lent is not for the faint of heart, but it must be a part of our daily discipline. Amen.

REMINDER: WORSHIP STARTS AT 10AM

If you cannot make it to worship in person . . . .join us from the comfort of your home. If you have access to a computer and the internet, all you need do is go to https://www.gotomeet.me/WatchungAvenueChurch and you can see our worship service live.

ALSO, IF YOU COMPLETELY MISSED A SUNDAY WORSHIP, then you can visit the church website, www.wapc.net and SEE, HEAR or READ the sermon for the Sunday you missed.

WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT BLUE ENVELOPE FOR?

You may have wondered what you are supposed to do with the blue envelope at the beginning of your offering envelope package. Maybe you were afraid to ask. The envelope says it is for Per Capita Apportionment, but what exactly does that mean?

Per Capita Payments

Per Capita is an assessment to support the larger church, the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Each church is required to pay Per Capita based on the number of members on our church roll. If members don't send in their Per Capita, it is then paid out of the church's general funds.

As an example of how the Presbytery supports us:

During 2016, WAPC applied for a New Hope Grant from Elizabeth Presbytery. The church was awarded a $2,400 grant to be used toward our ongoing Community Services Fairs. Those funds came from Per Capita paid by the various churches in the Presbytery.

Per Capital Apportionment rates for 2019 are as follows:

General Assembly (PCUSA)	$ 8.95
The Synod of the Northeast	$ 4.10
The Presbytery of Elizabeth	$ 27.4
TOTAL PER CAPITA	**$ 40.45**

So look for the blue envelope labeled Per Capita in with your offering envelopes. You can also just write Per Capita on the memo line of your check.

Remember, it is never too late to send in your Per Capita payment. WAPC pays in quarterly installments, so it is helpful if most members pay early in the year.

Thanks to all of you for your generosity,

Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

Join Us for a

Fellowship Lunch

WHAT: *Pot Luck Luncheon*

WHEN: *Sunday, April 7, 2019*

WHERE: *WAPC Parish Hall*

TIME: *following worship,*

11:30am- 1:30pm

Bring a covered, potluck main dish, side, or salad

and dessert will be provided.

Use the sign-up form below to make your reservations.

Return completed form to: Faye Steinau, Lynn Lampariello, Peggy Bunnell, or the WAPC office

I/We _____ will attend

How Many? _____

I will bring_____ (optional)

REMEMBER, we have to take care of God's creation -

Celebrate *EARTH DAY (April 22nd)* at coffee hour on

Easter Sunday, April 21st.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Cash or check must accompany all orders.

Please make your check payable to: "PW in WAPC".

Enclose payment with your order by PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

Name:_____

Please indicate the number of plants you are ordering:

____ Lily(s)..... 6" pot, $11.00 each

____ Tulip(s)..... 6" pot, $9.00 each

Total Enclosed_____

____ Picking up my plant (s) after the service.

____ Deliver my plant (s) to a friend at home or someone who is ill.

In Memory of:

_____

In Honor of:

_____

To God's Glory for:

_____

INVITATIONS FROM OUR FRIENDS AT TRINITY UNITED CHURCH AND BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE:

April 18th, at 7:00 pm.

WAPC is cordially invited to attend the Tenebrae worship at Bethel Presbyterian Church, 300 East 5th St. at Roosevelt St., Plainfield

Backpack Program for Middle School and High School

Distribution of weekend food for in-need students at NPHS and NPMS begins tomorrow. Please see someone on the Mission Committee if you can help. We need donations of individually packaged non-perishable foods, as well as weekly help to pack and deliver. We will keep you posted!
Mission Committee

FOOD FOR BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Mission Committee would like our church to take on the task of providing bags of weekend food for needy students in North Plainfield Middle School/High School. Currently those children in the program in grades K through 4 receive food items for their backpacks on Fridays. This helps them through the weekend, when they are not receiving meals at school. The older children are not currently served by the program. Approximately 25 children have been identified by the school system. We have already received a large donation of individual cereal packs from the Obama School.
We are asking folks who belong to Costco or BJ's to purchase and donate individually packed items from the following list. We will also accept monetary donations and donations of one-gallon Ziploc bags and empty plastic bins for storage. You may contact Gwyn Gronlund if you have questions. A list of recommended food items follows:

Food Bank Network of Somerset County

BACK PACK FOOD LIST

Beef stew (small can) **or**
Vienna sausages (4.6 oz can)
Chef Boyardee canned pastas (7.5 oz microwave can)
Tuna (Ready to eat bags)
Milk (8 oz. shelf stable boxes)
Juice boxes (8 oz. boxes)
"Kraft Easy Mac & Cheese"
(microwave packets only - No cups)
Cold Cereal (small boxes 1.2 oz)
Pudding Cups **or** Fruit Cups
Snacks (Small packs pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks, etc)
For a total of eight (8) items per (1 gallon) zip lock bag

WELCOME A NEW MEMBER!—

JOSEPH ASIAMAH

Joseph Asiamah has been attending WAPC for about 6 months, and was recently received into membership by Session, Pastor Lindsey and the congregation. He was formerly a member of The Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.

He is a tall man with a deep voice and an arresting accent, who hails from the country of Ghana. He lives in the west end of North Plainfield with his wife Janet and their son. Joseph and Janet have two daughters, one living in New York and one residing in London.

Joseph is employed by Motion Industries as a driver/warehouse associate.

In his spare time, he likes to watch soccer.

Joseph likes living in North Plainfield and thanks all of us at WAPC for welcoming him.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
meets in the church lounge at 8:45am with Pastor Madelynne Lindsey. Come One, Come All!!

THURSDAY NIGHT SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY
will meet every Thursday evening in April at 7:30pm at a member's home.

Contact the church office for more information.

Let's see, what is missing?
We have coffee, tea, cups, sugar, cookies, napkins - but there is something else. Hmm!
I know - it is you!
We need a host each Sunday to bring the milk and/or cream and to set up the table real pretty for coffee hour after worship service.
If you can host one Sunday out of the month, please be a dear and sign up on the Coffee Hour chart in the Parish Hall.
Thanks, Dianne Ledder, PW Coffee Hour Chair

*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WAPC APRIL REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	2 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	3 CHOIR REH. 7pm ↓	4 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	5***	6
7 POT LUCK LUNCHEON 8:45am Bible Study 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11amCOFFEE	8 *** SESSION MEETING 7PM ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	9 H.H.S. meeting ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	10 ↓	11 ↓	12***	13
14 PALM SUNDAY EASTER PLANT ORDERS DUE! 8:45am Bible Study 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11amCOFFEE	15*** ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	16 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	17 ↓	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	19*** GOOD FRIDAY	20
21 EASTER SUNDAY 8:45am Bible Study 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11amCOFFEE	22*** EARTH DAY ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	23 ↓	24 ↓	25 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH VISIONS DEADLINE	26 ***	27
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Presbyterian Women

HEARTS, HANDS, & STITCHES

Prayer Shawl Sunday was March 31st where Pastor Lindsey blessed the shawls created by our members in preparation to share with others.

Hearts, Hand & Stitches members create shawls and lap robes to share God's love with those who are grieving, hospitalized, or at home, or celebrating a milestone.

We continue to meet monthly. We create comforting shawls and lap robes at our meetings and on our own time. We also do some charity knitting and crocheting, such as creating chemo caps for local cancer patients and purple baby hats for awareness of shaken baby syndrome.

Our current members are Cathy Boleyn, Judith Botzan, Peg Bunnell, Gwyn Gronlund, Ellen Lake, Betty Miksa, and Fran Young.

Our Spring meetings will be as follows:
Tuesday, April 9th, at the home of Fran Young
Tuesday, May 14, at the home of Cathy Boleyn

Please keep this ministry of sharing God's love through shawls in your prayers, and remember to let one of our members know if there is a need for a shawl.

Call Gwyn Gronlund for more information (908) 754-1251

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

There will not be a meeting scheduled for APRIL 2019. Please watch for notice of future meetings.

When shopping Amazon online, simply type in the word "smile" before Amazon, like so, https://smile.amazon.com It is the same thing as Amazon, but it enables shoppers to select a non-profit organization to receive a small percentage of the price of the merchandise. Select Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield, with every purchase you make, and Amazon will give back .5% to our church. Shop more, support our church and therefore support our community! ***Shop Easter & Mother's Day!***

"FUND FOR FORTY"

campaign is still moving forward. Continue asking your neighbors & frequently visited businesses to visit the church website in order to donate. Reach out to your Facebook friends & family and encourage them to visit the church website, www.wapc.net, to donate.

Let's keep WAPC moving forward into the future!

[Alice Lester says, "Keep those aluminum cans coming!"]

WHO - WHAT - WHEN -WHERE - WHY ???

WHO?- *YOU*

WHAT?- *ALUMINUM CANS. . . . .* **Bring your aluminum cans to church, completely empty**

WHEN? - *NOW.. . . . .* **and until further notice**

WHERE?- *TO THE PARISH HALL*

WHY?- *FOR RECYCLING . . . . .* **Proceeds will go to the "Fund for Forty"**

HELP GROW THE FUND--EVERY LITTLE BIT HELP

PRAYER LIST

Healing and /or supportive prayers for:

- *Jim Roselli,* recuperating at home after a couple of days in the hospital.

- *Gwyn Gronlund,* healing from eye surgery.

- *Julia Lake and the Lake family* during this difficult time.

- *Sarellen Hogan,* who is now back at Brightview Assisted Living after a bout with pneumonia.

- *Estelle Kennedy* is recovering at home from anemia and *Betsi Kennedy* is recovering from a nervous breakdown.

- *Tim and Marilyn Cortright,* during their difficult times.

- *Jackie Slattery &Sean Slattery, daughter &grandson of Estelle Kennedy* during a difficult time.

- *Gail Schmeisser,* continuing to be challenged with mobility issues.

Prayers for those in the military and their families:

- *Sergeant Jasmine Harris*, returned safely from a tour of duty in Kuwait and is stationed again in Fort Hood, Texas. Jasmine was promoted from Specialist to Sergeant after her tour of duty.

Continued prayers for those people at home or in continued care:

Helen Miller, *Estelle Kennedy, Grace Landsperger, and Margaret Herman-Angely,* at home, *Bob Monteith*, at Green Knoll Center in Bridgewater, *Beverly Krausse,* at Berkeley Heights Nursing & Rehab, Berkeley Heights, and *Gail McKenna*, at 2225 Kirkland Village Circle, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Prayers of support and thanksgiving for:

- *Fran Young's* last scan showed she is CANCER FREE!
- *Pastor Madelynne Lindsey*

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