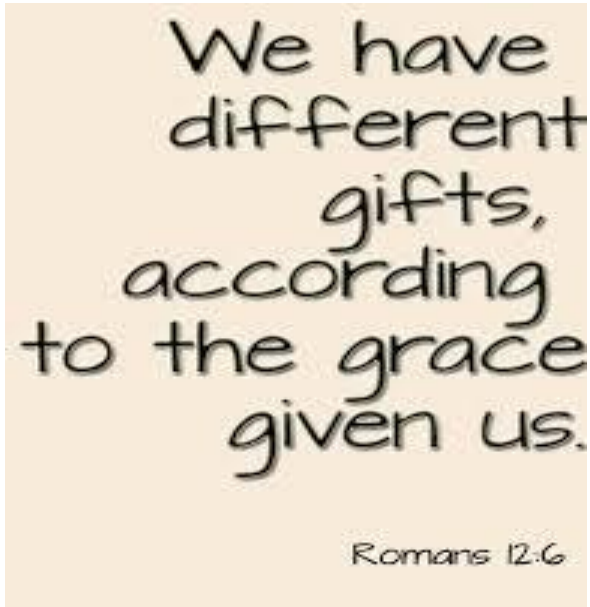


Visions Newsletter



Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church
www.wapc.net

Welcoming Everyone As We
Cherish Our Past

Living in the Present and
Celebrating Diversity

Moving Forward in Faith
With Jesus

SEPTEMBER 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

As Pastor of Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, I have had the privilege and honor to proudly boast that the various members of our church have put together a production week after week for our Sunday worship service which have brought me much pride and gratification. You have demonstrated according to Romans 12:1-8 that we are one with many members, that our bodies are a living sacrifice, that we are the holy temple of God. We have a variety and diversity of gifts, but the same Spirit. Everyone has different gifts for different purposes, but we are all needed as the body of Christ.

The variety and diversity of gifts has enabled us to virtually combine all our gifts to inform and lift the spirits of so many people even though we were not able to enjoy the company of each other physically due to COVID-19, but through our videos we were able to reach a much wider audience than if we were in church during that time period. Now that we are back in church, I sincerely hope that our gifts will continue to astound and surprise those who would not ordinarily come to our church for Sunday worship.

I want to give a special thank you for all the Lay Readers who cheerfully and willingly audio taped the services during our absence in church and the splendid way Jim Roselli was able to put everything together in such a professional and excellent way, especially eliminating some of the flaws to the delight of some of us who may have inadvertently had some sound issues. It took a lot of courage and patience not just for the speakers but for Jim as well. Some of us were not as proficient in navigating the system as others but we prevailed together.

I do not want to forget Quinn DeGeneste who absolutely wowed us with his musical contributions for all aspects of our worship service. People are still going back to our Easter Service to listen again to the music. And a special thank you to Greta Martin-Worthy, our Office Administrator, for filling in as Lay Reader when needed and for efficiently putting the bulletin together for our website.

As Romans 6-8 says: "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..." Let us continue to show our various gifts and talents with compassion and cheerfulness and our love for each other, to God our Father, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Madelynne Lindsey

Hello WAPC Family,

The first Sunday of September will be the last of the summer

Elizabeth Presbytery sponsored worship services.

These services have been enjoyable thanks to the wide range of participants who have helped plan and create them.

**To connect to this pre-recorded online worship service,
go to www.wapc.net 's home page.**

**We will NOT be in the sanctuary on September 6th but we will return
on September 13th and continue having our regular services.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETING – AUGUST 9, 2020

- In July, we had one virtual worship and three in-person worships. Two were in the Sanctuary and one in the Mullens' backyard. Attendance at worship, including YouTube views, averaged 22 per Sunday.
- The disclaimer of liability must be added to the contracts for all our renters. This disclaimer must be signed by all using the church building, to waive liability in case someone contracts the Covid-19 virus after being in the WAPC building.
- Pastor Lindsey will record video sermons for viewing during in-person worship on August 16 and 23. A children's sermon will be recorded by Dave Lyttle. On August 30 and September 6 (Labor Day Sunday), worship prepared by Elizabeth Presbytery will be accessed from WAPC website.
- Indoor security cameras have been purchased and will be installed by Jim Roselli.
- The dinner and concert planned as a fundraiser for Operation Backpack cannot be held in-person due to Covid-19 restrictions. Instead, a virtual concert is being planned, to be recorded live with Quinn and several other musicians and "pledge breaks."
- There is mold downstairs on the wall opposite the girls' room, and a small leak which may be from the boiler room. Greta has contacted someone to evaluate the problem.
- The north side of the digital sign is not working. We are waiting for repair.

Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1PM
via a ZOOM meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

CROP Walk – Pandemic Style

This year's CROP Walk (Number 48) is planned for **Sunday, October 18, 2020**. That's just a little over 6 weeks away!



In the spring, at the height of Covid-19,

Church World Service urged all CROP Walk planners of Spring walks to go virtual. The walk coordinators didn't have much time, but they pulled it off beautifully!

We are blessed to have more time to transition. There have been several Zoom meetings provided by CWS, and we have been able to benefit from the Spring walkers' experience.

The way the Virtual Walk works is that we encourage every walker to register on the CROP page for the Plainfield/North Plainfield Walk. Walkers then can receive online donations. Last year several of our walkers did register online and were surprised to receive donations totaling \$670, with very little effort.

Anyone who wants to ask for sponsors in the traditional way, certainly may do so. Those who are walking the 5K may walk individually, in a family group, or in a small group. Walkers may walk at their convenience. Also, someone who wants to participate, but can't walk the distance, can modify with a shorter distance. More detailed information will be coming soon.

There will not be a kick off, with all the walkers assembling in front of WAPC, as in previous years.

The 2019 CROP Walk, which was Number 47 for Plainfield/North Plainfield, received donations of about \$4,400. That is an amazing total, achieved by 22 walkers from 8 churches. We think we can do even better this year, with a combination of traditional and virtual walkers and sponsors.

LET'S ALL HELP CROP FIGHT HUNGER!

Your CROP coordinating team: Susan Durick, Lynn Lampariello & Gwyn Gronlund

We're Going Back To School



PLAINFIELD RESIDENTS
Drive up or walk up to get groceries to get
your family through the week-while
supplies last.

WHEN: Thursday, August 27

TIME: 12:00am-1:00pm

WHERE: Cedarbrook School,
1049 Central Ave

Donations courtesy of
New Jersey YMCA
State Alliance



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
KISHA CHUBB AT 908-766-5770, XT 202**





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Sept 14-Oct 19

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

To qualify you must have depended on the income of another family member and that income is no longer available.
All you need is a computer and internet service.



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TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

SEPT 1 - OCT 1, 2020

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

ALL YOU NEED IS TO QUALIFY AS A DISPLACED HOMEMAKER: YOUR INCOME HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THE LOSS OF INCOME DUE TO DIVORCE/SEPARATION, DEATH OF A SPOUSE/PARTNER, TO GET SAFELY OUT OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION, UNEMPLOYMENT OR PERMANENT DISABILITY OF A SPOUSE/PARTNER, A COMPUTER AT HOME WITH INTERNET SERVICE AND A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN.



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Clase Virtual

Obtenga más **confianza** y **fortaleza** en quién es usted y en lo que puede lograr. Únase a un entorno seguro para expresarse, crecer y definir sus próximos pasos al abrir puertas de **POSIBILIDAD..**

Miercoles y Viernes

9:30am - 2:30pm

Septiembre 2- 16

 **908.912.6513**

Para calificar usted a tenido que pasar por:
muerte, desplome o desempleo de un
conyugue/pareja ,divorcio , separacion o
violencia domestica .



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*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WAPC SEPTEMBER REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 ONLINE COMMUNION With Elizabeth Presbytery 10am ZOOM CHAT COFFEE HOUR 11am	7 *** LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11 ***	12
13 10:00 AM, WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY ZOOM CHAT COFFEE HOUR 1pm 1PM ZOOM SESSION MTG.	14 ***	15	16	17	18 ***	19
20 10:00 AM, WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY ZOOM CHAT COFFEE HOUR 1pm	21 ***	22	23 OCTOBER VISIONS DEADLINE	24	25 ***	26
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Presbyterian Women



HEARTS, HANDS, & STITCHES

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.

HH&S has met several times for outdoor knitting. We have a peaceful time knitting and catching up, while maintaining social distance. This new reality we are coping with is adaptable, as long as the weather cooperates!

One of our members, Betty Miksa, celebrated her 90th birthday with a "driveway party" on August 1st. Friends and neighbors dropped by her driveway, again with masks and social distance, to wish Betty well. What a milestone!

We are still busily knitting and crocheting at home and during our outdoor meetings, working to create shawls, baby blankets, hats, and lap robes (whatever keeps our interest, and uses up our yarn stashes).

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.

We do have several available.

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

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

**THE FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**
normally held
every second
Saturday of the
month.
**IS CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**

For more info.
call the church
office



PRAYER LIST

Healing, comforting, and/or supportive prayers for:

- *Bob Monteith*, who is at Green Knowles Nursing Home in need of abundant prayers.
- *Edward Norton, Lynn and Mark Lampariello's next door neighbor*, healing from major surgery.
- *Jim Thomas' brother, Bart Thomas*, who is on a challenging path of recovery after a successful brain procedure.
- *Jim Roselli's sister, Joanne*, recovering at home with health care visits.
- *Marilyn Cortright*, recovering at home and continued prayers for her husband, *Tim Cortright*.
- *Amanda Lake* for health concerns.
- *Susan Sendelsky & her sister, Kerry*, members of Pastor Lindsey's former church family, Oak Tree Presbyterian, both fighting cancer.
- *Jane Windbush, Pastor's sister & Stephanie Weaver, Pastor's niece*, who both suffer from Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- *Jackie Slaterry & Sean Slaterry, daughter & grandson of Estelle Kennedy* during a difficult time.
- *Gail Schmeisser*, continuing to be challenged with mobility issues.

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

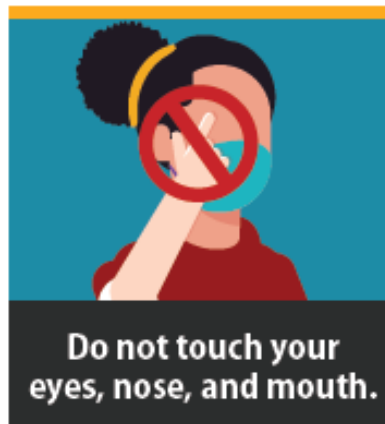
- *Grace Landsperger, Margaret Herman-Angely, and Estelle and Betsi Kennedy* at home.
- *Gail McKenna*, at 2225 Kirkland Village Circle, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Prayers of support and thanksgiving for:

- *Jim Roselli*
- *Pastor Madelynne Lindsey*
- *Gwyn Gronlund*

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

3/6/20 - A May 13, 2020 11:00 AM



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