



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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Sunday, July 11, 2010

9:30 A.M.

Worship Service

Milt Fredericks preaching

11:00 A.M.

Church School for Adults

12:00 P.M.

Preteens Bowling



Sunday, July 18, 2010

9:30 A.M.

Worship Service

Baptism

11:00 A.M.

Church School for Adults

MISSION NEWS – CUBA: Time is fast approaching when we must commit the next bunch of travelers to go to Cuba. The trip is being planned for October 28–November 5. If the typical mission trip excites you, but you find that you either don't want to or can't participate in work trips, this opportunity is for you. Accommodations are simple but very comfortable (rated "4 stars" by previous participants). The cut-off date for sign-ups will be August 15.

YOUTH NEWS: Please keep our Youth in your prayers as they travel this July. The Youth Mission Trip to Canada is July 11-18, and the Youth Triennium in Indiana is the 20th-24th.



From the Pastor...

The Session of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury recently heard the following proposal:

Christ-Centered Small Group ministries are acknowledged as perhaps the most effective approach for advancing the mission of the local church by inviting people to be in a deeper relationship with Jesus through closer relationships with brothers and sisters of the faith; in other words, to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

What is a Christ-Centered Small Group? A Christ-Centered Small Group is a small number of people (less than 10-12) who gather together in community for a period of time (typically 6-8 weeks) to experience and share God's loving grace and to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ through caring fellowship, Bible study, prayer, and outreach. The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury already has a few functioning Small Groups, including three home-based care & Bible Study groups, a church-based study group, and a Pastor-led Bible Study at Pitman Manor.

Churches that have healthy, thriving Small Group Ministries point out a number of key aspects: Groups need to have a primary focus on the care of each member; they meet on a regular basis for an agreed period of time; they are intentional about getting group members involved in leadership and outreach roles; they work hard to develop a deep and meaningful prayer time; they emphasize involvement in service projects, either individually or together; and they talk about group growth and periodic multiplication from the beginning. Small group facilitators need to take a proactive role in setting and maintaining this agenda through a group covenant.

To foster the growth of the Small Group ministry at PCW, the Session is asked to place a renewed emphasis on encouraging members to get involved in Christ-Centered Small Groups. It is proposed that through the Christian Education Task Force, new groups facilitators be sought and trained; new small groups be formed and nurtured; that the ministry receive heightened publicity; and that all church members be frequently encouraged to join a Christ-Centered Small Group by the Task Force(s),

the Pastor, and Staff.

I believe that this renewed emphasis on Christ-Centered Small Group ministry will build the Kingdom of God, help members of the congregation grow spiritually, and welcome new disciples into this family of faith. I hope that you will prayerfully consider participating in this ministry, made available in the fall. Please pray for Christ-Centered Small Groups and that those whom God is calling to serve as facilitators may clearly hear the call to service the congregation.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.

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SUMMER MISSION TRIP will be August 7 - 14. We are driving to West Virginia and be engaged in flood recovery work. You can help by donating supplies and/or being a prayer partner. There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel.

FOOD BANK: The GWCM Food Bank could use help packing lunch boxes that their clients will receive this summer. If you can volunteer your time for this outreach into our community, please contact the Director, Kathy Cunningham (468-5959).



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Church School – The Christian Education Task Force has decided to have Summer Church School on Wednesday evenings. Plan to bring your family for an early supper and a special event each Wednesday.

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.:

July 7 – God gives us Special Abilities
July 14 – God gives us Wisdom
July 21 – God gives us Forgiveness
July 28 – God gives us a Family
Aug. 4 - Family Bowling Night
Volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel if you can help.

Adult Education - Sundays at 11 A.M.:

Date	Topic	Leader
July 11	Christian Music	Jack Hill
July 18	State of the Church Report	
July 25	Becoming a Good Samaritan – New World Vision/John Ortberg DVD	
Aug. 1	Work in Tanzania	Becky Barrett

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

COMMISSIONING CLASS will start in September. Any youth who will be in 7th or 8th grades this fall (or older if never confirmed) is invited to be a part of this adventure. A mailing giving more details went out to all eligible youth. If you did not receive this information, please call the Church Office (845-1244). Questions? Call Bunny or Chick Dougherty (845-8149).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Sarah Bessey – Woodbury High School
Kim Barrett – Kingsway High School
Lauren Dickerson – Drexel University –
B.S. in Business Administration
Jessica Lynch – The College of NJ –
B.S. Nursing
Julie Barton – Stockton College



IN MEMORIAM

Jane B. McKinney

January 10, 1940 - July 4, 2010

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord."

THANK YOU! The Deacons want to thank the congregation for their generous contributions to the Deacons' Fund given throughout the year. We wish you all a safe and blessed summer.

DEACONS' FUND: The Deacons are supporting families of the Emmanuel Cancer Center with a donation of food cards. Summer is a slow time for food contributions for these families. If you want to help, make your donation to the Deacons' Fund.

THANK YOU: Megan Duble wishes to express her sincere thanks for all the prayers and acts of kindness extended to her and her family during her illness.

RIVERSHARKS GAME: Habitat for Humanity of Gloucester County is selling tickets for the Riversharks game on Sunday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$11.00. Please call Bob Harris at 468-6703 for more information.

WOODBURY V.B.S.: We are sorry to report that the G.W.C.M. VBS program scheduled for July 26-30 is being cancelled due to lack of adult workers willing to volunteer their time to this important ministry. There will be further discussion among the Board, and perhaps an evening program can be held later in the summer. We will keep you posted on any details.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Madeline Wassmann and Mary Feo at home, Elsie Camplin in Manor Care, Karen Ulmer, Tom Dolan, Bob Storer, Sharyn Babe in Florida, Hope Blasko, and Dee and Dave Tanzola. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers: JJ Cunningham, Rob Chase, Ron Goepel, Bill Borders, David Wietz, James Gallagher, and Clayton Kelly.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Sue Gerard (7/11) and Tom Klimczak (7/18)

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	11:00 AM	Adult Education
	12:00 AM	Preteens Bowling
		Youth Mission Trip 7/11-18
Monday:	7:30 PM	Trustees (Elevator)
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	Egypt Family Camp

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