



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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## SUNDAY

August 11, 2019

9:30 A.M.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

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## SUNDAY

August 18, 2019

9:30 A.M.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

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**SUMMER SCHEDULE:** There will be NO Session, or Trustee meetings for August. The next Task Force Meetings for September will be held on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> because of the Labor Day Holiday. Deacon's next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

## COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday,  
August 8, 2019  
5:30 P.M.



Join the church and community for a time of delicious food and fellowship.

**TRICENTENNIAL MEETING** will be held on Thursday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. There is still a lot to be done and planned for our 300<sup>th</sup> year. Everyone is invited to come and help support this cause! This is our time to celebrate our history!

## FROM THE PASTOR...

In a recent article on the PCUSA website, there was discussion about congregational plans for safe evacuations, "All churches should engage in emergency planning so that when an incident occurs, staff and church leaders follow safe procedures. Potential emergencies can arise from acts of God (hurricanes, snow storms), accidents (electrical fire, flooding), and acts of man (violence, infectious disease). While creating a plan can seem overwhelming, breaking down an emergency plan by potential emergency and discussing possible responses can make the task less onerous." The leadership of this church is in the process of creating a plan for emergencies.

Last fall, trustees were invited to Kemble United Methodist Church for an Active Shooter workshop led by the Philadelphia Office of the FBI. This spring, trustees attended a class hosted by the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office on Church Safety. Finally, in June, we invited the Woodbury Police Department to walk through our building to assist with more safety guidelines. We are currently working on plans for fire emergencies, building evacuation and active shooter emergencies.

The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will have a fire drill practice on **Sunday, September 29** at the end of 9:30 am worship. The basic plan will be to empty the building in a timely manner, and have all people gather in the Centre Street parking lot. Following the evacuation, we will return to the building for fellowship and Sunday School. The Trustees will gather a few folks to de-brief the event and plan for another practice, most likely in December.

Our hope is that we will have everyone trained and feeling comfortable to evacuate the building, if there were to be an emergency. If you have questions about our plans and process, please see me, Joe Federici or Larry Geiger. Again, thanks for your understanding and patience as we work out a plan to keep everyone safe who enters our building.

In Christ,  
Phil



## SAVE THE DATE!!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019  
Join us for Worship Service at 9:30 AM  
Meet and Greet the  
Sunday School Teachers at 10:45 AM  
Church Picnic at 12:00 Noon  
at Red Bank Battlefield



Please sign up in the chapel, call the church office or email Kristen at [kristen.franchetti@pcwoodbury.com](mailto:kristen.franchetti@pcwoodbury.com) and let us know how many are coming and if you are bringing a side dish or a dessert.

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Cobb

July 26, 1928 – July 18, 2019

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

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300TH ANNIVERSARY TIMELINE: There is a timeline on the wall in the Chapel. There will be post-it notes near the timeline. We ask you to think of the defining moments in this congregation within your memory. Please add events to the time line that you believe are important to the life of the church. Events that were positive in the life of the church and events that were negative in the life of the church. We are seeking to review our history: who we have been, who we are and who is God calling us to be moving through our 300th Anniversary. Please add as many events to the timeline as you believe are important.

Fall Mission Trip to Cuba is scheduled for November 4-11. This trip is also open to youth. Applications for visas must be in by August 1. We need several travelers to help carry medications to Placetas. Please see Wendy Kunz.



2¢ A MEAL will be collected during the month of August. The pot is on the window ledge in the church to collect all your change. All change collected will go to help the Food Pantry.

Pitman Manor Fall 2019 Study: Recognizing God's Grace - The grace of God is a central conviction of Christian faith and the Reformed theological tradition. This study will explore what it means to live out the grace of God and perceive God's grace all around us.

- September 9 The Bible Teaches about God's Grace
September 23 Grace through Christian History
October 12 Reformed Understanding of Grace
October 28 Gracious Lives of Others
November 11 Practicing God's Grace
November 25 God's Amazing Grace

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Meg Lolly, Bernie Carlson, Fred Petri, Florence Hillman, Florence Meyer, Fred Davis, Emma Mustard, Brian Praetzel, Dorothy Van Horn, Amelia Exley, Meghan Orem, Judy Fetty, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

VITAL CONGREGATIONS INITIATIVE

Fall Leadership Training Sunday Mornings: 11:00 am - 12:00 Noon



Vital Congregations

The Presbytery of West Jersey has been asked to participate in a pilot program for the Presbyterian Church USA during the next two years. The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will be involved in the Vital Congregations Initiative! The purpose is to work alongside mid council leadership, and leaders of existing congregations, in a process that seeks to help assess, discern and live into transformative actions that increase vitality. Through intentional spiritual practices and relational connections, this two-year process takes us deeper into following Jesus Christ, making disciples and being the vital community of Christ throughout particular communities and the world. To this end, I would like to ask ALL members to participate in this Fall's Leadership Training Bible Study. We will meet for seven weeks (September 15 – October 27) during the Sunday School hour for prayer and study. Please plan on joining us for this process of making us a vital community of Christ and strengthening your personal walk with Jesus.

G.W.C.M. is taking donations of school supplies for the children of their clients. They are looking for bookbags, notebooks, pencils, crayons, etc. You can bring them to the church and place them in the shopping cart in the Chapel.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: AUGUST 11 - 17, 2019

- Sunday: 9:00 AM Prayer Room 3, 9:30 AM Worship Service
Monday: 6:30 PM Girl Scouts
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, 7:00 PM Cub Scouts
Thursday: 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: AUGUST 18 - 25, 2019

- Sunday: 9:00 AM Prayer Room 3, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 3:00 PM Cub Scouts
Monday: 6:30 PM Girl Scouts
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Staff Meeting, 6:30 PM Cub Scouts, 7:00 PM Leader's Meeting
Thursday: 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
Sunday: 9:00 AM Prayer Room 3, 9:30 AM Worship Service

BEGINNERS CLASS VOLUNTEERS are needed for the 1st Sunday of each month. You would be responsible for watching the 3-5 year olds after the Children's Chat. Contact the church office or Kristen Franchetti if you can help out.



