



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

The Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**Online Abbreviated
Worship Service
9:30 AM**

Live on Facebook

The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

This will also be sent out through email afterwards and will be available on the church website: www.pcwoodbury.com

Happy Birthday!



Charlotte Nelson will be turning 100 on June 15th. We would like to honor her with a "Card Shower". Birthday cards can be sent in her name to Pitman Manor (United Methodist Communities at Pitman), 535 N. Oak Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071.

50-Year Members

Every other year on Pentecost Sunday, the Presbyterian Church honors those people who have been members for 50 years or more. This year, the following members have achieved this milestone. They will be officially recognized at a future date.

Alwayne Dahmer – Joined 4/3/69

Mary Zidek – Joined 4/3/69

Marie Batten - Joined 6/7/70

FROM THE PASTOR...

I hope you are doing well and will have a blessed week! I am writing you in regard to the eventual reopening of the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury, and how we will cautiously proceed when the state of New Jersey gives permission for gatherings of more than ten people. Our first priority is to the health and welfare of our members and anyone who is associated with the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury.

It is our responsibility that when we resume in-person worship that our facility meets health and sanitary standards so people will be comfortable in knowing we are providing a place of worship that is safe and will not compromise anyone's health. The staff of West Jersey Presbytery and clergy have engaged in discussions around when to return and appropriate health and sanitary guidelines that should be followed. Below are links to documents from the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control, Presbyterian Church U.S.A, and emails from Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli, Executive Presbyter of West Jersey Presbytery. These are the documents the Session will use as our guides in reopening -

1) Guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services - <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

2) A documents from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) with guidance for faith organizations- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Forganizations%2Fguidance-community-faith-organizations.html

3) Recommended guidance from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Please pay specific attention to the section "Provisional Timeline: Contingent on Local Conditions and Latest Developments" on page number 8 - https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/covid-19/returning_to_public_worship_may_2020.pdf

4) The Executive Presbyter of West Jersey Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli continues to communicate with the teaching elders on a weekly basis and includes recommended guidance on church discussions on reopening.

Once again, our plan to return to the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury will be dependent upon the guidance of health directives and denomination guidance through the leading of the Holy Spirit. We are committed to making our church a safe and welcoming place for when it is time to return! The reality is that worship and all activities in the church will be very different in the future, please prepare yourself for this reality. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reply. Finally, I would ask for continued prayers for church staff, officers and those working to keep us safe!

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

Fred and Geri Petri
On their 67th Wedding Anniversary

IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Atkinson

May 28, 2020

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." John 11:25

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS: Although it is not the way that we had originally planned, we have now reached the end of the Sunday School year. On Friday, May 29, I delivered cupcakes to all the children of the church. With the help of my daughters, we made it to 22 homes! I would like to say a special thanks to the teachers, the children, and our church family as a whole.

Teachers - without your planning and dedication for the Sunday School classes, this program would not be as successful as it is.

Children - I thank you for your commitment to the church and its lessons.

Church Family - Thank you for praying for the children of the church and supporting them with Sunday School.

Blessings,
Kristen Franchetti

THANK YOU!

Thank you for continuing to send in your offerings and donations! We are very grateful for your financial support during this difficult time.

Online Donations: We are finally set up for **online giving**. You can go to the website: pcwoodbury.com or click on the **Give Now** button below.



You can also continue to mail in your check made payable to the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury to the church or to Kathi Lynch, 1510 Manduit Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086.

CHURCH FOOD DRIVE CAR PARADE:

The Mission and Outreach Task Force is in the beginning stages of planning for a Drive Through/Drop Off event to benefit the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries Food Bank. We will be sending out updated information when the planning is far enough along to share.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: The GWCM Food Pantry is still open, but with new guidelines. Because of COVID19 restrictions, the pantry can no longer buy items in bulk and is short on several items. They especially need: cereals (hot and cold), jelly (lots), pancake mix, syrup, pasta, spaghetti sauce and toilet paper. All items can be dropped off at the Seventh Day Adventist Woodbury Church at 330 East Barber Avenue in Woodbury. Donations need to be left at the SINGLE door of the church which faces the large parking lot (Barber Ave. side). Donations are only accepted on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS between 9:30 and 11:00 am. Covid19 policies are practiced. THANK YOU to all who can help at this much needed time!

THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS: Because of Covid-19, Upper Room realizes that the print versions of their devotionals cannot be picked up at church, so they have made the May/June booklet available to download online. Please visit their website at: <https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>. The church has some printed issues available for May/June. If you would like one, let Kathi Lynch know and it can be mailed to you.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: John Atkinson and family, Sam Speers and family, Kay Black and Fred Davis on Hospice, Ron Mohring and Meg Orem having surgery this week, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm and Judy Fetty – all positive with Covid19, Florence Hillman, Dave Orem, Emma Mustard, Amelia Exley, Alex Jenei, 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.



BORED YET? LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO? We have a project for you! When the time comes that we will be able to return to church, masks will most likely be mandatory. We are looking for some volunteers to make masks that can be given to church members to use when the time comes.

FELLOWSHIP ZOOM MEETINGS held on Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. to provide a fellowship time for our members to connect and “visit” with each other. An email will be sent out Saturday or Sunday morning with the details. You will be able to click on the link in the email on using your computer, phone or iPad.