



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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Stewardship Minute #2 Kristen Franchetti

“Moments”

The topic that I have received to cover is “moments.” Another ironic word to be brought up during the current time, a time where moments have been limited due to quarantining and socially distancing, yet once this word is brought into association with the church, a multitude of memories come to mind — memories and moments that span throughout my entire lifetime.

In 1975, I was registered onto the cradle roll, which today is simply known as the nursery, and then I was baptized. From there I went to participate in Sunday school classes with fond teachers that I must mention - Mr. Skinner and Mrs. Hoelle. Then I began to take the next steps in my relationship with God. As I participated in my YCC classes, I collected moments ranging from forming lasting friendships and being led by Mrs. Platt. During the same year of my mission to become a member of the church, one of the largest impacting moments of life had occurred. My father passed away in January of ‘89, only four shy months away from when I was meant to join the church. Several members and friends rallied around me and gave me an environment that allowed me to feel that I could continue my journey with God in a time where it felt unnecessary, and I understood that my dad would have wished for me to continue attending and participating in church.

After joining the church as a third-generation family member, I was heavily active in the youth group. Moments that I distinctly remember while participating in the youth group include going on multiple ski trips and also attending mission trips

to Maine. From having collective sleepovers at the church and exploring our relationships with God, moments from my youth group days remain vivid in my mind.

As I grew older, more moments were created within the church. John and I got married in November of 1997, Laken was born and baptized, and then we had Teagan. While she was in the NICU and experiencing health issues at only two months old, the church provided me with prayer, and I experienced peace knowing that I had my faith and church family to get me through my hard moments.

As my children grew older and attended Sunday School classes, an opportunity to create new moments with the church arose. The staff was looking to fill the Christian Education Director position because Mrs. Platt was going to retire. I knew the shoes were going to be big to fill and that the job would come with complications of its own, but I was up for the next journey that would be filled with moments that strengthened my relationship with God.

Now as a member of staff, I create new moments weekly. A large influence on these moments is the guidance and support provided by Milt Fredericks. Over these past five years, Milt has been a mentor and guided me through a multitude of moments in and out of church.

The moments that I have mentioned with the church range from those of positive and negative times during my life, yet I would not wish for it to be any other way.

And I hope for all of you that your moments, your experiences and your relationships in our church have been meaningful for you; and will continue to be so. Let us use these moments precious to us to help build new moments precious to others.

SUNDAY

October 11, 2020

9:30 AM

In-Person Worship Service Also Live on Facebook

Matthew 22:1-14

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

www.pcwoodbury.com

THE CHURCH IS OPEN: Join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. The protocol for worship is included on the last page of this newsletter. If you feel the need to worship from home, we will be continuing our FB Live services. Again, thank you for your prayerful patience during this difficult time.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is now open from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You can reach the office at church.office@pcwoodbury.com (856) 845-1244. If leaving a phone message, please leave on the main office mailbox and not an individual mailbox.

Online Donations: You can 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.



Stewardship Minute #1

Milt Fredericks

“Resources”

Well, it's stewardship season again; and I am one of 3 staff members who will be sharing with you our personal thoughts about giving over the next 3 weeks. The topic I was given was resources, one we don't normally hear, as opposed to tithing and treasures.

But it is ironic to have this phrase in this season, in this year where it has had so much meaning. Do we have we enough resources to combat the corona virus, enough ventilators, enough PPE, enough front-line workers? Have we exhausted our resources in fighting the numerous fires growing each year, will we have the resourcefulness to take on climate change, unemployment, racial and cultural tension? So maybe it really is appropriate in this very different year.

So, while walking around Eglington cemetery two weeks ago, some thoughts came to mind. One was, that our church members have given of their resources in this tough time, that the way we give is changing as well. Some of us have automatic deduction, some go through the Presbyterian Foundation for their offering and some of us still write checks, as I do. I know in many ways I may be a dinosaur, but I must tell you that there is something very special to me about writing that check – every Monday morning. It is always the first bill of the week that Rose and I pay, and that significance has meaning. For it really isn't a bill, it is a blessing.

But then, as my walk continued a memory struck me clear as a bell, about one of our members whose health issues has not allowed her to worship with us for some time now, but how clearly I remember greeting Judy Fetty each week in the chapel and making that walk through the chapel into the sanctuary where before she did anything else, she would stop at the window and take out her little change purse and ask me to get the wooden church. Judy would struggle at times with her dexterity but always bring out the coins, - pennies, nickels, dimes and put them in the church for the two cents a meal. Judy puts giving to God first each Sunday, she puts Christ at the center of her giving and more importantly at the center of her life. For even as dementia has grown, so has her love of God.

That lesson is not lost on me, what each of us chooses to do with the resources God has given us is our decision and we know that there are those weeks and months when those resources may be strained and the needs are many – food, clothing, bills, prescriptions. We know as well, this is not a year for any of us to make specific demands, only to ask that if each of us, keep Christ at the center of our lives, our resources, like the fish and the loaves, will be abundant.



The Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry is serving the community at a much higher rate due to the pandemic, and is constantly in need of staples. They are asking folks to drop off food items and supplies on **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** mornings from **8:30am to 11:00am** at The Seventh Day Adventist Church at 300 East Barber Avenue.

Food items

Cereal	Complete pancake mix	Syrup
Jelly	Peanut butter	Mayonnaise
Tuna	Canned soup	Potatoes (box or can),
Rice	Pasta (spaghetti/macaroni)	Corn
Carrots	Spaghetti sauce	Beets
Fruit	Macaroni & cheese	Tea/coffee
Juice	Canned green vegetables	Crackers
Cake mix	Icing	Pudding mix

Other items to donate

Hand soap	Toilet paper	Feminine products
shampoo	Toothpaste	Laundry Detergent

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Zoom Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Pastor Phil will be leading a 6-week Virtual Bible Study through Zoom on Thursdays beginning October 8th. Two times will be offered: 10:00 am or 7:00 pm. See the links below to join in:

October 8: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Oct. 15: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

October 22: Give us this day our daily bread;

October 29: and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
November 5: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Nov. 12: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Thursdays --10am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81979764824?pwd=VTcrY0krTmo5ZjA4dnVIREdjc3A0Zz09>

Thursday--7pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85814873452?pwd=elpENWJ3QIE3dHRLaGZsUkY3VURYQT09>

BOSCOV'S ANNUAL FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS:

October 14 & 15th. 9 AM to 9 PM: Shoppers will receive a 20% discount off our lowest sale prices both in-store and online. When you tell the clerk at check-out you are supporting GREATER WOODBURY COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES, Boscov's will make a donation of 5% of the purchase price to the GWCM Pantry. There are no tickets to purchase in advance, so everyone is invited.

Please remember to **TELL the clerk: GREATER WOODBURY Cooperative Ministries*" Thank you for your continued support.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wendy Kunz, Al Edwards, Fred Petri, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Emma Mustard, 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.

PROTOCOL FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The Session has approved use of the building for Services of the Lord's Day with the following criteria, in order to protect the health of all who attend worship. The church has adopted the following guidelines based upon CDC recommendations and approved practices from West Jersey Presbytery as of July 19, 2020:

1. Only the front doors on the S. Broad Street side of the building will be unlocked. Unless there is inclement weather, the front doors will be opened fully to allow entry without using door handles. Centre Street doors will be available **only** for those needing to use the elevator to enter for worship.
2. In the event of inclement weather, a volunteer wearing gloves and a mask will open the Broad Street doors, and another volunteer will be at the Centre Street door to assist.
3. The temperature of everyone entering the church will be taken by a volunteer, using a no-contact thermometer, and the maximum temperature is 100 degrees. Attendance will be noted using list by ushers with list that also has blanks for visitors.
4. Masks will be required for everyone entering the church and must be worn during any service in the sanctuary.
5. Hand sanitizer will be available for all to use as they come into the church.
6. Bulletins will be handed out by a gloved volunteer, and the order of service should be taken out with the worshiper.
7. There will be signage "in" and "out" of the sanctuary - center doors being in and side doors being "out"
8. Only every other pew will be open; the others will be taped off.
9. Those sitting in the pews must keep at least 6 feet distance to the next person, unless from the same household.
10. The pastor, minister of music, soloist, and the liturgist will maintain social distancing.
11. The pastor and lay minister for pastoral care will not greet members as they leave following worship. Those wishing to speak with them should email asking to speak with them via phone, zoom or text.
12. During Passing of the Peace, all will remain standing at their seat and wave to others.
13. No shaking hands, physical contact or hugging will be allowed.
14. There should be no more than 1 persons in the Narthex, Chapel and landing restroom at a time - please spray bathroom with provided Lysol spray as you leave.
15. The Keurig coffee maker in the chapel and the water cooler in the chapel kitchen will be unavailable for guests.
16. Initially there will be no community singing or liturgical responses . . . all hymnals and Bibles have already been removed from the pews. This part of worship will resume when deemed appropriate by CDC guidelines and NJ guidance.
17. There will not be a choir until this practice can be safely resumed.
18. There will be no Nursery available until approved by Session.
19. The Christian Education building will be closed off until approved by Session.
20. Sunday School will not resume until classes can be resumed safely.
21. There will be no coffee fellowship in the chapel until approved by Session.
22. There will be no collection of tithes and offerings during the service by usher, please deposit offering in plate at the end of the service on your way out.

There is a travel advisory for those entering New Jersey. This list will be continually updated and people should be encouraged to visit State of NJ website for the most up to date list. (<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-information/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>). If members have been to those states, they must quarantine for **14 days** prior to returning to worship in the building. Those who chose not to worship with us on campus at this time, can still join us on the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury Facebook page.

We look forward to welcoming all who want to join us on Sunday morning. Worship begins at 9:30am, but we ask that everyone **arrive early** in order to allow time for compliance with our new guidelines.