



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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## **SUNDAY**

**April 11, 2021**

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**In-Person and  
Virtual Worship Service**

10:30 A.M.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

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**April 18, 2021**

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10:30 A.M.

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Wendy Kunz in Shady Lane Rehab, Joe Leone, Ed and Carol Parkin, Al Edwards, Geri Petri, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, 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.



From the Pastor...

On Tuesday, March 16, West Jersey Presbytery ended its ministry with the following statement:

“Today we have celebrated with thanksgiving the life and work of the faith and ministry of the Presbytery of West Jersey. We have served as a witness to God’s presence for over 181 years. We have provided refuge, comfort, and challenge for God’s people. We have served for generations the faithful people of this community.”

The Presbytery FOR Southern New Jersey came into existence and we are invited to do a new thing as a larger governing body with the inclusion of about 10 congregations from Monmouth Presbytery. As the Presbytery reviews it’s ministry, I believe we need to prayerfully consider how we serve as a community. As we celebrate our Tricentennial and begin to open back after a global pandemic - **WHAT IS OUR STORY NOW?** Which part of our history will we keep and which part needs to be laid aside that new ministries might flourish?

As the new presbytery begins, we offered the following liturgical piece:

“When the chosen people left the land of Egypt for the uncertainty of the wilderness, You, O God, went with them. You inspired and directed Moses and the people to the Promised Land. You will be

with us now as we move on. When the prophets knew for certain that the old values and traditions would no longer serve Your purpose, nor bring closer Your realm, You, O God, showed the doubters, a new way, and revealed fresh opportunities to the closed-minded. Ever-faithful God, you will be with us as we move on. God’s realm will call us to action. God is eternally for us and with us. Thanks be to God! Amen.”

May we seek a new way to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and fresh opportunities to share Christ’s story with neighbors!

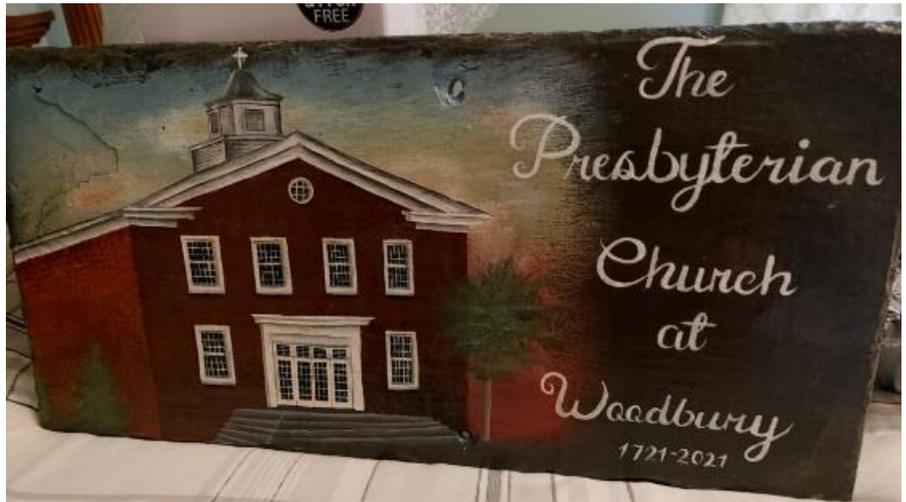
In Christ,  
Rev. Dr. Philip W. Oehler, Sr.



**COVID VACCINES:** If you're having trouble scheduling an appointment for the vaccine you can:

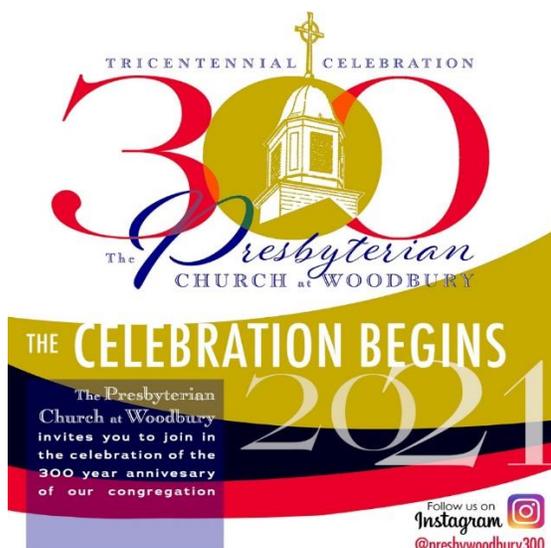
- Call Virtua Health at 888-847-8823, select option 1, then option 1 again to speak with someone. This is for *Virtua's mega site at the Moorestown Mall*. You'll be on hold for a while but wait & you'll get your appointment scheduled. Best time to call M-F 9 AM to 5 PM.
- Rowan is offering a phone number for senior citizens to call and make an appointment at (856) 853-3276. When you call you will get a live person who will help schedule your appointment and arrange for accessibility.

**The Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministry FOOD PANTRY** continues to help our neighbors who are struggling with food insecurity. Please consider picking up a few extra items next time you go shopping. Typical items- canned fruit & veggies, tuna, pasta & sauce, complete pancake mix & syrup plus liquid laundry detergent. Thanks for your continued generosity!



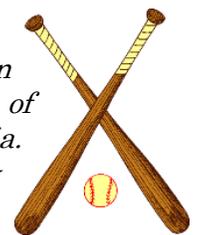
### Hand Painted Slate Tiles Tricentennial Anniversary Online Auction

Slate Roof Tiles from the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury have been beautifully painted by member Becca Brown. There are six hand painted tiles - each with a unique picture of the sanctuary up for auction. Bidding for a slate tile begins at \$100.00 and the highest bidder will receive first choice of the tiles. The remaining five tiles will follow suit in choosing their tile. Bidding has begun *and ends May 16, 2021* at midnight. Winners will be announced on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Please send bids to Mary Lynne Diehlman at [diehlman@comcast.net](mailto:diehlman@comcast.net). All bids will be acknowledged by email and you will be notified if your bid falls below the top six bids. Thanks for supporting this fundraising event as we celebrate 300 years as a congregation.



*Dear Church Friends,*

*I have been closely monitoring the situation regarding Covid-19 and the return of spectators to sporting events in Philadelphia. Even though I have been encouraged by recent developments....after consulting with Pastor Oehler, we have elected NOT to conduct our Phillies group outing in 2021. This is for several reasons:*



- 1. The Phillies have not selected any fireworks game dates as of March 11, 2021*
- 2. Even if we DO have a group outing, we may not be able to sit together, and I don't think we want "pods" of people all spread out.*

*Therefore, we will ABSOLUTELY reload a group outing for 2022, and return to our traditional event.*

*Dean Sommers*