



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

RALLY DAY SUNDAY September 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service

300th Tricentennial T-Shirt Day
Wear your T-Shirt to Church!

11:00 A.M.
CHURCH PICNIC



September 12th
11 - 1
Red Bank Battlefield
Sign-up in the Chapel

SUNDAY
September 19, 2021

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service

11:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL for all ages



MASKS: Because of the current increase in COVID cases, Session is now recommending those in worship wear masks while in the building.

SEPTEMBER! The end of summer and the return to a routine of school, work and extracurricular activities, except it isn't. We are beginning what some folks call, the new normal. I know that is a loaded phrase, but it seems accurate for this season. We are starting with our traditional events: RALLY DAY, Sunday School for All Ages, Task Force gatherings, Board Meetings and ministry opportunities. As we move into the Fall, I am reminded of a quote from F. Scott Fitzgerald:

"It's never too late to become who you want to be. I hope you live a life that you're proud of, and if you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over."

We are in many ways starting over at the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury, but we are not alone, we have a strength from God - throughout the past 18 months, moving through the Tricentennial Celebration and into the Three Hundred and First year of ministry, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has been with us and is with us, or as the Apostle Paul proclaims to the church in Rome:

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Jesus has been present with us and continues to guide us as a community. I hope that you will use this new season, this new normal, this new schedule to connect with your church family starting Sunday with Rally Day and join us on this journey into the new normal - seeking to serve Christ!!!

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

Rally Day September 12

Christian Education is ready to roll into an exciting and inviting new season. It all starts with Rally Day on September 12. Everyone in church is invited to the Rally Day Picnic at Red Bank Battlefield. Picnic time is 11-1. Sign-ups will be a little different this year. We are going to offer a set menu with three choices of sandwiches, and you will need to order ahead. Sign-up sheet will be in Chapel, or you can email me your order at:

Kristen.franchetti@pcwoodbury.com

Nursery And Beginners Classrooms:

We have decided to not offer Nursery and Beginners class on the first week of the month due to lack of volunteers. We are very short on help and have made the decision to have everyone stay in the sanctuary on communion/ first Sunday of the month. The nursery and beginners' class will be open for the remainder of the months starting September 19. We are always looking forward to people coming together to help with the children of the church. If you would ever like to help out and volunteer see Kristen Connell-Franchetti.

LIBRARY DEDICATION: On September 19th during the worship service we will be officially dedicating the Florence Meyer Library. This will include both the adult and children's libraries. A plaque will be on the wall in the Christian Ed wing and we hope you will get a chance after the worship service to stop by there and visit. Our new librarian, MaryLynne Diehlman, and Janet Edick have been working hard to get these rooms ready. We are so pleased to honor Florence in this way; as she dedicated so much of her time to our library and the Woodbury library as well. We can continue to honor her by utilizing this valuable resource during the coming year. Look forward to seeing you all there.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Fred Petri will be held at the church on Friday, September 17th at 2:00 pm.

FALL SUNDAY ADULT CLASS: Dave Platt's Class, "Knowing Christ" begins Sunday, September 19th at 10:45 am. This 8-week series featuring 23-minute teaching by RC Sproul on the unique "I Am" statements of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of John. These include Jesus as: the bread...the light... the shepherd... the resurrection... the way...the truth... the life. Hopefully, a lively discussion will follow. Come join us on an enlightening journey.

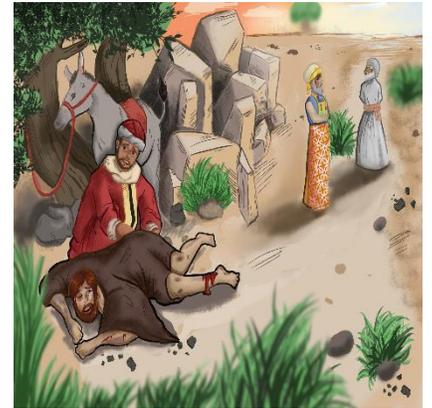
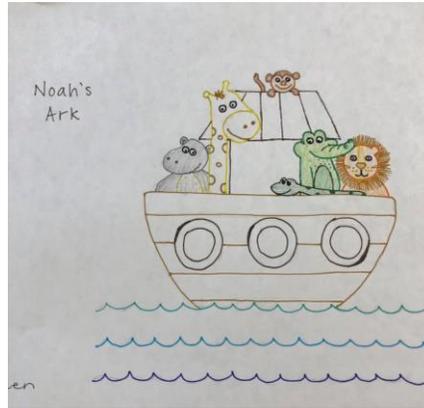
60 AND OVER SMALL GROUP resumes on Tuesday, September 14th at 1pm in the Adult Education Classroom. We will be reading Hollywood Jesus: A Small Group Study Connecting Christ and Culture. If you have any questions, see or call Milt Fredericks.

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS: Due to the continuing threat posed through the Covid Delta variant we will not be starting Choir until further notice. Our soloists will continue to provide music during our services. Singing in tight quarters without masks is not advisable. The intention is to bring everyone back once it is determined that masks are no longer necessary. We are still singing as a congregation during worship and would love to see and hear all of your voices in church each Sunday. Our service on October 3 will feature some special music including our commissioned new work by Shawn Kirchner. You really don't want to miss this. Hope you are all well.

See you soon.
Jack

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ed Parkin, Ray Shirey, Dick Hill, Wendy Kunz, John Leone, Al Edwards, 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.

TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
SEPTEMBER THEME
Christian Education
Artwork by Laken Franchetti and
Computer Graphics by Sydney Sexton



*The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury
is pleased to announce our*

300 YEAR TRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Please join us for Worship service and festivities on

OCTOBER 3RD, 2021

9:30 AM WORSHIP

with Communion

67 South Broad Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

11:30 AM LUNCHEON

at Adelpia's

1750 Clements Bridge Road
Deptford, NJ 08096

Kindly RSVP with your menu selection or if you are unable to come by
September 20, 2021 to:

Kristen.franchetti@pcwoodbury.com

Menu Selection:

Chicken Parmesan Penne Primavera Top Sirloin of Beef

Luncheon Tickets \$20

Children under 12 are free (please list)

Please make checks payable to the "Presbyterian Church at Woodbury" and marked "Luncheon" on the memo line or envelope. You can drop/mail them (Attention: Kathi Lynch) to the church.