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MISSION STATEMENT:

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IT'S TIME FOR THIS YEAR'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rolling River Rampage!

August 6-10

Children, 4 yrs old through 6th grade, are invited to join us in August for this year's Vacation Bible School program. Registration forms are available from the church office or online at the church website www.hightstownpres.org.

We will meet Monday – Friday, August 6-10 — 9 AM – 12 Noon

At the closing on Friday afternoon, August 10, there will be a program for families, AND the children will participate in worship on Sunday, August 12th.

We hope to see you there!!!



Celebration Sunday



On Sunday, September 9, our Christian Education programs will begin at 9:15am and worship will return to 10:30am.

Please join us in worship on **September 16 at 10:30am** for Celebration Sunday, as we celebrate the fruits of God's blessings and the generosity of this congregation through the Raise the Roof Campaign. The 3-year Raise the Roof Campaign raised nearly \$1,000,000 in support of the construction of a new roof, siding and HVAC system for the Education Wing. As the campaign comes to its official close, we are so thankful for those folks who have donated gifts or service or both, as well as those who have benefited from the building improvements themselves. If you would still like to contribute to the campaign, donations would be most welcome. Remember, that if the 1,000,000 goal is reached, someone will be wearing the coconut bra and doing the hula!!! FPCH has been blessed by the generosity not only of this campaign, but of the ones which came before. So, mark your calendars for September 16 as we all gather to celebrate these tangible gifts of Christ's living Spirit here in Hightstown on September 16!

We will have our picnic following worship, please plan to bring a dish to share (serving 8-10), and we'll enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by the Fellowship Committee.

From the Pastor

We are spending some time considering the Lord's Prayer in a sermon series this summer. We've moved the prayer up to end our Time for Children, so they too might begin to learn it by heart. Many of you have used the prayer to open or close church meetings. I hope many of you are also praying the prayer on a daily basis, if this has not been part of your practice before. This prayer is the gift Jesus gave his disciples – that means us – when asked to teach us to pray.

If you'd like to dig a little deeper this summer, the resource I have been using for the series is a thoughtful and very accessible book by William Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas, *Lord, Teach Us: The Lord's Prayer & The Christian Life*. It contains deep, challenging and inspiring looks at each phrase of the prayer Jesus taught.

Another way to dig a little deeper is not only to pray it daily, and to study it, but to pray it in new ways. In addition to praying it in our most familiar way, it can be helpful to "hear" it fresh, and thus pray it fresh, by praying it in new words. I'm sharing two versions of the Lord's Prayer below – one in contemporary language from our Book of Common Worship, and the other from the New Zealand Prayer Book. I invite you to pick one you like, and pray it alternately with the version you pray now. Or maybe pick one you don't like, and invite the Spirit to help you understand why, or to deepen and expand your sense of God.

How grateful I am for you, and for the family God makes of us when Jesus teaches us to pray, "Our Father."

Grace and gratitude,

Lisa



Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Amen

New Zealand Prayer Book



Our representatives in this years Memorial Day Parade spreading the word! Pictured above from left to right: Boise Ramsamooj, Joseph Schneider, Anne Willis, Ram and Noah Ganesh, Jeannette Schneider, Robin Reeves and Tom Walton.

YAY!!



Hannah Donoghue, who just finished serving as a PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Chicago, will be sharing her year with us in a slightly unconventional way. Hannah has been working with young adults on social justice work, in which she worked to challenge stereotypes, confront fears, and break down barriers that prohibit us from seeing the person instead of what they are experiencing. Hannah will be talking a bit about her experience this year, how she learned to do God's work through justice, and then leading an activity around inherent biases we all have and how to begin to combat those. After all, we can't do justice as a church if we don't know where we all stand, if we can't see a person as a full person and if we can't see their full experience.

Join her after worship on August 5 in Kendall Lounge. Adults and youth welcome. She will also meet over lunch with the youth at 12:30 on August 8 to talk about her YAV year. Contact Mary Maleski with questions.

DEACON FOOD BOX

The Deacons collect non-perishable food items EVERY Sunday! You can place your food donation in the Food Box at any time. The Food Box is located in the narthex. All donations are collected for the Rise's food bank. THANKS!





Gift Card Fundraiser

Scrip/Gift cards for over 700 retailers are available for order, and 22 local and on-line popular retailers are in stock for immediate delivery. We surely have scrip/gift cards for retailers you use on a regular basis; why not help out the Adult Mission Trip Program while

you shop for items you use every day and for gift-giving occasions! Going out to eat, planning home or yard projects, downloading or ordering online, shopping for groceries, household or drugstore items? We stock many of your favorites: CVS, ShopRite, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Target, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Wawa, Bed Bath & Beyond, Babies R Us/Toys R Us and more. We even offer a Visa gift card with cash back from certain retailers! Be kind to your budget and raise some well-needed funds for the Mission Trip Program while you leave your credit cards resting safely at home.

Contact Carol Duryea at 609-448-5316 or visit the scrip/gift card table in Fellowship Hall during Sunday coffee hour for a list of all available scrip/gift cards and special offers. Thank you for your continued support.

Ushers and Liturgists Needed!

Dear Members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown, Summer is upon us and although many of us will be away for some or all of it, worship must go on! We will still be in need of ushers and liturgists! If anyone is interested in participating in our worship service and helping us out, please notify me at twalvis@comcast.net. Please be sure to include the dates you would be available.



Thanks, and peace be with you!

Tom Walton, Worship Committee

P.S. Hope you all have a wonderful and blessed summer!



Walk to Remember

Sunday, July 29, I will be participating in the 19th Walk to Remember of The Compassionate Friends, which will be held at the annual TCF conference in St. Louis, Missouri. I will be walking in memory of my son, Daniel, and all children, grandchildren and siblings (of any age) gone too soon. More than 1,000 are expected to walk. Each walker wears a "racing bib" on which is inscribed the names of the ones remembered.

If you would like to add a name to my bib, throughout May, June and July, I will be in Fellowship Hall and have a sheet available on which you may write the name of your loved one. If you would like to contribute to The Compassionate Friends to further its support of families who have suffered the tragedy of the death of a child, I will also have pledge forms and a large manila envelope available. (Checks should be made out to "The Compassionate Friends.") You may also use the website tcfwalktoremember.com and click on Alig under the Individuals heading.

TCF has more than 625 chapters around the country, including the local Mercer Area Chapter. Thank you for "walking with me" by adding names or contributing to the Walk to Remember.

Yours in Christ,
Marcia F. Alig

2018 SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



JULY

Jonathan Abazia	July 3
Berty Cass	July 3
Henry Carroll	July 6
Grace Lozito	July 6
Tommy Burgess	July 7
Philip Kramer	July 7
Myla Arumugam	July 8
Jane Cox	July 9
Madison Hutchinson	July 9
Hannah Donoghue	July 11
Joe Donoghue	July 11
Kyle Bini	July 15
Maggie Monney-Diallo	July 18
Becky Petrenka	July 19
Kate Borsuk	July 20
Chris Stults	July 20
Gloria Akinleye	July 21
Mackenzie Hutchinson	July 21
Wendy Reiss	July 21
Ceci Laudenberger	July 22
Jack Olsen	July 22
Cappy Stults	July 22
Bobbie Twomey	July 22
Katie Burgess	July 24
Dylan Richmond	July 24
Carol Duryea	July 25
Emily Gosnell	July 28
Trevor Niebo	July 30
Shelby Wallace	July 30

AUGUST

Marcia Alig	August 1
Jackie Hart	August 1
Reid Borsuk	August 4
Dara Oladeji	August 6
Dave Bini	August 8
Andrew White	August 9
Julia Langfeld	August 10
Zach Marcus	August 10
Joanne Bini	August 13
Jeannette Schneider	August 13
Adrienne Carroll	August 14
Peter Klapsogeorge Jr	August 15
Lindsay Woods	August 16
Sherri Foran	August 17
Courtney Dahlinger	August 19
Eric Nelson	August 19
Anna Godbold	August 20
Stephanie Kozak	August 20
Hannah Sargent	August 20
Maggie Rider	August 22
James Greco	August 24
Warren Wilson	August 24
Peter Vroom	August 27
Christye Wham	August 28
Bobby Darko	August 30
Dave Petrenka	August 31



CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY

July 1	10 AM	Community Service @ Baptist Church
July 2	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry
July 7	8 AM	Men's Breakfast
	10 AM	Building & Grounds Work Day
July 4-9	Church Office Closed — Holiday & Vacation	
July 9	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry
July 16	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry
July 17	7 PM	Session Potluck (KL)
July 21	9AM-3PM	Leaders Retreat
	7 PM	Conversations with The Word
July 23	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry
July 26	7 PM	Trenton Thunder
July 29	10 AM	Guest Preacher, Rev. Cheni Khonje
July 30	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry



AUGUST

August 4	8 AM	Men's Breakfast
	10 AM	Building & Grounds Work Day
August 5	10 AM	Community Service @ FPCH
August 6-10	9 AM	Vacation Bible School
August 6	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry
August 12	10 AM	VBS Themed Worship Service
August 13	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry
August 18	7 PM	Conversations with The Word
August 19	10 AM	Guest Preacher, Rev. Sue Smith
August 20	SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry
August 26	10 AM	The Daves' Worship Service
August 27	3:30 PM	Community Dinner
	7 PM	Art Ministry

Church Family...

We continue to keep in our prayers: Milly Brown, Dave Kichula, Ricky Schulz.

Condolences to Karen Compton and family on the death her mother, Mary Louise Mullin, on Sunday, June 17th.

Condolences to the family of Ken Fredericks who died on Saturday, June 23rd. Plans for a memorial service will be shared when available.



Flowers for Worship

Did you know that anyone can order flowers to decorate our Sanctuary on any Sunday? You can order flowers in celebration or memory of someone or something important in your life, or just because you want to! When you order Sanctuary flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, let Tom Walton know if you plan to keep the flowers or if the Deacons may deliver them to someone who would be glad to have their day brightened. **Also, it is important that you contact Tom AT LEAST 10 DAYS before the date you want the flowers.** If you would be interested in doing this, please contact Worship Chair, Tom Walton at 732-991-5663 or twalvis@comcast.net. Thanks!



SUMMER SCHEDULE

- ◆ Due to holidays and vacation the first week of July, the office will be open: 7/2: 3-8pm, 7/3: 8-10am & 3-6pm, and closed 7/4-9.
- ◆ From July 9 through August 31, the church office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday, from 8-10am and 3-6pm and Wednesday 3-8pm. The office will be closed on Monday and Friday.
- ◆ Office will be closed the week of August 13-17.
- ◆ The first week of September the office will be closed 9/3-4, and open 9/5:3-8pm, 9/6:8-10am & 3-6pm, 9/7:3-6pm.
- ◆ Hours return to normal the week of September 10 (M&W 10-4, T&Th 8-10, 3-6, Fri 3-6)



Though the front office may not be staffed, Pastor Lisa and Mary Maleski are working full time through the summer (when not away on scheduled vacation or study leave). Please call or email them directly at times when the office is closed.

Due to holidays and vacation, the office will be open the week of July 2 – 7/2: 3-8pm , 7/3: 8-10am & 3-6pm, and closed 7/4-9. The week of September 3 the office will be closed 9/3-4, and open 9/5:3-8pm, 9/6:8-10am & 3-6pm, 9/7:3-6pm.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the **September** monthly newsletter is **Tuesday, AUGUST 20.**

The deadline for each newsletter is generally the 20th of the previous month, or the next Monday if that falls on a weekend.

Please submit all articles to [Sheri Devlin](#) by that morning.

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SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICES

July 1: Community Worship service at First Baptist Church (125 South Main Street, Hightstown). We will join with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the First Baptist and First United Methodist Churches of Hightstown on the first Sunday of the summer months to worship together. *No service in our sanctuary.*

August 5: Community Worship service here. The Methodists and Baptists will join us for worship in our sanctuary.

September 2: Community Worship service at the First United Methodist Church (187 Stockton Street, Hightstown). *No service in our sanctuary.*

All summer worship times are 10:00 a.m.



Church Office Closed...

The office will be closed for the Independence Day holiday and vacation Wednesday, July 4 thru Monday, July 9.