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*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.*

John 13:34-35

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Church Calendar

April 25

Week of April 23-29

8:00am Main Street: Stories of faith: how we meet God

10:30am Main Street: Salvation Belongs to God

Acts: 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17

Tastefully Simple Fundraiser

Following Worship - see page 3

11:00 Meadow Lakes: Salvation Belongs to God

Acts: 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17

Reverend Bryan Franzen preaches

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 28th

7:30pm A Theological Approach to Children's Issues in Our World - *Class taught by Reverend Bryan Franzen*

Committee Meetings

April 27

4th Tuesday no committee meetings

Ongoing

Gift Cards

Carol Duryea is selling gift cards during coffee hour

See Gift Cards, page 3

Wednesdays

Dine @ City Streets

20% of your bill is donated to Mission: *see page 3*

Third Monday

Dine @ TGI Friday's

20% of your bill is donated to Mission: *see page 3*

Third Saturday

4:30-6:00pm Community Supper First Baptist Church

Food donations and Volunteers needed - *see page 3*

Wednesdays Jan. 13-May

5-7:00pm KIDS CLUB

Haiti Disaster Relief

<http://www.pcusa.org/pda>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance account #DR000064

Service

Greeters

Carolyn Anzuini, Catherine Vincent, Sue & Randy Brown

Ushers

Mearmon Davis Matt D'Elia, Torn & TJ Walton

Counters

Pat D'Apolito, Tammy White

Upcoming

May 1

9:00-12:00 Youth Group Car Wash

May 2

Anniversary Sunday

May 8

Church Wide Clean Up Day

Lunch provided - more details next week!

MUSIC SUNDAY: A Celebration of the Psalms

Many thanks to everyone for such a successful Music Sunday, April 18th: A Celebration of the Psalms. The Sanctuary Choir and the Chancel Bell Choir are to be commended for the excellent music they provided. In addition, thanks to Rev. Franzen, Rebecca Weltmann, Randy Shuler, Becky Petrenka, Anna Godbold, Ian Howells, Jane Hutchison, Dave Teich for their parts in leading the service and especially to the congregation for their inspiring participation, especially during our final "Praise to the Lord". We hope that via the many messages provided through the Psalms, the congregation was able to truly "see" God!

Kathy Toth

Theological Approaches to Children's Issues in Our World

Taught by Reverend Bryan Franzen

This class meets in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays for 6 weeks at 7:30 pm, starting April 14th. We will explore:

- A theological understanding of the child
- The global concern for children
- The specific issues of:
 - Hunger
 - Medical Care
 - Child Soldiers
 - Child Trafficking
 - Education

For further information contact the church office.

Church Family News

Connections is a calendar of the current church week as well as important church family news. Do you have an event coming up that you'd like your church family to know about? A faith story? Or just a really good photo that's too good to keep to yourself? Submit via email to connections@hightstownpres.org. Please submit any written material as text only or as a Word document; photos must be less than 5mb in size.

Vacation Bible School August 2-6

Children, pre-school age through 8th grade, are invited to Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God. This year's Vacation Bible School takes kids on an outer space voyage praising God. Our fun-filled activities will include singing songs in Music, playing cosmic games in Recreation, exploring art in Cosmic Crafts, and learning "green" Earth tips in Discovery Time. For more information contact the church office.



Service Opportunities

Community Supper

The First Baptist Church of Hightstown has a Soup Kitchen also known as The Community Supper. We have a hot meal every 3rd Saturday of the month and serve the meals from 4:30pm - 6:00 PM. The volunteers meet at FBC at 3:00pm to help set up and cook. Contact Adrienne Cheshier with any questions on how you can help and to donate food items: (609) 308-2381 and please leave a message.

Hot Breakfast Mission at Trenton Church

Volunteers are needed to help the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton serve the needy in their community. The second Saturday of every month we go there to set up, cook, and serve a hearty breakfast. Meet at our church at 6:30 AM to carpool there and be back by 10:00. Be a part of this hands-on mission outreach. Sign-up on the Mission bulletin board in fellowship hall or email Dave Marcus at damarcus1@verizon.net

Mission Trip Fundraisers

Dine at TGI Friday's in the Town Center Plaza shopping center the third Monday of each month for dinner and 20% of your bill will be donated to FPCH mission trips. In addition, if you pay with a gift card purchased from Carol Duryea, 9 to 10% of the cost of the card will go to the church as well. Dine at City Streets in the Royal Plaza shopping center on Route 130 and Dutch Neck Road every Wednesday for lunch or dinner and they will also donate 20%. No coupons are necessary at either restaurant - just tell your server.

Gift Cards Available

Carol Duryea is selling gift cards during coffee hour. Support the Adult Mission Trip Program; over 600 retailers available, some local retailers and TGI Friday's in stock.

Deacon Food Box

The Deacons collect non-perishable food items every Sunday! You can place your donation in the Deacons Food Box in the Narthex at any time. Thanks!

Tastefully Simple Fundraiser

Sample the most delicious and easy-to-prepare food that you'll ever taste after worship in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 25th. We will have all sorts of goodies for you to savor and order including soups, breads, dips, salsas, sauces, cheeseballs and desserts. ALL proceeds will go to support the 2010 Youth Mission Trip. If you cannot attend church this Sunday, check out the foods they have to offer and place your order at www.tastefullysimple.com. Be sure to select First Presb Church at check out.



New life begins: Every year the geese nest at the pond near where I work. This year I'm going to track the process as the goslings hatch, leave the nest and learn to swim, while avoiding attack by their Dad, below. — Dave T.

Adult Ed & More

Adult Ed: Promise in Paradox

Come join the adult education class as we read Parker J. Palmer's book *The Promise of Paradox: A Celebration of Contradictions in the Christian Life*. In this quick read, Palmer explores what it means to live a spiritually rich life in the midst of a faith story that can sometimes be confusing. All are welcome to join our discussion Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Kendall Lounge. The class will cover chapters 3 and 4 this final week. All are welcome! If you are interested in learning more about adult education opportunities or in obtaining a copy of Palmer's book, contact Student Pastor Rebecca Weltmann at rweltmann@hightstownpres.org.

Ghana Photos Online

View photos taken by our missionaries in Ghana by going to: <http://photobucket.com/HightstownPresbyterianChurch>

