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SUMMER TIME

Dear PRC Family:

It is me again sharing the 1st Page of the PRC News with you for July/ August.

Since summer is upon us again I thought it would be fun to list the things that make the summer season special, hopefully you will find time to try one or two of the items on my list. Most of them are free, some a \$1.00 or two but that is nothing compared to the pleasure they bring or the memories they make. I'm definitely up for a funnel cake or some cotton candy – how about you? Maybe they will trigger a memory of a summer long ago, from your child hood perhaps. Feel free to make your own list of special things you love about summer or activities you want to share with family and friends.

Summer

*Walking on the beach with the ocean lapping at your feet
The smell of cotton candy, funnel cakes and hot dogs
A getaway to the mountains to breathe the fresh pine scented air
A visit to a local farm for fresh vegetables and to pet the animals
Fragrant roses climbing up a trellis
Daisies to pick – he loves me he loves me not
The warm summer sun on your back
Catching lighting bugs / Looking at a star filled sky
The summer season calls us to slow down, take a fresh look at
GOD's creation and find the inner child that is within us all and longs to
Be set free – no matter if we are 1 or 100
So enjoy the lazy days of summer – fall will be knocking on the door
before you know it.*

It has been a pleasure sharing this page with you the last couple of months. Pastor Tom will be back in September with new “words of wisdom.” As for me I'll be on the “PRC Family Talents Page”

Thanks Liz for giving me the opportunity to be on Page 1 and thanks to all of you for your kind words of encouragement.

Enjoy the summer – See you in September!

Blessings, Elaine Peacock



Memorial Gifts

<u>Given by</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Betty & Jo-Ann Sisco	Billy Herz	Undesignated
Patty Shwartz	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Donald & Judy Libert-Jones	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Michael & Virginia Ligus	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Sally, Daniel & Andrew Ragone	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Andrew & Lorraine Varga	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Lenore Decker	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Judith Nassau	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Wayne & Suzanne Callahan	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Dr. Anthony & Mrs. Mary Ellen Porcelli	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Hazel De Boer & Thomas Arnowitz	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Lola Weiss	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Helen & Chuck Gioia	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Cas & Jean Stark	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Cas & Jean Stark	Cathy Lee Iczkowski	Undesignated
Cas & Jean Stark	Roberta Martin	Undesignated
Maureen & Dennis Carey	Marilyn "Mickey" Backer	Undesignated
Dot Ploch	Billy Herz	Undesignated
Dot Ploch	Mary Motyka	Music Fund
Marcia Coningswood	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Jean Van Broekhoven	Billy Herz	History Room
John & Nancy Nelson	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Bruce & Darlene Kohan	Harold Smith	Undesignated
Eleanor Finke	Joan Romanchick	Building Improvement Fund
Lorna Carroll	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Lorna Carroll	Henrietta Nagelhout	Deacons' Fund
Circle Michael	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
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Eleanor Finke	Roberta Martin	Deacons' Fund
Nancy Shimmel	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Pierce & Diane Darnell	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Doug & Holly Sherman	Marilyn "Mickey" Backer	Undesignated
David & Janet Hackbarth	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund
Alice R. Martin	Billy Herz	Deacons' Fund



Library News

by: Roben Roon

Hope you are having a great summer and have had time to read books from our library.

Starting in September, if you have read a book from our library, you can write a summary about the book for a future newsletter. See Roben Roon if you are interested.



Dorothy Doland	Jim Doland	Gillian Carroll	Peter McKechnie
Allan Ball	Helen Gioia	John A. Roon	Eleanor Finke
In Memory of Albert Peacock on Father's Day			



To All My Friends at PRC:

Thanks to everyone for the concern, the prayers and the cards I have been blessed to receive following my surgery.

I'm doing very well and I know the prayers and caring have been a big help.

God bless you all.

Sincerely
Corinne Tyndall

CONSISTARY NEWS

Please consider sharing a portion of your economic stimulus rebate check with the Lord and His work in our church. Needs remain...contributions are down.

Roundtable of Thanks

- ✂ Dick Christie for making the frame for our stained glass window repair.
- ✂ Russell Cockefair for being our summer acolyte.

GOD WAS WITH ME

By Helen Gioia

Before my open-heart surgery I was very anxious. As the day of my surgery came closer, I was really under stress. I knew I would be all right but I was still fearful.

One of my dearest friends sent a card to me with encouraging words and prayers every week before the surgery. Those cards meant the world to me. Her initials are E. C.

The morning I arrived at Mount Sinai in New York at 6 A.M. with my daughter, Karen and husband, Chuck I felt a peacefulness come over me, and I knew God was with me. I also knew I had an excellent surgeon. The surgery to repair two valves in my heart, the mitral valve and the tricuspid valve took seven hours; ---- tremendous stress for my daughter and husband and my son in Virginia who awaited a phone call to hear that I was all right.

When the surgery was over, the surgeon wired my rib cage back together and my chest was sewn up. There were tubes in my stomach and in my neck and in my mouth. A metal ring had been placed on one valve and a metal band on the other. The surgeon spoke with my husband and daughter and said the surgery was successful. Both Chuck and Karen made phone calls to our son and family and to Pastor Tom.

But, there was a problem. I did not wake up from the anesthesia for four days. I was in intensive care for more than five days on a respirator with tubes and wires everywhere and in Mount Sinai for nine days. My surgeon called in many specialists, as they could not wake me up. When I did awake, my short-term memory was gone. I had anesthesia-induced amnesia. I didn't know where I was. I didn't know I had open-heart surgery. I was so frightened. I also could not move my left arm and hand. The doctors thought I had a stroke as a brain shower had occurred during the surgery.

Slowly, day after day, as my daughter kept talking to me, trying to make me remember, bits and pieces came back to me. The night before my surgery Pastor Tom came to our home and prayed for me. My daughter said ---- "Don't you remember Pastor Tom coming to your home?" But, I could not remember. I couldn't remember my surgeon or the hospital. It was frustrating and frightening. When Karen and Chuck went home late in the afternoon each day to make the trip back to New Jersey, I said silent prayers to God, ---"Please help me, please be with me. I need You so."

I needed much physical therapy in the hospital and when I got home to be able to use my arm and hand again. After I came home a cardiac male nurse came to our home very often and a nurse and a physical therapist came three times a week for ten weeks. I knew friends wanted to visit me at home, but, I was in so much pain. The doctors were afraid to give me any strong pain medicine. I was black and blue all over, and my lips were covered with sores from the respirator tube in my mouth and throat for more than five days. I had such difficulty trying to breathe at night when I was in bed. I needed three pillows to prop me up to be able to get my breath.

It took a long time. But, I did recover. I was so grateful for all the kindnesses I received, all the cards, the flowers and prayers. I always knew God was with me, right beside me, and I knew how Blessed I was having my family to care for me and dear friends who cared so much.

Pathfinders Notes

White Water Raft Trip on the Delaware River

Saturday June 21, 2008, 7:35 am at Pompton Reformed Church Parking lot;

The first of eighteen male persons start to arrive. By 8:00 am the Tour Van that was rented for this trip is loaded and one extra vehicle to go along with 4 more people. The drive up to High Point passes swiftly and we are at Kittatinny Canoes in what seems like no time. After checking in with the office we loaded into their bus to go up river where we will get our life jackets, paddles, and Rafts. BUT BEFORE WE CAN GO ON A THREE (3) HOUR TOUR!!!! We have to listen to the dos and don'ts of the river. We then divide up into the four rafts that we will spend some time in. We set off into the river somewhere around 11 am. Mark has first pick of everyone there and has chosen the most efficient crew of all. During the absolutely gorgeous day that God provided, we were able to have a wonderful time. Harry Hollar being the Safety Conscious Fireman provided everyone with a sense of what **not** to do by showing us how **not** to fall into the river (by falling in a lot or maybe only once? Either way he spent the day in the water), how to paddle correctly (did he use his paddle at all?), and should you fall in how to float near the raft. Mark's handpicked elite team used so much energy that by the end of the trip they were sound asleep and had to be towed in by another boat. We then loaded back in our vehicles for the trip home, after we stopped at the local Stewart's for hot dogs, burgers, and root beer soda. What a wonderful day we all had, in fact I hear that there are plans for a trip next year.

SOME PROUD MOMENTS...

Our grandson Eric Gioia, 17 years old, achieved the goal of becoming an EAGLE SCOUT. Eric lives in Dale City, Virginia.

Helen & Chuck Gioia



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The fellowship committee wants to remind everybody about bringing in those baby pictures for our Who's Who! You will be able to view them during our Church Picnic in September. The identities will be revealed during our Coffee House Talent Show. Please have the name on the back and give them to Jo Ann Sisco.



Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to several families in our church. To the Bartha family at the passing of Mary's mother, Bill and Erika Herz at the passing of Billy and Marcia Coningswood at the passing of her mother.



September newsletter deadline is August 15th. Please send submissions to Samoa70@nac.net with PRC in the subject line or leave them in the newsletter mailbox. Make sure all submissions are signed in case of questions.

Thanks, Liz Hanisch