



Did You Build a School Supply Kit?

Thanks to all who took part in the Operation Iraqi Children School Supplies. These kits will be distributed to each student. Each kit contained basic, badly needed items that can make a world of difference to a child heading to school.

Assembling standardized kits ensures that each child received the same number of the most needed items, facilitates customs clearance and relieves the volunteers and soldiers of the time-consuming and labor intensive process of sorting and allocating random donated items.

Each kit was packed in a 2 gallon sized zipper seal bag. They included one pair of blunt-end scissors, one 12 inch ruler with metric markings, 12 new pencils with erasers, one small pencil sharpener, one large eraser, one box of colored pencils (crayons melt in the Iraqi summer heat), one package of notebook paper, one composition book, three folders with inside pockets and one zippered pencil bag.

Church School students also took part as part of their mission project.

RUMMAGE SALE A REAL SUCCESS

Thanks to the many members of the Fellowship Committee and fellow members of the church, the Fall Rummage Sale was a real success. Carol Miller, Chair reported that a sum of \$1800. was realized.

On bag day, we also invited a few of the local agencies to come and pick out articles that they could use in their projects with the homeless. The Salvation Army was the recipient of the balance of the articles not sold. Unsold Books will be taken to the Ringwood Library.

Tips for A More Effective Prayer Life

- Make prayer a priority.
- Make it a discipline.
- Pick a quiet time and place.
- Spread your prayer throughout the day.
- Keep a prayer notebook.



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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF NEW CONSISTORY OFFICERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 11:15 A.M. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Election of new Deacons and Elders will take place. The budget for the new year will also be presented. **Please plan to attend.** Child care will be provided.

Please note: The By-Laws state that a minimum of 50 people are required to have a congregational meeting. Let's be sure to double that number and plan for our 150th anniversary year 2005.

GREETING

Greeters at the Parking Lot Entrance on Sundays:

- November 7-Don & Kathy Wiley.
- November 14-Holly Nickas.
- November 21-Joy & Dick Squilanti.
- November 28-To Be Announced.

MISSION COMMITTEE Sunday -November 14

There will be a day of celebration and appreciation for those who have participated in the activities of the Committee.

The Susan Moyle Christmas Card Fund - Christmas cards featuring our very own stained glass windows. Proceeds of this project will be used to help support a summer camper-ship for a child in need.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BILLBOARD?

Look for it along River St. in Hackensack. This outstanding sign was designed by Kathy McCarthy one of our members. She has graciously given of her talents to not only design the billboard, but also enlisted a photographer friend to take the photo. The funds for this sign are from the budget of the Membership Outreach Committee who recommended this outreach project.

Be sure to check it out!



UNITED THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Join us in worship at the Hackensack United Methodist Church on the corner of Summit Avenue and Passaic St.

This year The First Presbyterian Church and our congregation welcomes to our Thanksgiving eve worship tradition two new congregations. We welcome the Hackensack United Methodist Church and the Highway Holiness Church Ministries. As you know we exchange hosting each year and our choirs unite under the direction of the host church.

The service is at 7:30 pm

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Fall Festival of Music

At...
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 FREE ADMISSION



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 Captain L. Cynthia Foster
 Timbral Leader

For more information please call...
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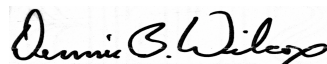
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PASTOR'S PEN FOR NOVEMBER

It is time for my favorite national holiday—Thanksgiving. I like the Fourth of July. I like Presidents Day, and Memorial Day, too. Election Day is a national day as well, and that is fine with me. But Thanksgiving is when the Church turns the tables and usurps (that sounds better than steals) a day back. Our culture tries to steal Christmas, Easter, and even Good Friday (note all the sales in stores recognizing these days). From clothes to food, our culture tries to take over OUR days, so on Thanksgiving we get to return the favor. It's a national holiday, but the church does get some of its attention. However, that is a lousy reason to like a holiday, just to "do on to others as they do on to us, but do it first." Even that is a misuse of the Golden Rule.

So, why do I really like Thanksgiving? First, thankfulness helps us to be grateful for more blessings than we can count. Second, by being thankful we get to enjoy our blessings at least twice, once when we get them and over again when we remember them. Third, thankfulness always adjusts our perspective in the right direction. Fourth, thanksgiving is a celebration of grace (God's unconditional love for us). And fifth, turkey and stuffing are terribly underutilized as a foodstuff. Perhaps the holiday will help to remedy that.

Have a truly thankful Thanksgiving,



Dennis B. Wilcox
Pastor

LOOKING AHEAD – MARK YOUR CALENDAR CHRISTMAS CANDLIGHT CONCERT

December 5, 2004 – 4:00 P.M.
Instrumental Preludes – 3:45 p.m.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Don't miss this well loved musical prelude to Christmas!

This year our Christmas Concert will feature a collection of Christmas music by Alfred Burt, entitled "Caroling, Caroling", "Unto Us a Son is Born by Ron Huff and selections from "Messiah" by G. F. Handel. The concert will feature the Chancel Choir, under the direction of Organist/Choir Director Karen Chiappini, the Handbell Choir, Organ and Flute and will include congregational singing of familiar Christmas Carols. Special instrumental preludes will begin at 3:45 p.m.

A free will offering will be received. There is ample parking, child care is available and a reception will follow.

All Saints Day Observance

Sunday, October 31 we observed All Saints Sunday. We honored all the Saints who have gone to their glory since last All Saints Day. They are:

Barry Evertz
Ethel Harris
Adelle Quigley
Juanita Hernandez
Adele Wolfe
Jane Willey
Josephine Fitzgerald
Vera Buesser
Richard Schlossareck
Gertrude Ruth Schroeder
Katherine Claire Gayeski
Catherine Blum
John R. Marvus
Helen E. Troike-Relph
Louise M. Hipp
Margaret Turconi
Amy Wallace Boulton

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Amy Boulton who passed away on October 6. Amy united with our church on October 5, 1955.

Dedication of the Mulder Chapel at Warwick Conference Center Sunday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m.

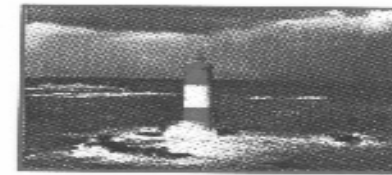
As you know, our church has a vested interest in the Mulder Chapel recently completed at Warwick Conference Center. This much needed facility at the Center has been under construction for some time and is now ready to be dedicated. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Mulder will be present at the dedication. There will be three Sundays of festivities regarding the completion of the chapel. The second Sunday, November 14, the members of churches in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantics are invited and on Sunday, November 21, the members of the Synod of New York will be the guests. It would help if you could let your church or the Warwick Center know if you plan to attend. The completion of this chapel is a great addition to the program of Warwick Conference Center and special thanks to the Rev. Kenneth Tenckinck for his leadership.

Thanks to all our members who brought spring tulip and daffodil bulbs to the church for the gardens around the chapel next spring. It will be a spectacular display and something to look forward to seeing.

Stewardship Sunday, November 21

This is the day we are encouraged to return our Pledge cards during the worship service. Members and friends have received a copy of the budget for 2005. As you may have noticed proposed increases were made in discretionary spending, while containing our fixed expenses. Additionally, we will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them All.



"Becoming a Lighthouse for God!"

Our New Salt of the Earth Clothes Closet Donations

The Mission Committee will be setting up a Clothes Closet to collect and distribute clothing to our community neighbors in need.

Gently worn clothing will be accepted on Mission Sunday, November 14. A table will be ready to receive donations in the sanctuary. the most critical items are coats and pants. Larger sizes are particularly sought after, but we will be welcoming all contributions.

Warm coats. Large and extra large sizes, as even small men and women like to layer.

Rain Resistant Jackets. Hooded are especially useful.

Durable Pants. Large men sizes are preferred.

Blankets and Sleeping Bags, Sweaters, Sweatshirts and Long-Sleeve Shirts. Large and extra large. Hooded sweatshirts are especially useful.

T-shirts. Medium through extra large. Any color.

Hats and Gloves. Ski gloves or knit gloves. Knit hats.

Shoes. Sizes 9 through 12 and above. Lightly worn sneakers or athletic shoes (no spikes), soft-soled shoes and work boots.

Backpacks. Not essential, but coveted by folks on the street.

Toiletries. Travel Size.

Socks and Belts.

We plan on having and on maintaining a Salt of the Earth clothes closet here at the church.

One thing and only one, in this world has eternity stamped upon it. Feelings pass; resolves and thoughts pass; opinions change,

What you have done lasts – lasts in you. Through ages, through eternity, what you have done for Christ, that, and only that, you are. – F. W. Robertson.

CHECK YOUR ENVELOPES

You may have noticed a change in this year's special envelopes. Instead of a colored border, special envelopes now have colored bars along the bottom edge.

Communion envelopes have Purple bars. Easter envelopes have Green bars. Thanksgiving envelopes have Green bars and Christmas envelopes have Red bars. Regular weekly envelopes have No bars.

AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP MEETS TUESDAY, November 9 at 12:00 PM

Members and friends will meet for a brown bag luncheon at 12 noon. Following the time of fellowship, a business meeting will take place.

An interesting program will be presented by Fred Paillex on the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge, NJ. As you may know, Mrs. Kathleen (Kitty) Heydon of our congregation resides at the Home. She has her own apartment, shares mealtime with residents at the home, and is a very happy to be there.

All members of the congregation are welcome to come and hear Mr. Paillex.

Evening Guild Meets on November 9

The Evening Service Guild will meet on Tuesday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Rudy's Restaurant.

The group not only enjoys enjoying a meal together, but also discusses the necessary business of the Guild.

You are welcome to join this group at this meeting or any other on the second Tuesday of the month.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Following our outstanding Open House, the members of the church school welcomed several new members to their classes. They all are busy studying their curriculum and during their opening exercises are learning new songs. Plans are being made for their Christmas Pageant in December.

Some interesting facts!

Parents have you thought as you bring your children each Sunday you are not only preparing a way for them to learn not only about God, the Bible but preparing them to take an active part in the church in years to come.

"Will my children remain active in church?"

.....if both mom and dad attend regularly – 72% remain faithful

.....if only dad attends regularly – 55% remain faithful

.....if neither attend regularly: - 6% remain faithful.

Children learn from example. The only way a child will learn the value of worship, and how to behave in worship, is to be at worship regularly with his or her parents. There is no substitute.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 19 for the Church School Pageant.

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