

VISIONS June 2011

Finally! Summer is here! Like you I have been waiting for this for what seems like forever! I know we all keep on talking about how long and snowy the winter was, how wet and rainy the recent spring season has been. It is good to finally have the warmth of summer with us. I am also reminded that while we have only had snow and rain and cold weather here in our part of New Jersey that our friends to the north in our State have endured flooding and our friends around our country, and even around the world have endured ferocious and deadly floods, tornados and droughts. It has been scary and heartbreaking to watch, and so many times we find ourselves as we watch the news saying to ourselves, "Why?" We even question God.

It is normal to ask these sorts of questions about human suffering, about God's role in it, and where God is for each of us in the midst of fear and suffering. We are at the end of the Easter Season in the church calendar, about to celebrate Pentecost in just a few Sundays. The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday, it goes on for weeks after Easter, a reminder to us that the Good News is Jesus Christ is that we are called to not be fearful, but joyful—that



we are called not to dwell on sin (because it ended in the Resurrection) but to live as people with hopeful expectations. It all sounds good on paper, maybe even when you hear it in worship, but I know that for many of you these can seem like false expectations, especially as you watch the news, see so much suffering, or even as you think about the individual pain of people in your life or in our congregation. It can be a challenge day after day to live as people of the Resurrection, people who follow Jesus. We need to keep on coming back and recharging our faith—we need communities like the one we have here to keep and sustain us in times like this.

We have a lot of new things going on in our community all the time—so that we can all recharge and renew!!! Read on in the newsletter about an **exciting new partnership** with the Plainfield Area YMCA for our After School Program, **events** that Presbyterian Women is planning, our youth group partnering with the youth from Crescent Avenue for a **mission trip** later this month, a **book study** I am leading this month and into July that I hope you will participate in, and read on about our partnership with St. Joseph's Catholic Church across the street for another year of **community gardening** to help **feed the hungry** in our community.

Lots going on. Easter living. Hopeful expectation even in a time of worry and of sorrow. Being Easter people means we do not stay stuck but we keep on moving forward—one foot in front of another—doing the things that we know God is calling us to do! Being the church—being a witness to the community we live in, and telling others that we look forward, and not back!

Blessings to you as you begin summer! I look forward to seeing you in and around Watchung Avenue!!!

Peace,

Shannan

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May 23, 2011

Dear WAPC Members and Friends,

We are writing to let you know about some important and exciting developments in the administration of the After School Program. We invite you to read this letter and the information attached to it carefully.

As you know, for many years the program that our church has hosted has been provided as an outreach to the North Plainfield community by the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church. The program first began with a small group of volunteer leaders, and has grown over the years into the program that it is today. However, the program has struggled over the last few years as the economy has taken its toll on our families and program. Costs have been increasing—utilities, gas, insurance, salaries, and State fees. Yet, despite a nominal tuition increase over the last year, we have not been able to keep up with costs. We strongly feel that the families who we serve cannot bear additional fee increases. The program has been operating at a near break-even, some months at a deficit, for the last two years. While it has been a long-term commitment of the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church to house such a program, the congregation has also struggled deeply with its finances over the last five years due to the downturn in the economy and is also operating at a significant deficit. All of these factors together are making it difficult for the congregation to sustain long-term funding assistance to the After School Program. We have been carefully evaluating these difficulties we face over this year and attempting to discern which path to take: continue our program as it is with ever-increasing deficits and looming costs or to make the painful decision to end the program. Neither was a good decision, and so we have struggled throughout the year to discern which path would be the most faithful one to go down.

Thankfully, a third way has come to us, one which we are very excited about, and that will allow our core principals of the After School Program to stay in place:

- That safe, quality, and affordable After School care is available to the children of North Plainfield
- That our congregation remains a place of welcome and support for such a program
- That a program exists in North Plainfield that provides financial support and assistance to families who need it so that their children have all services needed available to them
- That an After School Program include academic assistance to students, recreation, nutrition, and character development

Beginning in the Fall of 2011, the Plainfield Area YMCA will be taking over the administration of the After School Program at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Plainfield Y operates After School Programs in the Plainfield/North Plainfield area, but does not have a location in North Plainfield. We will become an extension site for the YMCA and they will become responsible for the administration of the program which will include all of the features we already have in place: transportation, staff, and programming. As we have entered into conversation this year with the Plainfield Y we have discovered that their day-to-day programming is nearly identical to the one we have here at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church and that their fee structure is comparable to the one we currently have, actually \$20 less a month. More services will be available to the children we serve, including weekly swim lessons, additional recreational activities, a new computer lab at the church for the 2011-2012 academic year, and year-round usage of the YMCA in Plainfield and its facilities.

The Session of the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church voted at their May 9, 2011 meeting to implement this change for the After School Program and to enter into a contractual relationship with the Plainfield YMCA. The After School Program staff and parents were notified the same week and our staff will be able to apply for employment with the Plainfield YMCA for the 2011-2012 year.

We are so excited about this new development in the life of the After School Program and that it will be able to continue and serve the children and youth of North Plainfield. We see this as a win-win for everyone, especially for you and your children!

We will be celebrating the ministry of our After School Program in worship on Sunday June 12th and we invite the entire congregation to join us at that special worship service and reception. Please join us in prayer for the After School Program during its next exciting chapter of service to the children of our community!

Sincerely,

Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

Elder Tom Ledder, Trustees

Elder Wayne Fabricius, Session



Hello dear friends and family, today marks one month since I left the United States for my three week sojourn/class to southern India, and one week since I landed here in South Africa on my 26th birthday. The past month has been a whirlwind of amazing experiences.

In India, I and about thirty other Princeton Theological Seminary students had the privilege to study at the feet of a trio of remarkable professors for a course entitled "Preaching in a Global Context" that took place at the India Sunday School Union located at Coornoor, India, high up in the Nilgiris mountain range in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Professor of Preaching at Princeton, Cleo LaRue nominally led the course, and while he lectured a handful of times, the main focus was for us to study under two Indian professors, one Ajit Prasad, PHD in practical theology and the moderator of the Indian Sunday School Union, and Dyanchad Carr, an Indian theologian of some repute who specializes in Dalit theology, theology directed towards and emerging from the context of the out-castes of Indian society, the Untouchables as they are known in English. While perhaps I do not not agree theologically with everything Dr. Carr taught, through his powerfully passionate lectures he forced me to open my eyes to engage with those who exist on the margins of Christian scripture and our globalized world society, and see how Christ empowers, speaks, and works through them. I think I will be reflecting on my Indian experiences for a long time to come, but to be honest, I really did not have much time to do any serious reflection at all while in India. I was constantly on the move, from one place to another, sleeping either on short plane rides, long train rides, or even longer bus rides as I traveled across the subcontinent. Over the summer, I'll be sure to share more of my time in India with you all, but right now, I'm trying to recover from it all.

Getting to South Africa from Capetown was a bit of an adventure, a total of about thirty hours of travel, and a stop in Abu Dhabi on the way, where I swam in the Persian Gulf, earned me a mean sun-burn, and saw the movie Thor with four Bedouin men in full regalia. I arrived to Cape Town on the 18th, election day, and the city swirled with democratic (if you can call it that) passions. I have since begun to try and settle a bit, battling jet-lag all the way but throwing myself head first into the activities and ministries of the Church I am serving at. I have to make the best of the time I have here, and to do so it doesn't really give me much breathing room. I'm

not complaining. I enjoy the church, Mowbray Presbyterian. It had about 175 in attendance last Sunday, and it seems to be one of those rare churches in South Africa that is multi-racial, to the extent that it has a substantial white, black, and "coloured" population (coloured being a term that has hung-over from the bad old times of Apartheid, that refers to mixed race or folks of Indian backgrounds). The services are in English, but the singing is in many different languages. I think I am going to grow to love this church, but right now I do miss the congregation I served over the course of middle year at PTS, Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church. Watchung helped me discover the gifts for pastoral ministry that are now being put to the test in South Africa, and for that, I'm grateful.

The contrast between southern India and Capetown is remarkable. India, when glanced at with western eyes, is absolutely insane. The hustle and bustle of society there truly is an impressive thing, and in all my life I've never really encountered anything you like it. Wherever you are, there a mass of people, heading to and fro on their business, zipping around on fast motorbikes (the preferred way of traveling I gathered, and by far the most fun. I had a blast being ferried around on the back of a bike through the mountains) or driving in cars and trucks in what I perceived to be a reckless manner (even more reckless than Kenya), drivers having full and detailed conversations with those that pass through their car horns. I swear, I have never heard more tricked out car horns in my life. There was no such thing as an ordinary beep--think clown horns, but syncopate the beats and make them ten times louder. Capetown, in contrast, is on the surface orderly, with smooth roads and very little horn beeping. I rarely see people on the side of the roads like I saw in India and Kenya, but I know they must be there somewhere, in some part of the city I haven't seen yet. The economic disparity is profound, and the difference between middle class white and black existence in the city and poor black experience in the Townships, is hard to describe. Maybe in time I'll find the words.

A highlight from India: when cars went in reverse, they would play a song. I heard all sorts of catchy back up tunes, hymns, Bollywood anthems, Muslim calls to prayer. I hope this catches on in the States.

I've only been in South Africa for a week, and I really can't report back much. That will change.

Your thoughts and prayers are readily appreciated, and any notes you would like to send my way via email or post. I am not without work here to keep me busy--I'll be preaching about five or times over the course of the two and a half months I am here, leading Bible studies and workshops, and doing all manner of things that my supervisors here in Mowbray ask me to do. But notes from all of you back at home will do my soul some good.

You can reach me on Skype at hcoates2, and send me mail at

Henry Coates
Mowbray Presbyterian Church
8 Highbury Road
Mowbray 7700
Cape Town, South Africa

I'm thinking I'm going to aim to send out a weekly missive. Let me know if you'd like to be taken off my email list, and I'll remove you no problem=)

Hope all is well with you all, wherever in the world you may be. You are in my thoughts and my prayers.

all my best,

Henry

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right now I'm listening to some Bruce Springsteen. If you ever find yourself on the Jersey Turnpike before too long, give her my best.

June Worship

June 5th: **Choir Appreciation**

Sacrament: Communion

Scripture: Acts 1: 6-14 &
John 17:1-11

Sermon: "Don't Look Up!
Look Around!"

June 12th: **Pentecost**

Celebrating After School Program

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21 &
John 7: 37-39

Sermon: "Life Giving Water, Life Giving
Fire"

June 19th: **Trinity Sunday & Father's Day**
Church School/Youth Group Sunday

June 26th: **Commissioning of Youth for**
Mission Trip

Scripture: Psalm 12 &
Matthew 10: 40-42

Sermon: "The Welcome Mat"

WAPC Online

Don't forget to visit our church online!

The website is updated weekly with new blog posts,
news articles, worship recordings and other
updates! www.wapc.net

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook (click the links at
the top of the WAPC website to join us on Social
Media!)

Dollars Destroying the Deficit!

If every WAPC member gave an additional
\$1/day all year-we would eliminate 100% of the
church deficit! We would have more funds for
mission & ministry. Put your \$ in the DDD
envelope found in your pew rack and then the
offering plate each week.

Circle Of Hope

June 7th, 5:30 pm., at Giovanna's. Please call Faye
Steinau to rsvp.

Circle Of Joy

June 12th, 12:30 pm, at Giovanna's.

Presbyterian Women *Planning Meeting*

The PW in WAPC coordinating team members and
any other women interested in seeing PW meet tis
goals:

nurturing faith, supporting the mission of the church
world wide, working for justice and peace, building
an inclusive and caring community of women,
strengthening the Presbyterian Church(USA) and
witnessing to the promise of God's Kindgdom are
urged to come to a **breakfast meeting June 25th at**
9:30 am at:

Diane Ledder's
6 Ravine Court
Scotch Plains, NJ
908.232.2119

All PW Coordinating team members are expected
and all other women are welcome. Please call to
confirm.

The meeting will focus on:

1. Leaders for 2011-2013
 2. Budget
 3. Ideas for forwarding PW's goals
- PW co-coordinators, Bev Krausse, Pat Roselli and
Dianne Ledder.

June Youth Group Activities

June 12th—Youth Group Meeting and Fun Activities
June 26-July 1—Youth Group Mission Trip to Stony
Point Center, NY



Community Garden

Once again we will be growing veggies this summer for the needy in our community. A big thank you to Organigaya Café in North Plainfield for the wonderful organic plants to get us started! The garden this summer is moving. We will be meeting on Saturday June 2nd at 2PM at Church of the Holy Cross to take down the old garden, pack it up, and move it over to St. Joseph's (across the street from us!). We are looking for many helping hands, wheelbarrows, shovels, a few people with trucks/SUVS willing to help. Please let Shannan know if you can help out that day! If you would like to grow extra food at your home too this summer, that is also an excellent way to participate. Please let Shannan know if you are doing this so we can add you to our list of home-helpers! We look forward to having you garden with us this summer!

Flowers For The Sanctuary

There are many opportunities to provide flowers for the sanctuary. **The 2011 Flower Chart** is posted through **August** on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please sign the chart for the Sunday of your choice and complete all required information on the signup sheet. It is the responsibility of the donor to contact a florist (or bring flowers from your garden)

If you do not have a florist, **Gray's**, Rte. 22, in Watchung has been a good source (908 757-0400). If you want Grays' to deliver, make sure you instruct them to do so.

Leslie Hansen is also interested in doing flower arrangements; she may be called at 908 604-0337. Leslie will place your flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning when she comes for choir.

Gail Smith, PW Flower Chairperson
(908-753-1249)

Mission Opportunities

LOCAL MISSION: June 16th!

WAPC has been partnering with Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church on the third Thursday of each month to serve meals at the Plainfield YMCA shelter. You can be a cook (who prepares food ahead of time and drops it off), a server, a helper, or all three! This is a great way for families to participate in mission together. **Join us: Meet at 5:30pm at Crescent Ave. or 6pm at the Plainfield YMCA, June 16th.** If you are interested in helping out, contact Gwyn Gronlund of the Mission Committee for details.

Disaster Assistance

Our partners have been hard at work around the United States and world over the last month to help all of those affected by the recent onslaught of natural disasters in the United States and around the world. Presbyterian Women, Deacons, and Church School Children at WAPC banded together in May to send clean-up buckets to Church World Service. You can visit their website for more information.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/us-spring-storms-2011/>

Church World Service: www.churchworldservice.org

New PC(USA) Ordination Standards

Beginning on July 10, 2011 the Presbyterian Church (USA) will have new standards for ordinations of Deacons, Elders, and Ministers of Word and Sacrament. Pastor Shannan sent a pastoral letter to the Congregation via email and hand-outs in worship in mid-May. Copies of her letter are available for pick-up at the church in the Mission Room. It is still posted on the church website and in the blog section of the website is a video about these changes from the national church offices. If you would like a copy of the letter mailed to your home or resent to you via email, please contact Kathleen at the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Summer Meetings

Hearts, Hands & Stitches, the Prayer Shawl Ministry of WAPC, continues to meet monthly. We stitch at our meetings and on our own time to create comforting shawls. Our Summer meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, June 21, at the home of Gail Smith

Tuesday, July 19, location to be decided

Tuesday, August 16, location to be decided

All evening meetings are held from 7:15 pm to 9:30 pm.

We have a time of quiet, prayerful stitching, plan our projects, and have refreshments, of course. All are welcome to join.

Call Gwyn Gronlund for more information
(908) 754-1251

Women's Craft Group

Bring your scrapbooking, knitting, or other projects and come enjoy each other's company, plus get a break from your busy week. We meet on Friday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 PM - sometimes in the church library and sometimes at someone's house. We even go on field trips occasionally! Come join us whenever you can – just call Gwyn Gronlund (908-754-1251) or Marilyn Cortright (home: 908-753-2859, cell: 908-295-4754) to find out where we will be meeting that week!

Eco-Tips

To Care for God's Creation

• ***Grounds Maintenance:*** Did you ever notice those small white warning flags on nearby lawns? Those warnings indicate that a lawn has been sprayed with pesticides that are harmful to children and pets.

Reduce your exposure, and improve the environment, by eliminating chemicals on your lawn and encouraging your neighbors to do the same. See www.safelawns.org for more information. If you use a lawn care provider, choose one that specializes in natural lawn care, such as NaturaLawn:

<http://www.nl-amer.com/>

• ***Grounds Maintenance:*** One of the biggest threats to local wildlife is development—as homes go up, habitat is destroyed, and wildlife is unable to find places to feed, live, and raise young. Make your property as wildlife-friendly as possible by certifying your backyard as a wildlife habitat. See National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program: <http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife>

Did You Know!

The Bereavement Hospitality Committee was set up by Dot Fenz in 1996, to be of assistance to members of the church at the time of a death in the family. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate an informal luncheon or dessert to be served in the Parish Hall following a funeral or memorial service. Members of the committee set up, serve and cleanup in addition to supplying coffee, tea and dessert. The family of the deceased is responsible for the main course and paper products. If in need of this service or you would like to serve on this committee, please call Faye Steinau.

Coupons

Anyone having Bed Bath & Beyond coupons they do not need please save and give to Faye Steinau or Peggy Bunnell.

Looking for Apt.

I have a neighbor-single woman looking for a 2 bedroom apt. in a private home a.s.a.p. Please contact Alice Lester with and leads. 908.754.6412.

Corrections/Additions To Directory

BARTON, KAREN

94 Heath Village

Hackettstown, NJ 07840

BARTON, WILLIAM & (GERALDINE)

228 Heath Village

908-684-5046

Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Office Help Needed

Kathleen will be out of the office for a few weeks this summer. We need substitute office helpers during those weeks from 9-12 Tuesday-Thursday. Job duties are: checking the mail and answering the phone/door. Please call or email Kathleen if interested at the church office.

Week of June 6th

Week of July 4th

Week of July 25th

Worship Services & Regular Meetings

Regular Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
10:20 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Weekly

Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m. in Lounge
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.-Lounge

Monthly

1st Sunday Holy Communion
1st Sunday FISH (Food Bank) Collection
2nd Sunday Healing Service
2nd Monday Session meets at 7:30 p.m.
3rd Monday Trustee's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday Youth Group 11:30-1p.m.
4th Sunday Men's Breakfast
3rd Tuesday Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:15 p.m.

WAPC Schedule of Regular Events

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship
10:20 am Church School
10:55 am Coffee/Fellowship
7-10 pm Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey
Parish Hall & classroom

Monday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
2:30 pm ASP
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Parish Hall

Tuesday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
9:30 am WIC (Tuesday)
2:30 pm ASP
7-10 pm Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey
Parish Hall & classroom

Wednesday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
10:00 am Bible Study
2:30 pm ASP
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
2:30 pm ASP
7:30 pm Bible Study

Friday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
2:30 pm ASP
6-8 pm Girl Scouts Parish Hall

Saturday Schedule

9-11 am Heritage Choir Parish Hall
7-10 pm - Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey
Parish Hall & classroom

Summer Birthdays

John Langan, Sr.	7-Jul
Amanda Weiss	8-Jul
Kelsey Hoppe	9-Jul
Karen Krausse Polera	9-Jul
Alayna Langan	10-Jul
David Lyttle	13-Jul
Lee Taylor	13-Jul
Brooks Smith	15-Jul
Bojana Blagojevic	15-Jul
Nancy Squier	17-Jul
Erin Slattery	19-Jul
Shawn Watters	21-Jul
Kate Kennedy	24-Jul
George Parliman	24-Jul
Jamie Langan	27-Jul
Cori Peloso	28-Jul
Alexa Rocco	30-Jul

Dorothy Hooker	2-Aug
Andrew Taylor	4-Aug
Stephanie Rocco	5-Aug
Wolfgang Gerhard	6-Aug
Summer Thomas	6-Aug
Garrett Hansen	7-Aug
Heidi Boleyn Rapach	11-Aug
Katie Ronk	13-Aug
Danny Imperato	14-Aug
Nancy Higgins	14-Aug
Bunny Dow	14-Aug
Ryan Thomas	17-Aug
Kevin Hernandez	19-Aug
Mary Imperato	29-Aug
Joey Seinau	29-Aug
Judy Langan	31-Aug

Prayer List

- Prayers of comfort for *Bob Hildebrandt*, in hospice care, and for his family and friends.
- Prayers of healing for the *Thomas Family* on the passing of Jim's father, Dr. Lewis Clayton Thomas this past Tuesday.
- Prayers of healing for *Rev. Ken Gorman*, Church of the Holy Cross, recovering from surgery.
- Continued prayers of healing for *Judith Botzan*, recovery from surgery.
- Prayers of healing for *Colleen Parliman*.
- Prayers of healing for all of those throughout the United States who are victims of natural disaster, especially those in the South.
- Prayers of strength for the *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*
- Prayers of strength for *the people of Libya*.
- Prayers of healing for *all of those affected in Japan*.
- Prayers of healing for the *City of Plainfield* and for the end of gun violence.
- *Alberta Vosburgh*, at Arbor Glenn Continuing Care, Rm. 636.
- *Helen Miller, Ellwood Whitely, Joan Brown & Estelle Kennedy*, at home.

Key Cards

We have a new policy for replacement of key cards. Due to the cost of the cards we will need to collect a fee of \$10.00 for replacement of lost key cards.

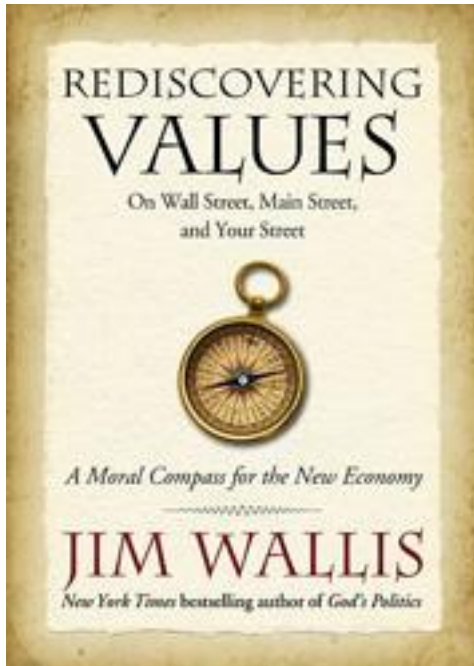
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PASTOR SHANNAN'S SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Rediscovering Values: On Main Street, Wall Street, and Your Street

by Jim Wallis of Sojourners (www.sojo.net)



Excerpted from the book....“When we start with the wrong question, no matter how good an answer we get, it won’t give us the results we want. Rather than joining the throngs who are asking, *When will this economic crisis be over?* Jim Wallis says the right question to ask is *How will this crisis change us?*”

The worst thing we can do now, Wallis tells us, is to go back to normal. Normal is what got us into this situation. We need a new normal, and this economic crisis is an invitation to discover what that means. Some of the principles Wallis unpacks for our new normal are . . .

- Spending money we don’t have for things we don’t need is a bad foundation for an economy or a family.
- It’s time to stop keeping up with the Joneses and start making sure the Joneses are okay.
- The values of commercials and billboards are not the things we want to teach our children.
- Care for the poor is not just a moral duty but is critical for the common good.
- A healthy society is a balanced society in which markets, the

government, and our communities all play a role.

- The operating principle of God’s economy says that there *is* enough if we *share* it.
- And much, much more . . .

In the pages of this book, Wallis provides us with a moral compass for this new economy—one that will guide us on Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street.”

We will use the study guide from Sojourners and also look at the Accra Confession from the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (of which we are a part) as we talk about God, the Bible, and the economic times we are in.

Meets ½ hour after worship every Sunday in June and July in the downstairs lounge. Class will go for one hour each week and participants will read one chapter in the book weekly.

Yes! I will be participating in the book study!

_____ Name

_____ Email/Phone

Cost of the study is \$15/person. This covers a book, study guide, and materials. Make a check payable to WAPC and put “Summer Book Study” in the subject line!

What is a Family?

Film series

CRESCENT AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
716 WATCHUNG AVENUE
PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060
WWW.CRESCENTONLINE.ORG



Mark Your Calendar

FILMS

5.29
PARENTHOOD

6.5
THE STATION AGENT

6.19
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES

What makes us a family?

Most Christians believe that the Bible holds the answers to our questions about daily living, and that reading the Scriptures will show us good examples to follow for our own lives. Think for a moment and try to list a few examples of healthy families in the Bible..... who are ideals worth emulating. Having trouble? The families of the Bible were far from perfect, and not so different in that regard from our imperfect families today. These films about what it means to be family will inspire and encourage you with their focus on hope and grace for families, showing that it is in the "imperfect places" that we catch glimpses of God's grace. We trust these movies will open wide our eyes--and our hearts even more--as we see both the pain and the promise of family life.

Our movie nights begin with a light supper at 6:00 pm, movie at 6:30 pm, and discussion to follow. For more information contact the church office at (908) 756-2468.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in our Vacation Bible School. It is a great week of making new friends and fun Bible learning. This summer, our CBS will meet for 5 evenings, from Monday, July 11 to Friday, July 15.

Each session begins at 5:00 p.m. with games, music and a puppet show. Later, we will break up into smaller groups for crafts, storytelling, science experiments, and our cooking lessons. Each evening includes a delicious, healthy meal of kid-friendly food. If the weather cooperates, we end the day with some water play in the sprinkler.

Vacation Bible School is for everyone! Children from preschool (age 4 by 7/1/11) through 5th grade are invited to attend as students. Older children can be part of our service team, helping the teachers or being group guides. Adults can volunteer to teach, lead small groups, or be part of our kitchen crew. Rev. Martin will lead a class for adults that meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 12-14.

The theme for this year is Shake-It-Up Café. We will meet Chef Basil and his sou chef. We will celebrate a different festival every day.

The cost for the week is \$25 per child and \$15 for adults if you register by June 10, 2011. Later registrants must pay \$30 per child and \$20 per adult. Please fill out the enclosed registration form and send it, along with your check, to the church office at 716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield 07060.

I look forward to our time together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at barbaramartin729@msn.com or through the church office (908-756-2468).

See you this summer!

Barbara Martin

Director of Christian Education



**Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
Vacation Bible School **Child** Registration**

July 11 - July 15, 2011

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Child's Name _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Birthday _____ Grade This Fall _____ T-shirt Size _____

E-Mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Name and Contact Information for Pick-up _____

Cost: \$30 per child, \$25 if paid by June 10, 2011

Do you want financial assistance? _____ yes _____ no

Additional Items That Can Be Purchased:

Student CD \$4.00 Scrap the Raccoon Stuffed Animal \$3.00

Would someone in your family like to volunteer to help?



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