

VISIONS



April 2010

Spring is finally here! Doesn't it feel wonderful to enjoy longer afternoons, sunnier days, and warmer temperatures? Isn't it refreshing to see the flowers and plants beginnings to come back to life again, the tree branches heavy with buds?

Today I heard a paraphrase of the book; *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Philip Keller. The author noted that when the Psalmist says the words "green pastures" or "right paths" that for a shepherd that evokes the memory of how you are to leave the land that your sheep graze on after they have moved on to other grass. The charge for the shepherd is to make sure that his or her sheep do not overgraze the land, so that they animals coming after them have something to eat. You are to keep your sheep moving along in a forward direction so they do not take more than their fair share. It is a beautiful, evocative image that struck me in a very profound way today as I listened to this example from this book. How often as we think about the natural world around us do we see examples of places where more than someone's "fair share" has been taken? Greed is such a pervasive problem in our world today, and it is one of the themes that are at the root of the ecological crisis we find ourselves in.

Also this week we had our first meeting of members interested in working on our jointly-held organic community garden to feed the hungry. Members from our congregation, Church of the Holy Cross (Episcopal), and the Catholic Community of St. Joseph gathered together. We spend a morning in my office (which if you come into it now smells like soil!) planting the seeds that will grow indoors during the month of April (see the picture of some of our seedlings!). **This Saturday March 27th at 9:30am we'll be meeting on the grounds of the Church of the Holy Cross to put our garden together—all are welcome!** Over the next month we'll be continuing the process of starting our garden that will feature over 25 different varieties of vegetables and herbs, many of them heirloom varieties meaning they have unusual colors and shapes and come from older lines of seeds. I am excited about our garden because it gets us back to this thought about the 23rd Psalm—it is one small way that we are working to leave the land better for those who will come after us. We are not using pesticides in our garden, we are committed to growing organically, and we will be celebrating the beauty of God's Creation as we share the many colors, shapes, and sizes of the food we will grow. The food will feed the many in our community who are hungry and offer to them fresh and healthy food. And our garden will be an educational tool for our children and youth to help them to understand the many reasons why we are part of this project as people of faith who love God's good earth.



"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures..."

Peace,

Shannan

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THANK YOU

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wanted to take a brief moment to say thank you to all of you for such a wonderful year at Watchung Avenue. It has been a great pleasure serving with you since September, and I will certainly miss this community come May. You have been warm, inviting, and kind to me since the first day I set foot in the door; I will miss worshipping with you on a regular basis.

Seminarians begin internships in churches all over New Jersey in September, and experiences can be hit or miss. The intern is sometimes regarded as a kind of hired help, a temp who gets a little ministry experience and moves on. But my experience at Watchung Avenue has been so much more than a job. It has become a meaningful worshipping community for me just as much as it is for you. I am thankful that my first steps into the work of parish ministry have been in a place where people are so generous and loving.

Your hospitality as a church has never ceased to amaze me. You have invited me into your homes, fed me delicious food, thought of me when my grandfather passed away, and sent messages of encouragement before sermons and final exams. Not only that, but you, Shannan, and the elders have trusted me with great responsibility as a seminary student. Thank you for letting me preach frequently, lead Bible studies, and work with you as you serve others. I am most thankful for the opportunity to get to know all the great kids in this church. You have an amazing group of young people who I am sure will grow up to be inspiring followers of Christ.

As I leave in the next few weeks, I find myself sad, but also excited for what will happen at Watchung Avenue. I am confident that God has done great things here, is currently doing great things here, and will continue to do great things in the future. As it is written in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." I look forward to hearing great stories from the new interns Kori and Henry, as well as coming back to visit and see how God is at work in North Plainfield. May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

With Christ's love,
Andrew Scales, Seminary Intern

APRIL WORSHIP

April 2nd: **Good Friday**

Communion and Dramatic Presentation of Jesus' Denial, Trial and Death.

April 4th: **Easter Sunday Celebratory Worship**

Sacrament: Communion

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 &
John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Seeing and Believing"

April 11th: **Second Sunday of Easter
One Great Hour of Sharing**

Sacrament: Baptism of Christopher Piel

Scripture: Acts 5: 27-32 &
John 20: 19-31

Sermon: "Stand Up and Be Counted"

April 18th: **Third Sunday of Easter**

Seminarian Andrew Scales Preaching and
Youth Group Leading Worship

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9 &
John 21:1-19

Sermon: "Following a Risen Jesus"

April 25th: **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sacrament: Baptisms of Chase and Lyla
Rapach

Scripture: Acts 9: 36-43 &
John 10: 22-30

Sermon: "Claiming Your Place in the
World"

Heidi and Shawn Rapach invite you to share in the celebration of the Baptism of their children, Chase and Lyla on Sunday, April 25, 2010 during the worship service. Afterwards the Congregation is cordially invited to attend a continental breakfast hosted by the Boleyn's and Rapach's in the Parish Hall to celebrate the Baptism.

STAFF DAYS OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Shannan is out of the office: March 29-April 1 visiting the Presbyterian Church in Barranquilla, Colombia as part of a delegation from the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). **Pastor Rob Martin at Crescent Avenue is on-call for pastoral care needs and can be reached at: 908-756-2468**

CELEBRATING ANDREW SCALES

This year Watchung Avenue has been very blessed by the incredible ministry that has been done among us by our Seminary Student: Andrew Scales. Andrew has been a part of leading church school, youth group, mission outreach, Confirmation class, a Lenten Bible study, events in our larger community and Presbytery. Most of all, Andrew has helped lead us in worship every Sunday; including preaching six times for us. We have all watched Andrew grow so deeply in his preparation for ministry and have enjoyed our friendship with him.

Andrew's last Sunday with our church is Sunday April 18th. Andrew will be preaching this Sunday and we will be having a special coffee hour after worship to celebrate his ministry. Worship on April 18th is being entirely organized by Andrew, and the youth group will be assisting him in leading worship.

Be sure to join us on this special Sunday for worship as we send Andrew off to his next adventures in preparation for ministry!!!

CIRCLE OF JOY

We will meet at the home of Beverly Krause on **Thursday April 1st at 7:30 pm.** If you are looking to join a circle, call Beverly at 908-757-6654 and learn what we're all about.

CIRCLE OF HOPE

We will meet at the home of Cathy Lyttle on **Tuesday April 6th at 7:30pm.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATION

April 1—Statement of Faith Drafts due via email to Pastor Shannan (svanceocampo@yahoo.com)

April 4—No Class, Easter Sunday, Worship with your Family!!!

April 10—Pastor Shannan returns Statements of Faith with Comments

April 10-20th—Students Meet with their Mentors for Help on their Statements of Faith and Revisions

April 18—Class before Worship from 8-9am (breakfast) in Pastor Shannan's Office

April 23—Evening Class Trip to Worship at Jewish Shabbat Service in Fanwood – Time TBA.

April 25—Final Statement of Faith Due to Pastor Shannan via email



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

On Sunday April 11th we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in worship. This offering is evenly split between three programs of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (Helps people and communities when disasters strike, all over the world. Our community was a recipient of much help from this fund after



September 11th and will now be receiving disaster help after the floods in NJ in March)

- **Presbyterian Hunger Program** (Helps people and communities around the world with issues that arise out of hunger and poverty. Also supports educational programs within our church about hunger related issues)

- **Self-Development of People Program** (Helps people and communities find ways to be self-sustaining and use the resources they already have to their own advantage. This program emphasizes education of people as a solution to poverty and despair)

We invite all WAPC members to give generously to this special offering as you are able. Our children have received their Fish Coin Boxes to use for this offering as well as their sharing calendar. Please be sure to use this with them and talk to them at home about this offering.

For more information please visit: www.pcusa.org/oghs

SOUP-A-THON NEWS

We'd like to thank everyone who helped make the Soup-a-Thon a success. Congratulations to the winners:

1st place - Louise Thul--German Potato Soup

2nd place - John Piel--Ham and Bean Soup

3rd place – Dianne Ledder--Seafood Gumbo

Last Call!!! All recipes due in office via email or hard copy by March 29th to make the final printing of the recipe book!

JOINT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our Pastor Shannan and Beth Anderson of Fanwood Pres. are planning an overnight retreat at beautiful Stony Point, NY, for women of Fanwood, Crescent Ave. and WAPC. Dates are **Friday April 9 through Saturday, April 10** (the week after Easter). The theme is Sabbath. Meals and lodging are included, for a fee of \$115.00. Stony Point is about an hour and a half away in NY State. If you have any interest, email me or speak to Pastor Shannon. If you have thought of sometime going on a retreat, this is a good opportunity, as it is close to home and only one night away. Your family can manage without you for one night! Give yourself the gift of this time of sisterhood and reflection. – Gwyn Gronlund

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery SPRING GATHERING

Tuesday, April 20 * 5:30 PM—9:00 PM
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ
Contact Amy Aaroe 908-242-4643

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet monthly. We stitch at our meetings and on our own time to create comforting shawls. Five more shawls were recently completed, blessed and presented. Our next evening meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, at the home of Gwyn Gronlund, from 7:15 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. If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet or want to improve your skills, contact one of our members. We hope to plan a workshop in the spring, but in the meantime can provide one-on-one instruction.

This new ministry has become such a blessing to the participants and recipients alike. Please join us! Call Gwyn Gronlund for more information (908) 754-1251

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Crescent Ave. & Watchung Ave. would like to send a group of adults to serve with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in New Orleans

April 18-25(New Date) If you are interested, please let Shannan know. This is a great way to continue to serve our friends in Christ in New Orleans.

2010 PER CAPITA AMOUNT

Our assessment from the **PCUSA** for 2010 is \$30 per member. If each member pays their share, it will free up money for other purposes. Place your \$30 in the per capita envelope in your envelope packet.

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

The Fellowship Committee under the WAPC Session has plans for some wonderful happenings in the coming months. To name a few:

❖ Recognition of our 50 year members

We are looking for people who want to help put these events together. If you are able to help with plans already under way, or if you have an idea that will give congregation members a chance to join together outside of worship, please let us know.

Dianne Ledder, Fellowship Elder
Peg Bunnell
Fay Steinau

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!

CONTRIBUTING ELECTRONICALLY TO WAPC

Ok, a quick show of hands – who pays there bills and does their banking on line? I know, I know you're reading this; I just wanted to get your attention.

Did you know that when paying your bills on line you can also make your contribution to WAPC that way too? It is true. If you use your bank's on-line site and pay monthly bills you can also make your contributions to WAPC that way.

It has certain advantages too:

- No catch up contributions – it insures that your contribution is made even if you miss a Sunday or two.
- Helps budgeting for both you and WAPC with an even flow of contributions
- It makes you "Greener" as you no longer use envelopes – next year we will not order envelopes for those that want to use the on-line payment method.

It's easy. Just set up WAPC in your bill paying module, key in the WAPC mailing address and schedule the payments for the frequency you prefer. (Monthly is probably best). Your bank will then send a check to WAPC for the amount.

If we get enough people participating we can also give out our banking info for a transfer of funds.

Please keep this in mind.

Thanks and peace to you all.

Garrett Hansen

NEW GROUP AT WAPC



We are beginning a group at the church to talk about our faith and the environment. Anyone in the church who is interested in talking about the environment and our faith is welcome to join us.

Some things we are working on:

1. Having an energy audit of our church facility done to assess our energy use and make a plan for lessening our environmental impact and our utility bills at the church.
2. Celebrating a special worship service focused on the environment in April
3. Continuing our growing connection to GreenFaith, a NJ-based national interfaith environmental ministry
4. Being a hosting site in November for a GreenFaith regional conference on the environment that will be in conjunction with the Elizabeth Presbytery, Drew Seminary and other local partners.
5. An adult education program in 2010 about ecology and Christian faith
6. The project we are very excited about, a jointly run Community Garden on the grounds of the Church of the Holy Cross here in North Plainfield that will begin to be organized over the next month. This will be open to all churches in North Plainfield to participate in. All the food grown in our garden will go to the hungry in our community and will be a great new way for us to be reaching out to those in our community! If you are interested in being a part of the garden group or want to work on the garden, let Shannan know!
7. Pick up a special lent calendar in the mission room to make Care of Creation part of lent this year!

Interested in learning more about our faith and the environment? Check out these websites for more information: www.greenfaith.org GreenFaith
www.pcusa.org/environment Presbyterian Church (USA) Environmental Ministry Office
www.prcweb.org Presbyterians for Earth Care

NORTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, Church of the Holy Cross, and the Catholic Community of St. Joseph are joining forces this spring, summer, and fall to host a vegetable garden on the grounds of the Church of the Holy Cross (40 Mercer Avenue). The garden measures about



15 feet by 20 feet and 100% of the food that is grown will be donated right in our community to those who are hungry. We are very excited about this joint mission of our three congregations and for the outreach that we will be able to provide right here in North Plainfield.

We are looking for all sorts of volunteers for our garden! We had a first organizational meeting on March 21st and have begun planting our garden, but anyone and everyone is very welcome to join us. Just give Shannan a call at the church office or email svanceocampo@yahoo.com to let me know if you'd like to participate and help out, we would just love to have you be a part of this exciting local mission opportunity!

Save the date for **Sunday May 16th at 4pm** at Holy Cross. We will have a service of Blessing and Dedication for the garden. This will be followed by a shared meal, gardening activities, and give-aways for all ages!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 5K RUN/WALK

Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity 5K April 11, 2010.

Time:runners: 2pm walkers: 10mins. Later.
For more info: Call: 908.769.5292

PRAYER LIST

Prayers of healing and comfort for *The Griffin Family*.
Prayers of healing and comfort for *The Lowrie Family*.
Prayers of healing and comfort for *The Vanderbeek Family*.
Prayers of healing and comfort for *The Fedoryk Family*.
Prayers of healing for *Fred Thul*.
Prayers of healing for *Colleen Parliman* recovering from surgery.
Prayers of healing for *Joyce Veress* who has breast cancer.
Prayers of healing for *Bruce Gronlund* continuing to recover from surgery.
Prayers of healing for those in Haiti and Chile.
Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of *Abigail Elizabeth King*, March 1, 2010, granddaughter of Sarellen Hogan.
Helen Stagg, in Home Hospice.
Harry Krausse, who is at home.
Mary Wirth, Frank Dell Bene's mother and Pat's grandmother.
Amanda Lake, prayers of strength and courage.
Agnes Marinelli, JoAnn Hoppe's Mother.
Frank Dell Bene, at home.
Vi Krieg, at home.
Alberta Vosburgh, at Arbor Glenn Continuing Care, Rm. 636.
Helen Miller, at home.
Edwin Estevez, Jr., our Seminarian.
Andrew Scales, Our Seminary Intern.

iGIVE.com

Would you like to help the church with some extra income while you shop online? Follow these easy steps:

1. Go to www.igive.com
2. Create a free account for yourself
3. Designate Watchung Ave Presbyterian Church as your charity (using their navigation menu, go to NJ and then Religious/Spiritual Institutions)
4. Every time to shop online, first go to iGive.com and then go to your shopping sites FROM their website
5. Donations are automatically generated at NO cost to you (what this means is that vendors like LLBean, Amazon.com, etc. then give a % to us)
6. You can watch your shopping history and donations generated by your shopping on their calculator

Take a look at iGive's list of vendors! They have over 700 and counting—and almost all are popular websites you are probably already using. Ask your family and friends to sign up and help out our church! Thanks!

May Birthdays

Lynn Krausse	1-May
Joan Brown	1-May
Virginia Metz	3-May
Shelby Watters	7-May
Neema Adelaja	8-May
Scott Ledder	10-May
Patrick Ronk	16-May
Natalia Rodriguez	16-May
Cathy Boleyn	24-May
Misha Griffin	25-May
Andre Serieux	26-May
Elizabeth Kennedy	29-May
Bridget Thomas	29-May
Charlotte Downey	30-May
Alexandra von Bradsky	31-May

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
1st & 3rd Sunday Confirmation Class(12-1:30)
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
4th Monday CHATS - 7:15 p.m. in Library

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

Monday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
2:30 pm ASP
7:15 pm CHATS (4th Monday)
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

Saturday Schedule

7-10 pm - Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey
Parish Hall & classroom

Visions is published monthly.

The due date for articles for the **May** newsletter is: **Monday, April 26, 2010**

Pastor: *Shannan Vance-Ocampo*
Pastor Emeritus: Brooks Smith
Student Pastor: Andrew Scales
Director of Music: *Sam Chapin*
WAPC After School Program – 908-755-8202
Interim ASP Director: *James Winston*
Visions Editor: *Kathleen Golmont*

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.

Youth Group @ WAPC!



Shelby Watters, Ryan Thomas, and Christopher Piel painting



Heather Hernandez and Jasmine Harris repairing the wall

Youth Ministry at Work

Our WAPC Youth Group is hard at work transforming our Church's old, dark, and dusty recreation room.

Their mission: to create a bright and friendly space for today's and future youth groups. Their goal is to have the room finished for our Youth Minister's last service with us. Be sure to put April 18th on your calendar. Let us celebrate their hard work, their sense Mission, and their youthful enthusiasm. Say thank you to Andrew for sharing his gifts with WAPC.



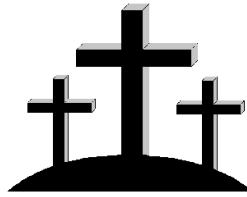
Walter Rodriguez, Andrew Scales, Jenny Jones, Heather Hernandez, Lily Durick, Shelby Watters, Michael Schwartz, and Michael Piel

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday March 28
10am Worship with Palm



Good Friday

Friday April 2
7:30pm Worship





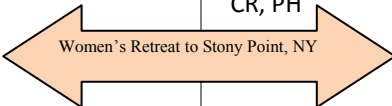
Easter Sunday

Sunday April 4
10am Worship

April Church School Information

	April 4th Easter Sunday 	April 11th 	April 18th	April 25th
Scripture Readings and Theme	<i>Isaiah 65: 17-25 & John 20: 1-18</i>	<i>Acts 5: 27-32 & John 20: 19-31</i>	John 21: 1-19	<i>Acts 9: 36-43 & John 10: 22-30</i>
Younger Children	In Worship	Learning about Bullies in the Bible and How we Deal with Bullies as Christians	Talk about Children's Offering and Vote on Who to Give it too Special "Secret" Activity!	Special Craft Day with Rachel W.
Older Children	In Worship	Learning about Bullies in the Bible and How we Deal with Bullies as Christians	Talk about Children's Offering and Vote on Who to Give it too Special "Secret" Activity!	Special Craft Day with Rachel W.
Special Information	Easter Sunday— No Church School, Children in Worship with their Families	Bring in your Fish Coin Box for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	This is Andrew Scales last Sunday with us. We'll have a special coffee hour for him.	

April 2010 WAPC Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30pm—Bible Study	2  7:30pm, Good Friday Worship and Communion	3 10AM Easter Egg Hunt 
4 10am—Easter Sunday Worship No Church School or Youth Group	5	6 7-10pm—CR, PH	7 10am—Bible Study 8pm—Choir Rehearsal	8 7:30pm—Bible Study	 Women's Retreat to Stony Point, NY	10 7-10pm—CR, PH
11 10am—Worship & Church School 11am—Confirmation Piel Baptism 11:30—Session	12	13 7-10pm—CR, PH	14 10am—Bible Study	15 7:30pm—Bible Study	16	17 8:30am-12:30pm—Presbytery Event at United (Plainfield) 7-10p CR, PH
18 10am—Worship & Church School	19 7:30pm, Trustee Meeting	20 7-10pm—CR, PH	21 10am—Bible Study 8pm—Choir Rehearsal	22 7:30pm—Bible Study	23 7pm—Confirmation Class to Shabbat Service	24 7-10pm—CR, PH
25 10am—Worship & Church School Raypach Baptisms	26 7:30pm--CHATS	27 7-10pm—CR, PH	28 8pm—Choir Rehearsal	29 7:30pm—Bible Study	30	May 1 st

Crescent/Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church's Mission Trip to New Orleans

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Please join us for the annual

**WAPC
EASTER EGG HUNT
&
Indoor Playground**

When: Saturday, April 3, 2010
At 10:00AM

Where: Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church
170 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield



ages 10 and under

Egg hunting, games, prizes, crafts
and most importantly,
The Easter Bunny



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
in the PRESBYTERY of ELIZABETH



Spring Gathering

"SIMPLICITY"

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010
5:30 to 9:00 PM

*Location: Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
716 Watchung Avenue*

Plainfield, NJ 07060
908-756-2468
(Directions Enclosed)

Schedule:
5:30 PM Registration & Displays
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Business Meeting, Announcements - Sanctuary
Worship Service - *Special Organ Musical Presentation*
By Ron Thayer, Organist

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort
Associate Pastor at College Hill Presbyterian Church, Easton, PA
(Authored "Living Simply" in Jan/Feb Issue of Horizons)

Come - Listen - Participate - Share

Our Mission Project:

Monetary donations will be collected for the Crescent Avenue Bag Lunch Program. Every day community residents in need can pick up a bag lunch at the church. This is part of their food pantry/feed the hungry program. Checks can be made payable to Presbyterian Women.

For Dinner reservations mail check for \$6.00/person (payable to Presbyterian Women) to: Gloria Hanewald, Sec-Treas, 12 Linda Lane, Clark, NJ 07066, or call Gloria at 732-382-2092, with # of people attending.

Reservations must be received by Friday April 16, 2010.

Questions? Call Amy Aaroe at 908-272-4643 or email: busywoman332@msn.com



Celebrating over 60 years and still growing

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church
PETALS FOR PROFIT FUNDRAISER

*We grow the plants to help your organization grow
their funds!*

Shop at Parker Gardens between
March 15th and June 15th and
we will donate **10%** of all the proceeds directly to
Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church

Just in time for all your spring plantings.

Whether you're looking for annuals, perennials, trees or shrubs, water gardens, furniture and accessories, or landscaping service, Parker's 14 acres of greenhouses & garden center presents the area's **largest** selection of top quality plants and services with **expert advice** that is second to none!

Voted Top 100 Revolutionary Garden Center 5 years in a row.

Just mention that you are from Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church at the time of sale and we will log the sale into your organization's account. At the end of the fundraiser, 10% of the total proceeds will be forwarded to your organization.

Parker Gardens

1325 Terrill Road Scotch Plains, NJ
(908) 322-5552

www.parkergardens.com

Offer cannot be combined with other offers or sales.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth Educational Event

Saturday, April 17, 2010

United Presbyterian Church, 525 East Front St., Plainfield, NJ

8:30 AM – Continental Breakfast in Friendship Hall

9:00 AM – Worship in the Sanctuary

Informational Workshops

Session I: 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

8 Ways of Teaching the Bible

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

Good lessons involve a variety of teaching methods, appealing to the different ways people learn. Based on the Theory of Multiple Intelligences, this workshop helps teachers identify their own learning style and practice activities which appeal to children who learn differently.

Financial Literacy for Church Treasurers

Dave Bomgaars (Central) & Bruce Pereyra (Lamington)

Church Treasurers, Bookkeepers and financial planners are encouraged to attend this workshop led by the Presbytery's Treasurer & Bookkeeper! You will learn about the Treasurer's manual, FICA, IRS Tax Guide for Churches & Pastors, insurance, withholding and filing requirements, benefits and more!

The Clerk of Session

The Reverend Paul F. Rack, Stated Clerk

Training for NEW CLERKS and "OLD PROS"! Come to learn and share with one another. Clerks and their Moderators (Pastors) are encouraged to attend together. Resources available will be The Clerk's Manual, the 2009-2011 Book of Order, The Book of Confessions and more.

Officer Training for Elders

The Reverend Robert Beringer, Honorably Retired

What is spiritual leadership? How can an Elder help to make his/her congregation a blessed church? Join us for some practical down-to-earth guidance for making your service as an elder a blessing to you and your church.

Overcoming our Fears in Evangelism (Session I)

The Reverend Greg Albert, Interim Executive Presbyter

This workshop will examine the foundations, necessity, styles, and spirituality of Evangelism. We will discover how to start spiritual conversations, build relationships, and make the Message clear. When we're done, you will look forward to sharing the Good News.

We encourage participation! Bring a friend (or two)!

**Attention: Christian education committees, Sunday school teachers
& superintendents, Elders and Deacons, treasurers & bookkeepers.**

Please also plan to visit the Resource Center

Bible study, curriculum, devotions, Vacation Bible School materials, and more

The Presbytery of Elizabeth Educational Event

Saturday, April 17, 2010

United Presbyterian Church, 525 East Front St., Plainfield, NJ

Informational Workshops

Session II: 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

8 Ways of Teaching the Bible

Rita Boyer, Certified Christian Educator

Good lessons involve a variety of teaching methods, appealing to the different ways people learn. Based on the Theory of Multiple Intelligences, this workshop helps teachers identify their own learning style and practice activities which appeal to children who learn differently.

Financial Literacy for Church Treasurers

Dave Bomgaars (Central) & Bruce Pereyra (Lamington)

Church Treasurers, Bookkeepers and financial planners are encouraged to attend this workshop led by the Presbytery's Treasurer & Bookkeeper! You will learn about the Treasurer's manual, FICA, IRS Tax Guide for Churches & Pastors, insurance, withholding and filing requirements, benefits and more!

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Effective Deaconing (Session II)

The Reverend Greg Albert, Interim Executive Presbyter

Who are deacons and what do they do? In this workshop, we will answer these two questions from a Biblical, Reformed, and Presbyterian viewpoint. When we're done, you will look forward to being a Deacon in and for your congregation.

2010 Vacation Bible School

Samples will be on display in the Resource Center

Which Vacation Bible School curriculum will your Christian Education Committee recommend to Session? Come view samples from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), Augsburg, Abingdon, Cokesbury, Gospel Light, Group and many more!

For more information, please call Presbytery office 908-755-3776

If you need childcare – please R.S.V.P by April 14th (with names and ages)

