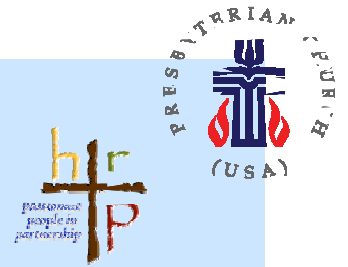




**The First Presbyterian Church
of Washingtonville**
The *Good News*-Letter



July/August 2014

Vacation Bible School



First Presbyterian Church Washingtonville
Invites All Children to VBS 2014

July 21 – 25
9:00 AM – Noon

Be a part
of this mission!

Contact Tanya Bray for details.

**First Presbyterian Church
of Washingtonville**

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Rev. Bill Doster
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Deborah Chedister

The Session
LouAnne Blanchard 2014
Tim Erchick 2014
Chris Pasquarelli 2014
Bobbie Trager 2014*
Nancy Bruscano 2015
Lois Dunikowski 2015
Doris Dunn 2016
Nancy Popoloski 2016

Board of Deacons
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Mark Chedister 2014
Beth Tyrrell 2014
Carrie Maurya 2015
Debbie Woodmansee 2015
Peggy Wright 2015
Tanya Bray 2016
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Food for Thought

Thanks to many people and a willingness to try some new ideas, June 8 was the most exciting celebration of the Day of Pentecost that I can remember. The Children's skit was stunning. The light of the candlewick danced throughout the service. Youth planted helium-filled balloons while other balloons bounced off of pews and people. We sang *Spirit of Gentleness* in dialogue with the sermon. We came forward to joyfully share the Lord's Supper. After refreshments, fifteen stayed for the fifth *Skills Training for the Journey* workshop.

Through much of my ministry, I felt that Easter was the high point of the church year. But living with a book introduced by the United Methodist Church thirty-five years ago, I'm realized that Easter is in the middle of the holy drama that starts with the Wednesday that begins Lent. The book's title is *From Ashes to Fire*. It took me through Lent into Easter and forward to our birthday—the birthday of the Church. It moves us from *I* to *we*! I've come to believe that

The Spirit of Pentecost gives us the power to live as Easter people.

The Spirit of Pentecost centers the reality of the risen Christ in us.

The Spirit of Pentecost brings me from the garden into community.

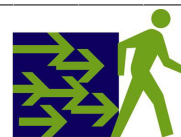
The Spirit of Pentecost can make serving Jesus our passion.

The Spirit of Pentecost makes our serving God's world possible.

Love in the power of the Spirit of Pentecost,

Pastor Bill

**IN CASE OF
PASTORAL
EMERGENCY**



Important News: Pastoral Emergency Care

If emergency care is needed, please contact Pastor Bill Doster at w.b.doster@verizon.net or call him at 201-501-8951.

A church officer checks the answering machine in the office daily when Cynthia is not scheduled to be in the office.

Worship

Summer is finally here, and July and August bring vacations, no school, swimming, beaches and just plain fun. Don't forget your church is also part of summer, and we all need that focus in our busy lives. Please try to make Sunday mornings at church the place to be for you and your family.

During July and August the Chancel Choir takes a break (we are still at church, just not in the choir loft). Please join the Worship Ministry in thanking the choir members for their lovely music and worship leadership each Sunday. Another big thank-you goes to Bill Hooper for his talent and continued devotion to FPCW, and we look forward to making music with him as we move forward through the summer and beyond. Pastor Bill has been a great addition to our choir, too. Thank you, Pastor Bill, for your versatility and talent.

If anyone would like to sing this summer...solo, duet, trio, etc. or even play an instrument, please let Nancy Popoloski know. Now is your chance to share the talent God has given you.

We want to also thank those of you who have been so willing to serve as liturgists, ushers, greeters, acolytes, communion servers and children's time leaders. You are all such an important part of our worship experience, and we couldn't do this worship work without our worship teams. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Please be safe this summer, and we will be looking for you Sunday mornings.




The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month. Please submit the news you want to share, to Cynthia on or before the 20th of each month at firstpres@frontiernet.net.



Chicken
success!

- to all the hard-working volunteers who helped make the Chicken Barbecue a success!

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Sundays - 10:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Lemonade on the Lawn

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

2	John Imperato	17	James Forsyth
3	Hillary Erchick	21	Sara Tyrrell
5	Amber Lomolino	23	Rebecca Cancel
6	Hayley Knips	26	Katherin Downing
9	Danielle Imperato	27	Hanora Sullivan
13	Amorianna Cancel	30	Adam Lipton
14	Sue Roosje	31	Nick Grounds

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12	Willy Cancel	27	Tyler Fuentes
17	Reagan Brockway	28	Janet Allen
18	Bill Cooke	29	Bob Miller
21	Heather Dunn		

The Source of All Love

Without the love of our parents, sisters, brothers, spouses, lovers, and friends, we cannot live. Without love we die. Still, for many people this love comes in a very broken and limited way. It can be tainted by power plays, jealousy, resentment, vindictiveness, and even abuse. No human love is the perfect love our hearts desire, and sometimes human love is so imperfect that we can hardly recognize it as love.

In order not to be destroyed by the wounds inflicted by that imperfect human love, we must trust that the source of all love is God's unlimited, unconditional, perfect love, and that this love is not far way from us but is the gift of God's Spirit dwelling within us.

"Bread for the Journey: A Daybook of Wisdom and Faith"
by Henri Nouwen

With blessings from the Nurture Ministry

Bible Quiz



What was the first plague God brought upon the Egyptians when Pharaoh refused to let the Hebrews leave his land?

- A. Water turned to blood
- B. Dense darkness for three days
- C. Death of all Egyptian firstborn males
- D. Swarms of gnats

Answer: A (See Exodus 7:20-21 ff.)



The Spirit Gives Life

Sisters in Spirit (SIS)

The Sisters in Spirit will gather in July to visit Valley View Center. We will present a program of patriotic songs and hymns. There will be email notification of the date and time. If you would like a phone call to receive this information please call Nancy Popoloski at 496-7117. We hope to see everyone for this very special event!

Amen!

The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax

“The Hundred-Foot Journey” by Richard C. Morais

Grandson of an entrepreneurial lunchbox deliveryman, Chef Hassan Haji tells of his rise to culinary success in Paris via Bombay, London, and a small town in the French Alps. With a fond, over-the-shoulder regard, he presents the lively family members, friends, and former foes who shaped him as a young chef, leading him to face his destiny and realize that cooking is not only in his heritage but also in his blood and bones. The novel floats along a bounty of vivid food imagery, a twisty-turny river of dishes Indian, French, and everything in between. With an obvious insider's knowledge of the restaurant milieu, journalist Morais delivers a world where Michelin stars determine not only the popular appeal of a restaurant but also the happiness of its executive chef. This novel, of mythic proportions yet told with truly heartfelt realism, is a stunning tribute to the devotion to family and food, in that order. Bound to please anyone who has ever been happily coaxed to eat beyond the point of fullness, overwhelmed by the magnetism of just one more bite. - a review from Booklist by Annie Bostrom

The Savvy Soul Sisters of Syntax have chosen this book for our next read and book club discussion. The date and location for our next meeting is to be determined. Anyone who would like to read this book and join us for discussion, fellowship and fun is welcome.

Board of Deacons

Food Pantry - The food pantry welcomes all donations. Needed for June will be: saltine crackers, hot and cold cereal, canned vegetables and canned fruit, canned or bagged beans, macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables and rice. Please add at least one of these items to your shopping list. Donations can be placed in the wicker basket outside Hazekamp Hall.

Coffee Hour Needs - All kinds of cookies are welcome. Thank you all for helping the Deacons keep the kitchen stocked!

Prayer Shawl - The Deacons are so happy to have this special ministry to help with their shepherding.

E Prayer Circle - Please contact Lois Dunikowski at lbd9999@hrc.rr.com if you have any prayer requests.

Emergency Use of the Church Building - If any person in our church family is without power, water, or heat, and needs to use the church as a safe haven, please contact your deacon shepherd so he or she can direct your need to the appropriate ministry elder(s).

The Deacons are very happy to serve the members of this congregation. Please let your deacon shepherd know if he or she can help you in any way. (There is a list posted on the bulletin board in the Denniston Room if you are not sure who your deacon shepherd is.)



Calendar of Prayer for our Congregations and Leadership

The endorsed calendar of prayer is a way for us to be united. It's an awesome responsibility and gift to pray for one another. To make our offering on behalf of one another. Each member congregation, staff member, elected servant leader, ministry team, and mission commitment of our Presbytery is represented:

Irvington-on-Hudson PC, Congregational Change Ministry, First Church Liberty, Lori Hylton-Hunger Action Enabler, Pleasantville PC, Stewardship Ministry, Greenbush PC-Blauvelt, Vision Ministry, South Salem PC, Candidates and Inquirers for Ministry, Palisades PC, Presbyterian Women, Lake Huntington PC, Holmes Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center, Livingston Manor PC, PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteers, Larchmont Avenue PC, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



VISION STATEMENT

*Together, we worship God through our
Study, Stewardship, Service, and Song.*

Call Cynthia at **496-3814** or send an e-mail to firstpres@frontiernet.net
to share your news with our church family!



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