

Horizons

JUNE 2010

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Pastor's Message

UNITY

²⁰⁻²³I'm praying not only for them but also for those who will believe in me because of them and their witness about me. The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind— just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, So they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me. The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified and together as we are— I in them and you in me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me.

John 17: 20-23

This section of scripture happens to be one of my personal favorites. In years past I have come to this passage when I have felt overwhelmed by troubles or hardships. Why it has been such help to me may not be readily apparent. There are no words about help in troubles or other such signs of encouragement.

What brings me encouragement comes from the fact that only hours before he was arrested Jesus thought of me. "I'm praying not only for them (the disciples) but also for those who will believe in me because of them and their witness about me." Of all the things Jesus could think to pray about he chose to remember those of us who would become his followers.

His prayer for us – that we would find unity. I found this comment from my reading to be very helpful:

"It helps, I think, to understand that the unity for which Jesus asks is not based on who we are, but on who God is. Jesus here does not pray for unity without also acknowledging the fundamental character of God: first, that God is one with Jesus Christ, and second, that God loves God's people in the same way that God loves Jesus. The unity for which Jesus prays is not dependent upon our ability to overcome division, but God's constant love for us in spite of it. There is a "we" of faith precisely because of the way in which God relates to each and every believer, not because of the way in which we relate to each other. Jesus is not praying for some monolithic expression of faith in which all believers believe the same things without variance. The "unity" here is not the absence of our disagreements. It is loving others in spite of them."

This doesn't mean that we become at ease in discord and dissent. Wherever there is discord, disunity, and division God's love is forever wearing down the walls that separate us. As we make this journey of faith together it becomes more and more clear that God loves each of us with the same persistent love. With God's help we grow to see others with and through His love. "*So that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them,*" Jesus said.

That Jesus would pray this prayer for me (and you) blesses me. That Jesus would want for me the same relationship he had with God brings peace to my heart. My prayer for us as a community of faith is that we can embrace this prayer and see the unity Jesus has prayed for us.

Pastor Teresa

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Pastoral/Staff Relations Committee

Our committee consists of Pastor Teresa (ex-officio), Nancy Losey, Fred Cox, Dot Cox, TBA, and Susan Fanella (Chairperson). The committee is selected by the church and the pastor.

1. We serve by taking concerns of our church to the pastor/staff.
2. We are an advocacy group for the pastor's leadership in the congregation, as well as, the positions of our secretary, choir director/organist and custodial staff.

Function of the Pastoral/Staff Relations Committee

- A. Understanding the Roles of Ministry
- B. Providing a communication link between the pastor and the congregation

This includes interaction with each other, as well as, affirming each other through communication and encouragement. If and when any differences occur, they must be negotiated as soon as possible.

A Note from the Chair...

All of us have worked hard at our jobs whether it is outside of the home or at home. We know how good it feels when someone notices our efforts and takes the time to express their appreciation.

On the other hand, I will not forget a time when one of my superiors, who did not want to go to a certain meeting, requested my attendance at the meeting by saying, "Find yourself there!". There are better ways to communicate.

Please approach one of us on the committee if you are concerned about an issue involving our pastor, secretary, music director/or custodial staff. I am looking forward to our time ahead.

Susan Fanella, Chair

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

June Fellowship Hour - We will not hold fellowship hour after worship this month due to the picnic.

July/August Fellowship Hours - July 18 & August 15 - Items for Womenspace will be collected

A list of items will be posted in the weekly bulletin

Beginning with the first Sunday in September, we will have Fellowship Hour each Sunday after the morning worship service as we strive to make our church a welcoming place to worship. The refreshments will be simple. Store-bought cookies, a cold drink, & coffee will be served. It is hoped that each church family will sponsor a Sunday. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex beginning in August.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The *World Circle, Beta Tau Kappa (BTK) and Sunshine Circle* will be meeting together this month on **Tuesday, June 22 @ 12 Noon** for their **Annual Covered Dish picnic** at the home of Betty Fling.

All church women are welcome!

No meetings in July & August, see you in September!



225th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Our first committee meeting will be held on June 2 at 8:00 pm to brainstorm ideas & make this celebration fantastic! *All who are willing to help are welcome to attend!* We would like this to be a BIG celebration and we need YOUR help to do this! Please try to attend and bring your ideas! *Fran Walter, Chair*



225th Anniversary Celebration - Homecoming Day, September 26th, 2010

Our June Offering

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. - Mark 12:31

Blankets+, will be collected on **June 27** in honor of Women's Sunday .

With **Blankets+** you can blanket the world with love! For more than 60 years, congregations across the U.S. have been responding to Jesus' call to be neighbor to those in need, in partnership with Church World Service. At home and around the world, your congregation is helping impoverished commu-

nities with the basic tools they need to sustain themselves and their families. When disaster strikes, people often need blankets - and much more. They need food, shelter, safe water. And, as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training, and other resources to help them rebuild their lives. Contributions to **Blankets+** mean that CWS is there for the long haul as families recover from a disas-

ter. And, we're helping families struggling against grinding poverty as they seek to develop viable, sustainable communities and livelihoods. At its heart, **Blankets+** means *you*. Each year, through your contributions, you and our congregation make this ministry of hope a reality for people in need the world over.

Please be generous in your support for **Blankets+**

All Church Family Picnic

COME ONE, COME ALL!

The entire church is invited to the annual All Church Family Picnic on **Sunday, June 13** at the home of Fran & Dick Walter immediately following the Children's Day Sunday service.



Everyone should bring along their Favorite Entrée, Side Dish or Summer Salad.

Hot Dogs & Desserts will be provided!

If possible, please bring a lawn chair.

Remember to bring a bathing suit & towel. The pool is open and ready to enjoy!

Thanks A Bunch

Many thanks to those who helped with the Mission Dinner on May 16! It was an enjoyable and inspiring evening. Pastor Teresa

My thanks to all who serve on the various church committees, thank you for this gift of sacrifice and service. Pastor Teresa

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Church Clean-Up Day

June 5, 9am - 1pm

Please see Dick Walter if you would like to help or if you know of any jobs that need to be done around the church.



Car Wash For The Community

July 10, 10am -2pm

We need help for all or part of that time.

Please see Nancy Cox or Pastor Teresa to sign up.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School

Our One Room Sunday School program has just about completed for the year, with the last Sunday being June 6th. As part of the program, children started worship time in the Sanctuary, then dismissed after the Children's message to Sunday School. The children enjoyed crafts, snacks, and other creative activities, in a classroom together, led by one of the Teacher Teams. At this point, we plan on continuing this program in September for next year.

If interested in helping and being a part of a Teacher Team next year, please contact any of the Christian Education Committee members. A Teacher Team consists of two adults who lead the lesson for the week, approximately once per month at this point, but could be less with more Teacher Teams. You don't need to be a teacher by trade, just have a love of our Lord and a heart for sharing with our children!

God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called!

Children's Day

This year's Children's Day will be on June 13th. The children and youth of our church will lead the entire worship service, beginning at 11:00 a.m. A special program on the Heifer Program will be presented, including highlights of the animals purchased through the Heifer Program, which are then sent to underprivileged countries. Chicks, goats, pigs, oxen, and llamas are just a few of the animals that are an important part of the program. These animals provide food, as well as other valuable resources, for the people in need who receive them, thanks to the support of our church and others who contribute. Be sure to attend this wonderful annual event in our church to hear more.

Following the worship service, the annual Church Picnic will take place at the home of Fran and Dick Walter. For those attending the picnic, please bring a covered dish in the form of a salad, side dish, or casserole. NO DESSERTS, please...these will be provided, as will the hot dogs. For those looking for a fun way to keep cool, the pool will be open for anyone who would like to 'take a dip'.

A huge thank you to the Walters, for their generosity in opening their home (and pool) for this incredible fellowship time each year.

Youth Group

Youth Group was on hiatus since March. During the next few weeks, we'll be in contact with youth group members to plan meetings in preparation for the Vacation Bible School program in July, as well as other possible youth group meeting dates. While we do not anticipate going on a Mission Trip outside of our area this summer, we do hope to meet and explore opportunities to serve in our community and surrounding areas.

For more information contact:

Scott Johnson (609-888-3919, sjohn261@optonline.net) or
Jackie Littleton (609-320-5096, sixlittles@yahoo.com).

Vacation Bible School

This year's VBS theme will be High Seas Expedition, and will take place from July 26-30, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. During the weekday evenings, the children (as well as the Youth and Leaders) will learn:

God's Word is True (Acts 12: 1-19)

God's Word is Comforting (Acts 27)

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God's Word is Surprising (Acts 28: 1-10)
 God's Word is life-changing (Acts 3: 1-4:12)
 God's Word is for Everyone (Acts 2: 42-47)

To register any child from age 3 through 5th grade, please contact the church office at (609)587-8585. For the opportunity to volunteer during this incredibly rewarding ministry, either as an adult Rotation Leader (snack, craft, music or recreation) or as a Teen Leader (6th-12th grade), please contact Scott Johnson (609-888-3919, or sjohn261@optonline.net) or Jackie Littleton (609-320-5096, or sixlittles@yahoo.com).

Baptist Camp Lebanon News

2010 Summer Theme, "Extreme Christian Makeover"

Summer Camp is at the heart of the ministry at Camp Lebanon. Children live in cabins, teaching them to live together and to experience the benefits of Christian community. There is regular worship and Bible study with an opportunity for commitment to Jesus Christ. One-to-one relationships with counselors reinforce Christian Values.

Skill development and recreation are also important. Campers are taught how to play games well, and also how to play for fun. A balance between competitive and non-competitive activities is maintained. Programs are geared to discovery and togetherness. Campers have numerous opportunities to create happy memories. While having fun at Camp Lebanon campers develop friendships and concern for the environment - all based on Christian Values. **APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: www.camplebanon.com**

BEST OF LUCK TO OUR 2010 GRADUATES!



Ashley Littleton is graduating from Hamilton High School West and will be attending Seton Hall University

Laura DelPrato is graduating from The Hun School of Princeton and will be attending the University of Richmond

Eric Major, grandson of Alan & Pat Seaman, is graduating from Hopewell Valley Central High School and will be attending the University of North Carolina - Greensboro
Congratulations!

**Newsletter Dead-
line**

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Beginning June 21 to August 27
8:00AM TO 12:00 NOON

The Choir's Corner

CHOIR PIZZA PARTY
Senior & Children's Choirs
June 3 at 6:00 pm
In Burke Lounge



SUMMER MUSIC NEEDED

Our Choir is off for the summer! So we are looking someone to sing during our Summer Worship Services
 If you have a special song you would like to sing, please call choir director, Karen Schenck 570-5024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2010 ABCNJ 40th ANNUAL SESSION

“Our Thriving Region: Growing in Health & Faithfulness”

Friday September 24 and Saturday September 25

The Hyatt Regency - New Brunswick
2 Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ
732-873-1284

Special Guest Speaker are:

Reverend Lisa Harris

Acting National Coordinator, Children in Poverty Initiative/Christian Center Relations ABC-USA

Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Johnson

National Director of Evangelism ABC-USA

Reverend Dr. George W. Bullard, Jr.

Ministry Partner & Strategic Coordinator with the Columbia Partnership General Secretary for the North American Baptist Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance

Reverend Andre Mfitumukiza

General Secretary, AEBR, RWANDA

Reverend Dr. Jenny Quey

Senior Pastor, Community Baptist Church, San Mateo, CA

Please see Pastor Teresa or Nancy Cox
if you are interested in attending

For more information go to: www.abcnj.net

Don't miss out on the blessings!

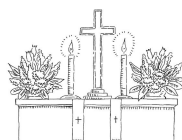
Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3: 12-14 (NIV)



To activate the prayer chain,
 please call Emma Bates at 587-5185
 or email Anna Venettone
 at bcae-1@verizon.net

The Scott, Swan, Cox, Phillips, Soto, &
 Harrison Families,
 Edwin Sonjor,
 Dick Walter,
 Geraldine Zeiter (Nancy Glitz's Mom),
 Paul & Debbi Hoover (Friends of the
 Losey's),
 Marcus Sonjor,
 Florence Wisn,
 Cheryl Glitz,
 Horace Scott,
 Grace Gazsi,
 Ethel Woodward,
 Margaret Trout,
 Karen Schenck,
 Bill & Pat Losey,
 Jim Gafgen,
 Devon Gamble.
 May we also pray for our home Baptists:
 Verna Cartlidge and her sister Dorothy,
 Viola Humphrey,
 Betty Bretz,
 Dot Reichard,
 Arleine Meyer,
 Bea Stadler,
 Maggie Hoxie,
 and Bette Dobronte.
 Kyle McGonigal (Walter's grandson in
 Afghanistan) and all troops serving in
 Iraq and Afghanistan.
 Those seeking employment.



Pulpit Flowers

June 6
 2 Open Vases

June 13
Congratulations!
To Terri & Mark
On Their Wedding!

June 20
In Honor of Father's Day
In Memory of
Ethel & Elmer Everett and
Charlotte & Franklin Burkert
By Dave & Carol Everett

June 27
In Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. George Tindall
By Lillian Smith
One Open Vase

To order flowers
 please call
 Gary Hogentogler
 at 838-0555.
 Leave your name &
 phone number.

Birthdays

- 2 Tom Snyder
- 3 Keith Graser
- 4 Albert Fullman
- 4 David Walter
- 8 Dick Swan
- 9 Karen Hawkins
- 9 Joe Monople
- 10 Nancy Apai
- 12 Henry Drift
- 15 Emma Bates
- 17 Dennis S. Berleth
- 18 Jill Luciano
- 19 Bea Stadler
- 20 Dolores Rigley
- 20 Tina Shropshire
- 24 Julie Fanella
- 26 Jackie Littleton
- 27 Becky DeBeau
- 29 Ruth A. Hervey

Anniversaries

- 2 Rick & Belinda Walter
- 19 Alan & Patricia Seaman

Happy Father's Day!

What Makes a Dad
Submitted by Hope Burd

God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family's need.
 Then God combined these qualities;
 When there was nothing more to add,
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it-Dad.

Author Unknown

Serving Us In June

June 6
 Lay Leader: Anna Venettone
 Greeter: Emma Stype
 Communion Setup: Fran Walter
 Servers:
 Fran & Dick Walter
 Betty & Elijah Hutchinson

June 13
 Children's Sunday

June 20
 Lay Leader: Gary Hogentogler
 Greeter: Ann & Bill Dix

June 27
 Lay Leader: Jennifer Snyder
 Greeter: Lois Stuller

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am - Adult Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

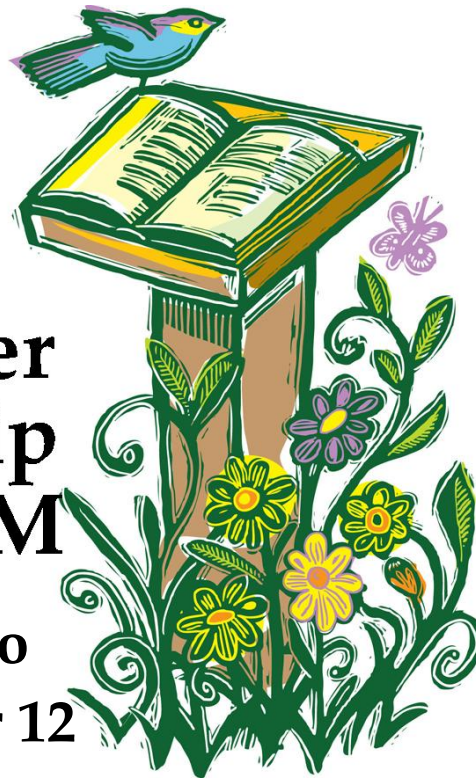
Sunday school during worship service

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:30 Soup Kitchen 7pm - Prayer in Burke Lounge	2 Scholarship Appl. Due 7:30pm Admin. Meeting 8pm-225th Anniv. Comm	3 ABW Annual Conf. 6pm - Choirs Pizza Party	4 ABW Conf	5 ABW Conf. 9am-1pm - Church Clean- up Day
6 Communion Sunday 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00 Worship (last Sunday for Senior Choir)	7 5pm - Childrens Choir Practice 7pm Worship Comm Mtg.	8 7pm - Prayer in Burke Lounge 7pm - Property Comm. Mtg	9 7pm - Executive Board Mtg	10	11	12 3:00 pm Terri Toudouze & Mark Dunlap Wedding
13 Children's Sunday 11:00 Worship (last Sunday for Children Choir) Picnic at The Walter's after service.	14	15 7pm - Prayer in Burke Lounge	16	17	18	19 One in Christ Youth Sympos- ium @ Camp Lebanon
20 Father's Day 10am Summer Worship begins	21 <i>Summer begins</i>	22 12Noon -BTK Picnic @ Betty Fling's home 7pm - Prayer in Burke Lounge	23	24	25	26
27 Women's Sunday 10am Worship CWS Blanket Offering	28 7pm - Christian Educ. Mtg.	29 7pm - Prayer in Burke Lounge	30			

Summer Worship 10:00AM

June 20 to
September 12



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