

Horizons

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May 2010



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Pastor's Message

Faith Helps us float

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

I've been thinking about walking on water a lot lately. No, it's not something I plan on trying anytime soon. But I have been thinking about what the story means for us in day to day lives. I went back and looked at the text. You've got a boat full of weary disciples in the middle of the lake. When they see Jesus on the water there is general panic – they think he's a ghost but after Jesus calms them, Peter challenges Jesus, "if it's really you ask me to come to you."

At Jesus' call Peter jumps onto the water. He starts out fairly well – he's actually walking on water. Until the wind picks up and the water gets rough. Then he panics and starts sinking. He cries for help and Jesus comes to Peter's aid. I think we all too often see Jesus' next statement as a reprimand. "Oh you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus isn't trying to shame Peter – Jesus wants Peter to think about the event. Peter was walking on water – until he was distracted by the wind. He took his eyes off Jesus.

The challenge Peter faced is one we will all face – being able to hold on to our faith when the winds of life start to blow. What Peter needed to do was simply keep his focus on Jesus. Had he maintained focus, trusted that Jesus was going to continue to help him, it would have been all right. The same is true for us when the winds of life pick up - trust Jesus. The faith part is remembering that Jesus is out there on the water with you. We tend to believe that when life gets rough Jesus has left us. The opposite is the truth. In the midst of the storm Jesus is calling us to come to Him.

Believing in God and having faith in His love for us doesn't mean we won't struggle. God's presence, through the Holy Spirit is always with us. Our challenge? Not letting the struggle, whatever it may be, distract us. It's not easy, but we can build our faith. Commitment to prayer and walking with God daily will strengthen our faith and faith will help you float.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Teresa

Women's Circle Meetings This Month

All women in our church family are invited to join us for one or all of our meetings!

Beta Tau Kappa - Tuesday, May 25. Join us at 12:00 noon for a Sing-a-Long with Nancy Ott with her accordion. Bring a sandwich to the Burke Lounge, our hostesses will provide a beverage & dessert.

World Circle - Wednesday, May 4, 2-4:00pm in Burke Lounge - Making table setups for TASK

Sunshine Circle - Wednesday, May 26, 7-9:00pm - Making White Cross Squares (cutting bandages)

OUR GIVING CALENDAR FOR 2010

Offerings will be collected the 2nd and 3rd weeks of each designated month, unless otherwise noted.

April - America for Christ 4th Sunday & 1st Sunday in May

May - Missionary Program/Dinner May 16

June - Blankets (in honor of Women's Sunday) 4th Sunday

July - VBS Mission

August -None

September - One Great Hour of Sharing

October - CROP and collecting items for Trenton Psychiatric Hospital

November - World Mission Offering - October 31 and November 7

December - Christmas Stockings; other seasonal offerings

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Emerging Scholar Awards from ABCNJ

Applications for scholarships are now available in the narthex **or** online at abcnj.net. Click on the Ministries tab for the drop down menu and go to Emerging Scholar Awards. There you will find information on the application procedures, printable applications and deadline information.

Calvary Baptist Memorial Scholarship & Miriam & John Tyndale Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the above mentioned scholarships are available in the narthex.

HSBC Applications are due back by June 2, 2010



The Pastor Will Be Away

On vacation May 19 -23

At a conference - May 24-27



Secretary's Vacation

May 10 - 14



CHOIR PIZZA PARTY

SENIOR & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Thursday, June 3 at 6:00 pm

Burke Lounge.



News from Tulsa...HELLO

I am still hanging in. Having a little trouble with my writing . My sight and my legs are bad. Try to walk as much as I can, but they still are bad. Do some exercises but it really doesn't help.

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TASK

DID YOU KNOW...

- Doctor Kathryn Morris visits TASK twice a month to meet with TASK patrons individually.
- TASK distributes approximately 100 hygiene kits each week.
- TASK supplies all textbooks and school supplies free of charge to students in our Adult Education Program.

From the Secretary's Desk...

Please let us know if you are planning to move to a new address. Post Office Bulk Mail regulations now require that all bulk mail be sent to a valid recipient/address. We are presently using RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED (the most cost effective choice) for our newsletter mailing . If the recipient no longer resides at the present address, it is returned to us with a First Class mail charge. We strive at keeping our records current and appreciate your attention to this matter.

If you are planning to move, please call the church office at 609-587-8585 or email us at hamiltonsqbapch@optonline.net and let us know your new address.

Thank You,

Rosanne Meister, Administrative Assistant



Counters Needed -- We need additional volunteers to help count the money after church. The counting process takes about 10-15 min, and you will receive training. If we get a few more volunteers, each counter will only have to count about once every 4-6 weeks. See Nancy Cox or Jackie Littleton if you are willing to help.

THANKS A BUNCH...

To: Bill Giampolo and his crew for "Lighting Up the Church". Great Job, Well Done!

Newsletter Deadline
May 20.

DIRECTORY UPDATE
Hope Burd
29 Meadow Lakes Apt 01
East Windsor NJ 08520
609-426-6153



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Easter



The Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast were a huge success! The children enjoyed a breakfast of bagels, munchkins, fruit salad and juice, followed by Craft Time. Following the craft, the fun proceeded outside for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, where there was a race to find hidden eggs, filled with candy, and, of course, the search for the Golden Egg. The children know the finder of this special egg will be the recipient of a very special gift basket (put together by Janell Wassum... thank you Janell!!). This year's winner of the special Easter Basket was Ian McQuigg. Congratulations Ian! And a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a huge success!

Sunday School

Our One Room Sunday School program continues, with children starting worship time in the Sanctuary, and being dismissed after the Children's message to Sunday School. The children enjoy crafts, snacks, and other creative activities, in a classroom together, led by one of the Teacher Teams.

If interested in helping and being a part of a Teacher Team, please contact any of the Christian Education Committee members. You don't need to be a Teacher by Trade, just a love of our Lord and a heart for sharing with our Children!

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

Youth Group

Youth Group is still reviewing opportunities for a Summer Mission Trip. Age limitations and the schedules of youth and adults have created some challenges. We will keep you posted as to our progress in this area.

For more information contact:

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

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 Project will be presented, including highlights of the animals purchased through Heifer International, 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 and hamburgers. 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

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incredible fellowship time each year.

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)
- 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)

Watch for more information on how to register any child from age 3 through 5th grade, and for the opportunity to volunteer during this incredibly rewarding ministry! Volunteers of both adults to lead the rotations, as well as youth 6th – 12th grade to lead the children between rotations, are needed.

Community Service Project Riverview Estates

Flower Planting Day, on Saturday, May 22, 2010 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Volunteer Teams will be needed for our Flower Planting Day event. We hope to have many teams with us for this one



day event to plant 100 flats of flowers. This makes a wonderful community service project for student and church groups. A box lunch is provided. Service hours provided. Register your group now.

For more information or to register email: opal@riverviewestates.org or call (856)829-2274 Ext. 150- Riverview Estates 303 Bank Ave Riverton, NJ 08077 www.riverviewestates.org

Women's Conference & Retreat

Sponsored by ABW Ministries of NJ

June 3-5 2010 - 3pm Thurs - 7pm Sat

Harvey Cedars Conference Center, 12 Cedars Ave., Harvey Cedars, NJ
www.stepsofffaith.org

Praise & Worship, Fellowship & fun with sisters of the Lord. Powerful Bible Study led by the Rev. Karen Selig. Engaging music led by Toni Benecchi & Judy Skeels, ABC-USA missionaries Ray & Adalia Schellinger. A variety of practical work shops. Time to swim in the pool, meditate at the dock, or walk on the beach.

Early Bird Registration (by May1) saves \$10.

For information, contact Rev. Dee Dee Turlington at 908-233-2778 or dd.turlingtonfbc@verizon.net

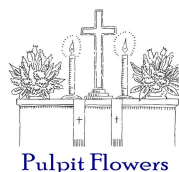
For registration questions, contact April Van Ness at 609-585-5296 or conflady@aol.com





PRAYER REQUESTS

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



Pulpit Flowers

Birthdays

- 3 Jacob Shropshire
- 5 Ruth Hampton
- 8 Nathan Freyman
- 10 Ruth Kulkarni
- 12 Elizabeth Bretz
- 17 Mary Ann Sliwa
- 18 Cindy Urbany
- 22 Joan Bowker
- 25 Harry Bittner
- 26 Miriam Kulkarni
- 27 Phoebe Moncada
- 28 Dick Walter
- 31 Katelyn Cubberly

Anniversaries

- 7 Joyce & Elmer Carson
- 19 Dave & Debbi Freyman
- 20 Terry & Janell Wassum
- 22 Drew & Lou Ann Bowker
- 28 Betty & Elijah Hutchinson
- 31 David & Carolyn Everett

Geraldine Zeiter (Nancy Glitz's Mom),
 The Black Family (Friends of Pastor Teresa),
 Paul & Debbi Hoover (Friends of the Losey's),
 Leonard Dix,
 Marcus Sonjor,
 Florence Wisn,
 Nancy Losey,
 The Sliwa, Phillips, Soto,
 & Harrison Families,
 Cheryl Glitz,
 Horace Scott,
 Grace Gazsi,
 Ethel Woodward,
 Margaret Trout,
 Karen Schenck,
 Olivia (Nancy Glitz's friends daughter),
 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,
 Dick Swan,
 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.

May 2
2 Open Vases

May 9
In Honor of
All Mothers
By the Beta Tau
Kappa Class

May 16
2 Open Vases

May 23
2 Open Vases

May 30
2 Open Vases

What a wonderful way to remember some special or commemorate a happy occasion! To order flowers for the pulpit, please call Gary Hogentogler at 838-0555. Please leave your Name & phone number.

On the Lighter Side...submitted by Janet
 The sign by the minister's parking spot at a church in Senath, Missouri, cleverly kept parishioners moving:
"You Park, You Preach."

Serving Us	
<p><i>May 2</i> Leader: Keith Graser Greeters: Charlotte & Armit Harrison Communion Setup: Denise Niclas Servers: Denise & Ed Niclas Nancy & Sonny Losey</p>	<p><i>May 16</i> Leader: Linda Jusiewicz Greeter: Nancy Glitz</p>
<p><i>May 9</i> Leader: Joe Monople Greeter: Nancy Losey</p>	<p><i>May 23</i> Leader: Jeff Shropshire Greeter: Don & Gloria McCarty</p>
	<p><i>May 30</i> Leader: Grace Gazsi Greeter: Bud Woodward</p>

Sunday Schedule

9:30 am - Adult Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

Sunday school during worship service

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Communion Sunday</i> <i>America For Christ Offering</i> 7pm - Youth Group	3 1:45 pm - "The Shack" Book Review-Burke 5pm Children's Choir Practice	4 3:30 Soup Kitchen 7pm Prayer in Burke Lounge	5 2-4pm World Circle -Burke 7:30 pm Administrative Committee	6 6:30 Choir Practice	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 7pm - Youth Group	10 Secretary Vac. 5pm Children's Choir Practice	11 Secretary Vac. 7pm Prayer in Burke Lounge 7pm Property	12 Secretary Vac. 7pm Executive Board Mtg.	13 Secretary Vac. 6:30 Choir Practice	14 Secretary Vac.	15
16 Fellowship Hour after Worship Ministry Program Dinner 7pm - Youth Group	17 5pm Children's Choir Practice	18 7pm Prayer in Burke Lounge	19 Pastor Teresa Vacation	20 Pastor Teresa Vacation 6:30 Choir Practice	21	22
23 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Pulpit Supply Rev. Familiaran Business Mtg after Worship 7pm - Youth Group	24 Pastor Teresa Away 5pm Children's Choir Practice	25 Pastor Teresa Away 12pm BTK - Sing-a-Long 7pm Prayer in Burke Lounge	26 Pastor Teresa Away 7-9:00pm Sunshine Circle	27 Pastor Teresa Away 6:30 Choir Practice	28	29
30 7pm - Youth Group	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed	Looking Ahead... June 2 - World Circle Picnic @ 2pm at the home of Betty Fling June 3-5- ABW Annual Conference @ Harvey Cedars June 13 - Children's Sunday Worship Service -All Church Family Picnic June 22 - BTK Picnic @ 12noon at the home of Betty Fling July 26 - 30 - Vacation Bible School				



*Congregational Business Meeting
 May 23, 2010
 following worship
 Pulpit Supply - Rev. Elmo Familiaran
 will join us for worship
 and the meeting to share the
 Health & Faithfulness Survey results*

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