



The Friendly News

The First Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights September 2016



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Once there was a church that had a problem. That was not unusual; all churches do -- some big, some little, some medium-sized.

And the members of the church decided to hold a meeting to discuss the problem.

Lo and behold, EVERYONE showed up.

SOMEONE thought that the problem was insurmountable. But EVERYONE else thought otherwise.

Actually, EVERYONE (well except for SOMEONE) thought that the problem was such that ANYONE could handle it. If only they could find SOMEONE to do so.

And EVERYONE looked around the sanctuary to see if they could find that SOMEONE who could.

But EVERYONE saw NO ONE who could.

And while EVERYONE was discussing the situation, SOMEONE walked in the back door of the church. He was very quiet and unobtrusive as he sat in the back pew and listened.

And since EVERYONE was discussing the problem the church had, NO ONE saw this stranger.

EVERYONE was too busy discussing solutions and ideas and suggestions that NO ONE seemed to be able to find SOMEONE to do.

Which is when that SOMEONE moved

up from his pew, sat quietly next to SOMEONE, and whispered in his ear: 'Are you SOMEONE or NO ONE?'

He continued to move around the sanctuary, whispering the same thing in EVERYONE'S ear.

NO ONE actually saw him.

But EVERYONE heard him.

And pretty soon, EVERYONE was standing up, offering to do this or that or whatever it was that had to be done to solve the problem.

And EVERYONE realized that a problem that could be solved by ANYONE would be solved if EVERYONE chose to be SOMEONE.

Over the years, problems continued to arise in that church. But when they did, EVERYONE was willing to be the SOMEONE who would do what ANYONE could.

NO ONE remembered that SOMEONE who entered their meeting on that fateful day.

But I can tell you this, wherever HE was, HE was smiling.

In Christ, John

Arby's to help church raise cash

From 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, we are holding a fundraiser at the Arby's restaurant on Route 45, across from the Acme supermarket.



Our church will receive 15 percent of all the proceeds collected during that time. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for food, fellowship, and help us earn a little extra money for our current expense account.

September Birthdays

1 -- Connie Harley
 1 -- Nicole Good
 4 -- Dorothy Simcox
 5 -- Matt Geserick
 5 -- Paul Milio
 8 -- Gary Kuehnafel, Sr.
 9 -- Adam Lott
 12 -- Zachary Swanson
 15 -- Garrett Ternowj
 17 -- Helen Geserick
 21 -- Margaret Schneeman
 23 -- Brad Gilmore
 28 -- Rachel Eachus
 28 -- Carol Lex



Anniversaries

10 -- Walt and Kay Pierson
 12 -- Joe and Carol Martino
 11 -- Beth and Clay Cary
 14 -- Gary and Diane Kuehnafel
 18 -- Mike and Tracey Urion
 19 -- Jim and Shirley Golding

Sorry if we missed your special day

If you celebrate your birthday or anniversary in September and you don't see your name on our list, please send your information to whpresby@comcast.net or call the church office at (856) 845-0139 so we can include you.



Congratulations to Dani and Rob Guerra on the baptism of **Jaxson Nolan**.

Congratulations to Dorothy Simcox, our oldest member, who turned 100 on Sept. 4.

Get well wishes are sent out to **Bob Rebyak, John Battle, Bill Reim, Lois Cooper, Dorothy Johnson, Geri Sincavage, Denise Pitchford, Kayla Geserick, Kay and Walt Pierson, Joy and Dick Love**, and **Bill Sharp**, who had had health issues/surgery this summer.

Best wishes to **Karen and Charles Bagnell** as they begin the next chapter of their lives as they move to southern Delaware. Thanks to both of them for all they have meant to our church. We will miss them greatly!

Congregation to meet Sept. 4 to add two Session members

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbury Heights is called for immediately after our 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 4, in the sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting is to fill two unexpired vacancies on Session, elect a chairperson of the Financial Review Committee and transact any other business as may properly come before the congregation.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, we will return to our 11 a.m. worship schedule.

Rally Day will be held at 9:30 a.m. that day for all Sunday School classes. Our 11 a.m. worship service will be a praise service, filled with inspirational music as well as several important announcements about upcoming events.

That night, we will be having a community Pray for America service at 7 p.m.

With a presidential election on the horizon, with racial issues that have troubled our nation, with the threat of ISIS on our shores, and with countless other issues we are facing, we need to gather and ask God to bless our nation.

It will be a service of music, prayer, Scripture and reflection.

We hope all of our members (or as many as possible) will join us that night.

Because it is a community service, invite family, friends, and neighbors! And something special (two things at least!) will be added that night.



Sept. 4: *Christology 8. The Suffering Servant*

Sept. 11: *Black Friday Morning*

Sept. 18: *Spirit Spots*

Sept. 25: *Laodicean Christians*



Enjoy your summer! The Deacons do not meet in July and August, but we are always in service to you, visiting and providing assistance where needed. Call the church office if you need us!

Drivers needed:

A mass email was sent this summer to ask for drivers for a Presbyterian “uber” group. At times, some of our members need assistance getting to doctor’s appointments ... please contact the church office, Rev. Shedwick or Joyce Woodrow if you wish to be a “stand-by” driver on a list we can turn to if the need arises. Many Deacons cannot always be available, so we are asking for help.

News:

- **Communion:** Communion was served to 75 folks on Aug. 21. Next communion: Oct. 2.
- **Youth Deacon:** Sydney Sheehan is almost finished with her one-year term ... thank you, Syd!! Please contact Rev. Shedwick if you know of another youth who is able to fill this position in the fall.
- **Blood Drive:** See Joyce Woodrow if you wish to give blood from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11.
- **Greeting cards:** A report will be given after our meeting on Sept. 27.
- **Food collection** for July was 71 items and for August it was 50 items. Year to date: 596 items collected. Thank you!!
- **Food items for September:** Canned juice, tea, coffee and/or crackers. Of course these are only suggestions – all non-perishable food is welcomed!
- **Visitations:** A report will be given after the Sept. 27 meeting.

Upcoming events:

- Sept. 11** – Back to 11 a.m. service, Rally Day for Sunday School. And special service at 7 p.m. for 9/11.
- Sept. 18** – Mission Sunday, coffee hour after service
- Oct. 2** -- Communion
- Oct. 11** – Blood drive in Fellowship Hall from 2 to 7 p.m.

General information:

- **Pew etiquette:** Please recycle paper in the basket in the Narthex. GREEN PAPER is for little doodlers ... and please take your scribbles with you. We have had some chuckles reading some funny and not so funny writings left in the pews. Thanks!
- **Prayer requests:** Rev. Shedwick initiates prayer requests and informs Joyce Woodrow to send mass emails and Kathy Pedicone to make phone calls to folks who do not have email. If you are not getting a call or an email, please inform the church office.

Ongoing events/programs:

- * **Gift cards** for the ShopRite and Acme Food Markets – see Joyce Woodrow after service.
- * **Being Green:** Recycling Sunday Bulletins -- please continue placing your bulletins in the basket in the Narthex.
- * **Photo directories** were placed in the pew racks ... please enjoy them, but do not remove from your pew racks ... thank you.
- * **Children’s** reusable doodle pads, toys and books for service are available in a bin in the Narthex.
- * **Food Collection** – thank you for continuing this ministry!

**Please continue placing your donations in the green offering envelopes!
And most importantly: Please inform us of anyone needing assistance or a visit.**

God Bless - In Christ’s service, your Board of Deacons:

Steve Antosky, Liz Billings, Cassandra DeFinizio, Steve Elliott, Nancy MacDermott, Judy Milio, John Pedicone, Kayleigh Reim, Andrew Reynolds, Margaret Schneeman, Peg Schoen, Dottie Shedwick, Sydney Sheehan, Ada White, Joe Williamson and Joyce Woodrow, moderator



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“For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

Proverbs 2:6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Worship, 10 a.m.; Congregational meeting	5	6 Esther Circle at Daugherty residence, 7 p.m.	7	8 Bell choir practice, 6:45; Sanctuary choir 7:45 p.m.	9	10 Men's group breakfast, Piston Diner, 8:30 a.m.
11 Rally Day 9:30; Worship, 11; Pray for America service, 7 p.m.	12 PrimeTimers picnic, Red Bank Battlefield, noon	13	14 Fundraiser at Arby's, Route 45, 4 to 8 p.m.; Budget meeting, 7 p.m.	15 Bell choir practice 6:45; Sanctuary choir 7:45 p.m.	16	17
18 Sunday School, 9:30; Worship, 11; Mission Fair noon	19	20	21 Mission meets 6:30 p.m.; Session, 7 p.m.	22 Bell choir practice 6:45; Sanctuary choir 7:45 p.m.	23	24
25 Sunday School, 9:30; Worship, 11	26	27 Deacons meet 7 p.m., annex	28	29 Bell choir practice, 6:45; Sanctuary choir 7:45 p.m.	30	

Sunday School, nursery spruced up and ready for fall

Your Christian Education Committee has been hard at work this summer, and we want to share with everyone what we have done -- and what we plan to do.

We are excited to be offering a nursery during the Sunday School hour. Two people have volunteered to help, but we need more. This nursery will be in the classroom near the church nursery.

We also have cleaned up the toys in the church nursery and gotten rid of the old or broken ones. We have a schedule for nursery volunteers. Of course, if anyone else would like to volunteer, please see Bonnie Dawson or Jeanne Mangano.

We now have a bulletin board for choir and Sunday School schedules. We will also post photos and special news or announcements there.

On Rally Day we will talk about service to our community, and the children will write letters and color pictures to give to our firemen, police officers and soldiers.

Several of the teachers will be using new study plans, and we are excited about that. Our Youth Group, under the guidance of Megan Geserick and Tracey Urion, is planning some great things as well

Our classrooms are clean and our teachers are getting ready for another exciting year. We invite everyone to visit and see what your youth are doing. More Sunday School helpers would be welcomed.

Mission Fair will be Sept. 18 after worship

Many thanks to everyone who donated water and/or backpacks this summer.

The bottled water was appreciated during this very hot summer. The children are sure to love their new backpacks filled with supplies to get their school year off to a good start!

We are looking forward to Sept. 18, which is Mission Sunday. A Mission Fair will follow the worship service that day in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Shedwick has arranged for representatives from various agencies to tell us how we can help others in our community. A light lunch will be served.

The next date for Cathedral Kitchen is Monday, Oct. 31. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mary Kay Reynolds at (856) 803-4068.



Always busy

Those in our church found lots of ways to keep busy in August. The Baby Boomers (top) enjoyed a pool party, while a church wind ensemble played during Aug. 28 worship.

Photos: Joyce Woodrow and Mary Kay Reynolds



PrimeTimers overwhelmed by strength of ‘Samson’

Fourteen members of our PrimeTimers group car-pooled to the Sight & Sound theatre in Lancaster, Pa., to see the show "Samson."

On the way, we stopped at the Dutch Way restaurant near Gap, Pa., for a lunch buffet. Paul Milio made a few remarks about upcoming events and reminded us of church members who needed our prayers.

After lunch, several members of our group enjoyed a quiet time sitting on the rocking chairs on the restaurant porch before leaving for Lancaster. At the famous Gap Clock, we made a left turn, which took us through a less-traveled section of the beautiful Lancaster County countryside and to our destination.

In the Sight & Sound lobby, there was a replica of the temple pillars where Samson used his power to collapse them and kill the Pharisees. It is here that many of our group had their pictures taken testing their strength against the pillars. We tried, but we could not bring the walls down.

The show was exciting with something going on all around us most of the time. It really kept our interest with the action and humor. We were eagerly waiting for the last big scene when the walls come tumbling down. We certainly were not disappointed with that spectacular event.

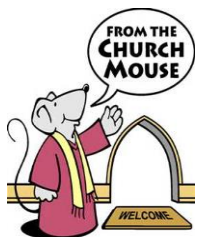
After the show, Judy Milio provided everyone with a bottle of water and a snack. Then we happily drove home with pleasant memories of a near perfect day.

When these Presbyterians work, church mice can't sleep!

Grandpa tells us a story almost every night. These are stories told and retold through all the generations of our Mouse family. We are historians.

There is a window in the nursery that is perfect for my afternoon nap. One day back in 1955, I was deep in sleep when there came a terrible racket. My curiosity got the best of me, so I sat up to investigate.

Lo and behold, I saw Phyllis Davenport sitting atop a monster machine that was running across the lawn. She is using this vehicle to cut the grass! How terrible for me and my sweet summertime slumbers! As if the noise from her old rotary mower were not enough. Now I will have to endure this! Progress. Bah, humbug!



1980: For the third time this week, my daily activities have been interrupted by young Bobby Shunk working on the church grounds. Last week, his dad, Bob, patiently explained to him that while his dedication to our church property was very admirable, the grass does not **need** to be cut three times a week!

2010: Is there no way a mouse can get some sleep around this church! It's one o'clock. The perfect hour for a religious rodent to grab some Z's. But no! Here comes Phil String with his noisy mower, clippers and whistle! Who whistles while they work? Seems these Presbyterians do!

