

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Louis Mitchell

The Session has received the following people into church membership: Joseph Alfano, George Andrews, Jo D. Sechler Andrews, Julie Kim, Stephen Kim, Anita Mc Manus, Ken Rossman, Alaina Waters and Michael Waters. They have participated in our Inquirers' Class, where they have learned something of the belief and practice of God's people in this place. They are here to declare their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

C: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Do you trust in him?

C: I do.

L: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word and show his love?

C: I do.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed*

L: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTION (to the new members)

L: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

C: I will.

WELCOME

L: These sisters and brothers have been received into full and active church membership. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

L: Let us pray:

P: Eternal God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, along with you and the Holy Spirit, we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 18: 23-35	Gretchen Stults Pew Bible pg. 20
ANTHEM	<i>“Mighty to Save”</i>	Laura Story Children’s Choir
SCRIPTURE	Colossians 3: 8-13	Pew Bible pg. 201
SERMON	“The Freedom of Forgiveness”	Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>“Tis A Gift To Be Simple”</i>	Arr. Anna Page Bell Choir
Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Rev. Anderson

HYMN #119 (Hymnal)* *“The Strife Is O’er”*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Minister:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise. [The Minister continues.]

God is praised for the history of faithfulness shown to God’s people. The congregation then joins the celestial choirs and all the faithful of every time and place to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues with thanksgiving for the life and work of Jesus Christ. The Words of Institution are recalled. The elements are set apart for their sacred use, and we offer ourselves to God's service. Then, this response:

According to His commandment:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The presence of the Holy Spirit is sought, as well as God's blessing on our lives. The prayer concludes with a Trinitarian doxology.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We will eat the bread individually when served. We will hold the cup until all have been served and then partake together. All baptized Christians, whatever your denomination or tradition, are invited to share with us in this holy sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN #106 (Hymnal)* *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE* *"Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* Sicilian Melody
Bell Choir

POSTLUDE* *"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"* 15th-cent. carol,
(Puer Nobis Nascitur) arr. Roger C. Wilson
Organ

***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to one of the greeters or pastors after worship for more information or if you would like to be contacted by the Outreach Committee please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red "friendship pad".

Childcare is provided during worship. Children from birth to age 2 may be taken to the infant room, and children age 3 through Kindergarten are welcome in the toddler room. Laurie Davis is the Nursery Coordinator (MusicMomNJ@comcast.net).

Our congregation is very happy to have children participate in worship with their family as part of our church family! "Worship bags" containing quiet faith activities are available in the narthex for children to enjoy during worship.

Hearing devices are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

Gluten free bread is now available. It will be in a small cup or area in the center of the bread trays which are passed throughout the aisles.

Friends, as we prepare for worship, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Communion Servers are Caren Anuszewski, Martha Donovan, Marlene French, Gaylord French, Bev Gilbert, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Marie Perrine and Craig Vandenberg.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given by John and Carol Sprout in memory of loved ones.

Head Usher is George Arsnow.

After Service Greeters are Bub and Barbara Danser.

Coffee hour is hosted by the fifth and sixth grade Sunday School classes.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to become part of the "chain" of church members who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please contact the church office at (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Liz Callaway; Everett Campbell; the Cassidy family; Lil Conley; Martha Davis; Arlene Duran; John Henzler; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; Carol Sprout; Dorothy Swec; Cathy Vogen; Anna Wahler; Lindsey Warne; Mildred Watts and Doris Wiegartner.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darwin's daughter, Cindy; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Dorothy Klotzbeacher's daughter, Nancy Varga; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; church treasurer, Art Pellichero and his wife Linda; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's niece, Kaitlyn; Leslie Vandenberg's brother, James Danek; Cathy Vogen's aunt, Dani Ratkelis and Margo Wegner's neighbor, Dan Szalus.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

Prayer Requests in the Bulletin: *In order to keep the prayer request list up to date we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.*

- Please be sure to sign the "**Pipeline to Session**" cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give "kudos" as well!

Birthdays of Distinction: John Sprout on May 6 and Craig H. Gilbert on May 10. **Happy Birthday!**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Adult Classes during Sunday School Hour (9:15-10:15 a.m.)

April 22 - May 27 Join Spencer Bruno in Room 1 at 9:15 a.m. on "The Meanings Behind the Gospel Miracles."

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

VBS stands for ... Vacation Bible School!

SonRise National Park is this year's Vacation Bible School theme; expect an exciting week of fun and wilderness adventure! Join us on the woodland trail beside the wildflower meadow, for lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts and yummy snacks while children learn how Jesus can make a difference in their lives every day.

What: "SonRise National Park" Vacation Bible School

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury

When: Monday, July 30 - Friday, August 3

Time: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Who: Kids entering 4 year old preschool through 6th grade; all are welcome!

Cost: \$20/child*

Why: Young explorers will develop long-lasting friendships with each other and VBS guides during five days of discovery. SonRise National Park VBS will take your kids beyond what they can explore with their senses to discover a living spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This summer, point your kids toward Jesus at SonRise National Park VBS, where kids will learn the most important survival skill of all; they can always depend on Jesus! "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

Registration: Registration has begun! Forms are available on-line at www.cranburypres.org. Forms can also be found in the church office and on the table near Janice Parker's office. Registration forms may be brought or mailed to the church: First Presbyterian Church, 22 South Main St., Cranbury, NJ 08512. Get your registration in now! **Registration will conclude on May 29.**

VBS needs your help! To ensure that we can deliver the children an inspirational and educational adventure, we need your help! If you're available to help in any way, please contact one of the directors listed below.

Lead or assist as a VBS Guide and Bible Study Leader (lesson plans and crafts are provided); Oversee or assist with Recreation Activities; Oversee or assist with Snacks; Oversee or assist with Decorations

Also, coming in May, please help us defray our VBS costs by purchasing snack and/or craft supplies through our Giving Tree. Here's how it works; take an "ornament" off the tree, purchase the item listed on the card, and place it in the donation basket located next to the tree. Please look for the tree in Fellowship Hall beginning in early May.

We hope you and your children can join us at SonRise National Park VBS, for an unforgettable experience of discovery that will bring everyone closer to Jesus. For more information or questions, visit the church website (www.cranburypres.org) or contact either director: Daune Arsnow (448-6181) or Cassandra Khazem (448-7425). * **Scholarships available;** please contact the church office to discuss.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

Church Directory - If you had your photo taken for the new church directory, we have a copy of the directory for you in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Please stop by and pick up your copy!

~~ CPNS ~~

The Cranbury Police Department will be visiting CPNS on Monday and Tuesday. We will learn about safety and that the police officer is our friend. It's always fun to see the Police car and all the equipment that our Police Officers carry with them every day. As part of our curriculum regarding community helpers, the Cranbury First Aid squad will visit with our 4/5-year old classes on Friday.

Teacher Appreciation week is also this week and our CPNS families are having a lunch for our teachers on Tuesday. We really appreciate all the delicious food they make to share. Our teachers this year are Annette Briffa, Rosellyn Cassidy, Jennifer Colonna, Laurie Davis, Wendy delaRosa, Pam Dressel, Kathy Edwards, MaryEllen Glynn, Sara Grande, Kathy Iorio, Dorothy Klotzbeacher, Sheila Morrissey, Kelly O'Keefe, Janice Parker, Debbie Petro, Linda Protinick, Denise Reilley, Eileen Sahli, Patty Skapyak and Kathy Wiseman. If you see them, please thank them for their love and dedication they share with all of our children at CPNS each and every day.

Our last discussion group of the year will be on Wednesday, May 9 from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Please join us as we share information, and discuss the topic "Extending Your Child's Learning through the Summer Months". We hope you will be able to join us.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at 609/655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

Our CPNS Summer Program registration has begun and classes are filling. If you are interested, please register today. Children that are

entering our 3-year-old program up to children entering first grade are eligible to attend.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: The Association of Christian Women in the Cameroon is trying to help livelihoods improve. In village congregations women will often organize fieldwork together, each woman signing up for the number of acres she wishes to plant. Together the women organize and pay the youth in the church to clear the land. Day after day the women work as a group in one field and then another and another until all the fields have been tilled and planted. Later they will harvest together. The hard work of tilling the soil with a hand hoe is made easier when done side by side in community, and the sense of community is one of the fruits of the Association of Christian Women.

Looking Ahead to Mother's Day - This year our church is giving you the opportunity to help protect and restore the health of women and children in Africa by supporting Healthy Women Healthy Families, a year-round PC(USA) ministry. In exchange for donations to the Healthy Women Healthy Families, we can honor the women in our families with Mother's Day cards. For example, \$10.00 will pay for both prenatal care and delivery in the Congo. A clinic visit for a child costs about \$2.00. A \$10.00 donation will provide a mosquito net and malaria prevention education. These beautiful, specially designed Mother's Day cards are on sale now, by contacting Becky Huselid at rhuselid@bhassociates.com or Anne Gordon at kgordon22@comcast.net. **CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR.** Please plan ahead and think of honoring all special women in your life with the gift of life.

MISSION MATTERS: How does Presbyterian World Mission engage in mission effectively? By focusing on three critical global issues: 1. We will identify and address the root causes of poverty, particularly as poverty impacts women and children; 2. Together with other members of Christ's Body, we will share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ; and 3. We will engage in reconciliation amid cultures of violence, including our own.

Here, briefly, is the story of Sharon Curry, Presbyterian Mission Co-Worker in Malakal, South Sudan, specifically in the little town of Akobo. Sharon writes of the wonderful two and a half weeks she spent there before the violence and unrest made it necessary for the general secretary of Akobo Presbytery to send her away to a safer place. But what memories she took with her: She had the time of her life getting to know everyone, meeting with church leaders, learning the language and getting to know people. She was getting to know the women, learning to communicate with them through a whole lot of laughing over her blundering efforts to learn their language. She participated with the townspeople in their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations, the worship of the "new baby Jesus", singing dancing, praying and worshipping. It is to be hoped that conditions will change so that Sharon can return to Akoba and continue her friendship and Christian love to her neighbors.

~~ PENTECOST OFFERING ~~

Here it is May and in May we Presbyterians celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost (which, in ancient Greek, meant the fiftieth day) was a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel which celebrated the giving of The Law on Sinai. In the Christian liturgical year, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the remaining 11 disciples. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday. It also falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday. Chapter 2 of The Acts of the Apostles describes how the apostles and other followers of Jesus were visited by the Holy Spirit on this day and were given the ability to speak in other languages. Visiting Jerusalem at that time were Jews from every nation under Heaven. The news of Jesus and his Resurrection was thus able to be spread throughout the world.

In the Middle Ages, cathedrals and great churches throughout Western Europe were fitted with a peculiar architectural feature known as a Holy Ghost hole; a small circular opening in the roof that symbolized the entrance of Holy Spirit into the midst of the assembled worshippers. Holy Ghost holes would be decorated with flowers, and sometimes a dove figure lowered through into the church while the story of the Pentecost was read. Holy Ghost holes can still be seen today in European churches such as Canterbury Cathedral.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule: May 7, May 10, May 14, May 17, May 21, May 24, May 28 (no class), May 31

Please note - Senior exercise on **May 10 will begin at 9:45 a.m.**

Senior Fellowship will go on a trip to attend the organ concert at the Princeton Chapel on Thursday, May 10. Following the 30 minute concert, we will stroll across the quad to the University Library to view their exhibit: "Capping Liberty". When the American Founders declared independence in 1776, a major task was creation of coinage, finding suitable bullion, setting a monetary system and providing minting capability. Founders had to choose images to represent their ideals. Franklin, Jefferson and Washington were leaders in this task. This exhibit tells the story of American coinage through coins, medals, bank notes, related books, manuscripts and graphic arts from the Princeton University collections.

The star will be the 1792 half dime pattern, the first coin minted by the US gov't. minted from silver reputed to have been supplied by George Washington. Fewer than 2,000 were made. Other rare exhibits are 4 issues of 17th century Massachusetts silver shilling, 2 tin continental dollars of 1776 and a 1794 Flowing Hair 14 star silver dollar. To view photos of the exhibited coins go to www.astahl@princeton.edu. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. for a brown bag lunch. Soda, water and cookies will be provided. As soon as we finish eating, we will make a quick departure for the chapel. If you would like to attend this trip and you are not on our Senior Fellowship call list, please preregister with the church office at 609-395-0897 by Monday, May 7.

Opportunity for Service - Please help - Senior Fellowship is a great mission of our church that tries to create a sense of community for senior citizens. This program is run totally by volunteers. For this program to continue, we need your help. We could use people who are not senior citizens as well as senior citizens to be on the programs and trips planning committee. We meet about 5 times a year at 10:00 a.m. in the library on a day most of us agree upon to select trip destinations or program speakers. We make a yearly schedule and plan the details. Committee members help by setting tables, distributing beverages and assisting people as needed or acting as chaperones on trips. You do not need to help with all the trips, just what you can fit into your schedule. Our programs and trips are on weekdays and range from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. depending on the program. If you would like to join our committee, please contact Connie Bauder or the church office at 609-395-0897 and we will contact you.

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 5/6(Team #1) and 5/13(Team #2)

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

May 6 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group in the McKnight Room, make signs for our bake sale and play Quoits on the South Lawn if the weather is nice!

~~ CALENDAR ~~

May 6, 2012 - May 13, 2012

Sunday 6	9:00a Inquirers' Class Breakfast - FH 9:15a Christian Ed all ages (Classrooms/Lib./McK Rm) 10:30a Worship with Communion and New Member Recognition followed by coffee hour 11:45 Library Committee - Library 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice- upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-McK Rm 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn
Monday 7	10:00a Senior Exercise 1:30p Martha's Circle - Lib. 7:30p Brass Choir 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 8	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Rm 10 10:00a-2:00p CPNS - FH/Kit 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 7:30p MS&G Meeting-Lib. 7:30p Youth Ministry Committee Meeting-Church Office 7:30p Stewardship & Finance-Church Office 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wed. 9	9:00a Session Material Due 7:30p Bell Choir
Thurs. 10	9:45a Senior Exercise 11:00a Sr. Fellowship brown bag lunch followed by trip to Princeton Chapel - FH/VAN 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 11	9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office
Saturday 12	

Sunday 13	(Mother's Day/Ascension Sunday) 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McK Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4p-5p Cranbury Scout Band Practice-upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-McK Rm
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