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Bill's Reflections

*Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord
through which the righteous may enter.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
The Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

Psalm 118 is one of the church's Easter Psalms. It paints a vivid picture of festival celebrations at the temple in Jerusalem, and the joy felt as "the stone the builders rejected" becomes the cornerstone. In ancient Israel, these words gave hope to the wounded and broken people of Israel. As its people suffered under successive military occupations and less-than-exemplary kings, this psalm pointed to God's promise of a messiah who would liberate the kingdom of Israel from foreign rule and restore its fortunes.

Today we hear these same words of a rejected stone as an allegory for Jesus, who was executed as a criminal on Good Friday, but rose from the grave three days later bringing new life into the world.

Easter—with its glorification of Jesus' death and resurrection—is a holiday marked by paradox. In the

events of Holy Week, when God becomes most vulnerable and when God is most deeply wounded, we glimpse the deepest truth about who God is. And through these deep wounds the possibility of new life is made known and available to all people.

Parker Palmer reflects on the tension between the pain of Good Friday and the joy of Easter using the image of a broken heart. There are, he says, two ways to think of a broken heart. The first is a heart, "broken by unbearable tension that shatters into a thousand shards—shards that sometimes become shrapnel aimed at the source of our pain."

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Another way is to “imagine that small, clenched fist of a heart ‘broken open’ into largeness of life, into greater capacity to hold one’s own and the world’s pain and joy.” This, Palmer suggests, is what happened on Good Friday. “It was on the cross that God’s heart was broken for the sake of humankind, broken open into a love that Christ’s followers are called to emulate.”

As we journey through this Easter season and reflect on what Jesus’ death and resurrection mean for us today, let us all pause and consider where we feel this same tension in our lives. How have you been wounded? And how do you see God at work tending those wounds?

In what ways is God inviting your heart to break open for others?

As our world continues to struggle with the polarization of its politics and fear continues to govern many of our decisions, Easter comes once again. It reminds us that ours is a God who embraces fear and brokenness, bringing wholeness and new life from their very midst. Let us rejoice today and be glad.

Quotes from Parker Palmer’s *The Politics of the Brokenhearted*

Applause, Please!

Nicole Izaguirre, daughter of Jany Izaguirre, was a First Place winner at the Rondo Young Artist Competition celebrated in New York City in early March. She was selected to perform at Carnegie Hall in the Rondo

Young Artist Vanguard First Place Winners’ Concert on April 7th. Nicole is currently a student of Mannes School of Music in New York and is studying piano under the direction of Lora Tchekorotova.



APRIL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

From the April 18, 2017 meeting at 7:00 pm



The meeting began with Jonathan Shelby leading devotions

Pastor's report:

- 13 Pastoral Calls, 15 Administrative/Committee Meetings
- Podcasts of sermons are now online
- Has been asked to serve on Presbytery Coordinating Team
- Looking forward to Messy Church this Saturday
- Presented updated Building Use Policy. Motion made to accept the new policy. *Moved, Seconded, and carried.*

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Adult Education (Julia Buteux):

We now have a Sunday Speaker Series questionnaire for congregants to make suggestions and/or requests for speakers. To be dropped in the offering plate.

Youth Education (Don Richardson):

- Messy Church – set for Saturday, April 22nd.
- Preparing for vacation Bible school run by Susan Fisher this summer, June 21-23

Congregational Life (Jen McCann, absent): Organized Easter breakfast and is preparing for Messy Church

Finance (Keith Wood):

- Phase 3 has started on the sanctuary.
- CME space is vacant. Continuing to look for a tenant.
- Have been looking for a chair of the Crossroads Society with no takers. Keith has decided to run it himself due to its great importance to the church. Planning on having speakers on estate planning and other events to increase interest.

Administration/Communication (Tom MacCowan):

After an update, a Motion was made to upgrade the current Church software, not change to Alexio. *Moved, seconded, and carried.*

Building & Grounds (Tom Ewig):

- Still seeking 3 bids to pave parking lot. Cummins will service our generator for \$1622/yr. out of the operating budget. Volunteers put up a split rail fence, mulching, and painted at the manse.
- Water suppression system now fixed for sprinklers
- Manse pool almost ready for painting.

Membership (Jane O'Keeffe):

Planning a wine and cheese party at Jane's house on May 11th at 7:00. Bill has put together a good list of invites. Session members are also invited to attend.

Mission & Outreach (Eileen Urban):

- Presented the 2017 Gift Proposal list.
- Mental Health dinner is May 2nd for about 25 guests. We still need entertainment

Nominating (Tom MacCowan):

Lisa Chapman has agreed to join the Nominating Committee, replacing Barbara Gill. Sandy Finlayson and Lisa will have to be confirmed by the congregation.

Personnel (Carol Vellekamp):

Seeking more nursery volunteers to help during Sunday service. Faith Winow's granddaughter, Kit, will be assisting.

Worship and Music (Peter Saulnier, absent, Bill Stone reported): Pursuing new hymnals, about 200 needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Keith raised the idea that Session members attend the Presbytery meetings. They are important and enlightening about what other churches are up to and also to learn the big decisions of the Presbytery.

Reverend Stone adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jonathan Shelby, Clerk of Session

Mission and Outreach Focus: Mrs. Wilson's House

"Our mission is to provide compassionate, comprehensive treatment and housing for women who are seeking services for alcoholism, drug addiction, and co-occurring disorders. We strive to provide quality services that facilitate their responsible and successful recovery and re-entry into the community"



The Mission and Outreach Committee is delighted to announce that FPCNV will now be supporting Mrs. Wilson's Halfway House. Mrs. Wilson's was founded as a private, non-profit organization in 1976 by three visionary women; Judy Knowlton, Ethel Finley and Doris Vandeven. These women saw a need for a residence that provides structure, discipline, guidance, and support for women in early recovery from substance abuse. The house takes its name from Lois Wilson, wife of Alcoholic's Anonymous co-founder Bill Wilson. It is a home where women begin to learn to live life without alcohol or drugs. The Corporate name, Alfre, Inc., derives from the phrase "alcohol free," a condition the founders were striving to ensure.

Mrs. Wilson's specializes in women's services providing individual, couples, group and family therapy. Licensed counselors integrate complementary methodologies and techniques with traditional 12-step work to offer a highly personalized approach tailored to each client in halfway house, intensive outpatient, and outpatient settings. With compassion and understanding, they work with each individual to help them build on their strengths and attain the personal growth they are committed to accomplishing.



Mrs. Wilson's House Geranium Plant Sale

Saturday, May 13th

10 am-2 pm

56 Mt Kemble Ave
Morristown, NJ

www.mrswilsons.org





The Congregational Life Committee Is Hosting An Hawaiian Luau Church Picnic

Sunday, May 21

Immediately following worship

Pulled pork, huli huli chicken and beverages will be provided. Members are asked to bring a salad/side dish or a dessert. Please sign up A.S.A.P. in Chorba Hall.



We Need Your Assistance

We all need to be good stewards of the church buildings. As our utility bills are running above budget, we ask that you be mindful of the following.

- 1) please ensure all lights are off if you are the last one to use any of the buildings
- 2) please do not touch the thermostat; it is programmed to a determined comfort level
- 3) please do not open any of the windows when the heat or air conditioning is on
- 4) please turn off any kitchen appliance immediately after use

Thanks for your understanding.



Mother's Day Pantry Sale

Sunday, May 14 at Coffee Hour

The Deacons are holding another Pantry Sale, featuring such items as soups, stews, salads, salad dressings, homemade bread, cookies, candies, and other baked goods. Pick something up for that special woman in your life or simply enjoy the homemade goodness that our Deacons provide us with. All proceeds will benefit the PIN Fund.



THE CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Presents

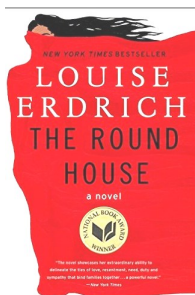
**A Mother's Day Piano Recital
Sunday, May 14 at 3:00 pm**

Featuring
Students of the
MK Institute of
International Piano,
Accompanied by
Min Kwon



**Free
Admission**

FPCNV Book Club



May Selection:
The Round House
by Louise Erdrich

The Round House won the National Book Award for fiction.

One of the most revered novelists of our time—a brilliant chronicler of Native-American life—Louise Erdrich returns to the territory of her bestselling, Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Plague of Doves* with *The Round House*, transporting readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family.

Riveting and suspenseful, arguably the most

Meeting Dates and Book Selections

Where: Library

When: 7:30 pm

MAY 9 *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich

JUN 13 *A Confederacy of Dunces*
by John Kennedy Toole

New members are welcome.

accessible novel to date from the creator of *Love Medicine*, *The Beet Queen*, and *The Bingo Palace*, Erdrich's *The Round House* is a page-turning masterpiece of literary fiction—at once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history, and culture.

- Amazon.com



Adult Education Sunday Speaker Series

Hans Dekker

Giving Trends in New Jersey
Sunday, May 7, 11:15 am

Hans Dekker, president of the Community Foundation of New Jersey since 2003, will discuss the interaction of NJ estate/income taxes and their impact on charitable giving in New Jersey. During Mr. Dekker's tenure, the Foundation's donor and legacy funds have made over \$348 million in grants to charitable causes in our communities.

Highlights of the Community Foundation's work in New Jersey include human trafficking awareness, juvenile justice reform, and public media. Mr. Dekker is a past chair of the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers and a trustee of the Hyde and Watson and the Ohl Foundations.



Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 7

Immediately following worship

With Gratitude to Our Volunteers!

Our volunteers were in full swing in April, weeding, raking, and general cleanup work around the manse. They also installed a split rail fence to protect the septic system from damage. Thanks also go to the Flower Committee for their horticultural activities.

Todd & Grant Claytor	Lisa Chapman
Ann and Tom Ewig	Ann Ewig
Olin Friant	Ann Talcott
Pam Kerschner	Carol Vellekamp
Russ MacAusland	Patti Wood
Mike, Taylor, & Zach McCann	
Tony Rodriguez	
Bill Stone	



Music Scholarships For High School Juniors & Seniors

First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon offers scholarships to High School juniors and seniors with notable musical talent and music reading ability. **The successful candidate will receive \$500 toward his or her education.** This scholarship, available to singers and/or instrumentalists, offers the chance to cultivate small-ensemble performance and music reading skills, and to work with professional musicians, learning about what it means to be a professional, working musician. Opportunities for solos are also possible, but not required. This is an ideal opportunity for the student considering a college major or minor in music. Specific responsibilities and expectations are:

- Attendance Sundays at pre-service rehearsal (9-9:45 am) and service (10-11:15 am).
- Participation in three Sundays out of each month is required, meaning one Sunday each month may be missed to accommodate other extra-curricular activities.
- Participation in one Christmas and one Easter service is also required.
- The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 pm, and attendance at these rehearsals is optional.
- Occasional Thursday evening rehearsals will be required leading up to Christmas and Easter.
- Adequate preparation of service music is required. Students will be expected to correctly and confidently play/sing their part.
- This scholarship covers the academic school year, September-June. There are no choral activities in July and August.

If interested, contact Music Director Martin Sedek at:
martin@martinsedek.com to schedule an audition.

Messy Church



Highlights from Messy Church!

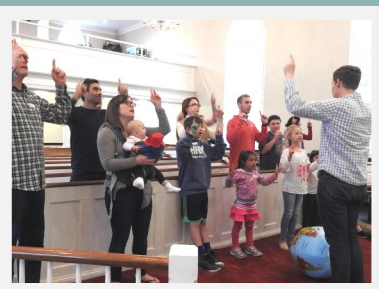
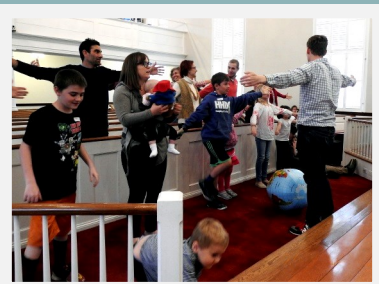
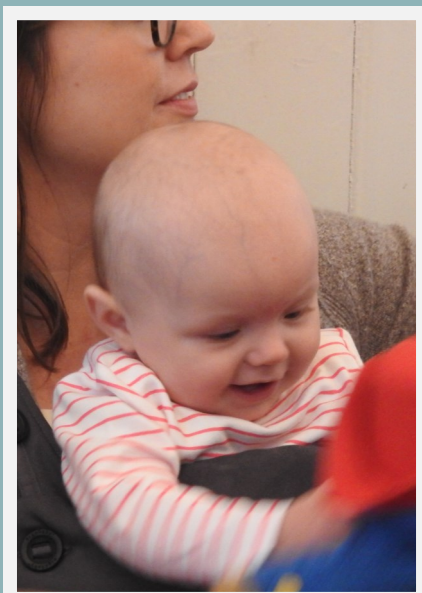
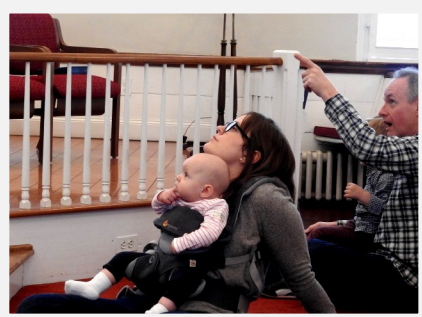
This month Messy Church fell on Earth Day and so we took inspiration from the story of creation in *Genesis*. Crafts included pipe cleaner insects, primordial slime, a globe of handprints, a green photo booth, and fruit kabobs.



Messy Church



Many thanks go out to our photographers, Bill Stone and John Thomas.



After our activity time we gathered in the sanctuary for songs, a video, a Bible story and a chat with Reverend Stone.



We finished with a delicious meal . Thank you everyone for making this event a huge success.



Morris Habitat for Humanity Invitation to Women to *Women Build Homes in Dover*

Women in Morris County are invited to join Morris Habitat for Humanity in volunteering and celebrating Women Build. Following the great success of Habitat's Women Build Week, dates have been set for Women Build events throughout the year. On these special days, Morris Habitat is asking women to volunteer with other women from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. No training is necessary, so it's a great way to learn some new skills, bring a group or friends and/or team up with other women in the area.

Women will be working on two homes on Harding Avenue in Dover. The upcoming dates are:

Monday May 8th to Saturday May 13th

To volunteer on one or more of these dates or all year around contact :

Director of Volunteer Services, Stephanie Sayki

Stephanie.Sayki@morrishabitat.org

or call 973-891-1934 X103.



Next Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, May 10

7:30 am

at

**The Nautilus Diner
Madison, NJ**

*All men of the Church
and their guests
are welcome.*

Next Movie Night



Wednesday, May 10

7:00 pm

at the Chaney's'

Featuring:

Silence

In 17th-century Japan, the Tokugawa shogunate is determined to rid the country of Western influences, starting with the Catholic Church. When two Jesuit priests from Portugal arrive looking for their mentor, they face persecution and violence.

Please arrive by 6:45 -
movie begins at 7:00 pm.

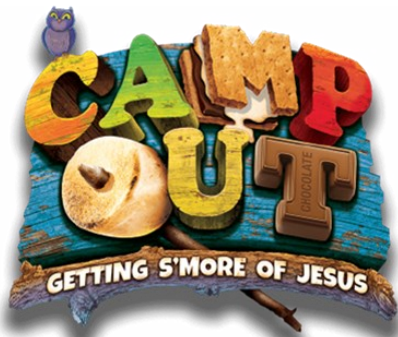


Graduates Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 11

During the Worship Service and at Coffee Hour

The Youth Education Committee has designated June 11 as Graduate Recognition Sunday, (High School/ College, etc...). There will be a special time of recognition and blessing for our graduates during the service and a celebration in their honor at Coffee Hour immediately following worship. Please make sure your graduate is included by emailing Debbie by June 4 at deb.pcnv@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendars! Save The Dates!
Get Your *Camp Out* On!

June 21-June 23
4:00-6:00 pm

Join us for three evenings of fun as campers discover that Jesus is the light of the world through Bible adventures, games, activities, and projects.

Camp Out will be held Wednesday, June 21–Friday, June 23 from 4-6 pm in Fellowship Hall for Preschool (ages 3-5) through Grade 4. Volunteer opportunities for Community Service are available for Middle and High School students.

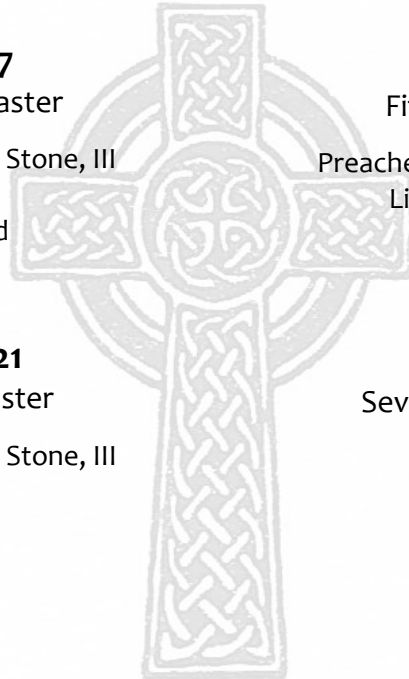
Please contact Susan Fischer at shfischer@verizon.net if you are interested in volunteering.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	2 MCMH Social Club Dinner 6:30-8:30 pm	3	4 Youth Education 7 pm	5 AA Meeting noon	6 Session Retreat 9 am-4 pm
7 Worship 10 am COMMUNION Cinco De Mayo Coffee Hour 11 am Sunday Speaker Series: Hans Dekker 11:15 am	8 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	9 Women's AA Step Meeting noon Deacons 7 pm Book Club 7:30 p Library	10 Men's Break-fast 7:30 am Movie Night 6:45 pm	11 Bible Study 9-10 am New Member Event 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	12 AA Meeting noon	13
14 Worship 10 am Deacons' Pantry Sale at Coffee Hour 11:00 am	15 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm	16 Women's AA Step Meeting noon Session Mtg. 7 pm	17	18 Bible Study 9-10 am NV Garden Club 9 am Choir 7:30 pm	19 AA Meeting noon	20
21 Worship 10 am Confirmation Hawaiian Luau Church Picnic after worship	22 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	23 Women's AA Step Meeting noon	24	25 Bible Study 9-10 am Membership Committee 5:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	26 AA Meeting noon	27
28 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am	29 Church Office Closed No Women's Bible Study Memorial Day	30 Women's AA Step Meeting noon	31			

May Worship Plans



Sunday, May 7

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III
Liturgist:
Russ MacAusland

Sunday, May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III
Liturgist: Zach McCann

Sunday, May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Preacher: Ref. William H. Stone, III
Liturgist: TBA

Sunday, May 28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Preacher: TBA
Liturgist: TBA

Help the Adult Education Committee Meet Your Needs and Interests

Please fill out and place in offering basket

SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES:

Topic(s) I am interested in:

I can suggest a speaker. Name and contact details:

After worship on Sunday is the best time for Adult Ed programs:

Agree Disagree Other:

New Hymnals

Our music and worship committee is considering new hymnals for use in worship. PCUSA's Newest hymnal, published in 2013 is called, *Glory to God*. It includes a mix of traditional favorites, more contemporary hymns, and worship music from other denominations around the world. We have already been using some music from this hymnal in our Sunday services. As we continue to consider *Glory to God* we would love your input! Please list your five favorite hymns on the form below and submit them to the Church Office by May 31st.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, May 2

Outreach Social Club Dinner

Saturday, May 6

Session Retreat

Sunday, May 7

Cinco De Mayo Coffee Hour
Sunday Speaker Series: Hans Dekker

Sunday, May 14

Deacons' Pantry Sale

Sunday, May 21

Hawaiian Luau Church Picnic

Monday, May 29

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

E-mail Addresses

The Church Office is still collecting and correcting members' e-mail addresses. If you would like to be included in various e-mail mailings, please e-mail officeadmin@pcnv.org or call 973-538-8394.

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