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Bill's Reflections

It's now October, and if you haven't already started, you need to begin putting some serious thought into your halloween costume. This year Ewan has already been through three iterations of costume design and finally settled on astronaut. Maisie remains undecided, but whatever she is, will definitely be wearing pink. And Isla is an unknown as she has outgrown the two costumes we bought for her last month.

Halloween is a chance when children and adults alike can spend a day being anything they want. We put on costumes—some very complex and other thrown together at the last minute—and go out into the world, trick or treating or attending parties. And there's this general understanding that everyone is in on the joke. For this one day it's ok to pretend.

Whether or not we're dressing up at Halloween, we each play different roles at different times in our lives, and sometimes those roles come with a mask. Many things go into making up our persona, the version of ourselves that we present to the world. Sometimes, however, there can be dissonance between this persona and the person themselves. This begs the fundamental question of identity—who are you really?

As he wrote his gospel, Mark was trying to help his congregation answer this same question: "Who are you?" Will you, he asks, define yourselves negatively by excluding and attacking others? Or will you find an identity grounded in an active commitment to further God's work in the world for all people?

In our modern world, there are sadly many things that rob people of their identity, that deny their value and belonging in our society. And in an effort to hide these perceived shortcomings, many of us put on masks.

There's the person who seems to always be smiling and says yes to volunteering at every community event, but is secretly struggling with depression.

There's the person who you've never seen smile—who most people give a wide berth, because they do nothing

but complain, but who is actually lonely and wants nothing more than company.

There are the perfectionists—struggling to hold themselves together, but afraid of appearing weak.

There's the couple everyone admires, whose marriage is falling apart...

As people around the world watched Dr. Ford's testimony in Washington and the media coverage surrounding it, many people who have been silently carrying the pain of sexual violence were moved to come forward and share their own stories. And as they took off their masks we have all become increasingly aware of the painfully broad scope of sexual assault in our country.

I wonder what it would look like if the church became a place where we didn't have to wear these masks.

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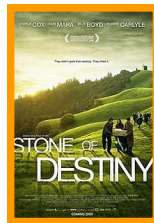
Faith Winow

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How would it change our community and our faith if we could really be honest about who we are and the demons we are fighting as individuals and as a society?

Jesus challenge to the disciples is a challenge to us as well. Here in this place we have an opportunity to model a different way of living. To put away our masks for a while, and be honest about who we are and the burdens we are each carrying. Doing this affirms that our true identity and value are found not in the trappings of culture—belonging to the right club or having it all together—but in our adoption as sons and daughters of God.

My prayer is that we would all have the faith and the courage to be ourselves and to live into our God given identity every day of our lives.

**FPCNV Movie Night: *Stone of Destiny***

Wednesday, October 3 @ 7 pm

At Margaret and Roger Greenway's
59 Shale brook Drive, Morristown

Stone of Destiny is a 2008 Scottish-Canadian adventure/comedy film written and directed by Charles Martin Smith and starring Charlie Cox, Billy Boyd, Robert Carlyle, and Kate Mara. Based on real events, the film tells the story of the removal of the Stone of Scone from Westminster Abbey. The stone, supposedly the Stone of Jacob over which Scottish Kings were traditionally crowned at Scone in Perthshire, was stolen by King Edward I of England in 1296 and placed under the throne at Westminster Abbey in London. In 1950, a group of student Scottish nationalists succeeded in liberating it from Westminster Abbey and returning it to Scotland where it was placed symbolically at Arbroath Abbey, the site of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath and an important site in the Scottish nationalist cause.

RSVP to Roger @ argreenway1@me.com

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7 at 10 am

On Sunday, October 7, you are invited to bring those special members of your family referred to as your pets for our traditional blessing of the animals. Please bring your dogs, cats, birds, and whatever creatures, great or small, for a blessing that will take place at the beginning of the Worship Service.





SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights from Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Meeting 7:00 pm

The meeting began with Eileen Urban leading devotions



Clerk's Report: Read email from the Resourcing Coordinator of Newton Presbytery, Rev. Robin Miller Curras. She offered to run a workshop on Missional Ministry Practices. It was agreed to follow up and move this forward.

Pastor's report:

- A group of three ladies wishing to start a preschool called the Deep Roots School filed an application for use of the Fellowship Hall basement. After lengthy discussion, Session voted to approve of Deep Roots' building use request with a two-year lease, using the space "as is."
- Bill presented an updated Building Use Policy from the ad hoc Building Use Committee that approves requests. Changes made allow for-profit organizations & individuals to use our facility subject to committee scrutiny. Approved as presented.
- Session approved a three-week pulpit exchange with Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie of Edinburgh, Scotland (2019 summer).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adult Education (Martha Coy): Showed the new brochure for speakers in 2018-2019. Last Sunday's speaker on "End of Life Doulas" was very successful.

Youth Education (Don Richardson): Sunday School had kickoff Sept 9. Volunteer Appreciation night will be Sept 20. Messy Church on Saturday, Oct 20.

Congregational Life (Jenn McCann): 185th Anniversary Celebration is this Sunday; will need Session attendance and assistance. The Session will also be responsible for the Easter breakfast April 21.

Finance (Keith Wood):

Semiannual audit was completed. All went well. Reported on robust August revenues, almost \$55k. Projecting operating deficit of \$12,900 for the year; advised Session to watch expenses for remainder of year. New renters, the Finkels, will move into the brick manse on Sept 24 for six months with an additional six-month option.

Buildings & Grounds (Tom Ewig):

4 Lee's Hill and Fellowship Hall: need to install a wave system and a water softening system to handle mold and hard water, respectively. Finishing work in the brick manse to prepare it for occupancy. The new septic for 16 Lee's Hill is coming in under budget, hope to finalize at \$46,000. Working on an air conditioning system for the manse.

Membership (Jane O'Keeffe):

Patti Wood and Janet Bruns have been working on membership rolls and the duration of members' years with the Church. Caroline Ford has been working on uploading the pictures taken by the photographer in June to Servant Keeper and anticipates using this for an updated membership directory. We are hopeful that people who didn't have a photo taken or are unhappy with the result will provide their own.

Mission & Outreach (Eileen McDonald):

Jersey Cares summer project went well for student backpack and school needs. Meeting Wednesday to organize for the MHA dinner on October 23. Want to involve church kids in preparing goody bags for the event.

Stewardship (Tom MacCowatt):

Organizing the Committee for the 2018 campaign; kickoff Oct 21 and ending Nov 21. "Growing Together, Rooted in Faith" will be the campaign theme for this year. Met with a consultant to explore improvements to our stewardship campaign. Session approved \$1,000 to pay for her services.

Worship and Music (Peter Saulnier):

Still working with Marty on choir recruitment. Asking Session to make the same outreach as above to members who might be interested in joining the choir. May consider a children's choir and/or bell choir.

NEW BUSINESS: Communion will be celebrated Sunday, October 14th and served by Tom MacCowatt, Jenn McCann, Jonathan Shelby, and Carol Vellekamp. Adjourned with prayer by Bill Stone at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jonathan Shelby, Clerk of Session

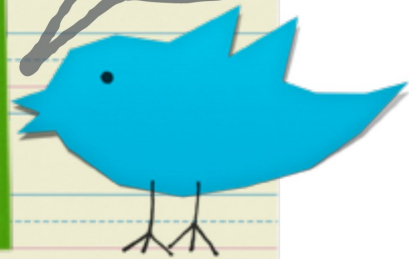
RESUMES
Oct 10th!

JOIN US FOR

TODDLER TIME!



Check out our
NEW location!



Are you at home with little ones?

Are you looking for a place to connect with other parents or caregivers in the community?

First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon (FPCNV) is excited to host **TODDLER TIME**, a play group for children (under 5) and the adults who care for them.

We'll meet every Wednesday at FPCNV in Chorba Hall 1:30 - 3:30pm (drop-in).

Cost is FREE and no church connection is needed.

WHERE:

**First Presbyterian
Church New Vernon**

WHEN:

**Wednesdays
1:30-3:30pm**

**For more information contact
Hayley Stone
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FPCNV

invites you to

Families at Four

Saturday, October 20

4:00 - 6:00 pm



Children are invited to come in costume and to bring a new or gently used costume to donate to Jersey Cares. We'll have crafts, games and a story, followed by dinner for the entire family.

**This is a FREE all-age event hosted by:
First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon
2 Lee's Hill Rd, New Vernon 07976**

For more information or to register contact Hayley occonnorhe@gmail.com

creative + welcoming + family friendly



Warrior Moms Group Presents

Remembering TJ

A Story of Teen Depression, Lessons , and Hope

Wednesday, October 17 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall

On December 1, 2010, 16-year-old cherished son, brother, friend, varsity athlete and honor student, T.J. Sefcik, died by suicide. How could a boy with so much love and potential make this choice? In the hope of preventing other teens from following the same path, T.J.'s parents, Wendy and Steve, and his 20-year-old brother, Matt, share T.J.'s story of living with depression, a common illness in teens. One in eight teens will suffer at least one depressive episode before reaching adulthood.

This program gives students, parents, and educators a view of what teen depression can look like and educates them to pay attention to their mental health and emotions, something that is often pushed to the side. The Sefciks discuss many of the red flags that are often dismissed as typical teenage behavior. Their story gives hope to teens who may be struggling and don't know what to do with how they are feeling. It empowers teens to look outside themselves to their friends and classmates, and gives parents knowledge to help understand their teens a little bit better.



Thursday Bible Study: A New Topic, A New Time

Do you understand the issues and causes of the Reformation and Counter Reformation and why many of them no longer separate Christians today?

Starting October 4, the Thursday Bible study group will address why the Protestant Reformations happened. What united these reformers, and what drove them apart? We will consider their social and cultural contexts and ponder how such diverse issues as technology, nationalism, and language played critical roles in the "success" of the Reformations. Each session will focus on a specific Bible passage that informed one or more of the streams of the Reformations. This multi-week series will conclude by examining the 20th century developments that have resulted in many of the branches of the Reformations embracing each other, including, for example, comparing some Lutheran and Catholic beliefs and practices: how many of the divisions that were formed in the 16th century Reformations were annulled in the 20th century. We anticipate lively discussions, always have a good time, and cordially invite all who wish to know more about the origins of Protestantism to join this welcoming group on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall Library. Led by Kevin Newburg, Ph.D.

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Opera coach, conductor &
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An Afternoon at the Opera

Sunday, October 14

3:00 pm

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Metropolitan Opera*

*Please bring your family, friends, and
neighbors for an unforgettable afternoon
of opera arias and surprises.*

Tickets: \$30

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Proceeds will benefit FPCNV & CME Young Artists

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Adult Education Sunday Speaker Series 2018-2019

Chris Taylor: *World War I and Its Legacy on the Modern Middle East*

October 14

As we approach the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, there will likely be considerable reflection on how that costly and brutal conflict impacted the world over the past century. Nowhere have the shadows cast by this war been more consequential than in the Middle East. Most of the political boundaries that still define the region, and many of the conflicts that have shaped it, owe their origins to the First World War and the peace agreements that followed. Dr. Chris Taylor, Chair of the Department of History and a Professor of Islamic History and Middle East Studies at Drew University, will explore the consequences of the First World War and its aftermath on the Middle East over the past century. He will also explain why the legacy of that war continues to impact the politics of this troubled region right up to the present.



Douglas W. Simon: *Challenges for American Foreign Policy*

November 11



The international system is undergoing major changes, including China's challenge to American global economic and military power, the growing importance of Eurasia, Russia's aggressive attempts to regain much of its former geographic and political influence, and finally, an erosion of the post-WW II emphasis on multilateral diplomacy and organizations, the most prominent being the European Union. Woven into these patterns of change is the specter of a new arms race: conventional, nuclear, and cyber weapons. How the U.S. will react to this emerging environment is one of the most critical questions of our time. Dr. Simon is emeritus professor of political science at Drew where he specialized in international affairs, U.S. foreign policy, international organization, and national security. He is co-author of the book *The Challenge of Politics*, now in its fifth edition with a sixth in preparation.

Russ MacAusland: *Ukraine 101*

January 13

A recent trip to Odessa and other Ukrainian locales served to inspire Harding resident and travel enthusiast, Russ MacAusland, to strap on his camera, pull out notebook and pen, and delve into some historical research of the area as well as recording its visual richness. He will introduce us to some famous Ukrainian-Americans and offer insights into the area and its politics. To whet appetites even further, he will also consider some foods of the region. Originally from Boston, Mr. MacAusland, now retired, was an executive in the magazine publishing business in New York that took him all over the world. He continues to delight in traveling and is also a sportsman who enjoys skiing and mountain climbing.



Nathan Stuckey: *Farminary: Calling Stewards of the Earth*

February 10



The Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary integrates theological education with small-scale sustainable agriculture. Located at the Seminary's 21-acre farm, it is a garden of innovation and an incubator for leadership. Issues of agrarian thought and practice—ecology, sustainability, food justice—require our faithful attention as stewards of the earth and its bounty. **Nathan Stucky**, who serves as Director of the Project, grew up on a farm in Kansas where his love for agriculture first took root. He spent six years doing ecumenical youth ministry on the eastern shore of Maryland and two years farming back in Kansas. Nathan earned M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary. His scholarship explores the integration of theological education and agrarianism, and he sees Farminary as a locus for enacting that integration.

Mary Bodenstein: *Relieving Stress*

March 10

We are constantly told that emotional stress affects our health. Are you ever bothered by headaches, stiff neck, worry, caregiver or child-raising challenges; do you suffer from insomnia? How about a dose of...CALM? Experience for yourself simple stress reduction strategies to help relieve both physical and emotional tension. You will leave feeling more relaxed and empowered, enjoying enhanced problem-solving skills after experiencing a mind-body-spirit wellness connection. Mary Bodenstein, LCSW, a graduate of Rice University with a Master's in Social Work from Kean, is an Accredited Certified EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) Practitioner by AAMET (Association for the Advancement of Meridian Energy Techniques), the largest professional EFT Association worldwide. She has been implementing mind-body-spirit wellness practices for 25 years. Founder of Stress Relief NOW, Mary is always seeking effective stress management techniques and particularly enjoys sharing them.



NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday,
October 24th
7:30 am
La Di Da Café

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

NEXT SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 31st at noon

This month's special luncheon for our Seniors, their friends, and caregivers will be on Wednesday, October 31st. RSVP by October 29th to Debbie Hennessey in the Church Office:

officeadmin@pcnv.org or 973-538-8394

The First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon

will host

The Mental Health Association

SOCIAL CLUB DINNER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23: 6:30-8:30 pm

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. This year we are partnering with the youth of our Church for a special surprise for our guests. Please join the fun!

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

- Greeters
- Waiters
- Kitchen Help
- Servers
- Clean-up Crew

If you would like to help, please contact Nancy Barret or Marjatta Di Serio:

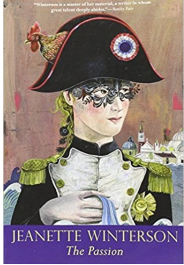
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FPCNV Book Club

2018–19 Books & Meeting Dates

October: *The Passion* by Jeanette Winterson



Jeanette Winterson's novels have established her as one of the most important young writers in world literature. The Passion is perhaps her most highly acclaimed work, a modern classic that confirms her special claim on the novel. Set during the tumultuous years of the

Napoleonic Wars, The Passion intertwines the destinies of two remarkable people: Henri, a simple French soldier, who follows Napoleon from glory to Russian ruin; and Villanelle, the red-haired, web-footed daughter of a Venetian boatman, whose husband has gambled away her heart. In Venice's compound of carnival, chance, and darkness, the pair meet their singular destiny.

In her unique and mesmerizing voice, Winterson blends reality with fantasy, dream, and imagination to weave a hypnotic tale with stunning effects. - Amazon.com

Book Club Meeting Dates & Book Selections

Where: Church Library When: 7:30 pm

- OCT 9 *The Passion* by Jeanette Winterson
- NOV 13 *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann
- DEC 18 Dinner - Grain House, Old Mill Inn
- JAN 8 *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
- FEB 12 *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee
- MAR 12 *A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot* by Mary Walton
- APR 9 *Munich: a novel* by Robert Harris
- MAY 7 *Radio Girl* by Sarah-Jane Stratford
- JUN 11 TBA

FPCNV Scheduled Events: 2018—2019

OCTOBER

- WED 10/03 Movie Night: *Stone of Destiny* @ 7:pm
- SUN 10/07 All Age Worship: Blessing of the Animals
- MON 10/08 Columbus Day (Office Closed)
- TUE 10/09 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
- WED 10/10 Toddler Time will resume @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- SUN 10/14 Communion
Adult Education @ 11:15 am, Chris Taylor
WW I and Its Legacy on the Modern Middle East
CME Music Made Here Concert @ 3pm
- MON 10/15 Finance Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
- TUE 10/16 Session Meeting @ 7pm
- WED 10/17 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- SAT 10/20 Families at Four @ 4 pm - 6 pm
- SUN 10/21 Stewardship Campaign Kickoff
- WED 10/23 MHA Social Club Dinner @ 6:30-8:30 pm
- WED 10/24 Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am
Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- WED 10/31 Senior Luncheon 12 pm
Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- SUN 11/04 Communion
- WED 11/07 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- SUN 11/11 Adult Education @ 11:15 am: Douglas Simon,
Challenges for American Foreign Policy
- TUE 11/13 Presbytery Meeting @ 1-5 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
- WED 11/14 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
Finance Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
- THU 11/15 Session Meeting @ 7 pm
- SUN 11/18 All Age Worship: Thanksgiving Worship Service
- WED 11/21 Stewardship Campaign Ends
- THU-FRI, 11/22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)
- WED 11/28 Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am
Senior Luncheon @ 12 pm
Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

DECEMBER

- SUN 12/02 Communion
Ready, Steady, Christmas!
- WED 12/05 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- Sat 12/08 Christmas Dinner, Cocktails: 5 pm, Dinner 6-8 pm

FPCNV Scheduled Events: 2018—2019 (*continued*)

- TUE 12/11** Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 pm
- WED 12/12** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
Finance Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
SUN 03/10 First Sunday in Lent
Adult Education @ 11:15 am,
Mary Bodenstein, *Relieving Stress*
- THU 12/13** Session Meeting @ 7 pm
- SUN 12/16** All Age Worship: Christmas Pageant @ 10 am
Longest Night Service @ 5 pm
WED 03/13 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- WED 12/19** Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am
Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
SUN 03/17 St Patrick's Coffee Hour
- SUN 12/23** Lessons and Carols Service @ 10 am
WED 03/20 Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- MON 12/24** Christmas Eve Services @ 5 pm & 11 pm
WED 03/27 Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am
Senior Luncheon @ 12 pm
Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- MON-TUE 24-25** Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)

JANUARY

- TUE 01/01** New Year's Day (Office Closed)
- SUN 01/06** Communion
- TUE 01/08** Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
- WED 01/09** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- THU 01/10** Finance Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
- SUN 01/13** Adult Education @ 11:15 am
Russ MacAusland, *Ukraine 101*
- TUE 01/15** Session Meeting @ 7pm
- WED 01/16** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- MON 01/21** Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
- WED 01/23** Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am
Toddler Time 1:30-3:30 pm
- WED 01/30** Senior Luncheon @ 12 pm
Toddler Time 1:30-3:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- SUN 02/03** Communion
Souper Bowl Sunday
- SUN 02/10** Adult Education @ 11:15am: Nathan Stuckey,
Farminary: Calling Stewards of the Earth
- TUE 02/12** Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm
- THU 02/14** Finance Committee @ 7 pm
- MON 02/18** Presidents' Day (Office Closed)
- TUE 02/19** Session Meeting @ 7 pm

MARCH (MAR-JUN Finance & Session Meetings TBA)

- WED 03/06** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

APRIL

- WED 04/03** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- WED 04/10** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- SUN 04/14** Palm Sunday
- THU 04/18** Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm
- FRI 04/19** Good Friday (Office Closed)
- SUN 04/21** Easter Sunday
- WED 04/24** Senior Luncheon @ 12 pm
Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

MAY

- WED 05/01** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- SUN 05/05** Cinco de Mayo Coffee Hour
- WED 05/08** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- SUN 05/12** Mothers' Day
- WED 05/15** Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- WED 05/22** Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 am
Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm
- MON 05/27** Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- WED 05/29** Senior Luncheon @ 12 pm
Toddler Time @ 1:30-3:30 pm

JUNE

- SUN 06/02** Communion
- SUN 06/09** Church Picnic
- SUN 06/16** Fathers' Day
- WED 06/19** Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 pm
- WED 06/27** Senior Luncheon @ 12 pm

**Stewardship Campaign 2018-2019***Growing Together, Rooted in Faith*

Last year, our stewardship campaign, "Green Shoots," emphasized building upon the fresh chapter in our church's history, created by our new pastor's efforts to nurture the promising new growth within our congregation. This year's campaign theme is "Growing Together, Rooted in Faith," emphasizing our church's history as we celebrate our 185th anniversary and the importance of community and our growing church family. Your support throughout this campaign is an important part of strengthening our faith and our church's financial health. We will be kicking off this year's stewardship campaign on Sunday, October 21st. God bless you, and may God continue to bless our church.

With gratitude, Tom MacCowatt, Stewardship Chair

First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon's 185th Anniversary Fair & Luncheon





Celebrating a special day in the life of our church: a moving worship service followed by a tasty luncheon thanks to Congregational Life. Outdoor fun ran from bouncing to face painting, balloon creations, and even a donkey to pat. Both young and old(er) gobbled up cotton candy and sno cones!

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	5 AA Meeting noon	6
7 Worship 10 am Blessing of the Animals Coffee Hour 11 am	8 Church Office closed Columbus Day Women's Bible Study 9:30-11 am	9 Women's AA Step Meeting Noon Deacons' Mtg 7:00 pm Book Club 7:30 pm	10 Toddler Time 1:30-3:30 pm	11 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm	12 AA Meeting noon	13
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Worship at FPCNV ~ October 2018

Sunday, October 7

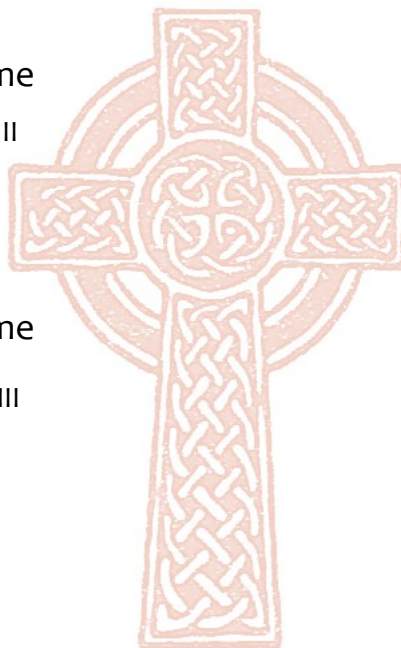
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III
Liturgist: Marjatta Di Serio

Sunday, October 21

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III
Liturgist: Jane Coyle



Sunday, October 14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III
Liturgist: Marion Hoffman

Sunday, October 28

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. William H. Stone, III
Liturgist: Peter Saulnier



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Hurricane Relief Fund

In the wake of Hurricane Florence, the Minister and Session of FPCNV invite our congregation to support relief efforts by donating to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This ministry of the PC(USA) has a long and well respected track record of supporting local communities, meeting both immediate and long-term needs in the aftermath of natural disasters. If you would like to make a donation, you can drop it in the basket on Sunday, mail it to the Church Office, or drop it off during Office Hours.

Please make checks to FPCNV (First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon) with the words **Hurricane Fund** in the memo line. We will submit all donations on behalf of the congregation and designate them for disaster relief for Hurricane Florence.

For any questions, please contact Debbie in the Church Office @ 973-538-8394 or officeadmin@pcnv.org



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**Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 7th**

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

Wednesday, October 3

Movie Night Returns

Sunday, October 7

Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, October 10

Toddler Time Resumes

Sunday, October 14

Sunday Speaker: Chris Taylor
CME Music Made Here Concert

Saturday, October 20

Families at Four

Tuesday, October 23

MHA Social Club Dinner

Wednesday, October 24

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, October 31

Senior Luncheon

E-mail Addresses

Have you sent us your e-mail address? If you want to stay current on what's going on at the Crossroads, please e-mail officeadmin@pcnv.org or call 973-538-8394.

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