



# The Church Mouse

## Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood  
401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

**August 2022**

### August Message:

We have all had our own dreams and wishes. Some might come true and others, not. The old adage is **“Be careful what you wish for, you might get it.”** Case in point, during cold, dark, snowy days of winter some wish for the warm bright days of summer.

Witness the past week or so in July and who knows what August will bring! Any of these theories can apply in our private lives, or in business or even **Church life.**

And almost without a doubt as we forge ahead day by day, we might wonder **what does God really have planned for us?**

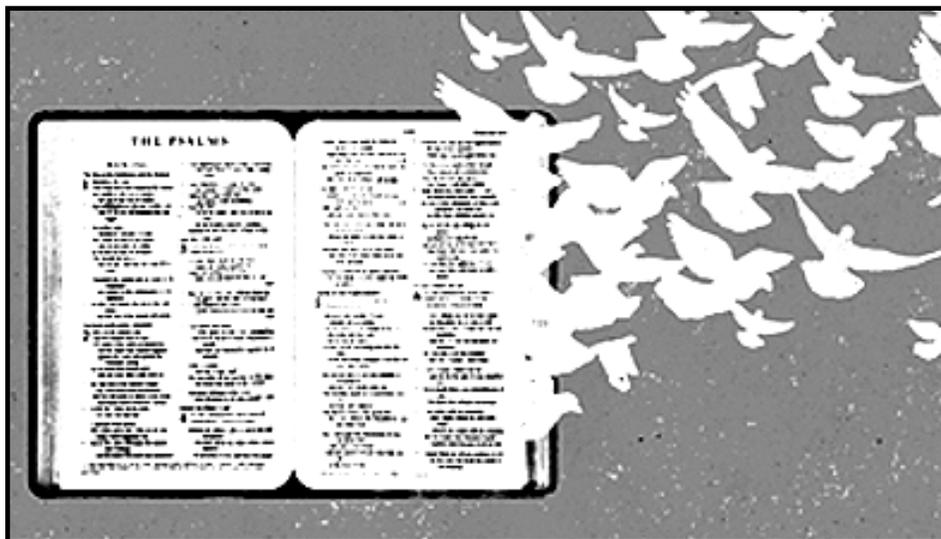
As **Christians**, we realize that we all have so much for which to **be thankful.** Our **Bible** allows us to read, learn and hopefully to **remember all that God has planned for us**, from the beginning of the universe to the coming again of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We know the Bible contains laws, histories, prophecies plus information about nature, science even wars and peace, etc...However, the Bible will allow us to read these things in preparation for the coming again of **Jesus Christ, and that our belief in Him will grant us eternal life.** No wish of ours could be greater and **there is no greater gift than that from God.**

**With love and prayers,**

**Betty**

PS. If you don't have a **Bible** and desire one, contact me and “ye shall receive”. No cost



Hello Everyone,



## The Clerk's Corner

I have just spent most of the last two weeks in bed, with nothing to do but think. This hymn kept rolling around in my brain: **"We are one in the Spirit, we are one, in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord"**. We sing this hymn in church from time to time, but do we stop to think of the words? What do they mean to us as Christians, especially in the hymn's last line which is **"And they'll know we are Christians by our love"**?

On a day-to-day basis, **how are we showing that love?** Are we kind to people who are not like we are? People who believe in different things? People who hold different values? Can we hold a civil conversation with someone from a different political party? **Communication is an increasingly important but increasingly lost art.** As our country is more and more fractured and tempers are increasingly frayed, **perhaps maybe we, as Christians, must be the ones to lead the way.**

Maybe **we** must be the ones to **reach out**, to hold the difficult conversations. Perhaps we must seek not only to speak, but to listen respectfully. **Can we use our Christian love to heal?** Love can heal many things, large and small. Can it heal something as huge as the many rifts affecting our beloved country? I don't know. I only know that somebody somewhere must start. **It might as well be us.** I'm up and around, feeling better now, but this is still what is on your Clerk's mind. **What are you thinking about this month?**

I've shared things with you that are on my mind this month. **What are your thoughts?** Is there anything you would like to share? **I'm ready to listen.**

With hugs and prayers,  
**Sheryl**

### Member Updates

Our very own **Clerk of Session, Sheryl**, has been nominated for a **Perry Award!** The Perry Awards are the community theater equivalent of the Broadway Tony Awards. **The Old Library Theatre** was nominated in the category Production of an Original Play with their "Eleventh Annual One Act Play Festival" and Sheryl was one of the Directors. **She directed a play titled "Tainted"**. When asked Sheryl said "I really enjoyed the process of bringing this play to life! One of the first challenges a director faces is choosing the right cast. I chose **Thomas [Winkler]** to be one of the three characters in my play, which turned out to be an **excellent choice!**" **Congratulations, Sheryl!**

**George Steger** sends his greetings to everyone! He says he's doing well and hopes the same for our congregation. He says to tell you he attends church service every week! **Cards can be mailed to: George Steger, The New Jersey Firemen's Home 565 Lathrop Ave. Boonton, N.J. 07005 Rm. # 139**  
**George's Cell # (317) 502-2191**





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

**George Steger – August 5th (99 years young!)**

**Lise Schianchi – August 6th**

**Pastor Kevin Kwon – August 28th**

**Wishing you all a wonderful day and a great year ahead!**

Members of our congregation are doing the rounds with personal visitations to those who are unable to attend our Church services. If you or anyone you know would like to be visited or if you would like to call on someone please speak to a Session Elder or Clerk of Session, Sheryl. Rob's sister Joan was recently visited and was found to be quite happy and doing well after relocating to a nursing home in Paramus.



**Place an extra grocery in your cart for those who are hungry and in need...**

We've **announced it, posted it, talked about it....**so please **act** to support our **Food Collection** to benefit the **Center for Food Action!** Collectively, our help is very much needed. Please bring non-perishable food items with you to church and place them in the bins located on the stage!

**Like Nike says...Just Do It! Thank you!**

***Just a Note:***

**\*\*Communion will be part of our Church Service on August 7th.**

☺ Just for laughs ☺



**Question:** What do you call a sleeping Bull?

**Answer:** *A Bulldozer!*

**Question:** What type of cheese is made backwards?

**Answer:** *Edam!*

**Thought for the month:**

"We cannot cure the world of sorrows, but we can choose to live in joy."

... Joseph Campbell

