



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood

401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

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September Message:

Hi Folks, I found these “Words of Wisdom” and thought you might also enjoy them!

The Ten Commandments of Happiness

By John J. Sherman



Happiness is not a frame of mind; it is a way of life.

Believe in yourself – for many are your needs – and you will receive according to your needs.

Seek, for only this way will you find – all things do not come to him who waits.

Knock and open the door to opportunity yourself. Don't wait for opportunity to knock.

Have confidence in yourself. Believe in God and you will believe in yourself, for you are a part of him.

Have faith in God's ultimate knowledge and wisdom, above your own.

Love life and fear of death will never trouble you.

Love and serve God each day through your neighbors, friends and even foes - by doing something for somebody else.

Criticize others less – and in a positive way, criticize yourself more.

Try your best always – and learn to be satisfied with the results.

Don't worry about the past – the future belongs to you.

With Love and Prayers,

Betty



The Clerk's Corner

Hello Everyone,

Today I am thinking about **courage**, which comes in many forms, great and small. There are **large acts of courage** and **heroism**, such as the ones taking place in the Ukraine and other war-torn areas of the world. There are **acts of courage** taken **daily** by our **health care workers**, who are still taking risks on our behalf in this never-ending pandemic. There are acts of **courage by police, firefighters**, and others who protect and serve our communities. There are **small acts of courage** taken by people that we may never know. Today, I am thinking of a dear friend who has been fighting cancer for many years. In her own quiet way she has fought this vicious disease through endless rounds of chemo while teaching school and remaining actively involved in community theatre. **She has made it through each day with courage, wit, humor, and grace.**

I love and admire her tremendously. Now the cancer is winning, and she is on hospice. I know that she will face this new challenge with her usual courage. I'm trying to find **my own courage**, praying for the right words to reach out and offer **comfort** and **peace**. **Courage, where are you?** If you have any stories about courage, I would really **like** to **hear them**. I especially would like to hear stories where **courage helped you overcome a difficult situation**. Please? Your Clerk needs you!

With Hugs and Prayers,
Sheryl

Member Updates

Sunday, September 4th, is our Labor Day Picnic! Please bring a **side dish** or a **dessert** to go along with the **BBQ Hamburgers** and **Hot Dogs** supplied by the church!

Bible Study is back! We're planning on **Thursdays** at **11:30am** in the conference room. Led by **Pastor Kevin Kwon** it is sure to be interesting, lively and informative. Speak to Elder Carrie for the starting date which will be sometime this month!

We wish our **young people** the best of luck as they embark on their **new School Year!** You're all winners...go out there and learn, enjoy and grow. (and get good grades too! lol)



The town of Maywood is holding a 9/11 Remembrance Service on Sunday, September 11th at **Veterans Memorial Park** (Grant Ave.) beginning at **8:43 am** (try to arrive by **8:30 am**). **Additionally**, there will be a **9/11 Remembrance Service** on the **evening of Sunday 9/11 at 7:00 pm** also held at **Veterans Memorial Park in Maywood**. If it rains or storms the Service will be held at the **First Presbyterian Church of Maywood**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Ruth Blakely - September 29th

**Wishing you a great day and a happy year ahead
we ♥ you!**

Maywood Fire Dept celebrated George Steger's 99th Birthday at the NJ Fireman's Home in Boonton, NJ

George Steger with Fireman, Roy De Young, Jr.



Collections and Donations

Questions regarding our collections?
Speak with Elders Adrienne Williams or Carrie Werner

Bergen County Homeless Veterans: September thru mid-October



We are beginning a **new collection** benefiting **Bergen County Homeless Veterans**. They are in need of **MEN'S TOILETRIES**. Please donate **Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouth Wash, Q-Tips, Body Moisturizing Lotion** (**NO** perfumed scents or flowery scents please, only scents suitable for men!) Please note: **Soap and Shampoo are NOT** needed at this time, so **please stick to the items listed above!** Thank you so much in advance for your generosity to NJ Veterans who gave their all for us and now can use a helping hand.

Winter Coat Drive: September thru October



Please begin to look through your closets for gently used **COATS** for **men, women or children**. As our winter weather approaches, how nice it would be to put coats we no longer wear to good use keeping our neighbors warm. And if you happened to see a sale in the stores...**new** coats are always welcome! Thank you for always thinking **kindly** with your minds and **warmly** with your hearts toward those in need.

Although we have begun and recognize new collections, our Food Donations are ongoing and vital...

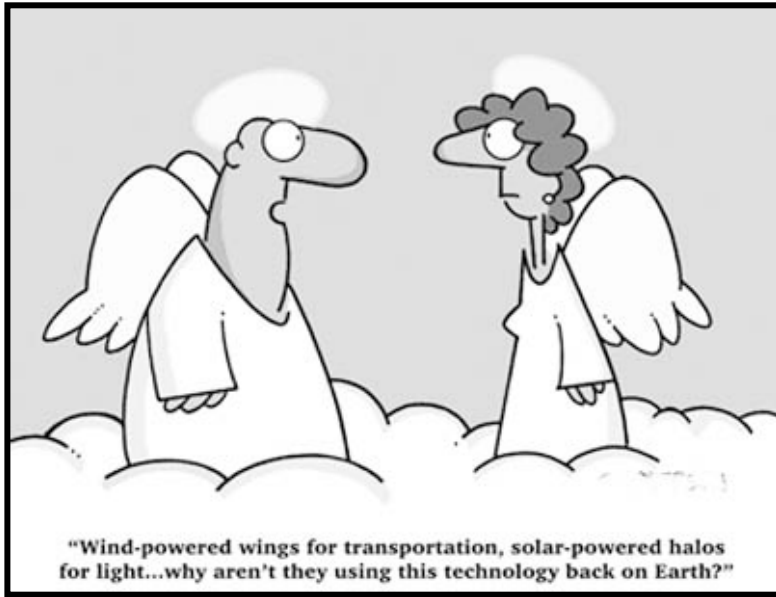


Place an extra grocery in your cart for those who are hungry and in need...

Our Food Collection benefits the **Center for Food Action!** Please bring **non-perishable** food items with you to church and place them in the bins located on the stage!

Thank you!

☺ Just for laughs ☺



I entered ten puns in a contest to see which would win...
No pun in ten did!

Question: What do you call a fake noodle?

Answer: *An impasta!*

Thought for the month:

"We can only win if we're not afraid to lose."

... anonymous

