



The Church Mouse

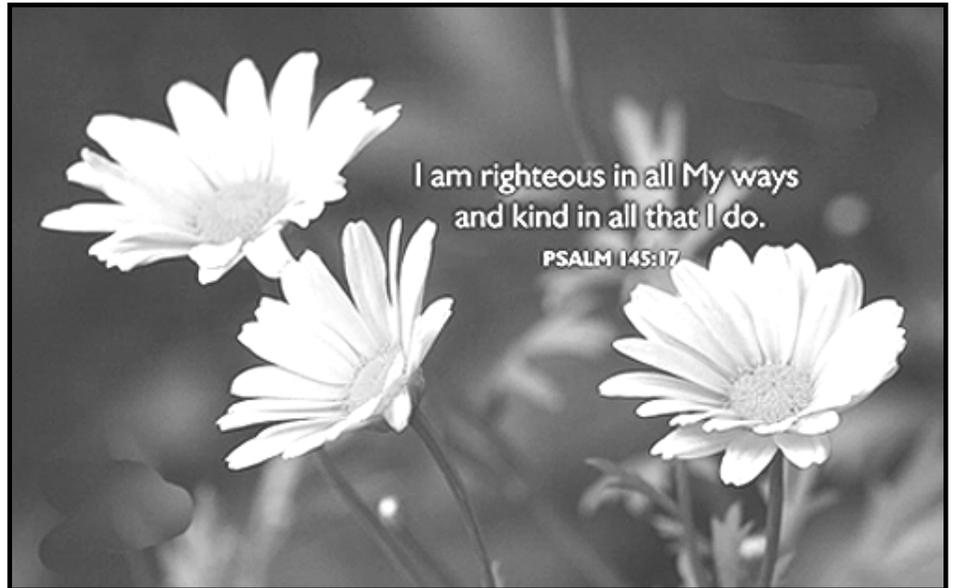
Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood
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June Message:

Some of you might remember the song "June is Busting Out All Over". It's from the Rogers & Hammerstein show, "**Carousel**". This was the first Broadway show I ever saw and consequently has been a long time favorite of mine. It seems as though shows are not as good or long standing as they once were. My Father's favorite saying was, "**nothing is like it use to be!**". How true is that, then, now and forever more.



However, there was another song from that show that you might recall, "**You'll never walk alone**". That song title is also a message not only for today but forever more. Just turn to **Psalm 145** (a psalm of David) and read verses **17-21**. We will learn this is a **psalm of praise**. There can be a correlation between these two items. As difficult as we think our lives are sometimes, it is because of our **hope, faith and love in God** that we are able to continue onward.

Our hope is in **God's gift to the world**, namely **Jesus Christ, His Son** and our **Redeemer**. Our faith in **Jesus** grants us **eternal life**. Next is our love for our **Triune God** and the knowledge we are His children and we are called to be servants of God.

Sometimes our own thoughts and visions of "**being a servant of God**" is often cloudy and we become confused or even lost. During these times we need to step back, take a deep breath and reflect on the teachings of Jesus. Combine that with use of the 10 Commandments. By then we should be able to set a course of action. Don't forget to read **Matt. 28: 18-20**, the last sentence of which says, "**And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age**".

Surely as Jesus is with us only even to the end of the age, **we will never be alone!**

Amen,
Betty



The Clerk's Corner

Hello Everyone,

How do you **cope** when everything around you is **falling apart**? How do you **bear** the **unbearable**? I almost skipped my column this month. I was trying to think of something cheery to write, as my mind was filled with thoughts of tragedies at home and abroad, especially the recent murders in Texas. I just don't think I can do it, I thought.

I was filled with **sorrow**. I left the computer, and went to my place of greatest solace, my piano. Over it, slightly to the left, is a framed poster of a favorite quotation of mine that ends, "**God gave us music that we might pray without words.**" I played various kinds of music for a while, mostly hymns, and purposely ended with, "**It Is Well With My Soul.**"

After that I was able to put some of my concerns into an actual prayer, and **my soul feels lighter**. Now I am feeling much better, and **I'm thinking of all of you**. How do YOU cope with all of the sorrow that surrounds us? Do you have someone to **talk** with about it? Do you **pray** about it? Is there anything that your **church** can do to support you through these **difficult times** of violence and mass shootings? **Stress management is an essential life skill!** If this is something that you need help with, **please reach out to your church family for help.**

With hugs and prayers,
Sheryl

MEMBER UPDATES



It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of our brother, **Rob Taylor**, who left us on May 11th to be with the Lord. We are planning a memorial service for Rob on **June 19th** to take place during our Sunday worship service. Rob dedicated a good portion of years to caring for his sister **Joan**. Joan is now in assisted living at Care One at the Cupola in Paramus.

Knit or Not meets on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:00 in the conference room. Come out and join in the fun!

"**The Church's One Foundation**" is a Christian hymn written in the 1860s by Samuel John Stone. This hymn describes the church's relationship to its "foundation" being Jesus Christ.

The third stanza of this hymn may give us pause and inspiration during the tumultuous times with which we live:

**Tho' with a scornful wonder,
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

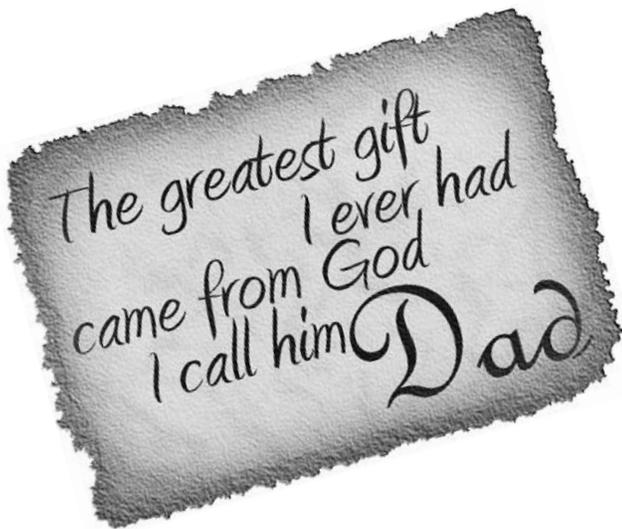
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (On Christ The Solid Rock)

Author: Edward Mote 1834.

A wise man built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

**When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil**

**On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**



Father's Day is Sunday June 19th!

Happy Father's Day to all of our friends and loved ones who are **blessed to be Dads** and for all of us who will be **remembering our Dads** on this special day.

May you be celebrated in thought and deed for all of the wonderful qualities and loving traits that are **rolled up into one great person...a Dad!**
Have a wonderful day!

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7



Our Church's Food Collection is VITAL and never Ho Hum...

Throughout **June** we will continue with our **food donations!** We have learned that CFA is in need of reusable plastic grocery bags as well! Thank you ☺

DID YOU KNOW....

Despite being one of the richest states in the nation, hunger is pervasive across New Jersey. Children, working parents, senior citizens, veterans, college students and others all face hunger.

- **Nearly one in 10 New Jersey residents were food insecure**, meaning they did not have an adequate, consistent supply of food. That translates to more than 865,000 hungry New Jerseyans – a slight improvement from 2016 when 919,000 NJ residents experienced hunger.
- **It's even worse for children** — 13.2 percent of New Jersey children suffered from hunger, or more than 260,000 children.
- More than one-third of these residents earned too much to qualify for nutrition assistance.

→Please remember our hungry neighbors while out food shopping... ♥

June Birthdays:



Betty Fetzer - June 1st

Carol Dass - June 12th

Thomas Winkler - June 21st

Best wishes to all for a very Happy Birthday!

☺ Just for laughs ☺



Question: What weighs nothing but is hard to carry?

Answer: A tune!

Thought for the month:

" In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explode, and every sunset is different."

... John Steinbeck

