



# The Church Mouse

## Newsletter

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

**September 2021**

### September Message:

Here we are facing the 9<sup>th</sup> month of the year "September". Summer will soon end and autumn begins. Maybe it will be cooler but don't count on it. Just know that weather forecasting is not my forte. The official end of summer is not Labor Day, Fall doesn't begin until September 22 this year. The Jewish Holidays are early this year with Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 6 and Yom Kippur on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Both begin at sundown on those days. Let us remember that our **Lord and Savior** grew up and **worshipped** in the **temple**. "**Christ**" is the official title of Jesus, meaning "**the Anointed One**". It is a Greek word and it means the same as the Hebrew word, "**Messiah**".



The Laborers in the Vineyard

The disciples of Jesus were first called Christians at Antioch (Acts 11:26). **Anyone** who believes in Jesus is **His disciple**.

It seems we are always planning ahead and looking to the future. I have already received any number of catalogues and calendars. One catalogue arrived about 6 weeks ago proclaiming, "Planting seeds for the Future". That's a great idea and it's something we all should do. **WE** must **plant** the **seeds** of **love, hope, patience** and **faith**. We must cultivate these "seeds" by **helping others** as we give of our **time, talent** and yes, even tithes. We have to remember that as **Christians** we are to be **reflections** of **Jesus Christ**, our **Lord** and **Savior**. May we never forget that for God so loved the world...He did not send a committee.

Let us remain strong and faithful as **we all work in the vineyards of Christ**.

May God continue to bless us,

**With love and prayers,**

**Betty**

## MEMBER UPDATES



We're happy to share that **Sheryl** (Clerk of Session and Music Director) is recovering exceptionally well following her shoulder replacement operation! Her dedication is to be applauded as she continues to work behind the scenes as our Clerk of Session ☺ We pray for her continued success and wellness! In her absence **RV** has been playing the hymns and responses and **Tom** has been leading the hymns! It's a family affair! Thank you all so much for the great job you're doing for us!

**Betty Fetzer** is presenting a **Zoom** program based on the **History of the town of Maywood**. It is a live broadcast coming out of the **Maywood Library**. There are two sessions left! The upcoming one is on **Oct 14th** at **7:00pm** and one will be announced in November. Please call the **Maywood Library** at **(201) 845-2915** for more information and to have the **Zoom link** sent to your email.

**As quickly as coffee hour was reinstated...is as quickly as it has been pushed back** to a later date due to the rise in the Covid Virus/Delta variant. We will attempt to resume Coffee Hour sometime during the month of October! ☺

\*Is there something you would like placed in this area of The Church Mouse Newsletter?  
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Throughout **August** we collected women's and children's toiletries to benefit **The Center for Hope and Safety**, located in Rochelle Park. This organization helps survivors of domestic violence. **Thank you** to everyone who **donated** to this worthy cause. Your **generosity** is **greatly appreciated!**



Throughout **September, October** and **November** we will be focusing on our **food collection** benefiting the **Center for Food Action**. Many families are suffering due to the pandemic and rely upon donations of food. **Thanksgiving** is right around the bend...how nice it will be to make donations that will brighten the holiday for others less fortunate than ourselves. Donations of **non perishable** items are greatly appreciated. Donation bins can be found on the stage and when we resume worshipping upstairs bins will be in our Lobby area.

**KNIT OR NOT fellowship** is resuming on **September 7th** from **2:30 to 4:00** in the **Church Conference Room!** So get your needles and yarn in gear! Knit or Not is a welcoming group of women comprised of members of **our church** and of our **sister churches in Moonachie and Lyndhurst** as well as friends in the **Maywood community!** You don't have to be a knitter to come by and enjoy this fun time together!

**Upcoming Event!** The Parish Nurses Program is honoring **Rev. Dr. Peter Carey** with a luncheon on **October 16th** to be held at the **Wallington Exchange**. **Rev. Dr. Peter Carey** is the current minister at the Wallington Presbyterian Church and has served our church and assisted us in the difficult time following the passing of our minister **Rev. Dr. James Fennelly**. For more information please speak to CLP **Betty Fetzer**.



We will be celebrating **World Wide Communion on October 3rd**. World Wide Communion Sunday is a great time to receive new members...interested? We hope so! You can consider a Letter of Transfer or a Reaffirmation of Faith. Please speak with CLP Betty Fetzer.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

**Ruth Blakely - September 29th**

**We wish you a very Happy Birthday, Ruth, and hope it is filled with much love, joy and happy memories too!**

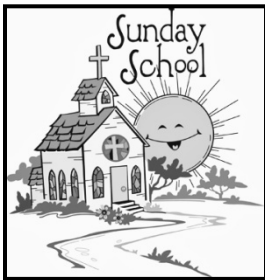
It's hard to believe it's been **20 years** since the terrible terrorist attack on 9/11. We truly will **never forget** those who perished and those who bravely helped during this tragedy. We pray for those whose lives were irrevocably changed on that fateful day.

**CLP Betty Fetzer** will be leading a **Service of Remembrance of 9/11** on **Saturday, September 11th at 7:15pm** in **Maywood's Memorial Park**

(on Grant Avenue across from Memorial School). Bring your lawn chair if you like. In the case of inclement weather the service will be held at our Church.



The **town of Maywood** will be having a Remembrance Service in Memorial Park **8:30 am** on **Saturday, September 11th**



**Sunday School** will be resuming on **September 5th!**

Children will attend the 10:15am Worship Service and will enjoy a Children's Sermon (prior to the Adult Sermon) upon conclusion, they will be escorted to the **Sunday School room**. **Sarah Carberry** is our **Sunday School teacher** and is an **extremely talented** and **creative force** for our children. Do you know of a child who might like to attend? Perhaps an acquaintance or a neighbor? **It could change their lives!** We welcome all children into our church and Sunday School program. 😊

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him All Creatures here below**

**Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host**

**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

The **Doxology** is a simple hymn written more than **300 years ago** by a devout Anglican Bishop named **Thomas Ken**. He intended it as the ending of the morning and evening songs that he instructed his students at Winchester College to sing.

This simple doxology can **draw us all together in worship** and we can feel a sense of unity. **Hymns can do that!** The Doxology is an anthem of God's people no matter where we've come from or what we're looking for. No matter what we're anticipating or dreading. We come **together** praising **God** from whom everything **good** comes.



\*information gathered from "How Sweet the Sound" by Laura L.Smith

☺ Just for laughs ☺



**Question: What do you call a nervous Javelin thrower?**

**Answer: *Shakespeare!***

**Thought for the month:**

" He who would arrive at the appointed end  
must follow a single road and not wander through many ways."

... *Seneca*

