



# The Church Mouse

## Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood

401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

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### July Message:

“Summer Time and the living is easy” so go the words from the song of the same title, or is it?

Only **you** can answer that **question**. Let’s **count** some of our **blessings**, including but not limited to the COVID situation with all its problems. It seems to be slowing down, amen.

We are still able to say we live in the “**Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave**”. Is our country perfect? No, not really. But when compared to other countries, **we are so much better off than others**.



The living is easy part is up to us. Maybe a phrase of “**living more relaxing**” would be better. We look forward to being outside more, the kids are home from school, and outdoor activities come into play as well.

Barbeques are more frequent, **fireworks in Maywood will be on July 2nd**, and our annual **Fourth of July parade will be on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. It begins at 9:00am and goes from Maywood and Hunter Aves, north to Pleasant. (Pleasant to Palmer to W. Fairmount Ave to Veteran’s Memorial Park.) There will be a ceremony at the Park. A good place to watch the Parade is in front of our church and manse (Bring your own chairs).

**God has blessed us** in giving us the **opportunities** to **celebrate** our various **freedoms**, such as **religion, speech, the press, or likes and dislikes**. Our list could go on and on.

Let’s all remember that our country’s independence and personal freedoms are enjoyed and made **possible** by the great **sacrifices** made in **defense** of our **Nation** throughout its long **history**. There are many who have served in our armed forces. Without these brave people, we would not and could not be enjoying the freedoms we have today. **They are not forgotten**.

**God has indeed blessed America**. To Him be glory and honor forever! Amen.

**With love and prayers,**

**Betty**

Hello Everyone,



## The Clerk's Corner

As usual, as I sit in my corner typing away, **I am thinking of all of you.** It is finally summer! I am hoping that you are planning to **take good care of yourselves** in the anticipated heat of the season. Have you purchased new **sunscreen**? (Yes, it expires.) **Insect repellent**? Do you have all of the information that you need regarding **summer heat** and sun **precautions**?

Simple things such as wearing **sunglasses, hats, and protective clothing** can help prevent **skin cancer**. **Proper hydration** and knowledge of heat exhaustion and heat stroke can save a life: yours or that of someone you love. Certain **medications** can decrease your body's ability to tolerate heat. If you need information about any of these topics, please speak with me. I can send you websites to review or give you handouts that we can discuss. As always, **I want you to be as safe and healthy as possible.**

I'm also thinking about our wider community this month. As we are having our July 4th picnic and our summer BBQs, there are **people in our local area who are hungry**. Our **food collections** have been meager lately. I'm praying that we can do a better job of reaching out to our neighbors in need. **Luke 6:31 says: "Do to others as you would have them do to you."** Can we **do better**? Can we **clip coupons**? Use **BOGO** offers? Dig a little **deeper** into our **wallets**?

These are the things on your Clerk's mind this month. **What are your thoughts?** Anything you would like to share? I'm ready to listen.

With hugs and prayers,  
**Sheryl**

### Member Updates

We have some fun and **important dates** coming up!

**July 3rd**...Our much anticipated **Independence Day BBQ** following Worship Service. Church will supply Burgers and Hotdogs..and everyone please bring a "*go with*" to share!

**July 10th**...Memorial Service for **Rob Taylor** during our Church Service followed by a **luncheon** provided by our Church Elders.

Maywood's Fireworks display: July 2nd at Memorial Park!  
Maywood's Parade is on July 4th !





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

**Ethan Barberena - July 7th**

**Carrie Werner - July 14th**

**Adrienne Williams - July 19th**

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

We're moving our Worship Services downstairs into the Bain Dillingham Hall **for the summer** beginning on **Sunday, July 3rd!** Please enter the building for worship services through the doors by the church lawn that lead directly down into the hall! See you there!



**God created all creatures...but when he created Remi, the wonder dog from Maywood Police Department, he created a very, very special dog. Remi, the bloodhound, has found hundreds of missing people, **not with helicopters, or drones..but with her nose!** She has located **75** missing people in Bergen County **last year alone!** After 5 1/2 years of giving everything she had, Remi was diagnosed with a terminal illness and her partner, Maywood's Det. Christopher Nichols, broken heartedly had to make a very difficult decision...Remi passed away in his arms. God Bless Remi and all of the special service dogs that perform miraculous feats asking only for **love** in return. **RIP Remi.****

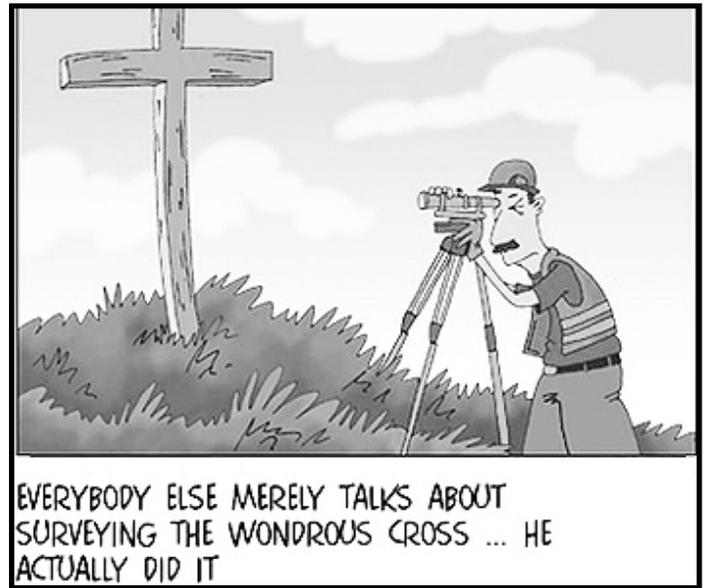


We've **announced it, posted it, talked about it....**so please **act** to support our **Food Collection** to benefit the **Center for Food Action!** Collectively, our help is very much needed. Please bring non-perishable items with you to church and place them in the bins located on the stage!  
**Like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

**Just a Note:**

**\*\*Communion will be part of our Church Services on July 3rd and additionally, on August 7th.**

☺ Just for laughs ☺



**Question:** What is the best way to communicate with fish?

**Answer:** Drop them a line!

If the Pope were to *bless* an *avocado*...would that make it *holy guacamole*?



**Thought for the month:**

" Maybe you are searching among the branches, for what only appears in the roots."

... Rumi

