



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood
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October Message:

Welcome to October, the tenth month of the year even though the name is from the Latin "OCTO" meaning eight. This was the eighth month in the early Roman calendar and just for the record, September, October, November and December were the seventh through tenth months in that old Roman calendar. How times and meanings change, who knows when you might need to know the above if you're ever on a quiz program!



Now do you know that the Golden Rule is practiced by eight of the world's major faiths? So, the question asked by people worldwide is *"Am I my brother's keeper?"*

The answer should be a resounding **"Yes!"** A verse in the hymn "Am I my brother's keeper?" goes like this: *"As long as people hunger, As long as people thirst, and ignorance and illness and warfare do their worst. As long as there's injustice in any of God's lands, I am my brother's keeper, I dare not wash my hands."*

As Christians we have a **moral obligation** to answer with a loud and clear "Yes". Here I am Lord, allow me to help. This is not a pie in the sky reply. If we don't help, who will? We must all do what we are able to do, e.g. give to food collections, clothing drives and even furniture donations, especially since the ravages of the recent floods. Gently used household items are needed and as important as these are let's not forget the less material things. Let's give abundantly more words of encouragement. Contact others via visits by car or notes or email, or phone calls and let others know they are not forgotten.

Isolation and loss of contact with others have added to the suffering of the less fortunate, even to the point of an increase in the number of suicides. **We** must not forget those who are **suffering** so much. And let's not ever forget the **power of prayer**. We must **act** in the name of our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. Remember, His words as found in John 6: 35 **"Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty"**. References: **Genesis 4:9 & Luke 6: 31**.

With Prayers and Blessings,

....**Betty**



The Clerk's Corner

Hello, Church Family,

It is finally autumn, my favorite time of year! I love the cooler weather, the pumpkin-spiced coffee, and the energy of the season. Most of all, I love the beauty of those falling leaves...some of God's finest handiwork. For me, it is a season of meditation and reflection. We are picking the food we have grown in our garden, enjoying the bounty, eating, freezing, dehydrating, and sharing some.

At the same time, I am thinking of those who have less. Those who are hungry. Those who are cold on the chillier mornings. For those people, autumn is not a time of beauty, it is a time of fear. Who will feed them? Who will keep them warm? *Are we our brothers' keepers*, as it says in the Bible? **YES!** Yes, we are! As we are collecting food for the food pantry, and, later in the season, coats for the annual coat drive, think of the actual people in our community that we are helping. These are young people who can't find jobs.

School children with parents who are unemployed or under-employed. Elderly people who have to decide whether to buy food or necessary medications. They are our neighbors and they need us. This is what I ponder as I pick more basil, and promise myself to buy more food for our collection.

What are you thinking about today?

With hugs and prayers,

Sheryl



MEMBER UPDATES

Maywood & Music is returning this fall! In a memorial to its creator, Tom Wright, the production, "**I'm Gonna Make You a Star**", will be performed on **December 3rd & 4th at 8:00pm**. It will be held at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Church** on Maywood Ave. Tickets can be bought at the door. Fellow church members **R.V., Sheryl, Tom, Betty and Carol will be in the show!**

KNIT OR NOT fellowship is resuming on October 12th 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!

*Is there something you would like placed in this area of The Church Mouse Newsletter?

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We will be celebrating World Wide Communion on October 3rd during our worship service.

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Reverend, Dr. Peter Carey, Jr., who passed away on Sept. 1st. We have been placing information in the Church Mouse about an upcoming event the Parish Nurses were to have honoring Pastor Carey. **This event is still being held as a memorial tribute to Pastor Carey.** He not only was the minister of the Wallington Presbyterian Church since 1983, he ministered to the Parish Nursing Interfaith & Outreach program and served as Wallington Borough Fire Chaplain. Pastor Carey was also the Protestant Chaplain at St. Mary's General Hospital. He worked in Hospice Care both in South Jersey and at Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic and he founded Journey to Grief in Clifton and Passaic. He was an inspiration and spiritual leader to all who knew him, and was helpful to our congregation following the passing of Rev. Dr. James Fennelly. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his congregation, family and friends. Over the past several months our **CLP, Betty Fetzer**, was called upon to **lead the worship services at Wallington Presbyterian Church** when Pastor Carey was not feeling up to his usual self, an honor she regarded with great pride and respect. **Betty** is currently serving as Session Moderator at the Wallington church and is preaching Sunday Services there as well. We are very proud of this calling that Betty is fulfilling.

Upcoming Event! The Parish Nurses Program is honoring the memory of **Rev. Dr. Peter Carey** with a luncheon on **October 16th** to be held at the **Wallington Exchange**. For more information please speak to CLP **Betty Fetzer**.

The Butterfly: Did you know...?



The **Butterfly** is a Symbol of the resurrection and eternal life. As the butterfly leaves the pupa and soars upward with a new body, so through Jesus Christ are His followers born to a new life.

Pastor Kevin Kwon has begun preaching a very interesting **8 part series of sermons** focusing on the **Beatitudes!** The beatitudes are considered by the Church, to contain the most concise summary of the spiritual life of man. The eight beatitudes are the teachings of Jesus during his **Sermon on the Mount** in which he describes the attitudes and actions that should characterize his followers and disciples.

The Eight Beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
8. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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 in our Lobby area.

☺ Just for laughs ☺



Question: How does a penguin build a house?

Answer: *Igloos* it together!

Thought for the month:

" Doing what you like is freedom. Liking what you do is happiness."

... Frank Tyger



Happy Halloween Everyone!

