



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood
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July Message:

Is it possible that half the year is over already? "Yes" my dear friends, is the answer to that question. And because this year the **4th of July** is on a Sunday, **July 5th**, Monday is an official holiday thereby giving us a 3 day weekend! The **Maywood 4th of July Parade** will take place on **July 5th** beginning at **9am**. The **Parade** will end at **Veteran's Memorial Park** at approx. 11 am. A tribute for this holiday will be read at the Park. The reading of the **Declaration of Independence** will be given by popular request. Please try and be there.

Independence Day, a/k/a, the **4th of July** is the **bedrock** of our very lives as **Americans** and we are the protectors and heirs and should be guarantors of those who come after us for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, including freedoms and responsibilities.

There is a moral courage that is essential to our very being. Keep in mind that "**In God we trust**" is not only the motto of our country, but the words, "**and this be our motto in God is our trust**" are part of the words of our National Anthem.

As children of God, we must take responsibility and share our faith with others. We must reflect on God's love and power. This requires, on our part, faith and hope as well as love and understanding.

With God's mercy and grace, we will be part of God's army of Christian Soldiers who follow the cross of Jesus. Let's recall the words found in **Micah 6:8** "This is what the Lord asks of you; only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." This is something to be shared with others. Remember the building blocks of our freedoms are built on our **Faith, Love, Hope, Trust, and Peace of God the Father and Jesus Christ**, His Son and our Lord and Savior.

Happy Birthday America! Amen.

With love and prayers,

Betty



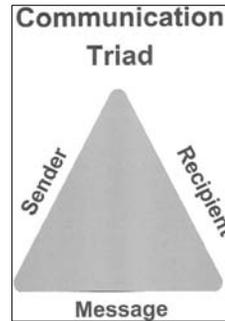
Hello, Church Family,

I pray that this message finds everyone well!

I was hoping to receive responses to my previous requests asking for your input about our church, our relationships with each other, and ways we can improve and grow our church family. I have not received any input as of yet! With the hope that a picture really *IS* worth a thousand words, I am putting a small picture below..



The Clerk's Corner



In effective communication, the Sender (you), the Recipient (me) and the Message are all equally important. In order for our church to meet your needs, I need to hear the Message! You can speak with any Session member...but please let us hear from you! As a Session, we are trying to be responsive to the concerns we hear, such as loosening COVID restrictions and having an outdoor Fellowship Hour! Perhaps a **suggestion box** might be another way to express thoughts?

In another context, please be the Sender for Messages to the absent Recipients of our Church family and for other friends in our community. There are a lot of lonely people who need to hear from you/us. Please reach out to those who need to hear our Messages of love and hope. Thank you.

With hugs and prayers,

Sheryl

July Charitable Donations Drive



Throughout July we are beginning a **collection** of **women's** and **children's toiletries** to benefit **The Center for Hope and Safety**. This organization helps survivors of domestic violence. They are located in Rochelle Park and can be found on the internet at **www.hopeandsafetynj.org**

Donations should be comprised of **new** items (**full size, not sample size**) **Toothpaste** and **toothbrushes**, **body wash**, **shampoo** and **conditioner**, **ladies disposable razors**, **bar soap**, **body powder**, **deodorant**, **mouthwash**, body **lotions** or **creams!** Please place your donations in the bin in the lobby and then on the stage when we worship downstairs on **July 11th!** **Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.**

Member Updates

Happy Anniversary to **Sheryl** and **Tom Heffernan-Winkler!**

July 18th will mark their **one year Anniversary** together!

Happy Anniversary to **Lenin** and **Sandra Barberena!** Their special day was June 23rd. They are celebrating **17 years** of marriage! May God continue to bless these awesome couples that we are so fortunate to have in our **church family**.



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Saturday July 10th at 10:00am we are having a cleanup event! And...guess what? You're all invited as *honored guests!* 😊 We will be focusing on cleaning the **kitchen** and our **Fellowship Hall** making it nice and clean for our summer **Church Services** which will be held downstairs in **Fellowship Hall** beginning Sunday, July 11th! ←



BeeHive: Did you know...?

The beehive is a symbol of those who work together for the benefit of all. It is used modernly as a **symbol** for the **Christian Church**, and is one of the best! We can view our church as our hive and we can work together, like the great example bees give to us, all working for the betterment of the hive! (no *stinging* allowed! 😊)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Ethan Barberena - July 7th

Robert Taylor - July 9th

Carrie Werner - July 14th

Adrienne Williams - July 19th

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

We've revised our guidelines for attending church during the pandemic! Signing in and temperature taking will still be performed upon entering the church building. **Masks are optional and we will be **singing one hymn** per week using our **pew hymnals!****



Don't forget that we have resumed our **Food Collection to benefit the **Center for Food Action!** Please bring non-perishable items with you to church and place them in the bins located in the lobby area and then on the stage when we worship downstairs! Thank you!**

☺ Just for laughs ☺



Question: Where did Noah keep his bees?

Answer: The ark hives!



Thought for the month:

" Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

... Theodore Roosevelt

