



Dear Friends,

If you'd like to read something more serious and insightful, I would have you read Julie Stevenson's entry for this month. The entry challenges us to look at the different styles of church fellowship, even our own. Even in worship there are "different strokes for different folks."

On the less serious side I'd like to share some fun with religious trivia that you may have never heard before.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A. Ruthless

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all ten commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

There you have it. I pray for everyone to have a very safe rest of the summer. I pray that when September comes around, we might be a little closer to normal. Remember...God is faithful.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Jim

Mark Your Calendars

Worship Facebook Live 10:30 am.....August 7
 Worship Facebook Live 10:30 am.....August 14
 Worship Facebook Live 10:30 amAugust 21
 Worship Facebook Live 10:30 amAugust 28

**NO FACEBOOK DAILY DEVOTIONS
 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST!**

CURRENT EXPENSES



Amount pledged	\$131,388.00
Anticipated monthly contributions	\$10,949.00
Contributions should be:	\$76,643.00
Contributions to date	\$73,362.00
Short	-\$3,281.00



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Pastor, James Scovell; Directors of Music, Peter and Julie Stevenson;
 Administrative Assistants Kerri Caldaro
 Church School Coordinator, Jean Bowers.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time: 10:00 a.m.

September issue will be published on **August 31st**. The deadline is **August 26th**. Please submit articles to the church office or by email to: office@washingtonfpc.com

Dog Days of
 Summer



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee this year is supporting local organizations. The organization that we will support for the months of July & August will be the Washington Emergency Squad. Washington Emergency Squad is a non-profit, combination paid/volunteer agency that provides Emergency Medical and Rescue Services to the citizens of Washington Borough and Washington Township. Presently, the members of the Washington Emergency Squad run over 1700 calls a year. Please prayerfully consider contributing. Your gift will be matched by the Kathleen Smith Fund. You Can find an envelope in the Narthex on the information table. Thank You!

Thank You,
The Stewardship
Committee



Prayer:

God of holiness and light, in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ, you have established a new covenant of reconciliation. Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people, that your saving grace may be professed and proclaimed to the whole world. Dear Lord, as we pray for our friends and loved ones, let us pray with confidence knowing that you not only hear our prayers, but respond in love and with a perfect will.

Those ill or recuperating at home: Dot Decker, Joyce Parsons, Ronald & Joan Weber, Michael Housman, Joyce Parsons, Alfred Bowen, DJ Pesaniello, Carley Miller Heatley, Sue Wiedman, Bob & Joan Anderson, Tempe Schramm, Vickie Brown, Bob Schuch, Charlie Wright, Marion Kingsbury, Kerry Webb, Peggy Westlake, Grace Murphy.

Relatives of church members: Roberta Kugelmeyer's great niece Olivia, Don Johnson's daughter Donisse Kelton, Dorothy Thoms son Don, Martha Kenny's brother Fred Wilson, , Bob Pesaniello, John Westlake, Bart Schott, Pauline Albrecht's cousin Pete Lekousis, Elinor Bettie's sister Jane, Laura Housman's mother Betty Machauer, Fred Kulick's brother in-law Jon, Bob & Joan Anderson's son Robert Scott, Tami Phelps cousin Jimmy, George Van Veldhuisen's brother Bill, Elaine Boreman's mom Florence, Jean Scovell, Sarah McLeod's son, Lawrence Lewis, Barbara Miller's cousin Kayla Norvis, Eleanore Jensen's son Scott, Phyllis & Warren Kearns' son, Joan Miller's sister in-law, Nancy Vlossak's niece, Ken Dirkes' wife & great grandson, Betty Ann Roseberry Wright's sister, Vicki Tensfeldt's mother & niece;

Those in care centers: Connie Allen.

Those in mourning: The family and friends of Stuart Penman with loss of his wife Nancy.

Friends of the church: Ray Halpin friend of Karen Graf, Phyllis Fyfe friend of Joan Miller, friend of Fred Graf and Pastor Jim, Bart Trachin, Barbara Miller's friend Diana Dunlap Weidner, Pauline Albrecht's friend Christine Kowal, Jean Bowers friend and his family Thomas Ferranti Jr, Joan Millers friends Walter & Pat Reedell, Elinor Bettis friend Ginna Zukswert, Carol Novak, Ruthann Lambert, Marion Hoskin's daughter Michelle, Joan Miller's friend Sarah Armbrrecht, Florence Hagemann Philip Hagemann's mother, Joan Miller's friend Patty Fratticcioli, Christine Otto, Jason Ford, Lisa Groff, Hoskins & Gerard Families, Fred & Gail Mosher, Gale Soler, Ellen Gulick, Jessica Yerrance, Robin Halozan, Tori Reade, Kris Miller, Bob Best, Markie DeVoe, Mark Christie, Vlossak family's friend Hallie, Shirley Pulsinelli.

Also, pray for our servicemen and women and their families: Albrecht's nephew Captain Kyle Mogensen, Vimp Smith's grandson Cory, D.J. & Bob Pesaniello's grandson Ryan, Stephanie Farley's nephew John, Kathy Perry's nephew Jimmy, Bob Schuch's, grandson Adam, Elaine Boreman's nephew Drew, Linda Darwin's friend Sean Devine.



August 7

Peggy Westlake

August 8

Rik Atkinson

August 9

Rihanna Burgess

August 10

Melanie Plenge

August 13

Amber Wyble

August 19

Bruce Barnes Jr.
Jim Lawson

August 25

Stan Kubbishun

August 28

Ian Allen

August 29

Julia Hanshaw
Sharon Reardon

August 31

Leslie Schott
Madeline Pennello
Karen Wilson



MUSIC NOTES

Like many others, I remember growing up in churches where the pews were packed on most Sundays with families and folks of all ages coming together to worship. I was always involved in a children's choir, handbell choir, eventually adult choir (when I was in high school). I played the piano in church often and was called upon to accompany the younger children's choirs. In junior and senior high school years being active in "youth group" was a big part of my social life.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that those days are long gone in most mainline Protestant churches. Longing for "the good old days" is never fruitful because so much in our society has changed that we cannot control.

Like it or not, we live in a consumerist society where people want to get something back from their investment of time, effort, money. The folks who show up on Sunday mornings are there because they want to be. They get something out of the experience. Perhaps it is: inspiration from the spoken word or from the music; support through community prayer; connecting with friends; a sense of community in worshipping together with other spiritual seekers; an opportunity to help the greater community through mission giving/service; learning something new...Whatever brings a person to the church pew is divine, it's all good!

Just as one person cannot be all things to all people, each church is also unique in what it offers. Every church tries to meet the needs of those who are faithful attendees (or they would not be there!)

For folks who are drawn to "high church" full of liturgy; professional choirs; pipe organ music rumbling the floors and rafters; annual Concert Series; multiple services per week; beautiful sanctuaries full of beautiful artwork....there's a place for you (think St. John The Divine, NYC).

For those seeking modern buildings with not only a worship space, but also a Christian bookstore, cafe, bowling alley, swimming pool, theater, fitness center etc. "on campus"; providing Sunday school classes for all ages; no hymnals, no bulletins in worship opting for a screen up front only; multiple pastors; music provided by a band of guitarists, singers, drummers and all the electric paraphernalia that goes along with that....there's a place for you (think St. Matthews Baptist Church, Williamstown, NJ).

For those who enjoy the camaraderie of a pastor who knows them by their first name; friends they see each Sunday; the structure of a bulletin and the flexibility of a screen; lustily singing hymns that "they grew up with" but are also not afraid to try singing something new; appreciating high quality music of many genres/styles; worshipping together and reaching out to serve the greater community through mission projects; eager to learn something; fun activities (often involving food!)...there is a place for you (think 1st Presbyterian Church, Washington, NJ).

Accepting the many changes in our world which are beyond our control is difficult. **We cannot be all things to all people.** We can, however, continue to love each other and step up to use our God-given abilities to serve. If you sense a calling to provide a ministry, what is stopping you? I believe in the natural flow of life. If an opportunity presents itself, give it a try! When you hear a knock on your door, answer it! Forcing things to happen never ends well. As my Grandma Cosens used to say: "If it is meant to be, it will be."

The best we can do is to keep our hearts, minds, eyes, ears open. Think of all the ways in which God has blessed you and don't hide your talents under a bushel. Share your gifts and the whole community will benefit.

Love and Peace, Julie Stevenson



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO FACBOOK DAILY DEVOTIONS THIS MONTH	1 PJ Vacation	2 PJ Vacation Office Closed Kerri Vacation Day	3 PJ Vacation	4 PJ Vacation	5 PJ Vacation	6
7 Worship 10:30 am Facebook Live	8 PJ Vacation	9 PJ Vacation	10 PJ Vacation	11 PJ Vacation	12 PJ Vacation	13
14 Worship 10:30 am Facebook Live	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 10:30 am Facebook Live	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 10:30 am Facebook Live	29	30	31			