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Dear Friends,

What's new? This whole brochure is new, reflecting exciting changes in the programs and ministry of PCCT. To be specific... here is what is new:

- Beth Burris is our new Director of Children's Ministries. She is about to receive her credentials as a Certified Christian Educator, and brings years of experience while working as Director of Christian Education at the Presbyterian church in Morristown. As Leena Waite leaves us to begin study for ministry at Drew Seminary, Beth inherits Leena's wonderful CE program.
- The Sunday Schedule is new: There are still two services of worship. The service that starts at 9:15 a.m., with Church School, is 45 minutes long. The second service starts at 10:45 a.m. and is an hour in length. But what is really new is "The Gathering" which starts at 10 a.m. every Sunday. This is a time when people from both services of worship meet and connect for fellowship, conversation, education and refreshments.
- Music Programs: This year Adam Waite, our Director of Music is expanding both the Manna Group and the Folk Lore group to include more participants. Children's music along with the adult choirs will continue to be an intricate part of worship on Sundays.

Please review this brochure and keep it throughout the year as you find ways in which you plan to participate in the life of the congregation. On Rally Day, September 13, we will begin with the new schedule. Plan to join us for worship, conversation, fellowship and education.

God bless you. Reverend Dr. Edward Halldorson

Our Vision Statement

We welcome you to our community as we celebrate the glory of God through faith, fellowship and service.

*Growing in faith through meaningful worship and learning that is fulfilling, inspiring and challenging.

*Growing through fellowship with an engaged church family that cares for, comforts and builds friendships with one another.

*Growing through service as we give our time and talent to help others in and beyond our community.

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Worship Sunday Mornings

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

(10:00 a.m. in the summer)

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township. For 2009-2010 the Session has changed some things in the Sunday Schedule. There are several things you need to be aware of:

There are still two services of worship.

The service at 9:15 AM will be 45 minutes in length. Children will be dismissed fifteen minutes into the service so that they can attend church school. The service is identical to the later service except there will be a few less musical offerings. The Chancel Choir and children's choirs will be providing music each week.

The second service begins at 10:45 AM and is an hour long. The same preacher will lead worship at both services. The Chancel Choir will sing at this service once a month. Adam is expanding both the Folk Lore group and creating a new Youth Choir to provide music on other Sundays.

The main reason for these worship changes is to provide a time in between the two services for people to meet for conversation, education, refreshments and fellowship. It is called The Gathering. We hope that since church school, choir rehearsals and the new C.A.R.E.S. Program will occupy the children until 10:45 each Sunday... adults will stay for The Gathering. We hope those who plan to attend the second service will come early at 10:00 AM to be part of The Gathering as well. Marc and I plan to lead groups every Sunday during this time for those wishing to be part of an educational experience.

As always, Marc and I have planned series of sermons throughout the year. The plan for this year is as follows:

Fall:	"The Life of David"
Advent:	"Behind Every Cloud"
Winter:	"The Early years of Jesus"
Lent:	"The Beatitudes"
Spring:	"The Followers of Jesus"

The Church School Curriculum coordinates with some of the worship themes.

My hope is that the new schedule means that worship, education and fellowship become part of your weekly experience of PCCT.

You will also find that at PCCT there is a Service of Remembrance in November, monthly contemporary services of worship called the Manna Project, and during Lent, there are Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship every Wednesday evening.

God bless you,
Ed Halldorson

CD MINISTRY

CD's are now available in the LIBRARY. There are 2 sets of CD's -

- (1) CD's with yellow covers contain the entire Sunday Service.
- (2) CD's with blue covers contain scriptures and sermons from four Sundays (grouped generally by month.)

The CD's date back to September 2008. We try to produce them on a weekly basis, so they are relatively current. The CD Ministry is located in the library on the desk in a black box. The CD's have a sign-out card on the back that should be filled out and left in the "Books on Loan" box when a CD is borrowed. (Just like you would do with a book.)

This is a wonderful chance to share a sermon with someone who is not well enough to attend services.

Thanks to Jennifer Beacham who spends countless hours downloading the recorded sermons onto CD's and to Adam Waite for sharing his technical expertise to allow for the services to be recorded.

EXCITING NEW SCHEDULE STARTS - RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Worship with our Chancel Choir and Children's Music Groups

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 Sunday School (1st -5th begin in worship)

9:15 a.m. - 10:45 Junior High Fellowship (Breakfast Club)

10:05 a.m. The Gathering I & The Gathering II

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. C.A.R.E.S. for PCCT's 3rd - 5th Graders

(Community, Art, Recreation, Environment, Service)

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Carol Choir (1st & 2nd graders)

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Psalm Singers (3rd - 8th graders)

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Worship with our High School Choir, Folk Lore & Chancel Choir

6:00 p.m. - Senior High Fellowship

(Every Sunday Except Family Worship)

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CAROL CHOIR (Grade 1 – Grade 2) First rehearsal Sunday, September 13
Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 10:45am. This fun and energetic youth choir,
perfect for kids just beginning to sing, will present special music at the 9:15
worship the fourth Sunday of every month (beginning in October). Threes &
fours, and kindergartners will have in-class music time with Mr. Callahan during
regular Sunday School hours.

YOUTH BELLS (Grades 3-8) First rehearsal Tuesday, September 15
Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 6:45pm. Children learn bell choir fundamentals
by playing tone chimes and handbells. Youth Bells presents music at the 9:15
worship the third Sunday of every month.

PSALM SINGERS (Grades 3-8) First rehearsal Sunday, September 13
Sunday mornings from 10:45 – 11:15am. Our more advanced youth choir is
geared towards older children and preteens who may have previous experience
singing in a choral setting. Psalm Singers help lead the 9:15 worship the first
Sunday of every month.

MANNA (Grade 9 – College) NEW!! Our Manna ensemble has developed into a
full vocal and instrumental choir. All singers and instrumentalists are invited to
participate in this acoustic group that leads worship approximately twice a
month at the 10:45 service. Contact Director of Music Adam Waite for more
information regarding rehearsals.

CHANCEL CHOIR (Grade 9 – Adult) First rehearsal Thursday, September 10
Thursday evenings from 8:00 – 9:30pm. Currently at 35 members, this four part
chorus welcomes new members of all musical abilities! Performs mostly at the
9:15 worship service and also presents special music programs, including our
annual Christmas Concert.

SANCTUARY RINGERS (Grade 9 – Adult) First rehearsal Thursday, September 10
Thursday evenings from 6:45 – 7:45pm. This 5-octave handbell choir is open to
new or experienced ringers. If you've never tried handbells, this is the time! Be
part of one of the most fun musical groups at PCCT!

FOLK LORE (Adult) Contact Adam Waite for more information
Rehearsal times vary. This favorite PCCT ensemble features guitars, violin, bass
and banjo. This group will play approximately twice a month at the 10:45
worship service, so new members are welcome!

Church School Begins on September 13, 2009

Nursery

We welcome all babies, infants, and toddlers up to age 3 to our nursery, staffed by our paid caregiver, Lenora Weinstein and rotating teams of parents and volunteers from the congregation during our 9:15 am service, and for ages 5 and under during our 10:45 am service. A pager system alerts parents in the sanctuary if their child needs them. We ask that all parents who use the nursery on a regular basis serve as volunteers. If you have any questions or comments or would like to volunteer in the nursery or on the Nursery Committee, please contact Anne Davenport.

9:15 — 3 year olds through Kindergarten!

Pre-school 3s, 4s, and Kindergarteners are introduced to the Old and New Testament through songs, stories, and other interactive lessons using the Hands-On Bible curriculum. We have teams of 3 to 4 teachers and 2 aides per semester, allowing 2 teachers and one aide to be present each Sunday and consistent faces for our little ones throughout the 2 terms, September 13 – December 20 and January 10 – May 16. Our children's music director, Michael Callahan, also visits each of these classes regularly for music time.

9:30 - 10:15 am — Rotation Workshops! (1st - 5th grade)

1st through 5th graders attend the beginning of worship before meeting their class in the Upper Lobby and heading off to their workshops! For 3 – 5 weeks at a time, children focus on a specific Bible story or concept and attend workshops of various mediums (games, art, drama, cooking, etc.) centered around the theme. The repetition and hands-on application help the children retain the story learned and encourage spiritual development, not just memorization! Teachers plan one lesson to teach all grades while Shepherds provide a consistent face and assist throughout the year. We use curriculums from Potters Publishing, Rotation.org, and We Believe, PCUSA.

CLASSROOMS

Rooms for 2009-2010

- Nursery (infants to age 3) – C-20
- 3 year olds – B-13
- 4 year olds – B-12
- Kindergarten – C-22
- 1st – 5th Grade Rooms for Sept – Oct. 5
 - 1st grade – C-19
 - 2nd grade – C-21
 - 3rd grade – A-5
 - 4th grade – A-9
 - 5th grade – Theos(A-6 and A-7)
- During Rotation Units, 1st-5th graders will rotate amongst these rooms.
 - Junior High's Combined - Youth Lounge & Cafe
 - 6th grade – Old Youth Lounge (A-4)
 - 7th grade – Café (B-16)
 - 8th grade – New Youth Lounge (B-15)

ROTATION

- Sept 13 – Oct. 4: Down to the Basics (not a rotation)
- October 18– November 22: David as a Boy: Discovery, Drama/Storytelling, Art, Games, Audiovisual
- December 6 – 20: Believers Around the World: Kenya, Ireland, Guatemala
- Jan 10 – Feb 7: [Jesus' Baptism:](#) Art, Audiovisual, Drama/Storytelling, Music/Worship, Games
- Feb 21 – Mar. 21: Road Trip: Resurrection to Pentecost: Art, Drama, Games, Movies

NEW THIS YEAR!!!

3rd - 5th Grade C.A.R.E.S.
Community, Art, Recreation, Environment, Service

Who: 3rd-5th graders in fellowship
 When: Sunday Mornings, 10:15-10:45 a.m.
 Monthly Schedule: 1st Sundays - Art; 2nd Sundays- Recreation;
 3rd Sundays - Environment; 4th Sundays - Service
 What: An opportunity to build community based on caring for the blessings God has given us!
 Why: C.A.R.E.S. not only extends the connections 3rd-5th graders make in Sunday School, but also provides a fun atmosphere to put their lessons into actions, where kids can grow and serve Christ by serving their local and distant communities.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

Grade 3 Bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented to all 3rd Graders on Sunday, October 4, 2009.

Christmas Eve

The children's service on Christmas Eve, a nativity scene with wonderful music by the children, will be held on December 24 at 3:30 p.m. All children are welcome to participate. Dress rehearsals are Sunday, December 20th at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 22nd at 4:00 p.m. Other services on Christmas are 6:00 pm, Candlelight Family Worship with the Psalm Singers, 8:30 p.m. Candlelight Family Worship with the Youth Choir, and 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with the Chancel Choir. Details will follow in the fall issues of Tidings and the Sunday bulletins.

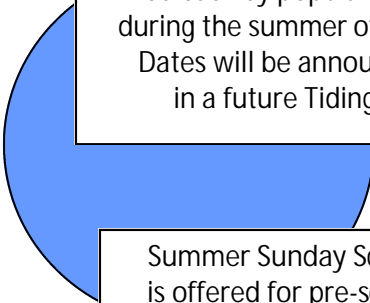
Family Worship Sundays

Family worship will be intentionally family friendly, with opportunities for ALL AGES to lead and worship together!
10/11, 11/8, 11/29, 12/27, 1/3, 1/17, 2/14, 4/4, 5/30



GET INVOLVED

Whether you have Sunday School aged children or not, we are all given the opportunity and privilege to teach the children and youth of this church about God's love and to nurture the seeds of their faith. Take a look at the many ways in which you can give to the Church School program on the Church School Registration form.



Vacation Bible School will be back by popular demand during the summer of 2010. Dates will be announced in a future Tidings.

Summer Sunday School is offered for pre-school children through Grade 3 in a multi-age setting from June through August.

The Breakfast Club
9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Jr. High MORNING fellowship
(*Revised*)

- Q. What is The Breakfast Club and what do they do?
 - A. The Jr. High morning program.
 - B. A group that gathers together for breakfast EVERY SUNDAY, 9:15-9:30 in the Youth Café.
 - C. A COMBINED group for games, breakfast, fellowship, and introduction of topics that cover the Old & New Testament over the 3 years AND BREAKDOWN time for individual grades to discuss on their own!
 - D. FELLOWSHIP TIME, 10:15-10:45: While adults are growing upstairs in between services, jr. highs get to hang out and participate in organized games and activities!
 - E. Discovering how and why the Christian message mattered then and is relevant today!
 - F. Opportunity to pick your own mission projects for the year and make a difference in the community and the world!
 - G. Worship opportunities - with the congregation and on their own!
 - H. All of the above!!
- You guessed it - it's H!!
- All are welcome to join us
Sunday mornings!

Senior High Fellowship

Grades 9-12

Sunday Evenings from 6 to 8PM

Start Date: September 13th

Teen Suite: Lounge/Café/Game Room

Our Senior High Fellowship Program, led by Princeton seminarian Megan LeCluyse (who has over 10 years experience in youth fellowship) and a dynamic group of adults and youth provides our 9th-12th grades a chance to have fun together, reflect on provocative and relevant topics, and experience life in a faith based community.

The group will meet regularly on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8PM. This year the program will include a DVD-based series, entitled NOOMA. Named for the Greek word for spirit/breath/wind, NOOMA is a fresh and innovative approach to spiritual direction. This series of short films featuring innovative Bible teacher Rob Bell dives head-first into tough questions about faith, authenticity, and living as a follower of Christ.

Once a month there will be a joint event with the Breakfast Club aka Junior High Fellowship; some of these will include, Game Show Night, Frozen Turkey Olympics, Bowling for Charity, and Christmas Caroling. The program will also include two mission trips to Manhattan to serve the homeless through Bridges Ministry, service projects for those within and outside our community, and a Summer Mission Trip open to 10th-12th graders.



Confirmation Class of 2011
Sunday Mornings-January '10 -February '11
10:45AM-12:15PM
Halldorson Hall and Chapel

Our Confirmation Program, led by Rev. Marc Oehler and the Confirmation Leadership Team, provides high school students with an opportunity to reaffirm the baptismal vows typically made on their behalf by their parents, as well as make a personal commitment to be an active member in the church. Students are formed into little churches (males and females are separated), which meet regularly with the pastors and include 8 youth and 2 adults. The little churches meet twice a month from January '10-February '11, taking off during the summer. Beginning in September '09 and continuing through confirmation, the students are expected to worship regularly (at least twice a month) at the services which fit their schedule.

Confirmation for the Class of 2011 is on Sunday, February 13th, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The class will be received into membership at regular worship on Sunday, February 27th at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Rev. Oehler (moehler@pcct-nj.org) if you have questions or fill out a registration form if you are interested. The Opening Retreat for confirmation students and leaders, as well as Senior High leaders, will take place from Sunday, January 17th- Monday, January 18th, 2010. Confirmation Orientation will take place this fall on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

Please contact the church office to register/for further details.
(973) 635-2340/pcctoffice@pcct-nj.org/www.pcctnj.org

PCCT'S 2009-2010 SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

September

9/13 – Back to Church School!
Down to the Basics Unit begins for 1-5 grades (through Oct. 4)
9/20
9/27

October

10/4 World Communion Sunday
Third Grade Bible Sunday
10/11 - Family Worship – with child participation!
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined
10/18 – David as a Boy Rotation begins(through 11/22)
10/25

November

11/1
11/8 Family Worship – with child participation!
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined
11/15
11/22 Harvest Festival
11/29 Family Worship
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined

December

12/6 Believers Around the World Rotation begins(through 12/20)
12/13
12/20 1 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal
12/22, Tuesday, 4 pm Pageant Rehearsal
12/24 Christmas Eve
3:30 PM Children's Program
6:00 PM Candlelight Service
8:30 PM Candlelight Service
11:00 PM Candlelight Service
12/27 Family Worship
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined

January

- 1/3 Family Worship – with child participation!
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined
- 1/10 Jesus Baptism Rotation begins (through 2/7)
- 1/17 Family Worship – with child participation!
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined
- 1/24 Annual Congregational Meeting and Breakfast - One Service at 10am!
- 1/31

February

- 2/7
- 2/14 Family Worship – with child participation!
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined
- 2/21 Road Trip Rotation begins (through Mar. 21)
- 2/28

March

- 3/7
- 3/14
- 3/21
- 3/28 Palm Sunday- Children’s Worship in Halldorson Hall

April

- 4/4 Easter – Family Worship
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined
- 4/11 The Beatitudes Rotation begins(through May 9)
- 4/18
- 4/25

May

- 5/2
- 5/9
- 5/16 Church School Sunday Preparation
- 5/23 10:00 a.m. - Church School Sunday
- 5/30 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
Classes for Pre-K & Kindergarten combined
- 6/6 10:00 a.m. - Youth Sunday & Picnic

NEW THIS FALL STARTING ON RALLY DAY!
 THE GATHERING at 10:05 am
 Reverend Halldorson in Halldorson Hall
 Reverend Oehler in Halldorson Hall

The Gathering is a new opportunity this fall for congregational connection and conversation. We will start with offerings led by Reverend Halldorson and Reverend Oehler. Marc will lead us in "Living the Questions," a group study which will explore beyond traditional and rote theology to discover the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century. We will also explore what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

Ed will lead "Something More," a weekly expansion of the day's sermon topic. All are invited to The Gathering to be held between Sunday services. There will also be round tables set up in Mulford Hall with coffee for small interest groups - these groups TBA.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS
 "Genesis: The Patriarchs"
 Reverend Dr. Edward Halldorson
 Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 Theos Room

Beginning on September 10th, Reverend Halldorson will continue the study of the Book of Genesis. We will be considering the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

The class considers the scriptures in a conversational way. You do not need to be a Biblical scholar to attend. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Halldorson at (973) 635-2340.

RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

1st Tuesday of the month, beginning *September 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Theos Room. Reverend Halldorson will lead a study and discussion of the major religions of the world. The text will be "Beliefs that Changed the World," by John Bowker. (*Class starts on different Tuesday in September.)

MONTH	TOPIC	READING in "Beliefs that Changed the World"
September 15	Intro to Comparative Religion	Pages 5-7
October 6	Hinduism	Pages 95-138
November 3	Buddhism	Pages 139-166
December 1	Chinese Religion	Pages 167-198
January 5	Judaism	Pages 8-30
February 2	Islam	Pages 66-94
March 2	Orthodox Christianity	Pages 31-65
April 6	Catholicism	Additional Materials
May 4	Protestantism	Additional Materials
June 1	How Religions Deal with Evil	Additional Materials

LUNCH AND A MOVIE

Every Wednesday Starting on September 9
12:00 p.m. Halldorson Hall

Starting in September we will conclude "Planet Earth" featuring "Forests", "Deep Oceans", "Shallow Seas", "Ice Worlds", "Jungles", "Great Plains", and "The Future". Another movie series will be selected later in the fall. Bring a sandwich (or not) and join us in Halldorson Hall!

Spiritual Direction Groups:

Meeting Times: TBD by participants' schedules (daytime and evening options)

Rev. Marc Oehler and Robin Batten will once again be facilitating spiritual direction groups for all those interested. A spiritual direction group, for those unfamiliar with it, is a group which meets regularly to assist each other in becoming more aware of, attentive to, and responsive to God. The group will ask questions like, Where is God in this experience for you?, Are you sensing any call from God?, Do you find yourself drawn to anything new?, How are you praying this situation? etc. The facilitator participates in the group, as well as ensure the prayerfulness of the space, which means encouraging silence, listening, prayer, and simply being with the other, and discouraging any attempts to fix, advise, save, or set the other straight. Please contact Marc (moehler@pcct-nj.org) or Robin Batten. if you are interested in learning more about this or being part of a new group. Groups, which are limited to 3 or 4 participants, are formed during the summer and meet monthly from September-May.

Individual Spiritual Direction: Rev. Marc Oehler and Robin Batten

Rev. Oehler and Robin Batten, both trained in the art of spiritual direction at Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development, will continue to offer individual spiritual direction. Spiritual direction is an ancient practice where a director serves as a spiritual companion for another seeker. The "goal" of the monthly session is for the director and seeker to attend to the presence of God in the life of the seeker. Spiritual direction differs from counseling in a variety of ways: it does not focus on solving problems, includes time for prayer, meditation, and silence, and encourages the practice of spiritual disciplines. Please contact Rev. Oehler (moehler@pcct-nj.org) or Robin Batten if you are interested.

PRAYER CIRCLE I: PRAYING FOR PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

Prayer Circle I was formed to answer a call to pray for people of all ages and stages, of all races and nationalities, of all religions and creeds.

We meet on Thursdays in the New Parlor from 9:00 to 9:30 am. Our format varies from week to week. Sometimes we pray out loud and sometimes we are silent. At times, someone leads us and at other times, we let the Spirit lead us. Always, always, we try to be aware that we are performing a sacred trust - to raise up the names of those who are in need. Please note that you do not have to pray out loud to be part of this group. We have plenty of folks who will feel very comfortable praying in a small group setting.

PRAYER CIRCLE II: PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH

Prayer Circle II is designed for those who wish to pray for our church. Members of this Prayer Circle will meet weekly to pray specifically for our Pastors, for each of the PCCT staff members, for our church leaders, and for all of our ministries.

Prayer will occur in a variety of ways. Personalized Breath Prayers will be written together for each pastor, leader, and PCCT staff member. Scriptures will be chosen and used when praying for each individual ministry in our church. We will create our prayers and choose new Scriptures as needs and requests change. All are welcome. Please contact Cindy Caporaso details.

PCCT FAST DAY

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month for a day of fasting with us from sunrise to sunset, breaking your fast on your own, and gathering with us at 7:30 for a 45 minute period of reflection and sharing on the day of fasting and prayer, breaking of fresh baked bread together, offering and dedication of gift to a cause of your choice, and establishing of intention for the following month's day of prayer and fasting. Each month we hold a specific cause on our hearts during our time of prayer, fasting, and community reflection and sharing. It is a powerful way to experience a spiritual practice rooted in all the major religions in our world. For more information, please contact Evan Skinner or Marc (973-635-2340 or moehler@pcct-nj.org). Our first meeting this fall is on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

LENTEN FASTLANE

Wednesday, February 17 - March 31, 8:00-8:45 p.m.

Please join our group, which will commit to fast each Wednesday during Lent and make a donation with the "saved" money to a charity addressing the needs of the hungry. We meet each Wednesday evening, for the Soup Supper and Worship, and Small Group reflection time, beginning at 8:00PM. Some people choose to fast alone and stay in touch with the group through our regular email newsletter. It is a wonderful way to practice your faith during Lent, take part in Christ's ministry to the hungry, and be part of a nurturing and inspiring small group. This Lent we will also reflect as a group on the Beatitudes. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Marc Oehler (moehler@pcct-nj.org) or Rev. Dr. Don McCord.

Men's Breakfast
 3rd Tuesdays of the month
 Tuesday, September 15—June 15, 6:30-7:30 am
 Staff Conference Room

The group, which is facilitated by Marc will meet monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 am in the Staff Conference Room for food, fellowship, reflection on, and discussion of the topic of the month. We will use "The Shack" by William P. Young. Each month you are invited to read a particular chapter, but please come whether or not you have, since Marc always begins with a brief review of the topic. Join us on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 am for our first meeting. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Marc Oehler (moehler@pcct-nj.org) or Elder Steve Shunk.

THE THIRD ACT - A WOMEN'S GROUP Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43: 18-19) Join us as we collectively explore the next phase of our lives through scripture, prayer, and lively discussions. Our group uses the book, "When You Come Unglued...Stick Close to God", as a guide. We will continue to meet on Monday mornings beginning on September 21st, and we are considering an additional meeting time for the upcoming year. More details will be in the September Tidings. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Ahsler or call the church office at 973-635-2340.

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We welcome all women of the church as members of Presbyterian Women! We fulfill our purpose by serving one another, our church, our community, and our world. We do this through women's circles, program gatherings, service projects, and mission fundraising events.

Circles

A circle is a small group of women who meet once a month for fellowship, study, and service or who share a mutual interest. Presently, there are four circles.

- ✦ Circle 1 meets at 9:30 AM the 2nd Monday of each month.
- ✦ Circle 3 meets at 1:00 PM the 2nd Monday of each month.
- ✦ Circle 4 meets at 8:00 PM the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- ✦ PW Quilters meets two afternoons a month to work on their own quilting projects; sometimes they work together on special friendship quilts.

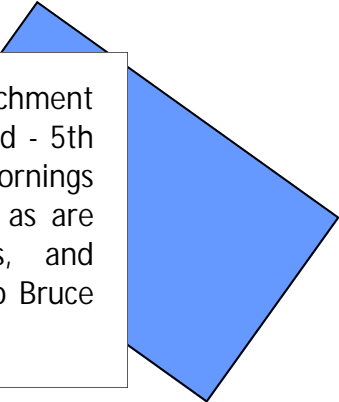
Consider joining a circle or even starting a new circle of women with common interests. New members are welcome to join any of the groups at any time during the year; just call the church office or the monthly hostess listed in Tidings to let her know that you would like to attend!

In addition to our circles we also have quarterly gatherings, community involvement and service projects, and fund raising events. Through these efforts we are able to foster fellowship as well as support our local and global community.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

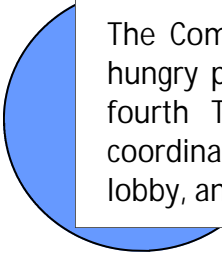
A group of dedicated women meets monthly to knit beautiful shawls and deliver them to PCCT members and friends in the community in need of a little comfort, be they in the hospital or at home. No prior knitting experience is needed. Irene Lawrence and Carey Ahsler and the group will teach you the "how to's!" The knitters enjoy getting together, and the recipients enjoy the thought behind the gift. For more information contact Irene or Carey.

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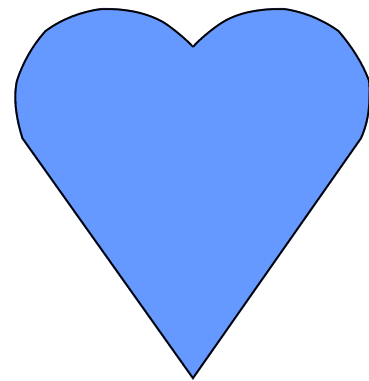
SCEEP is short for Suburban Cultural Educational Enrichment Program. It is a one-on-one tutoring program for 3rd - 5th graders from Newark and takes place on Saturday mornings October - May at our church. Tutors are needed, as are volunteers to help with breakfast, field trips, and organizational tasks. Call the church office or talk to Bruce Hoppe to make a difference by touching a child's life.

Interfaith Council for Homeless Families is a network of churches which provides beds, meals, and loving attention to Morris County homeless families. PCCT houses families four times a year from Sunday to Sunday. Coordinator Cindy Caporaso always needs volunteers to shop, cook, serve meals, launder linens, turn classrooms into bedrooms, and be present when the families are here. Watch for sign-ups in the Upper Lobby.



The Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown serves lunch to 200 hungry people daily. PCCT members prepare food and serve it the fourth Thursday of every month. Marla Drury and her team coordinate our participation. A sign-up board is posted in the upper lobby, and recipes are available. Your help is always needed.

Habitat for Humanity is an ongoing volunteer opportunity for teens aged 14 through adults. Qualified PCCT supervisors go to the work site on the second and third Saturday of each month. Church members are encouraged to join them. Information is available from Phyllis Stevens (KPS644@comcast.net) or the church office.





The Pumpkins are Coming!

Thinking about fall? It will be here before you know it. And then PCCT will once again be transformed into a country pumpkin patch. There will be activities and fun for all ages! Pumpkins will be sold and what we earn on pumpkin sales will go toward building a house for Habitat for Humanity. Many volunteers are needed. Watch for sign-ups in the lounge.

This year we are expecting a FULL TRUCK and looking forward to an October 1st arrival. There will be lots of opportunity for helping -- unloading the truck, setting up our lawn, getting our own teepee, rounding up the wagons, advertising around town, and getting lots of helpers to help sell the pumpkins! Watch Tidings and bulletins for more information!

We hope to get some of our music groups out and "on stage" to provide some entertainment. "Start spreading the word!"

SAVE THE DATE!

October 4, 2009

Witness and Outreach will be hosting a Fall Family Festival 1Event. with music, games and a movie on the front lawn! Proceeds will go towards our mission budget to help with our outreach project(s). Look for announcements in Tidings and bulletins.

Mission Trip Summer '10

The past few years between 40-60 people of all ages have traveled to New Orleans, LA and Port Arthur, TX. to serve people whose lives have been devastated by recent hurricanes. The Summer Mission Trip Committee (a group of adults and teens) will decide in the fall where and when we will go next year. The trip is a wonderful opportunity for youth and adults to work collaboratively in areas of need, to serve Christ in a very practical way, and to share in a fun and meaningful experience. The program includes hard work, spiritual reflection, and opportunities for fun and fellowship. Please contact Rev. Oehler (moehler@pcct-nj.org) if you have suggestions or would like to serve on the committee which decides and plans the Summer Mission Trip.

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Six standing committees of The Session ensure our church runs smoothly. Three elders serve on each committee along with members from the congregation at large. Committees meet monthly, on the 4th Monday at 7:30 pm, except for Personnel, which meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. Interested? Call the church office at 973-635-2340. Committees are a great way to become involved, get acquainted and work with a small group, make a real contribution, and they always need new members.

Christian Education Committee (Jeff Crater, Chair) oversees Sunday School and nursery care, children's weekday programs, Confirmation Class, Junior High and Senior High Fellowships, adult education opportunities, and the library.

Church Life and Program Committee (Stephen Shunk, Chair) is responsible for worship services, the sacraments of communion and baptism, ushering, the music program, fellowship (potluck suppers, ice cream social, etc.), organizations (Presbyterian Women, Men's Fellowship), and special events (blood drives, Baccalaureate).

Membership Committee (John Ashenfelter, Chair) oversees classes for new members and confirmands, maintains the fellowship pads to track and welcome visitors, coordinates Sunday morning coffee and fellowship time, arranges for roses to celebrate new babies, keeps the church rolls up to date, and produces the church's picture directory.

Personnel Committee (Robert Moore, Chair) recommends personnel policies to Session, administers employee benefit programs, provides a liaison for each employee, reviews staff compensation, coordinates performance reviews, and assists other Session committees in hiring lay staff members.

Stewardship and Operations Committee (Doug Frank, Chair) is responsible for maintaining PCCT's buildings and grounds. It also develops the budget, conducts the yearly stewardship campaign, and oversees the church's financial functions.

Witness and Outreach Committee (Frank Goldbach, Chair) oversees disbursement of PCCT's mission dollars. It informs the congregation of needs and presents hands-on opportunities to help others. Recent and ongoing projects include Habitat for Humanity, SCEEP, the Interfaith Hospitality Network for Homeless Families, the Harvest Festival, the Christmas Box Project Plus, the Community Soup Kitchen, and our Bahati Partnership.

Healing Partners
Cancer Support Group
First Monday of Every Month
1:00 pm
Griswold Parlor

All cancer survivors are warmly encouraged to participate in our supportive group. If you have any questions, please call Judy Loudermilk or Ellen Pierson.

A New Day
Widow's Support Group
First Tuesday of Every Month
Noon—1:30 p.m.
Halldorson Hall

This dynamic support group provides a warm, caring, therapeutic environment for those in our church who are widowed. A New Day meets on the first Tuesday of each month (except when pre-empted by holidays). We meet at 12 noon in Halldorson Hall. Please bring a sandwich and beverages and dessert will be provided. Questions? Please call Nancy Thompson or Judy Loudermilk. First meeting is on September 15th.

ADDITIONAL
SUPPORT GROUPS

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)
Every Sunday in
Halldorson Hall at 8:30 pm

AL-ANON
(Support for Adults living
with an alcoholic)
Every Thursday
Theos Room at 7:30 pm

Compassionate Friends
(Grief Support After the
Death of a Child)
Every 3rd Sunday in the
Griswold Parlor at 7 pm

Scared to go home?

If someone's drinking is affecting
your life,
ALATEEN can help.

AN ALATEEN GROUP has formed at PCCT. Meetings are every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the New Parlor. The group is open to youth in grades 6 – 12 who are or have been confronted by problems of alcoholic drinking in parents, relatives, or friends. Alateen offers teens a place to come together to share their experiences, encourage one another, and learn effective ways to cope with their problems. All meetings are confidential and are moderated by trained Alateen leaders. Pre-registration is not required. If you would like more information, please call the church office at 973-635-2340.

Please contact the church office to register/for further details. (973) 635-2340
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