

Pres Clippings

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The end of August is approaching. Summer is almost over. Can you believe it? Most of us like summer and are sad to see it go. Perhaps, as we approach the end of summer, the most fitting thing to say is something that Dr. Seuss said; "Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened."



In the rush of our days, we often don't take the time to look back and remember the moments of grace and goodness, the moments that made us smile, or the moments when we did feel the presence of God.

Yet, it's not too late! Summer isn't over yet! If you can't think of anything that happened this summer that makes you smile, then perhaps it would be important to ponder the question, what would it look like to end the summer well?

For me ending the summer well, would not just be something that makes me smile, but would also be something that makes someone else smile. That's not hard to do. Think of how much just smiling at people causes them to smile back! So if you can't think of anything to do to end summer well, then try smiling at people. As Mr. or Ms. Anonymous has noted: a smile "costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive it without impoverishing those who give it..."

*Blessings and smiles,
Betsey*

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GOD MOMENTS

Do you have an experience that you would call a "God moment," that is, an experience when you got a sign that God has got your back, or an experience that could only be explained as God protecting you or getting you through? Some people call these experiences "God winks." Others say that it is the experience of the veil between heaven and earth being pulled back a bit. Whatever the case, is this experience something that

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Please Remember!

"FEED MY SHEEP"

August 26th:

**CANNED
VEGETABLES**
(all varieties)

&

TOILET PAPER

you would be willing to share with the congregation during worship sometime? If so, please contact Rev. Crimmins by email at bcpreselm@stny.rr.com. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE

August 26, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Iona Style Healing Service

Knitting4Peace Dedication of Items

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will preach and lead in a worship service of Healing and Hope in the air-conditioned Hoffman Great Room. The style of the service will be inspired by the healing services that take place at Iona. The Greeters and Ushers will be **Mike Crimmins** and **Jane Ivanick**. The Lay Reader will be **Greg Lamb**. The Chancel Flowers will be given by **Barb Horton**. The Fellowship Hour will be hosted by **Mike** and **Patricia Kapusta**. Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SERVICE

September 2, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins will lead us in worship and preach in the air-conditioned Hoffman Great Room. The Lay Reader will be **Tom Leslie**. The Deacons preparing Communion will be **Mike Crimmins** and **Dottie Tholfsen**. The Elders serving Communion will be **Mike** and **Patricia Kapusta**, **Desiree Rogers**, **John Stanley**, and **Joanne Tunison**. Childcare is available. All are welcome to attend!

THANK YOU to the **Team of Habitat Volunteers** who went to Paterson, NJ, from August 8—11, 2018. The wonderful

volunteers were: **Dennis & Nancy Cooper**, **Harry & Barb Fitzsimmons**, **Terry Horton**, **Desiree Rogers**, **Ron & Joanne Tunison**, and **Megan Weigel**.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Sunday morning worship service on August 12...Elders, **Kirk** and **Denise Allen** for leading and preaching...**Liz Holloway** and **Pam Mathes** for Greeting and Ushering...members of the **Chancel Choir** for singing...**Nancy Cooper** and **Jane Ivanick** for Lay Reading...**Harry** and **Barb Fitzsimmons** for giving the Chancel Flowers, "The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Barb's mother, Marjorie Grant Maxfield."

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Sunday morning worship service on August 19...**Barb Cacciotti** and **Marsha Turner** for Greeting and Ushering...**Dr. Beth Dollinger** for giving the Minute for Mission...**Fred Betschen** for Lay Reading...**Marcia Metcalfe** for assisting in the Sacrament of Baptism...**Anne McGee** and **Kay Stewart** for playing two piano duets...the **Giacchino Family** for giving the Chancel Flowers, "The Chancel Flowers are in loving memory of Ron and Nancy Rehner's wedding anniversary."...the **Deacons** for hosting the Fellowship Hour.

SUMMER WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

Come and enjoy worship in the relaxed, air-conditioned atmosphere of the Great Room! Worship each Sunday now through and including September 2nd begins at 9:30 a.m. On Sunday, September 9th worship service will start at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

In case you are wondering, our Child Care Givers, **Bella** and **Sami**, are in the nursery each Sunday by 9:15 a.m., ready and eager to lovingly care for infants, toddlers



CHURCH FAMILY



Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of **Emi Edelmann** who celebrated his 91st birthday on Monday, August 20th.

Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of **Dottie Tholfsen** on the birth of her great grandson, Sawyer Joseph Curren, born on August 13, 2018, at 8 lbs 6 oz, and 21" long. Proud parents are Sam and Zach Curren.

Our prayers of joy and celebration extend to God on behalf of **Jason Frederick Battersby** and **Corey Mackenzie Rolls** who were married by The Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins at the North Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 18, 2018.

Our prayers of joy and congratulations extend to God on behalf of **Genevieve Annalynn Plate** who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 19, 2018. Proud parents are Megan and James Plate.

and children up to age five. So come and invite a friend to come with you!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our church has a food/sheep cart in our Missionary Lobby and the donated food items are then given to the North Presbyterian Church Food Pantry (College Ave). Right now the food shelves are looking a quite bare. Here is what the North Pres food bank needs: **canned goods** of any kind (**soups, fruits, vegetables, meats, etc.**), **cereals, peanut butter** and **jelly**, or any **food donations**. Please put your food donations in our sheep cart, and we will take it over to North Pres. Thank you in advance for what you can give to help feed the hungry in our area.

ATTENTION ALL MUSICIANS!

First Presbyterian Church needs YOU to help provide music for summer services until the choir reconvenes in the fall. Do you sing? Play an instrument? If so, consider volunteering your talents to enhance the weekly church service! If interested, please contact Melissa Moore at (607-426-8208) or 3

email at melissamoore1015@gmail.com, or sign up on the schedule posted in the Betschen Choir Room. Gary Tucker is more than happy to provide accompaniment, but please allow at least a week's advance notice. Hope to see, and hear from you soon!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Adult Sunday School class invites you to join them at **8:30 a.m.** in the parlor area. On **Sunday, August 26th** they will be discussing: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58. Please bring your Bible and join us! On Sunday, September 2nd, there will be no Sunday School.

LAY READERS

Barb Horton is the person who recruits people to be a Lay Reader each Sunday. (Super big thanks to Barb!!). Barb is in the process of expanding her list of people who are willing to be Lay Readers. If you are interested in being the

person who reads the Scripture lessons during worship, please contact Barb (732-8228). Thank you.

HABITAT NEWS!

First of all a big Thank You to the nine volunteers who spent three days building in Paterson, NJ this month: **Dennis and Nancy Cooper, Terry Horton, Barb and Harry Fitzsimmons, Desiree Rogers, Joanne and Ron Tunison, and Megan Weigel.** We had three days of work and fellowship with two other churches. Paterson continues to add more affordable homes for hardworking homeowners. Praise the Lord!

Secondly there is a **Faith Build Event** on **Saturday, September 29th** from **9:00 a.m.— 3 p.m.** and **Sunday, September 30th** from **1:00-4:00 p.m.** Two parks and two homes will be worked on. Families are encouraged. You do not need to be 16 to work in the parks!! Last year our local Habitat met the goal of 100 volunteers and Thrivent Financial rewarded this with \$5000! First Pres had 13 volunteers! Sign ups will begin **Sunday August 26**, in the Mission Hallway or contact Barbara Fitzsimmons at b2fitz@yahoo.com or 607-562-8095. All volunteers will sign in at Chapel Park the days of the event.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 23, 2018

1 - 6 p.m. ~ Hoffman Great Room

When was the last time you thought about donating blood? A momentary inconvenience can save a life! There is a great need for blood in our area. Walk-ins are welcome at any time. You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RedCross or by visiting www.redcrossblood.org

KNITTING4PEACE POD

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Our Peace Pod will have a booth at the Wisner Park on **Thursday, August 23rd**, from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Many handcrafted items will be on display. Stop by and visit with us!

There will be a blessing of the Knitting4Peace crafted items on **Sunday, August 26th** at the **9:30 a.m.** worship service.

On **Tuesday, September 11th** at **3:00 p.m.** the Senior Notebook will be taping a segment about our Knitting4Peace Pod. We encourage all Peace Pod members to attend.

Our Peace Pod meets every **Tuesday**, from **3 – 4:30 p.m.** in the Genesis room. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet or would like to polish off rusty skills, drop in. There's always someone there who can help you. If you can't make meetings, you are welcomed to knit or crochet at home. For further instructions and patterns, visit www.knitting4peace.org or speak with Sue Weaver or Kelly Stewart. Hope to see you there!

GRIEFSHARE SUMMER GROUP

The GriefShare group is meeting on **SUNDAYS** from **11a.m. -12:30 p.m.** in the parlor after the 9:30 a.m. service through September 2nd. There will be time for coffee and fellowship before we start. You can join the group anytime. There is a workbook available (\$15 donation) to use during the week for further personal study. If you would like further information, please call the church office or speak to one of the facilitators: Rich Buchheimer, Patricia Kapusta and Barb Squires. Please come and join us!

BREAKING THE RUMMAGE SALE CEILING

Change #1: For countless years we have worn the ‘money belts’ during the rummage sale. We had workers who made sure that things were paid in each room. We always had to run around to get the proper change and this created some chaos. We are retiring those money belts.

Change #2: Recycling!! We are all doing our best to recycle. The Rummage Sale will have large tote bags and regular tote bags (thank you all for those donations of tote bags) and these tote bags will have the initials-FPC-First Pres Church-(Thank you Dottie Tholfsen)

Change #3: First Pres’s lovely new kitchen-NOT OPEN TO RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS. This is a health department mandate to keep it clean and sanitary. Where will the kitchen items go? Help us figure this out.

Change #4: One door in and one door out. The entrance will be the same but the exit is by the narthex.

Change #5: Payments Stations will be in the narthex. We will have 4 stations for payments with 2-3 people at each payment table. The people at the tables will have an alphabetized list of items sold and this list will also have categories. Prices will be simplified.

Change #6: We have people from Glove House who will be helping us before and during the sale.

Change #7: The rummage sale will be in October. I will give the schedule in the next Pres Clip. Two obvious advantages-better weather and Halloween costumes for sale. Stay tuned for more changes and other rummage sale news. Please consider being part of the NEW rummage sale. Please start

getting your items ready for the sale by putting things in marked bags. Thank you. ~ Jane Ivanick, Chair

PRES CLIPPINGS SCHEDULE

The next Pres Clippings will be published on Tuesday, **September 4th**. Please send all articles to Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary, at kspreselm@stny.rr.com by 9 a.m. on the Monday prior to the publishing date. Thank you.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Friday, September 14, 2018

6 p.m. at the church

Please come and join us for the Friday Family Fun Night on Friday, September 14th. Join us for games, a video and fun discussion. Light dinner and snacks will be provided. The Hospitality Committee hosts a series of Family Fun Nights throughout the year, which will feature a food, refreshments and changing activities each month, including games, movies and, of course, fun. For more information, call Mike Kapusta at 989-984-7015. Hope to see you there!

“LET US SMILE”

The thing that goes the farthest
toward making life worthwhile,
that costs the least and does the most
is just a pleasant smile.

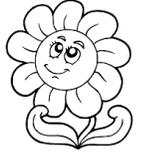
A smile that bubbles from the heart,
that loves its fellow men,
will drive away the clouds of gloom
and coax the sun again.

It’s full of worth and goodness, too,
with manly kindness blent;
it’s worth a million dollars,
and it doesn’t cost a cent.

~ Wilbur D. Nesbit



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...



“Let God’s promises shine on your problems.”

~ Corrie ten Boom

The Rev. Dr. Betsey R. Crimmins, Pastor

Felix Perez, Outreach & Service Specialist

Barbara Squires, Clerk of Session

Gary Tucker, Organist

Melissa Moore, Director of Music

Scott Kelley, Instrumental Director

James Stewart, Sr., Church Sexton

Kelly Stewart, Church Secretary

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