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The Spire

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May Events

- Presbyterian Women Sale, Saturday, May 1, 10-4 p.m.
- Children's Sunday, May 2, 10:00 a.m.
- New Members Seminar, Sunday, May 16, 11:30 a.m.
- Agape turns 10! Youth Celebration Lunch, Kindergarten Bibles Sunday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m.
- Memorial Day, May 31, Church Office Is Closed

A Mid Week Program to Grow Your Faith

According to Presbyterian theology, God's grace not only forgives us, but it changes our lives. By God's grace we are sanctified (a \$50 dollar word that means becoming more holy, more godly, more the real you God intended).

It is always good to ask: Are you growing? What are you learning? What is God teaching you? Are you becoming more faithful? Are you becoming a better servant?

Other good questions related to these: Where are you growing? A Sunday school class? A women's Circle? A small group? What is feeding your spiritual life? Where are the growing edges of your relationship with God and with your faith and understanding?

A group of folks will be meeting over the next month to think about how we can better help our members grow in our relationship with God move through this process. In particular we are looking at the possibility of offering some classes mid-week. I invite you to pray for us as we dream and plan. I also invite you to ponder the questions above.

— Rev. Ray Roberts

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Save the Date!

May 1, 2010

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop to Help Others

at the Presbyterian Women's

Mission Boutique Sale

in the Assembly Hall.

HomeFirst Tour

Friday, April 30, at 9:00 a.m.

At the Family Success Center

905 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield

RSVP to Rick Porter,

or Marybeth Lapham

mblapham2001@aol.com

BLOOD DRIVE - SAVE THE DATE

Our Mission Commission and The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Assembly Hall.

You'll be able to sign up easily for an appointment online via the church website or by phone. Watch the e-mail blasts, Sunday bulletins and posters for more information about how to register.

Please consider donating a pint of blood to help us reach our goal of 40 units.



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J. O. Y. (Just Older Youth)

Older Adult Week will be celebrated in Presbyterian congregations across the nation during the week of May 2. During this week many activities will be planned for and about seniors. The Senior Networking Committee at PCW has expanded the week of recognition and has coordinated three programs into a *Just Older Youth* Event series spanning 12 days.

The Senior Networking Committee chaired by Tay Miller, was formed several months ago to address the concerns of and to ensure that the needs of our senior members are being met. The committee has reached out to the older members of our congregation. Many of these members are homebound and have appreciated phone calls from members of the committee. The committee meets regularly and provides updates on members and discusses issues of concern for seniors.

The first event in the J.O.Y. series, *“Eldercare..... Planning, Not Reacting..... Are You Overwhelmed And Under-Informed?”* took place on April 29. The panel of speakers, led by Susan Devaney, explained ways to avoid costly mistakes, both emotional and legal by planning now rather than facing a crisis unprepared.

On Sunday, May 2 the *Just Older Youth Luncheon*, to be held following the 10 a.m. service in Assembly Hall, will honor those who have been members of our congregation for 50- and 75-years. Those over the age of 55 are welcome to attend. Come have a hot meal and share fellowship with these faithful long-time members. Please call the church office to make a reservation at 908-233-0301.

The final event in the *Just Older Youth* Event series will be the Westfield Parkinson Support Group meeting on Monday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Christian Lounge. This meeting is open to all members of the congregation. The speaker will be Donald Vanarelli, Elder Law Attorney of Westfield. He will discuss changes in Medicare and Medigap insurance, which will take effect in June. Light refreshments will be served.

We are thankful for the many Just Older Youth in our congregation. They have served as Sunday school teachers, as Elders Deacons, and committee members, as choir members and have shared their time, talents and gifts in so many ways. May God continue to bless them, as we recognize them during Older Adult Week.

Who is a J.O.Y. member? If you were born before May 2, 1955, YOU are a member of the Just Older Youth. Join us on Sunday, May 2 for our J.O.Y. Lunch honoring our 50 year members. There will be an Older Members’ Panel discussing: *What is the church doing for you? What are you doing for the church?* Speak Up. Be Heard!

On the menu: Million Dollar Spaghetti Casserole, Anti Pasta Salad, Italian Bread and Old Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake.

—Barbara Ringk

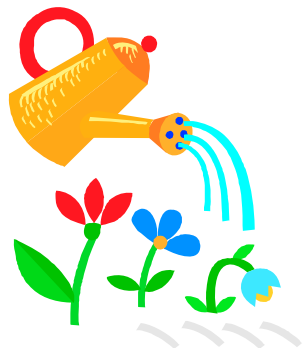


The Senior Networking Committee:

- Noraleen Cowell
- Barbara Doane
- Gayle Hannah
- Anne Heinbokel
- Alice Kehler
- Lynn Kolterjahn
- Ruth Lindgren
- Vera Lough
- Tay Miller, Moderator
- Charlie Monzella

Thank you from our Master Gardeners

The beautiful spring plants which graced our sanctuary on Easter Sunday were generously donated by many of our members in memory of or in honor of a loved one. We’d like you to know that following the service, the daffodils and hyacinths were planted in the Memorial Garden and will continue to bloom each spring. If you would like to contribute to the Landscape Revitalization Fund to help in the creations and maintenance of the gardens on our campus, please speak to Claudia Heffner (908) 322-2969 or Ann Robinson (908) 232-8323.



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Westfield Symphony Orchestra to Present Season Finale Celebration at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield

On Saturday, May 8th at 8:00 p.m., Westfield Symphony Orchestra will join with over 200 joyous voices in a magnificent collaborative celebrating humanism and heroism heralding from opposite ends of the earth. This promises to be one of the most inspiring, uplifting and joyful concert experiences one can ever hope to have.

“Our season finale concert will reflect a unique cross fertilization of artistic and cultural offerings,” remarked WSO Music Director, David Wroe. “And it will present not one, but two musical masterpieces that have become international anthems for celebration containing messages of peace and unity that are more important and timely today than ever.”

Maestro Wroe has collaborated with Chinese choirs from Asian communities throughout New York and New Jersey to form a grand 150 piece chorus for a rare performance of China's most famed choral masterpiece: The Yellow River Cantata.

Xian Xinghai's Yellow River Cantata may be the work that most frequently raises the passion of Chinese people around the world. Reflecting the patriotism of the Chinese during World War II, it called compatriots to unite to recover the homeland from Japanese occupation. Its dramatic music symbolized the passion of struggle for liberty and the piece soon gained widespread popularity to become one of China's greatest anthems to heroism and solidarity and ultimately to peace and celebration.

The concert and WSO season finale, will come to a fitting end with Beethoven's colossal Ninth Symphony complete with its magnificent Ode to Joy.

Arguably the most iconic work in Western art, Beethoven's "Choral" Symphony is a monumental masterpiece that occupies a treasured place in our hearts and minds, moving and inspiring us to experience joy and realize nothing less than the brotherhood of man.

A performance of the Ninth Symphony by Beethoven is always a major event and WSO's presentation is no exception. Four vocal soloists and the full chorus of Bergen County's Pro Arte Chorale join the orchestra for this, one of the most groundbreaking works in human history and one of humankind's most awe-inspiring creations. "Beethoven's 9th with its Ode to Joy represents one of the pinnacles of symphonic music, and is a fitting climax to our 2009-2010 program," continued Maestro Wroe. "Both musically and intellectually, I can hardly imagine a better way to round off what has been a magnificent WSO season."

A short informational lecture and pre-performance chat designed to make your concert experience more enjoyable will be conducted by Dr. Shuang Guo Wroe prior to the concert in the Westfield Presbyterian Church Chapel at 7 p.m.

TICKET INFORMATION Tickets (\$25-\$70) may be purchased directly from the WSO office (224 E. Broad Street) or by calling the box office at (908) 232-9400. Tickets are also available at TOWN BOOKS in Westfield, and MARTIN JEWELERS in Cranford.

For further information call (908) 232 9400, email wso@westfieldsymphony.org, or go to www.westfieldsymphony.org



Baptisms in 2010

Charles Thomas Asselin
Grace Katherine Asselin
Lilly Elizabeth Flynn
Bronson David Kasper
Avery Elizabeth Klus

Hadley Skye Reed
William Patrick Reed
Brian Schor
Jessica E. Shor
Kayla Marie Shpunder

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May 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 PW Mission Sale!
2 8am Worship 9am Adult/Youth SS 10am Children's Sunday Service 11:30am JOY Lunch w/ 50 & 75 yr Members 4:30pm MS Advisors 5pm MS Fellowship 7pm HS Advisors 7:30pm HS Fellowship	3 9am Monday Craftsmen 7pm Knoxbells 8pm Chancel Bells	4 7:30pm Augustine Bible Study 7:30pm Stewardship, Worship Fellowship Commissions 8pm Mission Com.	5 7am Bible Study 9:30am Program Staff 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape	6 7am MS Breakfast 9am PW Board 6pm 10th gr Small Group 7pm 11th gr Small Group 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8pm 12th gr Small Group	7 9:30am Bible Study w/ Pastor 12:00pm Lunch/Book	8
9 Mother's Day 8 & 10am Worship 9am Adult/Youth SS 10am Sunday School	10 9am Monday Craftsmen 1pm Parkinsons 7pm Knoxbells 7:30pm Stephen Ministers 8pm Chancel Bells	11 9am Searching for Work 7:30pm Session	12 7am Bible Study 9:30am Program Staff 1pm Agape Prep 3:15pm Agape 6pm MIDWEEK PLANNING MEETING	6 PW Circles 7am MS Breakfast 6pm 10th gr Small Group 7pm 11th gr Small Group 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8pm 12th gr Small Group	14 9:30am Bible Study w/ Pastor	15
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Christian Education

Discover Camp Johnsonburg in the Christian Lounge Sunday, May 9th at 9:00 a.m. We have an exciting speaker visiting our church on Mother's Day, Sunday May 9th that you won't want to miss! Come and see a presentation about a wide variety of half-week and week-long camp experiences for elementary school-age children, entering grades 1-5 that include archery, water sports, crafts, science, soccer, and specialty camps like mystery camp, day camp, rustic camp and "Safe Sitter" camp. Mike Socia, The Executive Director of Camp Johnsonburg, our Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, will share all that the camp has to offer. His presentation will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Christian Lounge. Child care will be provided in Room 103. Come and stay for coffee and refreshments and learn more about a very exciting place to send your kids this summer!

Kindergarten Bible Presentation on May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Our kindergarten kids will be recognized during the 10:00am worship service and will receive a special Bible. All parents of kindergarten children have been contacted by Betty Born. Please respond to her e-mail indicating if you would like your child to receive this Bible and provide the full name you would like to have appear on the bookplate.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Sunday June 6th at 8:45 a.m. Calling all Sunday School teachers working with children age 2 through 5th grade. You and your family are invited to a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday June 6th in Upper Westminster Hall from 8:45-9:45 a.m. All teachers have been sent an e-mail notice from EVITE. Please RSVP. Hosted by the Children's and Family Ministries Commission.

— Mary Bielen

Send Your Kids on a High Seas Expedition!

Vacation Bible Camp 2010!

July 19th-23, 2010!

New Time!

**9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
for Children
4 yrs–5th Grade!
Registration begins
May 9!**

Registration forms are available in the church office and from your child's Sunday School Teacher.

Contact Mary Bielen, Director of Christian Education, at mbielen@westfieldpc.org to receive more information.



volunteers needed in all capacities!

Mark your Calendar!

**May 9, at 9:00 a.m.
Discover Camp
Johnsonburg
Christian Lounge**

**May 23 at 10:00 a.m.
Kindergarten Bible
Presentation**

**May 30 at 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Day Weekend
No regular
Sunday School
One Room Sunday
School Program Only**

**June 6 at 8:45 a.m.
Teacher Appreciation
Breakfast
Hosted by CFM
Commission**

**June 20 at 10:00 a.m.
Last Day of Sunday
School**

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Youth

Mark Your Calendar!

Summer Youth Trips!

Register online

www.westfieldpc.org

or with Linnette in the church office!

Better hurry! Trips are filling up!

Youth Celebration Luncheon- YOU are invited as a parent, youth, friend of a youth to the Youth Celebration Luncheon. Sunday, May 23rd, 11:00 a.m. in Assembly Hall. The luncheon will include a slideshow of all youth ministry programs in 2009-2010 and a Senior Video dedicated to our graduating seniors. The cost for Youth, children and seniors is FREE. The cost for adults is \$5.00. **REMEMBER: PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED!**

PARTY IN THE PARK – COME HAVE A BLAST WITH YOUR FRIENDS, PLAYING SOFTBALL AND HANGING OUT AT ECHO LAKE! SUNDAY, MAY 16TH: Middle School meets 4-6 p.m. (Meet up the hill on the Softball field off Springfield Avenue) and High School meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Meet at the Brookside picnic area off Springfield Avenue). Please bring \$5.00 (for a BBQ feast), a baseball glove and all your friends!!

SMALL GROUPS are going strong! All 10th, 11th, and 12th grade youth are invited to the Jim Cole Room on Thursdays, beginning at 6pm for 10th grade, 7pm for 11th grade and 8:00 p.m. for 12th grade. Great conversations, awesome atmosphere, and hang time. Last small groups is May 20th!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB each Thursday at 7am. All 6th, 7th, & 8th grade youth are invited to enjoy breakfast, games, and prayer. What a great way to start your day! We will even give you a free ride to school! Last Breakfast Club is May 20th!

Summer Trips: Get ready for a great time with any or all of our summer youth trips! There is still time to sign up, but space IS limited!

*All Current 5th-8th Graders get on the bus for **The Great Escape (July 26-31)**. Want a sneak peek at The Great Escape? Check out www.ycmhome.org for more information.

Registration is as follows: All trip deposits were due in the church office April 30. *The Great Escape:* \$350 non-refundable deposit; balance of \$300 due by June 1. All Registration Forms can be found on the web at www.westfieldpc.org and by clicking Church Life then Youth, or in the church office mailroom. *Scholarships are available and are kept strictly confidential. Email Linnette Mercado at lmercado@westfield.org for more information on scholarships.*

HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY AGAPE!! MAY 3, 2010!

Important Dates To Remember:

Party in the Park @ Echo Lake: May 16

Last Breakfast Club: May 20

Last Small Groups for 10th, 11th & 12th grades: May 20

Last Sunday School: May 23

Youth Celebration Luncheon: May 23



Batter UP! Tuesday May 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Unami Park,

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Come out and help us root for our own PCW SOFTBALL TEAM on Tuesday, May 18th. Batting practice starts at 6:00 p.m., and the game begins at 6:30 p.m. at Unami Park #2 field near the Garwood/Cranford border. There will be hot dogs, of course, and snacks, treats and drinks to enjoy. Everyone is invited! We will have an awesome time watching our church team achieve great heights! So come along and join the fun! There are bleachers, but if you want to be a little more comfortable bring along a folding chair.

With prices the way they are for Yankee and Mets Tickets this is a real bargain— FREE TO ALL! SEE YOU TUESDAY, May 18!

—Sally Rand

Missionaries in the Field –Mark Hare

Long before a massive earthquake devastated large areas of Haiti, PC(USA) missionaries were on the ground working to better the lives of the citizens of one of the world's poorest nations. Mark Hare is one of those missionaries. Mark works with the Farmer's Movement of Papay, or MPP. MPP began as a small farming group in 1973 and has evolved over the last 30 years into an NPO tackling issues of food production and land protection for peasants living in Haiti. This grassroots organization has produced thousands of community groups across Haiti, as well as 20 farming cooperatives.

Part of the MPP's work involves developing sustainable agricultural programs run by local community groups. As these programs develop, Haitian peasant communities become less dependent on costly food imports, resulting in self-sufficiency and the economic development of communities. Mark's work with MPP supports and strengthens their agricultural efforts.

Before moving to Haiti in 2004, Mark worked for 6 years as a long term volunteer at Rancho Ebenezer in Nicaragua. He worked to help farmers and their families combine small livestock production with sustainable soil and land management, a background that would serve him well working with the MPP. His main focus in Haiti, the "Road to Life Yard" project, involves the development of an area of land located in the MPP's national training center. Mark and his crew are "managing goats, chickens, and California red worms, planting living barriers using leguminous tree species, establishing fruit and forage tree species, and producing large quantities of vegetables, many of which are produced in old tires raised about three feet off the ground to be out of the reach of the neighbors' marauding goats and chickens."

Mark's team also runs workshops at the MPP center, training indigenous people to use the agricultural techniques they develop. These techniques involve using resources locally available to farmers to help promote community self-sufficiency. Ongoing support is provided for the local farming projects MPP has helped cultivate. The Moringa Project involves growing and encouraging use of the moringa tree, which has highly nutritional, edible leaves. Several hundred moringa trees are planted in the Road to Life Yard, and the center has started producing moringa leaf powder. This powder is a simple and cheap dietary supplement, and is extremely effective in reducing malnutrition.

Mark's work in Haiti focuses on long term agricultural solutions for the people of Haiti, while "respecting God's creation and recuperating its natural abundance". Your mission donations help support Mark's work as well as so many other vital projects around the world through PC (USA) mission. For more info about Mark's work in Haiti, please visit www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/missionaries.htm. Mark also maintains a blog which you can find at <http://markandjenny--pcusa.blogspot.com/>. To learn more about the work of the MPP, visit www.mpphaiti.org.

— Kristen Pirich, Mission Coordinator

<http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/harem.htm>
<http://markandjenny--pcusa.blogspot.com/2010/03/mpps-road-to-life-yard-and-moringa.html>



Moringa Tree is also
known as the
Miracle Tree

Garden Club of Westfield Tour

Looking for a lovely way to spend the day or perhaps for garden ideas? On Saturday, June 12, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., the Garden Club of Westfield will sponsor a tour of six gardens in Westfield and Mountainside. This year, our own Ray Roberts is allowing us to include his garden on the tour. Ray & Sallie have a well-deserved reputation as master gardeners. Other tours have included gardens created by Claudia Heffner.

Advanced tickets may be purchased by contacting Jennie Williams at (908) 233-7572. The pre-tour price is \$20. You may also purchase tickets on the day of the tour, June 12: \$25.

— Jennie Williams



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Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's Overview of 2010-2011 Bible Study



On May 20, the Presbyterian Women will host its May Gathering in the Christian Lounge and Annex. At 9:30 a.m. we will have coffee and light refreshments prepared by members of Circle 8, and then around 10:00 a.m. Nancy Smith will present a brief overview of next year's Bible study. Nancy has been PW's Bible Study leader for numerous years, preparing monthly reviews for the Circles' bible study leaders. This year Nancy will be leading PW's study of *Journeys through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today*, by Barbara Rossing. According to the introduction in the book, the study is "a journey reminiscent of the ancient Israelites' exodus from slavery, [where] we are led from an unjust empire and its system of domination, through mythic battles and plagues, until, ultimately, we find ourselves in a renewed creation where God comes to live with us on earth." It promises to be a fascinating year! Everyone is welcome, so if you have an interest in the book of Revelations, or if it has always been a puzzle to you, as it is to most of us, please join us!

Presbyterian Women is looking for you!

Do you belong to Presbyterian Women? Are you new to the group or a longtime member? Do you have extra time on your hands now, or do you always prefer to be busy? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider becoming more involved in Presbyterian Women. We are beginning the process of nominating board members for the 2010-2011 year, and we have positions available.

— Lisa DuMont

Getting to know our friends from Livingstone, Zambia

His name is Robert Nkunika (center of picture) and he is Clerk of Session at our sister church in Livingstone, Zambia. From that first evening when I met Robert, he presented himself as a man of honor, a man who takes his responsibilities quite seriously. While the responsibilities of life are necessary, they can be exhausting. In fact, during the time that I spent with him, I observed the demands that life has placed on him and how he seems to handle these demands with a sense of calm. It didn't take long for me to realize that he is a man who loves God the Father, loves his family and his church.

In 2008 I, along with Barbara Ringk, was a guest in the Nkunika home. Just let me say that we were treated extremely well and we really cherished our time with Robert and his family. His household consists of his wife Vailet, two sons, two daughters, a nephew and one grandchild. He also has an older son who lives elsewhere. Also, in 2009 my husband Mitch was a guest in Robert's home. What a blessing it was for us to have experienced this hospitality firsthand!



—Debra Janklow

New Member Seminars for May and June!

The Outreach and Welcome Commission would like to announce its next new members seminar for Sunday, May 16, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with a break for lunch. The seminar will be held in the George Plenty room and child care will be provided. If you are interested in joining but are unable to make the May seminar, there will be another one on Saturday, June 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. If you are planning on attending and if you need child care please contact the church office at 908-233-0301 or contact Gail Hein at gailandalhein@verizon.net.



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Plagiarizing God: Exchanging God's Glory

Plagiarism is something that will get you kicked out of school. If you're an author, it's the end of your career. If you're a songwriter, you lose all credibility. Behind plagiarism is a lie that says, "this is my idea", when it's not. Plagiarism puts the guilty party in the place of the person he or she is representing. Citing a source is the acceptable way to handle another person's idea. It is truthful, because it says, "this is her idea, I am just the messenger." When a source is cited the idea is rightfully attributed to its source.

In our relationship with God we sometimes confuse the world God created with the source of creation. People, jobs, relationships, possessions, talents, and other good and desirable things are ascribed ultimate significance in our lives and in the world. It isn't until one or more of these things are lost or fail that we realize that we have been ascribing to God's creation that which can only be rightly ascribed to God. Rather than recognizing that the creation *reflects* God's goodness, we assume that the goodness of creation belongs to creation itself.

Psalm 19 describes how creation points to its Creator. (see box at right)

To mistake the things of creation for the God to which they point leads to confusion and hopelessness. Yet this has consistently been the hallmark mistake of God's people throughout Scripture and throughout history, as Paul describes: "they...exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image made like to corruptible man" (Rom. 1:23). This reminds me of plagiarism, where there is no source cited or it is wrongly attributed. In his commentary on this passage, Karl Barth aptly states the problem with 'plagiarizing God' in this way: "now there is no higher power to protect them from what they have set on high." Only God is able to bear the weight of citations we place on the world around us: good, faithful, trustworthy, eternal, and so on. We flourish in clarity and hope when we properly cite the Source.

—Rev. Mike Samson

Psalm 19: 1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Eine Klein Music Note

May marks the beginning of the end of the program year for the Music Ministry. I will miss working with all of our groups over the summer, but I have already begun planning an exciting 2010-2011 program year. I look forward to your participation next year!

Thank you to all who were involved in C.O.W. this year!!! I would like to give special thanks to Sallie Roberts and Cyrene Foltz for their work with the Cherub Choir, Mary Bielen for her work with our children on the mission projects, Lane Kehler and Ann Lim for all their help coordinating our meals, and to all of our parents for their support, preparations and commitment. It's been a great year for C.O.W. and we're looking forward to an expanded program in the fall.

Summer Choir returns again this year!!! Beginning July 4th, we'll rehearse at 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room in the church lower level. The Summer Choir is multi-generational, so please join us with your whole family. Whether you sing one week, or all through July and August, please come and join your voices lifted in praise this summer! Also this summer, we have opportunities for soloists at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to sing this summer, please let me know, and we can work out the Sunday that best fits your schedule.

One of my dreams for the Music Ministry of PCW when I arrived almost three years ago was that we would have more lay people involved. We have certainly begun living into that dream. There is always, however more room for thoughts, ideas and hands. If you have non-musical gifts that you'd like to share with the Music Ministry, please speak with me.

Finally, I give thanks for all those who have shared their musical gifts, both sung and with instruments, this year. The hours of rehearsal, planning and laughter have been the highlight of my year. Thank you for sharing your talents with me and with the rest of the congregation!

Keep singing, PCW! See you in church!

With love in Christ, Jason



Summer Choir Returns

July 4, at 9:30 a.m.

If you're interested,
speak to Jason!

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Financial Report

Annual Operating Fund results for

March 2010: **Negative** \$22,404 – YTD 2010 net \$ 19,185

March 2009: **Negative** \$13,900 - YTD 2009 net \$ 4,000

March 2008: **Positive** \$13,000 - YTD 2008 net \$110,650.

**Praise God from
whom all blessings
flow!**

As of 4/13/10, 425 pledges for \$1,004,356 (or \$27K **short** of funds budgeted: \$1,030,000)
As of 3/31/09, 413 pledges for \$1,039,402 (or \$40K **short** of funds budgeted: \$1,080,000)
As of 4/1/08, 449 pledges for \$1,181,844 (or +\$1800 vs funds budgeted: \$1,180,000)

Though many members have pledged, there are even more families who have not pledged yet. Perhaps it's that they haven't yet involved themselves in the myriad of opportunities that are detailed in the articles in this month's Spire. Or maybe they don't yet recognize the spiritual growth that can accompany making a financial commitment to the church.

Every member is invited to make a commitment to the 2010 Annual Pledge Campaign, no matter what the size. Each week as a congregation in worship we sing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." Committing our financial resources to the various missions and ministries of this church is an important way to praise God!!

Questions and comments regarding financial information are always welcomed and encouraged. You may contact Marybeth Lapham, Church Treasurer, at mblapham2001@aol.com or at (908) 889-6670. For questions about your pledge or other contributions, please contact Tina Barulli, Church Controller, at tbarulli@westfieldpc.org or by calling the church office, 233-0301 ext 23.

Westfield Day Care Center (WDCC)



Are you looking for Quality, Affordable Day Care for your Four Year Old Child? The Westfield Day Care Center has openings this fall, and would like the opportunity to talk to you!

The Westfield Day Care Center's mission is to provide affordable, quality, child care and early learning for children ages 18 months through 6 years. In support of our mission, WDCC offers a sliding scale tuition to families who qualify. The center, which has been in operation since 1968, is a private, non-denominational, inter-racial, not-for-profit corporation governed by a Board of Trustees and licensed by the State of New Jersey. Our center is **accredited with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**. NAEYC is the nation's largest organization of early childhood educators. It administers a national, voluntary, professionally sponsored accreditation system for all types of schools and child care centers.

The Center is open year round, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Full time and part time day care services, as well as a full day kindergarten program are offered by our Center. Our staff is comprised of certified, experienced teachers. The average length of service for our teaching staff is 14 years! The average student to teacher ratio is seven to one.

Also, the Center's bi-annual clothing sale will be held on the weekend of May 14/15 with donations being accepted at the center the first week of May.

Please call Executive Director Thera Rocco at 908-232-6717 to discuss our programs and arrange a tour.

— Linda Doyle

The Spire

Happy Birthday

May 1 Luerssen, David	May 7 Pollard, Neal Jordan, Nicholas Bond, Alex	Johnson, Laura Greco, Carol Wood, Carolyn Dee, Mary Reed, Cheryl Burton, Matt	May 20 Hartkopf, Janet McAdoo, Jim DuMont, Glen Crenshaw, Haili Janusz, Richard Nemec, Courtney Jacobsen, Steven Smith, Katherine	May 28 McFall, Patricia Schoeman, Joy Meierdierck Jr, Paul Yarusi, Joyce Jacobsen, Nancy DuMont, Roger Kim, Jim Brown, Amelia Fleschler, Margaux
May 2 Rogers, Ellen Boyle, Colette Kashlak Jr, Ronald Simons, John Mushell, Sophie	May 8 Hetherington, Elizabeth DuBois, Doug Morgan, Paula Smith, Nancy Humphreys, Richard	May 15 Smith, Bill Milanette, Jeff Rosolanko, Nick Shpunder, Sandra Miller, Kieran Wyckoff, Taryn Grow, Allison	May 21 Boyer, Angela May, Sally Iannazzone, David	May 29 Fulmer, Carol Burton, Barbara Arms, Daniel
May 3 Seeley, Kathy Wager, Bobbi Cerra, Mrs Lisa Collins, Jane Milford, Scott Dencker, Barbra Sorge, Peter Burke-Spolaor, Sarah Snowden, Matthew	May 9 Jablonski, Richard Nary, Charles	May 16 Walsweer, Jane Diehl, Ann Kephart, Debbie Vanderbilt, Alison Perez, Dan Hewit, Leanne Fahrenthold, Daniel	May 22 Sailer, Margaret Bostdorff, Judy Murch, Bonnie Harley, Nancy Meglaughlin, Michelle Dalton, Tracy Devaney, Ian	May 30 Park, Im Brown, Katy Vasnelis, Lauren Masin, Zachary Sisto, Lilly
May 4 Curtiss, Kristine Roth, Mary Yockel Gonzalez, Maggie Hyman, Jordan Trisler, David Star, Kyle	May 10 Miller, Robert Eickemeyer, Bob Graf, Larry Wetlesen, Nancy Fico, Robert Mackay, Susan Foltz, David McLaughlin, Dennis Ostrega, Geoffrey Ramage, Megan	May 17 Kiamco, Estrella Durr, Bill Healey-Miller, Carol Jacobsen, Kristen Kimmins, Griff Van Wyk, Cameron	May 23 Rich, Gina	May 31 Seastream, Elsie Carlson, Richard Cowell, Matt
May 5 Robinson, Jean Ayres, Ann Park, Jane Nelson, Barbara Perry, Jonathan Pink, Susan Becker, Andrew Garnecki, Jamie-Lyn Fahrenthold, Katherine Pate, Jeffrey Caramagno, Alexander	May 11 Thomas, Eleanor Manning, Scott Carlson, Chelsea Miller, Chris	May 18 Cummings, Myrna Fleder, Carolyn Peterson, Janna Zavetz, Lisa	May 24 Marthaler, Todd	
May 6 Morgan, Mike Kinsella, Larry	May 12 Burke, Cindi Browning, Mary	May 19 Gray, Dean Bergen, Debby Fulmer, Dick	May 25 Boyer, Ruth Wetzel, Marion Akerly, John Cook, Bill Driscoll-Swartz, Carolyn Hoogsteen, Bill Brown, Steven Yarusi, Ryan	
	May 13 Meyers, Tracey Boff, Jason		May 26 Kender, Meredith Klofta, Ben	
	May 14 Barkley, Peter Engelke, Roland		May 27 Gillie, Jean	



TOPS (Time Out For Parents)

Do you know anyone that could use two and a half hours for themselves? Our church offers excellent, reasonably priced, childcare in a preschool setting Monday-Wednesday mornings for infants and toddlers beginning September 13, 2010.

Informational brochures with information and applications are available in the church office.



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**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD**

- Worship Service in the Chapel at 8:00 a.m.
- Christian Education for Youth (6-12) & Adults at 9:00a.m.
- Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (2yrs-5th grade)

**Child care for infants thru 2yr olds is available in our cribbery located on the lower level of the Christian Ed. Building, 8:00a.m. -11:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m. in the chapel & 10:00 a. m. in the sanctuary**