

Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac today or call the Church Office.



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Vivian Mossberg	Ron Waltemyer
John Glass	Sherry Peterson
Nancy Kordistas	Ben Santore
Ruth Bentley	Jan Siberine
Paul Lutz	Lucas Reiling
Constance Burde	Katie Anderson
Curtis D. Kelly	Annie Scherba
Eric Brodbeck	Jim Connaughton
Todd Shell	Julie Floch
Heidi Santore	Joe Auchter
Bob Bell	Carolyn & Art Engelken
PJ Sneeringer	Minet Merritt
Ted Moody	Andrew Stofa
Loren Zachau	Rose Ondich
Ann Bueschel	Donna Swanson
Jim Mastakas	Anna Mae Glassman
Nancy Wiles	Sven Mossberg
Eunice Neubeck	Tom Kitchener
Ed Breuninger	Joe & Kit Benson
Keith Stribley	Joe Sitko
Shirley Miller	Sandy Olson
Jean Bellone	Chris Cramer
Debbie Lewis	Theri Rossol
Bill Wehrle	Linda Szegeti
Catherine Sommo	Tommy Byrne
Pat Bell	Elaine
Tish	Margaret Boyd
Lois Wolfanger	Tammy Siksnius
Cliff Auchter	Lilian Louie
Kathy O'Donnell	Bob Evans
Molly Whitney	Cynthia Burde

Astrid Ahrens

To add to or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office. Unless we hear otherwise, names are removed after three months.

Music Notes

Join us for summer choir as we meet at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday morning for a short rehearsal in preparation for the 9:30 a.m. service...A good time to participate and sing our summer service...Please meet in the new choir loft! We sing a new setting this summer, Setting 8 in our ELW hymnal.

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE – Underway

Doris is now on vacation. Should you call the Office and the Pastors are out making calls, please leave a message and they will get back to you when they return. As always, in emergencies, please call them at home. Doris returns to her regular schedule the week of September 5.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR TIME & TALENT COMMITMENT?

REJOICE

Our next New Members' Exploration Group, "Rejoice," will be meeting later in the summer. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church in general or Faith in particular, please speak with

2011-2012 WORSHIP AND MINISTRY THEME

At their meeting on June 14, our Council unanimously adopted our year-long worship plan for 2011-2012 and with it our theme for the coming year. **STORIES TO TELL, LIVES TO LIVE** will be a wonderful gift to enrich our worship and to lift up our servant ministry. Watch for all of our ministry brochures.

LACK OF HOSPITALITY – This Week

In decisions that are beyond comprehension, HomeFirst, has decided to shut down its Interfaith Hospitality Network here in Union County, leaving the area with no shelters serving the working poor at a time of greatest economic hardship since the Great Depression. On July 20, Faith invited the host congregations to gather to explore creating a new network. More than 4 dozen people from 21 congregations gathered together and began the work of finding new ways to care for our sisters and brothers. If you would be interested in working with us you are invited to join us for our next meeting here at Faith this Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30. Please keep this servant ministry in your prayers.

Faith Green Team Witnessing Event at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Center Saturday Morning, September 24th

Join the Faith Green Team, as caretakers of God's creation by volunteering at the Fanwood Scotch Plains Recycling Center. Sign up in the information center for the whole morning (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or for part of it (9 to 11 or 11 to 1). Come and bring a friend – along with your smiles, a spirit of hospitality, and a pair of gloves! Heavy lifting is not required.

This event is open to all from confirmation age on up. Peer Leaders and Confirmands are especially invited to participate (confirmation service credits available!). The Recycling Center is located on North Avenue at the intersection of Westfield Road in Fanwood.

For more information call Ky Luu at 908-322-2540 or John Everson at 908-322-4129.

...And did you know?

➤ The Fanwood Scotch Plains Recycling Center is open to residents of all communities in the area, not just Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

➤ In addition to accepting glass, plastic, steel, aluminum and paper (both junk mail and cardboard, including cereal boxes), the Center now accepts electronics including TV's, computers, and printers.

➤ Recycling plastics is primarily a labor of love, with a very low resale price per pound. It does, however, keep waste plastic – including water bottles, plastic bags, and even those black plastic trays from your frozen dinners – out of our landfills.

➤ Recycled aluminum, on the other hand, is a very valuable resource, selling for \$1600 per ton. So bring in those aluminum trays from your sweet treats, along with used aluminum foil and cat food cans.

➤ And...we're pleased to report that John Everson has been elected to the FSP Recycling Association's Board of Directors.

VISITORS CONTINUE

Last week we again saw new visitors at worship! This means we've now had at least one new visitor at worship for 1275 out of the last 1296 Sundays. Make this week the time to invite a relative or friend to join us for our worship gathering. Share the Family! Share the Faith!

9/11 Observance

Multiple events will mark the 10th anniversary of this nightmare that forever changed our parish and the world.

- 9/11 - 7 a.m. Memorial Eucharist in the Garden
- 9/11 - 4 p.m. Interfaith Remembrance at Our Lady of Peace
- October - Performing Tribute at Faith
- October - Ground Zero Visitation

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Your special mailing last month invited your prayerful and generous gift to further fund all the work on our Ministry Center. Over \$2,000,000 has been pledged and received and now we find ourselves with almost half a million dollars in final expenses that will have to be covered by our construction loan unless we receive sufficient gifts in the coming days. Incurring this debt will impact our ongoing ministries and so we pray for your sacrificial support.

If you have previously made a commitment and have been waiting to share your gift, NOW is the time.

If you have not yet made your commitment, please contact our Capital Campaign Chairs Theri and Fred Rossol (732-534 5350).

If you need assistance with stock transfers, please call the Church Office.

And as you feel blessed by this ministry that we share, we invite your special gift at this time.

"Back to Basics" Backpack Drive



Our Family of Faith is collecting backpacks to deliver to our mission partners in Newark and Plainfield, and to local children through the Community Service Association and our hospitality program.

Please bring in a backpack filled with the following items: **6 pack of pens (blue or black ink), 6 pack of no. 2 pencils, 12 ct. crayon box, one package of lined notepaper, one package of construction paper, a toothbrush and tube of toothpaste**

The backpacks will be on display in the chancel until they are delivered in time for school. Please bring in the items no later than Sunday, September 4.

ORGAN UPDATE

Installation continues through this month. You can see more about our new instrument and view a construction blog at www.jgirvin.wordpress.com.

COFFEE TIME



If you can host one of our October dates, please sign the sheet on the counter in the narthex or email back.



FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL Registration Continues

Faith Nursery School continues registration for the 2011-2012 School Year. Three different morning classes are offered: a class for 2 ½ year olds that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays; a class for three year olds that meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and a Pre-K class that meets Monday through Friday. If you are interested in more information or are ready to register your child, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE Continues

Today we continue our Summer Worship Schedule. Each week we worship with a SPOKEN EUCHARIST at 8 a.m. and then at 9:30 we gather for our SUNG EUCHARISTIC LITURGY. And each week at 8:45 our Summer Choir rehearses for the 9:30 liturgy. This is a great opportunity for you to share in our music ministry for a short time on a week by week basis with no long term commitment. If you would like more information, please contact Dr. Girvin.



BEGINNING WITH MARK

Registration has now begun for Pastor Mac's fall Evening Bible Study, *Beginning With Mark*. Classes will meet each Monday evening, September 12-October 10, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mark will be our primary Gospel for next year's worship and was the first of the Gospels written. The Gospel of Mark encourages readers to participate in the story of Jesus, listen to his teachings, watch his interactions with followers and foes and finally stand at the cross and the empty tomb. The ultimate goal is to make us faithful disciples who discover that meaning and purpose are found in serving for Christ's sake. Register now by signing the sheet in the narthex or by emailing Pastor Mac at pastor.mac@verizon.net.

Knit, Purl and Pray - This Week

The members of the **Knit, Purl and Pray** group provide hand knitted or crocheted lap robes for the residents of Broadway House (a residence for AIDS patients), winter scarves for the patrons of St. John's Soup Kitchen and baby hats for newborns at the UMDNJ hospital.

If you can knit or crochet - or would like to learn how - we are looking for YOU. Join us to share your talents and ideas for service.

Our next meeting will be this Thursday,

August 18, at 7:30 pm, in the classroom opposite the church office. If you are interested in helping or would like more information about the group, please contact Kathy Grubb at 908-347-3151 (smltowntgal@aol.com).

DID YOU KNOW...

...Today we worship on our summer worship schedule...our backpack collection is now underway...our Membership Exploration Group will be meeting later in the summer...AA meets Monday through Saturday mornings...Faith Nursery School is now registering for the 2011-2012 school year...we've had at least 1 new visitor 1275 out of the last 1296 weeks...a special welcome to all who are visiting with our Family today...check next week's lessons...we continue to have a host of new visitors - welcome...why not bring a friend to Worship next Sunday...2010-2011 calendars are available at cost in the narthex ...see you in church next week!

Family Prayers

We continue to pray for ALL those whose lives have been forever affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially the over 7300 service personnel who have been killed. Today we pray by name for the families of allied service personnel who have died in both wars. Please pray for the families of the following, all of whom died recently:

Sgt. Christopher Bell, 21, USA, Mississippi
Staff Sgt. Nicholas Bellard, 26, USA, Texas
Spc. Marcos Cintron, 32, USA, Florida
Pfc. Matthew England, 22, USA, Missouri
Spc. Robert Hartwick, 20, USA, Ohio
Cpl. Alexej Kobelew, 23, German Army, Germany
Cpl. Michael Pike, 26, British Royal Army, Scotland
Sgt. Joshua Powell, 28, USA, Texas
Staff Sgt. Russell Proctor, 25, USA, California
Sgt. Glenn Sewell, 23, USA, Texas
Spc. Devin Snyder, 20, USA, New York
Pfc. Robert Voakes Jr., 21, USA, Michigan
Cpl. Paul Zanowick II, 23, USMC, Ohio

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our website offers prayers for these folks and affords the opportunity to list service personnel serving there. To include a name, please see Pastor Mac. Today we pray for SPC Joe Ellis, a member of our Family, who is on active duty at Camp Drum after a year in Afghanistan. We also remember Lt. Christopher Wilk, a friend of the Daniels and Kyle Fell, Anne & Fred's nephew.

We remember Scott Farrell in our prayers. Scott is a relative of the Novaks, who is now recuperating at home after a stay in Walter Reed Army Hospital after being wounded in Afghanistan.

PLAN AHEAD

To help us better prepare for worship each week and to provide guidance for daily Bible reading, we publish the following Sunday's lessons each week. Take a few minutes each day to read over these Bible passages in anticipation of our sharing of the Word together. Next Sunday's lessons are:

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

AA

The gift of healing is shared through our AA ministry each Monday through Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. We give thanks to God for this healing ministry.

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM?



We are exploring a trip to the Holy Land a year from now. If you would be interested in learning more about this possible journey, please email Pastor Mac at pastor.mac@verizon.net or call the church office. If we have enough folks interested, we will hold a preliminary meeting to explore options.

UPCOMING –

- Aug. 17 – Hospitality Reorganization
 - 18 – Knit, Purl & Pray
 - 20 – Jerry Rafferty Committal
 - Sept. 8 – FNS Parent/Child Orientation
 - 10 – Soup Kitchen
 - 11 – 9/11 Liturgy – 7:00 a.m.
 - 11 – RALLY DAY –
New Orleans Jazz Eucharist – 8:30 & 11 a.m.
 - 11 – Interfaith 9/11 Liturgy – 4:00 p.m.
 - 12 – Faith Nursery School Opens
 - 12 – Staff Worship Planning
 - 12 – Finance Committee
 - 12 – Evening Bible Study Begins
 - 13 – Cabinet
 - 13 – Council
 - 14 – Confirmation Class
 - 16 – Picard Wedding
 - 17 – Broadway House
 - 18 – Peer Leader Eucharist
 - 18 – Confirmation Induction
 - 19 – Staff Worship Planning
 - 19 – Evening Bible Study
 - 21 – Confirmation Class
 - 24 – Fanwood/Scotch Plains Recycling
 - 25 – Bishop Riley Visits
 - 25 – Ministry Center Dedication
 - 26 – Staff Worship Planning
 - 26 – Evening Bible Study
 - 28 – Confirmation Class
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CHECK OFF

As we move to the final stages of construction on our Ministry Center, the following are the remaining items underway. Check them off each week as we winnow down the list and watch the wonderful blog KW has prepared at www.flc-mc.blogspot.com.
X Choir Loft Flooring

X Choir Loft Railing
X Chancel Flooring
 Outside Soffits
 Narthex Furnishings
 New Doorways/Windows from Narthex to Sanctuary
 Library Furnishings
X Bathroom Sink Cabinets
 Cornerstones
X Chancel Lighting
X Handicap Access Door
 Organ Delivery and Installation
X State Elevator Inspection
 MC Rededication September 25

