



FIRST CHURCH NEWS

MAY 2010 "Helping all people build life-transforming relationships with God and each other."

Friends in the Faith,

Congratulations! Because of your generosity, we're going to be installing an elevator this summer! That's right, the dream of so many for so many years is finally becoming a reality. Construction is set to commence on June 14th, with the hope that it will be completed by the time pre-school resumes in September.

Make no mistake about it, installing an elevator is an issue of justice. Just as we are called to care for the poor, the marginalized, the hungry, the oppressed; so also are we called to care for those who are limited by physical impairment or issues of age. Providing access by installing an elevator is the just the right thing to do.

As a reminder, the cost of the entire project is set at \$325,000, to be met by 1) existing funds, 2) an anonymous challenge gift of \$100,000, and 3) pledges of at least \$165,000 (our goal). To date, we have received pledges of \$182,075. Thanks to those of you who have pledged! I'm happy to report that reaching our goal has resulted in the receipt of the anonymous \$100,000.

Now let me tell you why it is important, even though we have reached our goal, for those of you who have not yet pledged to do so:

1. As with any campaign in which payments are received over time (in our case pledge payments may be stretched over a 7 year period), peoples' circumstances change, people move, etc., and are unable to fulfill their pledge. This makes it important to continue to receive pledges to cover that reality.
2. Elevators have built-in costs to run and maintain. Wouldn't it be great to have a fund which would pay for these costs on an annual basis!
3. And finally, it makes you feel good! It brings joy to be a part of something which makes a difference in peoples' lives.

I am so proud of this congregation for coming through in such a meaningful way. Your response to this effort is a measure of your faithfulness. We owe a special debt of gratitude to our anonymous donor, and to all of you, "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Jr. High Ministry

Our 6th-8th grade youth group typically meets on Thursday evenings, unless otherwise noted below. Each month we have fun fellowship events, time to learn about God and grow closer to Jesus Christ, and **SOWL** (Showing Others We Love) service and mission projects. All off-site events require a permission slip. Permission slips can be found in the rack next to the Christian Ed desk.

Mother's Day Shebang Thursday, May 6th 6:30-8:00 pm. Bring your mom for a fun evening of games competing with and against our moms. If your mom can't come, bring another mother figure! (aunt, grandma, family friend!)

"Beautiful You" Event Saturday, May 8th 7:00-9:00pm. All ladies (ages 5-95) are invited to join us for a fun evening of pampering and discovering that God has made us all uniquely beautiful. We'll have a makeup lesson, get manicures and pedicures, eat yummy food and have a fabulous time with other ladies. We ask that each participant bring \$5 to help with costs. Please sign up by Thursday, May 6th with Jaime to participate.

Spring Retreat to Camp Johnsonburg Friday, May 14th-Sunday, May 16th - It's not too late to sign up for the Spring Retreat to Camp Johnsonburg. We'll be playing games, singing, meeting teens from around New Jersey, and learning how we can be connected to God even when we are connected to technology 24/7. The cost to sign up is \$100 and the deadline - is Sunday, May 2nd.

Pentecost Kites Thursday, May 20th 6:30-8:00 pm. We'll meet in the Youth Room to make our own kites to fly during worship on Pentecost Sunday!

SOWL First Aid Kits for Soup Kitchen - Thursday, May 27th 6:30-8:00 pm. - We'll be serving God by serving others, making first aid kits to donate to the homeless. Students are asked to bring some items to donate: Neosporin, antiseptic wipes, bar soap, small bottles of sunscreen, butterfly bandages, bandaids, or tweezers.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We're nearing the end of Confirmation Class, and the start of a new journey as our students become members of the church! Parents and Mentors are asked to keep track of what the students are learning in class and talk about it at home!
Sunday, May 2nd 8:30 a.m. Salvation and Different Religions
Sunday, May 9th 8:30 a.m. Statements of Faith (Continued)
Sunday, May 9th 11:00 a.m. We host Coffee Hour!
Sunday, May 16th No Class (Jr. High Spring Retreat!)
Sunday, May 23rd 9:00 a.m. Prep. for Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, May 30th - No Class - Happy Memorial Day!
The final paper for Matthew 25 Projects is due by Sunday, May 23rd during class. The final draft of Statements of Faith is due on Sunday, May 23rd during class. Please let Jaime know if you have any questions.

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell presents:

Antioch 49 AD Vacation Bible School!



July 19-23, 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Children entering 1st-5th grade in the fall are invited to join us for a fun week exploring the ancient city of Antioch, learning in the synagogue, trying their hand at many

Marketplace shops, and waiting for a visit from the Apostle Paul!

The cost is \$40 per child (\$100 maximum per family).

Vacation Bible School Registration Form

(Please send this form in to the church along with \$40 per child by *Friday, May 28th*)

(Please make copies, or pick them up on the Christian Ed. Desk. for additional children)

Child's Name _____ Grade Entering _____

Parent Names _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Parent Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Allergies or Medical Conditions _____

Ways to Help

We ask that each family help out with Vacation Bible School in some way. Below are listed opportunities to help with this year's VBS. Please check which you will be able to do:

_____ Be a Tribe Leader (week-long commitment) _____ Be a Tribe Assistant (week-long) _____

_____ Be a Bibletimes Character (one day or week commitment) _____ Donate snacks for one day _____

_____ Help in the Kitchen (one day or week commitment) _____ Donate juice for one day _____

_____ Help with setup (Sunday, July 18th) _____ Help with cleanup (Fri. July 23) _____

_____ I am unable to do any of these. Please contact me with other opportunities

Medical and Liability Release

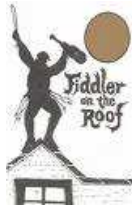
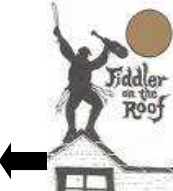



Every activity sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell is carefully planned and adequately supervised by mature adults. However, even with the best of planning and precaution, unforeseen events can occur. By signing this form, the parent/guardian agrees to assume and accept all risks and hazards inherent in church-related social activities. They also agree not to hold this church, its employees, or volunteer assistants, liable for damages, losses, or injuries to the person undersigned. The parents/guardians understand that they are signing for the minor listed on this form and the signature is for both medical and liability release.

In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency during the dates specified on this form, July 19-23, 2010, I hereby give my permission to the physician or dentist selected by the church leadership to hospitalize, to secure proper treatment, and/or order an injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my son or daughter as deemed necessary.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date signed: _____

Contact Jaime Staehle or Christina Turkington with Questions—973-228-0310

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg);">"Beautiful You"</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>"Beautiful You" Event Saturday, May 8th 7-9pm. ALL LADIES 5 TO 95 are invited to join us for a fun evening of pampering and discovering that God has made us all uniquely beautiful. We'll have a makeup lesson, get manicures and pedicures, eat yummy food and have a fabulous time with other ladies. We ask that each participant bring \$5 to help with costs. <i>Please sign up by Thursday, May 6th with Jaime to participate.</i></p> </div> </div>						<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">1</p> <p>8:00a DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe 10:00a Cherub Choir 7:30p Youth Musical <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> 10:00p Cast Party</p>
<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">2</p> <p>8:30a Worship Service 8:30a Confirmation 10:00a Worship Service 11:00a Sr. High Out to lunch 11:00a Coffee Hour 11:30a Adult Ed. Classes 11:15p Sr. High Out to Lunch 6:00p Youth Musical</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">3</p> 	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">4</p> <p>9:30a Staff 12:00p West Essex Clergy Lunch here 7:00p Deacon Officers 7:30 Session Comms</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">5</p> <p>7:30p Way of Discernment 7:45p 1st Church Ringers</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">6</p> <p>7:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner 12:00p Women's Fellowship Luncheon 6:30p Jr. High Mother's Day shebang 6:30p Chancel Handbells 8:00p Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">8</p> <p>8:00a DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe 10:00a Cherub Choir 7:00p</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg);">"Beautiful You"</p>
<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">One Great Hour of Sharing</p> <p>8:30a Worship Service 8:30a Confirmation 10:00a Worship Service & Sunday School 11:00a Coffee Hour 11:30a Adult Ed Classes 12:00p Westminster Sr. Luncheon</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">11</p> <p>9:30a Staff 5:00p Finance 7:00p Deacon Comms 7:15p Deacons 7:30p Youth Comm</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">12</p> <p>7:45p 1st Church Ringers</p> 	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">13</p> <p>7:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner 9:00a Old Guard 6:30p Chancel Handbells 8:00p Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">14</p> <p>6:00p Jr. High retreat at Camp JBurg</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">15</p> <p>8:00a DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe</p>
<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">16</p> <p>8:30a Worship Service 10:00a Worship Service Sunday School 11:30a Adult Ed Classes 3:30p Pilgrim choir 5:30p Westminster choir</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MEND SUNDAY- SOAP</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">17</p> 	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">18</p> <p>9:30a Staff 7:30p Session</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">19</p> <p>7:45p 1st Church Ringers</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">20</p> <p>7:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner 6:30p Jr. High Kites for Pentecost 6:30p Chancel Handbells 8:00p Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">21</p> <p>4:00p Spring Tour to Boston area Pilgrim Choir & 1st Church Ringers</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">22</p> <p>8:00a DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe 8:30a Soup Kitchen</p>
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