



FIRST CHURCH NEWS AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2013 "Helping all people build life-transforming relationships with God and each other."

Friends in the Faith,

As we move through the last days of what has proven to be a rather wet summer, I am reminded of the saying "Time sneaks up on you like a windshield on a bug." Enjoy these last few days of summer, for the fall kick-off for school, Sunday School, etc. is right around the corner!

The fulcrum about which all these various activities and ministries turn is weekly worship. Former PC(USA) General Assembly Moderator John Buchanan reminds us:

"[Worship] is a matter of being reminded, weekly, that all of life is lived out in the presence of God and how, in this hour together, we intend to practice God's presence, to praise and thank God, to speak and listen to God, and to stand close to one another as we recommit ourselves to God's will and purpose as it has been revealed in Jesus Christ."

The various choirs will resume rehearsals in the next few weeks, and will be back enriching our worship in September. The new hymnals will be in before too long, and we'll have a good time getting to know them! And FPC is hosting the community-wide Thanksgiving service this year, so there's a lot about which to praise God! See you in church!

Pete

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15TH

We hope everyone will be able to join us for a fun Sunday School Kickoff Day on September 15th! Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to register for Sunday School and meet your new Sunday School teachers. Then stay for worship and Sunday School at 10 a.m. After worship join us outside for carnival games, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and even a Dunk Tank!! (And wait till you see who will be dunked!!!) There will also be opportunities to find out about all of the great things First Pres. Caldwell has going on this year - and even sign up for special events and activities!! We hope you plan to join us for this fun day.

SEPTEMBER

**IS WHEN EVERYTHING STARTS TO
HAPPEN AGAIN!
BE SURE TO MARK OUR IMPORTANT
DATES ON YOUR
FAMILY CALENDAR!**

SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL CABARET 2013

Once again, the talented members of the Westminster Choir have planned a delightful program of Broadway show tunes for the fall Cabaret. Ever wonder how many songs use the word, "wonderful?" Come to fellowship hall on Sunday, September 22 at 3:00pm or 7:00pm to find out! Advance ticket donations will be available beginning Sunday, August 25 at Coffee Hour for the discounted price of \$10. Donations at the door will be \$15. All proceeds help fund scholarships for choir members to attend the annual choir tour. As always, "Thanks" so much for the support and enjoy a "wonderful" show!

LAST CHANCE FOR THE PHOTO DIRECTORY

We have added some Fall dates for your convenience. You can sign up by going to the church website at www.firstprescaldwell.org to make an appointment. If you need help, call or email Nancy Hauser, 973-226-1647, nehauser8@comcast.net or Bonnie Chiappetta, 609-339-9800, blchgp@aol.com

Each family photographed will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait just for participating. Start making plans and reserve you sitting.

SCHEDULE DATES

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| Thursday, September 12th | 2:00-9:00pm |
| Friday, September 13th | 2:00-9:00pm |
| Saturday, September 14th | 10:00am-5:00pm |

YOUTH INTERN NEWS

As the summer draws to an end we say goodbye to our awesome 2012-2013 Youth Intern, Dave Diercksen. Dave has done a superb job this year working with our youth and children in Youth Club, Youth Group, The Pittsburgh Project, and Sunday School. Dave graduated from Morris County College in May and recently took a full time job as a security guard for Guardsmark. But don't think you have to say goodbye for good! We are very excited that Dave will be sticking around to volunteer with our Sr. High Youth Group this upcoming year!

Our 2013-2014 Youth Intern, Scott Scardena, will begin working with Jaime the first week of September. Scott is currently finishing up his Masters in Professional Counseling at William Paterson University and will also be interning as a high school counselor in East Hanover. Scott comes to us as a former Camp Johnsonburg staff member and Youth Mentor at Boonton Presbyterian Church. He was recently married to his wife, Courtney, and they live in Pine Brook. We are excited to have Scott working with the children and youth of our church this year! We hope you will join us on Sunday, September 15th when we officially introduce him.

PITTSBURGH PROJECT SUNDAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

51 Youth and 10 Adult Advisors from First Pres. spent time doing home repair ministry for elderly and disabled homeowners in Pittsburgh this summer. They spent a collective 1415 hours serving God by serving others - painting, putting up drywall, framing windows, doing roofing, laying flooring, and doing yard work! In the evenings they spent time hearing about what it means to live their whole lives as a mission trip, and many were challenged to make changes in their own lives. We hope you will be able to join us on Sunday, September 22nd for a special report from our teams during our worship services. They will be sharing pictures and stories from the week.



Thank you for all of your prayers and support for these teens this summer!

YOUTH MINISTRY

The purpose of our Youth Ministry at the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell is to Reach Over to students in our congregation and community, providing a safe, caring and fun environment in order to equip them to Reach Up – learning about God, challenging them to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ, and fostering a desire to Reach Out, providing opportunities to serve others in Jesus' name and become leaders within the church.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for events that fulfill the above purposes of our Youth Ministry each month. Off-site events require a permission slip and Medical Release Form that can be found in the rack next to the Christian Ed desk. Don't hesitate to contact Jaime for more information and to sign up. Also check out our Facebook Page and Twitter @FPCaldwellYouth for regular updates.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN OUR PRAYERS

We share the joys and sorrows of life and in all things give thanks to God for his blessings to us.

HEALING AND SUPPORT TO ...

...Bruce Tannler, Joan Corbin, John Zisa, Alex Lopus, Marilyn O'Connell, Louise Ritscher, Barbara Piggery, Olga Muller, Laura Winter and Harry Coppens.

SYMPATHY TO...

...Marion Pedersen and family on the death of her husband, Martin, on August 4th.

...Anthony D'Annunzio and family on the death of his mother, Joanne, on August 12th



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2014

- * All 8th grade students are invited to join us this year for our Confirmation Class, preparation to become members of our church.
- * Our year-long Confirmation process involves weekly classes as well as three overnight retreats throughout the year.
- * Our teachers are excited to begin this journey with our students this fall!
- * Parents *and* students who plan to join Confirmation this year should plan to attend our Orientation Breakfast on Sunday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- * Please RSVP to Jaime if you plan to attend this breakfast.
- * Classes will begin on Sunday, September 22nd at 9am in Room 121.



FAMILY WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last spring we began having a single worship service on the first Sunday of the month as a way to come together as a church family and partake in the Lord's Supper. We are excited that, beginning on October 6th, we are inviting all children in 2nd grade and above to join us in Family Worship on the first Sunday of each month! Children will be invited to participate fully in worship, as well as have the opportunity to share in Communion with our church family each month.

Children below 2nd grade will participate in a worship program of their own called [Young Children and Worship](#) following the Time with the Children. We are still looking for bi-monthly teachers for this new program. If you would be willing to participate please contact Jaime Staehle.

2ND GRADE COMMUNION CLASS

Our 2nd Grade Communion Class will be held in September this year during regular Sunday School time. Amy Kolb will be teaching this class, introducing the children to Sacraments in the Presbyterian Church, sharing the history of Passover, and getting them ready to take Communion with our church family. [Classes will be September 15th, 22nd, and 29th, with the culmination of the class on October 6th when they will take Communion with the congregation during the 10am worship service.](#) There is no sign up necessary, but we do ask that the children attend all three of the classes in order to get the most out of the experience. Please let Jaime Staehle know if you have any questions.



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Ken Kamper, Superintendent at 973-228-4410.

There are many plots available. Members get a discount!





AUGUST 2013

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>830am Chapel Worship 10am Worship Service CHOIR CAMP SUNDAY <i>"Are We There Yet"</i> 7pm AA Meeting, West Caldwell Campus</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>930am Staff</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">28</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>7am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner 8pm Chancel choir</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>530pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>8am DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe</p> |

SEPTEMBER 2013

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| <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>10am FAMILY WORSHIP & KID'S PAGE 6pm Westminster Choir 7pm AA Meeting, West Caldwell Campus</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LABOR DAY HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>930am Staff</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>7am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner 8pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>530pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall 630pm Sr. Highs Bonfire@ Dave Diercksen's</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>8am DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>830am Chapel Worship 9am Mission comm 10am Worship Service & Sunday School 1115am Westminster C 1130am Adult Ed Comm 7pm AA Meeting, WCC</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">9</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>930am Staff 5pm Finance 630pm Deacons Soup and Salad</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>930am Crafters</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>7am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner 12pm Women's Fellowship Luncheon@ Crane's Mill 630pm Chancel Handbells 8pm Chancel Choir PHOTOS 2:00-9:00PM</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>530pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall 630pm Jr. High Bonfire@Jaimie's PHOTOS 2:00-9:00PM</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>8am DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe PHOTOS 10:00-5:00PM</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGIN 830am Chapel Worship 9am Confirmation Orientation Breakfast 10am Worship Service & Sunday School 11am FALL RALLY 1115am Church Life 1130am Adult Study 4pm Pilgrim choir 6pm Westminster choir 7pm AA Meeting, WCC</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">16</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>930am Staff 730pm Session</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>930am Crafters 730p First Church Ringers</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>7am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner 1pm Women's Fellowship board 630pm Jr. High Scavenger Hunt 630pm Chancel Handbells 8pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>530pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall 7pm Jr. High Lock-in</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>8am DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>830am Chapel Worship 9am Confirmation 10am Worship Service & Sunday School 1130am Adult Study 3pm CABARET 7pm AA Meeting, WCC 7PM CABARET 7pm AA Meeting, WCC</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">23</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>930am Staff</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>930am Crafters 730p First Church Ringers</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>7am Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Caldwell Diner 9am Old Guard 630pm Jr. High Scavenger Hunt 630pm Chancel Handbells 8pm Chancel Choir</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>530pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6pm Mini Gold & Versaille</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>8am DADS With a Mission @ Rockin' Joe 830am SOUP KITCHEN</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>830am Chapel Worship 9am Confirmation 10am Worship Service & Sunday School DEACON AWARENESS 4pm Pilgrim choir 6pm Westminster choir 7pm AA Meeting, WCC</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">30</p> | <p>DEACON AWARENESS SEPTEMBER 29TH right after church</p> <p>All Deacon committees will be set up at a special Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall on Sunday September 29th. The deacons will display the various ministries and activities that are available to the congregation to both participate in on behalf of the church, as well as to request in a time of need. There will be some fun hands-on activities, literature to take home, and of course delicious deacon desserts for coffee hour while everyone is browsing. It will be worth the extra steps to Fellowship Hall after church on the 29th.</p> | | | | |