

THE SPIRE

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Faith, Hope and Love in **ACTION!**

Dear Saints,

A friend emailed me an interesting article recently. A lot of the time many of us read and respond to regular and important/urgent emails first and save the goodies for a time when 'things slow down' which is...rare to never.

But the article's title caught my eye and this friend doesn't send me junk, so I opened it... read the first few lines... and then closed it again because I really did want to give it just do. The title of the article?

"How (and Why) to Stop Multitasking"

You get my drift.

Here are two excerpts from Peter Bregman's article that I found insightful.

"During a conference call with the executive committee of a nonprofit board on which I sit I decided to send an email to a client. I know, I know. You'd think I'd have learned. Last week I wrote about the dangers of using a cell phone while driving. Multitasking is dangerous. And so I proposed a way to stop.

But, when I sent that email, I wasn't in a car. I was safe at my desk. What could go wrong?

*Well, I sent the client the message. Then I had to send him **another** one, this time with the attachment I had forgotten to append. Finally, my **third** email to him explained why that attachment wasn't what*

he was expecting. When I eventually refocused on the conference call, I realized I hadn't heard a question the Chair of the Board had asked me."

Hilarious. Nice to know a smart and powerful executive is both flawed like the rest of us and thankfully, honest. He's also funny and insightful.

He goes on: *"I swear I wasn't smoking anything. But I might as well have been. A study showed that people distracted by incoming email and phone calls saw a 10-point fall in their IQs. What's the impact of a 10-point drop? The same as losing a night of sleep. More than twice the effect of smoking marijuana.*

*Doing several things at once is a trick we play on ourselves, thinking we're getting more done. **In reality**, our productivity goes down by as much as 40%. We don't actually multitask. We switch-task, rapidly shifting from one thing to another, interrupting ourselves unproductively, and actually losing time in the process."*

I thought this article was both timely and helpful considering that at least a few of us suffer w/ADD and June is a "crazy-busy" month and I bet our multi-tasking or level of interrupted interruptions, is high. **It got me to thinking.**

Last month the deacons did some training on how to do visitation. They all eagerly wanted to know "what to say," "what to do" and "how to act" when visiting the sick, the bereft, the lonely.

But the main thing that is required in visitation and in most of ministry, is the opposite of multi-tasking. It's actually

what's called the "**Ministry of Presence**." This is something that is modeled to us throughout scripture by Jesus. **Easy to understand. Hard to do.**

Why? Well for lots of reasons starting with...**we're not God**. We also have a finite amount of attention span, focus, patience, compassion and understanding. But that said, it is the very thing God is inviting us to do with God and one another.

Simply put, the ministry of presence is listening and noticing God in our lives, even in the most ordinary of moments. Not half-listening to loved ones, not half-committing to tasks and projects, not showing up with half-interest, but with ALL of our selves; focused, watching and waiting to see where God is inviting us next.

In this wild month of celebrations of endings, changes and new beginnings, **be present.**

Be present to your family members with your whole self.

Be present to your neighbors, co-workers and friends with your whole self.

Be present to God with your whole self.

Then see if your stress goes down and your peace (and maybe your IQ) go back up.

Being present with you in Christ,

♥ Jen



Attention Golfers:

Johnsonburg's Fifth Annual Golf Outing and Dinner

Saturday, September 11
starting at noon at

Minebrook Country Club in Hackettstown

The outing is played in a scramble format and there are prizes presented to the best foursomes at the dinner afterwards – as well as for closest to the pin and longest drive. *(Those who heard where Rev. Jen wanted to send the man who beat her on the 2007 long-drive hole by a foot, have been sworn to secrecy.)*

In prior years, Rev. Jen, Connie Kelly, Tim Kelly, Jack Thoele, Harold Johnson and Bob Bingham have played in this extraordinary event. It would be great to have at least two foursomes representing our Church. The cost, approximately half of which qualifies for a tax deduction, is \$150 per person/\$600 per foursome and includes golf, golf cart and dinner.

What could be better – a day outside on a beautiful, late summer afternoon chasing a little white ball, sharing long drives (some in the fairway; some in the woods; some in the water), unbelievable putts and “high fives” with fellow Boonton Presbyterians and supporting the fantastic mission of Camp Johnsonburg – all at the same time? We have commitments from Rev. Jen, Harold Johnson and Bob Bingham:

How about you?

If you have an interest in participating in this event, please contact Bob Bingham (at coffee hour, at home — 973-334-6131 or via email - rsbmlnj@hotmail.com). ♥

DEACONS DOINS

Thanks to all of our parishioners, the Deacons are so pleased to report that the **One Great Hour of Sharing** campaign raised \$4,100.50.

The Easter flowers were beautiful again this year and we would like to thank the Nickel family for again making our sanctuary look beautiful. We also thank everyone who made it possible by donating flowers.

The second luncheon at **St. John's** took place on May 29th. An indoor picnic menu was planned in honor of Memorial Day.

We are also planning for some **summer field trips** for the children at the St. John's Day Care Center. We'll keep you posted as to what fun and educational events will be taking place. ♥

Considering the weather these days...





NOTES FROM SARAH

JUNE 2010

<http://www.fpcboonton.org>

“When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried, Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, As worship moved us to a more profound, Alleluia!

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!.”*

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Truly the light of Christ was shining in the sanctuary for **Music Sunday on May 16** during the array of musical offerings by singers and ringers. **Special thanks** to the members of the Chancel Choir, Hand Bell Choir, Children’s Choir, vocal soloists for your time and talent to make this special service so meaningful. We are so lucky to have an abundance of talent within our church family!

You will also notice a new addition to the church pews – **Green Hymnals!** They will be

used during morning worship to supplement the blue hymnals. When we are singing from the Green Hymnals, it will be denoted in the bulletin as well as on the hymn board in the front of the sanctuary (i.e. G 25). Feel free to browse the tune index in the back of the new hymnal and make requests to Rev. Jen!

*Thank You!
To all who memorialized or honored someone in our new Green Hymnals.*

It is hard to believe that the summer months are just around the corner! It is never too early to plan to share your musical talents during a Sunday morning service. If you happen to play a musical instrument or would like to share any other type of creative arts with the congregation during a Sunday morning service in June, July, and/or August, please contact Sarah (Organist/ Choir Director 973-334-3535 ext. 18,



babbleon247@yahoo.com), with your availability or to make rehearsal arrangements.

Even though there will be special summer music scheduled, all choirs – vocal and hand bell – will be on a break for summer months. Fall rehearsal schedules will be announced in the July/August issue of the *Spire*.

As the choirs begin their well deserved summer break, person(s) in the congregation are encouraged to consider attending future choir and/or hand bell rehearsals. If you are interested in becoming a member of any of the above-mentioned choirs in the fall, please call or e-mail the organist/choir director.

June Rehearsals:

Chancel Choir ~ Sunday mornings at 9:00AM on June 6, & June 13. ♥



Hand Bell Choir



Children’s Choir



Chancel Choir

Save the Dates



**Teacher Appreciation
BRUNCH
June 6**

**Tekna Theo / ROCK
BEACH
PARTY
June 6**



**Confirmation Sunday
June 13**



VBS

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday • June 28 —
Thursday • July 1, 2010**

SAVE THE DATE !



**PW Picnic
July 14
Marilyn Ward's home**

**Register NOW!
CAMP JOHNSONBURG
Summer Program
Call 908-852-2349**

PW News

PW is winding down for the summer. We had a busy and successful year with our pot pie ministry (still ongoing), our soup/chili cook-off, soda bread sale, lunch makings for Habitat for Humanity workers, sale of Mother's Day cards to help with the Malaria Prevention Program for families in Africa. Thanks to your generosity we were able to send \$320. to PC (USA) to The Networker's Project to purchase netting. Our Bags and Baubles sale to benefit The Battered Women's Shelter was a great success. Thank you for your generous donations for the B&B sale.

PW Pot Pie Ministry is cooking on Saturday, June 5, 9 am - 1 pm. Please join us to cook pot pies and soups for homebound members of the church and community. RSVP to Lisa Cowan 973-299-8361 / Lscowan@aol.com.

PW picnic. We now have a date for our annual PW picnic! It will be held on July 14th. at Marilyn Ward's house – rain or shine. There will be a sign-up sheet towards the end of June or beginning of July. ALL the women of the church are in the PW and we would love to have as many of you come to this fun and wonderful night as possible. ♥

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION News

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

First is the **Teacher Appreciation Brunch**, Sunday, June 6, directly after worship at the Manse for all teachers, youth group leaders and adult Bible Study leaders. Child care and lunch will be provided.

The **Pool Party** for Tekna Theo, The ROCK and the families of the youth groups will be at the home of Ken & Denise Nickel, June 6 from 12:30 to 4:30pm. Sign- up sheet will be posted for food. (see pg 8)

Then there is **Vacation Bible School** which runs June 28th to July 1st, 6:00 to 8:30 for 4 year olds up to 4th grade. Cost is \$10.00 per child and is open to everyone. Please sign-up by Monday, June 21st. ♥







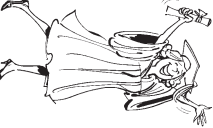




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| 3 | Michelle Lobb | 18 | Harold Johnson |
| | Kyle Whittemore | 21 | Jim Rogalski |
| 4 | Cathy DeLaro | 26 | Cora Mae Sourby |
| 7 | David Reese | 27 | Lloyd Charlton |
| 10 | Vicki Brown | | Judy Maida |
| 13 | Will Yager | 28 | Jake Hettrich |



JULY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 10:00 Worship-Communion 11:15 Coffee Hr Year-End POOL Party Christian Education Brunch at the Manse 7:00 A.A. 	7  14 10:00 BANS Graduation 7:30 SESSION	1 10:00 Needlers at Sophy Freed's home 7:00 A.A.	2 7:30 PW Board Meeting	3	4 9:30 YOGA 6:30 Cub Scouts-Bears 7:00 Cub Scouts Pk 201	5 9:00 Pot Pie Ministry Join us to Cook!
13 10:00 Worship Confirmation Sunday 11:15 Coffee Hour 7:00 A.A.	14  14 10:00 BANS Graduation 7:30 SESSION	15 10:00 Needlers (at Sophy's) 7:00 PW Bible Study 	16	17	18 9:30 YOGA	19
20 10:00 Worship Baptism of Nate Keoppel 11:15 Coffee Hour 7:00 A.A. 	21 Deadline to sign-up for VBS (see pg 4)	22 	23 7:00 Deacons Meeting	24 	25 9:30 YOGA	26
Congratulations all Graduates! Success in your future!						
27 10:00 Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour 7:00 A.A.	28 VBS Sta 	29	30	JULY 1	JULY 2 9:30 YOGA	Sat. JULY 3 General Assembly Tomorrow 4th 

TRINITY FUND UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

As was mentioned in my March communication, 2010 is the “home-stretch” of our 3-year capital improvements fundraising effort — the Trinity Campaign. Two dramatic events have taken place in the last month:

The new organ has been ordered!

Construction will begin soon in the front of the sanctuary to accommodate not only the new organ and remove parts of the old, but also to **build a badly needed handicap access ramp**.

The Trinity Committee, in an effort spearheaded by Tom Chizmadia and Joe Hordnes, submitted applications on March 26 to the Morris County Historic Preservation Commission to obtain both Non-Construction (site planning) and Construction Grants.

As a church, we set a 3-year goal to raise \$333,000 in a Trinity Campaign and pledges

totaling \$298,598 were made. Of this pledged amount, **\$248,594, or 83%, has been received**. Since original pledges were a little short of our goal, we are reaching out to new members and others not contacted three years ago.

Although they were not a part of the original Trinity Campaign, we would like to give them the opportunity to participate in this marvelous upgrade of our church. They may make a Trinity Fund donation in envelopes provided in special envelopes provided in the pews or mail directly to the church with “Trinity” on the check advice line. Trinity Campaign funds will be utilized for interior changes (not covered by the grants) and for matching funds required if/when we are awarded the Historic Preservation Grant funds we seek. **Please consider making a Trinity contribution at this time.**

The results will provide a beautifully preserved building, which will continue to be a historic landmark in Boonton and as much a

part of the community fabric as the structure has been from its construction in 1859. Moreover, The First Presbyterian Church of Boonton will be able to continue to serve the community as it has since starting in 1832, and expand its role in missions to a society with so many needs. Can you not envision the families and young people entering our doors for meetings, worship, and good times; can you not hear the laughter, music (from a non-squealing organ), and buzz of voices? In short, can you not hear the life of a congregation in Christ, within and about the Church?

On behalf of the Stewardship and Trinity Fund committees, I want to thank you for your continued support of the church through the customary pledge process and the additional Trinity Campaign pledge commitment. May God bless you, your family, and our congregation. ♥

Yours in Christ,
Allen Whipple

Mission Interpretation and Stewardship



BUDGET 2010:

- Income is tracking better than expected.
- Reducing the deficit budget.
- The expenses are still running higher than budget.
- The additional contributions to the restricted funds total \$87,244.11 for the period.

JANUARY 1 – MAY 16, 2010					
	Pledged	Non-pledged	Plate	ZERO*Budget	Expenses
2010 Budget	53,461.54	15,384.62	961.54	86,750.00	86,750.00
2010 Actual	53,614.00	32,637.86	1,653.00	85,275.81	92,981.05
2009 Actual	52,628.50	20,769.00	1,033.00		

* Current income compared to zeroing out the deficit budget.

MISSION CAMPAIGN:

- The 2010 Mission envelopes reflecting the adjusted categories are in the pews.
- \$1,472.24 has been collected in 2010.
- \$896.98 has been sent to Presbytery for
- The General Presbytery \$638.05
- The Nairobi Partnership \$258.63
- \$409.96 has been sent to Market Street Mission.

TRINITY FUND:



- Contributions from the dedications to the **hymnals** have reached \$2,950.00.
- \$1,270.00 has been paid towards the cost of the hymnals.
- Currently the **pledged** amount to the Fund is \$293,284.31.
- The amount **received** stands at \$265,925.44.

- The Fund currently has \$130,101.72 with an additional \$31,564.00 in the related Organ Fund.



AND GOD SHALL GRIEVE WITH ...



ANDY KORINDA — member of Boonton United Methodist Church, and the Boonton area Ecumenical Council, was called home to his Lord in May. Prayers are asked for his family and friends who now mourn their loss.

MARY COATES — mother of Barbara Coates, is in her heavenly reward. Her burial took place in Virginia, on Monday, May 10th. Please keep Barbara and rest of the family in your prayers.

GUY LUPERO — cousin of Marilyn Davis, was called home to his Lord in late May. He passed away after complications from Chrons disease. Prayers are asked for his wife, Barbara, son, Louis and many family members and friends who mourn their loss.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Concerns

DONNA KURLEY — is recovering from surgery. Prayers are asked for healing and peace.

HENRY APELIAN — has health issues and has not been feeling well lately. He is under the doctor's care. Prayers are asked for healing and strength.

ANGELA PANTANO — friend of Debbie Smith, has reoccurrence of cancer and underwent surgery to have a tumor removed from her brain. Please pray for Angela, her two small children and her husband Anthony during this difficult time.

GEORGE ENGERT — church member, living in Nashua, NH, has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. Please pray for a positive treatment plan and strength for his wife, Mary.

SHANE HALTMEIER — 3 year old son of friends of Veliky family, recently had two tumors removed from his spine and diagnosed with stage 4 bone marrow cancer. Please pray for Shane and family, at this difficult time, as he begins chemo.

REV. DEANE HIGGS — Pastor of Harmony Presbyterian church and clerk for the Newton Presbytery, had successful surgery in May. Please pray for a swift recovery.

ELLEN SOMERVILLE — Evelyn Thiel's sister-in-law, is dealing with numerous health issues, including leukemia. Please keep her in prayers.

MARY ANN PETRICK — friend of Gayle & Jean Lobb, is undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM — Let our prayers be with all soldiers as they defend the freedoms that we hold so dear. We are truly grateful for their service to our nation. We will continue to hold all our service personnel in our prayers until they ALL come home.

For those who keep their needs private: Many are going through difficult times but prefer to remain in private. We will hold you in our prayers.

JOYS

DENISE NICKEL — had successful surgery and her thyroid was left intact. Praise God! Please pray for a swift and full recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS —

Alyssa Crawford, Abigail Hettrich, Spencer Keoppel and Travis Whipple. God Bless you! Thank you to Mentors, Sandy Albert, Dan Carhart, Scott Scardena and Betty Tilli and Leaders, Rev. Jen, Marisa Crozier and Rick Reed. (See pictures on page 8)

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES —

Lisa Nordfors and Lindsey Danilack — graduating from high school. Praise the Lord.



Prayer to Go – June 2010

Prayer for Strength

**O Lord,
I do not pray for tasks
equal to my strength;**

**I ask for strength
equal to my task.**

Philips Brooks (1835 –930, USA)

*Please continue to
contribute your change to the
"Drop-in-the-Bucket" Font.*

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LABEL

We're having a Pool Party...

Pack your bathing suits and towels!

Bring your chairs and blankets!

Burgers and hot dogs will be supplied!

Bring a side dish or dessert!

We'll be leaving the church after services.

Check for details on rides and car pooling on your email

Pool Party
for
Tekna Theo, ROCK and their families

JUNE 6, 2010
12:30 - 4:30 pm
at the home of
Ken & Denise Nickel

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided
Bring a side dish or dessert
A sign-up sheet will be posted for food!

AT THE RETREAT

THE CONFIRMANDS WRAPPING MENTORS WITH LOVE!

