



United Presbyterian Church

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Where God is exalted, Everyone matters, and You belong!

July 2019

Worship with us at 11:00 a.m.

Thoughts from the Devotional “40 days of Prayer—Prayers After Pentecost”

By Elder Avril Lecky

As I read portions of the Devotional shared by our brother Jeremiah, our recent high school graduates come to mind. Our recent graduates will be off to college this fall joining the ones a head of them. As they prepare for their freshman year, we prayerfully hope that they will continue their spiritual journey and return to us to further inspire the younger ones left behind and help the more mature members to consider new options and alternatives while on their spiritual journey of meeting the needs of our communities. They will be taking classes like philosophy, physics, meeting new friends from a much broader spectrum than they were familiar with. Their perspective on life may change and they will have much to ponder.

We know that they will be exploring, and developing their minds. As they learn and grow, as they question events and circumstances around them, I pray that they will reflect on their past while looking to the future and that they will seek guidance when needed. The information below comes from a pamphlet shared by Jeremiah, “40 days of Prayer—Prayers After Pentecost” Jeremiah was a seminarian of United Presbyterian Church who now resides in Maryland.

The Bible is the inspired word of God to guide us in how we are to live.

2 Peter 1:20-21: *“First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”*

Christians hold to the belief that the Bible is the inspired word of God to guide us in how we are to live. We are told in this passage that those who wrote the holy scriptures were moved by the Holy Spirit. There are various interpretations as to what is meant by this but hopefully we can agree that the Bible is our guidebook to living the Christian life. We should also constantly be inviting the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to the meaning of the holy scriptures. We need the Holy Spirit’s guidance as to how the ancient words of the Bible translate into how we are to live and love today. When you read the Bible recognize the work of the Spirit in the words you are reading and invite that same Spirit to give you understanding in how you are to interpret those words for your everyday life.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes that we might see, open our ears that we might hear, and open our hearts that we might receive the messages that you have for us this day.

1 Corinthians 2:9-13: *“But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.”*

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How does this make you feel? What does this promise stir up in you?

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Crystal A., Mobolaji F., Neekah H., Markel S.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE:

Desirae H.





Thoughts to Ponder from the “Never Ending Debate....”

(<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0719-exploring/>)

During Lent, a new pastor asked the Christian education committee to keep the children in the sanctuary on Easter morning rather than leaving after the children’s time for church school. After the pastor explained how beneficial it was for children to see adults worshipping and hear the Easter hymns and prayers, the committee agreed. But when Easter came, a Sunday school teacher led the children out of the sanctuary for their own separate time.

We are a small church in a very small town that was on the verge of closing 10 years ago. Yesterday we had 33 people in church and 13 of them were kids. We started something new this year. We begin worship with a “Praise Party.” The kids dance and sing in the front

of the church during the prelude (sometimes piano; sometimes CDs). It’s chaotic, but lots of fun. Then right after, we sit down and have the children’s time. Sunday school takes place before church. Then there’s a fellowship time that leads directly into the Praise Party. The kids also spontaneously help with the offering, ring the bell, and all come out to help greet after worship (something my grandkids started!). The older congregants love it. We’re adding new members and I think the way kids are included in worship is part of the reason. — Rev. Charity Potter, half-time solo pastor, Unity Parish, which includes Wakefield Presbyterian Church and John Huss Presbyterian Church, Thurston, Nebraska

I like the idea of kids being in worship. What the congregation needs to learn, though, is not to give kids the stink-eye for being kids. That old-school way of thinking has to change for it to work. My congregation has learned to accept all kinds of kid noises — mostly — and even to accept that breast-feeding on demand is the new norm. Once that shift happens in a church, the doors for younger families fling wide open. — Rev. Kerra English, Ashland Presbyterian Church, Ashland, Virginia

When my daughter was little — not that long ago — church for her was going to the nursery, then to Sunday school held during worship. She learned things in an age-appropriate way, and I got to enjoy the message. Too often I think this conversation is more about the aspirations of adults than what kids want. What 4-year-old wants to sit still for 45 minutes? The children at our church do join the congregation for Communion, Easter and Christmas Eve. — Nancy Jennings, session member, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit

**What are your thoughts on church engagement with children, adults and the homeless man/woman on the street?
WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS???**

Thoughts from the Devotional

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What a promise from God! The great things God has prepared for us have never been seen or heard or even thought of by a human being! We can’t even begin to comprehend the immensity, the wonder, the depth of all the hopes and plans God has for God’s beloved creation.

How does this make you feel? What does this promise stir up in you?

Consider the things you’ve seen God do in your life...

Perhaps fear or anxiety as your mind wrestles with the discomfort which comes from not knowing. God invites us to live with hope, hope for all that is possible through God. Consider the things you’ve seen God do in your life and in the life of your church which you never could have imagined. Amazing and unimaginable things have been and will continue to be accomplished through the power and promises of God.

Excerpted from the Devotional for Pentecost shared by Jeremiah Seepersad - New Castle Presbytery’s Ignite Team—“40 Days of Prayer....”

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Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6 ESV



2018-2019 Sunday School Teachers

Adult Education: Mr. Aleric (Al) Tate
Youth Education: Mrs. Patricia Dawson—Leader
Ms. Yetunde Falowo
Ms. Zorina Bowers



Desrick H.

- 12 Years Old
- 6th grade going to the 7th
- I like Sunday School because I like doing fun things in Sunday School and preparing things. I love learning about Jesus and proud of what I've accomplished in track. I love running track. I've won a lot of gold and silver medals. I will always be here to help.

Bible Lesson for Kids



Jayvon M.

My name is Jayvon M. and I'm 8 years old. I'm going to the 4th grade. I go to Emerson School. I'm in theater group and I just had a play called "Sister Act 2". I played the character of Father Maurice and I was a star!

Desirae H.

- ◆ 14 years old
- ◆ 8th grade graduating into the 9th grade
- ◆ Going to Gill St. Bernard's High School
- ◆ One highlight of my life is graduating from NJ Seeds because it's really changed my life for the better and it has allowed me to go to a great independent high school like Gill St. Bernard's.



Oladimeji F.

Name: Oladimeji F.
Age: 14
School: North Plainfield High School going to the 10th grade
Parents: Yetunde and Bola Falowo
Importance: I am on the honor roll this school year
Birthday: July 14, 2004

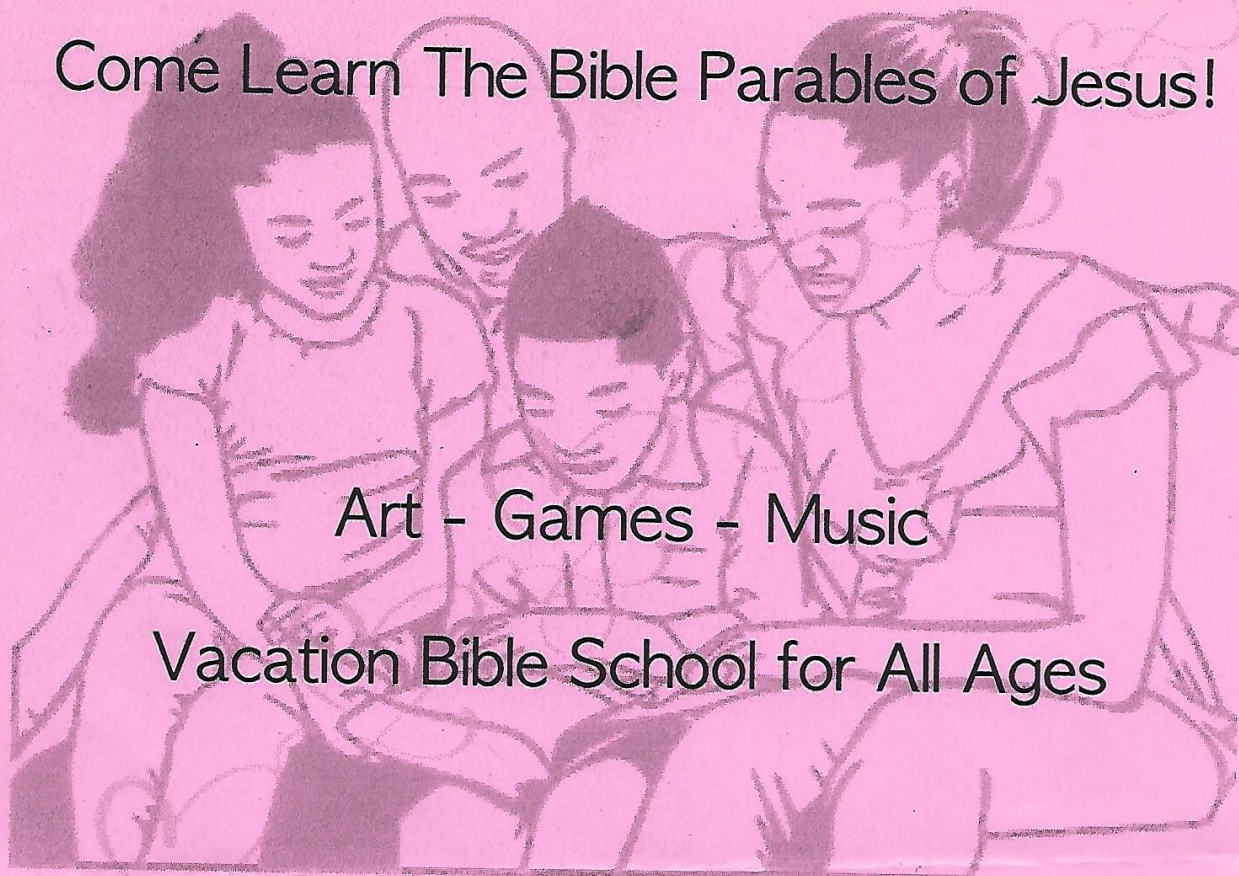
Neekah H.

My name is Neekah H. and I'm 17 years old. I graduated from high school on June 20th, 2019. The high school I graduated from was South Plainfield High School. I will be attending Middlesex County College and will be majoring in marketing.

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. ...

Colossians 2:1-23 ESV

Come Learn The Bible Parables of Jesus!



Art - Games - Music

Vacation Bible School for All Ages

July 8 - 12, 2019

6PM - 9PM

Dinner Provided

Learning and Engaging in the Community at:

United Presbyterian Church

525 East Front Street

Plainfield, NJ 07060

(908) 756 - 2666

Ministry

We have been blessed to have the Word delivered to us by a group of awesome ministers of God!

July.....

- 7 Rev. Ken Macari
- 14 Elder Allegra Hoots
- 21 Pastor Samuel Yenn Batah

August

- 4 Rev. Jeremy Campbell
- 11 Elder Allegra Hoots
- 18 Rev. Doris Glaspy
- 25 Rev. Doris Glaspy

September

- 1 Elder Allegra Hoots



July

- 14 Mary Semambya
- 15 Joy Awobue
- 18 Tasha Rudolph
- 25 Chris Awobue
- Avery Breitenbach-Allen

August

- 5 Elizabeth Kamis
- 7 David Scott
- 15 Marcia Marsh-Hinds
- 20 Beatrice Awobue
- 25 Neekah Hinds

Church Administrators

Director of Music: Ronn Daniels
Executive Assistant: Pat Perry
Sexton: Sue Terry

Session Members (Elders)

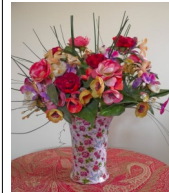
- Al Tate (Clerk)
- Emory Dawson
- Patricia Dawson
- George Hansen
- Avril Lecky
- Marcia Marsh-Hinds
- James Plummer

Church Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm



BINGO NIGHT PRIZES

Boy Scout Troop 5 is running bingo night at **Arista Care at Norwood Terrace** the first Monday night of the month. They are looking for prizes for the residents. They can use toiletries, jewelry, lotions, shampoo, razors. Leave your donation in the church office.



ALTAR FLOWERS MINISTRY

Please consider contributing to the Sanctuary's altar flowers. It beautifies the Sanctuary each Sunday and brings cheer to members and friends who are not able to join us for worship. You may add your name on the flower chart in the Narthex or call the Church Office. To make your flowers in memory or celebration of someone, please share the information. Contribution is **\$25.00.**

Zorina Bowers, Deacon

Concerns

Call or visit our members below:



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| Carl Foerster | Fred Robinson |
| Helen Foerster | Gail Stokes |
| Barbara Hyney | Izaiyah Stokes |
| Frank Klikus | Jamie Sweeney |

Board of Deacons

- Helen Foerster - Moderator
- Maggie Anglin
- Daniel Bofah
- Thelma Fleming
- Kayode Falowo
- Virginia Hansen
- Barbara Hyney - Volunteer
- Jim Plummer—Session Representative
- Neekah Hinds (in training)
- Desirae Hemans (in training)
- Tania Hemans (in training)

To contact the deacons for assistance
Call the church office at 908-756-2666

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Holiday Bazaar

ACCEPTING VENDORS

ARE YOU A CRAFTER, ARTIST, ANTIQUE COLLECTOR, BUSINESS OWNER? SELL YOUR ITEMS HERE!



DO YOU HAVE SLIGHTLY USED ITEMS FOR SALE?
WE HAVE A SEPARATE AREA FOR YOU



ARE YOU A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER? OUR COMMUNITIES
COULD USE OR LEARN ABOUT YOUR SERVICES.



Saturday, November 2, 2019

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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(Enter from the Parking Lot)

908-756-2666 or upcnews525@gmail.com

Registration forms available at the church office or email upcnews525@gmail.com.

Spaces are \$25 with your own table or \$30 for a table. \$50 for 1 table plus 1 space.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		2	3	4	5	6
			11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	7pm A/A	Independence Day Boy Scout: 9am-1pm Refreshment Sale OFFICE CLOSED	7pm A/A
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11am Worship - Communion Sunday 12:45pm Outreach Mtg	6:00pm Vacation Bible School	6:00pm Vacation Bible School 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	6:00pm Vacation Bible School 7pm A/A	6:00pm Vacation Bible School 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class	6:00pm Vacation Bible School	7pm A/A
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11am Worship 7:30pm A/A		11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	7pm A/A	10:00am Seniors Exercise Class 7:30pm Session Mtg		7pm A/A
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Youth Triennium—Purdue University </div>						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
11am Worship 7:30pm A/A		11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	7pm A/A	10:00am Seniors Exercise Class		7pm A/A
28	29	30	31			
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The calendar reflects regularly occurring events and subject to change. Check with the Church Office for changes

Committee Meetings (unless stated otherwise):

- Communion & Deacon Sunday—1st Sunday Monthly
- Youth Sunday—2nd Sunday monthly
- Dedication Sunday—4th Sunday Monthly

3rd Thursday: 7:30pm Session Meeting

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 9am-3pm: Flea Market 7pm A/A
4 10am Adult Education 11am Worship - Communion Sunday School 7:30pm A/A	5 7:30pm Boy Scouts	6 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	7 7pm A/A 7pm Cottage Mtg	8 10:00am Senior Exercise Class	9 6pm Open Mic	10 7pm A/A Youth— Camden Aquarium
11 11am Worship 7:30pm A/A	12 7:30pm Boy Scouts	13 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class 7pm Cottage Mtg	14 7pm A/A	15 10am Senior Exercise Class 7pm Administration Mtg	16 6-8pm Game Night	17 7pm A/A
18 11am Worship 7:30pm A/A	19 7:30pm Boy Scouts	20 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	21 7pm A/A 7pm Cottage Mtg	22 10am Senior Exercise Class 7:30pm Session Mtg	23	24 7pm A/A
25 11am Worship Sunday School 7:30pm A/A	26 7:30pm Boy Scouts	27 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class 7pm Cottage Mtg	28 7pm A/A	29 10am Senior Exercise Class	30	31 7pm A/A

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Summer Cottage Meetings

Our 2019 Cottage meetings will again be held in the air conditioned Chapel Lounge at the United Presbyterian Church. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will alternate between Tuesday and Wednesday nights beginning on August 7. The following dates are Tuesday-August 13, Wednesday-August 21, and Tuesday-August 27th. Refreshments will be served.

Topics for the Cottage meetings are still being decided. We hope to have topics that members, family, and friends will enjoy.

Is there an activity you would like to see us do or a service that you feel we should provide?

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

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|-------|----------|---|
| 4 | 9am-1pm | Boy Scout Refreshment Sale (Front Lawn) |
| 8-12 | 6-8:45pm | Vacation Bible School \ Theme: "Parables" |
| 16-20 | | Youth Triennium at Purdue University |

August

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| 10 | | Youth trip to the Camden Aquarium |
| 7, 13, 21
& 27 | 7-9pm | Cottage Meetings in the Chapel Lounge
Note: Some dates are Tuesdays and the other
Wednesdays |

Upcoming Events

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| Fall 2019 | Inquirers Class |
| November 2 | Holiday Bazaar |
| | Vocational Development Workshop |
| 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14 | Dreamhouse Theatre presents its writing work-shops |

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