



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood
401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

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June Message:

“June is Busting out All Over”, that song is from one of my all-time favorite Broadway shows, “Carousel”. It was my first NYC show and what a special treat that was, thanks to my Aunt Olga. An event after all these years I remember it with great joy. Another song from that show is **“You’ll Never Walk Alone”**. **George Steger** sang this as the offertory hymn on Mother’s Day. Thank you, George, for that and for all the singing you do during our times of worship.

The lyrics from “June is Busting Out All Over” reminds us of **earth’s awaking**. Winter is over and the meadows and fields and even our gardens are alive again. Our spirit and hope is uplifted. Even if your thumb isn’t green, you can appreciate the miracles of plant growth. We could even be reminded of the hymn “I Come to the Garden Alone”.

This is my segue to the song **“You’ll Never Walk Alone”**. Even though there might be times when you might feel lonely or abandoned by fair weather friends or forsaken and confused, it’s a signal to stop and regroup your thoughts. All those emotions are not unlike those described in both the Old & New Testaments. Even **Christ felt forsaken** at Calvary Matt: 27:46, and Micah 6:8 asks “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”.

All of these things bring to mind the words of the hymn **“This is My Father’s World”**. Let’s walk with Him in the Gardens of our lives. Let’s talk to Him in special prayers or plain every day conversations. We are not alone in the garden; Jesus tells us we are not alone. **He has called us as His own**.

Love and Peace to all,
Pastor Betty

Saturday, June 1st was Pastor Betty’s birthday which was celebrated with a special Bagel Bash here at church! Thank you, Betty, for all that you do for us and our church! We all wish you a **Happy Birthday** and a **wonderful year ahead full of Blessings!**



Throughout **June** we will be gathering **baby pictures of our members** to post on the **Bulletin Board!** We won’t put anyone’s name under the pictures so we can have fun guessing who is who! If you can’t locate a baby picture of yourself – then a childhood photo would be great too!

Sunday, June 9th at 2:30pm there will be a **Vocal Ensemble and Percussionist Concert featuring Gospel Music to Broadway Show Tunes** at the **First Presbyterian Church of Hackensack**. The concert is **free** and is sure to be enjoyable! Please see the flyer on the **Bulletin Board** for more **information**.

Father's Day is Sunday June 16th! Happy Father's Day to all of our friends and loved ones who are fathers and for all of us who will be **remembering our fathers!** May you be celebrated in **thought** and **deed** (gifts are nice too!) for all of the wonderful attributes and loving traits that are all rolled up into one great person...**a Dad!** Have a wonderful day!



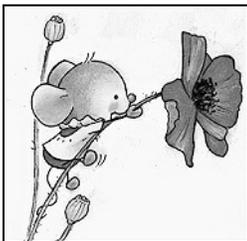
Sunday school will be concluding for the summer quite soon! We wish to thank **Sara Carberry** for her dedication to the children of our church. Each Sunday Sara has preached wonderful and thoughtful **Children's Sermons** that we all get to enjoy! After the children's sermon she takes them off to a Sunday School lesson! It takes much love, time and talent to make this possible each week. **Thank you Sara** for all that you do, you **truly are a blessing** to our children and to our congregation.

July 3rd is the date for this year's **Fireworks in Maywood!** It is held at **Veterans Memorial Park!** Check out the town's web site, www.maywoodnj.com, or keep an eye out in the town paper for more information!

Maywood is celebrating the **4th of July with a town Parade!** The theme is **Olde Time Maywood** and will be honoring the **125th year anniversary** of the town! Our **church** has been a part of **Maywood** virtually from the **town's inception!** Would **you** like to be a **part** of the **parade representing our church?** Perhaps decorate your car/vehicle with provided streamers and signs to drive in the parade? Do **you** have any **ideas** of your own of **what we could do** at this special event? Please speak with **Betty Fetzer** if you would like to take part in the **4th of July Parade!**



We are planning a **covered dish luncheon/picnic** on **July 7th** to celebrate Independence Day! Please **bring your favorite side dish** to accompany (church provided) Hotdogs! Thank you!



Beautiful wild flowers have been planted in the **garden** next to our Bain Dillingham Hall entrance! Special thanks to the **Barberena family** for doing this for us! **Rob Taylor** has been working with a landscaping company to **mow the church lawns** over the summer months, thanks **Rob** for your attention to our grounds! Our building and facilities committee members are **Carol Dass, Silvio Perri, Rob Taylor** and **Lenin Barberena!** They do so much for our building and grounds, keeping it safe and all together functioning. Often **they** undertake **unseen** or **unnoticed tasks**. Thanks so much to the committee for all they do for us!

Sara Carberry is planning summer **Vacation Bible School** here at our church! The tentative dates are **July 15th – 19th** from **5:00pm to 7:00pm**. There will be a **Safari Theme!** More information will follow in July's Church Mouse Newsletter! If you have any **neighbors** or **relatives** with **children** or know of **any** children that would like to enjoy this experience please **speak to Sara or Bobbe!** Everyone is welcome and it's sure to be lots of fun!

June Preaching Schedule:

June 2nd - Pastor Betty Fetzer
June 9th - Pastor Kevin Kwon
June 16th- Pastor Kevin Kwon
June 23rd- Pastor Kevin Kwon
June 30th- Pastor Kevin Kwon

Don't Forget:

Knit or Not - Tuesdays 2:30 - 4:00
Bible Study - Thursdays 1:00 - 2:15
Choir Rehearsal - Thursdays 2:15 - 3:15



The next meeting of the Session-Monday, June 17th 10:00am

A Little Musing about Joseph



We all know that Jesus had an earthly father namely, Joseph. If you think about it...we don't hear too much about Joseph once Jesus arrived on the scene! One may joke and say...well, what do you expect...his son could turn water into wine...ha, ha--that's what happened to Joseph! Now, seriously, the last mention of Jesus' earth bound father Joseph was in Luke, when he is mentioned within the context of being the young Jesus' parent along with Mary.

The fact is, Joseph played an integral role in the history of Jesus and in the young life of Jesus. First, his wife is expecting a baby...and it's not of his doing--back then that was like the biggest sin of the day! Then, he displays to us his utmost belief in what Mary has told him and he believes the word of the Angel that visits him to explain Mary's condition.

He then takes Jesus under his wing as his beloved son and instills Christian values and teaches him how to be a Carpenter, and a good person. He encouraged him to be all he was intended to be, which helps form Jesus' view of the world from an earthly perspective. Additionally, he introduces siblings into Jesus' life which helps round out Jesus' understanding of a loving family.

Joseph was a great father, a great person and Christian. He **believed**, he **taught**, he **supported**, he **led** and he **loved**, all without being the one in the spotlight! What more could make up the definition of a good father? Well, he also believed wholeheartedly in our Father above, our Father in Heaven. For this we are all grateful. So, what happened to Joseph then? Well, it is thought that he passed away, died a bit before his time...or perhaps passed away of old age after he fulfilled what became his prophecy...being chosen to be the earth bound father to the young Jesus and helping mold him according to God the Father's will. Looking deeper though, maybe God was at work here as Joseph's absence in the Bible leaves no room to question who Jesus' Father is. So, let's not forget 'bout good 'ol Joseph...a wonderful example of fatherhood throughout time.

...To the world you might just be one person, but to one person, you might be the world...

