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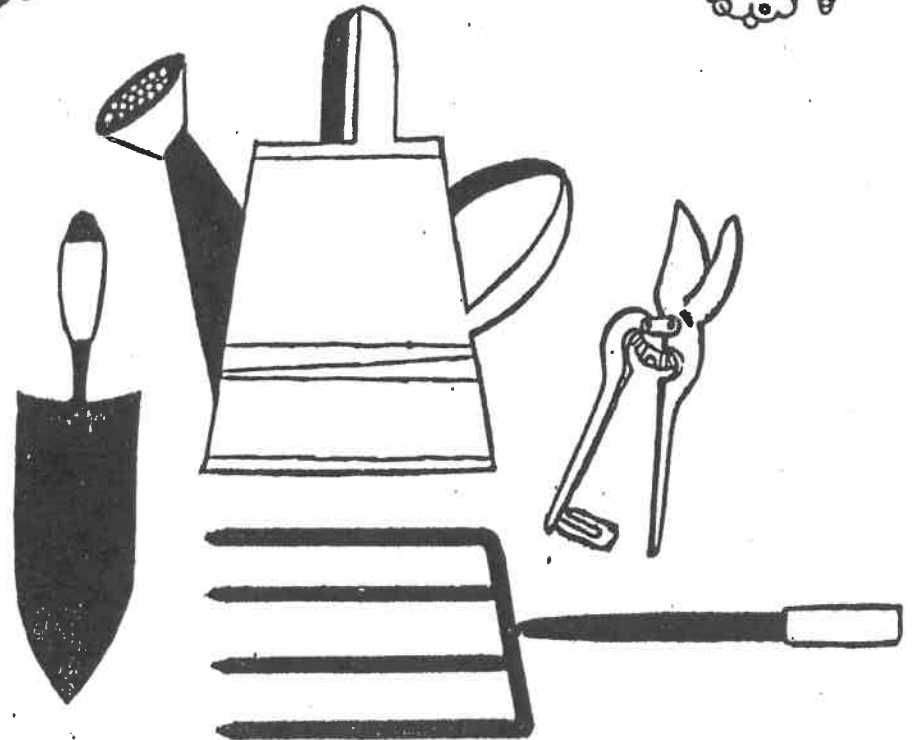
Meeting House Memos



MAY 2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLEAN UP DAY





Dear Friends,

Welcome to the beauty that is the month of May! Mountainside's magnificent colors, which have been long-hidden, are popping out along the paths I walk each day.

What a glorious Easter Sunday we had! It was a relatively warm sunrise in the garden and a music and Word filled worship, with a filled sanctuary as well! The combination Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service set a dark tone, which was replaced with joyful celebration in observance of the resurrection. This is what our faith is all about. As Paul wrote, "If Christ is not risen, we are still in our sins."

Last weekend, many of you were participated in "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," our congregational supper gatherings with updates and discussion facilitated by the Mission Study Team. The MST has been working diligently to complete its report for this month's session meeting. After approval by the Commission on Ministry, we will have a congregational meeting to share it with you and to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Watch and listen for a special announcement!

It is a joy to have seven potential confirmands beginning their study this month, for confirmation in the fall. Please be in prayer for them as they learn something of the Bible, the history of our faith, and delve into their own spirituality in new ways. I know you will all be an inspiration to them and help them discern their gifts for expressing their faith and serving God in years ahead.

John and I are so thankful that God has brought us together with you at CPC Mountainside for this time. I know that the months ahead will bring you together with the person whom God is calling to installed ministry here with you. Please be in prayer for that person and for "next things" for us all!

In Christ,

Pastor Leigh



.....MacLaineBarre-Quick, daughter of Lisa Barre-Quick and Stephen Quick, will graduate from New Providence High and will attend Johns Hopkins as a pre-med student. She plans to major in Public Health Studies and minor in Computer Integrated Surgery and Music. This summer she will be a camp counsellor at River Bend.

.....Christopher Barre, son of Bart Christopher and Cathy Barre, will be graduating from The Heights School in Potomac, Md. and will attend Harvard to study Mechanical Engineering and the Classics. He is a National Merit Scholar and an Eagle Scout. This summer he will be teaching mathematics at The Heights.

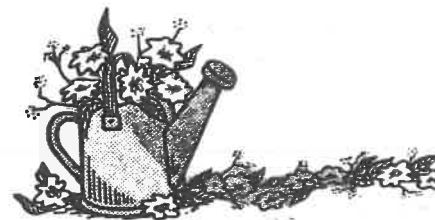
.....In our prayers are Erasmus Belden, Wolfgang Gerhard, Gisela Groiss, Elsa Jackson, Bob Kaepfel, the Schoenknecht family, Ann Zakovic Stacy Cole's father, and 5th grader Logan Alseika.

.....Our sympathy to the families of Lothar Nonnemacher and Violet Rodgers who passed away recently and were both long time members of our church family.

.....We hope you will get involved now that spring is here - either by hosting coffee hour, volunteering to usher, or coming out to help on Work Day - many hands make things easier and more fun.

.....This newsletter is only as interesting as YOU make it! We welcome any news you would like to share. Just leave the information in the church office or send to one of the editors.

Your editors three,
Bobbie, Sandy, and Sara





CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....April was a busy month! We had a lovely Palm Sunday Pancake Brunch, thanks to the Fellowship Committee; a wonderful evening of fellowship and food at Lorenzo's, thanks to Jack McCurdy; and, as always, a Good Friday service and a glorious Easter Sunday service. New this year was also a 6 am Sunrise Service in our Memorial Garden. The services, flowers, and music were beautiful and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

.....Thanks to those who donated and delivered food to Elizabeth so that these families had a nice Easter. A big "thank you" to Alison Saksena for again making Easter baskets for the children whose Easter was so much happier because of these gifts.

.....the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" on Saturday evening was both fun and informative with members of the Mission Study Team explaining the results of the survey we took. Those in attendance also added information to be included. Thanks to those who hosted - the Meissner, Kersey & Gillis families.

.....Congratulations to Dana McCurdy Hibbard and her husband Chris on the birth of their daughter, Brooke Elizabeth, born on April 20th. So happy for this Easter blessing are her proud grandparents, Diane and Jack McCurdy.

.....Sandy and Waymen Everly have two granddaughters graduating in June. Kelsey Painter, daughter of Tracy & Bryan, is graduating from Wake Forest High and will be attending her parents' alma mater, East Carolina University in North Carolina.

.....Haley Everly, daughter of Kevin and Audrey, is graduating from Watchung Hills Regional and will attend Elon University in Elon, N.C.

Session - Attendance

April 7	50	April 21 "Son"rise	11
April 14	85	April 21 (Easter)	170
April 19 (Good Friday)	43	April 28	45

Sara Meissner, Clerk of Session

NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED!



Our Community Presbyterian Nursery School has an opening for the position of Director for the school year beginning in September, 2019. Responsibilities include: administering the Pre-School program in accordance with the policies of the School and State of New Jersey licensing requirements; overseeing day-to-day operations; supervising staff; interviewing prospective students and parents. The candidate must have a Master's Degree in any field related to business or children, or a Bachelor's Degree in any field and 1 year of managerial or supervisory experience. All interested individuals should direct inquiries to the Church Office at (908) 232-9490 or cpcofficeadmin@comcast.net.

Trustees' Report
May Report



Spring Work Day (clean up) is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th, rain date Saturday, May 18th. This is always an essential event in the church calendar. Please plan to attend between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM, with a lunch provided at noon. This is a great opportunity for you to provide needed assistance to the church in a variety of ways. Connie Fayen will be organizing the areas in need of work this year from relatively small jobs to more energetic items. Boy Scout Troop 177 will once again be providing muscle power on that day. Over the years we have relied more and more on Troop 177 to do the harder jobs. Not all jobs will be outside. Some things need to be done inside the assembly room and sanctuary.

Deegan Roofing did what they said they would do, and when they said they would do it! It's always good to have major work done on schedule. Our new roof should be good for twenty five years into the future.

It has been a plumbing month: kitchen sink faucet replaced, men's room faucet replaced, and boy's room toilet chain also replaced. Once again it was Trano Plumbing to the rescue when we needed them.

We are hoping for a quiet summer, but keep your eyes open for other items of concern that you see around the church and grounds, letting us know so that we can continue to maintain this wonderful place of worship!

Greg Meissner



Note from the Deacons:

OUTREACH: The Deacons would like to thank everyone who contributed to making it possible to donate and transport approximately 50 Easter baskets and 13 hams and turkeys helping to brighten the day for several family's in Elizabeth, NJ. Also, special thank you to Julianne Podolski who led the effort to host 4 families for a meatloaf and mashed potato dinner and an overnight through our ongoing partnership with Family Promise.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS: The Deacons are also happy to announce that starting in May, we are adopting some new environmentally friendly solutions. In an effort to reduce plastic, we will now make every effort to use reusable and washable tablecloths during coffee hour. Also, individual glass cups will be used for serving wine during confirmation. They will be sanitized after each use in a high temperature dishwasher. We are open to any other new ideas that help us us lessen the impact on our environment.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

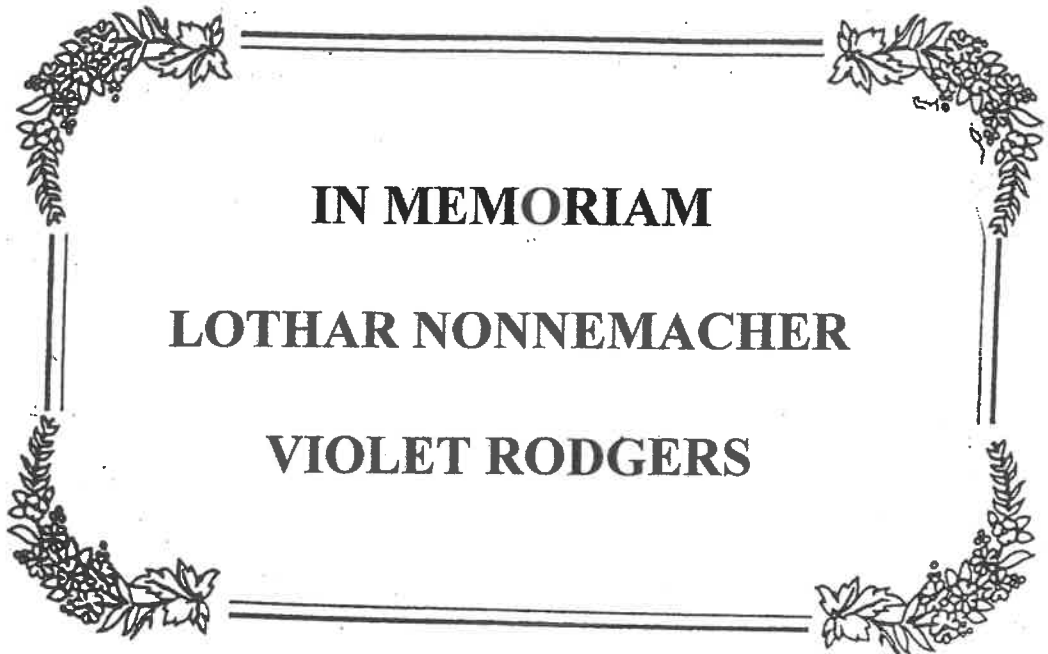
- 1 Scotty Reel
- 3 Gregory Belden
- 8 Louise Sgarro
- 10 Nancy Whitbred
- 11 Evelyn Keller
- 13 Bob Hain
Taylor Hoy
- 14 Matthew Kersey
- 23 Cynn timer Blair
- 26 Heidi Falso
- 31 Diane McCurdy



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Bonnie & Mark Canevari
- 3 Lisa & Reid MacGowan
- 6 Susan and Scott Hain
- 10 Chris & Bob Britton
- 18 Kim & Bob Hain
- 26 Debbie & Ray Steinberg





IN MEMORIAM

LOTHAR NONNEMACHER

VIOLET RODGERS



Happy Moments, PRAISE GOD.

Difficult Moments, SEEK GOD

Quiet Moments, WORSHIP GOD

Painful Moments, TRUST GOD

EVERY MOMENT, THANK GOD



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming Events:

- **Monthly Book Club** – Monday, May 20th at 1:30 pm hosted by Jean Hileman, 181 Gallinson Drive, Murray Hill. Please let Jean know if you will attend (908-665-0429/jeanmhni@yahoo.com). They are reading "One Day In December" by Josie Silver.
- **Lunch with Leigh** – Tuesday, May 21st. Meet in the Memorial Room at 12:30 pm and we will carpool to a nearby restaurant for fun and casual conversation.
- **Spring Picnic & General Meeting** – Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 pm at the home of Connie Fayen, 1032 Sunny Slope Drive. Bring an appetizer, main course or dessert to share. RSVP to Diane McCurdy (908-400-1486/dianmccurdy@gmail.com) or by filling out the notice included in the weekly church Bulletin. If you are interested in serving on the WA board, please contact Diane for information – it's light work and good fellowship!



And now a Station Break

God is like Bayer Aspirin. He works wonders.

God is like Scope. He makes you feel fresh.

God is like Ford. He's got a better idea.

God is like Dial. He gives you 'round
the clock protection.

God is like Coke. He's the real thing.

God is like Pan Am. He makes the going great.

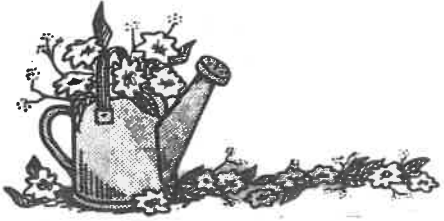
God is like Hallmark cards.

He cares enough to send the best.....

His Son.



May 2019



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

EVERY SUNDAY
 10:30 AM
 Worship Service
 11:30 AM
 Coffee Hour

MONDAY - FRIDAY
 8:30 AM
 Nursery School

THURSDAY
 5:00 PM
 Children's Choir
 6:30 PM
 Bell Choir
 7:30 PM
 Chancel Choir



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Paint & Sip 6:30	2 	3	4 WORKDAY
5 Holy Communion 	6	7	8 Trustees 7:00 PM	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day 	13	14	15 Session 7:00 PM	16 CHOIR	17	18 Rain Date Work Day
19	20 12:15 Men's Group 1:30 PM Book Discussion Group	21 Lunch with Leigh 12:30 pm 	22 Deacons 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 	31	 Seven days without prayer Makes one weak



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST: June 3rd - 10 am