

From the **PASTOR**—

July 2011

Dear Members and Friends,

Sweet summer! I picked the first pepper from my garden yesterday. It was scrawny, but tasty.

The times of the drone of lawn mowers, iced tea and barbeques is upon us. I hope your summer is full of good things.

The time of our service has changed to 9:30. So far, attendance at worship has been pretty nice. Please if you are in town come out to worship. If you are away, grace a nearby church with your presence. God wants you in the pew.

Enjoy your vacation. If you don't get one, take good care of yourself anyway. We need the Sabbath to refresh and refuel. Let God revitalize you. He wants you well.

The next weeks will be full of fresh tomatoes and zucchini and other good things from the earth. The Bible says God made it all and made us to keep and till the garden. It was intended as a paradise.

With God's help in Jesus, it still is. Jesus said he came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Part of that abundant life is the church. May God help us to love another as he has loved us.

Yours in Christ,

Fred

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Building and Grounds

Looking for:
Permanent volunteers to help with
routine duties around the church.
If you like to putter, fix things, paint or
would like to help out with light maintenance
in and around the church,
please contact Bill or Gary.
No previous experience needed.



Bill Simmons and Gary Cortelyou

Fellowship



Please sign-up for providing light refreshments after church. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

Home coming is September 11; please watch for the sign-up sheet to help serve our traditional lunch.

Watch for a progressive dinner in October.

Christine Fung

Church Retreat

The consistory would like to plan for a church wide retreat. If you are interested in attending one please sign up. If you would like more information or would like to share some of your ideas, you may contact Chris Russoniello or the church office.

Chris Russoniello

Ladies' Bible Study

We concluded the study on John Ortberg's book, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*, on June 8th. Those who participated thoroughly enjoyed the study, which was book/DVD format. We will not meet during the summer for study, **but will meet on August 3rd for dinner** (place to be determined) to plan the fall study. Watch for information about the time/place for meeting and come with suggestions for what you might like to study. We would like to have samples of the fall study available on Homecoming Sunday and will start the Ladies' Bible Study at the beginning of October.

Jayne Czaplicki and Sue Cole

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A baby shower was held in Memorial Hall on May 23rd for The Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington, with a staff member speaking to us about the center's activities in helping new single moms. We played baby shower word games (the "Babies in the Bible" was a real stumper for many of us!) and enjoyed refreshments. The event was both educational and fun and we were able to donate four bags of new baby clothes, blankets and accessories to the center. Our church has supported The Friendship Center for New Beginnings for many years.

Jayne Czaplicki and Sue Cole

Outreach and Hospitality Committee

Millstone-Wide Yard Sale: Thanks to all who enabled our participation in the Millstone Yard Sale on June 11th to be successful. Members of our congregation donated items to sell, helped receive and set up those items, were there throughout the day on Saturday to sell and then helped pack up those items after church on Sunday to be delivered to The Reformed Church at Highland Park for their thrift shop. Over \$500 was raised to be used for our participation with Habitat for Humanity, for those going on our church Mission Trip and by our www.God women's ministry to purchase Hippo rollers for women in Kenya. They are used to transport water more easily. (24 gallon containers to roll instead of 5 gallon pails on their heads!)

In addition, "Pins by Lucinda" were sold to raise money directly for Interfaith Hospitality Network--about \$75 was raised. Habitat for Humanity had an informational display and a representative there to speak to people regarding their organization—they obtained names of six people interested in helping them. We offered free water, shopping bags, information about the church (including Vacation Bible School) and had the bathrooms open all day Saturday for use by the public. It was a somewhat rainy day and we were fortunate to have Memorial Hall available to use for the yard sale.

Greeters: Anyone interested in greeting before church on Sundays can sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex of the church. The job description is simple: Be friendly & smile, be on time (about 20 minutes before the start of the service) and hand out bulletins to adults and the children's crayons/bulletins to the kids. If you are shy, sign up with someone who has done it before. We do ask that you wear a name tag. If you can't find yours, stick-on ones are available on the Welcome Table.

Banners: Two banners have been hung advertising Vacation Bible School, one in front of the church and the other at the Amwell Road/Amsterdam intersection. We know that many parents plan their children's summer activities before school lets out, so the banners were hung much earlier this year. Already, we have received calls from interested parents who spotted the banners.

New-Member Potluck Dinner: The June 18th dinner has been postponed until the fall since many people were unable to attend. Instead, we are planning an October 2nd breakfast event.

Jayne Czaplicki

Healing Service Training Session

A Healing Service was held following our regular worship service on June 5th. Five members of the congregation came forward for healing prayers and anointing with oil.

We will be planning a training session in mid-August for both current and Great Consistory elders who wish to participate in our Healing Ministry. Watch for details in July in the bulletins and on the web.

Jayne Czaplicki
Vice-chairperson of Consistory

INTERESTING THOUGHTS . . . IF ONLY . . .

If every Bible in the world gathering dust was blown off at the same time, we'd all die in the dust storm.

If the largeness of one's heart is determined by the number of people for whom we genuinely care, how big God's heart must be.

If we get our eyes off our problems and on their solution, off our circumstances and on the God who controls them, off ourselves and on Him, there's no telling what God will do for us.

Kroll, Woodrow [Have a Good and Godly Day](#) Good News: 1996

Christian Education



Vacation Bible School

Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street

Where Jesus makes a difference every day!

August 1-5, 2011 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Children preschool to entering 5th grade are invited to join us for a week of **Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street!** The children will explore Jesus' parables, taking a new look at what the Bible says about gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, grace, and faithfulness. There will be singing, crafts, snacks and games. **Volunteers 6th grade to adult are needed to make this a great week for the children.** Look for registration forms and volunteer sign-up in the vestibule or call the Church office at 908-359-3391. Bring a friend and join the fun.

Pam Williams

First Steps



We thank everyone who had volunteered to help out with the First Steps program. Nancy Norcross has accepted and will be leading the program. First Steps is intended for parents and their kids up to age 3. The class will be meeting on Sunday mornings. The curriculum developed by Amy Williams consists of songs, games and activities for parents and their young children. If you would like more information on the program, please contact the church office.

Sunday School

Teachers and a musician needed!

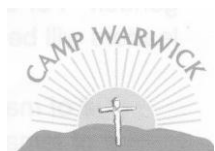


Thank you to all of our Sunday school families for sharing your beautiful children with us every Sunday! It is a pleasure to teach them about our Lord and to hear them sing and shout!! We are in need of some help for the upcoming year, however. We need a few teachers and a musician. Our teachers are so dedicated and so very good with our kids but a few have decided this is the time they need to move on and pass the torch to a new batch of teachers. We have been singing without music and the children are very good but they respond much better when they are accompanied by a piano or guitar, as well as someone with musical abilities!! The music would only take the first 15 - 20 minutes of Sunday school every week.

If you are interested or would like some additional information, please let me know!! Thank you for considering helping us to continue to enrich the lives of the young people of our church!! I hope you all enjoy a blessed summer!!

Colleen Eberhardt

Youth Group



Warwick will again offer many great **Summer Camps** this year beginning in June. One and two week camps are available (ages 7-17). They all look like a lot of fun. New for 2011, Camp Warwick will be leading a mission trip for high school students July 16 - 23. Brochures with more information and registration forms are available at the Youth Group bulletin board in the basement of the church. More information is also available online at www.campwarwick.com.

Kurt Benson

A special message for the children of the Hillsborough Reformed Church – come sing with us!



Do you miss singing in your school chorus once school lets out? Did you always want to learn to sing but never had the chance? Then come on out and join the children's choir! We will have short practices right after church all summer – you will learn some fun music and have a great opportunity to see your friends from church...and have a snack!

Parents, here are the details: Akiko Hosaki and Emily Russoniello would like to start a summer children's choir. This choir will meet immediately after church services for 20 to 30 minutes from June 26 until August 28th, and would sing twice this summer. We want to be flexible with families' vacation schedules and give as many children as possible a chance to participate, so all we ask is that your child is present for at least 5 rehearsals out of the 10 week rehearsal period and that you notify Akiko or Emily in advance when he or she needs to be absent.

For more information, please contact Emily or Akiko and we will be happy to answer any questions. **See sign-up sheet in vestibule.**

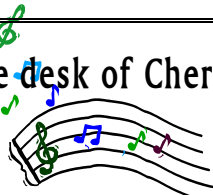
Musicians needed for Summer Special Music! We are trying to schedule a variety of music for this summer and are looking for people who enjoy sharing their musical talents with others. If you are taking music lessons, sing in a choir or play an instrument we would love to have you sing or play during a summer worship service. We are especially trying to encourage our young musicians to take part in the worship service. Akiko will be happy to play the accompaniment if needed.



The sign-up sheet is up in the vestibule. Please sign-up or contact Akiko Hosaki.

From the desk of Cheryl Webb

Dear Church family,



As many of you know, last Sunday (June 5) was my last to play at the early service. As I closed 'Grandpa's' piano, so many joyous memories came to me of my time here with you. I first came here when I was a college student. You welcomed me, and became my church family. My children were brought up here, beginning with their baptisms through each of their confirmations of faith, then weddings, and the baptisms of my grandchildren.

So many memories, a lifetime. I remember so many who touched my life, who inspired me---I remember the Oelkes, and Oscar, Harold, Nancy, Maryann, Sharon, and Paul, Gail Sanders, Melva, and our pastors, my friend Louise, and so many more who have made this place richer. I am so grateful!

I want to say thank you, for the memories, and for your friendship, your support, your encouragement. And thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Ahh the music! I remember children's musicals with Carol, my teacher. Sunday school music---how many Children's Sundays? – 'Let There Be Peace On Earth' still makes me cry. Angel Choir, Jubilate Ringers, Festival Singers---remember our new shirts? And we had some fine teenage accompaniment! I remember wonderful duets with Sharon, and learning to ring bells, and our fun Ensemble! The High School Girls Choir, the Women's Choir, the adult choirs---who can forget the Rutter 'All Things Bright And Beautiful' with adult and children's choirs and flute---exhilarating! Our very own Kathryn and Jen, you brought so much to our worship! And Karen brought us the 'Francis of Assisi'---delicious! The Festival Singers caroling at Foothill Acres---remember when Melanie fainted? And my faithful little bell quartet who went with me all those Christmases to the nursing home! So many, many wonderful memories! Thank you, all of you, for serving with me! 'When In Our Music God Is Glorified!' Amen!

Sacrament of Baptism



On June 26, 2011 we welcomed Austin Jozsef Glembocki, born on October 30, 2009 into the church family.

Austin is the son of Jennifer and Paul. Congratulations to the family.

People We Know

On June 12, Gary Cortelyou was installed as Deacon to serve the unexpired term of Deacon Audrey Fredericks, whose resignation the Consistory received with regret.

We welcome the entire Glembocki family into the fellowship of our church. Jennifer and Paul joined the church on June 26.

Remembering Those We Love

Winnie Schryver the mother of Peter Schryver passed away on June 16 at her home. Our prayers go out to Peter, Liz, David and Tori Schryver on their recent loss.

We extend our prayers to Thelma Felauer's family, Adolph (Lefty) Felauer, Carol Halm and her family. Thelma was a long time member of our church and passed away in El Paso, TX on June 15, 2011. Her memorial service was held on June 23 in our church.

Diane and Joe Tenore's beloved daughter, Nancy Marie Wright passed away on June 20 after her long battle with cancer. We also extend our prayers to Diane, Joe and Nancy's husband and two children.

"Jesus is the resurrection and the life. . ."

The amazing thing about Jesus is that he doesn't just patch up our lives,
He gives us a brand new sheet, a clean slate to start over, all new.

Gloria Gaither

Walking with God leads to receiving his intimate counsel,
And counseling leads to deep restoration.

John Eldredge

No matter how badly we have failed,
We can always get up and begin again.
Our God is the God of new beginnings.

Warren Wiersbe

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31



Mission and Benevolence

Reaching Out to Others

Project First Class – Donated School Supplies Sought for Food Bank Families



The Somerset County Commission on the Status of Women (SCCSW) has launched its annual “” school-supplies collection. Children of families served by the Food Bank Network of Somerset County will benefit from the donations.

Although any types of new school supplies will be welcome, the children are most in need of backpacks, notebooks, three-ring binders, highlighters, markers and reference books on CD-ROM, including dictionaries, thesauruses and atlases.

“This is an opportunity to help kids who might otherwise have no way of getting the necessary supplies for the new school year,” said Freeholder Jack M. Ciattarelli, commission liaison. “This is critical in the current economy, when some families are struggling to meet their basic needs. For this reason, we are especially appreciative of the Commission’s efforts in carrying out this important annual event.”

You may place the supplies in the box which will be placed by Mission and Benevolence in the vestibule. The SCCSW will be accepting the donations between now and August 19.

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Recipients June 2010

Twice a year we provide grants to active members graduating from high school and to students currently in college. It is our way of showing the young people in our church that we care for them and support them in their endeavors. The following young people received the grants at the June 12th Worship Service:

High School Graduates

Tori Schryver	MHS/University of Vermont	Business Administration
Randy Gacek	HHS/Rutgers	Biomedical Eng/Business
Sean Woods	HHS/RVCC	Business

College Students

Brandon Eberhardt	Rutgers (Junior)	Mechanical Engineering
David Schryver	Muhlenberg (Senior)	History and Finance
Amy Williams	Rider University	Elementary Education
Justin Kraehenbuehl	RVCC	Fine Arts
Elisabeth Mueller	RVCC	Liberal Arts
Alyson Beth O'Connor	Rutgers (Senior)	Public Health
John Cortelyou	RVCC	Liberal Arts
Caitlin Halm	RVCC (Sophomore)	Liberal Arts
Theresa Erdek	RVCC	Food Management
Timothy C. Glowinski	RVCC (Freshman)	Mechanical Engineering
Rebecca Erdman	Penn State (Sophomore)	Communications

From the mailbox



Hillsborough Reformed Church,

June 19, 2011

It meant so much to me.

I am so thankful for the scholarship I received from the church. It's going to help me out very much! I appreciate everything that the church has done for me these past years.

Thank you all so much!

- Caitlin Halm

Thank
You

Dear Members of HRC,
Thank you for the scholarship check. I appreciate your support as I continue working toward my degree in education.

Thank you,
Amy Williams

Stephen Ministry – We Need You!



Stephen Ministry provides one on one Christ-like care to people in need or times of transition or crisis. The Stephen Minister acts as the presence of Jesus himself for the Care Receiver.

This powerful ministry has now reached over one fifth of our congregation if you include Stephen Leaders, Stephen Minister and Care Receivers. One long time member of our church who has served in nearly every capacity in the church said of Stephen Ministry that of all he has done, this has been the most powerful. Another man who is a police dispatcher speaks highly of how much the training has helped him in his professional work and his personal life. Such comments are typical.

I have told the church from the pulpit that I have been a Care Receiver. At the time of my divorce, I did not attempt to go it alone. I asked for a Stephen Minister. He was from a local church which also has this incredible ministry. I cannot tell you how helpful it was to have a Stephen Minister.

We need your help. There are men and women in need of a Stephen Minister in our church right now, but we do not have enough to go around. We are particularly in need of men. We have several male Stephen Ministers (Only women can be Stephen Ministers for women and men for men) but more are needed.

Our next class begins September 17. To become a Stephen Minister you must fill out an application, be interviewed by the leadership team and complete fifty hours of training. The training is of great value not only for this ministry but for our personal lives and all relationships and is well worth it.

Is God calling you to this ministry? This is an incredible way to serve God and follow his command to love your neighbor as yourself. Becoming a Stephen Minister is a decision you will never regret.

Fred Mueller for the Stephen Leader Team
Fred Butler, Darlene Purcell and Jean Thomas

Stewardship & Finance (reprint from May/June RAM)

The Deacons presentation on May 15th reviewed the summary of the operating budget and the capital campaign along with supporting details. Reviewed where we are year-to date in completing the Lord's work in our church. After the presentation the Deacons and Elders were available in Millstone Café in memorial hall next door for Questions and Answers.

The next page is a summary of the operating budget. The Deacons have lumped fixed expenses for a total of \$209,897 for items such as insurance, utilities, and salaries. Together those represent long-term commitments that cannot be changed significantly.

- What we have broken out in detail for you is the discretionary programs where we spend the funds the Lord provides us with to serve the congregation and the community we live in here and abroad.”
- Discretionary Programs total \$17,850 a year.”
- Missions and Benevolences total \$38,805 a year. We contribute to support four missions, two in the US and two overseas. The details of those missionaries are on the board in the church Narthex. The details about our benevolences are available.
- It was noted that traditionally offerings have been strong during the spring and then decline 23% over the summer. The fall offerings in the past were stronger than in spring and that made up for some of the summer shortfall. The last five years fall offerings have been steadily declining and this year we expect fall offerings to be similar to spring offerings.
- Currently through April offerings are \$5,916 below last year.
- The Deacons are concerned if this trend continues that we will fall short \$19,316 of meeting our budget for 2011.
- It was noted that the Lord's work continues even when we are away. If you are going to be away this summer, we ask that you pray on how you can support the church's work in your absence.
- The Deacons have discussed ways to make the offering process less of a burden. We noticed that some members contribute once a month instead of weekly and we encourage you to do so if it is convenient for you. A few members have set-up their offering to the church electronically through their checking accounts as automatic monthly contributions using a bill payer feature (include envelope #). If you have an interest in the Deacons providing you with information on how to make your offering electronically please let us know.”

Capital Campaign

The capital campaign's goal is to raise \$250,000 over three years. The Church has **received generously** from the congregation \$79,284 in paid pledges and gifts. The purchase of Hazel's house (11 Amwell Road) to make way for a parking lot, planning and demolition has cost \$127,350.00. The church has borrowed \$48,066.00 from its trust fund to pay for the project funding shortfalls. We need \$170,716 in paid pledges and gifts to finish the projects by our goal of 2012. Along with the parking lot, the Capital Campaign fund will be used to complete a large amount of maintenance work on the Parsonage.”

The Deacons would ask that you include us in your prayers and ask that the Lord might grant us guidance in fulfilling the church's role in God's work in this community.

The presentation closed with a prayer:

“Lord, we are thankful for all that you have provided us. During times of economic hardship and natural disasters such as the recent Tsunamis and earthquakes we feel especially blessed that our community has been spared the worst of these recent events. Lord the Deacons ask your guidance as we seek to provide good stewardship of what you have provided. We ask that you speak to the hearts of each of us in this congregation and lead us in doing your work in this community. In your blessed name we pray, Amen.”

Deacon's Summary of Church Funds and Property

Church Budget

Fixed expenses (Salaries, Insurance, Utilities, etc.) \$209,897

Church Programs:

Worship Life	\$3,225
Christian Education	\$1,500
Fellowship	\$750
Youth Fellowship	\$1,000
Outreach	\$1,400
Buildings and Grounds	\$7,000
Music Supplies	\$1,500
Camperships	\$225
Special Programs	\$250
Women's Group	\$200
Stephen Ministries	<u>\$800</u>
Sub-total Programs	\$17,850

Missions & Benevolences \$38,805

Total: \$266,552

Offering Summary

January to April 2010 offering: \$89,471
January to April 2011 offering: \$83,555
Year over year decrease: \$5,916

Budget shortfall projected to 12 months: \$19,316

Capital Campaign Summary (5/4/11)

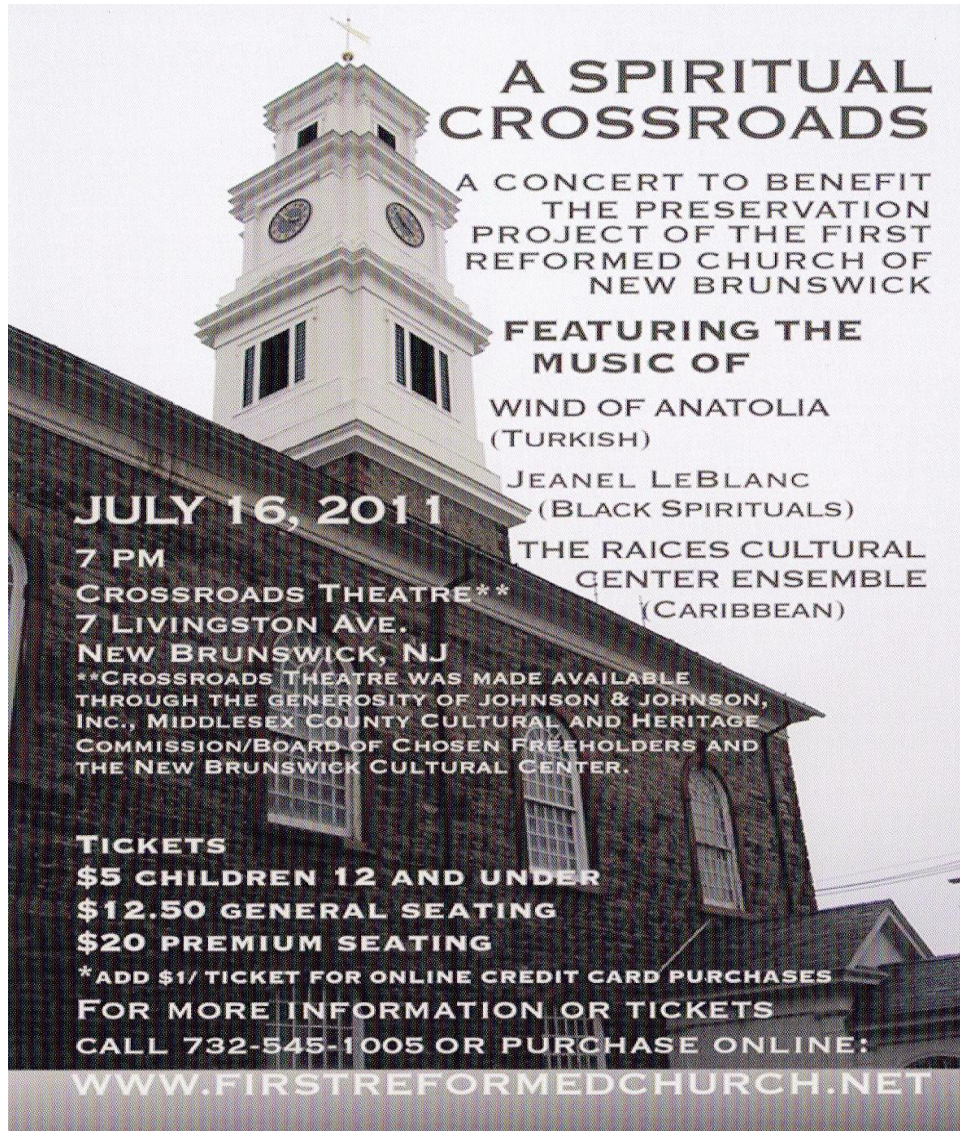
Three year goal 2010 – 2012: \$250,000
Sixteen months into 36 month campaign period: 44%

Pledge payments and gifts: \$79,284
Outstanding pledges: \$50,093
Campaign expenditures: \$127,350
Borrowed from church endowments: \$48,066

Paid pledges and gifts required the final 20 months: \$170,716

If you have any questions on the meeting or anything else relevant to the church's finance, please contact one of the Deacons:

Gary Cortelyou	Katherine Falcone
Christine Fung	Eric Kraehenbuehl
Bill Simmons	Susan Woods



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IMPORTANT DATES and TIMES TO REMEMBER



Summer Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study – Dinner August 3 (see article)
VBS – August 1 – 5, 9-11:00 a.m.
Homecoming – September 11 (Worship Service 10:00 a.m.)
Stephen Ministry Training – September 17
Sunday school begins on September 18

Every Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:15 a.m. Stephen Leaders Meeting

DEADLINE

The **September Newsletter** submission deadline is
August 15. Kindly send information, articles, etc for
the
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to Darlene Purcell via email
(hrcsecretary@comcast.net), regular mail or
leave it in the church office on Darlene's desk.

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