

PresNotes

The monthly newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey, NJ



The Rev. Beverly Dempsey
Transitional Pastor

Danny, one of this year's Confirmands, read a portion of the 78th Psalm for MIDWEEK worship:

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching. Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable. I will utter dark sayings from of old - things that we have heard and known that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children. We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might, and the wonders that he has done. The Lord established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children: That the next generation might know them (the children yet unborn) and rise up and tell them to their children⁷ so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; And that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

In the 70s, "IALAC" was on bumper stickers and signs around most church camps and conferences. We wore it on t-shirts and I suspect that many of us came to wear it on our hearts. It was a popular church camp acronym that meant, "I Am Lovable And Capable." It was a message that those surrounding us wanted each of the children of the church to embrace, grounded in the belief that "God Doesn't Make Junk" - another popular, 70s church camp slogan. To this day, some 40 years later, whenever I feel anxious about a task or responsibility, I hear myself repeating this phrase before I dive right in...IALAC.

It has been said that what we believe *and what we believe about ourselves* is grounded in the messages we received in our earliest years. The sequence of messages we hear from these familiar voices become deeply seated in each of us, creating the script we play over and over again in our minds for the rest of our lives. In effect, this script becomes our life story unless it is interrupted by another trusted and equally persistent voice as the chapters of our life unfold.

As I listened to Danny read the opening verses to the 78th Psalm, I wondered to myself, "What are the messages we're handing down to the children of our church?" What are the stories we share with our youth that will solidify the messages we long for them to hold on to for the rest of their lives?

As we move through this program year, may we each take the time to plant and cultivate an affirming message from God in the hearts of our children. Share a relevant bible story. Recall a familiar scripture verse. Help our children feel the love of God and the affirming spirit of our Lord in their lives now and forever.

October 2010

Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday
Worship & Bible School 10:00
a.m.

Chapel Worship
Mission Study Committee
11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 10

Deacons Meeting 8:15 a.m.
Worship & Bible School 10:00
a.m.

Chancel Choir 11:35 a.m.

Sunday, October 17

Worship & Bible School 10:00
a.m.

Chancel Choir 11:30 a.m.
CROP WALK starts at
our church 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, October 24

Worship & Bible School 10:00
a.m.

Chancel Choir 11:30 a.m.
Harvest Festival 11:30

Sunday, October 31

Worship & Bible School 10:00
a.m.

Reformation Sunday
Chancel Choir 11:30 a.m.

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IMPORTANT!!!

PresNotes submissions
deadline for the
October issue
will be
Monday,
October 24, 2010 Please
submit your
material on or before the
deadline date.

Interim Notes:

An update on our progress to call our next Installed pastor

Let Your Voice Be Heard! What is your vision for the mission of our church?

Prior to formation of the Pastor Nominating Committee, the session has convened a Mission Study team to provide input into the future mission of our church. This study will inform the PNC as they start their search for our new Pastor.

A major component of this is to hear from you, our congregation. There are a number of opportunities in the coming weeks for your participation.

Questionnaires: A Link to an online questionnaire has been sent via email. For those who prefer paper to computers, paper questionnaires will also be available after worship and will be sent to our Friends at Home.

October 3: Asset Mapping: 11:15-12:30. As individuals, we have a number of both visible and hidden strengths. We will go through an exercise facilitated by Lisa and Beverly to uncover the assets that we have and how we can combine them to look at future possibilities for our church family. Light lunch will be provided. Child care will be provided by the Confirmands.

Wednesday, October 6: Opportunity to participate in a group discussion about your vision for the mission of our church during the adult study time of 7:30-9:00.

Questions: Lisa Thompson, Chair Mission Study Team-201-962-2554



In appreciation...

Dear Friends:

It was wonderful to receive so many good wishes, cards, visits, calls and prayers from my church family. All of these encouraged me in my recovery, for which I am grateful. I also enjoyed the beautiful flowers that graced our sanctuary, heard your prayers and beautiful music which made me feel their presence. Many thanks to one and all – with love,

Audrey Talarico



Bible School Happenings

Bible School opened on September 19th with the staff of teachers, high school assistants, supporting staff, Crib and Crawl volunteers, and the Christian Ed committee being welcomed and commissioned in Worship. Our third graders received their Bibles and then it was off to class.

We are still in need of teachers for the Pre-K/Kdg class in the spring, beginning in March, and in the Winter term, beginning in December in the 5th and 6th grade. Please speak with Florence if you enjoy teaching and learning at the same time!

Worshipping together is a very important part of our education. We gather in the Sanctuary each week, and following the Children's Time, go to our classes....where our worship continues. Our class time includes Bible reading, and response to the stories we hear, our offering of gifts, and prayers.

They're seeking dry ground.
Let's help them find hope.



Photo © Abdul Majid Ganyu 2014

Worldwide Communion Sunday is October 3rd.

The 5th-8th graders will be observing this day in

worship and will participate in the Lord's Supper. On September 26th, the 5th graders and their parents gathered for a class with Pastor Dempsey to become familiar with the sacrament. This time together in Worship is one of three communion services that they will attend as part of their class year, and an opportunity for them to learn about one of the two Sacraments in the Presbyterian Church. *The 3rd/4th graders will also have opportunities to attend worship services throughout the year, to allow the children to be a part of different kinds of celebrations. We look forward to seeing them in worship with their families.*

Chapel Worship for Nursery through 4th graders on October 3rd at 10 o'clock in Memorial Chapel. Our Bible School offering this day will go toward our church's Peacemaking Offering.

Fall Food Drive sponsored by the 1st and 2nd graders has been a tradition during the month of October. Please help the children collect food for the shelves of the Center for Food Action. Flyers were distributed by the children on September 26th to help make your shopping list, and there is one in this issue of Pres Notes, too. **Thank you for supporting their efforts.**

Bible School Mission: Each month, the Bible School sets aside the first Sunday's offering for 'mission'! In the past, the children have donated grocery gift cards to the Center for Food Action, Bibles through the American Bible Society, winter accessories for Shelter our Sisters, and have supported the Deacon's gift giving at Christmastime. The children also make greeting cards for our Friends-at-Home and Valley Hospital's *Best Medicine Cart* throughout the year. Please make every effort to support the Bible School's mission offering Sunday.



1st and 2nd grade FOOD DRIVE



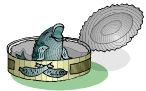
All donations will be delivered to the
Mahwah Center for Food Action



Sunday, October 3rd

Breakfast foods

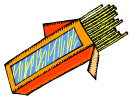
(dry cereal, oatmeal, Parmalat Milk, juice cans or boxes, coffee, tea, baby cereal, etc.)



Sunday, October 10th

Lunch Foods

(peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned pastas, tuna or fruit, baby food, etc.)



Sunday, October 17th

Dinner Foods

(pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, boxed meals, canned vegetables, soup, rice, etc.)



Sunday, October 24th

Snacks

(Healthy snacks such as raisins, multi-grain bars, popcorn, fruit bites, teddy grahams, etc.)

Collection boxes will be located in the Narthex, outside of office and in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.

Thank you in Advance for your help!

MISSION MATTERS

We in 1st Pres are fortunate to have wonderfully enduring relationships with reliable partners in mission. Near and far we send the Gospel message of Grace and Peace in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Among those partners, **John and Johanna Hyrons** have ministered to prison orphans and the adult community in **Macau** for decades. It is always good to hear from them. Closer to home, **Shelter Our Sisters** is literally a life saver for women and children in grave danger. Through our support, we raise a lighted candle in a dark place. Now we all have an additional opportunity to raise money for them by doing what we do so well...shop. Remember too to keep our partners in your prayers. God bless you and those we serve in mission.

Dear Elder Paul Talarico,

Thank you so much for your kind letter dated July 10th, that our organization forward on to us, which we received just last week. I do apologize though for the delay in answering!

It was so good to hear from you and appreciate you letting us know that Rev. Carrier has retired. We will be praying that you all will find new minister.

Once again we certainly thank you for the 300 dollars you sent in the month of July. That certainly was a big help and we really do appreciate your love, care and prayers for the work here in Macau! We already sent a letter to your church thanking everyone for that gift and trust by now you have received it.

I have attached two photos of our new facility. I thought you all would like to see what you have been praying for. The photos you see are the first service we had back in March in the new building. If you would like to also see some photos of our day care children, the staff and the day care, etc. I can send a few more. Just let me know.

Once again thank you Brother Paul for your letter and please give our warm greetings to all First Presbyterian Church!

We send our love in Jesus,



Since 2006, [Macy's Shop For A Cause Event](#) has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$34 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event on [Saturday, October 16..](#)

Shop For A Cause gives you the opportunity to give back to your community and to help **Shelter Our Sisters** (Our Mission Partner) Purchase a \$5 Shopping Pass* for exclusive savings in every Macy's store and online at macys.com on Saturday, October 16th, and we keep 100% of the proceeds. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card.

Find the magic of giving back as Macy's celebrates a national day of support for our community. For more information or to purchase a pass, contact Beth Nussbaum, Director of Development, 201-498-9247 x301, or beth@shelteroursisters.org.



First Pres Harvest Festival time is here again!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, AFTER WORSHIP

Join us in Fellowship Hall to buy/sell/eat all sorts of autumn goodies...

Take out your recipes and make or bake whatever harvest delicacies you wish to contribute—think apple, peach, pear, squash, pumpkin, nut, or whatever.. Get an early start and freeze your creations (freezer space is available upon request).

Brunch items such as French toast, muffins, baked apples, cobblers, and crisps will be available for \$1 or \$2 per portion (coffee, tea and juice are free). Whole pies, loaves and cakes will be priced individually. Think also of relishes, sauces, salads, cookies.... Be creative!

Funds raised from this year's Harvest Festival will help defray the costs of our new Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please sign up today at Social Hour or at the office to volunteer to bake or make, or to help set up, or to serve, or to clean up. Questions? Please contact Judith Grief: 201-327-8574



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2010 FALL RETREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

9:15am – 1:30pm

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TEANECK

Pastor: Reverend Dr. Gloria Tate

1 Church Street, Teaneck, NJ 07666, Telephone #: 201-837-2904

THEME: “PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN, SELF-IDENTITY”

LEADER: THE REVEREND BEVERLY DEMSPEY

The Program will include BIBLE STUDY, GROUP DISCUSSIONS, WORSHIP & LUNCH.

REGISTRATION is \$2.00. Bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Sophie Corporan 201-488-1068, Barbara Tilburg 201-445-7593, or Abbie Slaman 201-384-6024

Christmas Tea Committee

Please reserve DECEMBER 5th, the first Sunday of December,
to attend this year's CHRISTMAS LADIES TEA.

You may also wish to join the Christmas Tea Committee:

Open to all women of the church from as young as Confirmands to the older but young at heart

Interested in Decorations? Please call or talk with Pam Weaver.

Interested in Food? Please talk with Martha Vernon.

Interested in Program or Music? Please talk with Meg Acer

If you have any other questions call Polly at 201 236-9369.

...What's New at Who's Who?...

I have been racking my brain to come up with a "new and innovative" way to rely the "same old thing" about **Who's Who**. In the vein of our church efforts to look ahead and take stock of where we are and where we are going, and the new era of sound bites and tweets (not really clear on that), here goes!

This is the first installment of the blog **WHAT'S NEW AT WHO'S WHO**

Did you know that Alden Hansell delivered so many books around town, and chatted with everyone he met, that he received at least two dinner invitations?

It is not true that Jim Daw is wearing a sling because of the huge number of books he delivered, but it could be.....if he were not in such good shape!

Pat Greenshields (with some help from Jack) brought back the tradition of foot delivery our books. This could have been the straw that would have meant the end of our 50 plus years of publication!

Yes, it is true that some of our committee is retiring after this year and we need to have a congregational dialogue on where we go from here and what the mission of the Who's Who means to the fiscal health of our church.

To be continued.....Claudia Monteith

CELEBRATIONS

Sharing our joys and special days with each other makes them all the more memorable. Here are the joys we share in October:

Birthdays October

4 Christina & Sarah Vita
5 Paul Knipp
10 Morgan Kleinberg
11 Mike Peri
12 Tim Edler
24 Jonna Myers
25 Matthew Kaefer

Anniversaries

10/01/1995 Joseph & Daria Leone
10/12/1968 Barbara & Frank Oratio
10/19/1979 Penny & Kevin McCulloch

Hey guys,

Come check out Youth Group and some of the activities that we have planned for the year! Two Youth Groups (Jr. Highs and Sr. Highs) and the Confirmation Class meet at different times during Wednesday's MIDWEEK program. We also have fun activities planned that you won't want to miss. Any questions? E-mail me (karenrobator@yahoo.com)!

I look forward to seeing you!

Karen Robator

Youth Ministry Director

Youth Group...

Youth group is a great place to hang out with friends, meet new friends, and explore your faith. We meet and discuss different topics from the Bible and from our own lives, go on outings, play lots of great games and watch cool movies.

Youth Groups are an exciting part of MIDWEEK:

Jr. High Youth Group - Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 (dinner to follow)

Sr. High Youth Group - 7:00-9 with dinner starting at 6:15.

You won't want to miss it!

A Cool New Space....

Since June 2009 the red "barn" behind the church building has been unoccupied. Well, not any longer...the Youth Groups have taken it over! We've begun to create a place that we can call our own. The Barn is a great space to meet and hang out, but we need your help to personalize it.

Please come check out the new "Barn" and share your ideas

with us so that it's a place where you'll want to be! Youth Group is about **you** and we would like all of you to be a part of it. Let your voice be heard in the church and come out and give Youth Group a try. It's really a lot of fun!

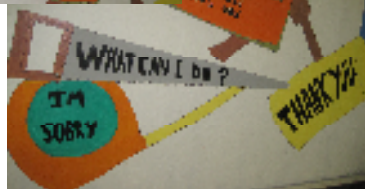


Lending a hand!

On September 11th a small group traveled to Jersey City to help the youth there ready the space at the New City Kids After School Center.



Our task was to help create murals to help brighten up their space.



Here are some photos of the finished paintings!

A Look at the Upcoming Year

We have begun to discuss the things that you would like to do and have outlined them month by month. You will notice that all of the months aren't filled in so we still need help to plan. If you have more ideas please share them so that we can make sure that we include everyone's interests!

<p><u>October</u> Crop Walk-October 17th Halloween Party for the Youth of the church- Pumpkin Sale Sr. Highs- Night at the cemetery</p>	<p><u>November</u> Raking leaves at BoJane's and the Erickson's Jewelry Sale Trip to the Movies: Harry Potter Help with CFA</p>
<p><u>December</u> Bowling Party Angel Tree</p>	<p><u>January</u> Center for Food Action Tubing at Campgaw and or Ice Skating</p>
<p><u>February</u> Lock-In Monster Mini Golf Souper Bowl Sunday</p>	<p><u>March</u> Pancake Dinner Hike</p>
<p><u>April</u> Ice Cream Social</p>	<p><u>May</u> Canoe Trip Plant Sale</p>
<p><u>June</u> Jackal's Game</p>	<p><u>July</u> MATE (summer mission trip)</p>

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Youth Corner

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 20TH

First Pres Youth Council invites the youth of the church (up to 5th grade) to a Halloween Party. Please wear your costume and join us for an evening of fun activities, games, and food. Dinner to be served. Please look in the Life of the Church for more details or contact Karen Robator.

karenrobator@yahoo.com



MIDWEEK AT FIRST PRES

Wednesdays are the new "It Day" at First Pres!

*This is an exciting time in the life of our church.
Many new things happening! Our new Midweek program is one of the highlights.*

What is MIDWEEK? Midweek at First Pres is a time for all ages to spend time with old friends and make new connections here at church. It is also a meaningful way to refresh your spirit during what might be an otherwise trying week. There's something for everyone. Please plan to join us for whichever parts of the day or evening you're able. We'll see you then!

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesdays

4:15-5:15 Children's Choir for readers through 8th grade
5:15-6:15 Jr. High Youth Group in the Barn...
6:00-7:00 Dinner in the Metzger Room
7:00-7:30 Worship in the Chapel
7:00-9:00 Sr. High Youth Group in the Barn...
7:30-9:00 Adult Nurture in the Chapel
7:45 – 9:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Childcare will be provided from 7-9!

What can you do?

- Tell your friends and bring them along!
- Offer to be a Choir Mom (Contact: Deborah King)
- Volunteer to help prepare dinner some week (Contact: Don Strangfeld)
- Volunteer to help with childcare (Contact: Karen Robator)
- Help to plan or participate in worship (Contacts: Beverly Dempsey & Deborah King)

We look forward to getting everyone together for this new chance to grow in faith and community. Have a question or ideas? Please contact our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Karen Robator (karenrobator@yahoo.com; 201.327.3879).



MIDWEEK AT FIRST PRES

OCTOBER ADULT NURTURE PROGRAMS WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:45—9 IN THE CHAPEL

October 6th: **Let Your Voice Be Heard!**

A group discussion about your vision for the mission of our church, facilitated by The Mission Study Team. What is your vision for the mission of our church? Prior to formation of the Pastor Nominating Committee, the session has convened a to provide input into the future mission of our church. A major component of this is to hear from you, our congregation. October 6th Adult Nurture will provide one more opportunity for you to lend your input.

Output from this discussion will be added to the Questionnaire and Asset Mapping output, along with other data, to complete the church's Mission Study. This study will inform the PNC as they start their search for our new Pastor.

Sponsored by the Mission Study Team

October 13th: **Exhibit Opening and Artist's Reception**

Biblical Parallels: An exhibit of the paintings of Lucy Janjigian

The Chapel at First Pres will once again be home to a provocative collection of paintings by internationally prominent artist, Lucy Janjigian. October 13th through the end of November, 23 paintings will be installed to comprise the exhibit, "Biblical Parallels." Each of these paintings provides a study in a First Testament and Second Testament theme, such as "God Provides," "Signs of Resurrection," "God as our Shepherd" and "Salvation." A DVD will also be cued for those who'd like an audio tour of the installation.

About the Artist: A widely traveled painter, muralist and sculptor, Lucy Boyadjian Janjigian, was born of Armenian descent in Jerusalem where she attended English Mission schools. She received her B.A. in Biology from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, and her M.S. in Plant Ecology from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Lucy developed into an award winning artist after many years of study at the Art Students League and the Stacy Studio Workshop in New York City. She is listed in "Who's Who in American Art". Lucy has been repeatedly commissioned for paintings, murals, magazine and church bulletin covers, book jackets, children's book illustrations, Christmas cards and stamps. She has participated in numerous one-person and group exhibitions. Painting has become her passion.

Lucy is an elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and served on the 219th General Assembly Study Team for the National Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus. She also currently sits with the New Jersey delegation for the Presbyterian Hunger Program. She is a resident of Franklin Lakes and a member of West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood.



MIDWEEK AT FIRST PRES

OCTOBER ADULT NURTURE PROGRAMS WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:45—9 IN THE CHAPEL

October 20th: **Creating Meaningful Family Memories**



What emotional and spiritual values do you hope to pass on to ones you love?

We will begin by sharing the meaningful memories of our own families - both positive and negative – which act as guides to what we want to have for our own family. Then, we will dream of ways that good and lasting memories can be made from every day activities at home and at church. From hospitality with people of different cultures or newcomers or strangers whom you want to know to scrapbooking or videoing vacations with family and friends, there are myriad ways we can create and preserve great memories. This Adult Nurture session will help us all to begin to Create Meaningful Memories with those we love.

The Rev. Dr. Gretchen White Janssen is Executive Director of Creative Living Counseling Center in Allendale. She works with those who seek a greater sense of fulfillment in their lives, with special emphasis on couples who seek to improve and strengthen their relationship with one another and with those with abusive backgrounds who desire an increase in their self esteem. Gretchen is a Fellow in The American Association of Pastoral Counselors and a Clinical Member of The American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and The Imago Relationship Therapy Institute. Her Doctor of Ministry degree is from Andover Newton Theological School, and her Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York. She holds certificates in pastoral psychotherapy and marriage and family therapy from Blanton Peale Graduate Institute. Gretchen is the author of *Women on the Move, a Christian Perspective on Cross-Cultural Adaptation* which is used by women affected by geographical relocation and training institutions preparing persons moving to other countries for missions or corporations.

October 27th: **New Roles with New Lives**

New babies cause transformations: A couple is transformed into parents. Parents are transformed into grandparents. Friends or family members become godparents. The church family becomes caretakers of the future generation in a new way. Such transitions result in new passionate attachments. We are all aware of the emotional investment we have in our children. And a child's need to be nurtured extends outward to the whole community, Only a few of the many questions we'll ponder are: Who was the "grandparenting" figure in your life? What was their influence? How can a grandparent or another adult express appropriate nurture? Can conflicts result between parents and grandparents? For grandchildren who live at a distance, how is the bond kept alive? What inhibits our involvement with the children in our church community?



The Rev. Dr. Dan Bottorff has been on the team of The Creative Living Counseling Center in Allendale since 1983. His psychotherapeutic services are identified by his relaxed and engaging approach that helps people identify and work through their problems with a minimum of stress. Dan also helps people to enhance their interpersonal effectiveness. Dan has recently taught courses in the Doctor of Ministry program at Drew University Theological School and at the College of New Jersey. He is a Fellow of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, and holds a New Jersey license for Marriage and Family Therapy. Dan earned his Doctorate in Ministry at Andover Newton Theological School.

A Study in the Word

First Pres has collaborated with four PC(USA) congregations in the Presbytery of the Palisades to create a year long Adult Nurture Series with renowned Old Testament Scholar and author, Dr. David M. Carr.



Professor David M. Carr is Professor of Old Testament at Union Theological Seminary (NYC). His research interests include the formation and shape of the Bible, sexuality and gender in the Bible, and the emergence of Scripture in the Jewish and Christian traditions. Dr. Carr has written prolifically on First

Our first session:

“FROM WHERE WILL MY HELP COME?”

JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, AND HISTORICAL APPROACHES TO THE PSALMS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 7:00 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD

150 E. PALISADE AVENUE, ENGLEWOOD, NJ • 201.568.7373

Plan ahead: The second Session is part of our Midweek offerings:

"LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: RETHINKING ADVENT IN LIGHT OF ISAIAH'S PROPHECY"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, AT 7:45 PM

IN THE CHAPEL AT FIRST PRES

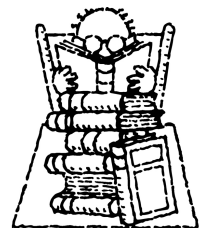
Though Christmas can be a joyous time for many, some also find it difficult as well. The Advent texts from Isaiah, many of which are featured in Handel's Messiah, recognize the way hope often comes on the other side of difficulty. Especially when read as part of Isaiah's broader prophecy, they can help us find hope even

Adult Education

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP is for everyone (who admits to being) 65 and over. We hope that you will join us for our **next month's meeting on November 5th**.....Put it on your calendar & RSVP if you can join us. Call the church office (201/327-3879). You'll be glad you did!

The Connections Book Group is reading *Princess* by Jean Sasson. *Princess* is a true story of life behind the veil in Saudi Arabia. **We** will meet on Wednesday, October 20th, at 7:30 PM to discuss the book. All are welcome. Questions? Please call Di French at 201-327-4596.

The Literary Ladies' October selection is *The Swan Thieves*. We will meet Wednesday, October 20, at 10 am in the McDermott Room. Come join us for a lively discussion . Call Jane Moser with questions (845-504-5179).



**BOOK
GROUPS**

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS:

*Many thanks to our Volunteers for October
You make members and guests alike feel the welcoming spirit of our church!*

October 3

Presiding Elder: Dan Bergin

Ushers: Carol & Doug Parker, Pat & Bob Zimmermann

Coffee Hour: Mission Study Team

Crib & Crawl: Allison McLaughlin and Sarah Vita

Communion Servers: Lisa & John Thompson, Chris Robinson, Frank Hunter, Carolyn Blowers, Susan Parisi, Joanne Barg & Peg Kutner

October 10

Presiding Elder: Jack Greenshields

Ushers: Claudia Monteith, Paul & Daniel Knipp, Marilyn Van Gelder

Coffee Hour: Bob & Pat Zimmermann

Crib & Crawl: Gina Mc Dade & Stacie Van Heest



October 17

Presiding Elder: Frank Hunter

Ushers:

Coffee Hour: Miele/

Crib & Crawl: Alexis Pellechio and Melissa Crozet

October 24

Presiding Elder: Frank Hunter

Ushers: Nancy & Bob Drennen, Robert Barton and Bill Perkins

Coffee Hour: Harvest Festival

Crib & Crawl: Sharon Schoenlank and Mike Kaefer

October 31

Presiding Elder: Chris Christiansen

Ushers: Pete & Katie Ohnegian,

Coffee Hour: Clifford/K. Strangfeld

Crib & Crawl: Becky Drennen and Katie Vernon

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Thanks all for your continuing help!

10/10 Zimmerman

10/17: Miele/

10/24: Harvest Festival-J Grief

10/31: Clifford/K. Strangfeld

11/7: Chin

11/14: McLaughlin

11/21: Van Heest

11/28: Bergin

12/5: McDade/Mizen

12/12: Hunter

12/19: Talarico

12/26: Thompson—Bring Christmas leftovers!



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