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# Dutch Neck Church News

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## Interim Thoughts

**“Summertime, and the Livin’ Is Easy.”  
“Hot Time, Summer in the City”**

Which song catches your summer mood this year? I think we all might wish for the first, but, the second so often comes closer to reality. This summer as the news from the Middle East and Afghanistan has become even more oppressive than the heat, the tension on the Korean Peninsula coils ever tighter, as the oil continues to bubble up from the “man-made volcano in the Gulf of Mexico, and as I see us locally and nationally struggling to understand what it means to welcome the stranger in our midst, I’m left feeling more like John Sebastian’s, “the back of my neck’s getting dirty and gritty”, than Gershwin’s “livin’ is easy.”

But, some other song titles have begun to come to mind. Songs like, “Give to the Wind Thy Fears”, “God Is Working His Purpose Out”, “How Great Thou Art”, and “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.

They all serve to remind me that we worship a God who is the God of all creation, who is and will always be faithful to this world in which we live, and whose will will be done.

Over this summer, as you travel, as you vacation, as you work, as you continue with your life, make the time to be in touch with this God who has come to meet us. In prayer, in worship, in reading scripture, in the songs you sing, stay in touch with your God, with your faith. After all, as a youth in one of the churches I served said, "God doesn't take a vacation from us."

In Christ's service,



### Summer Reading

As you pack for your vacation at the beach or the mountains, as you sit in the recliner in the AC, or on the patio or porch for some relaxation over the summer months, don't forget your summer reading materials. And as you use your time to "re-create" through reading, remember to take along books that will encourage and renew your faith.

Here are some suggestions:

The Minor Prophets – You'll find them in the Old Testament – Ezekiel through Malachi. If that's too many, focus on Daniel, Joel, Hosea, Amos, Jonah and Micah.

The Gospel of Matthew – This is the gospel the lectionary follows beginning with the Advent Season.

The Presbytery's Evangelism and Church Development has encouraged the pastors and elders to read two books and join in a discussion of them. Here's the information on the dates and books for those discussions:

Tuesday, July 13 at 7pm at the Lawrenceville Church  
**The Great Emergence: How Christianity is changing and why** – by Phyllis Tickle (\$12.23 on Amazon)  
Tickle gives a historical, technological, and sociological look at changes in the world and how they have affected people and communities of Christian faith. Take a look at their website for more information.  
<http://www.thegreatemergence.com/>

Tuesday, August 10 at 7pm at the Pennington Church  
**Traveling Together: A guide for disciple-forming congregations** – by Jeffrey D. Jones (\$18 on Amazon)  
For the Alban Institute, Jones offers accessible tools for clergy and lay leaders to work together to grow disciples. Take a look at Alban's website for more information.  
<http://www.alban.org/conversation.aspx?id=5892>

Enjoy the reading.

### **P** JUNE UPDATE

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**C** The church Information Form (PIF) is now posted on the Church Leadership Connection website where potential candidates can review the form and submit their applications for consideration. We are in the process of reviewing the application materials received thus far and expect to begin phone interviews with candidates this month. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we discern God's will for our church.

~ Christen Foell and David Redman  
Co-chairs



Mission News

## Habitat for Humanity Save the Date

The Mission Committee invites everyone 16 years old and older to take part in our Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip to Trenton, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. No previous experience necessary! For information, or to sign up contact Peggy Redman.

### Minute for Mission

#### Karla Koll, Presbytery mission worker in Guatemala

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings from Guatemala as folks here begin to recover from the passage of Tropical Storm Agatha. As May ended, officials were still assessing the damage. Tropical Storm Agatha was the first named storm of the Pacific hurricane season. The government released the following figures last night (May 31): 123 dead, 90 disappeared, 69 injured, 155,000 evacuated and 50,000 currently in shelters. The numbers are sure to go up as contact is made with isolated communities. In addition, 14 bridges are out around the country and landslides still block many highways. There is no estimate yet of the damage the flooding has caused to crops. School has been suspended throughout the country for a week. Though the greatest damage was experienced here in Guatemala, deaths are also reported in El Salvador and Honduras.

On Thursday afternoon, in the midst of the rain, the Pacaya Volcano started erupting, sending ash and rain down on Guatemala City and the surrounding area. One reporter was killed by falling rocks. More than 2,000 people were evacuated and many crops were lost. The airport in Guatemala City is closed. The rains have complicated the task of cleaning the volcanic ash off of the runways, but officials hope to open the airport today (June 1). Helicopter flights were authorized on Sunday to aid in the rescue efforts. The volcano has returned to normal levels of activity, though another eruption could come at any time. The presence of volcanic ash in Guatemala City contributed to the flooding because it blocked drains and sewers.

I returned to Quetzaltenango on Thursday afternoon from Guatemala City just as Pacaya started erupting. We spent Friday and Saturday indoors, listening

to the radio. Sunday there was even some sun in the afternoon. There was localized flooding here in Quetzaltenango. Our house is on high ground here in La Esperanza, though we had water coming in under the doors and around the windows. The drains in the patio were overwhelmed at times, so we had a wading pool for a while. We had electricity throughout the storm and the internet was cut only briefly. Supermarkets are running low on foodstuffs, but we hope trucks will be able to start arriving soon. The corn field in front of our house fared well, but the corn in many fields around La Esperanza was pounded flat by the heavy rains.

Thanks to all of you who sent messages and prayers our way during these emergencies.

The big event for me in June will be the United General Council where the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) and the Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC) will join to form the World Communion of Reformed Churches. The Council is going to be held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I'll be part of the language services team, translating and interpreting between English and Spanish. I served at the last two General Councils of WARC. I'm looking forward to being with brothers and sisters from all over the world as they reflect on the meaning of Reformed faith today.

I'll close for now. I promise more news about recovery efforts here as information becomes available. Please keep praying.

Blessings,  
Karla Koll

**The Children's Ministry Committee** is hard at work planning an exciting year. Before we know it, summer will be over and Kids Kingdom will start up again on September 12.

In the meantime, we have some great opportunities to help out. We are looking for Teachers and Shepherds for our 1st through 5th grade classes. Teachers commit to a unit where they lead the class for two weeks. Easy to follow curriculum is provided. A Shepherd is the adult leader that consistently stays with the class throughout the year. Their role is to supervise, take attendance, reinforce Bible verses and assist the Teacher. We would like 3 or 4 Shepherds to share in this responsibility throughout the

year. We are hoping to have all our Teachers and Shepherds in place soon so we can all participate in a kickoff meeting in late August.

If you are interested in Teaching or Shepherding, please contact either Katharine Osborn at 799-1362 or Bonnie Benkard at 726-0954. We are looking forward to a great year!

† *Parish Register* †  
*April 2010 – May 2010*

**NO UPDATES**

**Church  
 Directory  
 Update**



**Please make the following  
 changes to your  
September, 2009 directory:**

**NO UPDATES**

**Trenton Area  
 Soup Kitchen**



On the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, a group meets at the Christian Education building at 9:20 AM to deliver food and assist at the TASK until approximately 1:00 PM. Our next outing will be Wednesday, August 25. **TASK IS NOT NEEDED FOR JULY.** For more information contact Carl Stillwell at 799-0772 or Brenda Mihan at 799-1422.

**Don't take a vacation from your pledges**

Though many regular church activities slow during the summer months, there are still costs to cover and bills to pay. Keeping current on your Stewardship pledge is important. Please don't put off to September what should be regular payments through the summer.



**Summer Schedule of  
 Usher/Greeters and  
 Fellowship Hour Hosts**

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| <b>July 4</b>  | 9:30 U/G        | Bill & Carol Awbrey<br>Andrew & Bonnie Benkard     |
|                | Fellowship Host | Susan Berenato, Liz Chapman                        |
| <b>July 11</b> | 9:30 U/G        | Peg Ellery<br>Diane & John Rowland                 |
|                | Fellowship Host | Bart & Connie Kartoz                               |
| <b>July 18</b> | 9:30 U/G        | David & Peggy Redman<br>Alex & Margaret Acheampong |
|                | Fellowship Hour | Sue & Charlie Appelget                             |
| <b>July 25</b> | 9:30 U/G        | Mary Alice Britton<br>Loan & James Osborne         |
|                | Fellowship Hour | Fran & Bob Dix                                     |

**August 1**

9:30 U/G

Jane & John Pakulski  
Suzanne & Steven Hansen

Fellowship Hour

Christen Foell, Frank Wonnell

**August 8**

9:30 U/G

Elizabeth Vinson  
Bev & Jim Souders  
Joyce & Carmen Cirullo

Fellowship Hour

**August 15**

9:30 U/G

Gay & Don McQueen  
Lori & Kevin Appelget

Fellowship Hour

Susan Horan, Debbie Gervasio

**August 22**

9:30 U/G

Deane & Thelma Bornheimer  
Ken & Amy Carter

Fellowship Hour

Joan &amp; Don Maier

**August 29**

9:30 U/G

Roy & Billie Conover  
Wendy Conover

Fellowship Hour

Doug &amp; Julie Donaldson

**Babysitters**

A list of available babysitters can be found in the Church directory. The list is also available in the Church office. Additions or changes to the list should be directed to the Church



office at 799-0712 or email [FirstPresbyDN@aol.com](mailto:FirstPresbyDN@aol.com).

**2010 Vacation Bible Camp  
GALACTIC BLAST**

July 12 - July 16

Ages 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> gradeRegistration is ongoing until full

\$10 per child - maximum \$25 per family

Volunteers are needed.

Contact Nancy Olsson, 897-9109 or [nolsson@comcast.net](mailto:nolsson@comcast.net)

**V**acation Bible Camp is once again seeking food and craft donations. Check out the "Giving Tree" in fellowship hall during coffee hour and help us out by taking a leaf. Then you will help us by returning your leaf with the designated donation to the kitchen prior to July 9 (produce by July 11). We also need volunteers to travel to Westminster in Trenton on Sunday, July 4 at noon to pick up sets and props. We need vans and trucks as well as people. Contact Nancy Olsson at [nolsson@comcast.net](mailto:nolsson@comcast.net) if you are able to help with the sets and props.

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Youth Choir

Registration for choir is ongoing. Your participation in our music program is welcome at any time! For more information please contact Amy Carter at 434-0121 or email [akjcarter@comcast.net](mailto:akjcarter@comcast.net).



**Sunday, July 4**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, July 11**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, July 18**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, July 25**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, August 1**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, August 8**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, August 15**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, August 22**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, August 29**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Critics call “100% Chance of Rain” a 100% Success!**

On June 6, 2010, the children of our church presented a wonderful musical program, 100% Chance of Rain. Well done, kids! The congregation was inspired by your performance. You and the many grown-up, behind-the-scene players deserve our thanks and praise. Special recognition and thank you goes to Bonnie Benkard, Christine Squeri, Connie Kartoz, Joy Holman, Sandra Browne, Dina Lemmond and Donna Kramer.

However, the show could not have gone on without the talent, dedication and leadership of Amy Carter. She and Ken Carter, accompanist extraordinaire, continue to be a blessing for the Dutch Neck congregation and we are so grateful for their contribution. Best wishes, Amy and Ken, for a safe and restful summer.

Dear Children's Choir Families,

We are so touched by the thoughtful and generous gifts you showered us with on June 6th. It has always been an honor and joy to work with the children of Dutch Neck, and we consider ourselves blessed to have the opportunity to collaborate with all of you, both young and our-age (which is not old!). Thank you so much for the gifts (which you really overdid!) and also for your help and support over the course of the entire choir year. We could never do this without you all. Thanks especially to those who played such a big role in making 100% Chance of Rain such a great success (you know who you are!). Thanks to Tom and Chris Seeland for help setting up all the body mikes and the sound system the day of the musical. So thank you, thank you, thank you... and we hope you all will enjoy a restful, rehearsal-free summer!

With love,  
The Carter Family

## Christmas in July!

During Vacation Bible Camp, I will be leading a mission project to 1) share the circumstances of children living in impoverished conditions around the world with the campers; and 2) collect small toys, trinkets and school supplies to fill shoe boxes to distribute to these children through Operation Christmas Child (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/index/>). The boxes will be given to the children as Christmas gifts. I am completing this project for my Girl Scout Gold Award.

Church members who would like to support this project are invited to donate small items to put in the boxes (toys,

books, school supplies), empty shoeboxes, or wrapping paper between now and July 31. Contributions can be given to me directly or put in the labeled box in Fellowship Hall.

Individuals or families interested in filling a shoebox are also invited to do so. I can provide a sheet of detailed instructions and can deliver your box to the drop off site along with those filled by the Vacation Bible Camp students.

It will be exciting for us to track the travel of our boxes and to (hopefully!) hear back from the recipients.

Please contact me if you have any questions ([spiritchick@comcast.net](mailto:spiritchick@comcast.net))

Thank you!

~Kathleen Mackenzie



## CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY BACKPACK PROJECT



The Deacon's are once again holding their backpack project! We are trying to fill as many backpacks for the Children's Home Society as possible. A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. When you sign up for a backpack, you will receive a list of suggestions. You may also make a monetary donation to the Deacon's Fund for this project. Please mail it to Beth Mansfield, 62 Parker Road South, Plainsboro, NJ 08536 before Sunday, August 15. **DEADLINE** is to bring backpacks to Fellowship Hall on or before Sunday, August 22. Anyone interested can contact Beth Mansfield at 609-799-6552 or [bethm722@verizon.net](mailto:bethm722@verizon.net).

## CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

The people of the Dutch Neck Church congratulate all those in our congregation who have graduated from area high schools. We share our thanksgiving with the following students and their families:

Killian Brakel, Ashley Britton, Sarah Brooks, Taylor Chapman, Sara Gladwin, Matthew Lorenz, Henry MacQueen, Ben McIntyre, Kyle Mykietyn, Lindsey Olsson, Sean Reed, Kyle Reed, Allison Shook, Jonathon Squeri, and Catherine Wherry.

We wish you well and offer our prayers as you enjoy your summer, and prepare for the next step in your life's journey.

### **Progress Update on the “Adopt a Pane Campaign”**

We're off to a great start! Many Thanks from the Facilities Committee to all who have contributed to the window replacement campaign. To date, 44% of our goal has been collected in four weeks! We plan to continue the campaign over the summer and have one final push in the early fall. With everyone's help, perhaps we can have the new windows installed for Thanksgiving!

On a technical note, it has been brought to our attention that a “pane” of glass could mean just the glass part. Technically, our program might be called the “Adopt a **Window Unit** Campaign”...but that didn't rhyme...so they are “Panes”. Each window we replace will include all of the sash material as well and will be upgraded to a baked-on finish rather than the current painted wood finish. Not only will be improve our heat efficiency and the appearance of the building, we'll also be removing a maintenance issue (painting of the window frames).

Anyone with questions on this program may please call Bart Kartoz @ (609) 610-0490.

## Nursery School Happenings Summer 2010



Summer vacation has begun for Nursery School. The last days of school were exciting and there surely was a mix of emotions for everyone. Some experienced sadness to be leaving a place where they had come to feel very comfortable and loved while others were excited and looking forward to days off and then the move on to a new experience either here or in another school. The final day of school was a wonderful picnic to celebrate the end of our 40<sup>th</sup> year. It was held at the West Windsor Recreation Park with activities for the children including music and dancing, a trackless train, ice-cream and, of course, lunch provided by each family. We wish the best to all our students as they move on to new adventures here or in another place.

I encourage all of you to tell your new neighbors and friends about the caring, positive and happy atmosphere of our Nursery School. Our school, as a cooperative, allows the school experience to be a shared experience, which is great for both parent and child. One of the things that I hear from former parents is how they missed the opportunity to be involved in their child's school in such a meaningful way after they left DNPCCNS and moved on to the public school.

There are still a few openings for 2½, 3 and 4 year olds. Anyone interested in the school for September 2010 (or after) should call the Administrative Director, Judy Duke at 609-799-9490. If we are not at school when you call, we will return your call within a few days.

~Judy Duke