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# Dutch Neck Church News

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Sitting in an empty study, stripped of books and familiar pictures, waiting for the movers to come and haul away all our belongings so that we can begin our new life at Dutch Neck, I find myself thinking about periods of transition. By the time you read this, Mary, Elias and I will all be safely moved into the manse (if not fully unpacked!), but as of this writing, we're neither quite here nor fully there. It's a period of transition.



God's call to Abram comes to mind: "Go from your country and kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1). I can imagine the strange mix of feelings Abram and his wife must have felt: trepidation and excitement, uncertainty and hope.

I think about how you must feel at this time, as well. God has called us together to a new adventure--but who is this new guy? What's he really like? It's all very exciting, but at the same time, a period of transition and change can also be laced with anxiety. This all seems natural.

Together, in this new beginning, God is calling us to a new land. We don't know just yet where this new land will be, or what it will look like when we get there--indeed, just like Abram and Sarai, all that we really know is that we can trust God, and that if we take this journey together, He will be with us every step of the way. But surely, in the end, that's all we really need to know, isn't it? "We walk by faith and not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7.)

Sitting here in my empty study, I think of all your friendly faces. I think about the ready laughter in the sanctuary and remember feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit in your company! I think of all the wonderful things God has in store for us together--and I rejoice!

A period of transition, a period of being neither quite here, nor fully there, is also an opportunity to remember that God is in charge. A period of transition is also an opportunity to make a new beginning, a renewed opportunity to get out of the way and just listen.

In any case, by now you might have noticed in the bulletin that you are being asked to list your favorite hymns. I've asked Robbin Albert, our Church Office Administrator, to create a master list of these hymns so that we can get a sense of just which ones allow the community to worship most fully.

The assumption here is that our favorite hymns tend to be the ones in which we really participate--the ones in which we just let ourselves be who we are and sing in the presence of the Most High. These are the things we need to pay attention to. These are the hymns we need to start with on our new journey.

I've also requested that the Session arrange for a series of conversations to be held after church so that we might have a chance to get to know one another a little better--but also that we might have a chance to discern together the promptings of the Holy Spirit, a chance to envision a future together. These are the things we need to pay attention to. These are the conversations we need to have to start us on our new journey.

It is an awesome thing to consider that God has called each one of us to be a part of his church here in this little corner of New Jersey--each one of us called to this particular place at this particular time, precisely because God knows that the church, at this particular time and particular place, needs the particular gifts and experiences that each one of us brings as an individual. God has called each one of us here because we need each other to be the church.

How amazing is that?

Mary and I look forward eagerly to seeing you all in July! We couldn't be more excited to take this journey with you all!

In Christ,  
Stan

## Welcome the Jenkins Family!

On July 3 during Fellowship Hour, we will welcome the Jenkins' with a pounding. Please bring them a pound of something that will help them start their life in their new home; a pound of raisins, a pound of flower bulbs - use your imagination!

## Habitat for Humanity Mission Activity this Summer

Habitat for Humanity in Trenton  
July 6, 7, and 8

The Mission Committee invites adults and older teens to be part of a work crew of 12 on one or more of these days for Habitat for Humanity in Trenton. We might work on construction in a new house or do chores in the Restore warehouse. In past years, jobs have included painting, pouring concrete, sheetrocking, assembling cabinets, and laying sod. As we get closer to July, Habitat will be able to give us a clearer idea of what our assignments will be.

- ✓ Special skills are appreciated, but beginners are also welcome.
- ✓ Check out the Habitat site at <http://habitatta.org/default.aspx>
- ✓ Contact Peggy Redman (799-4727 or [mredman@ets.org](mailto:mredman@ets.org)) to ask questions or volunteer.

## Summer Mission Trip News!

We are excited to share that this year's Adult and Youth Mission Trip will be held at Vanderkamp in Cleveland, NY. We will leave the afternoon of Thursday, August 18 and return on Monday, August 22.

Vanderkamp is a cooperative ministry of Presbyterian and Lutheran churches that help congregations fulfill their purposes of evangelism, service, and faith formation. Immersed in the beauty and serenity of God's natural world, Vanderkamp offers facilities and support for summer camps for youth, retreats, and meetings. To learn more about Vanderkamp, you can visit their website at [www.vk.org](http://www.vk.org).

Our group will work on a variety of projects that will improve the facilities at Vanderkamp. There will also be time each day for recreational activities, worship and fellowship. We anticipate that the cost will be approximately \$200 per person. Limited scholarship funds are available. Children and youth are welcome. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Christen Foell at 609-751-2000 or [cfoell@westmont.edu](mailto:cfoell@westmont.edu).

Sincerely,  
Dutch Neck Mission Committee

## 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 outings will be Wednesday, July 27 and August 24. For more information contact Brenda Miham at 799-1422.



## Cornerbrighteners II

We will resume our luncheon meetings this fall, beginning on Thursday, September 22nd. Please save the date!



Want a different perspective on your faith? Volunteer to teach Kids' Kingdom for two weeks in the coming year. We provide the lesson plans, you teach the same lesson for two weeks in a row to a different age group each week. Easy, fun, and always surprising-- Just ask any of our veteran teachers! Contact Sandra Browne at [sandra\\_helen@yahoo.com](mailto:sandra_helen@yahoo.com) to sign up.



## Deacon's Annual All Church Picnic July 10

Join us following Rev. Stanley's first Sunday of preaching for food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome. Please bring picnic blankets and chairs.



"The Deacon's are once again doing the backpack project for the Children's Home Society of New Jersey. This benefits children and families in need in the Trenton area.

It's so easy to do, especially if you are out shopping for school supplies for your own family. Walmart and Target have backpack and school supply sales all summer so you can look for bargains. It's up to you how much you would like to spend. If you shop on sale, you can get a backpack for about \$10 and fill it with as many supplies as you would like. If you would like to support this project, please sign up in fellowship hall. All backpacks are due back to the church by Sunday, August 7th, 2011. If you need more information, please email [bethm722@verizon.net](mailto:bethm722@verizon.net). The Deacons thank you for your continued support of this project."

Children's Home Society Backpacks

**REMINDER**  
**VBC - SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ**  
**JULY 11 - 15 2011**  
Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM - 12 NOON

Please make the following changes to your **Church Address** directory:

Alison Maier  
17134 Travis Square  
West Windsor, NJ 08550  
Phone: 609-558-4090

† *Parish Register Deaths* †

None to report

**July Schedule  
Ushers/Greeters and Fellowship Hour Hosts**

July 3

Usher/Greeter

Judy Taylor, Florence Cohen  
Frank & Mandy Heron

Fellowship Host

Liz Chapman, Susan Berenato

July 10

Usher/Greeter

David & Peggy Redman  
Brenda Mihan

Fellowship Host

Richard & Barbara Dearborn

July 17

Usher/Greeter

Bill & Carol Awbrey  
Joan Eddinger

Fellowship Host

Susan Horan, Debbie Gervasio

July 24

Usher/Greeter

John & Jane Pakulski  
Norm Bergstrom  
Patricia Miele

Fellowship Host

July 31

Usher/Greeter

Don & Ronnie Hanley  
Patricia Frullo

Fellowship Host

Brian & Nicole Auker



Youth Choir

**CHERUB & YOUTH CHOIR**

Wednesday evenings

6-6:45 (Cherubs)

6:45-7:30 (Junior)

(Cherubs are ages 4-1/2 through 2nd grade and Juniors are 3rd grade and up.)

Please inquire and/or pre-register by emailing the Carters at [akjcarter@comcast.net](mailto:akjcarter@comcast.net)

**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)



Summer Office Hours

Beginning Wednesday, July 6 the Church Office hours will be as follows:

Monday through Friday

8:30 am - 1:30 pm



## JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



### Sunday, July 3 - Communion **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

David Redman, preaching with PNC assisting  
Rev. Stanley Jenkins celebrating Communion

### Sunday, July 10 **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

### Sunday, July 17 **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

### Sunday, July 24 **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

### Sunday, July 31 **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

## YOUTH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

The youth are planning a series of fundraising activities to support this summer's Montreat and mission trips. Details of the various events will be included in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.



### YOUTH GARAGE SALE

**Ways you can begin now to support the youth include:**



1. Saving your McCaffrey receipts and dropping them in the box in Fellowship Hall. Remember that McCaffrey's will only accept receipts from the previous 6 months. The youth of Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church appreciate your support.
2. Saving your aluminum cans! Designated days will be set for the youth to collect the cans after church to turn in for cash.



Questions???

Aluminum Collection: Brian Mackenzie

Garage sale: Olivia Gladwin or  
Wes Holman

**T**he Montreat youth would like to thank all church members who supported the Capuano's fundraiser, It was a successful evening, and Capuano's donated a check for \$150. We are very grateful to them. Thanks again.

~~Charlotte Mendes and the Montreat youth



*Time to*  
**CHILL**

**August Schedule  
Ushers/Greeters and Fellowship Hour Hosts**

August 7

Usher/Greeter

Alice Eng, Jan Capuano  
Sandra Browne

Fellowship Host

David & Shannon Cirullo

August 14

Usher/Greeter

Carolyn Coleman  
Charles & Diane Mendes  
Angie Michibata

Fellowship Host

August 21

Usher/Greeter

Jerry & Sharon Laforge  
Joy & Wes Holman  
Kyle & Merry Van Dyke

Fellowship Host

August 28

Usher/Greeter

Audrey Curtis  
Sandy & Wayne Phillips  
Carmen Williams  
Marlene Maxwell

Fellowship Host



August

**AUGUST  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**Sunday, August 7 - Communion**

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

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**Sunday, August 14**

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

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**Sunday, August 21**

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

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**Sunday, August 28**

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

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins



## DUTCH NECK YOUTH CALENDAR AND IMPORTANT DATE INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES!

July 17-23 Montreat Youth Conference for Sr. High youth who have registered & Chanon, Shannon (and Noah!) Contact Chanon with questions.

July 31 A Fun in the Sun Pool Party for Jr. High and Sr. High Youth will be held at the Dix residence (more info TBA). Bring a snack to share, beach towel and plenty of sunscreen, etc.



August 18-22 Adult and Youth Mission Trip at Vanderkamp in Cleveland, NY. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Christen Foell at 609-751-2000 or cfoell@westmont.edu.

## Nursery School Happenings June 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 Monday after the last day of school was a wonderful picnic to celebrate the end of the year. It was held at the Mercer County Park with activities for the children including music and dancing, 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.

As I write this final newsletter, the children are enjoying the first of 2 new offerings at DNPCCNS. Summer Camp has been a big hit! The day is a little more casual than regular school, with a theme always based on a story. There is more out of doors time with organized games as well as free play. It was a pilot program well worth repeating.

There are still a few openings for 2½, 3 and 4 year olds. Also space is available in the Kindergarten Extension. I encourage all of you to tell your new neighbors and friends about the caring, positive and happy atmosphere of your Nursery School. The 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.

Anyone interested in the school for September 2011 (or after) should call the Administrative Director, at 609-799-9490. If we are not at school when you call, we will return your call within a few days.

I wish Kim Kelly as much satisfaction and happiness as I have enjoyed here as she takes on her new job as Administrative Director. I know that she will receive the support of the school membership as well as that of her Church family. Best Wishes, Kim!

*Judy Duke*