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# Dutch Neck Church News



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After months of searching and sifting through a pool of candidates, the Youth Minister Search Committee, has found a wonderful new youth minister to join and lead our youth ministry family. Chanon Ross, of the Institute for Youth Ministry at Princeton Seminary, began his position as the youth minister at Dutch Neck on August 29th.

He has worked with youth ministry in a wide range of ways, varying from a Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry to mentoring other youth pastors. Chanon, originally from Oregon, has lived in 5 different states before moving to Princeton, New Jersey. He lives with his family of three, his wife Shannon, and their 5 year old son, Noah. Chanon joked that many, including his own son, find it funny how his wife and his own names are pronounced the same!

In his free time, Chanon likes going hiking with his family, going scuba-diving, and enjoys photography. Chanon also loves music and plays the hammer dulcimer. He also likes to write, which comes in handy as he is finishing up a doctoral program and has published many articles on youth ministry.

Chanon and the Youth Ministry Committee will work together to plan a calendar of events for the year. They will soon begin to work on Christian education, youth group, and other fun events! Chanon is excited to reach out to adults and parents and emphasize the importance of understanding the significance of youth ministry to the church as a whole.

Chanon would like everyone to know that he is "so excited to get started and looking forward to getting to meet everyone in the church, especially the youth"! If you would like to get in touch with Chanon, you could reach him a variety of ways. His *e-mail* is **chanon.ross@gmail.com**. You could also reach him through the *church office* at **609-799-0712**, at his *office*, where he is every weekday, at **609-430-2793**. Finally, you may also call him at his *cell phone*, **630-995-0986**.

Chanon will be joining the Dutch Neck church every Sunday for worship with his family, so look for a friendly face to say hello to!

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## SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Your Pastor Nominating continues to meet at least weekly as we seek the next called Pastor (Head of Staff) for the First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck. Since our Church Information Form (CIF) was posted on the Church Leadership Connection, we have reviewed more than 150 Personal Information Forms (PIFs) for potential candidates.

Currently, we are reading and reviewing PIFs and conducting phone interviews with candidates. We are listening to audio recordings of sermons from some of the candidates already interviewed and reviewing their writing samples.

This is truly an exciting but challenging time for us. Please pray that God will continue to renew our strength as this process unfolds. Most importantly, please pray that both the PNC and potential candidates will listen to God's leading.

Christen Foell and David Redman  
Co-chairs

## "Progress Report – "Purchase a Pane"

The Facilities Committee is excited to report that we have received \$23,776 or 66% of the needed pledges to replace all of the

casement windows in the Christian Education building. That leaves only 33% remaining to put us in position to complete 100% of the windows!

Thanks everyone for your support! We plan to have one final push early this fall and close out the drive by the end of September. Our objective is to have the windows in place prior to Thanksgiving.

So, it's still not too late to get involved and help with the campaign! If you would like to make a donation to this very worthy project please contact Robbin in the Church office or Bart Kartoz of the Facilities Committee at

(609) 610-0490 or at [barton.kartoz@dynamicsec.com](mailto:barton.kartoz@dynamicsec.com)

Thanks again for all the great support we received!

~ The Facilities Committee

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Mission News

Habitat for Humanity is preparing a warehouse at 108 Ewing Street, Trenton, to become the new ReStore. Members are urged to donate new and used construction materials and home furnishings to the ReStore and to buy materials there. Contact info: call 609-393-8009 or e-mail <http://habitatta.org/ReStore.aspx>.

## Minute for Mission

### Karla Koll, Presbyterian mission worker in Guatemala

Dear friends in Christ,

It's a rainy Sunday afternoon, August 1, here in Quetzaltenango. The last few days we have had a bit less rain here than in recent weeks, though other parts of the country continue to receive more rain than usual. Landslides and localized flooding continue. It's nice to have an afternoon to relax and spend a bit of time with friends through writing this newsletter.

I have been asked by the Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) to be the interim academic dean of the Biblical and Theological Training program for the coming months while we seek to discern what the program is called to be and whom it is called to serve in the future. As I imagined, this has meant much more for work for me as well as much more time in the CEDEPCA office in the capital. I've been talking with students, going through files and dialoging with colleagues at CEDEPCA. The program is related to the Latin American Biblical University in Costa Rica, so I have also been communicating with the leadership there. I ask for your prayers as I live into these new duties and set the program up for the next person.

I'm teaching one course this semester in the capital on Christian ethics. There are five folks who gather with me on Wednesday mornings to consider how it is that Christians make moral decisions and how we can encourage people and communities to take responsibility for the moral dimensions of their lives.

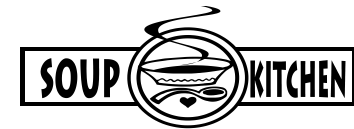
In addition to weekly classes, my schedule includes some special events this month. On August 11, a group of five women from Fairfax Presbyterian Church are coming to Guatemala along with Jennifer Thalman Kepler and Shannon Wooley of the Looking for Lilithe Theater Company. Carolyn Thalman, Jen's mother, is also coming along. They will be participating in a retreat with women from the Sinodica, the national organization of Presbyterian women here as part of the Faith Stories Project. The retreat will be here in Quetzaltenango, which means Tamara will also be able to be involved. The visitors will also be learning about Guatemala through CEDEPCA's Intercultural Encounters program. I'll be accompanying them the week they are here in the country.

On Friday, August 20, I'll travel to Poptún in the Peten to teach the second session of a course on the mission of the church the following day. I went up to Poptún for the first time on July 23. The students, who come from a number of mostly Pentecostal churches, were eager to learn. They had lots to share out of their own experience as well as lots of questions. CEDEPCA has been teaching classes in Poptún for almost three years now. There are no other opportunities available for theological education there. It's a long trip, more than seven hours by bus from the capital, but it's worth it to see people developing new understandings of their faith.

It's a privilege to share my life and work with folks here in Guatemala, just as it is a gift for us to have you share with us. Thank you for the prayers. I also appreciate your messages even if I don't always have a chance to answer immediately.

Blessings,  
Karla Koll

## 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, September 22. For more information contact Carl Stillwell at 799-0772 or Brenda Mihan at 799-1422.



Cornerbrighteners II

**The Cornerbrighteners II** are a group of women who perform community service projects, have lunch, occasionally discuss books, sometimes go on local trips and enjoy each others company. All are invited to join us. Members should mark their calendars for Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> as we resume our meetings this fall. Please call Dottie Malcolm at 799-1127 for more information.

## ATTENTION - WORLD SEWING/KNITTERS



World Sewing/Knitters

Join us as we return after our summer break on September 7 at 10:00 AM in the C.E. building. Bring a friend, a sandwich and lots of "yarns" of summer. Dessert and beverage are provided. A large selection of "knitting yarns," patterns, needles and friendship – all free! Call Joan Eddinger with any questions 799-0003

★WELCOME BACK★

## Sunday

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
COME JOIN US AS  
WE BEGIN A NEW MINISTRY YEAR**

- ☑ 9:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
- ☑ The new Kids' Kingdom (grades 1-5) and the traditional Young Children in Worship will begin at about 9:45 as the children move to the Education Building.
- ☑ Stay around after worship for fellowship and refreshment in Fellowship Hall.
- ☑ Check out the displays from the different ministries.
- ☑ Sign up to help and to serve.

Join us on September 12.  
Bring your friends.  
All are welcome!



Bill Davis will start the new Sunday School year with his insights about this summer's General Assembly on September 19 at 11:00.

On September 26 we will follow up with an 11:00 café conversation about the 1986 Belhar Confession, that PCUSA expects to add to our Book of Confessions.

Want to influence our Adult Education offerings? Please come to our meetings at the CE building on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 – 8:30 or contact a member of the committee.

## Preparations are underway for a new year of Kids' Kingdom!



The first unit is titled "Joseph: God's Dreamer" and will begin on Sunday, September 12, when children in grades 1-5 and their families are welcome to join us for the 9:30 Worship Service. Following the "Word with Children" we will head over to the education building for our first class session. Join us any Sunday for Kids' Kingdom programs—the calendar of units is available on the church website.

Adults: We still need a few more teachers and shepherds. Teachers commit for only two-week sessions, shepherds work in teams to cover the years' classes. If you would like to experience Kids' Kingdom for yourself, contact Katharine Osborn ([davekat.osborn@verizon.net](mailto:davekat.osborn@verizon.net)) or Bonnie Benkard ([bonniebenkard@gmail.com](mailto:bonniebenkard@gmail.com)).

## CHERUB & YOUTH CHOIR

Choirs will be on same schedule as last year.



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.)

We will have a registration for all who can be there during Fellowship Hour on Sunday 9/12 & our first rehearsal will be that Wed. 9/15. Please inquire and/or pre-register by emailing the Carters at [akjcarter@comcast.net](mailto:akjcarter@comcast.net)

**W**ouldn't you like to praise your Lord out loud?  
 Bell and Chancel choirs will resume their practice starting Thursday, September 9. We would like to encourage congregation members to join us. Both ringing and singing skills can be learned - so, come sing/ring with us regardless of your ability. No weekly commitment necessary for the Chancel Choir. Please contact Gail at ghl2006@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Bell Choir 7:00pm  
 Chancel Choir 8:00pm



**Sunday, September 5**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, September 12**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, September 19**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

**Sunday, September 26**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 Rev. Paul L. Rhebergen, preaching

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

**September 5**  
 Usher/Greeter Laura & Charles Dey  
 Sharon & Jim Gladwin  
 Fellowship Hosts Diane & Steve Hurlburt

**September 12**  
 Usher/Greeter Jessica & Thomas Mains  
 Lizabeth Rolleston, Nancy Olsson  
 Fellowship Hosts Gail & Tim Shook

**September 19**  
 Usher/Greeter Stan Tantum, Wayne Tindall  
 Julia & Charles Myers  
 Fellowship Hosts

**September 26**  
 Usher/Greeter Kathy & Bob Murray  
 Jane Mykiety, Ruth Nieckoski  
 Fellowship Hosts Alice & Bob Jackson

† *Parish Register* †  
 June 2010 - August 2010  
 NO UPDATES

**Church  
Directory  
Update**



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

Andrea Britton  
5 Raymond  
Belle Mead, NJ 08502

Frank & Mandy Heron  
2579 Main Street  
Lawrenceville, NJ 0864

**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).



Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for your support with my Girl Scout Gold Award project Christmas in July. Thanks to contributions made by both church members and the children at Vacation Bible School, I was able to wrap and fill 30 boxes for underprivileged children through Operation Christmas Child. The children in VBS also wrote letters to accompany the

boxes, some excerpts of which I've included below:

- "Dear new friend, Merry Christmas! WE are sending lots of toys to you for Christmas! Even if its July!"

- "I'll be praying for you on Christmas!"

- "I hope this is your best Christmas I know that one day all your dreams will true!"

Thank you again!

~Kathleen Mackenzie~



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**Nursery School Happenings  
September 2010**



Summer is drawing to a close and right after Labor Day the teachers will be returning to get the classrooms ready for the arrival of the children on September 14.

There still are limited openings in some of the classes. If you know of someone who is still looking for a nursery school please tell them about the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church Cooperative Nursery School and invite them to call and come see the school. DNPCNS offers a caring, positive, developmentally appropriate environment in which preschoolers can grow. As we build a bridge from home to school, we help children form social skills, explore the world around them, and see themselves as active and capable learners, all of which contribute to a strong self-image.

The registration process for the **2011/2012** year begins with phone-in registration starting at 9 a.m. on October 1. Alumni and members of the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church get priority for registration and need to call between that date and the end of the year. There will also be an **OPEN HOUSE on October 23** from 9:30-11:30 so that everyone can see the school. Some Staff members and Executive Board Members will be on hand to answer questions and talk about the school.