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# Dutch Neck Church News

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St. Augustine once mused that he knew what time was until he started to actually think about it. The closer he looked the more mysterious it appeared to him. Neither the past nor the future were actually present, but either already gone or not yet here; and as for the present itself, the moment he tried to seize upon it, it had inevitably already become the past. Indeed, if you think about it, trying to hold on to time is like trying to hold on to a rushing stream, it just slips through your fingers.



Now, as the school and church year gears up I imagine many of us are asking ourselves, "Where has all the time gone?" There just never seems to be as many hours in the day as everything that needs to get done. We always seem to be playing catch up. The bottom line is that time itself, very easily becomes a source of anxiety and guilt. Even church attendance can begin to feel like a burden, just one more thing that has to get done.

I'm reminded here of one of Jesus' sayings: "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath" (Mark 2:27-28). I think what Jesus was getting at here is that if we're not careful we can very easily become slaves to time (and let's be clear here, we were not created to be slaves to time, or to anything or anyone else, for that matter). Indeed, in a world where time is money, in a world where we are made to feel like bad parents if we don't schedule activities for our children for every moment of the day, in a world where we

are always playing catch up, always feeling guilty and always falling behind, as the future slips into the past...in such a world, we are slaves to time.

But the sabbath was given to us as a gift--it is time set apart from time itself. One day a week we are commanded to just lay our burden down, to just let it all go and let God be in charge--not because God is only in charge one day a week, but because we desperately need to be reminded that He is in charge in every instant--He is lord of all time, past, present and future--and because he is lord of all time, we are free to rest in joyful repose in his everlasting arms in each and every instant.

On Sunday morning in worship we are being given permission to just let it all go, to "let go and let God" as the saying goes. It only becomes one more obligation to the extent that we refuse to accept our freedom. So this year as the school and church year gears up, I invite you to accept your pardon, your parole, to take your get-out-of-jail-card-free and come and celebrate your freedom with the saints (I've always loved the irony of scripture referring to a bunch of schlubs like you and me as "the saints"; that God sure has a sense of humor). So this year as the school and church year gears up, I invite you to come to church as much as you can. You owe it to yourself and besides, when the whole gang gets together in the presence of the lord of the sabbath, you just know a good time is going to be had by all. There will be nourishment and healing for the whole week.

In Christ,  
*Stan*

**T**he Mission Committee wishes to thank Jack Gleim, Pam Hansell, Jessica Kraft, David Redman, Peggy Redman, Eric Rogo, Kelly Rowland and Aaron Sizer for participating in the Habitat for Humanity Mission Project. A special thanks to Peggy Redman and Terri DeVincenzo for coordinating the project. Volunteers helped with landscaping and started a mural at Habitat's ReStore in Trenton.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

### Karla Koll, Presbytery mission worker in Guatemala

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings from Guatemala in Jesus' name.

July is going by fast. The rainy season is in full swing. There has been enough rain around Quetzaltenango. The corn in the field in front of our house is much taller than I am, a promise of food in months to come. Thus far I've only had to deal with minor mudslides on the highway between Quetzaltenango and Guatemala City, but much more rain could lead to landslides. In some places there has been too much rain. Over the weekend of July 16 and 17, five people lost their lives in flooding in La Tinta, Alta Verapaz.

The tragic murder of Argentine folksinger Facundo Cabral in Guatemala City on the morning of July 10 is emblematic of the ongoing violence here. While arrests are made in only four percent of violent crimes here, two men have already been detained for Cabral's murder. The authorities believe the paid assassins were after the man who was driving Cabral to the airport. Meanwhile, everyday, the violence takes fifteen to twenty lives.

The election cycle is heating up. Security is a principal topic of the campaigns, though the politicians are offering few concrete proposals. The elections are also generating violence. More than thirty precandidates or people related to campaigns have been killed. We as a family are experiencing this election close at hand. Our daughter, Tamara, is dating the son of the mayor of Coatepeque, a city on the south coast. The elections will be held on Sunday, September 11. Please continue to pray for Guatemala in these difficult days.

The second semester for CEDEPCA's university-level program started on July 4. To our surprise, we have even more students this semester than we had last semester. Students who had stopped studying for one reason or another are coming back to the program. I'm not teaching classes this semester, which gives me a little time to catch up with administrative details. CEDEPCA is currently searching for someone to take over as academic dean. I ask your prayers for this process, that CEDEPCA might find someone with vision and energy to carry the program forward.

The big event for our family is month is my husband's Javier's graduation on July 21 with his *licenciatura* in political science from the Rafael Landivar University. We're so glad this day has finally come! Thank you for celebrating with us.

On July 29, Tamara and I fly to Colorado Springs. We'll be staying with my dad, John Koll, and his wife, Jeannie. I'm looking forward to visiting churches and meeting with mission committees, as well as spending time with my father and the rest of my family.

On August 22, Tamara and I fly to Portland, Oregon where I will be leaving her at Reed College to start her freshman year. It's an exciting time, but there's a lot of sadness when I realize Tamara won't be with us here any longer. The cats won't be the only ones who miss her. I'll be returning to Guatemala on August 26.

On August 25 and 26, CEDEPCA will be celebrating twenty-five years of service here in Central America. There are several events planned, culminating with a conference by Violeta Rocha, the rector of the Latin American Biblical University on Friday, August 26. We hope you will celebrate with us, even if you can't be here in Guatemala City.

This month it is my pleasure to introduce you to my colleague and friend Elsa Tamez, one of the most gifted Biblical scholars in Latin America. Elsa grew up in the Presbyterian Church in Mexico. She was the first woman to receive a *licenciatura* from the Latin American Biblical Seminary (SBL) in Costa Rica in 1979. When I studied at the SBL in 1984, I was privileged to have Elsa as a professor. Shortly thereafter she went to Lausanne, Switzerland for doctoral studies. There Elsa studied Paul's letter to the Romans. Her rereading led her to conclude that we are justified by faith in order to serve God's justice with our lives. The book that came out of her doctoral studies is *The Amnesty of Grace: Justification of Faith from a Latin American Perspective*. I invite you to learn about Latin American theology by reading works by Elsa.

I leave you this month with the following quote from Elsa in an article published in *Sojourners* back in September of 1983. "God remains silent so that men and women may speak, protest, and struggle. God remains silent so that people may really become people. When God is silent and men and women cry, God cries in solidarity with them but doesn't intervene. God waits for the shouts of protest." God is still waiting for our protest.

Blessing,  
Karla Koll

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

This year's CROP walk will be held October 16, 2011. The day of the walk, registration begins at 1 pm and the walk at 2 pm. The walk route will set off from the East Picnic Area of Mercer County Park. Watch Sunday bulletins, Our Life Together emails and the October Newsletter for more information.

## 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, September 28. For more information contact Brenda Mihan at 799-1422 or Carl Stilwell at 799-0772.

## Cornerbrighteners II



Greetings all Cornerbrighteners!

Thursday, September 22, is our start-up meeting for the coming season. Florence Cohen has graciously offered to host us that morning at 10:30. Her address is 3 Stonelea Drive, Princeton Junction. If you need directions, give her a buzz at 799-0525.

We will be planning our next Out-Reach project and welcome all in our Congregation to join us. We have a short devotional period, then the planning-discussion time followed by fellowship during lunch. Oh, yes, kindly bring a sandwich to share. Florence will provide the rest of our lunch.

This is a special time to share with each other and join in our common interest in helping those beyond our Dutch Neck community.

Question? Attending? Please call me – Betty Blaine, 433-1642. I look forward to your join us! Happy Fall!

## ATTENTION – WORLD SEWING/KNITTERS



World Sewing/Knitters

Join us as we return after our summer break on September 6 at 10:00 AM in the C.E. building. Bring a friend, and a sandwich. Dessert and beverage are provided. Scarves, shawls, hats, sweaters, and afghans are made and distributed to organizations such as Home Front, Lyons Veterans Hospital, Mission at the Eastward, and other places. Call Joan Eddinger with any questions 799-0003. All are welcome!

## ADULT EDUCATION

Join Rev. Stanley on September 18 and 25. He will be leading the first Adult Education class of the 2011 fall schedule. You will be

learning about contemplative prayer; an ancient Christian spiritual practice.

### Kids' Kingdom Kicks Off!

Join us for a new year of Kids' Kingdom beginning Sunday, September 11, during 9:30 worship. This year's theme is "Hospitality: God's Words in Our Hearts," and we will start by learning the story of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac from the book of Genesis.



There are still a number of lessons that need teachers. If you would like to learn something new about a familiar story (as the adults inevitably do) while supporting our children (and, by extension, their parents) contact Bonnie Benkard at 716-0954 or [bonniebenkard.com](http://bonniebenkard.com). Kids' Kingdom can only happen with your help!

### THE GROENDYKE FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bergen Groendyke gave a \$15,660 gift to the Dutch Neck Church in December 2007 specifically designated for the Church's children and youth programs. Approximately one-third of the gift was used to purchase two flat screen television sets, which have been used for programs in the Kid's Kingdom, the Youth Sunday School and fellowship, and the Adult Sunday School and fellowship.

According to the conditions of the gift, the balance is to be used for a Children and Youth Program Development Fund to cover expenses for developing and maintaining children and youth activities. To date, the Fund has been used for lay leadership and training for young children in worship and youth programs. It is Mr. Groendyke's intention that support for these training programs

continue and that his gift also be used for developing Christian education and fellowship curriculum, acquiring program resources and purchasing equipment.

Guidelines to apply for support from the Groendyke Fund have been developed and were approved by Session in June 2011. Copies are available from Robbin Albert in the Church office. Questions about the Fund and /or the guidelines should be directed to the Memorial, Planned and Special Gifts Committee.

### NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Memorial, Planned and Special Gifts Committee is pleased to announce that in the near future the Church will be purchasing three new computers and supporting software for the office and a special Windows software program designed to keep records of membership, pledges, etc. These acquisitions will be made possible by using the memorial contributions the Church received in Fred Curtis' name and by a special memorial gift in Fred's name from Audrey Curtis, his wife. The Church has long needed the update of its computer system which these gifts make possible.



Women's  
BOOK  
CLUB

Women's book club will meet again on Wed. Sept. 21 at 7:30 in Fellowship hall library to discuss the book below. Happy reading and remember to invite another woman to join us.

### 3 MPH: The Adventures of One's Woman's Walk Around the World by Polly Letovsky.

On August 1, 1999, Polly Letovsky left her home in Vail, Colorado and headed west. She traveled across 4 continents, 22 countries and over 14,000 miles by foot to become the first American woman to walk around the world. As an awareness campaign for breast cancer, survivors and well-wishers around

the world came out to walk with her. In the middle of her five-year journey, the world shifted on its axis when September 11 occurred. Sometimes serious, sometimes funny, always inspirational, Polly's story personifies the spirit of commitment and perseverance that will compel you to conquer life's challenges one step at a time.



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

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Hamilton, NJ 08690  
Phone: 609-570-5383

† *Parish Register Deaths* †

None to report

**CHERUB & YOUTH CHOIR**



Youth Choir

Amy Carter, Children's Choir Director, is currently on a maternity leave of absence. The Church is in the process of searching for a person to continue Cherub & Youth Choir. Until a replacement is found, there will be no choir practice. If you would like to enroll your child(ren) for Cherub or Youth choir in the future, please call the office at 799-0712.

**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)



**Welcome Back Sunday**

**SEPTEMBER 11  
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 11.  
Bring your friends.  
All are welcome!



Ministry Fair

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

September 4

Usher/Greeter

Catherine Cheng

Don & Joan Maier

Fellowship Host

Andrew & Diane Marolda

September 11

Usher/Greeter

Bob & Alice Jackson

Charles & Diane Mendes

Fellowship Host

Kevin & Alison Lorenz

September 18

Usher/Greeter

Dan & Janet Jordan

Walter & Susan McIntyre

Fellowship Host

Bruce & Nora Perrine

September 25

Usher/Greeter

Kevin & Lori Appelget

John & Diane Rowland

Fellowship Host

Chris & Jayne Ritterbush



**SEPTEMBER  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**Sunday, September 4**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**Sunday, September 11, Communion**

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

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**Sunday, September 18**

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

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**Sunday, September 25**

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

9:30 AM Worship

Rev. Stanley Jenkins



## Nursery School Happenings September 2011



September is here and we are so excited to be getting back to school! The first week of school will kick off September 12 under the leadership and guidance of our Director of Education, Barbara Fruh and our new Administrative Director, Kim Kelly. As always, the staff is working hard to get classrooms and curriculum ready for a new wave of students. We can't wait to hear the hallways full of excited and nervous chatter, friendly post-summer greetings and shuffling of feet to vie for the perfect spot in circle time!

We are thrilled to announce that we have added a Kindergarten Extension Program to our litany of classes and activities in the school – it is a great, curriculum based program for parents who are looking to enhance their child's half-day kindergarten experience. It is offered in both a morning and afternoon session, 3 days a week. There are still openings if you know a kindergartener who might be interested in some extra fun and learning!

We have some great events coming up this Fall including our Fall Flea Market Fundraiser on October 8, 9am – 4pm located at WWP High School South. This was a really wonderful fundraising event for us last year and we are happy to be participating again to support our local high school's flea market and also raise money for our own needs. We had some really great donations of items last year ranging from furniture to artwork to kids toys and gear to fun, eclectic knick knacks! Most importantly it was great to meet new people and talk about our wonderful school!

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 visit 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. We will be

hosting an **OPEN HOUSE on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 9:00-11:00am. Staff members, Executive Board Members and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

The Fall always brings a rush and flurry of activities and excitement and we can't wait to share it with you!

Sincerely,  
Kim Kelly, Administrative Director and Katy Coyle, DNPCNS  
President 2011

A Note of APPRECIATION: Thank you to all of our fellow DNPC members who contributed voluntarily to making such beautiful special music during our summer services!! We appreciate Martin's efforts to co-ordinate your talents and to add to our enjoyment by having his children perform also. THANKS again -- we'll be happy to enjoy your talents whenever!!



Most sincerely,  
Jim and Betty Blaine

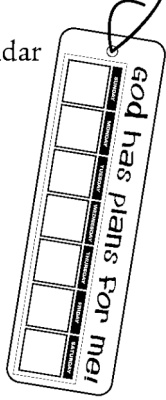


# A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

## What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



## What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



## BIBLE QUIZ

At the outset of his reign as Israel's third king, Solomon saw the Lord in a dream. God invited Solomon to request anything he wanted. What did Solomon ask for?



- A. The ability to discern between good and evil
- B. Long life
- C. Riches
- D. Conquest over his enemies

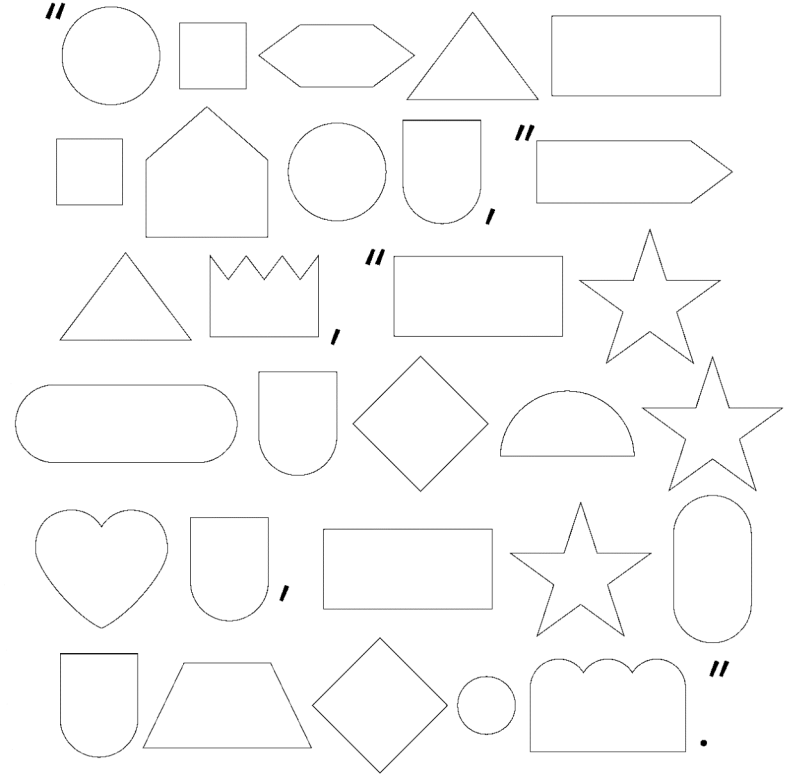
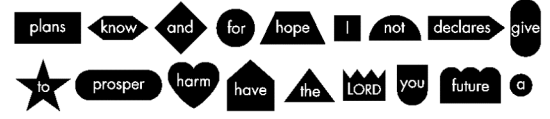
Answer: A (See 1 Kings 3:4-14.)



# GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

**Directions:** Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)