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Message from the Pastor

MAKING PLANS FOR REWARDING SUMMER VENTURES.

What do you want to happen? What do you want to bring home?
No matter where you go, you want the vacation to bring new dimensions to your life
-- exploring more about experiences that refresh and re-create you,
-- taking a step to fulfill a hope,
—reviewing highlights of your past that affirm your value and potential,
-- perhaps discovering new ways you can be an enriching Christ-like presence to others.

This month ask God to give you insights for an enriching summer.

Joseph & Mary took Jesus on a trip to the temple at Jerusalem at age 12. Scripture says, “He grew in stature and in favor with God and with people.”

How would you like to grow your development?
How might you grow in what God favors about you?
How might you find enjoyment in being a blessing to people?

Now is the time to review your summer hopes and vacation plans with God. See what enriching insights you get for making the most out of your summer ventures.

Eph. 3:21 Christ’s power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine.

Pastor Mel

June!!!

By Elaine Peacock



Listen carefully; do you hear all the shouts of joy? That is all the kids from coast to coast shouting the words they all love to hear “summer vacation.” Books, tests and reports are left behind until September; their minds are full of thoughts of a beach vacation, getaways to the mountains or a fun day at a theme park. This is the time of the year visions of walking the boardwalk with an ice cream cone come to mind.

The month of June is the birthday of our flag – June 14th is Flag Day – so fly old glory proudly. Also Father’s Day is June 17th; can’t forget the dear men in our lives we call Dad. He is the glue that keeps the family together.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer with lots of new adventures and a Happy Father’s Day to all you Dads out there.

Birthdays



Madison Conklin

In Memory of:

From	In Memory of	Designated
Karol & Robert Vissagio	John Moody	Boiler Fund
Elaine Peacock	Kay Peacock (her Mom-	on Mothers Day)

From	In Honor of	Designated
Corrine Tyndall	Pastor Tom & Mary Bartha	Capital Campaign
Eleanor Haling	Jennifer Van Aken (her daughter)	



Roundtable of Thanks

Thank you to Michele MacDonald for her many years of dedicated service to PRC

Thank you to Helen Gioia for all the years she has volunteered at PRC and continues to serve

Thank you to all who helped make the Classis and Regional Synod dinners a huge success



Thank you to our faithful Sunday School Teachers.

Many will take a break now for the summer.

Nursery: Christin Warner and Abigail Wyckoff

Children and Worship/Kindergarten: Joanie Warner assisted by Cindi & Val Petrides

1st through 5th, Wesley Witherington, assisted by Gail Stewart and Crystal Ghiraldi

6th – 12th, Mark Warner, Bruce Davis, and recently Lucas Spann

Music Coordinator: Janine Maletsky

Thank you also to Adult Christian Education special course leaders: Sabine Kroeger and Elena Van Schaack, and to Librarian Marcia Coningswood.

Some of these teachers have been inspiring, guiding, and educating our young people for years, even decades. What a gift! We are grateful.

Sunday morning 10 am worship experiences

June 10 Rev. Dr. Michael Johnson will be returning with another message and visual presentation.

June 17 Father's Day message by Pastor Mel is: "God's Model for Coaching and Parenting"

June 24 Anna Gordon will present a message from the uplifting scripture passage Philippians 4. Following the service, you will have an opportunity to grab a cup of coffee and a snack and stay for a discussion about the sermon theme. Anna Gordon is inviting you to this time to explore that theme more abundantly in dialogue with others of all ages.

July 1 Boiler Replacement Asbestos Removal means no church service here. Plan to worship at another church, keep notes and report back to our Worship Team. We welcome what will enrich our worship experience here.

July 8 We expect to be back at worship here. Watch for the Emails and signs once we get the ok from the building inspectors.

July 15 Pastor Mel will be presenting the message. Summer Sunday Morning Adventures for children resume. A healing prayer time will be part of the worship experience. An Ice Cream Social follows during refreshment time.

July 22 & 29 Anna Gordon will be presenting the message. And for the worship liturgy, she will be presenting an addition or two from her studies and worship experiences at seminary and in field work. She will invite feedback, including your participation in a discussion time after the service. Plan to grab a cup of coffee and a snack and sit in on the round table discussion about 11:30.



Summer Sunday School with added activities happening now while you are at worship

Nursery to age 3: Christin Warner or Abigail Wyckoff will be here each Sunday.

Age 3 through entering 5th Grade: Congregational members will be providing Vacation Bible School type activities, Bible stories, crafts, skits, recreation time, and personal stories.

6th - 12th Grade Youth: Their Sunday morning dialogues continue this summer at their request. Lucas Spann is the leader. And they may explore some other summer ventures too.

Volunteer to be a Storyteller - Your only qualification is a desire to impact the lives of our young people. You need not be a biblical expert. You plan to tell them about a personal spiritual experience—a Bible verse you like and why, a church experience that you loved and how it was helpful, a church person you admired and why, a prayer you like, or a personal experience for which you are thankful to God. You can make a lasting difference in a child's or young person's faith life. If you wish, we can provide you with a Bible story to parallel your story. We want to build connections between the adults and our young people. Phone Pastor Mel to learn more.

Intergenerational Opportunity

Monday evening Specials: Adult/ Child Program about Inclusive Ways to Worship

This will be a program for all generations. We will explore different ways to experience Bible texts that describe inclusive ways to worship, using all of our senses. This will allow children, parents and other adults to interact together about different ways we experience God as a church community. This will be highly interactive/ dynamic, not just an intellectual exercise. Mondays July 16,23,30, August 6. Led by Anna Gordon, Pastor Mel, and others.

*****Fellowship *** news*****

Fellowship Fun!

On October 6th Fellowship will once again be sponsoring our 8th trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see the new production of "Jesus". Several remaining seats are available. The cost is \$135.00 for adults and teens which includes the bus, show, dinner, and tip. The cost for children under thirteen is \$85.00. We will have dinner immediately after the show. See Rick or Barbara Pierce or sign- up on the sheet on Kitchen wall. Money is needed ASAP to secure best seating.

Special Dates To Remember



July 15: Ice Cream Social
September 16: Church-Wide Picnic
October 6: Sight-and-Sound Trip
October 20: Autumnfest
November 11: Chili or Soup Social
December 16: Cookie Social



Only 143 days until Autumnfest 2018! Autumnfest is on October 20 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. I am still waiting for someone to come on board with me and help me organize. There will be 30 inside spots and 30 outside spots. I will give the inside vendors from last year a chance to come back inside this year. They will have until July 30 to let me know. If they don't let me know by then I will open the spot up. The prices will be the same. It will be \$25.00 for inside spaces and \$20.00 for outside spaces.

We will once again have our Dot Ploch Bakery. We will ask our wonderful bakers for donations of breads, pies, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, lemon bars and brownies. We will begin making calls and emailing in August. This is a very popular area as well as a great money maker! We will also be asking for donations of canned soda and bottles of water.

Our Shop this year will be a combination of shops we have had in the past. We will accept items from all Holidays as well as accessories. Please make sure that the item(s) you donate are all clean and in good working condition. You can begin bringing these items in September.

You can store them on the left side of Room 103 which is across from the nursery.

We are looking for people to work in the Children's area. We will have games and

arts and crafts ready to go. But we will need people to man the area all day.

We will need plenty of volunteers in all areas. Please let me know where you would like to volunteer and for how long. We will also need people to help on October 18 to set up. This is a wonderful day to show God's love and concern for our community through each one of us. Thank you in advance for your prayers, donations of time and items.

**God Bless You All!
Jo-Anne Sisco**

Honorees

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, Pompton Reformed Church honored some members who bring a Christ-like Spirit through their initiatives outside church life.

Nancy Begin heads a Prayer Quilt ministry which reaches out to people in crisis.

Through Little League Football, Dan Douma coaches parents and young boys to value teamwork which respects and helps other team players develop their inner potential.

Ekamon Venin is serving as a Pompton Lakes Councilman and on four volunteer service boards.

Lauren Venin has helped make valuable change for many residents as chair of the Pompton Lakes Flood Advisory Board and a leader for the Open Spaces committee.

Jack Tice initiates trips to help rebuild homes destroyed by hurricanes, and at Christmas reaches out to families of prisoners.

Pictured are three of the five, left to right, Nancy Begin, Ek Venin, and Dan Douma with Pastor Van Hattem. The two others were away on initiatives.



Graduates: Congratulations on your accomplishment. God bless you as you continue to develop your potential toward fulfilling significant purposes with your life.

Katelyn Dunitz, Rowan University, majors in Public Relations and Advertising, started now in NYC at a kid-tech company, Super Awesome, working with established toy companies.

Emily Brooke Waibel, Cornell University, earning a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations. She has accepted a Human Resources position at Honda R&D Americas located in Raymond Ohio.

Kevin Magee, St. John's University, Homeland Security major, now in conversations toward being a professional baseball pitcher. (He is Helen & Chuck Gioia's grandson.)

Michael Warner, Olivet Nazarene University, with a degree in Business Administration. He is in ministry work this summer in Seward, Alaska.

Jessica Dunitz is head to Drexel University to study architecture.

Thomas Hanisch is going to Virginia Military Institute (VMI) with a major in biology.

Megan Martinelli is going to William Paterson University with a major in Art with a concentration in photography.

Are we missing a salute to someone you know? Please let us know.

Many thanks to all those who helped with and supported our beefsteak fundraising event on June 2nd. A special thank you to our amazing brothers and sisters at the Preakness Reformed Church who graciously gave us the use of their church hall for this event and generously supported the effort. As mentioned that evening, this was a wonderful example of different parts of the body of Christ (His church) coming together and supporting one another.

If you find yourself reading this prior to **Sunday evening, June 3rd**, we hope you're able to join us for the choir concert we are co-hosting along with the Packanack Community Church in Wayne featuring God's Light Youth Choir from First United Church in Smyrna, Georgia. The 75-member high school student choir tours each summer to different areas of the United States to share their ministry through music and song. Their musical repertoire is a blended style consisting of traditional music, contemporary music, scripture reading and skits.

The concert will be held in our sanctuary at 7:00pm. This talented group last performed in our area in 2012 and the word on the street is that they are truly AMAZING! Hope you can be there!!

APRIL NEWS FROM DEB & MARK WILSON

Health & Self Care. We are both having some ups and downs:

For Mark, I tore my rotator cuff and the physio ordered by the doctor has made things even more painful ... together with my existing pain it has been quite difficult. Also, for that chronic pain situation, pray for wisdom in trying to follow up on viable alternatives to the opioid pain killers and nerve stabilizers that I am currently taking (the alternative include surgical and non-surgical procedures, specialize physiotherapy, alternative medications, and maybe even acupuncture). Right now I am writing to you from Singapore and will be hospitalized tomorrow, 2 May for several procedures beginning 830 local time. Sadly, our insurance did not approve some of the procedures that the doctor proposed (while these are standard here in Asia but yet to be accepted in the US) so he will do his best with the options available to him. Please pray for wisdom, strength and a steady hand for him and for strength and healing for me. Before leaving the hospital I will also have *an x ray* on my foot as I smacked it very hard on our bed post while backing for the trip- given the level of intense pain, something is likely cracked or fractured, ouch!

For Deb, we are thankful that after several years of literally limping along, and getting by with injections, she decided to move ahead with her doctor's recommendations to have complete knee replacement surgery. Thankfully too, the insurance agreed and quickly gave authorization! Because everything went so quickly in her case, her surgery will be this Saturday, 5 May. So, I will head to Bangkok rather than return to Phnom Penh on Friday afternoon. Deb will spend 10 days or so in Bangkok for rest and rehab before returning to Phnom Penh. I will return on Sunday or Monday as I have class on Tuesday.

Also, we both need wisdom and discipline to both work hard *and* take care of ourselves. Recently, we have not done so well on the later, and the visit by our RCA Supervisor was very encouraging in that regard.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and encouragement!

With love,

In Christ Alone,

Mark and Deb Wilson



MAY UPDATE.....

DEB-

We're happy to report that Debra made it to Bangkok safely and has begun all of her pre-op procedures including meeting with her surgeon. All looks good and the paperwork is progressing nicely too!

She'll admit Saturday 5 May in the AM and they should be good to go for surgery at 130p Bangkok time. Please continue to pray with us for the preparations and the outcome... may the Lord add His favor in all and may Deb know clearly a peace that passes all human understanding that keeps her heart and mind in Christ.

MARK-

As my Big Brother Ron, reminded us yesterday - *give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercies are never-ending!*

I, Mark, made it back to my room after a few hours - my first words in the post-op waiting room were "feet... cold." Who would have guessed, huh? The rest of the day was fuzzy while I worked on my travel arrangements to reach Deb. I hope that I arrive in Dubai in time.

(just kidding! with modern technology I asked Deb to double check everything by screen shot before I clicked "pay") My Doctor said that all went well on his side of things. The effectiveness of the procedures

will become gradually apparent in next 2 to 4 weeks. So, wait and see. Lord give me patience! Please continue to ask for the Lord's merciful healing.

Good News - THANKS to God the x-ray showed nothing broken cracked or broken in my foot! Actually, I almost knew before the result - the night before the surgery the pain all but disappeared! It was already scheduled during the fog time so I went for the ride to confirm - thanks to those who prayed esp for my foot, being able to become physically fit will also help with the chronic pain... Doc say that I can begin exercising again after the pain is completely gone. □

Lastly, this afternoon I was introduced to Jacob, a physiotherapist who has had some experience with problems like mine. He got started and as we introduced ourselves we learned that we learned that we both have the same goal- to be used by God to be a blessing to others! His motto is "my hands, God's healing" Amen! He is also willing to collaborate with a physiotherapist in Phnom Penh if we can find the right one - just happens that Debra sent to me an article from the Phnom Penh Post newspaper (too much time in waiting rooms?) that highlighted a likely candidate - led by a Dutch doctor with two licensed physiotherapist (he is even licensed to practice acupuncture).

Deb sounds good and things are going well on her end but I'll let her update as she chooses. Lord willing she'll be in my arms around 4pm tomorrow!

Thanks to all who have written, we will get back to you as we can ... my doctor even wrote me a "get out of work for 12 days" note! Ha ha ha isn't he optimistic!

Thanks again everybody, we do so appreciate you and are thankful for God's never ending mercies, new each day!

-Deb, Mark, and Zach

Important Reminder

Worship Reminder

Due to the asbestos removal and boiler replacement project, which begins June 25th, the church buildings will be totally inaccessible for at least one full week and possibly longer. We will therefore **NOT BE WORSHIPPING IN OUR SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY, JULY 1ST AND POSSIBLY JULY 8TH ALSO**. Consistent corporate worship is critical to our spiritual health, so please **don't stay home**. Plan to visit one of our other area churches such as Pompton Plains, Ponds or Preakness. Given our financial picture, we would be most grateful if you are able to continue with your usual weekly giving by submitting your tithes and offerings for the missing week or weeks either before or after this project. Additionally, please share with us any thoughts or ideas you might have after your visit to another congregation which might help to enrich our worship experiences here at PRC.

Thanks so much for your flexibility and continued support of our Lord's work and ministries at Pompton Reformed!!

Pompton Plains RC - 525 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains 9:00 & 10:15 a.m.

Ponds RC - 341 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland 10:00 a.m.

Preakness RC - 131 Church Lane, Wayne 10:00 a.m.



July/August Submissions
Are due to khuysers@msn.com by
June 25, 2018.
All submissions happily
accepted for consideration.



Philippians 4:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.