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AT A GLANCE:

9th Daisey Roe Christmas in June Luncheon



13th Confirmation Sunday



20th Happy Father's Day



20th Summer Begins



Every Sunday — In-person worship at 10am and Live Streaming Worship on Facebook, and then available on YouTube for later viewing

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Our Mission Statement:

Our mission is to gather as a church family for worship and spiritual fellowship, to nurture and educate, and to proclaim the gospel to the world.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our Family Reunion



Nearly 2 years ago I attended my uncle's 95th birthday down in Florida. It became a family reunion from my mom's side of the family, and I got to meet up with family members I hadn't seen in decades. Sure, there had been Christmas cards with family pictures and little updates included, but it wasn't the same as meeting together in person. We shared family stories of what had happened since we'd last been together (marriage, kids, work and more) but we also fell into sharing stories from our childhood when we'd last been together. It was a wonderful time of catching up, re-connecting, and celebrating our shared heritage.

Now it's been nearly a year and a half since we as a church went into lockdown because of the pandemic. We've been separated physically, even if we've worshiped together on Facebook and met in committees and classes via Zoom. It looks like we're nearing the end of restrictions for our gatherings, and I'm seeing more and more faces in the pews on Sundays. We still have a majority of worshipers online than in-person, but the %s are beginning to swing.

And so I encourage you, when you're fully vaccinated, to come back to church. Why? Isn't online church easier? It's been a lot easier to sit on the couch in pajamas with a cup of tea watching and worshiping than having to put on Sunday clothes and drive to our building. But... being together is the whole reason Jesus called us to be the church. Here's one person's description of his family reunion that also applies to the church:

"Reunions are important because they bring together a diversity of people who have not led perfect lives, married saints, and raised kids that don't mash peas on the wall. Each person, myself included, is imperfect—but remain linked to each other by reason of a common heritage. Together, we're a melting pot of people who have overlooked our differences to thrive as a family through sickness and health, births and deaths, successes and failures. And by holding reunions, we affirm the importance of family and create a sense of unity that spans generations.

As head of the church, Jesus Christ has slated regular family reunions. Every week. As His children, we are privileged to share in these ongoing gatherings that affirm family ties and bridge both years and idiosyncrasies." (Alive, p.220)

I consider church as family: multiple generations gathering to affirm each other, support each other, care and love each other, despite our differences, as we do so under the care of our loving God. And then having gathered and encouraged each other, we go out to be the church in the world, that needs caring souls to share the Good News God has given us.

Every week we have a reunion of our church family, and as soon as you are comfortable and feel safe to do so, I urge you to join in. We need each other, and God needs us to be his presence in the world. See you in church?

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Jeff*

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Church News

2ND QUARTER MISSION - June is the final month to contribute to our 2nd quarter mission which is **Communities' Little Helpers**. This group of local children up to 12 years old, led by our own Kristen Reinertsen, gathers to perform acts of community service and kindness. They visit with, make crafts for, shop for and donate to those in need. Your contributions allow them to purchase items that are necessary for their program activities while they learn the value of helping others. You can mark your cash donation pew envelope for quarterly mission or write CLH on your check.



PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER - Below is the link to the Usher sign-up form. We need more help each Sunday, so if you would like to volunteer to be an usher, please use the link below and add your name to the date you would like to help. You may also contact the Deacon of the Month (June =). Thank you.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PtXtT-j8tGs0Zil6mqjJbgQPKFspneu6pjxvsQWuPd8/edit?usp=sharing>

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE – Daisey Roe's Luncheon Meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, June 9th, on the church lawn. Bring a gift for Nancy's crazy Christmas Gift Exchange! Kathleen will have her trivia and other games ready for us. Carol will call you with details. Reservations needed by June 5th.





Please offer prayers for these concerns that have been brought to our attention. They are collected each Sunday morning during the past month from the prayer concerns list used in worship.

- Walter Ackerly's family & friends
- All those suffering with Covid
- Alberta
- Alex & Danielle
- Anthony
- Audrey
- Joanne B
- Joyce B.
- Beth & Ken
- Beth
- Betty
- Bill
- Bobby
- Branden
- Brittney
- Linda Buehrer
- Roberta Burkhart
- Rob
- Peg Carlson
- Family of Jay Carter
- Wende Clausen's father-in-law who passed away
- Anna Clausen
- The Clausen family on the death of Jorgen
- Melissa Cobb
- Cole
- Corine
- Lisa D.
- David
- Dave & Pat
- Debbie & Tom
- Dottie
- Elsa
- Ethan
- Frank
- Lorraine Feaser
- Terry Fielden
- Gail M
- Gerry
- Roger Gibbons
- Sandy Harrison with broken foot
- Roy & Donna Havelin
- Heather fighting cancer
- Irene
- Jack
- Jess
- Jeannette
- Joe
- John
- Johnny
- Jordon and Richard on their move to Mexico
- Jolene & John
- Judy
- Sandy Kampka
- Karen P
- Kate & Mike
- Kevin Jr.
- Chick Krug with health problems
- Lamar
- Amy, Dave & Josh Langley
- Linda B
- Linda G
- Sharon Lee
- Lisa & Rob
- Liz
- Lois
- Lois Kinney's sister Rayna Howell and 2 of her nieces with Covid 19
- Frannie Long with MS
- Lorraine
- Jarod M entering rehab
- Jennifer M.
- Meghan
- Michelle
- Mikey
- Angel Moon
- Sherry Moon
- Morgan
- Ruth Morrow
- Gail M.
- Nancy
- Natalie
- Nicole recovering from a heart attack
- Joyce O
- Linda Osborne's nephew Tyler Stroud who's been hospitalized with Covid and her Aunt Peg
- Paula
- Karen P
- Peace in Israel and Gaza
- Ray & Diane
- Riley
- Robin & Joe
- Sawyer
- Sarah
- Heather Schwartz
- Sean
- Tom Selkow
- Sharon Lee Shaeffer
- Charles & Joyce Simpson
- Barbara Simon
- Stevie
- Suzanne & Jerry
- Terry
- Karen Utter
- John Veres
- Walsh Family
- Scott & Debbie Williams
- Lois Zitrone on her surgery



- Anne McAuliffe's mother Dorothy Wheeler celebrating her 92 birthday
- Geri & Paul Sutphen on their 60th wedding anniversary

COFFEE BOOTH

With the pandemic this past year the NJ State Fair (Farm & Horse Show) was closed down and we weren't sure if there would even be a Fair this summer. It's on, but will be scaled back. Considering the amount it costs us to rent the space, pay for electricity, pay 12% of profits to the Fair and purchase product, we weren't even thinking of opening our booth this year with the concern that we might not be able to make any profit for the church.



But a new opportunity has arisen that made us reconsider. We can partner with the Branchville Rotary by using their booth to offer a limited variety of hot and cold coffee. We won't be able to offer the blended frozen drinks, but this does allow us to keep our presence there at the Fair without needing to rent space or even have to purchase product ahead of time (we have enough coffee to meet our needs). So the tentative plan is to have 2 from our church at each of three shifts to work in the Branchville Rotary booth. One would make the coffee, and the other would sell both our coffee and the items from the Rotary booth (their menu items only include iced tea, water, and either a roast beef or turkey sandwich). This cuts back the number of volunteers needed by half or more from the church. We'll be helping them by helping sell their items, but they will be helping us by providing us with space to sell our items.

That is the tentative plan. We won't fully commit until we're sure that we have the volunteers needed from our church to make this happen. We're asking you to sign up over the next couple of weeks so that we'll know if we can make this a go. The Fair is only going to be 8 days long instead of 10, and the shifts are from Saturday (August 7th) to Saturday (14th) from 9:30am-2pm, 2pm to 6:30, and 6:30-11pm. Would you please consider signing up soon for a shift (or more) using the link below? We'll make a decision whether to proceed or not by the middle of June based on the congregation's response, so if you are comfortable and willing to volunteer, please do so as *soon* as you can.

Thank you for your support of our church in all the ways you do!

Pastor Jeff

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054EAEAC2BA7FC1-coffee>



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE

Bryce Becker	6/3	Betty Willis	6/16
Dillon Dean	6/4	Deanna Nussberger	6/17
Cassandra Hardy	6/5	Cindy Clark	6/24
Bob Price	6/6	Linda Buehrer	6/24
Gary Snyder	6/7	Steve Leenheer	6/26
Emery Castimore	6/10	Clare Willis	6/29
John McCurdy	6/13		

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Grilled Salmon Steaks with Cilantro-Garlic Yogurt Sauce

INGREDIENTS

- Vegetable oil (for grill)
- 2 serrano chiles
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 cup cilantro leaves with tender stems
- 1/2 cup plain whole-milk Greek yogurt
- 1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. honey
- 2 (12-oz.) bone-in salmon steaks
- Kosher salt



PREPARATION:

1. Prepare a grill for medium-high heat; oil grate. Remove and discard seeds from 1 chile. Purée both chiles, garlic, cilantro, yogurt, oil, honey, and 1/4 cup water in a blender until smooth; season well with salt. Transfer half of sauce to a small bowl and set aside for serving.
2. Season salmon steaks lightly with salt. Grill, turning once or twice, until flesh is starting to turn opaque, about 4 minutes. Continue to grill, turning often and basting with remaining sauce, until opaque all the way through, about 4 minutes longer. Serve with reserved sauce alongside. Enjoy!



Worship Assistants

JUNE

LAY READERS

- 6th-Nancy Swanson
- 13th-Confirmation Class student
- 20th-Lois Kinney
- 27th-Kristen Reinertsen

USHERS

- Deacon of the Month—Marion Alden
- 6th-Wende Clausen + Buzz Alden
- 13th-Trish Cherny + Lisa Hughes
- 20th-Linda Osborne + Debbie
- 27th-Kathleen Katzenstein + Bev Keur

JUNE FLOWER CHART:
If you would like to provide flowers for any of the dates, please see instructions below:

Dates:

- 6th
- 13th
- 20th
- 27th

Call the florist the week before your signup to have flowers delivered, or you may bring them yourself. Gail Burckes will contact you for your dedication or memorial.

We use Lisa's Stonebrook Florist
973-948-7100

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 "pastorjh@ptd.net")

You may e-mail
 the secretary at presbsec@ptd.net
 or the pastor at pastorjh@ptd.net

View a daily devotion at:
<http://www.d365.org>





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