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STREAM LINES INFORMATION

The deadline for the September 2010 issue of Stream Lines will be Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 12:00 noon.

Remember to email your articles to:

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**From the
Editor**



The September issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about Wednesday, August 25, 2010 and will be available to those who have no internet service and pick up their copies in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 29, 2010.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

During the morning worship service on Sunday, July 11, 2010, four new members publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ and were welcomed into the fellowship and ministry of our church.

We welcome as members of the church and servants of God:

VIRGINIA CHAVAN, CYNTHIA LEWIS, JOHN LEWIS AND KARIN TUCKER





Fall Schedule 2010

Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Sunday morning worship service returns to a 10:30 a.m. start beginning Sunday, September 12, 2010 in the Sanctuary.

Communion for September will be on Kick-Off Sunday, September 12, 2010, and **not** on the customary first Sunday of the month.

Church Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 for the Labor Day holiday.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday School classes, led by Pastor Tucker, will begin again in the fall. Watch for more information as it becomes available in upcoming issues of Stream Lines, on the church website, and in the Sunday bulletins.

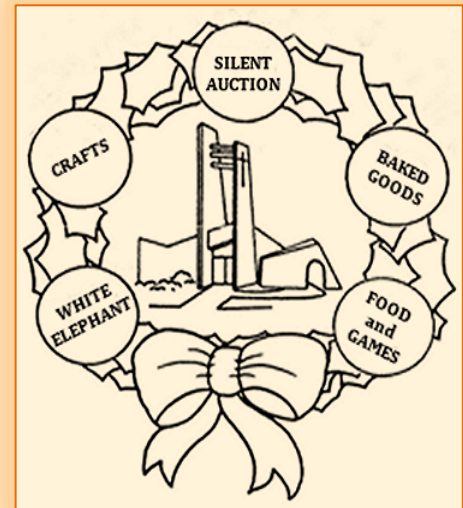
42nd Annual Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 13, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This year our Holiday Fair will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2010.

In the February Streamlines, I asked everyone to forward any unwanted Christmas gifts and old jewelry to me. At that time, I had plenty of room to store it in Room 1 (our Fair "closet"). That is no longer the case. I have **no more** room... which is a good thing! So I am asking you to please hold onto any donations until the middle of October which is when we will be accepting items on the stage in Jacob Morgan Hall. I urge you to pass along this request to family and friends. Our Fair runs on donations -- we NEED them. Please continue to gather donations for our big day. Thank you.

Cindy Culton, Fair Chairperson



Graduations

Our heartiest congratulations go out to the following graduates:

ANDREW MARSELLO graduated from Colonia High School on June 22, 2010 and is headed off to college in the fall to major in English.

CHRISTIAN MARSELLO graduated from the 8th grade in June and will be entering high school in the fall.



Sunday School Wish List 2010-2011

The Sunday School is again asking you to donate to its "Wish List." At this time, we are well stocked and only need the following items:

8 / 12 X 11 MULTI-COLORED CARD STOCK PAPER, FUN TACK AND TISSUES

If you would like to donate any of these supplies, the Sunday School would greatly appreciate it. Thank you in advance for your help.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2010-2011

Preschool (3 years old before October 31, 2010) thru High School

Sunday School starts on September 12, 2010
from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

If your child will be 3 years old by October 31, 2010 and you wish to register him/her in Sunday School for the 2010-2011 term, please fill out the information on the form below and return it to the Church Office at 621 E. Woodbridge Avenue, Avenel, NJ, 07001, or place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM 2010-2011

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date of Registration: _____

Pupil's Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parents' Church Affiliation: Ours: _____ Other: _____



Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Once again our church will be hosting Family Promise families and individuals from Sunday, August 29 to Sunday, September 5, 2010. We need individuals to prepare meals and desserts, set up and take down beds, act as social servers during meal times and into the evening, overnight hosts, and more.

This ministry needs the help of many people in our congregation. We are asking for your help again, or for the first time, by committing to one aspect of this important ministry for one day during the week.

Please check upcoming Sunday bulletins or call the Church Office for more information or to volunteer.

The Kudos Korner is intended to celebrate the life and accomplishments of members young and old, and is open all year round.



Congratulations to **AMBER BOROWSKI**, granddaughter of Vilma Ambis, on her vice presidency and second year membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The NJHS is one of the nation's top organizations that recognizes outstanding middle level students. It honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship.

Congratulations to Amber and her entire family!



The Deacons **Resolving to Make a Difference**

It was with great pleasure that the Board of Deacons presented John Altieri with a token of their appreciation on June 3, 2010 for all he has done for Joann's Food Pantry. He has been a blessing to our Pantry, and it has been a pleasure and privilege to work with him. He is a fine young man, and we wish him well in all that he does in the future.

You can see pictures of this event on the church website in the Photo Album.

Carolyn Stockl
On behalf of Joann's Food Pantry

Office Holiday

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 for the Labor Day holiday.





**MEMORIAL
COMMITTEE NEWS**

DEDICATION CEREMONY

The Memorial Committee is planning a dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 17, 2010.

The Committee would like to make you aware of this lovely way to remember your loved ones.

We are grateful to all those who have donated to the Memorial Fund in the past. Your contributions have helped us keep the memory of your loved ones in our midst and in our hearts.

Yours in Christ,
Carolyn Stockl, Chairperson

CHURCH SIGN AND LANDSCAPING

We hope by now that everyone has seen, in person or on the website, the new church sign and the completed landscaping. This has been a long-time goal of the Memorial Committee.

With lots of help from the people of Expert Lawn Care, the work was completed on June 25, 2010. They were a great company to work with and they even donated the beautiful weeping birch tree in the corner by the rock. The lighting they installed illuminates the cross and the sign in the evening and allows passersby to see the message in a welcoming glow.

What a great selection the tree was for our memorial. The weeping branches and the twisted trunk I think emphasize the way one feels when they are in mourning with the loss of a loved one. But with the cross always in front of us, and the coming of spring with the beautiful flowers of the azaleas and the new growth, the healing in our hearts begins to take place because of God's love for us.

From the donations of many, we hope that this will stand as a tribute to all those that have touched our lives and have gone before us.



**MEMORIAL
COMMITTEE UPDATE**



To see all the pictures in a larger size on this project, visit our Photo Album on the church website at <http://avenelpresbyterianchurch.org> and click on Photo Album on the main menu.

Yours in Christ,
Your Memorial Committee
Carolyn Stockl, Suzanne Hatatah, Barbara Ciocci, Larry Palmer and John Hogan (past member)



Our Military Servicemen, Servicewomen and Their Families

Rev. Adam Tietje, Brian Ragas, Daniel Hedner, Anthony Battito, Robert Bartko, Michael Barany, Jovan Diaz, Justin Kitchen, Carson Severyn, Edward Merz, Michael Warren, Lauren Pfeifer, Bryan Palmer, Amy Updike, Jason Bone

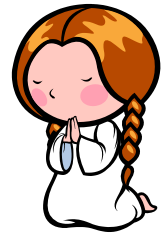
**FREEDOM ISN'T FREE.
SOMEBODY PAID.**



Jolan Farkas, Eleanor Smith, Toni Anderson, Linda Bisgaard and Edith Cloidt

Prayer Requests

To add someone to this list, please call the Church Office at 732-634-1631



Recent Concerns

Emma Torres, Young Ideas family (Kacie Turnbull's preschool), David Roth (Liz Roth's son), SPC Robert Rosado, Lorraine Germek (Renee's mother-in-law), Christopher Brant, Anna Suizzo (Larry Palmer's friend), Bob Roth (Liz Roth's husband), Jean McCauley (Mary Ann Miller's friend), Barbara Leahy (Mary Ann Miller's friend), Charlotte Lankford (Bruce and Jane McKee's friend), Donna Palmer (Carol and Larry Palmer's daughter-in-law), Pam Vignapiano (Carol and Larry Palmer's friend)

Those with On-Going Long-Term Concerns

Edward and Betty Dobson, Jennifer Perez, Dorothy Piperi (mother of Carolyn Gilligan's co-worker), Diana Dydak, Jeremy Hogan, Don Gilligan, Esther Nielsen, Phil Prasser, Marjorie Speath (Barbara Morgan's sister), Josephine DeVito (Carol Palmer's mother), Mary Corigliano (Carol Palmer's cousin), Tessa Campbell (Arleen Schreiber's niece)



Thank you Kitchen Angels

On June 5, 2010 we held a luncheon for Helen Kayser's family and friends.

Helen was such a blessing to this church for many years. She moved to Texas a few years ago but was still remembered by her many friends in Avenel.

Once again the Kitchen Angels came through to not only feed the family's hunger but also their spirit.

It is such a blessing to hear the words "What do you need? What can I do?" when I make my phone calls to start asking for help. Your willingness to always be there to help in any way is such a blessing to me.

As always God saw that there was enough food for all even though more friends and family attended than were expected,

which only shows how much Helen was loved.

As I've learned over the years, Angels come in many forms, whether it is someone making a casserole, a cake, washing dishes, donating money, helping set up and clean up, or just being there for the family who has lost a loved one. You have all helped to be a blessing to Helen's family and to our church.

I do have to give a special thank you to two very special Angels, Al Knotts and Jake Stockl. All their help setting up and being my "gophers" was very gratefully appreciated. I think they earned their wings. Thank you all so much and God bless you always.

Yours in Christ,
Carolyn Stockl



Thank You Kitchen Angels

July 20, 2010

On July 15th, 2010 our dear friend and church family member, George Shaffer, passed away. George was a life-long member of this church, joining in 1937. He was involved in every aspect of this church. Wherever help was needed, George was there. You didn't have to ask twice.

On July 20, we held a luncheon for George's family and friends. Kathy, George's wife, did not want the Angels to work hard that day so she had the food catered. But you did come through with lots of delicious desserts. You were also there to help set up the room, get approval from the fire department for an extra table or two and help with the clean up. And all this was done while I was away. Thank you Cindy, Bobbie and Carol for organizing everything. I was so grateful that we returned in time to say goodbye to our dear friend.

The amount of people who came was a testament to George and all he did for this church and the community. He touched many lives and he will be sorely missed by all.

Yours in Christ,
Carolyn Stockl

FOR GEORGE. . .

It is with a heavy heart that we must mark the passing of one our volunteers, George Shaffer. George was a faithful volunteer at the food pantry. He was always willing to help wherever he was needed. And he was needed in many places. Despite his years, he could be seen shopping at the Hillside Food Bank, loading up the back of his vehicle, and unloading it once we got back to the pantry. He also could be seen collecting food after the Health Department ran its numerous food drives. We would try and stop him from lifting so many heavy boxes, but that stubborn Hungarian would have none of it. He was always there on Pantry Day helping to give out food or keep order in the line. That last part was not always easy.

As much as the pantry volunteers will miss George, there is another group of his friends that will miss him terribly. That group is known as "Retired Old Men Eating Out," or ROMEO's for short. Each Tuesday after the pantry, this group of friends would gather for lunch and fellowship. So as you probably gathered by now, George will be missed by many.

And I can almost hear him saying,
"Okay, Lord, here I am. What can I do to help?"

From Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Joann's Food Pantry





Transferred to the Church Triumphant

May 2010 – **Helen Kayser**, our beloved friend, former Sunday School teacher and VBS leader, crafter for the holiday fair, former Financial Secretary, baker of holiday cookies and long-time church member since April 1949.

July 2010 – **James Brinkman**, beloved husband of Robin and son-in-law of Bette Duesterdick.

July 2010 – **George Shaffer**, our tireless, dedicated and devoted church worker, senior patriarch and member since December 1937, Elder, Financial Secretary, Usher, pantry worker, Deacon, member of countless committees (including 2 Pastor Nominating Committees), Christmas Santa, former Fire Commissioner, volunteer fireman (serving as chief in 1965), Secretary and lifetime member of the New Jersey State Fireman’s Relief Association, member and past President of the Merck Retirees Club, Meals-on-Wheels President and driver in our local area, WWII Navy veteran, and our dearly beloved friend and confidant. George dedicated his life to meeting basic, essential human needs. We will miss him every day until we meet again. God Speed George.

July 2010 – **Doris Usiak**, our beloved friend and church member since March 1963, and wife of our beloved friend and church member, Steve Usiak, who went to be with the Lord in March 2007.



In Loving Memory of
Lost Loved Ones

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

August Birthdays

If there are any omissions or errors in the August birthday list, please contact the Church Office at 732-634-1631.

Thank you!



- 01 Kathy Sturtz
- 03 Matthew Kosakowski
- 04 Dee Funk
- 05 Joan Smith, Kelly Sammartino
- 06 Scott Simacek
- 10 Robert Hornyak
- 12 Joan Ross
- 14 Bill DeMild
- 16 Lisa Fowler
- 18 Eugene Hallenbeck, Erika Hallenbeck
- 19 Linda Herrington
- 22 Cheyanne Kerchner, Joan Collins
- 23 Rolly Luntungan, Barbara Ciocci
- 29 Kristina Sternesky
- 31 Howard Ely

Thought of the Month



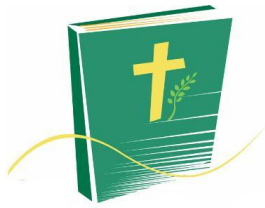
“I hold that the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man.”

Mahatma Gandhi

In summer, the song
sings itself.

William Carlos Williams





August Memory Verse

Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

COMIC RELIEF

"A cheerful heart is good medicine...." Proverbs 17:22

Grandma's Expectations

A grandmother's giving directions to her grandson's new wife on how to get to her new condo. She says, "You come to the main door of the apartment building, and there's a big panel at the door. With your elbow, push button 14B and I'll buzz you in. Come inside, and the elevator is on the right. Get in the elevator, and with your elbow, hit 14. When you get out, my door is just to the left. With your elbow, hit the bell."

The grandson's wife says, "Grandma, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting these buttons with my elbow?"

The grandmother says, "You're coming empty-handed?!?!"

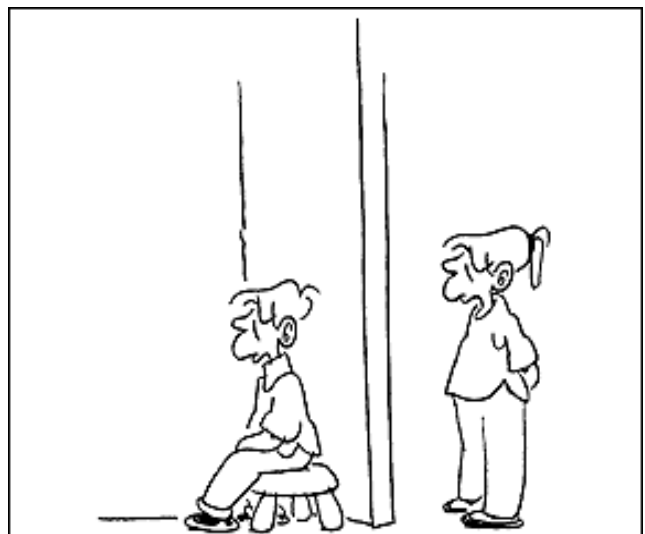


Thank God!

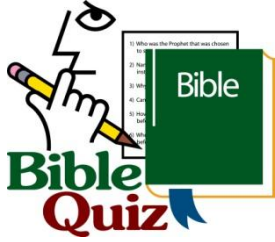
I've sure gotten old. I've had two by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer, and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation, can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore, can't remember if I'm 85 or 92, and have lost all my friends. But thank God, I still have my driver's license!



"Remember your sermon dear: 'Face the day with a Good morning, Lord! and not Good Lord, its morning!'"



"I'm glad we don't speak in tongues. One keeps me in enough trouble!"



Monthly Bible Trivia Quiz

See how well you did by finding the answers elsewhere in this newsletter

Quiz Title: Missing Words II

1. Noah had three sons, Shem, _____ and Japheth.
2. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; _____ and the door will be opened to you.
3. I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is _____ again.
4. It is written, That man shall not live by _____ alone, but by every word of God.
5. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his _____ endureth forever.
6. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be _____.
7. For the wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
8. Now _____ is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
9. Father, if you are willing, take this _____ from me, yet not my will, but yours be done.
10. In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was _____. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

Answers to Monthly Bible Trivia Quiz

1. Ham (Genesis 6:10)
2. knock (Matthew 7:7)
3. born (John 3:3)
4. bread (Luke 4:4)
5. mercy (Psalm 118:1)
6. comforted (Matthew 5:4)
7. death (Romans 6:23)
8. faith (Hebrews 11:1)
9. cup (Luke 22:42)
10. Job (Job 1:1)



Pray Without Ceasing or Cease Praying?

An Editorial by Nick Gholson

This excellent editorial was written by Nick Gholson, a columnist for the *Times Record News* in Wichita Falls, Texas, and published in September of 1999. It is often incorrectly attributed to Paul Harvey or Andy Rooney.

I don't believe in Santa Claus, but I'm not going to sue somebody for singing a Ho-Ho-Ho song in December.

I don't agree with Darwin, but I didn't go out and hire a lawyer when my high school teacher taught his theory of evolution.

Life, liberty or your pursuit of happiness will not be endangered because someone says a 30-second prayer before a football game.

So what's the big deal? It's not like somebody is up there reading the entire book of Acts. They're just talking to a God they believe in and asking him to grant safety to the players on the field and the fans going home from the game.

"But it's a Christian prayer," some will argue. Yes, and this is the United States of America, a country founded on Christian principles. According to our very own phone book, Christian churches out-number

all others better than 200-to-1. So, what would you expect--somebody chanting Hare Krishna?

If I went to a football game in Jerusalem, I would expect to hear a Jewish prayer. If I went to a soccer game in Baghdad, I would expect to hear a Muslim prayer. If I went to a ping pong match in China, I would expect to hear someone pray to Buddha. And, I wouldn't be offended. It wouldn't bother me one bit. When in Rome...

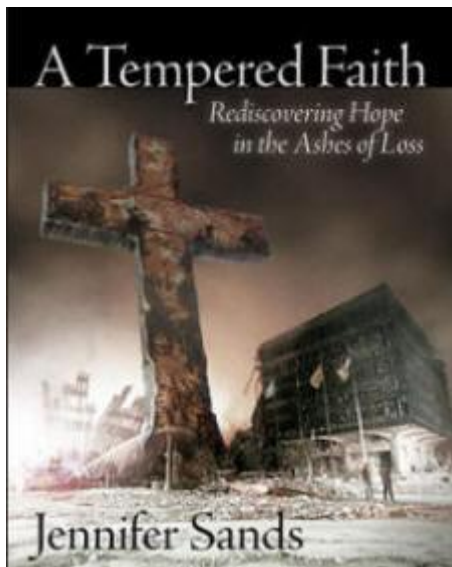
"But, what about the atheists?" is another argument. What about them? Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of ear plugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer. Unfortunately, one or two will make that call. One or two will tell thousands what they can and cannot do.

I don't think a short prayer at a football game is going to shake the world's foundations. Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating, to pray before we go to sleep.

Our Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Now, a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying. God, help us. And, if that last sentence offends you, well, just sue me.

The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we let that one or two who scream loud enough to be heard, that the vast majority don't care what they want. It is time the majority rules! It's time we tell them, you don't have to pray. You don't have to say the pledge of allegiance, you don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right. But, by golly, you are no longer going to take our rights away. We are fighting back -- and we WILL WIN!

God bless us one and all, especially those who denounce Him. God bless America, despite all her faults, she is still the greatest nation of all. God bless our service men who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God! May this year be the year the silent majority is heard and we put God back as the foundation of our families and institutions. Keep looking up. "In God WE Trust."



An Evening With **JENNIFER SANDS**
Christian Author and Speaker

A 9/11 Widow's Continuing Journey

COME HEAR HER POWERFUL MESSAGE!

Friday, September 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Jennifer's husband Jim was killed in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Before that day, she did not know Jesus as her Lord and Savior. But by His abounding love and grace, she has undergone a radical spiritual transformation and is now spreading the Gospel and a message of overcoming trials – and living everyday life – through faith and trust in Christ and in the power of His Word.

Jennifer speaks not only about September 11, or the loss of someone dear, but about broken marriages, health problems, financial crisis, the loss of our dreams, and the burdens, trials, heartaches and challenged we all face – and how God can bring us through.

Jennifer has written three Christian books to date: *A Tempered Faith, Rediscovering Hope in the Ashes of Loss, A Teachable Faith, Learning from God in Everyday Life, and A Treasured Faith, Refining a Heart for the Riches of Christ.*

No matter where you are in your walk with the Lord, come on this magnificent and enlightening journey with Jennifer and the congregation here at the Avenel Presbyterian Church on September 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

To view our promotional flyer for this event, [click here](#).

FREE TO THE PUBLIC with free on-site parking. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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