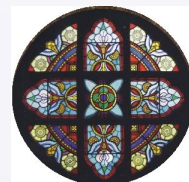


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**"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree:
As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out,
you know that summer is near. "**

~ Mark 13:28 ~



Summer Joy

Lindsey — Runaway Bay, Texas September 3, 2010



Summer provides a way of renewing one's self. Some use this time as a refresher while others spend the time to catch up in life. It's a way of relaxation. Some are satisfied with their past year, taking full advantage of this freedom, while others are not impressed with their accomplishments, eager to empty and refill

themselves with security. It's a way of feeling content with the soul. Some smile with pure utterance at the morning sunrise and the evening skies, while others begin to wonder and search deep inside for the joy they once possessed.

I believe it's like the beginning of heaven on earth. Summer is the warmest of God's four seasons and includes the longest days. In the interior continents, thunderstorms are most likely to produce hail during the afternoon and evening. I believe there is a reason behind the variety that summer brings to us. This variety gives us a chance to breathe and feel the way we are never able to while enslaved to work and daily routine. I believe summer is intended for us to let go, release, and feel its eternity of joy and I believe the variety helps the body and mind grow and transform into something beautiful. The uncontrollable weather, the choice of what to do, the ability of all day freedom, the growing of new feelings are all apart of summer's variety and I believe it was all meant to be given to us and taken advantage of in order for us to feel that certain joy summer has captured. I believe nature and weather impacts the body, meant to emotionally uplift the soul.

I believe nature and weather should impact everyone in this way; just simply looking outside your window into the deep country sky, taking a walk through the different colors of reds and yellows and greens of the flowers, sitting on a porch, watching the strikes of lightening, listening to the yells of thunder, or even reading a book in the comforting breeze.

Summer's simplicity was meant to come alive inside of us, pouring out of us into a summer rain of joy. I believe this simplicity should uplift supersaturated clouds above our constant intensity, showering peace into the pool of our minds. I believe summer gives us this to make us feel young again, to feel at ease again, to make us live whole-heartedly and love like we once knew how to. The world manipulates our brains into believing in failure, hurt, hatred, and violence and I believe summer has always been with us separating us from such discontent and misery, making us feel whole again. I believe summer is God's gift of freedom, of hope, of faith, of reassurance, of security, of relaxation, of remembering, of being able to feel in an unimaginable way, of regaining strength, or saving ourselves from insanity, of cleansing our souls, of finding joy, and grasping how to truly love. I believe every experience in summer is meant to make you feel that special something for a reason. Its variety enables you to choose what and when you want to do something and I believe you have nothing to hold back and nothing to lose during this time. Unforgettable memories are cherished. I believe genuine happiness can never be taken away from a heart in the summer. This is where joy is recollected. I believe these days are meant to cherish in one's soul always and forever.





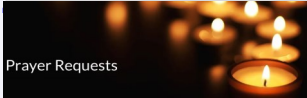
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

- Fritz Wainwright, Eleanor Hathaway, Jean Miller, Joseph Celkupa,
- Strength for Polly caring for her son-in-law Donald & her daughter Ava who has entered hospice,
- Heidi Bonwell's father Robert and her brother-in-law Jimmy
- Sheila Zier's daughter Brittany
- For Chuck & Ginny's son Eric
- For Liz's mom Cynthia
- For Carol Shore's brother Dean and his caring family
- For Carol Shore, Steve, and Erin as they prepare for Carol's back surgery on 6/27
- Jack Harkins, Jerrie Glass, Alice Garman, & Annette Slaney
- For Alan's daughter, Krista progressing in rehab
- For Marge Hull recovering from a fall

God's comfort:

- [For the people of Ukraine](#)
- For Marge Hull & Family after the passing of her sister, Lynn Reeder

For God's Guidance and Assistance:

- Pastor Inna's mom and family in Kiev
- For Pastor Inna & our Session
- For a successful job search for Jess
- For our confirmation candidates Ethan, Victor, and Vaughn

For God's Blessing and a Lifetime of Happiness and Joy:

- For Karen Meilands and Eric Keane getting married Saturday, July 1st

Traveling Mercies:

- For the many friends and relatives of the Meilands family traveling to the wedding



HIS WAITING, OUR WAITING

Barbara Hammell

*The LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.
For the LORD is God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.
Isaiah 30:18*

Expectation is a big part of waiting. Planting and tending a garden yields a harvest. Pregnancy results in a baby. A letter brings news.

In the same way that we eagerly await happenings in our lives, God waits expectantly for us. He desires to be gracious to us; He longs to show us mercy. He uses time as His tool. He waits for opportunities to show kindness to us. Patiently, He leads us along, a shepherd with his flock, one step at a time.

As God waits for us, we also wait for Him. He will do what is right. Though we may have problems to face, He promises to be with us through them. He says He will never forsake us. To wait for Him is to expect Him to act, so be watchful. He will make Himself known to you. He says if we seek Him, we will find Him.

Anticipate His voice and leading. There is a blessing for us in setting our focus on Him and waiting for His work in our lives.

*Almighty God, thank You for Your mercy and loving-kindness toward us,
for waiting to be gracious to me.
Draw my attention to You and show us how to watch and wait for Your goodness.
Amen*



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Inna Moment

Dear Friends in Christ,

We would like to invite you to join our Summer 2023 Book Club that we will read and discuss the only novel written by the legendary songwriter and performer Johnny Cash “**The Man in White: A Novel About the Apostle Paul.**”



“In this historical novel about the life of Paul before and after his conversion, you will discover the passionate, fiery, and destructive man once known as Saul of Tarsus. Paul's encounter with Jesus, the Man in White, knocked him to the ground and struck him blind. It also turned him into one of the most influential men in history. You will see the apostle Paul as you've never seen him before—through the creative imagination of one of the greatest singer-songwriters America has ever known. You'll also see Johnny Cash, the man in Black, as you've never seen him before—a passionate novelist consumed with the *Man in White*” (review from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)).

The schedule for our Summer 2023 Club is **very leisurely**:

1. We will get together in the Educational Building on Tuesday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. and watch a movie “Walk the Line,” the biographical drama about Johnny Cash’s early life. Popcorn and pizza will be provided. Popcorn will be made in-house on the popcorn-maker graciously provided by Barbara Hammell.
2. The unhurried and relaxed reading of the book will follow in the comfort of your homes and on your own schedules during the months of July and August.
3. At the end of August (the date to be announced) we will get together for the second time to share our thoughts about the book, life, and music of Johnny Cash.

Please call the office or send an email to the church if you are interested. You can order the book on Amazon: the audiobook is free, the new paperback is \$11.79. If you would like us to order the book for you, please let us know by calling the office or sending an email. office: 609-499-2753 / email: ppchl@provpresch.org

Love in Christ,
Pastor Inna
Office Administrator Barbara Hammell



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**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP
PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION DAY
"CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM"
Saturday, July 8, 2023**

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
11:00 a.m. Oak Street Circle – Oak Street and 5th Street, Florence
A special invitation is extended to all members and veterans of our Armed Forces to join together in recognition of their service to our community, state and nation.

PARADE
12:00 p.m. "Step-Off" @ Oak Street Circle/Veterans Monument, Florence.
Route will travel along E Fifth Street turning left onto Olive Street, then crossing over Delaware Avenue onto Hornberger Avenue. Route continues along Hornberger, and then turns left onto Second Avenue, traveling one block; the route will turn left onto Main Street and will remain until the conclusion of the parade at 10th & Main Streets.

GRAND MARSHALS – CLARK & CAROLANN BOYD
Reviewing Stand – Florence Township Community Center – 69 Main Street, Roebling.
Drinks and Hotdogs to All Parade Participants at End of Parade.
Provided By: Francis W Robbins American Legion Post 194

EVENING EVENTS

CONCERT & FOOD COURT
5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Florence Township Municipal Complex

FIREWORKS
9:10 p.m. Veterans Park behind Municipal Complex
For additional information, please contact the Florence Township Recreation Department
(609) 499-2525, Extension 103 recreation@florence-nj.gov
(RAIN DATE, SUNDAY, JULY 9TH – EVENING ACTIVITIES ONLY)



Our church will have a float in the parade featuring an amazing model of our beautiful Building. Sign up to march alongside the float and/or decorate the float the evening before. Or you can be part of the watch party cheering us on. Contact Heidi Bonwell @ 215-436-5718 if interested or sign up in the back of the church.



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July 2nd will be a Sunday Brunch after church service. Hosting the brunch is Heidi Bonwell and Barbara and Randy York. Kindly come over after church for some food and a social gathering.

Mark your calendars and prepare yourself for a good time! Ginny and Chuck will be hosting our Annual Church Picnic at their home on August 20th. Time 2:00 pm; Dinner 4:00 pm.

Those who last names are between

A-M please bring a side dish.

N-Z please bring a dessert



Also do not forget to bring the most important thing: your bathing suit, towels and chair to cool off in the warm salt water pool. **Good times, good food, and great company!**

Presbyterian Women



- There will be no Bible Study during the summer months of July and August. Bible Study will resume September 5 and will study Last-Women of the New Testament Priscilla.
- October 3 – Begin study of Women of the Old Testament.

- July 18 @ 12:30– Luncheon at Mangia (by Acme Markets)
- August 14 @ Villa Mannino (Rt 130, Bordentown)

We will be holding a peanut butter drive for the Burlington County Food Bank. Kindly contribute. A box will be provided in the back of the church.



Yoga / Zumba Classes in the CE building

Yoga – Instructor: Sue.

Held every Monday morning: 8:30 – 9:30am

Zumba – Instructor: McCleese

Held every Monday evening: 6 – 7pm (Zumba Toning)

Tuesday morning: 9 – 10am (Zumba Gold)

Friday morning: 9 – 10am (Zumba Toning)



Session Highlights from The Meeting on June 14, 2023

Our Session met this past week and discussed the following items:

Session will be taking a summer break for July and August and resume meetings in September.

- **Please come out and watch the Patriotic Day parade this year and show your support for our church. See the float, with the amazing replica of our church, built by Roland and Chuck, with painted windows created by Robin M., Heidi, and Liz.**
- **Congratulations to our confirmands on completing their classes and becoming members of our church!**
- **Please join Pastor Inna in a summer book seminar, reading “The Man in White” by Johnny Cash. It will start one night at the end of June (the date to be announced) with watching a movie “Walk the Line.” Then, at the end of August we will get together again to share our thoughts about the book, life, and music of Johnny Cash.**
- **We are also planning to have a 3-day Adult VBS sometime in August.**
- **Don't forget the church's annual picnic at the Heal's on August 20th. Fountain of Life Yoga and Zumba instructors have asked and have been granted permission to use our CE Building for classes. Feel free to join in the fun. Classes are: for Zumba \$60.00 for 10 classes, or \$35.00 for 5 classes, or \$8.00 for 1 class; for Yoga \$5.00 per one weekly class on Mondays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

Enjoy your summer!

In Christ Name,

Margo Mattis

Clerk of Session



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