

# The SPIRE

BOONTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • JUNE 2011

*Faith, Hope and Love in ACTION!*

*Dear Saints,*

A few weeks ago, friends of mine, who were away on a 2 week vacation, left me keys to their home to enjoy in their absence. This is always a much appreciated gift and these particular friends not only live in a wonderfully quiet neighborhood, but their house backs up to a glorious, very active brook. Every time I go to their home for a visit and get out of my car, the stunning quiet and the gentle brook amaze me and transport me instantly to a state of joy and calm.

One night, before all the monsoons of late hit, I was able to get there for a few hours of respite. I couldn't wait to get on to the back deck to sit in the sanctuary of trees and soak up the rushing, healing sounds of the brook. As I sat drinking in the calm and the beauty, it was as if time began to finally and thankfully stand still.

The brook was my companion as I noted the colors of all the flowers, plants, trees and shrubs, many of which were in bloom. Scads of unnamed birds were in nightly choral rehearsals, while others like swallows were swooping and diving. Crows were doing their usual rounds looking for trouble and doves were doing their daily mourning.

The water below was swift and playful and I really wanted to find a way to get closer — as if by doing so I could capture all the messages that the Creator was pouring forth from the water.

As I walked the patio and perimeter walls, I searched for a way to climb down the very steep embankment to get to the brook. At the steepest corner of the walled embankment, I stopped and realized that without either rappelling down or using a donkey, I had better stay put.

**I stopped again to listen, rest and gaze. And there it was...**

Nestled deep in a very large, very dense group of shrubs was a blue jay sitting on her nest. I was amazed and delighted. As I gently moved closer to get a better look — still about 10 feet away — she still stayed completely motionless and it appeared, completely at peace. I'm sure her heart rate would say otherwise, but to me, she was the vision of beauty and peace.

This mother blue jay, usually only known as the bully of the birdyard, was, like all parents, doing the best she knew how to protect her off-spring and give them

the best chance at as full a life as possible. Odds are that some of her off-spring will do better, fly farther and live longer than others. She will do her level best to feed, nurture, teach and protect them until they are ready to start their own lives.

**And so it is with God, who gives us life;** who feeds and nurtures us, who teaches and protects us, and desires for us all the goodness, mercy and joy that is available to us, as God's children.

So saints, as we move into the season of communions, confirmations, graduations, celebrations (and even one ordination), may we remember to do our best to be proud and supportive of our children.

May we be patient with ourselves and one another, as parents and family members, in this very busy time, which can be as stressful as it is joyful.

**And may we always remember that we are all children of God and we need to love one another as God loves us.**

*Celebrating with you in Christ,*

♥ Jen



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# PW's Mission Brew at Cricket Hill Brewery



**Saturday, June 11, 2011**

**Doors open 7:00PM**

**Cricket Hill Brewery • 24 Kulick Road • Fairfield, NJ 07004 • (973) 276-9415**

[crickethillbrewery.com](http://crickethillbrewery.com)

**Featuring: Rick Reed's specialty beers, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and food!**

**All for only a \$25. donation — to be used towards charities supporting women & children.**

**Tickets available any Sunday during coffee hour, at the church office OR at the door**

**\*Must be 21 to attend\***

Tickets for the PW's Mission Brew at Cricket Hill will be available from Marisa Crozier or Barbara Lanagan every Sunday after church during coffee hour, also in the church office and at the door, make checks out to the Presbyterian Women. Rick Reed (a member of our church) has graciously allowed us to have a fund raiser at his place of business. The cost of the tickets are \$25.00 per person and you must be 21 to attend. This fun evening will include beer, wine, soda and food. Invite your neighbors and friends.

**DOLLARS**  
and  
**Cents**



## The Report from your Stewardship Committee

### BUDGET 2011

- Income is tracking ahead of budget.
- The expenses are tracking on budget.
- The additional contributions to the restricted funds total \$14,141.55 for the period.

January 1 – April 30, 2011				
	Pledged	Non-pledged	Plate	Expenses
2011 Budget	45,769.23	20,269.23	1,307.69	80,018.02
2011 Actual	62,939.00	12,471.80	1,337.00	80,318.93
2010 Actual	41,694.00	24,885.00	1,504.00	

### MISSION 2011

- Mission Income Account — \$2291.26
- Japan Disaster contributions — \$1776.00
- OGHS contributions — \$4,581.00 (see article on pg 4)
- We encourage you to use the Mission envelopes when supporting our Mission program.



*Thank you for your generous contributions!*



*“When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried, Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found a new  
dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound, Alleluia!*



*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always  
Alleluia!”*



## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

JUNE 2011

<http://www.fpcboonton.org>



### Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Truly the love of Christ was shining in the sanctuary for **Youth Sunday** on May 8 during the array of musical offerings by singers and instrumentalists. Special thanks to the members of The ROCK, Children’s Choir, Chancel Choir, and vocal soloist En-Tseh Wang for your time and talent to make this annual special service so meaningful. We are so very lucky to have an abundance of talent within our church family!

It is hard to believe that the summer months are just around the corner! It is never too early to plan to share your musical talents during a Sunday morning service. *If you happen to play a musical instrument or would like to share any other type of creative arts with the congregation during a Sunday morning service in June, July, and/or August*, please contact Sarah (Organist/Choir Director 973-334-3535 ext. 18, [babbleon247@yahoo.com](mailto:babbleon247@yahoo.com)), with your availability or to make rehearsal arrangements.

Even though there will be special summer music scheduled, all choirs — vocal and hand bell — will be on a break for the summer months. Fall rehearsal schedules will be announced in the July/August issue of the *Spire*.

As the choirs begin their well deserved summer break, person(s) in the congregation are encouraged to consider attending future choir and/or hand bell rehearsals. If you are interested in becoming a member of any of the above-mentioned choirs in the fall, please call or e-mail the organist/choir director. ♥

### JUNE REHEARSALS:

*Chancel Choir – Sunday mornings at 9:00am on 6/5 & 6/12*

## New Members



**FRED AND SHIRLEE FAEHNER**



**LESLIE SMITH-FICARO**



**BILL AND NANCY GOELLER**



**PHYLLIS LEHR**



**NATALIE PISARCIK**



**FRANK & MARCIA REITZ**



**HEATHER & SCOTT WALKER**

In the May issue of the *Spire* we introduced our newest members (you can read their bios in that issue). Now we have their pictures, so you can introduce yourselves to them when you see them. ♥

# DEACON'S DOIN'S .....

**One  
great hour  
of sharing**

This year's OGHs campaign ended on Sunday, April 24, 2011. We are pleased to announce that with your generosity, the monies collected put us just under our goal of \$5000.00. The amount collected is \$4701.00.

Many thanks to all those who went the extra mile to donate to this mission which helps those in need all over the world.

**God is working in us all ! ♥**

## Support Your Deacons

The Board of Deacons uses your donations to help support many people in need. The monies used to do this work in the community do not come from the regular Sunday collection.

**This is a separate collection.**  
You can support the Deacons by using the small, **GREEN ENVELOPES** located in the pews on Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of each month.



## Boonton Food Pantry

The Boonton Food Pantry is in need of your support. The current need is for the following items: cereal, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, peanut butter, canned drink mixes, canned baked beans, canned fruit and personal care products.

If you do not know where to bring these items: the pantry shelves are located downstairs on the first floor, just outside Reighart Hall.

Please help those who are struggling in our own community !!!






## *An Invitation*

*You have supported me, laughed with me, taught me, listened to me, cried with me, fed me, debated with me, prayed for me, encouraged me, housed me, challenged me, worshipped with me, hoped with me, dreamed with me, and most of all you have loved me.*

*Now I invite you to praise God with me in a service of ordination.*

*Having accepted a call to minister to two communities on the border of North Dakota and Saskatchewan, Canada, I will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on June 26, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A reception will follow.*

*I have been so blessed on this journey by my loving and supportive church family. I hope to share this special day with you, and ask for your continued prayers as I enter ordained ministry. For more information, please contact me at [brennalea@gmail.com](mailto:brennalea@gmail.com) or 862-703-6446. ♥*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1	2	3 4:00 Girl Scouts Troop 57 6:00 Cubs - Wolves/ Webelos I	4	
9 am - Confirmation Class 9 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 <b>Worship</b> <b>Bibles to 5th Graders</b> 11:15 Coffee Hr. 11:30 <b>New Members Class Group 2</b> 7:00 A.A. 	5	6 2:00 <b>Evangelism Meeting</b>	7 10:00 <b>Needlers (at Sophy's)</b> 7:30 <b>MI and Stewardship Comm. Mtg.</b>	8 7:00 <b>Lay Listening Group</b>	9	10 9:30 <b>Love To Learn Nursery School GRADUATION</b> 4:00 Girl Scouts Troop 57	11  7 pm <b>PW Fundraiser at Cricket Hill (see pg 2)</b>
9 am - Confirmation Class 9 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 <b>Worship - Communion Seniors Recognition Scholarship Awards</b> 11:15 Coffee Hour - <b>Key Chains Drawing (pg6)</b> 11:30 <b>Sun School Teachers' Brunch</b> 7:00 A.A.	12	13 6:00 Confirmation Dinner 7:30 <b>SESSION - New Members &amp; Confirmands Mtg.</b>	14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>  7:00 A.A.	15	16	17	18 3:00 Girl Scouts Troop 453
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 10:00 <b>Worship</b> Last Day of Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour 3:00 <b>ASAP Support Group</b> 7:00 A.A.	19	20 7:30 <b>Christian Ed. Mtg</b>	21 10:00 <b>Needlers (at Sophy's)</b> <i>Bible Study</i> 7:00 <b>PW Evening Bible Study</b> 7:00 <b>Deacons Meeting</b>	22	23	24	25 9:30 - 3:30 <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>  <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b> (see pg 8)
10:00 <b>Worship</b> <b>Welcome New Members</b> Summer Activity for Children Begins (see pg 6) 11:15 <b>Lemonade in Library</b> 11:30 <b>Brenna Nickel's Ordination (see pg4)</b> 7:00 A.A.	26	27 11:00 <b>Presbytery Luncheon</b> 7:00 <b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>	28	29	30	JULY 1	

*Prayer To Go – June 2011*

**LET US LIVE JOYFULLY**

**Let us live joyfully.  
Let us form a community of love,  
in a world full of hatred.  
Let us live without any kind of hatred.**

**Let us live joyfully.  
Let us form a community of spiritual health,  
in a world full of illness.  
Let us live without any kind of spiritual disease.**

**Let us live joyfully.  
Let us form a community of selflessness,  
in a world full of selfishness.  
Let us live on spiritual bliss, radiating spiritual light.**

*Adapted from the Pali canon (c. 500BCE – c. 200CE), India*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS APPRECIATION - CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH**

Teachers will be recognized during worship and  
a celebration reception will follow.

**We need volunteers to donate finger sandwiches.**

There will be a sign up sheet on the church bridge.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and appreciation! ♥

**YOU CAN HELP SOW SOME SEEDS!**

**Volunteers are being sought to lead activity time with our  
children ages 3—10 during our summer worship services.**

Beginning Sunday, June 26th through Sunday, August 28th, the children will be invited to participate in a bible-based program led by volunteers in the church nursery classroom.

Each week's lesson will focus on how God asks us to care for our earth, followed by games, videos and free playtime. Materials and subject outlines will be available so there's limited preparation required.

This is an important program for our youth and your help is vital to its success. Please see the information board on the bridge to sign up with a partner for at least one Sunday during the summer.

**For more information contact Connie Kelly at (973) 402-2739. ♥**

**BIRTHDAYS!**  
**June**

- |    |                 |    |                |
|----|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 3  | Michelle Lobb   | 27 | Lloyd Charlton |
| 4  | Cathy DeLaro    |    | Judy Maida     |
| 18 | Harold Johnson  | 28 | Jake Hettrich  |
| 26 | Cora Mae Sourby |    |                |

♥ **Memorials** ♥

In Memory of:                      Given By:

*William Lowther* .....The Lowther Family  
For the Scholarship Fund

*Mildred & Aldrich Nix* .....Donald Nix  
For the Organ Fund

**OWN OF PIECE OF  
HISTORY!**

**Organ Pipes**

**Sm. \$25, Med. \$50 & Lg. \$75**

**Stop Knob Key Chains**

**\$25**

*Everyone will have a chance to purchase a piece of our old organ in the form of a wood organ PIPE or an ivory STOP knob KEY CHAIN. Since there are only 36 key chains available, a drawing will determine who may purchase the key chains.*

*You will have the opportunity to submit your name in a designated box in the church office until the drawing on June 12. (one entry per person or family)*

**All proceeds will be used to  
purchase new choir robes. ♥**



# AND GOD SHALL GRIEVE WITH ...

**THE THOELE FAMILY** — *Vivian, mother of Jack, was called home to her Lord in May. Please pray for the Thoele families as they go through this difficult time.*

**THE FAMILY OF RAYMOND HUSK** — *Eric and Jean Rothrock's brother-in-law's father, is mourning the loss of Raymond, who was called home to his Lord. Please keep Ray's extended family in your prayers.*



# IN OUR PRAYERS: Concerns

**MARGARET THOMAS** — *is home now after being hospitalized for vertigo. Please keep Margaret in your prayers.*

**RUTH EMMONS** — *Jean Lobb's sister, will receive treatment to remove cancerous tumors. Please pray for Ruth's healing.*

**RICHARD VAN EREM** — *James Cargilo's brother-in-law, had a 5 by-pass heart surgery and is now in rehab. Please pray that Richard may have a quick and full recovery.*

**BRENNA HASSELMANN** — *11 year-old granddaughter of Tom and Louise, is at home, receiving therapy and tests to treat Lymphangiomatosis. Please pray that the doctors can find a cure.*

**DEREK** — *neighbor of Betty Tilli, is battling cancer. Please pray for Derek's healing and relief from pain, and keep his family in your prayers as well.*

**TERRY GANTER** — *friend of Connie Kelly, has been diagnosed with ALS. Please pray for Terry and her family.*

**LUIZ SERGIO XAVIER** — *from San Paulo, Brazil (father of a friend and co-worker of Jeff Wiswall) is battling cancer. Prayers are asked for healing and strength for Luiz and his family.*

**ANNA GILDER** — *sister-in-law of Jim & Lisa Cowan, is undergoing chemotherapy for reoccurrence of breast cancer.*

**PAUL PURTA** — *friend of Gail Coe, has heart failure and will undergo more tests. Please pray for healing and strength.*

**OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM** — *Let our prayers be with all soldiers as they defend the freedoms that we hold so dear. We are truly grateful for their service to our nation. We will continue to hold all our service personnel in our prayers until they ALL come home.*

# JOYS

**KIM RITER** — *completed her cancer treatment. Kim and her husband Jim are now enjoying their horses in their upstate New York home. They are thankful for the prayers and support; and will join us in the fall.*

**GRADUATING STUDENTS** — *We are happy and proud of all students who are graduating this June and we wish them all a successful future. Glory be to God!*

**Please continue to contribute your change to the "Drop-in-the-Bucket" Font.**

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Rev. Jennifer M. Van Zandt, *Minister*  
Sarah Frederick, *Music Director*  
Norma Moreno, *Administrator*



**Come to VBS**

**Vacation Bible School**  
**Saturday, June 25th**  
First Presbyterian Church Boonton  
9:30 am - 3:30 PM  
4yrs-old - 4th grade  
\$5. per child  
Sign up by June 21st  
Call 973-334-3535



*Join us on  
June 12*

**for**

**Seniors Recognition**

**Scholarship Awards**

**Sunday School Teachers'**

**Brunch**

### **Save the Date !**

Join us for Vacation Bible School on Saturday,  
June 25, 10 am – 3 pm

### **USHERS**

**• NEEDED • WANTED • APPRECIATED !**

Please sign up to fill the vacant dates for the next month. The sign up poster is by the library.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like to have *The Spire* Newsletter **emailed** directly to your home computer each month – please send Charles Homeijer an email at [chh.home@yahoo.com](mailto:chh.home@yahoo.com) This would be convenient for you and save us the cost of paper, ink and regular mail.  
*The Spire Committee*

**PW Knitting** is looking for anyone interested in knitting prayer shawls. These are passed on to anyone in the church or community who needs to be wrapped in the love of God while going through a touch time. See Marisa if you are able to help out.