



# The SPIRE

BOONTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • JULY - AUGUST 2011

## Faith, Hope and Love in **ACTION!**

### Dear Saints,

It has been an amazing year which began with our joyful reentry to our newly renovated sanctuary in September. This was followed by a wonderful blessing of the organ in which Sarah woke up the neighbors in the Pilgrim house and a concert by Diane Bish, First Lady of the Organ, who christened our organ in front of full house.

We celebrated the liturgical year with great creativity and flair, grew in numbers (adding 21 new members just since January), supported and cared for the sick, grieved with the bereft, taught children about Jesus Christ, added new missionaries to our support (Brice Rogers in Luxor Egypt), installed the handicap ramp so all may easily enter the sanctuary. And, as of this week, have been awarded the Morris County Preservation Trust grant to repair the Church Street steps and to restore the now badly sagging stained glass window that is in the foyer of the handicap egress.

Tonight, the last of the committees met before the "summer break" (which is basically just the month of July). But on behalf of all of us, I think I can safely say, "Phew!" and "Thanks be to God."

I know there's tons more that we accomplished this year, but there's something even more remarkable. Even though tonight's meeting was finished in record time — a little over an hour — people wanted to stay. We shared prayer concerns

and joys, family stories and teased each other about our idiosyncrasies. This is not just specific to this committee (Worship), it seems to be the ethos of all the committees within this church; that even after the business is done we hang around to chat, share, laugh and sometimes cry with each other. This is not only the sign of a healthy church, it is a wonderful example of the early church in Acts 2.

That's not to say we didn't have differences of opinions, some tense conversations and some difficult decisions to make, but in the end, even as our own spirits might be sagging from a year of hard work, we still love to work, worship, pray and laugh together.

I want to say thank you to all of you who have supported the ministry of Jesus Christ this year at the corners of Church and Birch, whether near or far. You are all saints and I know God takes great delight in our faithfulness to the gospel. **So as we break for some 'R n R' I want to leave you with a small list of things to do to restore your souls.**

Take time to read and pray with the psalms (try 8, 23, 42, 46, 84, 86, 103, 139).

Take time to slow down everything; your

speech, your driving, your eating, your judging.

Spend time catching up with friends to whom you always say "We have to get together!"

Initiate an honest conversation with the family member, neighbor or friend with whom you've been at war with in your heart and/or your life.

Forgive those with whom you don't see eye to eye. They're trying to do their best too.

Learn a new craft, game, hobby or sport that gets you out of your rut.

Read one of the gospels and then share just one story with your children, your parents, your siblings or your friends.

Take time to be alone so you can listen for God's voice.

Pray without ceasing.

Upon returning from any beach destination, please bring any seaglass to the church office.

and all things  
you ask in  
**Prayer**  
BELIEVING  
you shall  
receive. (Matthew  
21:22)

*Resting with you in Christ.*

*Jen*

# Attention Volunteers!

## Sowing Seeds of Faith

The summer activity time for children—**Sowing Seeds of Faith**—needs more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider committing to helping during one worship service. We cannot run this program without your involvement. All materials and lesson plans will be made available to you. See the poster on the bridge for details and to sign up.

**Thank you to those of you who have already agreed to help!**

Each Sunday during worship, children will be invited to participate in a bible-based program in the church nursery classroom, from June 26 through August 28. Each Sunday the program will begin after Time for Children, children ages 3 – 10. Each lesson will focus on how God asks us to care for our earth, followed by games, videos, and free playtime. ♥



### OGHS

We are so pleased to announce that within a few weeks after the One Great Hour of Sharing ended, we DID meet our goal of \$5000.00. The total collected was \$5065.50. Many thanks to all who participated in giving to OGHS. Your care and generosity is already making a difference around the world. **We did it !!!!!**

### 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.



**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:**  
cereal, jelly,  
canned tuna and chicken, peanut butter,  
canned drink mixes,  
canned baked beans,  
canned fruit and personal care products.



*“Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.”*

## NOTES FROM SARAH

SUMMER 2011

<http://www.fpcboonton.org>

### Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

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.

**Thank you** to Peter and Patrick Lanigan for offering their vocal musical talents during morning worship on Sunday, June 19, by singing “You Raise Me Up.” Your time and talent is greatly appreciated and the emotive music and lyrics of the piece truly enhanced the confirmation 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 July or August, please contact Sarah (Organist/Choir Director 973-334-3535 ext. 18, babbleon247@yahoo.com), with your availability and to make rehearsal arrangements.*

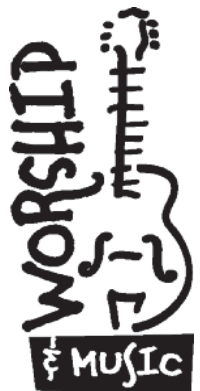
All choirs — vocal and hand bell — will be on a summer break through August and rehearsals will resume in September.

### FALL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Chancel Choir ~ Thursday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> (7:30-9pm)

Children's Choir ~ Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> (11:15-11:45am)

Hand Bell Choir ~ Thursday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> (6:30-7:30pm) ♥



## Summer Prayer to Go

### TRUST IN GOD

May nothing move you;  
May nothing terrify you;  
Everything passes;  
God never changes.

Patience be all to you.  
Who trust in God  
shall never be needy.  
God alone suffices.

*Save the Dates*

PW Picnic



July 8th  
6 pm

Marisa Crozier's  
Lake House  
See page 8 for details



WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE  
PW PICNIC!

## CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, July 17

Lake Rickabear  
414 Kinnelon Rd  
Sign-up on bridge doors  
See page 8 for details



## JULY

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Mac Reed            | 16 Norma Ketchersid  |
| 3 Brenna Nickel       | 18 Rowan Holcombe    |
| 4 Josh Bingham        | 19 Emily George      |
| Lisa Nordfors         | 20 Keifer Lobb       |
| 8 Kaitlyn Lobb        | 22 Peter Harris      |
| Bonnie Chizmadia      | 24 Daniel Ambrosiani |
| 11 Shannon Ambrosiani | 26 Marty Homeijer    |
| 12 Robert Klach       | Joanna Philippoff    |
| 14 Dan Quick          | 29 Evelyn Thiel      |
| 15 Debbie Stora       | Katelyn Stone        |

Register NOW!

**CAMP JOHNSONBURG**  
**Summer Program**

Call 201-207-6437  
for Scholarship info  
or email Jim Cowan  
ejcowan2@hotmail.com







## AUGUST

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Lyn Friedman       | 17 Alice Middleton |
| Cassie Gershaw       | 21 John Roberts    |
| 3 Jennifer Aldrich   | 22 Jenna Letch     |
| Gigi Nordfors        | 24 Bob Bingham     |
| 6 Cathi Harris       | 26 Patrick Lanigan |
| 8 Kevin Lobb         | 30 Connie Kelly    |
| 9 OJ Hordnes         | Barbara Lanigan    |
| 13 Jacqueline Hecker | Danielle Stora     |

**Kids Summer Activity**  
Every Sunday til Aug 28

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH BOONTON**  
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
for the summer  
Monday – Thursday  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>JULY 2011</b>   					<b>1</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Rev. Jen Vacation 6/28 - 7/4	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:00 Worship Guest Preacher: Elder Christine Tregler 11:15 Lemonade in Library  Rev. Jen Vacation 6/28 - 7/4 7:00 A.A.	<b>4</b> Office Closed <b>Independence Day</b>  Rev. Jen Vacation 6/28 - 7/4	<b>5</b> 10 am Needlers at Sophey Freed's			<b>8</b> Church Office Closed  <b>6:00 PW Picnic</b> Marisa Crozier's Lake House 	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:00 Worship - Communion 11:15 Lemonade in Library  7:00 A.A.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 A.A.			<b>15</b> Church Office Closed	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Lemonade in Library <b>Church Picnic</b> at Lake Rickabea 3:00 ASAP Support Group  7:00 A.A.	<b>18</b> WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE <b>CHURCH PICNIC!</b> 	<b>19</b> 10:00 Needlers at Sophey's  7:00 PW Bible Study 			<b>22</b> Church Office Closed	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Lemonade in Library 7:00 A.A.	<b>25</b>				<b>29</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b> St. John's Luncheon
<b>31</b> 10:00 Worship Guest Organist: Christina Jonas 11:15 Lemonade in Library 7:00 A.A.	<i>Have a wonderful summer!!</i>					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JULY 31</b> 10:00 Worship Guest Organist 11:15 Lemonade in Library 7:00 A.A.	<b>1</b> 2:00 Evangelism Mtg.	<b>2</b> 10:00 Needlers at Sophie's 7:30 MI & Stewardship Meeting	<b>3</b> 7:30 PW Board Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Church Office Closed	<b>6</b> Rev. Jen Vacation Aug 6 - 13
<b>7</b>  10:00 Worship Communion Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. David Lawrence 11:15 Lemonade in Library 7:00 A.A.	<b>8</b> 7:30 SESSION	<b>9</b> 7:00 A.A.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> Church Office Closed	<b>13</b>
<b>Rev. Jen's Vacation August 6 - August 13</b>						
<b>14</b> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Lemonade in Library 7:00 A.A.	<b>15</b> 7:30 Christian Ed. Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:00 Needlers at Sophie's 7:00 PW Bible Study  7:00 Deacons Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Church Office Closed	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:00 Worship Guest Organist: Christina Jonas 11:15 Lemonade in Library 7:00 A.A.	<b>22</b> 7:00 Worship Committee Mtg.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Church Office Closed	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 Worship 11:15 Lemonade in Library 7:00 A.A.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>August 2011</b>	

# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED —



*This year the Memorials Scholarship sub-committee presented three applicants to the Session for scholarship awards. The Session approved the recommendations and during the worship service on June 12<sup>th</sup> Bobbie Vida, Scholarship sub-committee chair, awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Andrew Danilack and Allison Scardena. Henry Stoll was unable to attend the ceremony because of a prior commitment and received his award earlier in the month.*

**Andrew Danilack** of Montville attended Montville High School. His career goals are “To do well in college, to do it on my own, with God’s help, and to volunteer to help others.” His activities included participation in athletics both in and out of school, community service, and part time employment. Andrew is confident that he will successfully prevail over any challenge he faces in college. He has conquered his learning disabilities from his early childhood and is a successful, independent student completing his college prep courses. He is looking forward to the new challenges that college will bring, and he knows that with hard work and prayer, he will be able to handle them.

**Allison Scardena** of Denville will once again be attending the County College of Morris as a Candidate for the Nursing program. Her schedule last semester

included two extremely difficult science courses: Microbiology and Anatomy and Physiology 2. She found that taking the classes together was difficult to close-to-impossible. She continues the very demanding schedule of studies and work. She compared the quick pace of college to having an ice-cold glass of water thrown in her face. She has done a lot of growing up in a very short amount of time, handling responsibilities and finding adulthood only a step away. She has learned many harsh lessons and is looking forward to getting more in depth with her studies and to learn more of the many lessons about college and life.

**Henry Stoll** of Boonton attends Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he has learned how to manage his finances. Making \$7.50 an hour working at the music library, has really taught him what a

blessing this scholarship is! He simply cannot thank the congregation enough for their support. Thus far, his second year at Rutgers has provided him the resources to expand his education beyond just violin playing. He now includes musicology through research, trumpet playing, beekeeping, and jazz ensembles into his normal, violin-oriented workload. His own project on French art song, culminated in a thesis in French on the topic and a lecture-recital that will present his findings. He is thankful for his academic curiosity, which kept him motivated during trying times, and finds his day-to-day life awash in a wonderful optimism. He is tremendously thankful for the church’s support, and looks forward to the mail he receives from the congregation, and returning on weekends. He promises not to be a stranger and a looks forward to seeing his church family on Sundays. ♥

## MISSION CAMPAIGN:



- Mission Income account - \$2556.26
- OGHS contributions - \$5,065.50

We encourage you to use the Mission envelopes when supporting our Mission program.

## BUDGET 2011:

- Income is tracking on budget.
- The expenses are tracking on budget.
- The additional contributions to the restricted funds total \$15,816.05 for the period.

January 1 – May 31, 2011				
	Pledged	Non-pledged	Plate	Expenses
2011 Budget	59,230.77	26,230.77	1,692.31	103,552.73
2011 Actual	71,789.00	15,539.61	1,617.00	92,952.79
2010 Actual	52,524.00	34,624.86	1,724.01	

## AND GOD SHALL GRIEVE WITH ...



**THE REIGHART FAMILY** — *Elsie Reighart was called home to her Lord on May 5; Elsie is now reunited with her husband, Dr. Robert Reighart (former pastor in FPC - for more than 14 years). A celebration of life is planned for July 4, at St. John's Community Church in Laporte, PA. Please keep her sons, Charles and Timothy, and their families in your prayers.*

**THE FAMILY OF CHARLES SOURBY** — *son of Cora May and John. They are mourning the loss of Charles who was called home to his Lord on June 7, after a long battle with MS. Please keep the Sourby family in your prayers.*

**THE ROSENBAUM FAMILY** — *friend of the Lanigan family, Alan Rosenbaum passed away from a heart attack. Please pray for his wife and two children.*

**THE FAMILY OF THOR JORGENSEN** — *friend of Peter Lanigan, Thor was called home to his Lord after battling cancer. Please pray for Thor's wife Michele, their daughter Gabrielle, who is graduating from High School, and the rest of the Jorgensen family and friends who mourn their loss.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS: Concerns

**DON KEARNEY** — *has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will begin radiation soon. Tests show that the cancer is contained to just the prostate.*

**ALAN SCHAEFER** — *brother of Ellen Scardena and pastor of Union Hill Presbyterian, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please pray for him as he goes for testing and sets up a treatment plan.*

**KURT WOLCESKY** — *friend of Linda Meier, is battling cancer and was told he has a few weeks to live. Please pray for Kurt, his wife Kathy and family.*

**RUTH EMMONS** — *sister of Jean Lobb, has started radiation to treat cancer in her mouth. Please pray for Ruth's healing and strength.*

**JOHN BLACK** — *was hospitalized in Morristown Memorial and is undergoing neurological testing. Please hold John, Gail and his entire family in your prayers.*

**JOHN WEBER** — *has become legally (but not completely) blind as an after effect from non-eye related surgery. He is pursuing additional protocols and options in hope of regaining more of his sight back.*

**BOB TRIEVE** — *friend of Peter Lanigan, was in a terrible motorcycle accident and suffered several injuries; he is in the ICU since May 21. Please pray for Bob's recovery.*

**CONNIE STRUCKO** — *friend of Marilyn Ward and participant in PW Bible studies, had surgery for melanoma in multiple sites. Please pray for healing and swift 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.*

## JOYS

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES —

*Erika Cowan, Vicky Crozier, Andrew Danilack, Devon Kelly, and Jordan Keoppel — graduating from high school. Praise the Lord!*

### CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS —

*Andrew Danilack, Allison Scardena and Henry Stoll — received our Memorial Scholarships for their college education. May God be with them.*

### CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS —

*Jessica Beatty, Luke Hettrich, Grace Keoppel, Brian Lanigan, Ian Nordfors, Michael Saez and John Yanez were confirmed. God bless you!*

**DORIAN VELIKY** — *donated her hair to Pantene charity which makes wigs for cancer patients.*

**LIA FICARO** — *Leslie Smith's daughter, donated her hair to Locks of Love.*



**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.*

#### For those who keep their needs private:

*Many are going through difficult times but prefer to remain in private. We will hold you in our prayers.*

*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*

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### WOODEN ORGAN PIPES (\$ 50) ARE STILL FOR SALE!

If interested, contact the church office: (973) 334-3535.



You may come during office hours (Mon. – Thurs. / 9 am – 2 pm) or after Sunday's worship service and select the one you want. We also have additional organ stop key rings to sell (\$ 25).

All people who put their name on a blue card for the key ring drawing have a key ring reserved.

Please stop by the office to pick your organ stop key ring.

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



### PW PICNIC...

will be held on July 8,  
at 6 p.m. at Marisa  
Crozier's lake house. We  
will meet at the church  
at 5:30 to carpool.  
Sign-up on the PW notice  
board for a pot luck  
dinner. It will be a fun  
time for the women of  
the church to gather  
together. (see calendar)

#### CHURCH PICNIC:

Sunday, July 17,

12 – 6 pm,

at Lake Rickabear

414 Kinnelon Rd.,

Kinnelon.

\$6.50 per person.

Sign up on the bridge  
doors!