

# The SPIRE

BOONTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • September 2011

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

Dear Saints,

What a unusual August we had... First the very sad and unfortunate shooting in Boonton, then the very surprising earthquake which was felt in NJ (by many) and then Hurricane Irene — which thankfully did not destroy life and property to the levels at which it was predicted, but the Rockaway River was certainly the main actor in Boonton!

By the time you read this, hopefully all of the stormy events will have now passed ... and... September will be upon us once again. As much as we sometimes dread the arrival of fall as well as schedules and structure, they are helpful as we move back into a rhythm of work and school, as well as creativity and growth.

This is true for all that's already planned for you for the fall here at FCB.

## 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

We kickoff with a Special Sept 11th remembrance service, Sunday morning at 10AM. This will be a service for all to attend (including children) — to remember that tragic day and offer prayers and continued hope and healing for all. As part of that service the worship committee has created two very meaningful rites that will assist us in remembering that solemn day and also aid us in the on-going healing; a journey between memory and hope.

Sept 18th is “Rally Day” which is our official “back to fall schedule,” with opening communion, the commissioning of Sunday School teachers, first day of Sunday School, and the first ROCK meeting of the year. (Tekna Theou kicks off on Sept 11th.)

Sept 25th is Boonton Day (after worship on Main street) where we will again have booths with games and fundraisers as well as opportunities to make our Boonton presence known on Main Street. Our fabulous choir will also again be ‘taking the stage’ to sing some wonderful gospel crowd pleasers. Plan to stop by or volunteer to help at our booths 11am – 5pm!

October 1st will be our annual Officer’s Retreat at Chatham Township 9–4 and Sunday, October

3rd is World Communion Sunday, where we bring and share breads from all different cultures as we celebrate sharing the Lord’s Supper simultaneously with people all over the world (in their respective time zones). This will also be the first day that John Malacek pronounced (mah-lah-check), our new Princeton seminarian will be joining us. John will be with us as a seminary intern from October through

April of 2012 as part of his Field Education as he pursues a Masters of Divinity from Princeton. Look for more information about John in our October *Spire* issue.

We will also be starting a new Men’s bible study Oct 15th (see pg 8) for all those men who would like to deepen their faith and their relationship with God and one another. I hope you’ll plan to take time to be a part of this new and wonderful community.

Sunday, Oct 23rd we’ll be also hosting the 2nd annual inaugural organ concert with guest organist, Dr. Andrew Moore, another lauded nationally known organist, to celebrate again the wonderful instrument that you were ‘instrumental’ in having installed in our newly renovated sanctuary!

These, of course are only some of the highlights to mark on your calendars but the real meaningful events are the connections and reconnections to God and one another. It is my sincere prayer that you will all return rested and hungry for the learning, living, loving and spreading the gospel to all who are eager to be touched by the Spirit — *the very Spirit that moves and that binds all of us together, near and far.*

Awaiting with you in Christ,

Jen



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**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

Come visit the **Musa-Dagh** girl on Oct 2nd, after coffee hour in Reighart Hall. Now you are probably saying to yourself who or what is a Musa-Dagh girl? She just happens

to be our own **Virginia Apelian**. Musa Dagh means Mount Moses in the country of Armenia — where Virginia was born and where six villages sought refuge as they fought off the Turks in the 1915 Armenian Genocide. Virginia is the daughter of Armenian Genocide Survivors and she tells of their struggle for survival in her book.

While “*Musa-Dagh*” recounts many trials and tribulations, it is a testament to faith and ultimately positive outcomes. Virginia said its final chapter is written with a “happy tone” that lets people know they can achieve happiness, if they work for it.

The book is dedicated to her parents Christina and Hagop Matosian who “gave her their unconditional love abundantly and instilled the faith of God in her.”

**Save the date of  
Oct 2 nd...**

The book signing, which will take place on Oct 2 after coffee hour, is sponsored by the PW. We invite all from our church and anyone else who might be interested in reading this powerful book. ♥

If you would like to learn more about Virginia, she has a web-site you can turn to:  
<http://Apelian.wordpress.com>

## For Women Only

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO . . .

- learn more about the Beatitudes...
- connect faith with your daily life...
- discuss some of the most difficult issues facing the world today — hunger, poverty, the economy, justice and peace and a woman’s role in society?

**If you answered YES to any part of this question,  
make your move and meet us at**

**10 AM  
Thursday, September 15  
The church library**

We will meet each Thursday from 10 AM til Noon for 9 weeks and will study *CONFESSING THE BEATITUDES* by Margaret Aymer.

Books will be available after worship each Sunday beginning August 28.

## BOONTON DAY

**Sunday  
SEPTEMBER 25**

**Join us at our booth  
for this community  
celebration.**

**Watch for additional  
information and plan  
on attending.**

**BRING A  
FRIEND!**



*"O day of peace that dimly shines through  
all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes,  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace."*



## NOTES FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

SEPTEMBER 2011

<http://www.fpcboonton.org>

### HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

The fall season for the music ministry at First Presbyterian has begun! Rehearsals will be resuming this month and all are welcome, veterans and newcomers, to join in making joyful music together.

Special thanks to those musicians – vocal and instrumental – who shared their time and talents this summer. Your musical contribution truly enhanced the worship services!

#### **FALL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:**

**Chancel Choir** ~ Thursday, September 8th • 7:30–9 PM

**Hand Bell Choir** ~ Thursday, September 29th • 6:30–7:30 PM

**Children's Choir** ~ Sunday, October 2nd • 11:15–11:45 AM

If you are interested in becoming a member of any of the above-mentioned choirs, please call or e-mail the organist/choir director, Sarah Frederick (973-334-3535, ext 18, [babbleon247@yahoo.com](mailto:babbleon247@yahoo.com)). Hope to see you at the next rehearsal!

It has been a glorious musical year of 'breaking-in' the Allen Organ at First Church. To commemorate the anniversary of its concert debut, FPC-Boonton will be hosting **Dr. Andrew Moore**, New Jersey renowned organist, to perform on the afternoon of Sunday, October 23, starting at 4 PM. *Please save the date and stay tuned for more concert details in the October Spire.* ♥



Ever wonder how to share your 'treasures' in a musical way without singing or playing an instrument at First Church-Boonton?? ISO – interested person(s) who would like to share their 'treasures' by sponsoring new anthems for fall 2011 (\$45 per anthem). Please contact Sarah Frederick via phone 973-334-3535 ext. 18, e-mail [babbleon247@yahoo.com](mailto:babbleon247@yahoo.com), or in-person if interested!

*Save the Dates!!!*

SUNDAY,  
**SEPTEMBER 11**

A special service to commemorate  
10 years since 9/11

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BOONTON

RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 18

*Join our Booth at*  
**BOONTON DAY**

SEPTEMBER 25

**OFFICER'S RETREAT**

OCTOBER 1

**BOOK SIGNING**

OCTOBER 2 (See page 2)

JOIN US FOR THE

**ONE YEAR Anniversary**  
of the Organ with  
Dr. Andrew Moore on

OCT 23 at 4 PM

**USHERS NEEDED !**

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

# DOLLARS and Cents

## THE REPORT FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### BUDGET 2011

- Income is tracking below budget.
- The expenses are tracking on budget.
- The additional contributions to the restricted funds total \$17,919.60 for the period.

January 1 – July 31, 2011				
	Pledged	Non-pledged	Plate	Expenses
2011 Budget	83,461.54	36,961.54	2,384.62	145,915.21
2011 Actual	92,749.00	20,780.82	2,060.55	141,321.18
2010 Actual	83,648.00	40,828.66	2,156.21	

### MISSION 2011

- Mission Income Account – \$2687.26  
*We encourage you to use the Mission envelopes when supporting our Mission program*

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

We have a new outside sitting area to help those using the stair-free access to the sanctuary while they wait for a ride home. Check it out if you haven't already seen it. It's beautiful! The thanks go to Jake Hettrich — who created this addition to our outside space — to fulfill the requirements of Eagle Scout. Congratulations Jake, and thanks for a job well-done!

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

### Boonton Food Pantry

When doing your grocery shopping, please remember those less fortunate. The pantry is currently in need of non-perishable items. Please keep in mind that food stamps do not allow for the purchase of health and beauty items. Items such as shampoo, soap, cleansers, paper goods and diapers must all be paid for with cash. So these items are always much needed. The shelves are located downstairs, just outside Reighart Hall.

Your continued support of the pantry is very important and very much appreciated.



### 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.

### There are still...

5 organ pipes AND  
4 organ pull key rings

available for purchase.

Cost: \$50 per pipe and  
\$25 per Key Ring

If interested please contact Linda Blank at [lkblank@verizon.net](mailto:lkblank@verizon.net) or Norma Moreno at [office@fpcboonton.org](mailto:office@fpcboonton.org)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY							
 <h1 style="margin: 0;">2011</h1>				<b>1</b> Office Administrator's VACATION Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> 							
Rev. Jen's Study Leave – 8/27 thru 9/4													
<p>10:00 Worship Guest Preacher: Rev. Herbert Huffmon 11:15 Lemonade in the Library</p> <p>7:00 A.A.</p>	<b>4</b>	<p><b>LABOR DAY</b> Church Office CLOSED</p>	<b>5</b>	<p>10:00 Needlers (at Sophy's) 7:30 MI and Steward- ship Comm. Mtg.</p>	<b>6</b>	<p>7:00 PresbyAires (Choir Room) 7:30 PW Board Mtg.</p>	<b>7</b>	<p>7:30 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Choir</b>  <b>Practice</b></p>	<b>8</b>	<p>6:30 Cubs Pack 201</p>	<b>9</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"> 10 – Noon Historic Residential Walking Tour</p> <p>11-2 NJ Conservatory</p>	<b>10</b>
<p>10:00 Worship - SEPTEMBER 11th Memorial Service Tekna Theou Kickoff Sunday School Teachers Meet 11:15 Coffee Hr 7:00 A.A.</p>	<b>11</b>	<p>Love to Learn Nursery School First Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 SESSION</p>	<b>12</b>	<p>3:00 Presbytery Meeting Camp Jburg 7:00 A.A.</p>	<b>13</b>	<p>5:00 NJ Conservatory 7:00 PresbyAires (Choir Room)</p>	<b>14</b>	<p>10 am PW Bible Study 7:00 NJ Conservatory 7:30 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<b>15</b>	<p>6:30 Cubs</p>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
<p>10:00 Worship— Communion – Rally Day First Day of Sunday School ROCK Kickoff 11:15 Coffee Hour 3:00 ASAP Support Group 7:00 A.A.</p>	<b>18</b>	<p>3:30 NJ Conservatory 7:30 Christian Ed. Mtg</p>	<b>19</b>	<p>10:00 Needlers (at Sophy's)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bible Study</i></p> <p>7:00 PW Evening Bible Study 7:00 Deacons Meeting</p>	<b>20</b>	<p>5:00 NJ Conservatory 7:00 PresbyAires (Choir Room) 7:00 Chamber of Commerce</p>	<b>21</b>	<p>10 am PW Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<b>22</b>	<p>6:30 Cubs Pack 201</p>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
<p>10:00 Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOONTON Day</b> (Main St. - Noon – 4 pm)</p> <p>7:00 A.A.</p>	<b>25</b>	<p>3:30 NJ Conservatory 7:00 Worship Comm. Meeting</p>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<p>5:00 NJ Conservatory 7:00 PresbyAires (Choir Room)</p>	<b>29</b>	<p>10 am PW Bible Study 6:30 Hand Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<b>30</b>	<p>OCTOBER 1 at 9 am Officer's Retreat Chatham Twp. PC</p> 	<b>31</b>		
Children's Choir begins on Sunday, Oct 2, 11:15 am		Book Signing - October 2											

## PRAYER TO GO

### *The Fruitful Tree*

*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is in the Lord.*

*They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by a stream.*

*It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;*

*In the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and does not cease to bear fruit.*

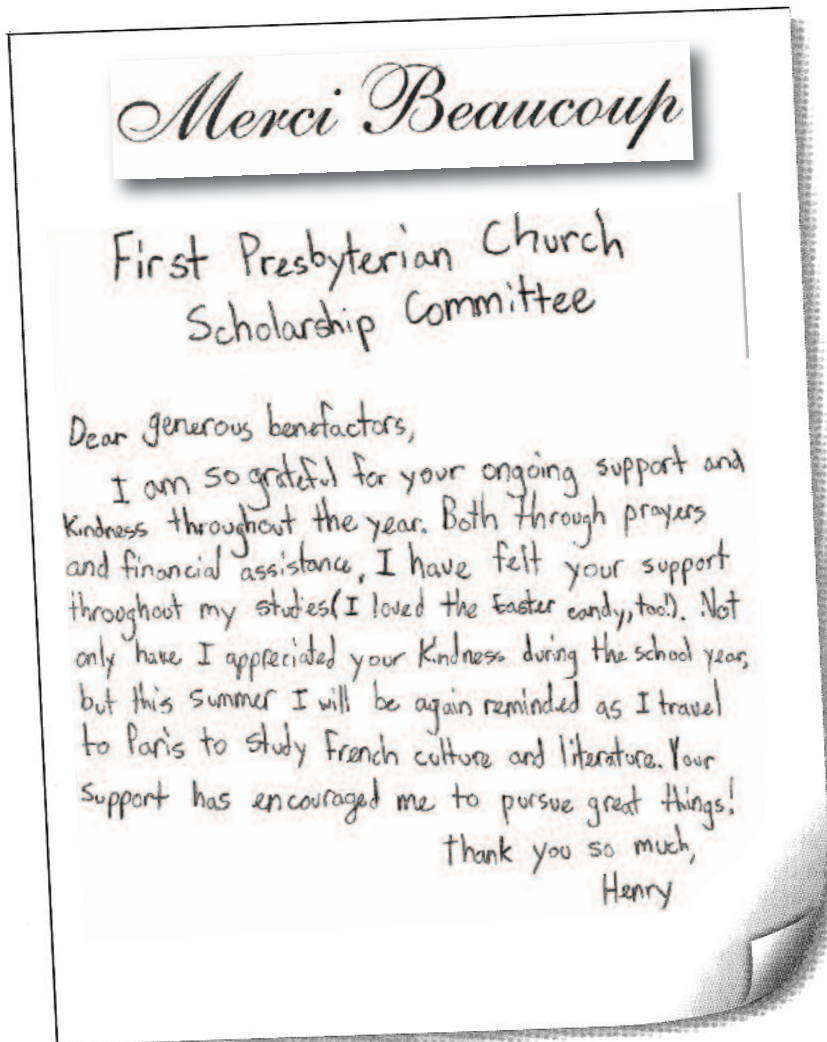
*Jeremiah 17:7-8*

## BIRTHDAYS!

# SEPT

- 2 Jack Middleton
- 3 Brad Whittemore
- 7 Mary Stewart
- 11 Kayla Whipple
- 12 Frank Wiswall
- 14 Mike Stora
- 15 Babette Whipple
- 16 Bryan Nickel
- 17 Linda Aldrich
- 18 Edna Austin
- 19 Grace Keoppel
- 19 Megan Kelly
- 22 Tucker Reed
- 28 Beatrice Beatty
- 28 Taylor Stone

A Letter from Henry Stoll - one of our Scholarship recipients.



## MEMORIALIZE and HONOR Loved Ones

### In Memory of:

Laberta Lewis

Mildred & Aldrich Nix

### Given By:

Dorothy Hamilton

Donald Nix

♥ FOR THE MEMORIAL FUND ♥

## AND GOD SHALL GRIEVE WITH ...

**THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH KILBAY** — *Step father of Rev. Laurie Wurm-pastor, St John's in Boonton, died suddenly. Please pray for Laurie and her mom Jean and the rest of the Wurm family during this difficult time.*

**THE FAMILY OF JOHN BLACK** — *John is enjoying heavenly rest. He was called home to his Lord on Friday, July 1. He was a member of FPC Boonton since 1997 and was ordained as a Deacon in 2003. John leaves behind his wife Gale and three daughters. Let us pray for his family, church family and friends as we mourn his loss.*

**THE FAMILY OF LEE COOLIGAN** — *friend of Joe Hordnes, suffered a severe stroke and was called home to his Lord. Prayers are asked for Lee's, wife & two sons.*

**THE FAMILY OF SHAFQ HASSAN** — *neighbor of our community, is mourning the tragic loss of Nazish Noorani (daughter), during a shooting on August 16. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*



## IN OUR PRAYERS: Concerns

**RUTH EMMONS** — *Jean Lobb's sister, has a compound fracture in her back and is in severe pain; the radiation treatment for cancer in her mouth has been paused. Please continue to hold Ruth and the Lobb family in your prayers.*

**HARRY KRUSE** — *Gail Coe's neighbor, had a second surgery due to complications from a cancerous mass that was removed. Prayers are asked for Harry to return to good health.*

**JIM KEENEY** — *Evelyn Thiel's cousin, had a bypass surgery. Prayers are asked for a complete and swift recovery.*

**RICHARD SULLIVAN** — *Boonton Fire Department Chief, is having health issues. Prayers are asked for healing and strength.*

**KEVIN SWAIM** — *friend of Connie Kelly, suffered a stroke while away on vacation. Please pray for Kevin's healing, his wife and two sons.*

**CONNIE** — *friend of Trish Herrera, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please pray for Connie's healing, and for her husband and son.*

**GRACE YOST** — *friend of LuAnne Rothrock, is recovering well from triple bypass heart surgery; she is now in rehab. Please continue praying for her recovery.*

**OUR COMMUNITY** — *Many families are dealing with some very serious storm related issues. Please keep them in your prayers.*

**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*



## JOYS

**MINERVA AND CHUCK PIZAR** — *Kathy & John's son, rejoice in the births on July 5 of Isabella, 6 lbs 12 ozs, and William James, 7 lbs, 8 ozs. Prayers are requested for Minerva's speedy recovery. Praise the Lord!*

**KIM & JIM RITER** — *Are thankful to all for the prayers for Kim. A cat scan revealed that Kim is cancer clear! Praise God!*

**THE EDWARDS FAMILY** — *Ann & Marc, Chad, Kyle, and Trey, are thankful to God and proud to announce the birth of Gian Daniel, born in May.*



*they ALL come home. Please remember those who have been serving, especially as we commemorate the 10th remembrance of 9/11. ♥*

PLEASE CONTINUE TO  
CONTRIBUTE YOUR CHANGE  
TO THE  
"DROP-IN-THE-BUCKET"  
FONT.

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## TEKNA THEOU AND ROCK YOUTH GROUPS

Both Tekna Theou and ROCK will begin the fall year with kick off meetings on September 11. Anyone aged 5th to 8th grade is welcome to come join Tekna Theou. 9-12 graders make up the ROCK group. This year, Martel Roberts and Scott Scardena will continue to lead ROCK and new leaders Dan Keoppel and Natalie Pisarcik will be leading Tekna Theou. Below is the tentative schedule for each group for September through December.

### TEKNA THEOU

Sept 11 Kickoff meeting

Oct 15 Tekna Theou (TT) Meeting

Oct 30 TT Meeting

Nov 6 TT Meeting

Nov 20 TT Meeting

Dec 2 TT Meeting

Dec 18 TT Christmas Party

### ROCK

Sept 18 Kickoff meeting

Oct 2 ROCK meeting

Oct 16 ROCK meeting

Oct 29 ROCK - St John's Lunch

Nov 6 ROCK Meeting

Nov 18-19 ROCK - Jburg Retreat

Dec 4 ROCK Meeting

Dec 18 ROCK - Chinese Christmas Party  
& Secret Santa



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins September 18. All children aged Kindergarten (or Pre-K if ready) through 9th grade are encouraged to attend. Classes will be held in the Foundation, Library and BANS rooms (under Reighart Hall). Teachers will be available to guide your children to the appropriate classrooms if you're not sure where they should go.

**There will be a Sunday School Teacher's Meeting September 11 immediately following worship.**

## SEPTEMBER 11 SERVICE

There will be no Sunday School on September 11, however, there will be childcare coverage for all

children through second grade. Children will be dismissed from the Sanctuary and you can pick them up in the Library after Service.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please look for the sign-up sheet near the Bridge for Fall Men's Bible Study. This fall's study will be a seven week session on **Hosea – the Prophecy of a Husband and Father**. First meeting, with breakfast, will be held on October 15 at 9am in Reighart Hall. Thereafter the group can decide on rotating leaders and an appropriate schedule that will work for all. Breakfast will be supplied by Donna Keoppel on day one of the study so please sign up so she knows how much food to make. ♥