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*We Love Because
He First Loved Us*

1 John 4:19

BY THERESA SWENSON

Pre Loved

Valentine's Day was always a big deal in my house growing up because it was my Mother's birthday. Everything was red and pink and chocolate and those little Valentine cards and candies saying "Be Mine" were in every corner of the house. I really thought Valentine's Day was about candy and cards and pretty much missed the point that it had anything to do with love.

We can think that faith has to do with rules and restrictions and miss the point that the object of our faith is a God who is love, whose very nature is to love us. Scripture says, "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19).

While we were still sinners and had no interest in God, God loved us. It's hard to imagine loving someone whom you have never met and who has no interest in meeting you. God looks for us when we are not looking for Him, before we have any interest in knowing him.

When my daughter announced they were expecting a child, we did not wait until the baby was born to start loving him. We started praying for him and wondering who he would take after and what he would be like. We pre-loved him. God pre-loves us eternally, which means before the beginning of time, before all creation, before we are born, through all the days of our lives. It's true love, profound love, lavish love. It's love that does not depend on our performance or our potential. God loves us as a parent loves a newborn child. God pre-loves us without any effort on our part to earn God's love. It's a gift he gives us generously to enjoy and to pass along.



Oratorio Choir Offers 'Gospel Mass'

Members of area choirs and choruses will join singers from the Tower Hill Choir in the annual concert by the Oratorio Choir, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert is under the direction of Adam Peithmann, director of music ministries.

The featured work on the program is *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray. Ray is an associate professor of music at the University of St. Louis who enjoys a national reputation as a conductor, composer, and lecturer. He established the Black Student Chorus at the University of Illinois, Urbana. Members of the congregation may recognize Ray as composer of the gospel anthem, "He Never Failed Me Yet," a perennial favorite sung by the Tower Hill Choir.

Also on the program are the "Kyrie" and "Gloria" from *Mass* by William Byrd (1540-1623). Byrd was a prolific English Renaissance composer who wrote in many forms, including anthems and madrigals. He was a favorite musician of Queen Elizabeth I.

"The sung mass is a form that has endured over the ages," says Adam Peithmann. "This program presents two very different approaches—by a contemporary musician who writes in the gospel idiom and by an early musician whose work is an archetype of 16th century composition. The concert by the Oratorio Choir truly offers something for everyone."

An offering will be taken. Proceeds from this concert are dedicated to Tower Hill's Mission Team. Come enjoy this one-of-a-kind program and support our church's charitable work in the community and around the world.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, February 5
Communion**

Sanctuary and Chapel
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Byron Shafer preaching
Celebration
9:30 a.m.
Theresa Swenson preaching

**Sunday, February 12
Communion**

Sanctuary and Chapel
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Byron Shafer preaching
Celebration
9:30 a.m.
Theresa Swenson preaching

**Sunday, February 19
Communion**

Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.
Theresa Swenson preaching
Celebration and Chapel
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Linda Goeddel preaching

**Sunday, February 26
Communion**

Sanctuary and Chapel
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Byron Shafer preaching
Celebration
9:30 a.m.
Theresa Swenson preaching

**Sunday, March 4
Communion**

Sanctuary and Chapel
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Byron Shafer preaching
Celebration
9:30 a.m.
Theresa Swenson preaching

**Sunday, March 11
Communion**

Sanctuary and Chapel
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Linda Goeddel preaching
Celebration
9:30 a.m.
Theresa Swenson preaching

**Sunday, March 18
Confirmation**

Sanctuary and Chapel
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Byron Shafer preaching
Celebration
9:30 a.m.
Theresa Swenson preaching

**Sunday, March 25
Communion**

Sanctuary
9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Byron Shafer preaching
Celebration
9:30 a.m.
Linda Goeddel preaching

**Concert Series Features
Sherezade Panthaki, Soprano**

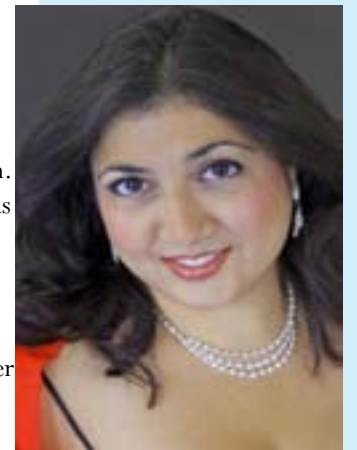
The Tower Hill Concert Series presents soprano Sherezade Panthaki on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. She is a world-class singer whose voice has been praised by The New York Times as "luminous" and "exquisitely supple."

Sherry Panthaki is known for performing beloved 17th and 18th century works in a new and exciting way. She is in constant demand as an opera and oratorio soloist, with a wide repertoire that includes Bach, Handel, Mozart, Purcell, Vivaldi and many others. Accompanying her in this recital are early-music musicians from Yale University—Avi Stein on harpsichord and organ and Grant Herreid on lute and theorbo (a small baroque guitar).

Born and raised in India, Ms. Panthaki received a bachelor's degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College, and a Master's Degree in vocal performance from the University of Illinois. She served for six years as Director of Music at the First Presbyterian Church of Urbana, Illinois.

She holds the 2011 Artist Diploma from the Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music—a program that accepts one soprano per year. She comes to Red Bank following performances in Kansas City, Edinburgh, London, San Francisco and Utrecht, Netherlands. Following her concert at Tower Hill, her spring 2012 schedule includes performances in New Haven, Cincinnati, St. Louis and New York (Carnegie Zankel Hall and Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center).

Like most other Tower Hill presentations, this concert is offered at no admission charge. An offering will be taken to help defray the expense of the concert series.



Women' Ministries at Tower Hill Church present:

The Joy Conference 2012

**A retreat FOR women,
ABOUT women**

**featuring Women
of the
BIBLE**

as presented by Anita Gutschick

Adult female family and friends welcome!

11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 10 to 12:00 p.m., Sunday, March 11

**The Stony Point Conference Center
Stony Point, NY**

\$110/person, double occupancy; \$150/person single room

Contact: Denise Heinemann at 732-768-9947 for details



† LENT AT TOWER HILL

Ash Wednesday



Lent begins at Tower Hill this year with the Ash Wednesday Soup Pot Luck and Service, Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Bring a soup to share in Webster Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by our Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Lori Faust for more information at 732-660-0178



† CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY LORI FAUST

Church Fellowship

After all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, with the seats full, smiling faces, and reconnecting relationships, it is a great time to continue these friendships and smiles! I feel so blessed that so many of my closest friends are here at church. They fill the seats in worship on Sunday and then again sit next to me in a Bible study or a women's circle or sit next to me at all those Flames games all of us wives sit through. I then am thrilled again when my daughter brings her close friends from school to JC and Co. to bond with other kids at church. My husband, Dave, can list on and on the number of good (can't stress that enough) friends that he has had from THIS church since his elementary school years. We want that for all 3 of our children. How about you?

I have a few suggestions; bet you knew that was coming! First, try Sunday school for your children if you haven't. It is a great way for them to connect with other children their age. Join a women's circle or a men's group. There are several of each. These are great ways to get you plugged in and become a part of the church family.

Second, attend some of the potlucks that we have through the year. In February, on Ash Wednesday we have a wonderful soup pot luck and a service for everyone. Please think about joining for all or part of the evening. There are tables full of different and tasty soups. Bread and salad will be provided (and usually something for the younger members). If soup is not what you would like to bring, then we do like to have desserts at all events so that is always a yummy option too! This is a wonderful time to gather for fellowship over food then continue with a wonderful service in the Sanctuary to kick off the Lent season. If you will need child care, please let me know.

And lastly, stay in touch with each other. Use your friends as prayer partners and prayer warriors. Have coffee together, make play-dates with the children, get together for dinners with friends with (or without) the children to continue to grow and foster the friendships that God gives us!

Tower Hill is now on FaceBook!!

Find us at Tower Hill Church (First Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, NJ)

Any questions or comments please contact Lori Faust

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY †

BY ROXANNE KAROL

Sunday School Musings

Did Jesus enjoy his birthday party at your house? This past December in Sunday School, we talked about how Christmas was Jesus' birthday – not ours! We discussed the very special gifts that the Wise men brought to Jesus. At the time, Jesus was a little young to make much notice of his surroundings or visitors, however Mary pondered what had happened and kept the stories and memories alive to be repeated and eventually written down. Angel visitations, angels in dreams, visitors from near and afar, expensive gifts, inexpensive accommodations, and trips to Bethlehem and to Egypt to boot. How do we top the plans that God had for his only son?

Interesting enough, we don't hear about other birthday celebrations as Jesus grew. As we progress through the gospels we learn of the gifts God had for his people and the gifts Jesus brought to others and finally the gift of the Holy Spirit sent after Jesus returned to heaven to be with his father. We are learning about the Sacrament of Baptism as we study Jesus' baptism. We learn about God's gift of forgiveness. We will learn about the gift of faith as we see Jesus doing miracles among the people. We will study the gift of friendship as we learn about Mary, Martha and Lazarus. We will also experience Holy Week and the death and resurrection of Jesus as we get to Easter.

As we grow, we are learning about Jesus, his Father, the Holy Spirit and ourselves. We do this by watching videos, listening to stories, asking questions, reenacting stories, playing games, and making things that remind us of what we have learned. Our teachers take these journeys in time with us and help us to learn God's words and the stories in the Bible.

We bring offerings to support Angel, a little boy in the Dominican Republic that doesn't have all of the gifts that we have. Our offerings help him have food, school uniforms and an education. It is exciting to know that we can help others by giving gifts that we have earned. The white gifts that were brought in over Christmas have also gone to the DR to provide for orphans and students. We are learning that what we do others, we do for Jesus! Thanks for joining us in our endeavors!



VBS 2012
Mark your calendars!
July 16-20, 2012
The Theme is SKY!!!
Everything is Possible with God.

MISSIONS TEAM †



Pictures of the Haiti Team packing the clothing, batteries, etc., that were donated for them to take when with them when they go at the end of November 2011.



BY ROXANNE KAROL

When my children were little, one of their favorite days of the year was “Bear Country Jubilee” - a day in which Teddy Bears had picnics, the bear doctor was in to fix your mangled stuffed animals, and games covered the Tower Hill hillside, Webster Hall and the upper level of the parking lot. There was food, and fun all of it sized just right! How disappointing that after the day was over, everything just disappeared. As we went to church the following morning, one of my children asked me. Where did “Bear Country” go? As one who felt that it was great to find out from the experts the answers to all difficult questions, I replied, “Let’s go ask Polly.” With her usual enthusiasm, Polly Artherholt listened intently to my child’s question and responded, “Why, in the attic, of course!”

The attic: that magical place where awesome things disappear only to reappear a year later. It is where the decorations from the “Round the Table Sing” are hiding. Where the VBS and Christmas decorations live the rest of the year and where Liberty Extravaganza hats and centerpieces are stored.

Wonderful truths and promises in my Bible are like that - stored away in a magical place. (Yeah, they occasionally escape from my brain and I have to go back find those nuggets of truth once again.) Words of comfort, words that cheer, words that delight and you just want to hold on to them! Go ahead memorize them, it won’t hurt.

Part of what we do at Kirk Club is to expose the children to God’s Word. We learn his ways and how to please him. We look at the fine example of others and we strive to be like those that have gone before us. We try to apply lessons we have learned to life. We reenact the story of the birth of Christ, so that those younger than us can see it “live”! It is an honor to do so. We eat, play active games, sing really loud, and listen to stories. We visit others who can’t get around and spend an overnight at the church.

We interact with others our own age - sometimes inappropriately, but we learn how to do so appropriately. We present prayer requests to God. We share answers to prayer. We learn even better ways to pray, and learn God’s Word, and put God’s Word into practice. We have fun! Feel free to join us some Thursday afternoon and share the energy that flows freely! We’d love to have you. If you are in fourth or fifth grade – bring a friend.

Photography Contest!

Are you a great photographer? Do people comment on how wonderful your pictures look? Do you love taking pictures? Did you receive a new camera for Christmas? With all these questions, you might have guessed: Tower Hill Church is looking for lots of new pictures to use in The Open Door, our Tower Hill website, new media screens across the campus and various publications!

We would love to have some of your best shots. All church events throughout the year are fair game. Pictures of our awesome facilities would be amazing to get as well. Email your shots to photos@towerhillchurch.org and look for them to appear around the campus if selected by the Communications Team. Most pictures will have no names associated with them, other than event names or ministry team names, so don't worry about identifying that guy in the background! Make sure to let us know the date and the event so that we can update our files appropriately. Thanks!

Sponsored by the Communications Team

Imperial Brass

Change of Date

The concert by Imperial Brass, originally planned for May 6, 2012, has been re-scheduled to Sunday, April 29, 2012.

Please mark your calendar!

Dear Mission Team friends,

Last night, Tower Hill Church members again had the privilege of serving homeless neighbors who are temporarily living in the Pan Am Motel in Eatontown. As always, it was overwhelming to see the need in our own community. The residents seem to look forward to having Tower Hill come. For many, it is the only time they socialize with their neighbors.

At this time of year, we were set up in the parking lot under the motel building lights at 5:00 p.m. Many of the residents knew we were coming and came out to help, greet and look for needed clothing. Dan Herman and one of his high school students set up six tables of donated clothing that Lunch Break generously shared. Children's clothing was particularly in demand. There are about 25 children now living in the motel. Art and Mary Ann Livingston, the uber-missionaries, jumped in to help Dan do a lot of the work involved.

Kim Tsimbinos did a great job with Kim Smith to organize coats donated by Tower Hill members. As a result, we had preselected the right sizes for many of the families already. The families were thrilled. Many of the kids had no other coats. Two plus-sized men were so happy to receive the size 3x and 4x coats that Kim T. obtained for them. (We rarely have clothes available to fit these guys.) One man, an out-of-work master mechanic who can "fix any car," couldn't stop thanking me. He has to ride his bike everywhere and is usually freezing or soaked in the jacket with the broken zipper that won't close. Like him, several of the residents use their bikes to ride all the way down Route 35 from Eatontown to the A&P in Shrewsbury to buy what they need. That is the only mode of transportation they have.

Several new families with children have moved in this week and needed sizes we didn't have with us, so we hope to go back again with coats to help. One father of two desperately needs size 9 1/2 work boots so he can hopefully get some work. (any one?) Another gentle soul, needs a size 6x coat but was too shy to ask. (He doesn't own a coat.) We are going to see what we can do to help him.

Kim Smith picked up a delicious baked pasta dinner provided by Chef Tyrone at Lunch Break. She, together with Bev and Bill Scaff, served 45 people who appreciated the hot meal. Although none of the families looked like they were starving, the residents are limited to using their microwaves to prepare meals. Two of the families we serve have 5 or more children living in a motel room. The motel is really not a great place to live, but for many it is a welcome alternative to living in the car or on the street.

Kim shared with the residents the opportunity to have their Thanksgiving dinner at Lunch Break the next week. Branches catering was preparing the full turkey dinner for anyone who cared to join them in Red Bank. Red Bank Limousine offered to give a ride to anyone who needed one. What generous local merchants!

We all spent time listening to people talk. My husband, Al, talked to an experienced contractor living there ready to jump in and help anyone who needs work done. A lot of these people just need work. A number of them do work but don't make enough money to feed their families and, at the same time, pay for apartments in our area. Dan and Kim S. know quite a few of the residents now and are developing a little bit of a relationship with them. One enthusiastic resident, who is always ready to help us, always brings out his Bible to talk about his faith and how he is trying to stay humble and on the right path.

This is a good mission, friends. All these people deserve our prayers. Although many of us are cutting back and tightening our belts in this economy, we are blessed richly in many other ways. Sharing God's blessings with people in need who may not appreciate His love, fills us up in so many good ways. The ten members from Tower Hill who made this evening happen and Gwen Love and her staff at Lunch Break understand this well.

Blessings to all and please spread the word about this good mission.

Cindy Sagoz



Through the generous support of the Tower Hill Congregation, the Missions Team and volunteers collected 150 warm coats for our less fortunate neighbors this winter. Our Team and volunteers, including Cindy and Al Sagoz, Kim Smith, Dan Herman, Art and Mary Ann Livingston, Dottie Warren, Kelly Rocace, and Kim Tsimbinos, sorted and distributed these coats to impoverished men, women, and children at HABcore, Lunch Break, and the Pan Am Motel. These needy people were so very grateful for the compassion of THC. And we are so very grateful for your generosity. Thank you!

“The Joy of the Lord is my strength.” *Nehemiah 8:10*

In our talks with our youth at clubs, we speak often of joy; not happiness, joy. We believe and teach that if you are obedient to God and choose to follow Him, you will experience joy. This is one of God’s promises and is extremely helpful in several respects. First, everyone wants joy. Who wouldn’t? Second, joy is a choice, not a feeling. If any of the youth under our care are not experiencing joy, they are probably making bad choices. Hence we can help them make better choices, to choose God, to choose joy. One of the songs we sing in JC and CC, and in the Celebration service, is “Trading My Sorrows.” The song states:



“I’m trading my sorrows,
I’m trading my shame,
I’m laying them down for the joy of the Lord.”
You see? A choice. The song goes on, “we say yes, Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord” and refers to Psalm 30 in the bridge, “Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning”.

So do we play crazy games, makes lots of noise and keep the energy high to create joy? Well, not exactly, but they are not unrelated.

And, speaking of joy, we had a truly joy-filled Christmas. We took over Kohl’s on two separate nights, with about 45 kids, shopping for our Connect families. Then we wrapped and delivered the many bags of presents. On December 22, Campus Club and JC combined to go out and sing for our shut-ins and elderly members. We went a little overboard this year. We sent six different groups out and sang at 36 different doors for about 45 people. The stories that came back from the evening were so encouraging and inspiring. We sang for two people who had just gotten out of the hospital. We sang to and with Catharine Suurballe in her room at Meridian Rehab. What a powerful experience for the youth that were in that group. One member we were singing for had called her neighbors to come over and hear the kids sing. When our youth arrived at Woody Francis’s house, he was ready for them, all dressed up in a suit and bowtie. He came outside and sang and danced with them. The joy reflected in the faces of many of the people we sang for is life-changing for our youth. What a wonderful lesson for them, to be able to serve and to observe such an immediate impact! These activities could not be done without strong support – singing and shopping – from our parents and we are extremely grateful for their participation.



And we are grateful for 3 “new” leaders as of January 1. Newly betrothed Claire Elam Marrone and Gerard Marrone have joined the Campus Club team. Claire and Gerard both grew up in the church, so it is a special joy and benefit to our youth to have them be part of the team. Gary Van Lieu is working with the middle school kids at JC. In Gary’s words, “God tapped me on the shoulder and told me it was time to start participating in the church on a deeper level.” It has been so exciting to see Gary build relationships with the JC kids and share his life experience with them.

We are in the midst of our confirmation class taught by Chris Samsen and Pastor Theresa. Over 10 youth will join the church after completing the course, crafting their Statement of Faith and meeting with Elders.

We are gearing up for our Shawnee Mountain Ski Weekend, February 24-26. We expect to have about 35 youth and we stay right at the top of the mountain (hill if you are from Colorado). Doug Eagles will be our guest speaker/teacher for the weekend. Fresh air, snow, hot cocoa, good teaching, discussion and worship – what a wonderful combination!

Thank you for your prayers and support.

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!



Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for your leadership and support! Tower Hill School has many things to be grateful for in this New Year and I have highlighted a few below.

- Thank you to the THS Education Foundation for their generosity in providing funding for student scholarships, staff training and a piece of equipment for the playground (yet to be selected).
- Over 150 pairs of socks were collected during December for Love Inc.
- Dried rice and beans are currently being collected for St. Anthony’s Community Food Pantry.
- The community outreach committee has done a monthly outreach project since September and will continue through the end of the school year.
- With budget cuts to the current fiscal year the school has maintained the following programs and even expanded a few:
 - o A librarian formerly paid has now offered to volunteer.
 - o Computer class is still offered twice a month.
 - o A new cooking program is offered in extended care on Mondays.
 - o New preschool enrichment program added in the afternoons.
 - o Existing kindergarten enrichment program now has 13 students attending in the afternoon. Students from other morning kindergarten programs in the area are also attending.
 - o Development of a “Mommy and Me” program for next year.
 - o Special Assistant teacher added to one four year-old program and developmental Pre-Kindergarten program for special needs children.
 - o Four staff members recognized for 10 or more years of service at THS.
 - o Wonderfully attended Open House, many applications for next year already submitted.
 - o Fun Movie Night complete with snacks, wearing your PJ’s and snuggling with your family.
 - o Approximately 100 students, 200 parents and 22 staff and many friends all working together as a team to make Tower Hill School a special place for children to come!

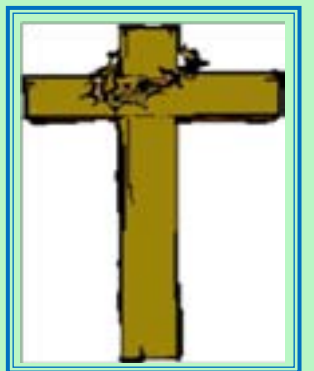


- February Events at Tower Hill School
- February 7, 9:30-11:00 Open House
 - March 5, CPR Training for all staff
 - March 7, Board of Director’s Meeting
 - March 8, Executive Committee Meeting
 - March 10, Spring Fundraiser, Bingham Hall

LENTEN SERVICE SATURDAYS WORKS OF LOVE

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| February 25 | MURAL PAINTING for DANITA’S – Join Team Haiti as we paint a mural that will hang in the new medical clinic at Danita’s Children in Haiti. We will also be making birthday cards for the orphans. No artistic ability required; families welcome. |
| March 3 | HABCORE CRAFT MAKING – Provide fun and fellowship to homeless residents living in a Red Bank group home. |
| March 10 | TEAM RED BANK – Help us sort and prepare gently used spring sporting equipment to be distributed to Red Bank kids in need. Kids welcome! |
| March 17 | BREAKFAST for LUNCH BREAK – Join us as we prepare and serve breakfast to our hungry neighbors. |
| March 24 | HOME RENOVATION – Join us as we work together on a local building project to bring a family closer to home. |
| March 31 | SOUP SATURDAY at the PAN AM MOTEL – Help us provide food and fellowship as we deliver and serve a warm meal to homeless families. |

Sign up in the Narthex or Webster Hall on Sundays or contact
Kim Tsimbinos 732.530.1475 ktsimbinos@gmail.com



Women's Circles

Abigail

Leaders Cathy Goldberg and Margaret Barney
Third Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Church Parlor

Adelphia

Leaders Lois Whittom and Carol Giegerich
Second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Church, Rm 201

Elizabeth

Leader Iris Hinchman
First Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
Church Parlor

Faith

Leader Lori Faust
First & Third Fridays, 9:15 a.m.
Church Parlor with babysitting

Hannah

Leader Leslie Zomro
First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Church, Room 201

Hope

Leader Marti Bookstein
Third Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.
Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls

Lois

Leader Linda Miller
Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Call leader for location

Lydia

Leaders Karen Scarborough and Sylvia Kuzmak
Third Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Call leader for location

Martha

Leader Elinor Chevalier
Second Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Church Parlor

Naomi

Leaders Pat Christy and Joy Conhagen
Second Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
Call leader for location

Priscilla

Leaders Joanna Monday and Linda Rhyne
Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Church Parlor

Sarah

Leader Nancy Schmertz
Fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Parlor

An Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee....

The Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) has been meeting diligently since late May for two hours every week. The meetings always open in prayer followed by a 30-minute devotional. Each member of the group is challenged in his or her faith, and as we grow closer to each other, we grow closer to God. This sets a tone of growth and faithfulness in which we prayerfully listen to God at work in our lives and in this process.

The process for finding a new Pastor is strictly defined by the Presbytery. It prescribes a defined sequence of steps which the committee has been following. The first several months were spent reviewing the 2010 Long Range Plan and soliciting input from the congregation through scheduled open forums. The group subsequently synthesized all of that information into a working Mission Study document. This very comprehensive document detailing church history, ministries, missions, and vision will be used by the team as a church introduction to selected candidates. The process of creating this document is what really brought the team together and significantly clarified its understanding of what kind of leader the church needs. It also serves as the basis for what becomes the Church Information Form, essentially the Church resume, fondly called the CIF. The CIF is the document posted on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website where applicants can search for Pastoral postings. In early January, the CIF was approved by the Committee on Ministry (COM) and posted on the website. Since that time, committee members have received many Personal Information Forms (PIF's), which are the Pastors' resumes, and they are prayerfully reviewing each one.

As the PNC begins the review of these forms it can use help from congregation members in three ways:

First, **REFERRALS**. If God has placed a Pastor on your heart that the PNC should be aware of, please forward that information to us at: search@towerhillpnc.org

Second, **PATIENCE**. the Pastor Nominating procedure takes time, please be patient.

Third, **PRAYER**. The church, its leaders, ministries, and this PNC need your prayers. Please commit to praying for the continuing invitation of the Holy Spirit into every aspect of the church and this process of finding our next senior pastor.

In His Service for His Glory,

The Pastor Nominating Committee
Josh Harmon, Chair
Bill Chaney, Sue Elam, Dave Faust, Anne Ford, Rob Kline, Ann Pieringer, Marilyn Somers, Cindy Smith and Peter Tamblyn

What Can You Do for Nurture?

- ◆ You can help serve Home Communion
 - ◇ You would take communion with another person to a shut-in after the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service
 - ◇ Home Communion is served every other month
 - ◇ In order to help serve the elements if you need to have been ordained as a deacon or elder
 - ◆ Card Ministry
 - ◇ Send cards to 5-6 of our 80+ year-old members, on at least Easter, Christmas, and their birthday
 - ◆ 24-Hour Prayer Vigil
 - ◇ Prayer Vigil is held once every month, on the first Friday through Saturday
 - ◇ Everything you need is set up in the Chapel
 - ◇ Sign up to pray for 1 hour
 - ◆ Home Visitation
 - ◇ Once or twice a month visit someone from the church
 - ◆ Call Visitation
 - ◇ Once a week call someone from church to develop a phone relationship with them
- Call the church at 732-747-1348, for more information, and ask for Judy Foley, or call Joan Senese at 732-291-2980.

MISSIONS

Breakfast for Lunch Break

On the third Friday every month, 7 volunteers come to the kitchen at Tower Hill Church to prepare the bulk of the hearty breakfast that will be served at Lunch Break the next day. Another team of 7 church members arrive at Lunch Break in Red Bank at 8:00 a.m. Saturday to do final preparation and to help serve the meal.



Judy Werner and Marilyn Duncan part of the team preparing the December breakfast for Lunch Break.



Ann and Sarah Pieringer part of the "prep chef" team cooking egg casseroles and hash browns for Lunch Break.



Susan Kyrillos and Nellie Harmon, two of the regulars who help prepare our monthly breakfast for 85-100 people at Lunch Break.



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YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEONS

Friday, March 9 noon-2:00 pm Webster Hall

Female Harmony from the Heart

A group of singers from the award-winning Heart of New Jersey Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, will entertain us with four-part harmony from the female perspective.

Make your reservations for lunch (\$5.00) by calling the church office at 732-747-1348 or Muriel Hemschoot at 732-741-4469. Note: You must call to make a reservation with your name in order to be seated.

Reservations deadline: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6