

# “THE TALK OF TOWNLEY”

*Monthly Newsletter*  
**AUGUST 2022**

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

3 Maryann Cove  
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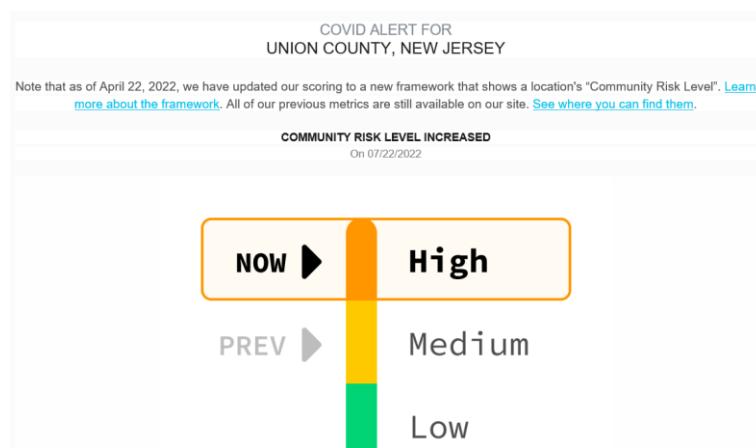
### **PASTOR'S MESSAGE:**

#### **HUMBLED BY COVID**

There is definitely something in the air – and it is not love! My family and I recently went on our annual vacation trip. This year it was to Williamsburg Virginia, land of colonial history, Busch Gardens, indoor water parks and etc. Perfect trip, even with a little one trying to figure out what is so terrible about being two. As my wife and I were driving back to Jersey on that Friday, I noticed a dryness in my throat which an occasional cough seemed to clear. Going into Saturday, my throat became sore, and my head was aching. Add a running nose to the list. Familiar symptoms of the latest variant of Covid? I went for my stack of at-home tests. They all had expiration dates of June 2022. Let me try one anyway. It showed positive. I wanted to be sure, so I went to a local Walgreens and had a rapid test performed. POSITIVE.

Unbelievable! After two years plus, of doing the right things, now I have Covid. Hindsight says I let my guard down. In certain situations, I should have had a mask on or maybe used some hand sanitizer. Maybe it was too soon to be back at a crowded buffet? Too late to be second guessing. Just go into self-quarantine, cancel that dentist appointment, put off having the truck serviced, wave at the new grandson from a distance. Meanwhile, take the medications and stay hydrated – don't talk too much, it only makes you cough more.

Lesson learned, Covid is still with us. Don't let your guard down.



Special appreciation to all the hands and hearts supporting July's Gospel Brunch and Justine's Memorial Service.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** Will be held on **Tuesday, August 2, 2022**, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Come, bring a friend and let's meet and greet some of our neighbors. We will have live music and ice cream! We are accepting monetary donations for our local food pantry. Don't forget your lawn chair!

**The SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ:** The SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ presents AMANI on **Saturday, August 13, 2022**. The doors open at 7:30 PM. (*Flier attached.*) Amani means "peace" in Swahili. The group was formed to share the concept of peace through music. The core veteran musicians are front men Stephan Fuller on vocals, and Marty Eigen on woodwinds. Amani is a collective with connections to dozens of talented musicians who perform alongside them regularly. Amani performs hits from a variety of genres including: The American Songbook, Folk, Blues, Gospel, R&B, Jazz, Bossa Nova and Broadway.

Amani brings the sounds of the Caribbean to the Salem Roadhouse Cafe! Featuring hits by Harry Belafonte, Jimmy Buffett, Bob Marley, Sonny Rollins and more, this joyful presentation will have you singing and dancing in the aisles. Amani features: Stephen Fuller, a dynamic bass/baritone singer; Marty Eigen, tenor and baritone sax; Domo, a steel drums, piano and vocalist virtuoso who also excite the audience with a dance; Alex Gressel, Bass; Larry Greenburg piano; Gordon Lane, drums, along with Oloye Karade, percussionist.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

- Amani: 13 August 2022.
- SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ, 829 Salem Rd., Union, NJ 07083
- Doors open 7:30PM. Show starts at 8:00PM.
- Admission: \$20.00. Admission includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert.

Plan now for an evening of great music in Northern New Jersey's Most Intimate Coffeehouse™. We ask that patrons consider wearing masks while inside during the show.

**A \$792 donation was sent from our Salem Roadhouse Cafe to the YWCA's Domestic Violence Program.**

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|  The logo for "Gospel BRUNCH" features the word "Gospel" in a large, flowing orange script font, with "BRUNCH" in a smaller, orange sans-serif font below it. There are small white decorative shapes resembling flowers or leaves around the text. | Join us for Gospel Brunches on Sunday, August 14 <sup>th</sup> , and September 11 <sup>th</sup> . These will be services held in Bailey Hall the mornings after Roadhouse performances during the Summer. Let's describe them as: "Good News, Good Music, and Good Food". Services start at 10:00 AM. |
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**SESSION MEETINGS:** There are no session meetings scheduled for July and August.

**REDEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN:** There will be a rededication of our Memorial Garden on **Sunday, September 11, 2022**, right after the morning worship service. We will be doing some planting and re-planting between now and then.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** If you have any items you would like to have included in September's (monthly) newsletter, please e-mail them to [CeceliaH@comcast.net](mailto:CeceliaH@comcast.net).

**SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER:**

| DATE         | *ELDER-IN-CHARGE   | *LAY LEADER        |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| August 7     | Carol Gordon       | Irene Schoenwalder |
| August 14    | Janet Sangekar     | Kathy Kreie        |
| August 21    | Linda Zehner       | Diane Smith        |
| August 28    | Janet Sangekar     | Lisa Heims         |
| September 4  | Lisa Heims         | Bruce Tangowski    |
| September 11 | Irene Schoenwalder | Vyonnia Thompson   |
| September 18 | Linda Zehner       | Carruthers Tumfour |
| September 25 | Carruthers Tumfour | Maryann Cove       |



\* If you are unable to be Elder-in-Charge or Lay Leader for your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone and inform Pastor Ron. If you switch a month or more in advance, please also contact Cecelia, so the Sunday assignments can be listed correctly in the following month's newsletter. Please give yourself enough time to set up prior to worship time.

**MISSION:** June D. asks everyone to please remember the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. You are encouraged to support this ministry with a monthly monetary donation of \$4.00– a dollar a week can bring food to an empty pantry.



The Food Bank is in current need of: Tuna Fish, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter and Jelly.



**THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY:** The next Stated Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 9:00am via Zoom. The legal address of our new Presbytery is 340 West Passaic Street, 3rd Floor, Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662. Website <https://pnenj.org>

**SAVE THE DATE:** This year's Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 10, 2022**, at 5:00 PM. Due to popular request, it was decided to be held again at La Casa Di Martino, 301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204. The price will be \$35.00 per person due to a price increase.

**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:** Our final dollar amount from the June rummage sale was \$4,000. Session voted that this year's charity would be Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center in Johnsonburg, NJ. A donation of \$1,500 was sent and earmarked for their capital improvement campaign. Monies are to be used for improvements to the camp's infrastructure that supports the camp. Many of our members have fond memories of spending time at this Presbyterian-run camp. If you would like to learn more about the camp, sign onto their website, [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org).

## A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Your Session appreciates how you have continued to let giving complete your lives. **Your weekly offerings** are accepted Sundays in person or can be mailed to the church office. **Bill Pay and other online banking** options should also be considered. Online contributions may also be made through our church's website "**Give Now**" button:



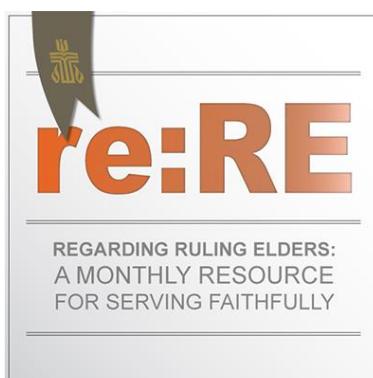
Our church's Donation Page can also be reached using the **Quick Response (QR) Code** below. A QR Code is a two-dimensional, modular barcode that, when scanned by a smart phone (most phones use the camera to do this) will connect you to our Donation Page.



**KITCHEN HINT – FROM DIANE S.:** When you finish eating pickles, save the brine. Slice a cucumber thin and put it into the jar with the brine. Voila! You'll have new pickles!

## REGARDING RULING ELDERS: A MONTHLY SERIES FOR SERVING FAITHFULLY

*Seeing Clearly - Question F by Julie Hester – July 15, 2022*



*Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?*

If you wear glasses, you may remember the first time you put them on. For me, it happened in the second grade. On the ride home with my first pair of glasses (with super stylish '70s frames), I noticed the difference in the trees. Where before there had been just a green impressionistic blob, now there were individual leaves. They were distinct and beautiful. New glasses showed me what I didn't even know I was missing.

Being a leader in the church of Jesus Christ means putting on a new set of glasses and taking a clear-eyed look. We are not an amorphous group of similar people. We are distinct. While we share some essential beliefs and values, we also hold different viewpoints and priorities. And when looking both within and outside our church walls for how to follow Jesus today, our divisions come into focus. Unlike distinct leaves on trees, these divisions are not always beautiful. They can be painful and ugly.

No matter when you read this, people of faith will be disagreeing passionately about matters fundamental to our lives. Pick any hot-button issue and people on all sides may talk about how their faith as a Christian led them to their viewpoint. We may wonder, "How can they call themselves a follower of Jesus and believe *that*?" We are divided by politics, race, economics, gender, ideology, and more. We can't agree on how to read the biblical texts we hold most sacred. We don't agree on what truth is. We don't listen to the same experts or hear the same news, and none of us are without our own bias. What would Jesus have us do?

The church has faced these periods of division before, and we will again. Our confessions reflect our best vision of lived theology, often developed during periods of deep fundamental disagreements. Leaders before us have wrestled, prayed, then written and adopted

successive statements of faith to guide us, in content and in process. Both the [Confession of 1967](#) and the [Belhar Confession](#) speak pointedly to the church amid division. Our current climate makes this an excellent time to read and study them again, or for the first time. If they teach us anything, it is that — no matter what — God is still at work, and change is always possible.

The ordination question for this month asks if we will seek to follow Jesus, love our neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world, not just within the church walls and roles and gatherings but *in our own lives*, every day. The question hands us a new set of lenses to polish and put on — Jesus, love, reconciliation. This may sound to some like bias, but really, it is the gospel. It's what you have signed up for as a leader in the church.

In second grade I was the only girl in my class to wear glasses. I got teased and called “four-eyes.” But deep down I knew the lenses were my superpower. If I could see the world the way it really was, I could also see how to make it better.

Lord, help us all see.

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**This article is the seventh in a 12-part series focusing on the constitutional questions that church leaders answer upon their ordination and installation, using some of the materials from "Coming Alive in Christ: Training for PC(USA) Ruling Elders and Deacons Based on the Constitutional Questions," which is available through [Equip](#), the church's online training platform.**



**FREE**

# **LIVE CONCERT**

ROCK - JAZZ - GOSPEL - BLUES

# **& ICE CREAM**



at Townley Presbyterian Church  
829 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07083

**Tuesday, August 2 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Come out for a night of live music and  
ice cream on our front courtyard lawn.

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**Salem Roadhouse Café**

featuring  
**the Mark Adamy Band**

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# **SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ**

*CARIBBEAN CALYPSO featuring....*

## **AMANI**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 8:00 PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM ADMISSION: \$20.00 STUDENTS \$15.00**

*Admission includes snacks, beverages, tea, coffee & desserts*

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Original artwork always on display at the  
**ROADHOUSE GALLERY**  
**OF FINE ARTS**

Proceeds benefit **YWCA Union**  
**County PALS program**

eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**YWCA**  
union county

Shows are featured on UNION TV34's "ROADHOUSE UNPLUGGED" music series  
Plenty of free parking in our two lots and on the street

**SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ @ TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**829 SALEM ROAD UNION NJ 07083**

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# Gospel BRUNCH

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Good News

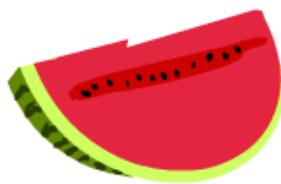
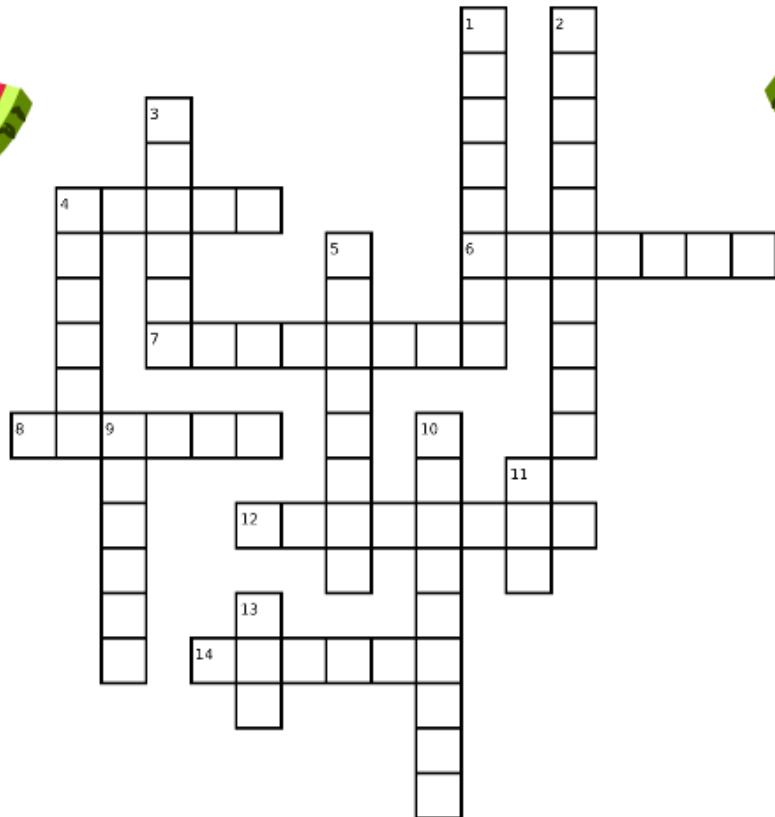
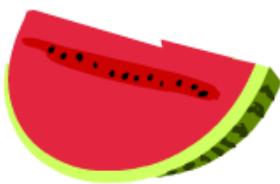


Good Music



Good Food

# Summer Crossword Puzzle



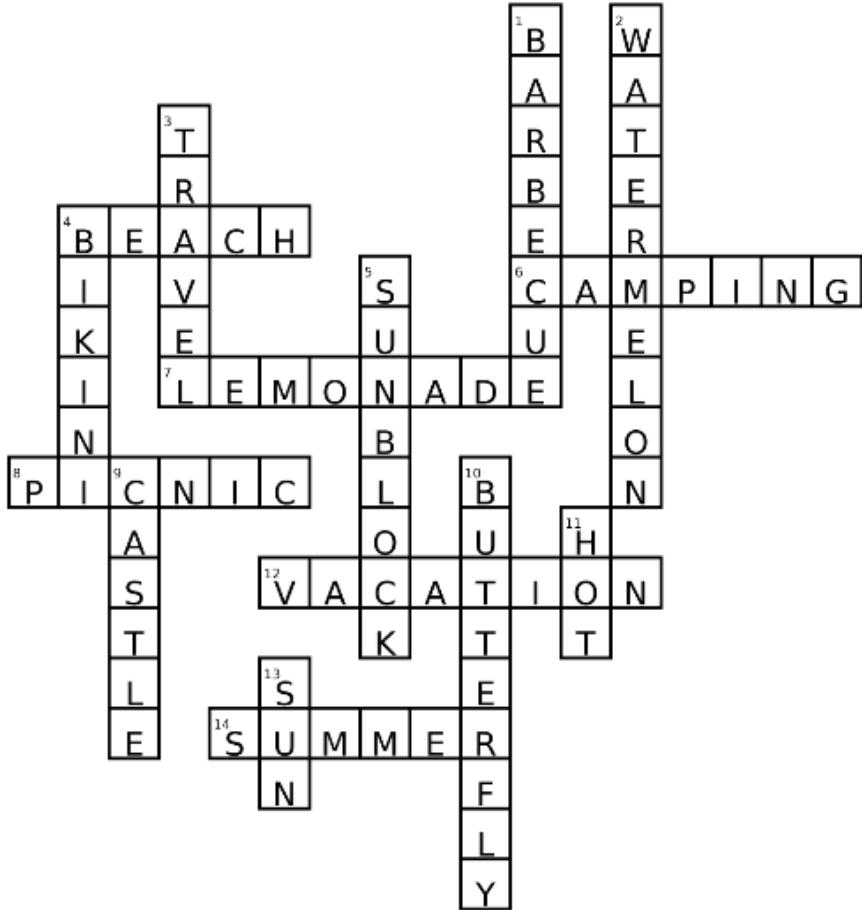
## Across:

4. A pebbly or sandy shore especially by the sea
6. The activity of spending a holiday living in a tent.
7. Beverage made of lemon
8. An occasion when a packed meal is eaten outdoors, especially during an outing to the countryside
12. take a holiday
14. The warmest season of the year

## Down:

1. Food cooked out of the door on a grill
2. A big red and green fruit
3. Go from one place to another, typically over a distance of some length
4. A two-piece swimming costume for women
5. We put \_\_\_\_\_ on our skin to prevent sunburn.
9. Let's build a \_\_\_\_\_ with sand.
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