

“THE TALK OF TOWNLEY”

Monthly Newsletter

JUNE 2021

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 June Donohue
 5 Nancy Segale
 10 Lynn Bailey
 16 Bruce Tangowski
 21 Cynthia Manno

PASTOR’S MESSAGE:

As significant progress is being made against Covid-19, I encourage all to get vaccinated. You should continue to wear your mask indoors if you have not been vaccinated. Anyone uncomfortable is welcomed to continue wearing their mask.

	Unvaccinated People	Examples of Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF EDNA



The Bailey and Dougherty families ask you to join us in a Celebration of the Life of Edna P. Bailey on Saturday, July 31st at 11 am at Townley Presbyterian Church. There will be a visitation on Friday, July 30th from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Church, as well as the following morning before the Service from 9:45 to 10:45. Your memories are welcomed during the Service.

WORSHIP TEAM: A worship team consisting of the Pastor, Music Director, Lay Leader, Elder-in-Charge, Song Leader, and Sound/video Technicians will continue to meet at the church on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am to livestream our worship services. This worship team follows all safety precautions. Please contact Pastor Ron if you would like to be a part of this team.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE: Pastor Ron is asking those assigned for their assistance, if you are not considered high risk, as we resume our in-person worship services.

Please arrive by 9:15.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>*ELDER-IN-CHARGE</u>	<u>*LAY LEADER</u>
JUNE 6	Lois Tangowski	Lisa Heims
JUNE 13	Irene Schoenwalder	Bruce Tangowski
JUNE 20	Janet Sangekar	Irene Schoenwalder
JUNE 27	Lisa Heims	Cecelia Harrison
JULY 4	Linda Zehner	Feret Fenelus
JULY 11	Carruthers Tumfour	Vyonnia Thompson



* 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 that upcoming month's newsletter.

"TIME FOR PRAYER": We are praying by teleconference on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. All may call in to pray and/or make prayer requests: Dial-in using your phone: 1 717-275-8940. Access code: 367 0530

MISSION: June D. asks everyone to please remember the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. While donations of non-perishable items can be accepted on Sunday mornings at 11:00AM, 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. Please mail it to Townley Church for distribution.



MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT DATED MAY 19, 2021: We sent a \$500 check to Camp Johnsonburg, a \$50 check to Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, and a \$130 check to the Presbytery of Elizabeth for One Great Hour of Sharing. Chairperson, June Donohue

RUMMAGE SALE: Fall Rummage Sale will be Friday, October 15th and Saturday, October 16th. The set up will begin on Saturday, October 9th. More details to follow. Please let Janet, Linda Z., or Glen Z. know if you are available to help.

SAVE THE DATE – For our Christmas Party on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 6:00pm. Reservations and cost of \$30.00 per person are due to Lisa Heims by November 21, 2021.

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Your Session sincerely appreciates how you have continued to let giving complete your lives.

Please continue to **mail your weekly offerings** 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:

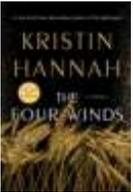


Our church's Donation Page can also be reached using the **Quick Response (QR) Code** below. A QR Code is a two-dimensional, modular barcode that, when scanned by a smart phone (most phones use the camera to do this) will connect you to our Donation Page.



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

TOWNLEY BOOK CLUB: Our next book is *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. This book is a novel of love, heroism and hope that takes place during the Dust Bowl era of the Great Depression. Thank you, Carol Gordon for the suggestion. We will discuss it on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:30 PM. Weather permitting we will meet outside on the church lawn. Please bring a chair. Cecelia Harrison



THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST NEW JERSEY: The next Stated Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The legal address of our new Presbytery is 340 West Passaic Street, 3rd Floor, Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662. Sign up by Subscribing on website <https://pnenj.org/> to receive news and updates.



2021 WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCES AT MONTREAT: The conference theme is *Gathered in My Name*. BOTH in-person AND online options will be offered! The conference includes classes for all interests: musicians, pastors, educators, and church members - anyone interested in collaborative worship. Register Now! <https://www.presbysmusic.org/2021conference>



In-Person Conference Dates:
Week 1: June 20 - 25, 2021
Week 2: June 27 - July 2, 2021

Online Conference Dates:
June 27 - July 2, 2021

REGARDING RULING ELDERS: A MONTHLY SERIES FOR SERVING FAITHFULLY

Leaders Lean Out by Rodger Nishioka – May 17, 2021

Several years ago, a good friend asked me out to lunch. She said she had something important she needed to tell me. I was curious. After we sat down and ordered our meal, she said, “I have good news.” “Okay,” I said, smiling. “The Messiah has come!” she said. I was a little puzzled. “Okay,” I said again. “I already knew that.” “I have even better news,” she said. “What?” I asked. “You are not him!” she said. She followed up by sharing her concern that I was taking on too much. I am certain I got a little defensive. This is often what I do when someone who cares about me holds up a mirror so I can see myself more clearly.

There are many variations of the bucket theory, but this is the basic understanding: There are some things you can control. Those things go in your bucket. And there are other things you cannot control. Those things go in the other bucket. You do the best you can with the items in your bucket. And you entrust the things in the other bucket to the Holy Spirit.

Good leaders lean in on the things that are in their bucket. Good leaders lean out from the things that are in the other bucket—the things they cannot control. Here is the important idea: not everything goes in your bucket.

I was invited to guest preach in a church, and during the announcements the pastor reminded the congregation that their “ministry fair” was happening immediately after worship in the fellowship hall. He explained there were tables set up around the perimeter of the hall representing the many ministries of the congregation. He encouraged everybody to sign up for at least one opportunity to serve. Then he turned to Jim, who was sitting toward the front of the sanctuary, pointed to him, and said, “And I want everyone to know that Jim has promised to sign up for no more than three things, so do not let him sign up for more!” Jim and the congregation smiled and applauded. Later, when I asked the pastor about singling out Jim, he told me that he loved Jim, but Jim tended to volunteer for everything. He was not only doing too much but he was also preventing others from participating.

Good leaders lean out. Good leaders remember the good news: The Messiah has come and you are not him!

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*This article is the **fifth** in a 12-part series focusing on PC(USA) leader formation as a part of the Year of Leader Formation: Investing in Ruling Elders and Deacons. Additional resources are available at www.pcusa.org/leader-formation/. Past issues of the articles are available in **Equip**, the church’s online training site.*



My Earthly Dad
by Mary Fairchild

With these three words,
"Dear Heavenly Father,"
I begin my every prayer,
But the man I see
While on bended knee
Is always my earthly dad.
He is the image
Of the Father divine
Reflecting the nature of God,
For his love and care
And the faith he shared
Pointed me to my Father above.

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