

“THE TALK OF TOWNLEY”

Monthly Newsletter
JUNE 2024

*¹⁹ The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day; fathers make known to children your faithfulness.
Isaiah 38:19*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

PASTOR’S MESSAGE:

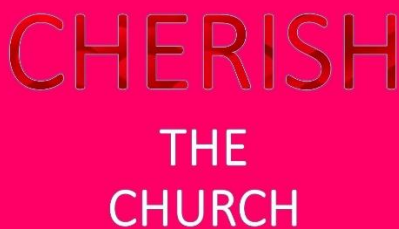
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN: “Cherish The Church”

As you know, Session approved initiating a capital improvement campaign “Cherish the Church” in January of 2023. The purpose of this campaign was to help fund several significant and necessary repairs to the church. Our goal was to raise \$50,000, over 18 months, to offset the expense. These expenses included completing the repair of our sanctuary windows, structural repairs and ceiling replacement in the chapel, and paving replacement of our main parking lot.

These repairs were necessary to keep our church in the best possible shape to be a welcoming safe place to worship and serve our community. Repairing our windows, returned their operability and eliminated their draftiness. The chapel ceiling replacement was long overdue and a must to maintain its rental value. The parking lot resurfacing eliminated tripping hazards and ensures proper water runoff.

The amount for repairs exceeded \$125,000. As this campaign nears its end, we have received nearly \$30,000 in donations. Since none of these expenses were coverable under our insurance plan and we preferred not taking out a loan, the balance of the funding came from our savings. With your help, the campaign raised as much as possible to complete the work.

As with any house or apartment, maintenance and repair are ongoing requirements. There will be more projects. We are thankful for your contributions to this campaign and ask for your prayers as we continue to maintain and repair our church facility. You do not need a campaign to continue to “Cherish Your Church”.



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SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>*ELDER-IN-CHARGE</u>	<u>*LAY LEADER</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
June 2	Karen Brelowski	Kathy Kreie	Karen & Kathy
June 9	Janet Sangekar	Irene Schoenwalder	
June 16	Lois Tangowski	Karen Brelowski	
June 23	Kathy Kreie	Bruce Tangowski	
June 30	Irene Schoenwalder	Vyonna Thompson	
July 7	Lisa Heims	Santiago Guzman	Lisa & Santiago
July 14	Marty Lindner	Cynthia Manno	
July 21	Linda Zehner	Diane Smith	
July 28	Janet Sangekar	Lynn Bailey	



*** 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, 30 minutes is suggested.**



COFFEE HOUR: Volunteers are needed to bring baked goods for Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings after worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen. If you have any questions, you may contact Linda Zehner.

June 2 – Pastor Ron
June 9 – Family & Friends Day
June 16 – Cynthia Manno
June 23 -
June 30 – Elaine J. Brooks

NURSING HOME VISITATION: Our nursing home ministry is held at AristaCare, located at 400 W. Stimpson Avenue in Linden on every **second Sunday** at 2:00pm of each month. Please see Pastor Ron if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

SESSION MEETING: The next session meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 19, 2024**, at 7:30 pm in the upstairs meeting room. (Session meetings are usually held the 3rd Wednesday of each month.)

SESSION WORKS



“Session Works” is a monthly communication of significant decisions made by Townley Session. From **May's** meeting, the following items were approved/discussed:

- Potential Book Bin relocation
- Pentecost visiting choir and potluck brunch
- Visit from COM Liaison

Please note that you do not have to be on Session to work on a committee. Your talents are needed.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY: The next meeting of the Presbytery is scheduled for **Saturday, September 21, 2024**, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am via Zoom. Website <https://pnenj.org>





BOOK DONATION BIN – We are pleased to announce the addition of a Book Donation Bin in our Salem Road parking lot! All books must be in good readable condition and have an ISBN barcode on the cover. Hardcover, Paperback and Textbooks are all welcome. No Encyclopedias, Magazines or water damaged books can be accepted. Your donation helps raise funds for Church Mission projects and Church repairs. For more information or if you wish to purchase books, please visit: NewLegacyBooks.com.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – We received a total of \$245.00 in donations. The donation goes towards: Presbyterians Disaster Assistance; the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of people worldwide.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE – Our Spring Rummage Sale was a wonderful success! We raised \$3,689. 10% of the profit went towards our Cherish the Church Fund. We enjoyed working together as we met new neighbors in our community. Much appreciation to all involved!

Rummage Sale Committee: Janet Sangekar and Linda & Glen Zehner

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY: Is planned for **Sunday, June 9th**. Bring your friends and family to worship with us and then enjoy fellowship and a luncheon afterward.

THE SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ – Presents the Stephen Fuller Quintet, on **Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 8:00 pm**. Doors will open at 7:15 pm. As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is lively, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome. The venue is held in Bailey Hall. See attached flier.

GOSPEL BRUNCHES: Join us for Gospel Brunches on **Sunday, July 14th**, and **September 15th**. “Good News, Good Music, and Good Food.” Services start at 10:00 AM.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CONNECTICUT FARMS FOOD PANTRY. You are encouraged to support this ministry with a monthly donation of \$4.00 (just \$1.00 a week). The food bank prefers a monetary donation so they can purchase what is needed.



GIVING TO TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: You can also support our church using your credit or debit card by using this QR Code or by clicking the “Give Now” button on our church website at www.townleychurch.org.



WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE! “Like” our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/TownleyChurch>) to get the latest updates on your wall. Share your Townley comments, photos and videos. If you want pictures added or notices posted, please send an email to the church office (townleychurch@yahoo.com). Away or missed a service? Catch our Livestream!

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN:

Townley Church needs help to fund several significant repairs. We appreciate your donations to our "Cherish The Church" Capital Improvement Campaign.



DONATE TO HELP RENOVATE



Help Us Reach Our Goal !



Online



Locally

Donations are tax deductible

NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER: Our Cherish the Church Fund amount is \$27,462. We are not only getting donations from our congregation but also from friends of Townley. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 in 18 months (June 2024). These funds are to be used for our capital improvements. A red mailbox to accept donations and a thermometer to track progress are in Bailey Hall. Donation envelopes are next to the mailbox. Thank you to all who have donated so far to help us reach our goal!

REGARDING RULING ELDER: A MONTHLY SERIES FOR SERVING FAITHFULLY

Living Responsibly in the Personal, Family, Vocational, Political, Cultural and Social Relationships of Life

By Marissa Galvan-Valle – May 15, 2024



In my experience, one of the most surprising aspects of involvement in the ministry of Christ's church for many new members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is the realization that it entails "living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural and social relationships of life." (G-1.0304)

While certain expectations, such as personal responsibility, are commonly emphasized in Christianity — such as living with kindness, respect, and compassion — others may not be as immediately apparent.

Family plays a pivotal role in our Christian journey, as reflected in our baptismal vows, which include commitments from parents, the baptized individual, and the congregation to support, nurture, and guide one another in faith.

Moreover, our vocational life is integral to our Christian calling. Vocation is God's call that extends far beyond professional occupations to encompass all aspects of life. We are called to serve God in every facet of our existence.

While these expectations align with common Christian beliefs, Presbyterians extend their understanding of responsibility further. As leaders, we must encourage church members to view their lives as encompassing active participation in their communities. This includes considering voting as a reflection of beliefs, advocating for justice, and engaging in dialogue about public policies just as we read Scripture and pray.

Similarly, responsible living extends to cultural engagement. We are called to honor God's creativity and imagination by respecting the various cultures we encounter, promoting dialogue, peace, understanding, and celebration. As the family of God, it is our responsibility to engage with those who are different from us, recognizing the face of Jesus in every individual we encounter.

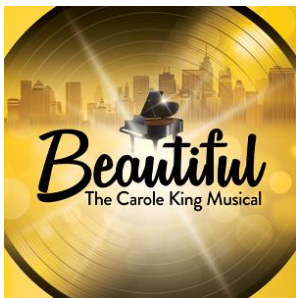
Living responsibly in all these dimensions serves as our testimony to the teachings we receive from Jesus Christ. Ruling elders hold a significant role in guiding members across all facets of life and ministry. Our faith transcends mere personal belief, family values, or

vocational callings; it intertwines with every relationship we hold as human beings on this earth and permeates every aspect of our existence.

Among other aspects of your ministry, in your call to serve as a ruling elder you can:

- Offer spiritual guidance and pastoral care. Lead Bible studies and spiritual formation groups.
- Support families through the planning of retreats and fellowship events. Provide intergenerational worship experiences. Open spaces for parenting classes and to give rest to overwhelmed parents.
- Encourage members of all ages to find the ways they are being called to use their gifts. Be a mentor.
- Facilitate dialogue about political issues, looking at Jesus for examples of justice, peace, and love. Encourage and model responsible civic participation.
- Celebrate cultural diversity within the congregation and the community. Plan educational events, book studies, intercultural exchanges, and lead the work for racial and ethnic reconciliation and understanding. Understand power differentials, assuring that leadership is diverse. Study privilege.
- Lead by example, engaging in community service and social justice. Organize outreach programs, provide opportunities for volunteerism, and help members engage in social issues from a faith perspective.

As followers of Jesus, we need to understand the complexities of the world, and how we are called to its multifaceted expectations.



Paper Mill Playhouse: JUN 5–JUL 3, 2024 This Tony-nominated musical follows the early life and career of Carole King on her journey from teenage songwriter to chart-topping solo artist. King wrote for many of the biggest names in music, often alongside her husband, but it wasn't until she made the leap from the writer's room to the stage that she truly found her voice. This inspiring story of love, heartbreak, and empowerment features over two dozen hits, including "One Fine Day," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," and "Natural Woman."

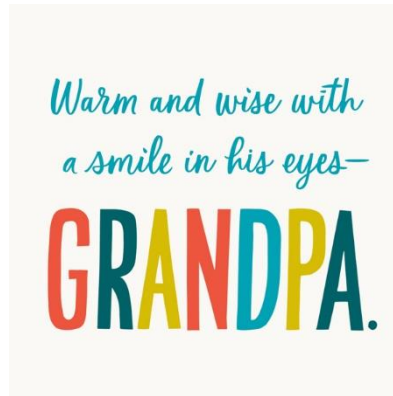
Union's Annual Summer Concert Series



All concerts are open to the public and are free of charge. They will be held in Biertufempfel Park on Thursdays from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Blankets and chairs are recommended. Food trucks will be on-site.

- Thursday, July 4 – Mission Dance Band
- Thursday, July 11 – Four Sticks. Music of Led Zeppelin.
- Thursday, July 18 – 80's Revolution. The Band. The Music.
- Thursday, July 25 – Xtreme Queen. The Legacy of Freddie Mercury

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



 **TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 
welcomes you to

FAMILY & Friends' DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024
10:00 AM

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