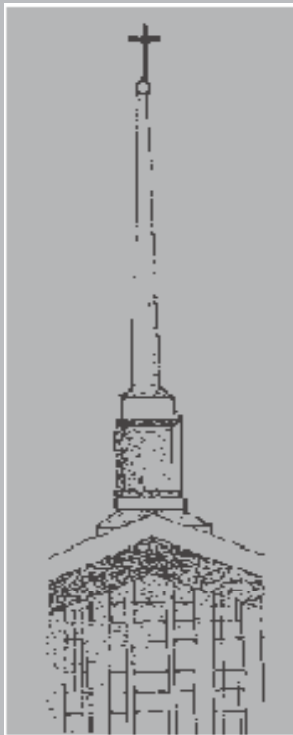


Tower Time

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“Blessed are those who know their need of God – for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:9

Jesus begins the most famous talk in the history of the world with a humbling truth. All spiritual growth, all happiness, all genuine self-knowledge, begins with admitting our need for divine help. The modern 12 step recovery movement, that has helped millions of people overcome addictions, begins with this same conviction: we are broken and need divine help to recover. This fall PCTR will study the 12 steps. This study will equip us to better understand our friends and neighbors who face addictions but it will also teach us the blueprint for all disciples who want to grow and change. Not everyone is facing a battle with drugs or alcohol, but everyone is broken and in need of restoration.

I prefer the word “restoration” to “recovery” because it better fits the Christian perspective on human life. Recovery implies a return to a previous state of health or stability

after an illness or accident – a return to normal functioning. But restoration means something deeper. Restoration implies that within each person there is a more than ordinary destiny – for what needs to be uncovered in each of us is the imago Dei – the divine image. Spiritual restoration seeks not just normal functioning but divine glory, the luster of eternity.

In 1980, a team of restorers began work on the Sistine Chapel. Five hundred years of candle burning had marred and dulled the original paintings with soot and wax. Earlier restorations had obscured the figures with materials that attracted grime. The sublime grace and beauty of Michelangelo’s original portrait of creation was painstakingly brought to life. The result was breathtaking. A new Adam emerged as fresh as first intended.

God is the creator and the master restorer. The grime of selfishness, the soot of guilt, the cracks of

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Sermon Series:
**Restoration: Stepping Up
& Stepping out**

September 3rd & 4th
Step One: Admission
Romans 7, Matthew 5:3
I John 1:5-10

September 10th & 11th
Step Two: Recognition
Psalm 34:1-10

September 17th & 18th
Step Three:
Renunciation
Joshua 24
Matthew 4:17-22

September 24th & 25th
Step Four: Examination
Colossians 3:1-17
Deuteronomy 5:1-21

October 1st & 2nd
Step Five: Confession
Psalm 32
2 Kings 22, 23

October 10th & 11th
Step Six: Contrition
Isaiah 6

David's letter cont'd

pride - he sets about to fix them all. In Christ we witness the original glory of Adam and in him we see the power of restoration at work.

The 12 steps describe an ongoing process for removing the debris and revealing the original glory of God in you and I. It begins with facing the years of damage and it ends with the wonder of heaven. In between there is the painstaking, powerful work of recovery and restoration. We begin a new ministry, Celebrate Recovery on Thursdays this fall, led by Rev. Scott Thayer. It will focus on overcoming our hurts, habits and hang-ups. The weekend sermon series will connect Christian growth and personal healing with the Twelve Step process. May all of us have the courage to focus on the things that hold us back, as servants of God and disciples of Jesus. May we all grow in grace and humility.

*Yours faithfully,
David*



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Life Happens.

Happiness & Healing are yours for the choosing.

Celebrate Recovery® is a Christ-centered Recovery program based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives as we work our way along the road to recovery. Celebrate Recovery is for everyone - not only for people addicted to drugs or alcohol, it is for anyone whose life is tangled up with Hurts that haunt our hearts (are you dealing with relationship issues?), Hang-ups that cause us pain (maybe you struggle with anger, fear, control, impatience, jealousy, bitterness, worry, etc.), or Habits that mess-up our lives (the list is numerous)! Healing is accomplished through applying the principles of a Bible-based recovery process to our lives. If you're looking for a life challenging, life changing program, this is for you!

PCTR will launch Celebrate Recovery this Fall...

***Thursday evenings, beginning September 8,
from 6:30pm – 9:00pm in the Haven***

**** This is open to all, so be sure to not only come, but invite friends and others to join you.****

Have questions? Contact Rev. Scott Thayer (732-349-1331 ext. 225; sthayer@pctr.org)

Life Hurts - God Heals

Say Cheese!

We are excited to announce we are beginning work on the 2012 pictorial directory – also known as the family album. If you haven't taken a professional individual or family picture recently and are planning to do so, this is a great opportunity! We want everyone in the church to participate so that we can get to know one another as a family of faith and be better connected.

We are pleased to be using the services of Lifetouch Portraits & Church Directories. There will be several opportunities to get your formal or informal family photos into our church's family album. Picture-taking will begin in November and go through January. Check the bulletin, Tower Time, PCTR web site and posters in the church halls for more information.

See you soon ~The Membership Commission



Come and share the experiences of David Joynt, Tory Pruner and Megan Smith, a teacher from Allentown, of their recent trip to Malawi. Through photographs, slideshows and discussions, you'll learn about the progress that Villages in Partnership has made and the ways PCTR will join in this exciting mission. We'll begin our evening in Fellowship Hall with a scrumptious dinner followed by a presentation and celebration.

Save the Date!
 Autumn Jubilee - "Into Africa"
 Sunday, October 9th
 Fellowship Hall - 5:30 pm



**Northeast Men's Retreat
 at Lake Champion
 Friday, Sept. 30th - Sunday, October 2nd**

This year's guest speaker is Tony Campolo. There are brochures around the church. Vinny Mancini and Phil Beachy are members of the NEMR Planning Committee. All of the men of PCTR should seriously consider going. If you have any questions at all, contact Phil Beachy (732-608-4030, beachy.phillip@yahoo.com) or Vinny Mancini (732-278-7438, vmanc10@verizon.net).

The weekend offers a great chance to bring focus to your life and to your faith, to be challenged by an excellent speaker and to make important decisions. We meet together for four sessions during the weekend to hear our speaker and to enjoy some great music. There is also plenty of time for some recreational fun, a quiet walk, or even a nap.

The retreat formally begins with dinner at 7:30 on Friday night. Some men come early on Friday to bike, fish, or just relax. Please remember that lunch is on your own. Those playing in the golf outing usually arrive on Thursday night to be ready for the shotgun start on Friday morning. We conclude the weekend by Noon on Sunday afternoon so we can all return home at a reasonable hour.

**Have you tried
 H2O for the Soul?**

Join us for this informal gathering at local restaurants on the first and third Thursday of each month where Michael Barozzie, local Christian recording artist, will stir your Spirit with songs of hope, faith and the love we find in our Lord. This evening of great music and reflection will culminate with a relevant message for living life in these challenging times. Join us for H2O for the Soul and you will find yourself refreshed!

**September 1st - 7:30 pm
 Tony's Pasta House (Pathmark
 shopping center)
 September 15th - 7:30 pm
 Location TBA**

Sunday Morning Adult Studies

Encounters - 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. in the Haven – Beginning September 18th

Everyone is welcome!

Studying the Parables

Starting with a six-week study of *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller

“The word “prodigal” does not mean “wayward” but, according to Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, “recklessly spendthrift.” It means to spend until you have nothing left. This term is therefore as appropriate for describing the father in the story as his younger son Jesus is showing us the God of Great Expenditure, who is nothing if not prodigal toward us, his children. God’s reckless grace is our greatest hope, a life-changing experience, and the subject of this study.”

Sessions will be led by Pat Grill, Bill Pabst, Bill Gould, Vicki Ridgway & Pete Thomson

Sessions:

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| 1. The Parable | 4. The Elder Brother |
| 2. The People Around Jesus | 5. The True Elder Brother |
| 3. The Two Lost Sons | 6. The Feast of the Father |

Enrichment - at 11:15 - 12:30 in the Haven

This fall, PCTR will be leading DVD-based discussion group on Sunday mornings to discuss *Life’s Healing Choices* by John Baker. This group will explore the eight healing choices presented in the book that ultimately lead to personal transformation and freedom. Through biblical teachings and the Beatitudes of Jesus as well as real-life stories of men and women who have made the choices, Rick Warren and John Baker present God’s path that leads to wholeness, happiness, and healing. Regardless of what you are struggling with, we hope that can come out and experience the relief that is promised to us when we grow in our faith in God. Sunday Mornings at 11:15 to 12:30. Led by Rev. Jim Pruner

Men’s Discipleship Course

- *Are you looking for a challenging and exciting opportunity to grow in your faith?*
- *Are you looking for a way to become a more mature follower of Jesus Christ?*
- *Would you like to better understand your faith, as well as, be able to communicate it more effectively?*

This Fall we will be offering a course called ***Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ***. Unlike a Bible study that focuses on Scripture in sequence, this study is focused on the topic of discipleship. You’ll examine and discuss Scripture as it is directly related to one of the core discipleship themes which gives a wonderful understanding of the Christian faith. This is a 26 week commitment, meeting weekly for 90 minutes in a small group. Preparation is required before each meeting. The exchange of insights and life experiences within the group are priceless and is the best kind of investment you can make – an investment in the growth of your own faith and in the growth of others in Christ. Space is very limited. For more information, contact Rev. Scott Thayer (732-349-1331 ext. 225; sthayer@pctr.org)

LIF Begins again...
Join Us on Monday Nights this Fall
Beginning September 19, 2011
LIF (Living In Faith)

An Adult Fellowship & Study Group where all adults are welcomed for:
A catered dinner at 6:30, Worship at 7:00,
Four Study Choices (Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Quest) from 7:15 – 8:45

Alpha

This program gives individuals the opportunity to explore the meaning of life. It includes a short video presentation by Pastor Nicky Gumbel, currently the Vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton church in London, and the founder of the Alpha course, which is used world-wide. Small group discussions will be led by Bill Gould, Bill Pabst and Nadia Herman, and presentations and follow-up led by Pat Grill.

Whether you are new to the Christian faith, or have been studying the Bible for a long time – this is an eye-opening, faith building and challenging look at Jesus, the Holy Spirit, prayer, faith, healing and the Church! Rev. Gumbel asks: “Is there more to life than this?” Then he helps us to see why and how we should read the Bible, how God guides us, how we can be filled with the Holy Spirit, how we can resist evil, and how we can make the most of the rest of our lives.

Beta

The Beta class will be reading and studying Max Lucado’s *Traveling Light*. Max Lucado is the Senior Minister for the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas and the author of multiple bestsellers and is America’s Leading Inspirational Author.

In your Luggage of Life, have you been known to pick up a few extra bags?

We all lug loads we were never intended to carry: Fear - Worry – Discontent – Hopelessness – Guilt – Loneliness - Doubt. No wonder we get so weary. We’re worn out from carrying that excess baggage. Wouldn’t it be nice to lose some of those bags?

That’s the invitation of Max Lucado. Using the verses of the twenty-third Psalm as our guide, Max Lucado walks us through a helpful inventory of our burdens and the ways to release some of the burdens we were never intended to bear.

This program is being led by Iver Kennedy, Liz Thomson and Linwood McWilliams.

Gamma

The Gamma class will be studying selected readings from *Devotional Classics* edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith. They will begin mid way through the book and cover the collection of writings under the headings of the Virtuous life, the Compassionate life, the Word-Centered life, and the Spirit-Empowered life. The selections come from the great voices of the church including John Calvin, Blaise Pascal, Thomas a Kempis, Teresa of Avila, Ignatius of Loyola, William Temple, John Wesley, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This in-depth discussion based study is led by Dan Raisch.

Quest

More than just a rally or a Bible Study, Quest provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus and directed by God’s word. This group will begin the fall by studying the work of Tony Campolo, who will be the guest speaker at the Northeast Men’s Retreat at the end of September. After the retreat, they will begin a Bible study that comes from the book *Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness and What He Wants to Do with You* by John MacArthur.

The study will be led by Dr. David Joynt, Peter Thomson, and Phil Beachy.

Over 50 adults spend Monday nights with us at PCTR – what a great experience. The dinners are delicious, the fellowship is comfortable and fun, the variety of programs offers ‘something for everyone,’ with leaders who are excited and committed. There is a place for you here – Join us on Monday nights and see for yourself! Come at 6:30 for dinner, or come at 7:00 for worship & singing, or come at 7:15 for Alpha, Beta, Gamma or Quest.

Tuesday Morning Seminars on "Challenging Lifestyle"

**Tuesdays: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Vineyard
Starting September 21st**

DVD talks are given by Rev. Nicky Gumbel who is the Vicar at Holy Trinity Brompton in London, a Christian writer and the pioneer of the Alpha course, a world-wide study of the meaning of life from a Christian perspective. These topics are based on Jesus' radical teaching given in the Sermon on the Mount and suggest ways in which we can apply this teaching to our own lives. Discussion will be led by Pat Grill and Bill Pabst.

September 20

How to Find the Secret of Happiness

Rev. Nicky Gumbel examines our modern day ideas of happiness and shows how true happiness comes from a right relationship with God.

September 27

How to Change the World Around You

Rev. Nicky Gumbel challenges us to transform the world around us by re-examining our relationships with others.

October 4

How to Understand the Old Testament

Rev. Nicky Gumbel explains why the Old Testament is not only relevant to our lives as Christians, but also essential to our understanding of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

October 18

How to Handle Anger

Rev. Nicky Gumbel suggests ways in which we can successfully deal with anger. What does the Bible say about anger; is it ever justified; and how can we control it?

Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am in the Vineyard

Our Thursday Bible Study will be led this year by Rev. Jim Pruner, who will be joining our Adult Ed staff on a part time basis. We will begin on September 15th with a study of Acts. Study guides will be available for purchase on Rally Weekend in Fellowship Hall. Join us!

MAPS

Marriage And the Perfect-Partner Study

All couples are invited to join us to explore marriage as a gift from God! Six Sessions on the third Friday of each month

Fall Sessions

- **October 21st** *"God's Purpose for Marriage: More Than We Imagine"*
- **November 18th** *"The Refining Power of Marriage"*
- **December 16th** *"The God-Centered Spouse"*
- Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas with Kevin and Sherry Harney [book, DVD segments and participant's guide]

"This study looks at how we can use the challenges, joys, struggles, and celebrations of marriage to draw closer to God and to grow in Christian character."

Calling upon Jesus Christ (our Perfect-Partner) for his help gives a marriage strength from a source outside itself. We are free to love out of the knowledge and experience that we ourselves are loved passionately and unconditionally by God.

Led by Bob & Pat Grill and Rev. Tory Pruner

Church School

Rally Weekend, September 10th & 11th, marks the beginning of our regular Church School year. Children pre-K through 5th grade are invited to attend worship with their families. Following the children's message, they will meet their church school teachers and all their new and old friends.

Please be sure to register - if you haven't already - by stopping by the church school office.

AIM Club

Our afterschool fellowship for grades K-5th, begins on September 13th and runs from 4:15 – 6:30 pm. During our time together, children rotate between choir with Michael Barozzie (as they prepare to lead us in worship on October 16th), Bible study, where our series will focus on "Our Awesome God" and game time in the gym. The children in AIM Club discover what fun it is to be friends in Christ.

Mark your calendars for our Family Ice Cream Social on October 11th at 5:45 p.m. Parents are invited to come and join us for some scrumptious ice cream and learn about our AIM Club program.

STAR Club

Children ages 3 through Pre-K meet each Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:30 pm beginning on September 21st. The children have great fun together in music with Michael Barozzie, hearing Bible stories of the great people of the Old Testament and playing games in the gym. If you have not yet signed your little one up for Star Club, give a call to Joy Vivadelli in the church office.

Mustard Seeds

**begins Friday, October 7th
9:30 - 11:00 am**

Our very young and the families join together in Fellowship Hall once a month for Mustard Seeds. Children 1yr.old- 5yr.old and a family member come to play together in the gym. They also hear a Bible story followed by a time of singing songs and play instruments. The children also make their own craft project to take home. We have lots of children who bring their moms, dads and grandparents. Coming to Mustard Seeds can be a special day for little ones and their grandparents. We are done by 11:00 am - just in time for nursery school and kindergarten pick-up.

CAST

Junior Highs live in a world that is wonderful and horrible at the same time. They need a place where they can experience God's love and have fun together. That place is CAST.

On Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, PCTR is filled with excitement. All are welcome! Bring your friends for a night of games in the gym, small group Bible study, and great fellowship. Our Bible study will help us discover who God has created us to be. CAST begins **Wednesday, September 14th.**

FISH

Senior Highs face so many pressures – school, sports, peers and life decisions about college – they need a place to supported and know God's love. The place to be is at PCTR on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Our Senior Highs meet for fellowship, recreation and Bible study. All newcomers are welcome! September will be a great time to meet new friends and explore who God really wants us to be. FISH begins **Wednesday, September 14th.**

Game Plan for Faith

Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 pm

On October 13, 2007, after nearly 17 grueling hours, Scott Rigsby did the unthinkable: he crossed the finish line at the 140.6-mile Ironman World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii and set a world record as the first double-amputee on prosthetics to complete the Ironman World Championships in Kona - considered to be the most grueling triathlon on earth. But his journey begins far from the finish line.

Scott's incredible story contains as many highs and lows as one can imagine over such a short and storied life. It is a unique journey of success and failures, that all started with a decision and the desire to never quit, no matter what, no matter how long. His story is one of overcoming challenges to achieve the unthinkable. He speaks with clarity, passion, purpose, and humor about the persistence needed to achieve what you think is beyond your reach. Scott's compelling personality and motivational message will touch you in a very profound and memorable way.

Don't miss this extraordinary event!

**Ocean Classic Concerts Begins its
2011-2012 Season
Sunday, September 18th
at 4:00 pm with *Presidio Brass***



The Women's Ensemble

will be starting up again this fall directed by our Music Associate, Karin Gargone. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in singing with this group, please see Karin Gargone or Josh Melson.

The rehearsal rooms in the music wing have been quiet for much of the summer. All of that is about to change. Rehearsals for all of PCTR's musical groups begin in September, bringing with them lots of new life and energy. We are excited to see all of our singers and ringers return this fall, but would love to have new faces join us in making music too. No matter your age or ability, there is a place for you in the church's music ministry. Here is the weekly schedule of all of our choirs:

Wednesday Youth - September 14th

- 5:00-5:30- Jr. High Handbells
- 5:30-6:15- Jr. High Choir
- 5:30-6:00- Sr. High Handbells
- 6:00-6:45- Sr. High Choir

Wednesday Adult - September 7th

- 6:15-7:45- Sounds of Truth
- 7:00-8:00- Onevoice

Thursdays - September 8th

- 6:30-7:30- Chancel Handbells
- 6:30-7:30 - Women's Ensemble
- 7:30-9:30- Sanctuary Choir

As you make plans for the fall, please consider making PCTR music a part of your weekly schedule. Talk to Josh, Michael or Karin for more information about any of these groups.

*Ocean Classic Concerts
2011-2012 Series*

*September 18, 2011- 4:00 p.m.
Presidio Brass*

*October 16, 2011- 4:00 p.m.
Brothers in Harmony*

*December 4, 2011- 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Joy
The Sanctuary Choir, Soloists, &
Orchestra
Tickets Available November 11*

*January 29, 2012- 4:00 p.m.
Frederick Moyer, concert pianist*

*Tuesday, February 21, 2012- 7:00 p.m.
Centenary College Choir*

*March 4, 2012- 6:30 p.m.
13th Annual Handbell Festival
Handbell Choirs from Area Churches
Guest Director: Cynthia Dobrinski
Tickets Available February 10*

*April 29, 2012- 4:00 p.m.
Four Hands & Four Feet
Karin Gargone & Josh Melson
Organ & Piano*

*May 20, 2012- 4:00 p.m.
Sweet Sounds of Liberty
The Sanctuary Choir, Soloists, &
Orchestra*

*Requested Donation of \$10 for all
concerts*

Sharing Faith Stories

Did you ever find yourself in a place wondering how you got there or why you were there?

By Nickolas Sheridan, PCTR Elder

Over 8 years ago Christine and I made a family decision, a commitment: begin the journey to find a church where we “belong”. You know, Really BELONG...somewhere we can call home, somewhere we can connect, get involved, serve the Lord beyond punching the clock on Sunday mornings, blessing ourselves, and calling it a day. Chris was concerned about our youngest, Alexandria, who was one year away from making her communion in our current church. I assured her that the Lord would provide direction. We just needed to have some faith. As it states in Proverbs 3: 5-6:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Now I look back and question myself: Why am I here? Why this church? See, I did my due diligence: I searched the internet for the churches within 15 miles of my house, printed directions, and was destined to identify the “right” one. I planned to attend a different church each week but the Lord, although probably entertained with my process and procedure, finished chuckling and put the kibosh on that venture. A friend introduced me to PCTR and that was the end of the search. But, why this church?

Each Christmas I mess around with friends and family saying “Remember - it’s better to give than to receive, so you better go shopping so you can give me some presents.” I realized back then that I needed to connect with a church, with people who were giving of themselves. I was missing that! I thought then, and continue to think, “my family and I are so blessed” that we need to give glory to God and give of ourselves. I found the members of this church that are doing what I wanted to do and they were doing it for all the right reasons!

Last October I started on a journey, a real challenge, towards understanding Discipleship. I really didn’t know what I was getting myself into but Scott Thayer thought enough about the experience to invite me to breakfast to discuss the challenge. I read the introduction to the lesson plan Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ by Greg Ogden and something struck me. A survey stated that people will readily identify themselves as “Christians” but be quite reluctant to call themselves “disciples.” Greg Ogden went on to state that being a Christian was easy: the only thing required

is that I acknowledge my need of a savior and to receive a gift that I cannot earn nor deserve. But if I identify myself as a disciple, then I am making a statement about the quality of my followership. Being a Christian is a statement about what Christ has done for me; being a disciple is a statement about what I am doing for Christ. I felt a calling to learn more.

After twenty-six weeks of studying the importance of growing up in Christ, understanding the message of Christ, and becoming like Christ, our group finally got to the heart of it all: Serving Christ. What intrigued me the most, and what continues to blow my mind, is the discipline and commitment of the disciples. These guys, ordinary Joes, through the power of the Holy Spirit, maintained the spiritual revolution started by Jesus. Here we are, thousands of years and millions of Christians later... AMAZING!

Christine and I have sought out and been blessed with a number of opportunities to serve the Lord. For the last few years we helped coordinate a local fundraiser called the Hirtes Hike, named for Maureen Hirtes, a model Toms River citizen with 11 children who passed away last year. Not that there’s a whole lot of spare time in the normal daily grind at the Sheridan house but when all the plans are planned and all the coordinating coordinated, and everything comes together, nothing is more fulfilling than being able to pass on a gift. The feeling of helping others, not for self-righteousness, but to connect with God’s children in times of need...what a powerful feeling!

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” *Ephesians 2:8-10*

So here I am, and I know why I’m here. It’s not easy, but I’m not alone. We all fight the battles of complacency, the challenges of materialism, the temptations of negativity and gossip. But together we can walk in obedience to serve the Lord, supporting each other. We can recharge our batteries on Sunday and put the power of God’s word into action in our community.

The word of God continues to challenge me and I always love a good challenge

Presbyterian Women

Our Presbyterian Women organization has 14 circles that meet monthly for Bible Study, mission emphasis and Christian fellowship. Some meet during the day...some at night; there's one to fit into your schedule. If you are interested in joining a circle contact the church, the leader of the circle you interested in joining (listed on the Presbyterian Women trifold) or Ruth Ellen Polito @ 732-657-9522.

SCHEDULE OF CIRCLE MEETINGS

When	Circle	Where
MORNING		
9:30 am	2nd Tuesday	Rebecca Church
10:00 am	2nd Tuesday	Esther Homes (Waretown Area)
9:30 am	2nd Wednesday	Abigail Homes (Leisure Village Area)
9:30 am	2nd Friday	Rachel Church* *Childcare Provided
9:30 am	3rd Monday	Adah Church
9:30 am	3rd Tuesday	Sarah Church
NOON/ AFTERNOON		
1:00 pm	2nd Tuesday	Lois Homes (Whiting Area)
12:00 noon	4th Tuesday	Mary Church
EVENING		
7:00 pm	2nd Tuesday	Elisabeth Church
7:00 pm	2nd Tuesday	Lydia Church
7:00 pm	3rd Monday	Joy Homes
7:30 m	3rd Wednesday	Eve Homes

September Circles

<i>Abigail - Sept. 14th</i> 9:30 am Home of Joy Huey	<i>Lois - Sept. 13th</i> 1:00 pm Whiting Area
<i>Adah - TBA</i> 9:30 am Mission Room	<i>Lydia - Sept. 20th</i> 7:00 pm Church
<i>Elisabeth - Sept. 20th</i> 7:00 pm Church	<i>Martha - TBA</i> 10:00 am The Haven
<i>Esther - Sept. 13th</i> 10:00 Home of Deane Sharp	<i>Mary - Sept. 27th</i> 12:00 pm Mission Room
<i>Eve - September 21st</i> 7:30 pm - TBA	<i>Rachel - Sept. 9th</i> 9:30 am Mission Room
<i>Joy - Sept. 19th</i> 7:00 pm Home of Pat Taylor	<i>Rebecca - Sept. 13th</i> 9:30 am Mission Room
<i>Leah - Sept. 23rd</i> 9:30 am Renaissance	<i>Sarah - Sept. 20th</i> 9:30 am Mission Room

Fellowship Club

Friday, September 16th

If you are 50+ and would enjoy a few hours of fellowship, conversation, fun and great programs – then join us in the Haven at 11:30 am on Friday, September 16th.

Our speaker will be David Joynt, who participated in the Villages in Partnership trip to Malawi, Africa in August. David will share his experiences from his trip to Malawi, a country in southern Africa, faces many challenges. Schooling is limited, health care is poor, poverty and availability of clean drinking water are some of the problems the people face daily. Come out on September 16th and hear about David's exciting trip and the amazing work being done in Malawi.

We begin with fellowship at 11:30, followed by a catered lunch at 12:00 (\$5 per person). Our program will begin at approximately 12:30. Everyone is welcome!



**Beginning the week of September 19th
Mondays 7:00-8:30pm and Tuesdays 2:00-3:30 in the Vineyard**

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around others who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have re-

turned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief. You will learn important insights about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

If you have questions, contact Rev. Scott Thayer (732-349-1331 ext. 225; sthayer@pctr.org)

To register, call the church office (phone #) by (Friday, September 9th).

Workbook Cost: \$15

My family and I are deeply grateful for the care and support of the congregation since last September during my surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy. Your inquiries, words of encouragements, hugs, cards, notes, and especially prayers bolstered my hope and determination. I completed the last radiation treatment on June 23rd. The PCTR community is a shining (as in halos) example of Christian care. We often don't know the reason that God introduces a difficulty, challenge, or joy into a life, but our faith guides us to trust that it will lead us closer to Him. Call on us when you're in need.

*May you feel God's love every day,
Bob Smith*

*To all of my ministers and friends
of The Presbyterian Church of Toms
River,*

*I miss you and I want to thank
you for the "going away party" you
gave me just before I left. It was won-
derful and it cheered me up and I will
be forever grateful for your kindness.*

*God bless you and I will always
remember the wonderful years I spent
here.*

*Love,
Alberta Little*

***Rally Weekend 2011
September 10th & 11th***

Step Up - Step Out

Step up to the possibilities PCTR has for you to serve, learn and worship!

This year's Mission Fair will include all the different organization and service opportunities at PCTR. This is your chance

- * To find a way to connect;**
- * To make a difference;**
- * To grow in your faith;**
- * To become the person God needs here at PCTR!**

Beginning on Rally Weekend we will resume our schedule of four worship services at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Church School classes for all ages will be held during all four services

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