

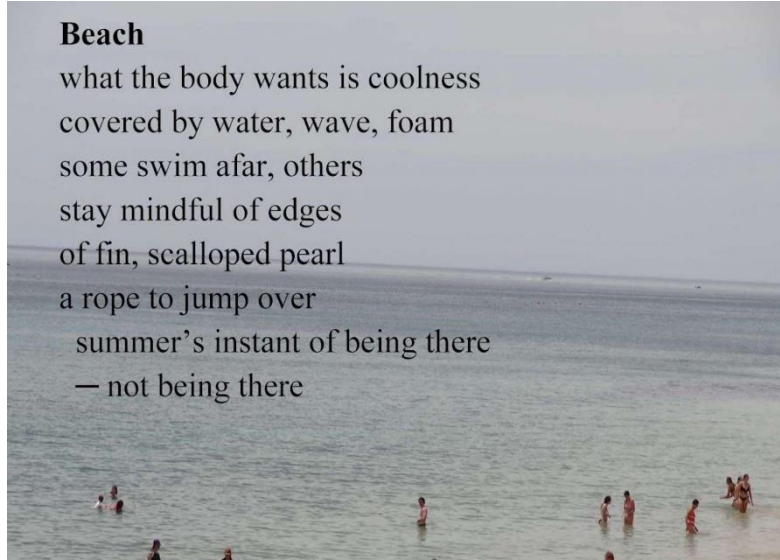


# THE NEW LEAF

## JUNE/JULY 2023

### Beach

what the body wants is coolness  
 covered by water, wave, foam  
 some swim afar, others  
 stay mindful of edges  
 of fin, scalloped pearl  
 a rope to jump over  
 summer's instant of being there  
 — not being there



**See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland. (Is. 43:19)**





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Tuesday, July 4, 2023- **Office Closed**

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Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> names appearing on our list for a month will be removed, unless a request for continuation on the list is received by the church office. The Worship Committee decided to change how our prayer list is currently overseen. It is with that the list will not be overlooked as “the same old names”.



## Deacon Ministry

- Annual Deacon’s Yard sale **June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-2 P.M.**  
-BRING YOUR OWN SHOPPING BAG
- **Our Church Picnic will be Sunday, June 18th** After worship in Bonham Hall. Our picnic lunch will be provided by our Deacons. No need to bring a dish to share, just come and enjoy! We’ll enjoy subs, sandwiches, salad, chips, ice cream and cookies for dessert. We invite everyone to join us for lunch and fellowship with each other.
- A wheel chair is available for those in need during worship. It is located at the back of our sanctuary.

## Synopsis of May 2023 Session Meeting

1. Session will be updating the Sexual Abuse and Child Protection policy of the Church to bring it up to date with the recent changes made with the Presbytery policy. Rev. Kaul will be providing training on safe sanctuary practices to members of our boards and Sunday School teachers.
2. The formal addition of a Technology Committee for Session was approved.
3. Installation of the Church's new sound system is tentatively scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> with construction of a booth for the sound system in the back of the Church along with installation of the necessary electrical work is to be completed prior to this date.
4. Progress with converting information from our existing Church web site to our new site is being made. Any changes necessary to access this site will be announced once completed. Work on the development of our live service broadcasting will begin soon once the new web site is in place with tentative plans for completion in September.
5. Session approved the content of an Emergency Contact Information form which will be used to contact a personal reference should anyone experience an emergency while at Church. This form will be introduced to the Congregation and placed into use in the near future.



After Lent, Holy Week, the 40 days following Easter, and Pentecost, we'll be entering "Ordinary Time". We're not sure what "ordinary" or "normal" is anymore, but hopefully, your normal includes weekly worship.

June 4<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Sunday, our service will include communion. June 11<sup>th</sup> will be our last Sunday worshipping in the Sanctuary. June 18<sup>th</sup> worship will be held in Bonham Hall prior to our annual church picnic.

We will continue to worship in Bonham Hall the rest of June and through July. In August, worship will be held at the Old Broad Street Church.





Revelings Summer 2023

As Spring gives way to summer, there always seems to be a “shift” in priorities, of tasks/work to be done. Perhaps we're appreciating the gift of “more time” being presented to us. It seems that church life tends to “slow down” a little bit. We perhaps find time to “rest” as God intended us to do so.

Summertime as I'm soon to appreciate, is celebrated/experienced far differently here in So. NJ, than it can be/is back in the Midwest, where I grew up. I'm looking forward to learning what this season is like here. Some scriptures can help us to reflect upon God, who God is, what God can be/is like for us, during this season called “summer.”

The graphics for this Revelings reflect this. They also represent what my “old” and “new” ways of celebrating Summer have been, and now are. Yes, there are similarities here in Southern NJ, farmstands, crops growing etc.

My old ways/experiences: On the Great Plains one finds mostly corn, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat growing, with low humidity/100-degree temperatures. In Southern MO, Eastern AR, Western TN, Northern MS, it's many fields of cotton “white gold” growing, hot and humid! In Middle and Northern MO, there's lots of soybeans and corn growing, lots of humidity and temps in 90's-100 degrees.



In MO, most everyone goes to “the Lake.” This can mean either the “Lake of the Ozarks,” (in Mid-MO) or “Bull Shoals,” or “Tablerock” (in SW MO). In MI, most everyone goes “up north”/ “the cottage,” meaning

close to the U.P., the Upper Peninsula, or over to "Grand Traverse." The folks mean, either going to Mackinac Island (pronounced, Mackinaw), or along the shores of the Great Lakes, Superior, Huron, Erie Shores (Put In Bay OH) or Michigan (Traverse City, Muskegon taking the ferry to Milwaukee WI).

In the U.P. and Northern Ontario, one deals with "black flies" that carry quite the bite, also dressing in "layers," meaning shorts, short/long sleeved shirts/tees, and a "fleece." Temps there may get into the 90's occasionally, but it's mostly mild and not much humidity. Fireworks over the lake on July 4th, that's the quintessential "northern summer."



In St. Louis, (MO), there's nothing like watching the fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>, along the banks of the Mississippi River, lying on the grass under the Gateway Arch, watching them go forth into the sky from the barge in the middle of the river... oh it's awesome.



My “New” ways: Here in Southern NJ, I’ve learned, one goes “to the shore” (along the Atlantic Ocean) or “to the bay” (the Delaware Bay). I look forward to spending some time reading along the shores of both of these this summer. I was gifted a novel “The Book of Lost Names” to read, it’s now on my “to read list.” I hope that many of us will be able to find the time to pick up a good read or two, including some scriptures and devotional books during these next months.

After a very “full” first 5 months of our work together, as pastor and people, from January through May, (a great thing), the summer months present us with time to catch our breath. The Holy Spirit is keeping us busy! For this we give thanks to God!



Speaking of Scriptures Here's a few to consider:

Proverbs 30:25 “The ants are not a strong people, But they prepare their food in the summer.”

Scriptures about summer, here's a few to consider:

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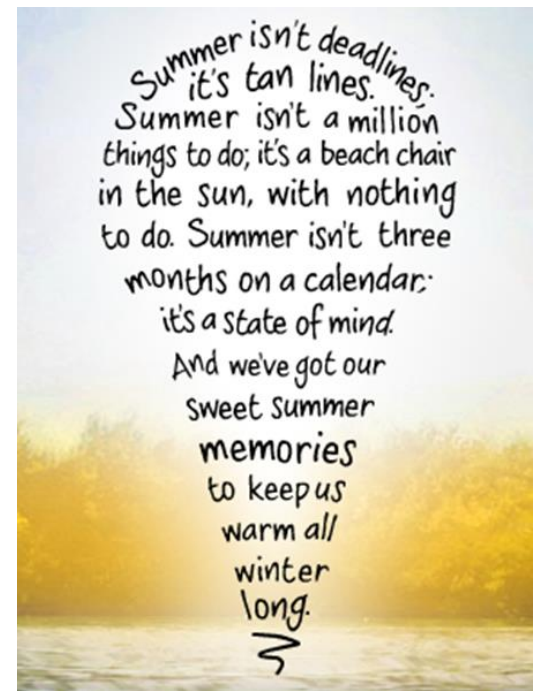
Matt. 24:32 “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.”



In this season called “Summer” may we be attentive to the still small voice that speaks to us in quiet ways. Though we may be busy as ants can be and are busy, we know we aren't strong enough to “go it alone.” We need the love, grace, mercy and help of God to walk with us every step of each day. We need Jesus, and are thankful to have such a Savior. Keep blooming, stay rooted and grounded. Enjoy your Summer! Blessings!

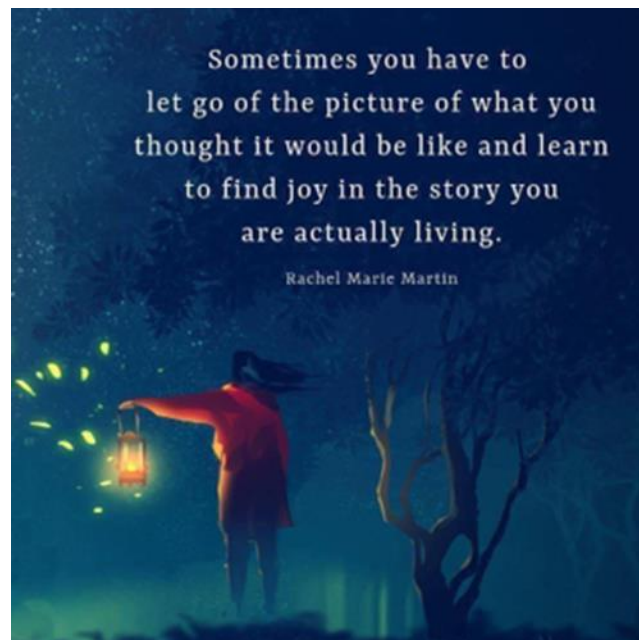
Faithfully,  
Rev. Norlita





### Summer Sermon Series "Family Reunion"

Date	Sermon/Reflection	Readings	Theme
6/4 Trinity Sunday 6/18	God's Perfect Family God Chooses an Imperfect Family	Gen. 1:1-2:4a Gen. 18:1-15	The Trinity is perfect relationship God's purpose is to bless all families through one family
6/25	A Painful Shortcut	Gen. 21:8-21	We get impatient, but God redeems our mistakes.
7/2	An Unthinkable Trail	Gen. 22:1-14	Even in the deepest trails, God makes a way.
7/9	A Biblical Romance?	Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Romance makes a good story, but it's a small part of God's greater story.
7/16	Sibling Rivalry, Part I	Gen. 25:19-34	When we are all at fault, God is all-faithful
7/23	Works in Progress	Gen. 28:10-19a	Every family has difficult people, but there is always hope for change.
7/30	Sibling Rivalry, Part II	Gen. 29:15-28	We seek power, but God seeks our good.
8/6	Holy Wrestling	Gen. 32:22-31	When we wrestle with doubt and fear, God comes to us and blesses us.
8/13	Sibling Rivalry, Part III	Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28	No more playing favorites-we're all longing for love.
8/20	Forgiveness in the Family	Gen. 45:1-15	God empowers us to forgive.



## March 2023 Presbytery For Southern New Jersey Gathering on Zoom Highlights

- WHAT A GATHERING!!! We welcomed 92 people last evening in person and on Zoom.

Our Moderator Jonathan Cohill and Moderator-elect Rev. Eliza Jaremko (on Zoom) welcomed us to this gathering along with Assistant Stated Clerk Rev. Diane Curtis (on Zoom)

- We celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Donald R. Fletcher. He preached a sermon entitled "I Tune the Instrument" from John Donne and 1 Corinthians 15:51-57. He officiated the Lord's Supper and was given recognition from our presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Standing ovations, smiles and a few tears were in evidence. Thank you, Rev. Fletcher!
- We elected Ruling Elder Rebecca Neindorff (1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Moorestown) as our Moderator-elect!
- We celebrated the ministry of Christ Presbyterian Church in Marlton with presentations from ruling elders, tears, and prayers. We now have their peace candle for use.
- We dedicated our offering to Presbyterian Mental Health Network in support of their work and ministry in so many ways.
- We were reminded about our "online giving" platform for the presbytery
- Urban Promise shared their ministry supported in part from our Mission funds.
- Mission Committee has a new grant identifying feature. Be sure to check out the presbytery website.
- The amendments were considered and voted upon - more to be considered in June.
- Nominating Committee always welcoming new people to serve
- Vital Congregations shared a summary of a wonderful worship and called us to pray for "What's Next?"
- Began thinking about upcoming transitions of staff and the transitions the presbytery will be called to engage in conversations in the coming months.
- Resource allocation will be a topic at the June meeting - more to come.
- We heard beautiful music from Christ Presbyterian Church in Marlton and the Presbyterian Church of Willingboro in addition to Rev. Norlita Kaul
- We worshipped and smiled at each other, and it was a cacophony of sounds and laughter.
- We heard each other and gave thanks for our ministry together. We continue to grow and develop. We invite and need each one of you to be part of this community.
- Thank you to the tech team!!!

Join us in June for a Hybrid meeting on Zoom and in-person at Woodbury as we celebrate the Installation of our Moderator, celebrate the ministry of our retiring Stated Clerk, participate in an examination for ordination, elect committee members and so much more. We hope you will join us in person for food and fellowship.

Thanks be to God!

Walking with you through Pentecost to the wonder that is "Ordinary Time."

Debby



# News You Can Use

Sunday, June 4th: **Trinity Sunday with Communion**  
Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 P.M. through Tuesday, June 13: **Rev. Norlita Kaul will be on Vacation**  
Sunday, June 18th: **Honoring Men during worship**

## UPCOMING JUNE MEETINGS

Thursday, June 1: **Capital Campaign Meeting** in Church Office at 2:00 P.M.  
Thursday, June 1: **Session Meeting** in the Church Manse at 6:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, June 14: **Choirs Last Rehearsal**  
Sunday, June 18: **Church Picnic** in Bonham Hall **after worship**  
Monday, June 19: **Trustee Meeting** in Bonham Hall at 7:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, June 20: **Time Out Tuesday** in Bonham Hall at 12:00 P.M.

**Parish Life Committee will also meet the end of June.**

If anyone wishing to be on Parish Life should contact Debbie Homan.

## SERVING IN JUNE

DATE	USHERS	COUNTERS
June 4	<b>Team 2</b> Bruce Hankins, captain; Albert Fooks	<b>Team A</b> Debbie Fooks & Sherry Macpherson
June 11	<b>Team 3</b> Joyce Ireland, captain; Marie Dunham	<b>Team B</b> Marion Carll & Heather Newkirk
June 18	<b>Team 4</b> Kahlil Walker, captain;	<b>Team C</b> Yvonne Custis & Debbie Homan
June 25	<b>Team 5</b> John Ambrose, captain; Bruce Carll	<b>Team D</b> Marie Dunham & Joyce Ireland

### JUNE WORSHIP FLOWERS

June 4:  
June 11: John Ambrose  
June 18: Church Picnic  
June 25: Kim Whelan

### FELLOWSHIP IN JUNE

June 4:  
June 11:  
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June 25:

As there are blank spaces for flowers and fellowship, would you consider helping us to fill them in?  
It takes a village...Thanks!

## SAVE THE DATE TIME OUT TUESDAY

"Bee's in the Garden"

Date: June 20, 2023

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Bonham Hall

Lunch will be hosted by Marge Pampuch and Jane Hankins

Please RSVP to the office (856)455-0809 by June 16.

# News You Can Use

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: Independence Day-Office Closed



## UPCOMING JULY MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 18: **Lunch Bunch** DiLisi's in Carl's Corner at 12:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 23: **Presby Perennials Meeting** after worship  
(in the Fithian Room)



## SERVING IN JULY

DATE	USHERS	COUNTERS
July 2	<b>Team 6</b> Ron Schultz, captain; Beth Schultz	<b>Team A</b> Debbie Fooks & Sherry Macpherson
July 9	<b>Team 7</b> Ken Freitag, captain; Heather Newkirk	<b>Team B</b> Marion Carll & Heather Newkirk
July 16	<b>Team 8</b> Franz Pampuch, captain; William Freitag, & Frank Pillsbury	<b>Team C</b> Yvonne Custis & Debbie Homan
July 23	<b>Team 1</b> Debbie Homan, captain; Curtis Homan, & William Conway	<b>Team D</b> Marie Dunham & Joyce Ireland
July 30	<b>Team 2</b> Bruce Hankins, captain; Albert Fooks	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>

### JULY WORSHIP FLOWERS

July 2: Yvonne Custis  
July 9: Yvonne Custis  
July 16: Yvonne Custis  
July 23: Yvonne Custis  
July 30: Yvonne Custis

### FELLOWSHIP IN JULY

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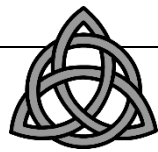
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Place: Dilisi's in Carl's Corner

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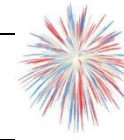


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Capital Campaign Meeting @ 2:00 P.M.  Session Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.	<b>2</b> Deacons Annual Yard Sale 8:00-2:00 	<b>3</b> Deacons Annual Yard Sale 8:00-2:00 
<b>4</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>  Worship with Communion in the sanctuary @ 10:00 A.M.  2:00 P.M.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Rev. Norlita Kaul	<b>7</b> Choir Practice @ 7:30 P.M. 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Jere Cossaboom   Jeanne Garrison
<b>Rev. Norlita Kaul on Vacation</b>						
<b>11</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship Rev. Debby Brincivalli guest preacher in the sanctuary @ 10:00 A.M.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Last Choir Practice @ 7:30 P.M.    Bob Zimmerman	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Rev. Kaul on Vacation</b>						
<b>18</b> Honoring Men Worship in Bonham Hall @ 10:00 A.M. Church Picnic after worship 	<b>19</b> Trustee Meeting 7PM	<b>20</b>  Time Out Tues. @ Noon Bonham Hall	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship in Bonham Hall @ 10:00 A.M.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Jody Husted	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Bruce Eadie   Debbie Archer	





# July 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy Canada Day! 
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship in Bonham Hall @ 10:00 A.M.	3 	4 Office Closed Happy Birthday America! 	5	6 Al Fooks  Yvonne Custis	7  Grady Husted	8
9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship in Bonham Hall @ 10:00 A.M.	10	11	12  Jennifer Burgess	13	14	15
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship in Bonham Hall @ 10:00 A.M.	17	18  Lunch Bunch Dilisi's Carls Corner @ Noon	19	20 Beverly Pugh Corry  Mel Bergmann	21	22
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship in Bonham Hall @ 10:00 A.M. Presby Perennials Meeting after worship in Fithian Room	24	25	26	27  Cayla Layne	28	29  Richard Burgess
30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship in Bonham Hall @ 10:00 A.M.  Amy Brewer	31					

# The Work of the Holy Spirit



"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15 (NIV).

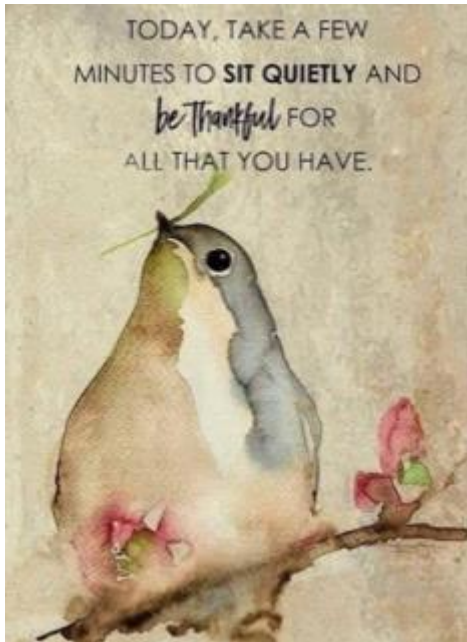
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much	belong	Spirit	tell	truth
bear	guide	hears	known	speaks
more	Father	glory	say	come



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**Friday and Saturday**  
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