

# TOWER CHIMES



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Welcome to the  
monthly newsletter  
of

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Church of Merrick

## From the Desk of Pastor Moira Ahearne

*"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."* Psalms 113:3

Dear Merrick Family:

For the past six months we have been caught up in a whirlwind of Church seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Now we get to relax in the time after Pentecost called "Ordinary Time." Only there isn't anything ordinary about "Ordinary Time."

Ordinary time, which stretches almost over the next six months, coincides with summer and fall. So Ordinary Time is our time to first relax in the Lord. We have journeyed with Jesus through his birth, death, resurrection, ascension and the outpouring of the Spirit, now it is time for us to absorb all Jesus' teachings and begin experiencing the gifts (Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, Ephesians 4:11) and fruits (Gal. 5:22-23) of the Spirit. So, Ordinary Time, symbolized by the color green for growth, is all about the maturation of our spirit. Just as we are gardening in our backyards and around the house, it is the time to let the divine Gardener toil in our garden of our souls to prepare us for a rich harvest.

So during this time of growth, what do we want to see harvested in our lives? Some peace? Joy? Some patience, or a little more trust? How about a bouquet of gentleness or the ability to upbuild others? How about some more faith or trust? The soil of our soul is exceedingly fertile and there is so much available that we can produce, if we ask God for it -- *"ask and you will receive"* Luke 11:9. We give God glory in bearing fruit, fruit that endures (John 15:8).

Over the summer many of us will take well-deserved vacations or visit loved ones. Church life tends to slow down a little. This doesn't mean nothing is happening!! God is using all our experiences, here and away to refresh us, nurture us and help us to integrate and deepen our spiritual lives. I hope to set down deep roots in the Freeport/Merrick soil as we plan "Dinners with the Pastor" over the summer. Keep an eye out for further information!

Together let us use the time well to let worship and prayer fertilize the soil. Let conversation with loved ones, relaxation, new experiences water the soil. Let nature, scripture, devotionals and other materials bring added nourishment. Let shared experiences mature our spiritual fruits. Let us commend ourselves to this creative endeavor and make of this Ordinary Time something that's Extraordinary!

Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Moira  
Moira Ahearne



### *And We're Off!*

I've titled my article in honor of the upcoming Belmont Stakes – where we might have the chance to see another Triple Crown winner. But I also believe our congregation is off to a good start, with our new pastor and program.

And I'd also like to thank you all for your flexibility in adjusting to the earlier worship time. I know how we'd all like that extra hour of sleep.

Regarding our worship time, we'll be continuing our schedule into the summer. Unlike prior years, we will not be sharing summer worship with Bellmore. The reason for this is that we didn't want to change yet again our worship schedule after having just changed it a bit over a month ago. That doesn't prevent us from worshipping with Bellmore in future years, honoring a long-standing arrangement.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that there's still time to sign up for dinner with Pastors Moira and Forrest. It's a great opportunity to meet our new Pastor, and for her to get to know you better. Please call the office to sign up if you're interested.

Have a great summer!

Gary

Freeport's organist, will be playing for us when Cathy's not here.

And Barbara's office schedule will remain the same until further notice. (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am-12:30pm, Wednesdays 8:30am-2:30pm, and Fridays 8:30am-10:30am.

We hope to see you all at CPC during the summer!

### **PASTOR MOIRA IS 'IN'!**

Friends, I'm in the process of trying to set up basic office hours, and for my first try I'll be in the Merrick office on Wednesdays from 10am-2pm and in the Freeport office on Fridays from 10am-2pm. Tuesdays will float between the churches as needed. I'd love to get a chance to meet with you, so please call me up for a cup of coffee!

Please understand that sometimes pastoral emergencies or meetings do arise, which may conflict with these office hours. I recommend you call me to confirm I'm actually in the office! I would regret for you to show up at church only to find me out.

For my spiritual health, Mondays are going to be my Sabbath. I will not be doing any church business on Monday. However, if there is an emergency, please do not hesitate to call, text or email me at: 917-327-2119 or [moiraahearnd@aol.com](mailto:moiraahearnd@aol.com) any time. I'm here for you, and will be awaiting your call!

Pastor Moira

## **BREAKING NEWS!**

### **CPC TO STAY OPEN ALL SUMMER!**

Yes, you heard it here first, well....second! CPC will remain open during the summer months so we all can get to know Pastor Moira better and become more familiar with our new **9am worship service**.

Communion will continue to take place the first Sunday of each month, and refreshment hours will follow every Sunday service.

Children will worship with their families during the summer services.

Our choir will continue with us through the second week of July, but will then take a summer hiatus until September. Cathy keeps her regular schedule as well, playing through July, but taking August and the first Sunday in September off. George Petersen,

**MAY'S**



A prayer for guidance --- Mona  
Continued prayers for my dear friend and neighbor, John, having medical testing continuing this week. Scott  
For continuing health concerns and for wife, Audrean Williams, for continued strength. Tyrone Williams

The people of Hawaii;  
Mary – have a safe trip;  
Charles Stauten who is dealing with prostate cancer;  
The service and dedication of our Sunday school teachers, Lily and Mary Jane! For the work they do on Sundays as well as on their own time!;  
Continued prayers for “my dear friend and neighbor, John, for medical testing and upcoming surgery and his recovery”. (Scott);

  
**Prayer  
Requests**  
continued

My niece, Linda Straubel, who is recovering from a skiing accident and surgery. She is in much pain. (Ernie);  
To all mothers no longer with us whose wisdom and love will be with us forever.

For the Persecuted Church throughout the world, that God will continue to bless them with a sense of His presence, and that we here in the United States will do all we can to help them, remembering Hebrews 12:3 'Remember those (Christians) in prison and being mistreated as if you were in prison with them...' (Joe S.)

The Gates of Heaven must be open because my wife, Mary, is here and is a true angel. Happy Mother's day, Mary.

Prayers for our friend, Ricky Masopust, on the loss of his 92-year young mother. (Gary and Nancy Stuber)

For Carol Alexander who went to Sloan Kettering for a biopsy on Tuesday, May 29.

Joan Gregorio who has breast cancer (Jessie G.)  
"My son to release anger and make good choices".

Please pray for Chris Ameti and his family. Chris is a member of AA who passed away last Friday. He is loved by three children."

Thank you Jesus for your many miracles in my life. (Mona)

## **GRADUATES**



Kent and Meadow Alexander, grandchildren of Al and Bobbie Lewis, are graduating from Kindergarten (Harold D Fayette Elementary School in North Merrick) this June! May their educational road ahead be filled with wonder and enlightenment!

Joshua Yoder, grandson and Jo and Frank Gencorelli, is graduating from Portledge School and will be attending R.I.T. (Rochester Institute of Technology) in the fall seeking a degree in Computer Science. Joshua received a President's Scholarship and was accepted by quite a few colleges! Way to go, Joshua! How proud parents Meg and Peter must be!

### PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT FOR 2018

Please don't forget about the per capita apportionment for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It's **\$36.78** per active member. These monies are sent to the Presbytery and are distributed as follows: The Presbytery of Long Island receives \$25.00; The Synod of the Northeast receives \$4.05; The General Assembly receives \$7.73. CPC pays PCUSA on your behalf. Please help offset CPC's apportionment expense by writing a check in the amount of **\$36.78** made payable to *Community Presbyterian Church*. Thank you.

## **'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS - WITH THE PASTOR!**

**Let's get to know each other better!**

Pastor Moira and her husband, Pastor Forrest, will host **6** summer dinners at **7PM**, three at CPC and three at FPC. *The main course and side dish will be provided, and you are welcomed to bring a salad, dessert or drink if you so desire.* **Please sign up for one of these Friday night dinners.** We would like **4** people from Freeport Presbyterian AND **4** from Community Presbyterian to attend **EACH** dinner.

**June 1 in Freeport (filled)**

**June 8 in Freeport (2 openings from Merrick)**

**June 22 in Merrick (filled)**

**July 6 in Freeport (2 openings from Merrick)**

**July 27 in Merrick (3 openings from Merrick)**

**August 3 in Freeport (4 openings from Merrick)**



**SIGN-UPS WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS BY CALLING 378-7761**

and leaving your **NAME** and a **FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE** of dinner date.

*We are so looking forward to getting to know our Freeport and Merrick friends better!*

# JUNE HAPPENINGS

## June Birthdays:

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Jonathan Creighton |    |
| Amanda Bowker      | 2  |
| Mae Pauley         | 17 |
| Brian Donohue      | 23 |
| Harriet Luce       | 25 |
| Kristen Jacobsen   | 30 |



*(If your name did not appear here, it's because we don't know it's your birthday! Please call Diane Wood at 623-9495 10 so we can add your name to our list!)*

## GARAGE SALE, BAKE SALE, and a VEGETABLE & HERB PLANT SALE – June 2!

Our Board of Deacons is having another **GARAGE SALE** on Saturday, June 2 from 10am-3pm! They'll be selling **baked goods** as well!

The deacons can't do it alone, and they're asking for volunteers **before, during and after** the sale. They also need **merchandise to sell** as well as **baked goods**.

Please go through your homes and garages and donate unwanted or unneeded items to the church. Our deacons will accept almost all merchandise prior to the SALE with few exceptions. ('Personal care' items or items that are broken or have missing parts cannot be accepted.)

You may drop off your really big and bulky items the morning of between 8am and 9:30am. **Any big items that do not sell must be taken back by you.**

Acceptable items can be dropped off at the church any time Barbara is there, or on Sundays before or after church service. Please call one of our deacons if those times are not convenient to you: Jessie Gregorio, Mona Grimm, Rich Kelly, Mary Leschinski or Bobbie Zimmerman-Lewis

What are acceptable items?

Clothes (donated hangers needed), shoes, jewelry, small furniture, housewares, glassware, tools, rugs, throws, luggage, pocketbooks,

computer and car stuff, books and magazines, baby items, knick-knacks, pictures and frames, pet items, linens (**washed**), games, toys, etc.

Quality items are always accepted, whether they be new or antique. These items will be put on a 'special quality table'. Tax forms are also available, if requested, for all donations.

~ *If you want any of your unsold items back, you'll have to pick them up after the sale. Any unclaimed items will be at the disposable discretion of the deacons.*

We also need you to get in that kitchen and do some baking! The baked goods at our last sale sold out almost immediately, so we're asking you again to donate some of your baked goods to our Sale. They can be frozen ahead of time or fresh out of your oven. Whatever works best for you!

## AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

We'll also be selling some **vegetable and herb plants** for all you home growers out there!



Pricing will be set in June. If you have any questions, please call Mona about the Garage Sale and Mary Leschinski about the vegetables and herbs.

**JUNE 8 – DINNER WITH THE PASTOR IN FREEPORT – Don't forget to reserve your seat by calling the office at 378-7761.**

**PASTOR MOIRA WILL BE AWAY 6/11-19, AND PASTOR BARNUM WILL BE COVERING FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES THE 11<sup>TH</sup>-15<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE CONTACT REV. JIM AT (785-2590) OR FRAN KELLY AT 221-3561 SHOULD SOMETHING COME UP.**

**Any articles for the Tower Chimes are due into the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month, so all articles for the July edition are due into the office by June 15. Thank you!**

## JUNE 17 – YOUTH SERVICE AND MORE!



June 17 is going to be a big day at CPC as our YOUTH will be leading our service!

Mary Jane and Lily have been hard at work with our

Sunday school children preparing them for their big service with special youth performances! Pastor Moira will be on vacation, but she'll be lending us her husband, Rev. Forrest Parkinson, and he's looking forward to meeting the Merrick Community Church.

It's also **Father's Day**, and we'll be paying homage to all dads and 'dad-like' men in our lives!



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



**Attention, Ladies! Our next Women's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, June 23 at 10am in Grafing Hall. Please join us**

**for be sure to bring a friend!**

**This will be the LAST Breakfast until September. If you have ANY questions, please call Fran Kelly at 221-3561.**



**RECOGNITION SUNDAY**, which had been always celebrated on **Father's Day**, has been moved this year to **June 24!** Our Christian Education Commission and our Ministry of Music are two very important components of CPC's ministry, and they warrant recognition each year with a special acknowledgement. Please join us for this very special Sunday. ~ Fran Kelly

## SUMMER FACEBOOK AND WEB SITE

We will continue to update our Facebook page and web site during the summer. Please send me pictures of your summer activities and "get-togethers". **WE MUST** continue to let others see all the many activities the people of our church are involved in. Not only is it good evangelism, but it's fun!

~Cathy Donohue

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## **LOOKING AHEAD INTO JULY**

**July 1 - Sunday:** 9am worship service at CPC; Pastor Moira; Communion; Usher Team # 5; Choir; Cathy Donohue on organ; No Sunday School

**JULY 6- DINNER WITH THE PASTOR IN FREEPORT** – Don't forget to reserve your seat by calling the office at 378-7761.

**July 8 - Sunday:** 9am worship service at CPC; Pastor Moira; Usher Team #1; Choir; Cathy Donohue on organ; No Sunday School

**July 9-21: Pastor Moira on Study Leave / Vacation.** Pastor Barnum will be covering.

**July 15 - Sunday:** 9am worship service at CPC; Usher Team #2; Cathy Donohue on organ; No Sunday School

**July 22 - Sunday:** 9am worship service at CPC; Pastor Moira; Usher Team #3; Cathy Donohue on organ; No Sunday School

**JULY 27 DINNER WITH THE PASTOR IN MERRICK** – Don't forget to reserve your seat by calling the office at 378-7761.

**July 29 - Sunday:** 9am worship service at CPC; Pastor Moira; Usher Team #4; Cathy Donohue on organ; No Sunday School

## **July 29 – FREE Health Fair at CPC From 1pm – 4pm**



*Be on the lookout for more information as it gets closer!*

Also be on the lookout for a summer LI Ducks game and an afternoon of mini golf at Eisenhower Park!



# JUNE 2018

| Sunday  | Mond                              | Tues.   | Wednes.              | Thurs.  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|---|---|
|   |                                   |   |                      |   | 1<br><br>AA 6:45-9:30p;<br><br>7pm DINNER WITH THE PASTOR in Freeport | 2<br><br><b>CPC GARAGE, Bake, Veggie and Herb plant SALE 10-3</b>                             |
| 3<br>9am Worship Service; Pastor Moira in the pulpit; Communion (Lily Kelman-Nelson, Joe Nelson, Tom Rose and Mary Williams); <b>CHILDREN WILL WORSHIP WITH THE FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY</b> ; Usher Team #1 (Pat Dubovick, Charlie Leschinski, Nancy Stuber and George Weeks); Refreshments; NASC 1-6pm | 4                                 | 5<br><br>AA 7:30-9:30p  | 6<br><br>OPA 7-10pm  | 7<br><br>NA 7-9:30p                                     | 8<br><br>AA 6:45-9:30p<br><br>7pm DINNER WITH THE PASTOR in Freeport  | 9   |
| 10<br>9am Worship Service; Pastor Moira in the pulpit; Usher Team #2 (Scott Dodge, Fran Kelly, Alfred Lewis and Bobbie Lewis); <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> ; Coffee Hour   | 11<br>Pastor Moira away till 6/19 | 12<br><br>AA 7:30-9:30p   | 13<br><br>OPA 7-10pm | 14<br><br>NA 7-9:30                                     | 15<br><b>Tower Chimes Articles Due</b><br><br>AA 6:45-9:30p           | 16<br><br><b>11am Memorial Service at CPC</b>   |
| Pastor Barnum (785-2590) covering for Pastor Moira while she's away.  |                                   |   |                      |   |   |   |
| 17<br><b>FATHER'S DAY YOUTH-LED WORSHIP SERVICE</b><br>9a Worship; Youth-led service with Pastor Forrest in the pulpit; Usher Team #3 (David Brackett, Jamie Brackett, Mona Grimm and Joe Nelson); <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> ;  | 18                                | 19<br><br>Pastor Moira returns<br>AA 7:30-9:30p                     | 20<br><br>OPA 7-10pm | 21<br><br>7pm Session meeting at CPC<br><br>NA 7-9:30pm | 22<br><br>AA 6:45-9:30p<br><br>7pm DINNER WITH THE PASTOR in Merrick  | 23<br><br><b>10am Women's Fellowship Breakfast in Grafiing Hall (last one till September)</b> |
| 9<br><b>RECOGNITION SUNDAY</b><br>9am Worship; Pastor Moira in the pulpit; Usher Team #4 (Janel Crummy, Jessie Gregorio, Tom Rose and Joe Schuessler); <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> ; Please join us for Recognition Sunday in Grafiing Hall after the service  | 25                                | 26<br><br>1pm Stated mtg. of Presby. in Islip.<br><br>AA 7:30-9:30p | 27<br><br>OPA 7-10pm | 28<br><br>NA 7-9:30pm                                   | 29<br><br>AA 6:45-9:30p   | 30  |