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# Tidings

Day of  
Pentecost:  
Observed  
May 15, 2016



The Teaching  
Role of the  
Holy Spirit

Pastor Spencer's  
Tribute to a  
Godly Mentor,  
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*“...Fan into a flame the gift of God that you possess...  
The Spirit of God has given us no cowardly spirit,  
but rather one that makes us strong, loving, and wise.”  
(2 Timothy 1:6, 7)*

*“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.*

*Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from Heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

*They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.*

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit . . .”*  
(Acts 2:1-4)

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# God's Best Gifts Come Wrapped in Flesh

On Mother's Day weekend in 1989 I found myself interviewing for an Associate Pastor position with the United Presbyterian Church of Manoa in Haverstown, Pennsylvania. I was raised ten minutes away in Media, but —when I was just weeks away from graduating from Fuller Theological Seminary — I flew 3,000 miles (from Los Angeles) for this interview. I was looking for my first job as a pastor.

I didn't know much about working in the church back then, but I did

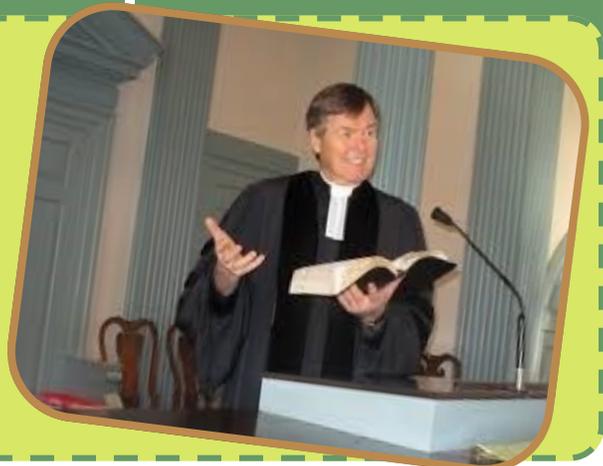
know that I wanted to work with a more experienced pastor from whom I could learn the ins-and-outs of ministry. Several of my seminary friends who had received their first calls as Associate Pastors all gave me the same advice: check out the Senior Pastor closely for she or he will make or break your ministry more than any other factor, including church size, location, or job description.

Jonathan Miller was then the Senior Pastor of the Manoa church. He had served there for five years

and the church had exploded under his leadership. There were dozens of new families, lots of children and youth, and a tangible buzz in the large Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

I sat with Jonathan for approximately an hour during my weekend visit.

Within five minutes I knew that I had found the mentor I wanted. Jonathan and I served together for five years and he taught me almost everything I know as a pastor.



What began as a work relationship quickly turned into a friendship and my friend soon became like another brother. Laughter was a fixture in our ministry together. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV). Jonathan and I discovered that joyous freedom: kidding each other while playing basketball or laughing over a great joke (or even over a sermon that bombed!). Such freedom created lots of safe room for me to grow as a pastor.

In the twenty years since I became the Pastor of the Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Jonathan and I have stayed in

frequent touch. I still ask his advice on tough problems I face in ministry; he asks for my wisdom, too. Jonathan remains a mentor, friend, and brother to me. Twice a year Jonathan and I meet at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York, where I lead a prayer retreat. Jonathan and his wife, Karin, are regular attenders. He and I get time there to catch up on our lives and our ministries.

On May 15 Jonathan Miller retires as the Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, New Jersey. I won't be here that morning; you'll find me in Moorestown with Jonathan's

family and congregation. I am honored to celebrate the work of my friend.

One of the many things I have borrowed from Jonathan is this saying of his: "God's best gifts come wrapped in flesh." God's best gifts are all the people He brings into our lives. Here's another line that I got from another friend: "The best friends point us to God."

How blessed I am for the gift of Jonathan, who has been the mentor and friend I have always needed and wanted.

—Stuart Spencer, Pastor



## *The Servant's Role of the Spirit Mission and Outreach*



**“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16)**

**“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” (James 1:27)**

*We Humbly Thank Our Sovereign God for Blessing Our Past Efforts!*

**“Souper”-Bowl Sunday:** As a result of your participation in this ministry in February, we were able to donate a total of 468 cans of soup, which were distributed to food banks in Doylestown, Lambertville, and Morrisville — along with a \$210.00 cash donation!

**Chili Cook-off:** We raised \$690.00 at our annual Chili Cook-off in February! We donated this money to Fisherman’s Mark in Lambertville. Thanks to Amy Brewer for her leadership with this event, and congratulations to Jen Haubrich and her team for making the winning vegetarian chili!



**One Great Hour of Sharing:** We raised over \$3,000.00 in our Palm Sunday collection! This money will help make the love of Christ real for communities and individuals around the world who suffer from the effects of natural disasters, national conflicts, or economic hardships. We are grateful for all of the generous donations!

*We Look Forward in Faith for God’s Grace on Our Upcoming Events!*

**Kirkwood Work Day:** As Kirkwood Camp gears up for a summer of fun, worship, and service, it welcomes a little help! On May 14 please consider joining our teams, which will be painting, mulching, cleaning up outdoors, and much more! Helpers of any age are welcome – no experience necessary! Sign up at The Table of Well Wishing.

**Good News Home for Women:** On June 4 we are heading up to Flemington to the Good News Home for Women to help with a large variety of indoor and outdoor projects, ranging from yardwork and light carpentry to painting and cleaning. Children who are ten years old or older are encouraged to participate! (Children under fourteen years old need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.) A sign-up sheet is available on The Table of Well Wishing.



The Good News Home for Women in Flemington, New Jersey provides a Christian, long-term, residential treatment program to address alcohol or chemical dependencies through a holistic, nondenominational approach to healing the mind, body, and spirit. Our mission funds support the Good News Home for Women ministries. Volunteers are needed to assist with fitness training, tutoring, crafts, building upkeep, and administration. Please contact Marcia Koppes ([mdkoppes@comcast.net](mailto:mdkoppes@comcast.net) or 215-862-2079) or Amy Brewer ([abrewer0103@comcast.net](mailto:abrewer0103@comcast.net)) if you would like to know more about this ministry.

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Our first clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.



We are responsible for a two-mile section of River Road from Bowman's Hill Flower Preserve to Windy Bush Road. It's a great family event for everyone ten years old and older! We will meet at the church for a safety discussion and distribution of gloves, vests, and trash bags before carpooling to River Road. Join in the fun and make our community litter free! A sign-up sheet will be available soon on The Table of Well Wishing.

Contact Rick Foltz if you have any questions.

**UrbanPromise Trenton's Summer Camp:** We will be participating again this year (August 1-4, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.) at the UrbanPromise Trenton Summer Camp, helping out at Camp Promise (located at Turning Point United Methodist Church). We expect 35 to 45 campers, ranging in age from 6 to 14. We would like to have one coordinator assigned to lead each day's activity. If you are willing to be a leader for the day, please contact Rick Foltz. This is a *great* cause and those who have done it in the past keep coming back for more!



**Athletes InterVarsity:** Allison Abey, a friend of Jeff Berry's who met with our Mission and Stewardship Committee in March, recently started work as a campus minister for Athletes InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at The College of New Jersey. Athletes InterVarsity seeks to engage the athletic community around questions about who Jesus is. The goal of Athletes InterVarsity is to see "athletes and coaches transformed, collegiate



athletics renewed, and world changers developed." This happens by creating witnessing communities and equipping leaders to enable them to share the Gospel with every athletic team on campus. Our Mission and Stewardship Committee, which has provided Allison with some initial financial support, is looking for someone who would be willing to serve as a liaison between Allison and the Athletes InterVarsity fellowship at The College of New Jersey. If you are interested in getting involved, or if you have any questions, please contact Rick Schaub ([rickschaub@comcast.net](mailto:rickschaub@comcast.net) or 508-648-0814).



## The Witness of the Spirit A Community Meal



### The Back Story . . .

Inspired by Timothy Keller's *Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything*, the Tuesday Night Small Group (core members: Jen and Jeff Berry, Judy and Ron Cronise, Jen and Fred Haubrich, Melissa Mantz, Katherine Marriott, Judy Marth, and Melissa and Brad Michael) decided to step outside their comfort zones and follow the call to "look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4).

Taking a cue from Judy's sister, Anne Bishop, one of the founding members of the Collation to Shelter and Support the Homeless (CSSH) and an active member of an area church that hosts monthly Community Meals, the Tuesday Night Small Group decided to approach our Session about the idea of bringing a Community Meal to Thompson Church.

As the plan began to unfold, this small group found its direction in the words of Jesus: "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you...for I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me

something to drink. I was a stranger, and you took me into your home...' Then the people who have God's approval will reply to Him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you into our homes?'... The King will answer



them, 'I can guarantee this truth: Whatever you did for one of my brothers or sisters, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did for me' " (Matthew 25:34-40).

On April 10 — after much preparation and planning, as well as the gracious support of volunteers who helped with set-up, food preparation, cleanup, and other necessary tasks — Thompson Church hosted its first Community Meal, free of charge, offering it to everyone in our church family and the surrounding community. Over 100 people attended, including approximately 30 who were visitors to Thompson Church. Warmth and grace abounded. “We sensed that the Holy Spirit was among us,” the Tuesday Night Small Group gratefully noted.



After this exciting initial response, plans are now forming for a second Community Meal to be held on June 12 in Fellowship Hall from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help our coordinators make food, set tables, create decorations, and organize the clean-up. There is also a need for table hosts/hostesses to facilitate conversation with our guests. Visit [tmpe.org/community-meal/](http://tmpe.org/community-meal/) for more information and to sign up. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors!



# The meal continues ...





**“The young man said to Him, ‘I have kept all these [commandments]; what do I still lack?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’”  
(Matthew 19:20-21)**

**“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. In Him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.”  
(Ephesians 2:19-22)**





...as does the fellowship!



**“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house . . . ?” (Isaiah 58:6-7a)**



**“If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom shall be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” (Isaiah 58:10-12)**

**Join  
Us  
On  
June  
12!**





## *The Fellowship of the Spirit* Our Senior Luncheon



“They came pouring out of the double-glass doors of our Educational Building—laughing, humming, and wearing the biggest smiles I’ve seen in a long time. A few were giggling, and some were shimmying. One tried to get me to dance. That’s when I started looking around for someone in charge to bring a little order to this unruly group!”

—Stuart Spencer

No, it wasn’t a flash mob . . . but it had all the lively spontaneity of one! On April 16 our Deacons hosted a Senior Luncheon with entertainment by the Ferko String Band. These Mummers brought us a foot-stomping, hand-swaying, shimmying good time that now goes down (per the subsequent buzz!) as the best Senior Luncheon in the history of Thompson Church! (Now *that’s* something to strut about!)



A participant in Philadelphia's annual Mummers' Parade, The Ferko String Band boasts the most successful record in the history of the parade, with more first-prize awards than any other band!

In New York, France, New Orleans, Italy, Texas, Hong Kong — and now at Thompson Church! — the Ferko String Band performs to audiences of all ages with a unique sound, elaborate costumes, and a singular zest for life!





# The Fellowship of the Spirit A Downton Abbey Tea



*There's just something about the English . . .*

Perhaps nowhere else in recent television history has the ephemeral quality of the *uniquely English* been embodied with such precision and humor as in Downton Abbey's Countess of Grantham (Lady Violet), played to perfection by the renowned actress Maggie Smith — and re-enacted with captivating realism by Alisa Dupuy at our April 2 Fellowship Committee event: a Downton Abbey Tea!

The thirty-two women who attended appreciated the careful attention to detail — from the elegant China tea sets and crystal water glasses to the vintage Chivari chairs and exquisitely presented dainties for dessert — with additional ambiance provided by our own Linda Cha on the dulcimer! Ah . . . truly the royal treatment!

*"Try not to let those Yankees drive you mad."  
—Lady Violet*



*"All this unbridled joy has given me quite an appetite."  
— Lady Violet*



*"Oh, my dear, you flatter me — which is just as it should be."  
— Lady Violet*

“Don’t be defeatist, dear. It’s very middle-class.”  
— Lady Violet



“Stop whining and find something to do.”  
— Lady Violet

“Do you think she’s mad, ill, or working for the Russians?”  
— Lady Violet



“I may be older than I was, but I can still tell when a man’s interested.”  
— Lady Violet



“We’ll all need our smelling salts in a minute.”  
— Lady Violet



# The Testimony of the Spirit

## Spotlight on...

### Our New Confirmands!



“...if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

“I believe that Jesus is God’s son who came to Earth and died so that our sins would be forgiven. Jesus was born, died, and then was resurrected. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit guide us and show us how to live our lives.”

—Ben Green



“I believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world and guides and sustains our lives every day. I am a believer in God and everything by Him, but sometimes I question why there is so much suffering in the world when God is good.”

—Grace Berry

“I believe that God, the Father, is the one and only God, who is always with us, no matter what we do, and that His son, Jesus Christ, died for our sins. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who constantly strengthens our faith.”

—Harry Green

“I believe in God, the Creator of the Earth! I believe that Jesus came to Earth to teach us how to love one another and our Father, God. I believe that the Holy Spirit talks to us all the time.”

—Robbie Kay

“I believe that God is our Father, who created the universe. His Son, Jesus Christ, is my Lord; and His teachings in the Bible are the center of my faith. The Holy Spirit lives inside me and is always with me...”

—Jimmy O’Donnell

“I believe in God and the Holy Trinity. I believe in God’s plan for me and His plan for this broken, divided world. I vow to worship God and to do as He says. I vow to follow the gracious light of God, in that it may lead me from darkness.”

—Aaron Hafner

## *The Expressions of the Spirit: Imaging Our Creator through the Creative Gifts He Inspires!*

***Live into your God-given creative spirit through the inspiring curriculum at Marcia's Music and Arts Camp (MMAC)!***

We are thrilled to be offering our eleventh year of MMAC, appropriately themed *Celebrate!*

Whatever your artistic "fav" — *perhaps singing, ringing, acting?* — our curriculum has something for you!

Our core workshops include Choir, Recreation, Scrapbooking, and a Bible-based Theme class. In addition "campers" can choose from the following electives: Handbells (campers who have completed kindergarten through third grade will play chimes; the older campers will ring handbells); Center Stage (a cool drama/improvisation workshop); Jump Roping (a great way to keep fit and have fun); Orff Instruments (an opportunity for campers to learn to play a lot of different musical instruments); Fun with Fibers (a workshop that will explore ways to use different materials to create a tree-branch loom); and Tile Art (a workshop where campers will create their own designs to paint on tiles).

To download the brochure and registration form, visit [tmpc.org/mmac](http://tmpc.org/mmac). (You can also pick them up at The Table of Well Wishing.) Email Tricia Murphy ([pmurphy@tmpc.org](mailto:pmurphy@tmpc.org)) with questions.



**These beautiful new Orff instruments were donated this year by our United Presbyterian Women!**

## *The Nurturing Role of the Spirit* Christian Education for Children and Youth

“Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all of their lives” (Proverbs 22:6).

### The Lenten Challenge

Every Sunday in Lent, children and youth in our Preschool through Senior High Sunday School classes rose to the challenge of a variety of activities designed to focus their attention on Biblical truths and a stronger relationship with Jesus. Although the classes were studying different Bible stories, they were all related to the theme of the week:

February 14: *Jesus Is the Light, Love, and Law*

February 21: *The Miracles of Jesus*

February 28: *Jesus Heals*

March 6: *The Parables of Jesus*

March 13: *The Teachings of Jesus*

March 20: *Holy Week*



The students responded to the Word by singing songs, creating skits, taking photos, answering questions, decorating posters, illustrating the stories (with pictures, blank comic strips, or booklets), and brainstorming about how the Bible passages can affect their lives. Our children and youth tackled the Lenten Challenge with creativity and grace!

### Easter

How exciting this last Easter morning to see the Cherub, Jesus' Joyful, Chime, and Credo Bell choirs sharing their instrumental talents at the 8:30 service! (Did you know that the Credo Bell Choir even composed the piece that they rang that morning?) In addition to the musical offerings, some of our children presented a drama at the Sunday School Easter Program, and members of our youth groups stepped up and led the Easter Egg Hunt for all of our younger children. What a wonderful testimony to the faithfulness of the Giver of Gifts!

### Sunday School Celebration!

On June 12 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., all Sunday School classes will meet in Fellowship Hall to celebrate another great year of Christian learning! The theme will be “Mission-Minded Kids.” We will hear about how each Sunday School class reached out to help others. We'll also participate in a few mini-mission projects. All are welcome!

## “Surf’s up” for VBS!

August 15-19: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*Surf Shack* (our theme for 2016) is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that offers children and youth an opportunity to *ride the waves* with God!

Surfers will explore, through Biblical models, how to serve God and experience His presence in their everyday lives.

*Dive into our curriculum!*

Monday: *Creation* (Genesis 1)

Tuesday: *Miriam Cares for Moses on the Nile* (Exodus 2:1-10)

Wednesday: *The Baptism of Jesus* (Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34)

Thursday: *Jesus Calms the Storm* (Luke 8:22-25)

Friday: *Breakfast on the Beach* (John 21:1-17)

To register your child, please visit [tmpe.org/vbs](http://tmpe.org/vbs) and fill out the online registration form. Registration forms are also available on The Table of Well Wishing.



Come on in — the water’s fine!

Adult and teen volunteers are still needed — no prior surfing experience necessary!

If you can lend a hand, please contact Patty Gatto ([pgatto@tmpe.org](mailto:pgatto@tmpe.org)) or Jaimie Salt ([jegatto13@gmail.com](mailto:jegatto13@gmail.com)).

## Youth Worship, Blast, and Kick-off!

Youth Sunday: May 29, 9:30 a.m.

Each year at Thompson Church our middle school and high school youth plan and lead one Sunday morning worship service. They work hard preparing for worship by writing prayers, choosing the Scripture lesson, and planning the musical selections. Join us this year for the Fifth Sunday Service on May 29 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall as the youth tell an exciting version of the familiar story of Noah's Ark!



Last Blast: June 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

All youth (and their friends) in grades six through twelve are invited to join the youth groups for a celebration of another awesome year together. We will gather outside on the "sand mound" to play all sorts of messy games, so make sure you wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and wet. Please be sure to bring along a towel! We will end our evening together with pizza and dessert.

Summer Youth Kick-off: June 26

Join us as we kick off summer with a youth barbeque! We will gather at the Hickory Nut Picnic Grove in Tyler State Park at 5:30 p.m. (with pick-up at 7:30 p.m.) for an evening of good food, lawn games, and volleyball.

All youth, their friends, and their parents are welcome to join us for this fun evening, which will end with S'mores!



## *The Call of the Spirit* Youth Missions

### Middle School Mission Team



Thompson's Middle School Mission Team will participate in Kirkwood's Mission Outreach Camp, July 24-30. Kirkwood, located in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, is supported by the Philadelphia Presbytery. In its Mission Outreach Camp team members work together in the mornings on service projects to benefit the camp, enhance teamwork, and serve God. In the afternoons team members join other campers for activities that include archery, swimming, hiking, labyrinth walks, and camp worship. The participation of Thompson's youth helps Kirkwood to express its mission "to live the Word of Jesus Christ by providing a safe, nurturing, caring, Christian community that energizes and transforms children and adults in a tranquil, natural setting."

### High School Mission Team

Thompson's High School Mission Team will be traveling, July 9-16, to the Navajo Nation Reservation in Crownpoint, New Mexico, where houses are deteriorating and lack many of the amenities that we may take for granted. With no running water, many residents are forced to use outhouses, which is a particular challenge for the elderly. Yet despite the extreme poverty, there is a beautiful presence in the community of Crownpoint. Many of the families embrace their rich history and traditions, while also carrying a strong faith in Christ. They want to help put an end to the poverty that plagues their community, but they lack the resources to do so. Thompson's youth will help by making much-needed repairs to the drywall, stucco, flooring, and siding of existing homes. Through this important physical labor, Thompson's youth hope to model the love of Christ to families and individuals who seek His mercy and freedom.



### Pray for our mission teams!

In addition to your encouragement and financial help, you have an important role to play in the lives of these young missionaries: prayer. Please pray for safe travel, for endurance and strength, for the communities we will serve, and for God to use our mission teams to bring about His work in the world. Thank you so much!

## Opportunities for Study and Prayer

### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL FORUM: MAY 22

#### *“The Face of Addiction in Bucks County and What the Church Can Do”*

On this Sunday during the Education Hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.), we are pleased to welcome Bev Haberle, a certified addictions counselor who holds a master’s degree in Human Services.

Ms. Haberle will explore the nature of the addiction problem in Bucks County, where 113 deaths due to drug overdoses were recorded by the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2014 alone. This is a growing epidemic that we, as servants of the God of love, need to be willing to address.



Ms. Haberle will offer suggestions for what congregations like ours can do to help.

For the past twelve years, Ms. Haberle has been the Project Director for the Pennsylvania Recovery Organization - Achieving Community Together (PRO-ACT), a grass roots organization that mobilizes the recovering community.

### SPRING PRAYER RETREAT: MAY 31 -JUNE 3

#### *Holy Cross Monastery*

Stuart Spencer will lead a retreat, May 31-June 3, at Holy Cross Monastery for those who want to learn how to pray or to go to deeper places in their prayer lives. As guests of the monastery, we are welcome to sit in on the five short offices of prayer throughout the day.

The retreat is an opportunity to find spiritual renewal, to enjoy rich



fellowship with others, and to soak in the beauty of Holy Cross Monastery.

You can find brochures on The Table of Well Wishing; you can also register online at [tmprc.org/retreats](http://tmprc.org/retreats). Feel free to contact Stuart Spencer ([sspencer@tmprc.org](mailto:sspencer@tmprc.org)) with any questions. Guests and friends are always welcome!

## Opportunities for Additional Participation

### SUMMER WORSHIP

Join us for a sermon series on the Psalms during our summer worship schedule, June 19-September 4, with one service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by refreshments just outside on the lawn!

### SUMMER MUSIC

We would love to have you share your musical gifts with us during our summer worship services. If you are a vocalist or an instrumentalist and would be interested in participating in summer worship through music, please contact Tricia Murphy ([pmurphy@tmpe.org](mailto:pmurphy@tmpe.org)). She looks forward to hearing from you!

### LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



We are very grateful for all the efforts (and the scrumptious goodies!) from those who have pitched in to facilitate our time of fellowship after Sunday worship, and now we are happy to spread “the joy of serving” : ) to new volunteers!



If you would like to host Lemonade on the Lawn (our summer version of coffee hour), please use Sign-up Genius (we’ve gone paperless!). You can also sign up through our website by visiting: [tmpe.org/fellowship](http://tmpe.org/fellowship). If you are not familiar with the process, please contact Denise Matulis (215-862-1890 or [amatulis5@aol.com](mailto:amatulis5@aol.com)); she will explain the available supplies and the simple steps for hosting. Thank you!

### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*We’re not just about rummage!* — although we’re very grateful for everyone’s help in making this year’s Spring Rummage Sale a huge success, bringing in \$5,300.00! We’d also love to have you join us in September (after our summer hiatus) on the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. for a Bible study and lively conversation. We hope to see you there!

### JUNIOR CHURCH

During our worship services, our younger members leave for Junior Church, where they learn to worship, pray, and play together. If you would be willing to lead on occasion, please sign up for a date that works for you. Once you do, Patty Gatto will contact you and offer help for your first time.

### FALL FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 30



Circle the date on your calendar for this fun family event!

We’ll enjoy music, games, and activities for all ages — including a pie-eating contest! This will be held on



October 30, which is a Fifth Sunday, so the 11:00 a.m. Fall Festival will follow our single 9:30 a.m. worship service that day. Look for further announcements in the bulletin and e-News, and plan to join the fun!

## The Quickening of the Spirit

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing” (John 6:63a KJV).

### Portrait of an Unlikely Heroine of the Faith

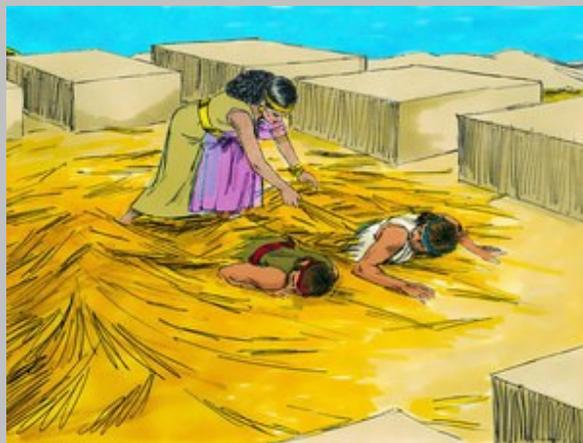
Praise God for His saving grace!

We know from Scripture that we are saved by faith, which is an act of grace (Ephesians 2:8-9). Since the Holy Spirit speaks (“breathes”) through the pages of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16 NIV), as we respond to the Word, the Holy Spirit quickens [brings to life] saving faith. In Old Testament times, much of the Word would have been conveyed orally — but with the same effect upon an open heart! (See Isaiah 55:11 NKJV.)

“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him” (Romans 8:16-17 NASB).

Much has been said about Rahab, the Old Testament woman of ill-repute in the city of Jericho who hid the Israelite spies and wound up in the Hall of Faith (Hebrews 11); but really (one might be tempted to ask), *what can one learn about faith from a woman like this?*

You may recall the context: Israel is poised, in approximately 1400 B.C., to enter the Promised Land after wandering in the wilderness for 40 years under Moses’ leadership. At this point Moses has died and Joshua is the new leader of the nomadic Israelites. Joshua, who years before had spied out the Promised Land under Moses (responding in faith to overwhelming odds), now sends two spies west of the Jordan River into Canaanite territory, including the apparently impenetrable city of Jericho. Rahab, a prostitute whose home is built into the walls surrounding this pagan nation, protects and hides the Israelite spies under some sheaves of flax on the roof above the city walls. Rahab may be one of the best examples in Scripture that “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17 NKJV).



The word *was out* about the God of Israel: “For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites...whom you utterly destroyed” (Joshua 2:10). While the people of Jericho respond to the testimony-gone-viral of the Lord’s power and deliverance with *fear* (Joshua 2:9c), Rahab alone allows that fear to move into **reverence** for the God of Israel: “The LORD your God is indeed God in Heaven above and on Earth below” (Joshua 2:11b); confronted by the oral reports of the miraculous and incomprehensible, Rahab responds *not with doubt* but rather – trusting in the evidence of God’s divine power manifested in His works – with a **firm proclamation of faith**.

Yet the miracles that God had performed for the Israelites were not personally witnessed by Rahab; she therefore **acted on what she believed, not on what she could prove.**

Rahab **trusted that God's promises would be fulfilled:** "I know that the LORD has given you the land" (Joshua 2:9a).

Rahab's faith **emboldens her** to risk *defying the king of Jericho*, which in essence means *risking her very life* (as her treasonous act no doubt constituted a capital offense).

When confronted with an order from the king, Rahab **remains steadfast in the face of threatening circumstances**, unwilling to save herself by giving up the Israeli spies. This act transforms her life.

So what can we learn about faith from Rahab?

Do the proclamations of God's power move you to *skepticism* or *reverence*, to *proclaim your faith* or *demand more proof*? Do you trust God's promises enough to be bold, even in the face of persecution? Are you willing to regularly engage with the Word, following the Scriptural call to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16a), and open yourself up to the *transforming effects of a life of faith*?

Because Rahab heard *and also believed*, even at the risk of her life, God rewarded her richly, ultimately bestowing upon her the incomparable honor of *grafting her into the earthly lineage of Christ*: Rahab, having been rescued by the Israelites, marries Salmon and gives birth to Boaz, who marries Ruth, who gives birth to Obed, who sires Jesse, who becomes the father of King David, whose lineage (twenty-eight generations later) produces Joseph, who marries Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Still...*why a woman of ill-repute*? Why didn't God in His sovereignty instead select for this courageous act an upstanding Israeli woman — of the sterling virtue extolled in Proverbs 31 — and give someone "infinitely more worthy" a shot at the Hall of Faith title? Perhaps because *Rahab stands as a picture of what we all need to do to be saved*: turn from unbelief and self-righteousness and from trusting in human judgment (a sin pattern later alluded to in John 16:8 NKJV) to the *One who alone can save* (Isaiah 43:11).

Rahab's story therefore leaves us to ponder: what might the God who can do "infinitely more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20) graciously have in store for us *as we put aside our human reliance and boldly take our own leaps of faith*?



—Cynthia Tuleja, Communications and Administration

## *The Manifestations of the Spirit*

Pentecost Sunday, observed 50 days after Christ's ascension, marks the day in early New Testament times when the disciples received an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the visible form of tongues of fire.

The same power of the Spirit is available to us today, in all its forms, through the life of faith!

### *The Holy Spirit is our...*

#### *Source of strength and power:*

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses . . ." (Acts 1:8a)

"The Spirit of God has given us no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving, and wise . . ." (2 Timothy 1:7)

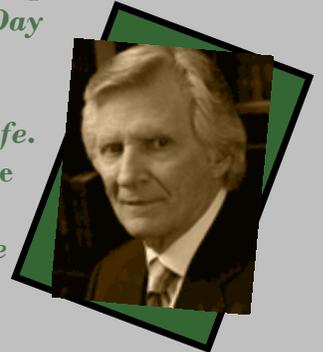


"Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes — all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and Kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world."

—Henry T. Blackaby, *Experiencing the Spirit: The Power of Pentecost Every Day*

"When you strip it of everything else, Pentecost stands for *power and life*. That's what came into the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the day of Pentecost."

—David Wilkerson, *The Cross and the Switchblade*



#### *Source of inspiration:*



"It was the Lord who put into my mind that fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures."

—Christopher Columbus

## Manifestations . . .

### Source of God's presence:

"Guard, *through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us*, the treasure which has been entrusted to you." (2 Timothy 1:14 NASB; italics added)

"I pray that, according to the riches of His glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, *and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith*, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." (Ephesians 3:16-17; italics added)

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..." (Romans 8:16 NKJV)

"If you look up into His face and say, 'Yes, Lord, whatever it costs,' at that moment He'll flood your Life with His presence and power."

—Alan Redpath



### Source of God's character:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23a)

### Source of life:

"It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6:63)

"But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, *the Spirit is life* because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit that dwells in you." (Romans 8:10-11; italics added)

### Source of freedom:

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

"It is for freedom that Christ set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of *the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free* from the law of sin and of death." (Romans 8:1-2; italics added)

## Manifestations . . .

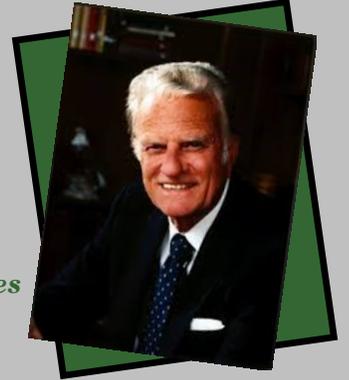
### *The Holy Spirit is our...*

#### **Means of understanding truth:**

“When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.” (John 16:13)

“The Holy Spirit illuminates the minds of people, makes us yearn for God, and takes spiritual truth and makes it understandable to us.”

—Billy Graham, *Billy Graham in Quotes*



#### **Means of understanding the will of God:**

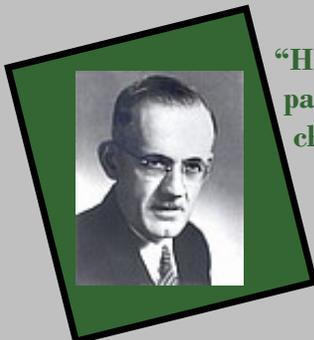
“...the Spirit witnesses only to His own nature, and to the work of redemption, never to our reason. If we are trying to make Him witness to our reason, it is no wonder that we are in darkness and uncertainty. Throw it all overboard, trust in Him, and He will give you the witness of the Spirit.”

—Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

#### **Means of obedience and transformation:**

“Your call will become clear as your mind is transformed by the reading of Scripture and the internal work of God’s Spirit. The Lord never hides His will from us. In time, as you obey the call first to follow, your destiny will unfold before you. The difficulty will lie in keeping other concerns from diverting your attention.”

—Charles R. Swindoll



“Holiness, as taught in the Scriptures, is not based upon knowledge on our part. Rather, it is based upon the resurrected Christ in-dwelling us and changing us into His likeness.”

—A.W. Tozer, *Preparing for Jesus’ Return: Daily Live the Blessed Hope*

## Manifestations . . .

### *The Holy Spirit is our...*

#### **Comforter:**

“...the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will . . . remind you of all things that I said to you.” (John 14:26 YLT)

#### **Intercessor:**

“We do not know what to pray as we ought but the Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26)

#### **Helper:**

“And I will pray [to] the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever . . .” (John 14:16 NKJV)

“When you’re hurting, in trouble, or waiting for answers in your life, you need to believe that your Helper, the Holy Spirit, is with you and He wants to help you. Stay in close fellowship with Him and ask Him for the help you need. No matter what the circumstances may look like, believe He’s working on your behalf.”

—Joyce Meyer, *The Holy Spirit, Our Helper*



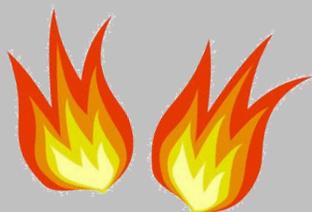
#### **Advocate:**

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment...” (John 16:7-8 NRSV)

#### **Teacher/Guide:**

“...for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.” (Luke 12:12)

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25 NRSV)



**...and Friend!**  
(John 15:15)



“All Scripture  
is  
God-breathed  
and is  
useful for  
teaching,  
rebuking,  
correction, and  
training in  
righteousness.”  
(2 Timothy  
3:16)

## *The “Breath” of the Spirit: God’s Word*

*As we continue our reflective reading of the whole New Testament,  
we hope you will journey with us on this path of faith!*

*See past issues of the Tidings for the first twenty-four weeks; contact Cynthia  
Tuleja ([ctuleja@tmpe.org](mailto:ctuleja@tmpe.org)) if you would like the upcoming questions.*

*Reading and reflecting on God’s Word daily will help you to develop a deepened  
relationship with the Holy Spirit — our Comforter, Teacher, Helper, and Friend!  
Jump in anytime and see God’s purposes revealed!*

### *Weeks 25-28*

**Week 25 reading:** Acts, chapters 21-25

**Scripture question:** In Acts 22:25-29, what does Paul reveal about himself to indicate that this aspect of his identity accords him certain rights?

**Question for reflection:** How does your understanding of others in the body of believers *as citizens in the Kingdom of God*, or your understanding of nonbelievers *as image-bearers of the Creator*, inform the way you treat them?

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In Acts 18:24-26, Priscilla and Aquila provide help to Apollos by expounding upon “the way of God more accurately” (vs. 26b).

**Week 26 reading:** Acts, chapter 26 through Romans 2

**Scripture question:** In Romans 1:18-23 why does Paul say that those who do not honor God or give thanks to Him are suppressing the truth?

**Question for reflection:** In what ways does Creation help to reveal the character of God to you?

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In Acts 22:25-29, Paul reveals that he is a Roman citizen, indicating that he should be accorded the rights that Roman citizenship carries with it.

**Week 27 reading:** Romans, chapters 3-8

**Scripture question:** In Romans 8:2 to what *two laws* does Paul refer?

**Question for reflection:** Do you live as one who has been set free from the law of sin and death?

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** Paul indicates in Romans 1:18-23 that God’s invisible nature is evidenced in Creation, so people who persist in unbelief are without excuse.

**Week 28 reading:** Romans, chapters 9-14

**Scripture question:** In Romans 9:30-32 Paul contrasts Israel’s unsuccessful pursuit of righteousness through the law with the Gentiles who have attained righteousness through (?).

**Question for reflection:** Are the “works” in your own life an *expression* of your faith or the (mistaken) basis for your sense of righteousness?

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In Romans 8:2 Paul refers to “the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” that has set him free from “the law of sin and death.”

## Weeks 29-32

**Week 29 reading:** Romans, chapter 15 through 1 Corinthians, chapter 5

**Scripture question:** By what power may we “abound in hope”? (See Romans 15:13.)

**Question for reflection:** Are you truly yielding in faith to the One who can enable you to experience “all joy and peace in believing” (Romans 15:13)?

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In Romans 9:30-32 Paul contrasts Israel’s unsuccessful pursuit of righteousness through the law with the Gentiles who have attained righteousness through *faith*.

**Week 30 reading:** 1 Corinthians, chapters 6-11

**Scripture question:** In 1 Corinthians 10:14 what does Paul call us to “shun”?

**Question for reflection:** Is there anything in your own life, either material or emotional, that hinders your faithful response to the Lord?

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** We understand from Romans 15:13 that it is *by the power of the Holy Spirit* that we may “abound in hope.”

**Week 31 reading:** 1 Corinthians, chapters 12-16

**Scripture question:** In 1 Corinthians 13, commonly called “the love chapter,” Paul describes in verses 4-8a eight characteristics of what love *is* and eight characteristics of what love is *not*. Can you identify all of them?

**Question for reflection:** The first three verses of 1 Corinthians 13 challenge us to evaluate how we approach our gifts and our acts of service. Is the daily witness of the expression of your gifts and your service to the Lord always imbued with the characteristics of love as Paul defines them? Are the expressions of what love is *not* conspicuously absent from your witness?

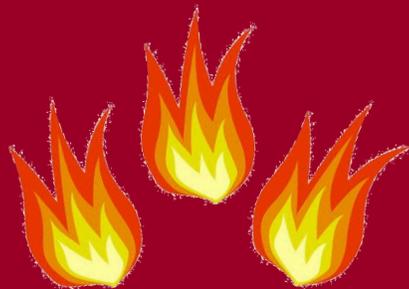
**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In 1 Corinthians 10:14 Paul calls us to shun *the worship of idols*.

**Week 32 reading:** 2 Corinthians, chapters 1-10

**Scripture question:** What has God given us as a guarantee of our future life with Him? (See 2 Cor. 5:5, with 2 Cor. 5:1-4 as the context).

**Question for reflection:** Are you finding your strength in the Spirit, living as one who is “always of good courage” (2 Cor. 5:6), walking “by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7)?

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, Paul tells us that love is patient and kind; it rejoices in the truth; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things; and love never ends. Paul tells us that love is *not* envious or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude; love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.



“When  
the Spirit  
of truth  
comes,  
He will  
guide  
you into  
all the  
truth . . .”  
(John  
16:13a)

## Weeks 33-36

“...Thy  
Word  
is truth.”  
(John  
17:17b)

**Week 33 reading:** 2 Corinthians, chapter 11 through Galatians 4

**Scripture question:** Why does Paul give the call to “Examine yourselves” (2 Corinthians 13:5)?

**Question for reflection:** Do you live as one who “cannot do anything against the truth” (2 Corinthians 13:8)?

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** From 2 Cor. 5:5 (with 2 Cor. 5:1-4 as the context) we understand that God has given us the *Spirit* as a guarantee of our future life with Him.

**Week 34 reading:** Galatians, chapter 5 through Ephesians 6

**Scripture question:** What does Paul call us to understand? (See Ephesians 5:17.)

**Verses for reflection:** This week meditate on the following verses: “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love” (Galatians 5:6 NIV). “And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:2).

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In 2 Corinthians 13:5 Paul gives the call to “Examine yourselves *to see whether you are holding to your faith.*”

**Week 35 reading:** The letters of Paul to the Philippians and Colossians

**Scripture question:** In Colossians Paul tells us that as believers we “have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature” (Colossians 3:9b-10a). Which five attributes of this new nature does Paul call us to “put on” in Colossians 3:12?

**Verses for reflection:** This week meditate on Colossians 3:12-17 and let these verses nurture your spirit as you seek to live out your new nature to the glory of God.

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In Ephesians 5:17 Paul calls us to “understand what the will of the Lord is.”

**Week 36 reading:** The first and second letters of Paul to the Thessalonians

**Scripture question:** What does Paul enjoin us to do “always” (1 Thessalonians 5:16) and “without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)?

**Verses for reflection:** This week meditate on 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 and ask God to enable these instructions, through His grace, to shape your Christian character.

**Answer to last week’s Scripture question:** In Colossians 3:12 Paul calls us to “put on” the following five attributes of the new nature: compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience.



# Letters

Dear TMPC family,

Our small group wants to thank everyone for their help with our first Community Meal. We were encouraged by the large turnout and we see a continuing need for this event going forward.

The food you so generously prepared was delicious and the warm welcome you extended to everyone that stepped through our doors was heartfelt by all.

We sensed that the Holy Spirit was among us.

Our hearts are full...thank you again!

With much love,  
The Tuesday Night Small Group



April 15, 2016:

Love the "Grace Notes" ["The Church of the Open Doors"] since we get calls sometimes at 2:30 or 3:00 a.m. that our garage door is open (must be gremlins, ha-ha) — know the feeling of being awakened by the ding-a-ling.

What a marvelous idea for a Community (love-fest) Meal. Jesus must have been smiling during the preparation by loving hearts plus the yummy food and interesting conversation. Wish we had been there. Think it was Paul who said "by all means win them." Nothing like a good meal and fellowship to touch the soul.

In Christian love,  
Barb and Ralph Pisani  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Dear Thompson parents and friends,

I get very excited to see our students leading in worship and helping out with the special events at church. It was particularly exciting this last Easter morning! Thank you to all of our children and youth who participated musically and dramatically, and a special thanks to the adults who taught, rehearsed, and led our young people that day!

I thank God for the students at Thompson. They add so much to our church family!

Patty Gatto  
Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth

# ... and Letters

April 7, 2016

To our Thompson family,

For more than five years you have faithfully lifted Kelly and Scott in prayer. Sunday after Sunday you have given me comforting hugs with your heartfelt comments. My family has been truly blessed by my church family. Thank you, Thompson, from the bottom of my heart.

NancyLee Moore

March 5, 2016

TMPC friends,

Thank you for sending remembrances of birthday greetings in time for my date!

Violet Springman

Dear Thompson family,

Thank you for your prayers and kindness during this most difficult time. My Mom was very appreciative of the Letter of Well Wishing. Pastor Stuart's words that God was near her brought a beautiful smile to her face. We also were comforted to receive the letter after Mom's passing. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Fondly,  
Scott, Ellen, and Drew Petri

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for sharing your lovely Sanctuary with me and my violin students. The children feel comfortable at the church and the experience is fun! So much so that we'll be back in May.

Sincerely,  
Carol Kiefer  
Washington Crossing  
Violin and Viola  
Studio

March 16, 2016

**Biggest Baby Panda Update:**  
It is with great joy that I can announce the arrival of David Alexander Miller into the world this afternoon in Northern Ireland. Mary Erin and baby are both doing well and are resting in the labor recovery ward.

Chris Miller  
(on Facebook)



## ... and more Letters!

Hello again Thompson family,

I just wanted to make sure that I thanked you for sending another wonderful package. I apologize that this note has been a little delayed; I only recently received a notification that I had received a package. Within a day I had made my way halfway through the delicious goodies inside. I'm so appreciative of you thinking of me; it always makes me feel like home is a little less far away. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your winter and wish you the best for the months to come.

Love,  
Lee Kownurko

P.S.: Please let Mr. Evinski know that I have, in fact, been washing my sheets and calling my mother.



Dear Rev. Spencer, Sue, Cynthia, George, and John,

On behalf of the Riverside Symphonia, please accept our deepest gratitude for letting us present the 2016 Caprio Young Artists Competition on Saturday, March 19.

From beginning to end, so many people at Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church helped to make this event happen, and we feel the program brought together young musicians and community guests who were moved in their hearts and souls. The Sanctuary is truly a special place where spirits soar and people connect.

Please accept our appreciation for all you do for our community.

Sincerely,  
Jillian McGlone and Barbara Marder  
Co-Chairs  
2016 Caprio Young Artists Competition

2 May 2016

Dear Stuart and Church,

On behalf of the Session and folks at Lambertville, I want to thank you for your very kind and touching letter of 20 March in recognition of our 200th anniversary. We reproduced the letter as a bulletin insert and have widely distributed it in the church.

Yes, we have known our ups and downs over the years, the centuries, but since 1816 our constant assurance has always been Jesus Christ and that He is risen. As our hope, we have full assurance that we will be around this bend in the river for the next 200 years, God willing.

May God bless you and the good people of Thompson. And may God richly bless your work and ministry in the local area we both call home and love very much.

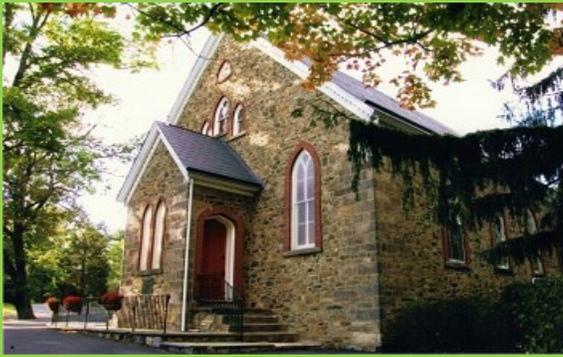
In Christ,  
Peter Gregory, D. Min.  
CDR USN (ret.)  
Pastor

To the Thompson Church family,

Thank you for all the kind words and great signatures. My new hip really thanks you as well.

God bless you all —

Bob Stoner



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# Catch the Wave!

## "Surf Shack," p. 19



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