

ELCOME TO THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

“We are a joyful family called by God through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to: welcome all, share our faith, love each other, serve the world, and glorify God.”

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today! Please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew so that we can send you a welcome note. If you have any questions or would like to have a tour of our building, please feel free to ask an usher.

FLOWERS Given in loving memory of James Serlenga, by his daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Bucky Pope. If you would like to order flowers for the altar in memory of or in celebration of a loved one or a special occasion please contact Elinor Raike.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting our Lemonade on the Lawn today. Please stop by the Table of Well Wishing to sign up for the available dates in the fall.

USHERS AND GREETERS Thank you for our ushers Linda Torda and Dave Cane. Be sure to sign up on-line for this opportunity to serve.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS Our college students are going back or some have graduated. We will send care packages throughout the year to our college students, including grad students, letting them know they are prayed for and loved by TMPC's church family. Please email Melissa Bottelier at office@tmpc.org a confirmation of the same or new mailing address of your student by **October 15th** so we can send timely holiday care packages. Also, let me know if they graduated and should be removed from our list.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED We are almost fully staffed for our 2018-2019 Sunday School Program Year, but we are looking for 2 more teachers and some folks who would be willing to be on our substitute list. Teaching Sunday School is such a wonderful experience as you teach the next generation all about God's love! A willing heart and a kind spirit are all you need! If you are interested, please contact Bailey Heckman at bheckman@tmpc.org.

T.A.S.K. (TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN) Volunteers from TMPC will be supporting the soup kitchen starting at 10:30 am on Thursday, **August 23**. We will depart from TMPC parking lot at **9:15 am** as a group or you may go there directly. Please sign up at the Table of Well-wishing for our T.A.S.K. visit if you wish to participate. Let's keep the spirit of giving in honor our good friend John Davis.

YOUTH GROUP Join us for our first meeting for Youth Group on **September 6** at 7:00 pm. Middle and High School Students will celebrate with a bonfire and s'mores. Youth Group in the fall will meet on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm. Both the middle school and high school students will meet together. Any questions contact Stephen Scovell at youthfamily@tmpc.org. Be sure to look for more events scheduled for this fall season.

RECENT WEATHER RELATED EVENT, POWER OUTAGES AND CHURCH SERVICE CANCELLATIONS Thompson Church has had to cancel several Sunday services over the past 8 months due to weather related issues or power outages. To provide our congregation with a more timely notification, we would like to offer "a text" option to you via your cell phone number. We will provide a sign up list for you in the coming weeks to provide your name, cell phone number and carrier to be used for this purpose **only**.

FALL TIDINGS/CHURCH CALENDAR If you have any information to submit for the Fall Tidings Issue please send to Melissa Bottelier office@tmpc.org or if you have dates/events/etc. to add to the Church Calendar please do so as soon as you can or send the information to Melissa. Thank you.

AID FOR FRIENDS August is Aid for Friends soup month. Please look for the soup container packets under the Table of Well Wishing if you would like to help us. Please make your soup, put it in the containers (only 3/4 full), freeze it and then bring it to TMPC and put it in the Aid for Friends freezer in George's closet. We will be accepting soup throughout the month of August.

Please remember to save your receipts when you shop at McCaffrey's, for any purchase, not just for things you buy for Aid For Friends. McCaffrey's returns 1% of the total receipts back to Aid For Friends. Put your receipts in the manila envelope hanging from the Aid For Friends bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please call Susan Achenbach or Beth Thompson or Barbara Pope.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP (ESG) MINISTRY Free Seminar on August 20th
"How's Your Networking Working?" If you're seeking employment or are in a career transition, we invite you to join the Employment Support Group (ESG), a ministry of New Hope Community Church. The group is hosting a free seminar from **7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**. Len Deane Jr. is the group facilitator and has 45 years of management experience including Human Resources Director, Plant Manager, General Manager, Management Consulting, Sales and Sales Manager. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday each month from 7:00-9:00 pm; at Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1680 Aquetong Road, New Hope PA 18938. Contact: Len Deane Jr. DeaneL70@verizon.net or <http://www.newhopechurchpa.org/employment-support-group>.

CARING KIDS Our next Caring Kids Event will take place on **September 7**. Save the date!

MISSION YOUTH TRIP SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT SUMMER! The mission team had a great trip to the Houston area to help with the hurricane relief effort. 22 youth and adults from TMPC were split into 3 work crews, which worked on dry walling and roofing projects. If you want to participate in our Youth Mission Trip opportunity next year, next year's mission trip will be to Harrisburg, PA lead by Salt and Light Ministries from **August 4-8, 2019**. This trip will be for our middle and high school students.

ADULT FORUM Our Fall Adult Forum will dive into *The Book of Ruth*. This class will begin on Sunday, **September 16** and run through Sunday, **October 21**. Any questions contact Bailey Heckman at bheckman@tmpc.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT We hope you have already signed up for the Women's Retreat on **September 14-16** at Sandy Cove Ministries in Maryland. See www.tmpc/retreats for more information.

FALL PRAYER RETREAT AT HOLY CROSS MONASTERY IN WESTPARK, NY - SAVE THE DATE! **November 27 - 30.** Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopalian Benedictine monastery; for time away. Pastor Stuart Spencer leads a study of this biblical call to seek the Lord God with our heart, soul, mind and strength. Our retreat group meets together for sessions in the morning and evening of each day. Within those gatherings we learn, share, and pray. The days of the Prayer Retreat afford plenty of time for personal prayer, meditation, conversations, reflection, exploring the book store, hiking, and enjoying a delicious meal or a cup of coffee. This three-night, four day retreat affords the time to step away from the regular demands of our lives and to enjoy a place of rest and welcome. *Our retreat begins on Tuesday, November 27 at 5:00 pm and concludes on Friday, November 30 following the noon meal.* For information on the monastery: <http://www.holycrossmonastery.com>. If you are a first-time visitor to Holy Cross look for "Visits to the Monastery"; and click the "What to Expect" page.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS Rev. Poinsett will be available in the church office Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Walk-ins are always welcome, but making an appointment in advance is encouraged. To make appointment, contact Melissa Bottelier in the church office at office@tmpc.org or 215-862-2440. Pastor Jim is also available on Sunday afternoons by appointment as well. His Thursdays will be spent on sermon writing from his home; Fridays will be Pastor Jim's regular day off.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun 8/19	9:30	SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary
Mon 8/20	9:30	Women's Study Group – Please Join Us!	Conference Room
	7:00	Employment Support Group (ESG)	Fellowship Hall
Tues 8/21			
Wed 8/22	5:30	Grey Sheeters Meeting	Conference Room
Thur 8/23	9:15	TASK	Trenton, NJ
	7:00	Men's AA Meeting	Conference Room
Fri 8/24	9:00	One Fabulous Folder	Conference Room
Sat 8/25	9:00	Deacon Meeting	Conference Room
Sun 8/26	9:30	SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE	Sanctuary

Foglifters AA group meets daily, 7:00-8:00 a.m. (Monday-Friday in Fellowship Hall); (Saturday/Sunday in the Conference Rm).

**FEEL FREE TO TAKE HOME YOUR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
TO KEEP DATES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON HAND.**