



PREAKNESS FAITH COMMUNITY

A Family of Believers



From the Laptop of

Pastor Jane

Where is my laptop today? Together we are looking out my picture window at 184 Hillcrest, a place I have called home for almost 8 years. To think, I was to be here only one year when I moved in. I must share with each of you that this surely has become “home” and a reminder of God’s presence, memories of my dear friend Lois Paterson and a picture window that has allowed me to see more clearly all the gifts from Our Lord. In July, John and I will be moving to another “home” at 47 Worcester Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470 and although this move has been emotional at times, it is surely God’s timing for us and Lois’s children, who wanted to sell their home this year. As the song goes, “God will make a way” and that He surely continues to do!

I thought it only appropriate to write my PEALS article from this place one last time, taking in all I am discovering this May, 2017 day, looking out my favorite picture window. We say it is May but surely the weather has had us guessing although the grass is green; flowers are budding; birds are making their homes; and the house on Alps Road is filled with Azalea’s in full bloom.

When I think of spring, I am reminded it is a time to **G.R.O.W.** physically, emotionally and spiritually. Spring represents new beginnings; blooming; and even turning over a new leaf, as they say. I am also reminded of the Parable of the Sower and the seeds that we sow in Matthew 13. Sometimes we are hindered by things around us that choke us; scorch us; and even prevent us from growing. Yet how can we enjoy the blessings all around us and **G.R.O.W.** so we produce blessings one hundred fold for Christ? As a typical youth Pastor, may I suggest 4 ways to ponder:



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Through **God** – Take time to walk and talk with the Lord, dwelling on His word and allowing it to take root. **Make sure we are planted firm on His foundation.**

Through **Relationships** – Put aside your “to do list” and spend time with family and friends where you can nurture each other. **Instead of holding the phone in your hand, take hold of something more precious, one another!**

Through **Outreach** – Open your eyes and heart to the needs all around you and making a difference using your gifts from God. Take the \$5 you might have used to buy a Starbucks or Dunkin Donut drink and share it with someone in need. **There is a seed out there that needs to be sown.**

Through **Worship** – Worship inside, outside, alone, with others and give thanks each and every day. **When we sense the presence of God, it is then we can blossom right where we are and others can see Christ through us!**

Spring is here and it is now time to **“SPRING into action “and G.R.O.W.** There is a picture window waiting for you friends! As they say, stop and smell the roses along the way and above all allow **Christ to G.R.O.W. through you.**

Pastor Jane





Nancy 's Nook

What a wonderful time was spent at our Lenten "Soup for the Soul" luncheons and also our last Young at Heart gathering in May. Thanks to the many that helped make it possible. I hope all YAH will save the date of June 6th for our annual luncheon.

Also, save the dates for Tuesday summer breakfast gatherings: July 11th, July 25th, August 10th (Thursday), and August 22nd. As we get closer, we will let you know where they will be! Any suggestions, please let me know.

I hope you are enjoying this warmer weather and watching the flowers bloom.

Nancy

Young at Heart

Celebration Luncheon



The Young at Heart June luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 6th, at the Grasshopper Too in Wayne, New Jersey. Please plan on attending since this will be our last event before summer. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.



A Note from Karen

The PFC music ministry welcomed Holy Week beginning with our cantata "Grace that Amazes." Thank you to our sanctuary choir and singers for a beautiful presentation and performance! A special thank you to our narrators George Samborsky and Nancy Gilman. A special thank you to our amazing soloists for Good Friday and Easter: Beverly Radway, Noreen Lienhard, Nate Lienhard, David P. Smith, David H. Smith, John Bishop, George Samborsky, Paul Munch, and Brice Freeman. We are very blessed to have so many wonderful singers and instrumentalists!

Thank you to the PFC church family for your wonderful support of the music ministry, and for your fellowship and faithfulness.

Strawberry Festival

Joanne 's Joy

Hold the date of Sunday, June 25th, following the Morning Worship Service for our annual Strawberry Festival. Join us for fun, fellowship, and a delicious dessert.

All are welcome to join Joanne's Joy. We will be meeting on Sunday, June 4th following morning worship to finalize plans for the Strawberry Festival and plan events for the fall. Bring a knit or crochet project you are working on, and work while we plan.

"Camp Out" Meeting



Join us for our Vacation Bible School "Camp Out" meeting on May 21st following morning worship. Tentative dates are August 8th and 9th. We are planning a two-day Bible School with a closing campfire program around the fire pit. Everyone is needed with your ideas and suggestions. Please come to the meeting.

Memorial Garden

Phase 7 of our Memorial Garden is now being planned! Watch for more details!



Attention Graduates

If you are graduating this spring, please let Pastor Jane know. We will be recognizing our graduates on Father's Day.

Remembrances

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Mother's Day Remembrance for those special women in our lives. Remembrances for Father's Day will also be available this year. If you would like to recognize or remember a special man in your life, please sign up on the bulletin board.

