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Spring Flea Market Update

A huge 'Thank You' to those who volunteered their time and came to lend a hand. We are so appreciative of everyone showing up, this sale wouldn't have been as successful as it was if it weren't for each and every one of you.

The amount of \$4,999.80 was deposited but there were a few purchases made prior to the sale so the total sum will be a little over \$5,000.

AMAZING—THANK YOU

**Fall Flea Market:
September 17th
9a-2p**

High Flying Geese

The following message was received over the internet from The Presbytery of the Northeast Newsletter. The portion from "High Flying Geese" is from a small book by Browne Barr.

"Geese fly in formation. This isn't just for appearance's sake. The downbeat of the lead goose's wings provides an upward push on air to the rear and side. This updraft catches the wings of the next and helps lift them up. It's like having springs in the shoes of us earthbound type. The wing beats of all the geese are sequential. Each goose's flight helps those in the rear.

As a result, ornithologists Peter Lissaman and Carl Shollenberger tested the aerodynamic efficiency of flight formation. According to computer models, 25 geese in formation have a theoretical range increase of 70% as compared to a lone bird. That doesn't count a tail wind.

Geese fly in formation. Geese together are more efficient than a lone goose doing his or her own thing. Formation gives strength. That includes the church. Structure and formation will get churches/presbyteries, etc. to go further in mission.

As the Apostle Paul said, the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament grows and builds itself up in love as each does its work.

So too, geese recognize the gift of others. Watch them long enough and you'll see them whiffle. Whiffing is the change of the leading goose. The lead goose will slip to the side, fall back and join the line of geese as another becomes the lead. Leadership is shared rather than burned out.

We rotate leadership. We depend on people stepping forward to help. When churches whiffle, and allow the gifts of members to come forward, we do all things better.

They honk for the weak geese and stray geese, to help one's who have fallen behind find the way back to the flock, or to hold them together in foggy times. In the same way we are to offer words of comfort, encouragement, and support to one another. We are to tell again and again the good news of the gospel to help people find their way back to the flock of the faithful."

There's an old African proverb that states:

If you want to go fast, go alone.

If you want to go far, go together.



**Summer Worship w/Zion Lutheran
Begins Sunday, July 3rd
10:00am**

We are excited to have the opportunity to worship with our sisters & brothers at Zion Lutheran, located at 215 Elm Avenue in Rahway, during the months of July & August.

Please make note of the following as we begin gathering together:

- Zion Council requires masks to be worn at all times
- Worship services begin at 10:00am
- Communion is every Sunday
- In-person or Zoom only, live streaming is not available (Zoom code will be sent via the weekly email; if you do not have email and would like to dial-in and participate, please call the church office)
- For offerings, please use your First Pres envelope or a regular envelope, however, be sure to indicate it is for First Pres and include your name
- Sanctuary is air conditioned
- Fellowship is in the narthex after services

Zion also has a Bible Study and Vacation Bible School for your children w/volunteer opportunities for anyone interested:

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 7:30pm throughout the summer unless otherwise specified. Meetings are in-person as well as on Zoom.

Vacation Bible School

July 25th-30th at the Church from 11am-2pm. We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate the VBS! If you can only volunteer for a single or multiple days, rather than the entire week, or even a few hours it would be much appreciated! Feel free to volunteer even if it is for a limited time. Or, we could use assistance gathering supplies and figuring out what crafting supplies we already have in the church. Contact Pastor Pernini at 732-284-6054 or Zion's church office at 732-388-1815 for more information.

Meet the Newest Edition to the Purcell Family - Congratulations!

In April, the Purcell family welcomed a beautiful addition:



Olivia Purcell
April 19th
@ 11:10pm

Congratulations Allison, Eddie & big brother, Lucas, as well as to the Russell & Purcell families on this beautiful new addition.

Rahway has a New Police Officer - Sean Simpson

The church office received an email from Linda Simpson:

Sean has joined the Rahway Police Department.

God Bless you as you protect others.

Love, mom and dad

Congratulations, Sean! Your church family is so very proud of you. We thank you for your service in protecting us, and may God bless you, guide you, and keep you in His loving care.

Such a great family picture with Andrea & Lucas. Btw, that little guy is all kinds of adorable and getting so big!



May

- 1 - Craig L.
- 1 - Jake H.
- 4 - Gene S.
- 8 - Ruth-Noemi B.- R.
- 10 - Carole H.
- 11 - Laura G.
- 13 - Allyson P.
- 15 - Carol Ann B.
- 17 - Andy R.
- 19 - Uchechi K.
- 20 - Ryder E.
- 29 - Garry G.
- 30 - Glory Ukoha K.
- 30 - George Vincent D.



May

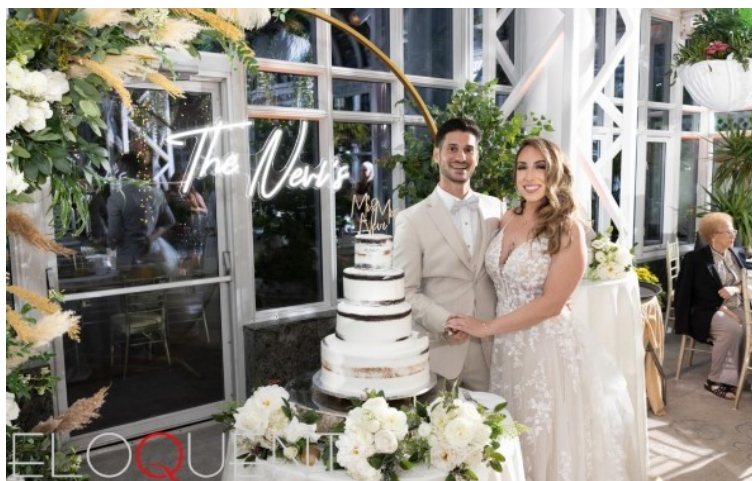
- 11 - Gail & Connie
- 29 - Loretta & Thomas



Richard McCarthy sent a card wishing all mother's a wonderful day. Thank you, Richard!

**Congratulations,
Ashley & Anthony!**

Ashley Simpson & Anthony Nevi got married on Friday, June 17th. Thanks for sharing this beautiful picture of their special day, Linda.



First Pres wishes you a lifetime of happiness together and a love that grows stronger with each passing day!



As always, whether you send a short note or we get a chance to chat on the phone, hearing from church family is always a pleasure.

Summer Greetings, especially after two days of 90 degree temperatures!! Hope all of you are doing well. Heading for cooler weather here in northern Michigan. Have a wonderful summer!

Love, Dona



Dear Carol Ann & All,

Glad to have talked with you to find out recent news, including July & August worship with Zion Lutheran Church.

Prayers to find a new pastor from me also. Please mail me the *Chimes* when they come out.

Thanking you,
Rosalind C.



June

- 2 - Kenneth M.
- 3 - Ashley T.
- 4 - Susan K.
- 5 - Judith R.
- 10 - Agnes N.
- 11 - Lauren D.
- 11 - Joshua David G.
- 12 - Chloe T.
- 13 - Sean S.
- 15 - Jack M.
- 17 - Linda S.
- 21 - Evan O'D.
- 22 - Michele P.
- 25 - Daniel Rocco M.
- 28 - Donna G.
- 28 - Allison P.
- 30 - Zachary T.



June

- 9 - Jean & Ray
- 11 - Carol & Vincent
- 12 - Aleya & Maurice
- 15 - Leslie & Chris
- 20 - JoAnn & Andy
- 20 - Donna & Garry
- 23 - Sara & Steve
- 28 - Linda & Gene



Richard McCarthy also sent a card wishing all father's a wonderful day. Thank you for being so thoughtful, Richard!

We are so Proud of Our 2022 Graduates



William Davis, son of Bill and Lauren Davis, will graduate from New Egypt Middle School this month. "Will" will attend MATES, the Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science, in Stafford Township this September. Mates is a comprehensive, selective magnet public high school that is part of the Ocean County Vocational School District.

Princeton Nwosu graduated with honors from Stevens Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering.



Samantha Sola graduated Rahway High School June 22, 2021. Currently working at Merck Child Care Center.

Makenzie Martin graduated from Marymount College Manhattan NY, 4 years dean's list; Major...Theater Arts/ Drama.



Ryan Crowley graduated ALJ High School on June 23. Starting in August Ryan will be attending West Virginia University. He will be attending the John Chambers School of Business majoring in Finance. Ryan received a Veteran Scholarship & Robert L. Kastner Memorial Scholarship. He is very excited to see where the country roads will take him in his future! #GoMountaineers



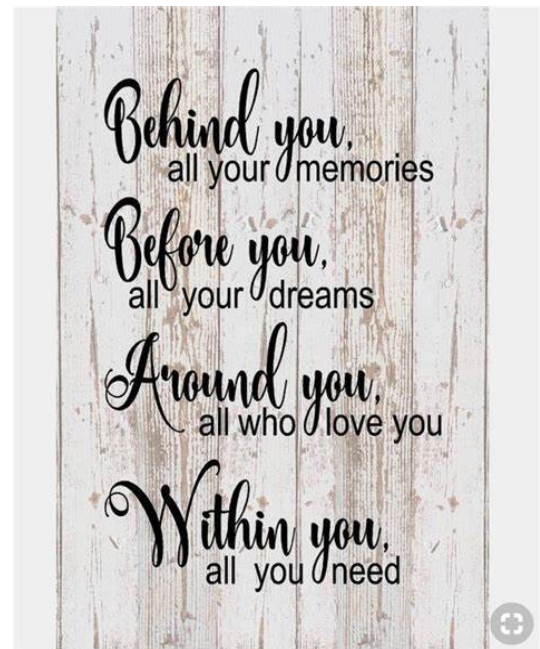
July

- 1 - Monyka Elyzabeth K.
- 1 - Erwin A.
- 3 - Ray M.
- 4 - Fred R.
- 10 - David K.
- 10 - Richard M.
- 19 - Bridget N.
- 23 - Lauren H.
- 27 - Joanne P.
- 27 - Uma K.



July

- 14 - Debby & Fred





View "Our Town" History Articles Online

A number of church members have inquired about ways to get the history articles written by Elder and City Historian, Alex Shipley, that are published in "Our Town," Rahway's local monthly newspaper.

It's easy! Go to the computer and log onto Google. Type in Renna Media, Our Town. Hit the first entry choice – Our Town, Renna Media. Scroll down to the listing of all past issues. History articles go back to the January 2012 issue and appear each month to the present issue. Scroll through the pages of the selected month to find the history article.



**IPNC
New Mission Statement**

For those who don't receive our weekly emails or use Facebook, one of the tasks of the IPNC was to form a new mission statement. Below is what the committee presented to session at the May 19th meeting where it was approved:

**We are the Light in the community
reflecting the Love of God.
With enduring commitment and guidance
through God's Word,
The First Presbyterian Church seeks to continue its
long, faithful
history of mission work throughout the community.
Comforted and challenged by the
Gospel of Christ,
we strive to be a welcoming church,
offering hope to all seeking His Love and Grace.**

We are so very thankful to Gail Anderson, Diana Nwosu, & JoAnn Roesch for all of their hard work. We also want to thank Claire Davis, Regional Coordinator from Presbytery's Commission on Ministry, on her expertise and guidance as well.



Aug.

- 7 - Vincent D.
- 8 - Dan M.
- 15 - John L.
- 16 - Zachary W.
- 18 - Caitlyn Anne O'H.
- 18 - Tracie W.
- 20 - Hazel Marion McBride R.
- 21 - Eric R.
- 21 - Sam S.
- 21 - Lucas Joseph S.
- 27 - Ashley Nicole C.
- 27 - Bill D.
- 31 - Michael T.



Aug.

- 8 - Kristen & Russell
- 13 - Carol & Jake
- 22 - Judy & Eric
- 29 - Robin & Alex
- 29 - Candy & Michael



Enjoy this beautiful season.
God Bless!



Please consider either calling or sending a card to church family who are homebound; call the church office (732-382-0803) if you need phone numbers and/or addresses.

Prayer Requests

Alyne B., Angel M., Ann D., Anthony N., Cheryl Anne C., Christine H., Claire D., Debbie C., Diane W., Ed Lloyd, Eileen P., Gail (not Anderson), Gene S., Jane S., Janet Sedlak, Joey H., Joseph Salay, Jr., Mary, Molly, Patty-Kenny-Travis R., Russ G., Savannah B., Tracie W., Ukranian Sisters & Brothers



Sincere condolences to...

Carlos Browne & family on the passing of his sister, Claudia, who lost her battle with cancer on June 8th. Please keep the family in your thoughts & prayers during this time. Also, lift up his mother in your prayers as well since she will have to relocate.

Agnes Nwosu & family on the passing of her mother, the children's grandmother. Agnes will be traveling to Nigeria at some point in November so also pray that her travel plans go smoothly and she remains safe & healthy during her journey.

Prayer Persons

If you receive our weekly emails the "prayer people" are listed each week for prayers. If you don't receive our emails, please say a prayer for those listed below for months passed.

MAY

- May 1st** - Russ Ginda
- May 8th** - Carole Huntley
- May 15th** - Rodrigue Joseph
- May 22nd** - Ilanda Kerobo

JULY

- July 3rd** - Nwosu Family
- July 10th** - Dana & Bill Marsh
- July 17th** - Steven O'Loughlin
- July 24th** - Flo Oppmann
- July 31st** - Robert Pender

JUNE

- June 5th** - Lauris Beam
- June 12th** - Laura Grider
- June 19th** - Ukoha & Uchechi Kalu
- June 26th** - Will Marsh

AUGUST

- Aug. 7th** - Padavano Family
- Aug. 14th** - Jack Miesowitz
- Aug. 21st** - Andy & JoAnn Roesch
- Aug. 28th** - Andrew Russell

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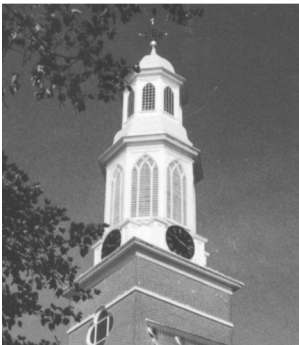
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Have a wonderful summer!