

THE KEY

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From the pastor's desk...

It has been over two months now since we arrived in Cranbury, and it feels like home. Nancy and I would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone who had a hand in sprucing up the parsonage. What a tremendous labor of love. Our transition has been very smooth due to the warmth and hospitality extended to us by you our new church family.

I also want to thank Rev. Jack Foster for his faithful 24 years of ministry here at Cranbury and for his diligence in paving the way for my arrival. Jack has been a good friend and is easy to love, and I know how difficult a change in ministers can be after a long-standing relationship has been established.

The Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of Church of the Resurrection, which is a United Methodist Church in Leawood, Kansas, asks these questions when they define their mission as a church. As we begin this new chapter of ministry together, I would like for us to wrestle with these same three questions:

- 1.) Why do we need Jesus?
- 2.) Why do we need the Church?
- 3.) Why do people need our Church?

My prayer is that we will seriously reflect upon these questions individually and collectively and be

able to articulate our responses that would give the reason for our faith.

May we walk gently with one another, remembering that the life we carry together is both sacred and fragile and that it needs every chance we can offer it to grow.

As God searches our hearts and we seek God, may we be in prayer and discernment so that we follow where the Spirit is leading us.

Again, thanks so much for the love and hospitality that you have shown Nancy, Matthew, and me. Instead of strangers, you have made us feel like family.

May God continue to richly Bless You!

Pastor Ron

Regular Worship Schedule



On Sunday, September 13, we will return to our regular worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Sunday School will start at 9:00 AM.

Please remember our

members and friends in prayer.

The Red Bird Mission	Thelma Alm
Martin Collins	Peg Harris
Ruth Hemlin	Raul Martinez
Kay Milo	Steve Pierce
Kathy Roman	Joyce Schanck
Olga Shen	Barbara Smatusek
Chris Stahl	Bette Thielman
Marcella Woodward	

To add or remove a name from our Prayer list, please contact the church office at 609-395-1737.



Welcome!

On Sunday, May 24, Gabrielle Eliza Ferraro was baptized on the same day her mother and father, Crystal and Thomas Ferraro, and her grandmother, Katherine Boddie, joined our church.

Mission Committee Update

The Rescue Mission of Trenton notified us that we collected 950 pounds of clothes for our Clothing Drive in May. That's a lot of clothes! Thanks for supporting this Mission project.

Bones of the Church

The "body" of a church has four kinds of bones:

1. The WISHbones are those folks who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.
2. The JAWbones are those who do all the talking and very little else.
3. The KNUCKLEbones are those who knock everything anyone else tries to do.
4. The BACKbones are those who get under the load and get the work done.

What kind of bone are you?

Calendar of Events for

SEPTEMBER



September 1: Bible Study, 7:30 PM

September 6: Worship Service, 9:30 AM

September 7: Church office closed

September 9: Administrative Council, 7:30 PM

September 12: Cranbury Day –
Attic Treasures & Cafe

September 13: Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Worship Services, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

September 14: Deadline for October newsletter

September 15: Bible Study, 7:30 PM

September 16: Methodist Women's Circle,
12:00 PM

September 17: KIDS' Club, 5:00-7:00 PM

September 18: Movie Night featuring
"Adam's Rib," 7:30 PM

September 20: Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Worship Services, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

September 27: Sunday School, 9:00 AM
Worship Services, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Men's Club, 10:00 AM

