

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

Hey, KIDS!

Attention cowboys & cowgirls in K-5th grades! You are welcome to come to "Home on the Ranch" on Thursday, September 17. Chow will be served starting at 5:00 PM. There will be ranch chores to be done and fun to be had by all until 7:00 PM. Who will be crowned as the best-dressed cowhand? Come to the ranch and find out who it is. It could be you!



Now Hear This!

This year Cranbury Day is on Saturday, September 12. This means we need your help with the two fund raisers we will have that day.

Our Café will be open again to serve a delicious lunch. If you can help in the kitchen, please contact Dorothy Robasser (609) 448-4058.

As always, we need items to sell for our Attic Treasures tables. Please make sure these items are in good, working condition. Remember—no TV's or computers (they don't sell). Hold on to any clothes you might have since we will be having our fall Clothing Drive in October. You may drop off any donated items in the Fellowship Hall during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon) or on Sunday mornings. Pat Gavenda is always looking for people to price items, set up that morning, and clean up after the sale. Please call her (609) 655-2021 to let her know you will be able to help.



Sunday School

Summer is almost over and soon Sunday School will start! On Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 AM we will resume our classes with a full roster of teachers and curriculum.

We would like to start the new year with a sharing of our blessings. The Middlesex County Food Bank is in need of food stock to assist those in need. We ask that all students bring a can or box of food to donate. The Food Bank is especially in need of canned vegetables, potatoes, soups, meats and boxed pasta, potatoes, cereals. Any donations will be appreciated. There will be a container in each class to collect donations.

Hope to see you all on the 13th!

"Fall" Back into Movie Night

Suddenly the summer fun seems to be slowing and you're feeling down—cheer up with Movie Night on Friday, September 18! We will be watching the Katherine Hepburn/Spencer Tracy classic, "Adam's Rib." Join us at 7:30 PM in the Barclay Room.



MEN'S GROUP

Our Men's Club's will be busy on Sunday, September 27, making plans for the upcoming church year. All the men of our church are invited to meet in Room 4 at 10:00 AM with ideas and willing spirits!