



This Fall, 'Welcome Home' to PCW!

It is the start of a new school year and turning over of a new leaf, and, despite a stubborn health crisis, there is so much to look forward to this fall at PCW!

For starters we are welcoming new faces to our ministries. Our family ministries programs have been blessed by the arrival of Krista Aslanian and Sara Benedetti. For more on their work and the exciting new ways to engage for children, youth and families, see Sara's article in this month's issue. Also on the way is Marcy Rudins (soon to be Marcy Ryan) in October as our new Associate Pastor for Congregational Life. Marcy has a passion for helping people engage in community and deepen their own spiritual life.

One way Marcy's start with us is different is that instead of having a congregational meeting now to choose her as our new pastor, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has worked with both our Presbytery and our own church Session to streamline what could have been a wonky process. Marcy is from the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and has been ordained for four years. In order to become Presbyterian, which she does want to do, she would have to take all the ordination exams; in short this means we would spend the next year paying her to study and take exams. However, if we wait one year before voting, she can simply become Presbyterian (almost like magic) because she will have been ordained for five years. Everyone involved saw the wisdom of having her start as a supply pastor with the clear intent on having the congregational meeting next year.

Seeing this new pastoral and program team come together is so exciting, both personally for me as your pastor who has been looking forward to a full staff, but knowing what it means for all of you. This September we will be saying *Welcome Home* in all kinds of ways:

- A new worship series both online and in-person;
- A generosity campaign designed to help us all make a deeper connection between our money and our spiritual lives;
- A celebration on our front lawn with games and activities;
- A movie night;
- The kick-off of our family ministry program year;
- Tuesday with Tom returns;
- New adult education opportunities;
- So, so much more.

You won't want to miss it, and for more details I encourage you to explore this month's issue for dates and times.

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- Jeremy Jinkins

Faith Formation

In-Person Sunday School is Returning! PCW families and friends, we are so excited to announce that we will be returning to in-person Sunday School on **Sunday, September 12!** Please note that we will have an in-person option each week during the 10:00 am services, as well as a pre-recorded, online video and activities for anyone who is unable or not yet ready to attend in-person Sunday School.



In-Person Sunday School: We will begin with a “one room” Sunday School, using Assembly Hall, which allows us ample space to spread out and also gives us direct access to outdoor Playground 1, which we will use as much as we can, for as long as the weather allows. Volunteers will bring children from the Sanctuary and Westminster Hall directly to Assembly Hall, where parents will pick them up after services are over.

- **In accordance with the church and school policy to keep everyone as safe as possible, all parent and high school volunteers working with your children will be fully vaccinated.**
- **Teachers will wear masks at all times, and all children attending Sunday School in person are required to wear masks at all times.**
- No food or drink will be served at Sunday School.
- Children and volunteers will wash or sanitize hands upon entering and exiting Sunday School.

Digital Sunday School: The same Bible story and suggested activities we offer each week in person will be pre-recorded and posted on our web site, as well as sent out via email, for participants who won't be attending live. These stories and videos will be posted and emailed each week.

Please note that Sunday School is available for children in Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade. We also have childcare available for ages 3 and under in our cribbery, room 104, each Sunday during 10:00 am services.



If you have any additional questions about Sunday School, our policies to help keep our children safe, or would like to learn how to get more involved, please contact Krista Aslanian at faithformation@westfieldpc.org.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!
Krista

WELCOME HOME! Family Movie Night

September 29 (Rain-date September 30)

Join us at dusk on the lawn on Wednesday, September 29, for the animated movie by Dreamworks, **HOME**.

“When Oh, a loveable misfit from another planet, lands on Earth and finds himself on the run from his own people, he forms an unlikely friendship with an adventurous girl named Tip who is on a quest of her own. Through a series of comic adventures with Tip, Oh comes to understand that being different and making mistakes is all part of being human. And while he changes her planet and she changes his world, they discover the true meaning of the word HOME.”



Bring your friends, families, neighbors, parents, along with your towels or blankets. You are also welcome to bring your own food and drink. PCW will provide some pre-packaged snacks and water.

WELCOME MARCY RUDINS, NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Her name is Marcy Rudins. You don't know her now but you will. Marcy is our new Associate Pastor for Congregational Life. And starting October 1st, she'll be spending a lot of time with us.

After 18 months of searching, we, the members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, found the one God was calling to us - Marcy.

As we have gotten to know her, we have grown to both respect and love her warmth, her ability to connect with people of all ages, her thoughtfulness, her creativity, her humor and her devotion to ministry.

On August 10, 2021, the Session voted to hire Marcy and that's one of the things different about her path to PCW. Marcy has been ordained in the Reformed Church of America for four years. Currently, she is an Associate Pastor at the Delmar Reformed Church in Delmar, N.Y. Although there are differences in polity, RCA's theology mirrors PC(USA)'s theology and there are reciprocal agreements between the two denominations.

Working with the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey, the committee learned that if an RCA candidate has been ordained for less than five years, she/he can serve as a Supply Associate Pastor for a Presbyterian congregation but not be installed as one. The hiring of a Supply Pastor only requires a vote by Session on the one-year contract. But when Marcy has passed the five-year ordination mark, the congregation will vote on whether to call Marcy to be our next installed Associate Pastor for Congregational Life. And she will become a member of our presbytery.

After meeting her it will become clear why we chose her. Here is some of what she has to say:

- Listening - "Listening requires us to give ourselves fully and to be present to God, a friend, a family member, an enemy, a person who is marginalized or a person who makes us afraid."
- Going - "The people of God need to go beyond the church walls into creation and the community to which they are called. The walls of a church are not meant to contain the people of God, but rather catapult people out of the pews into the world."
- Being Still - "It's one of my deepest hopes that the church may be a place not only where you come and experience the very presence of Christ who says 'Come to me, all you who are weary' but that the church can also be a place where you can simply be, just who you are, who God has created you to be, and know that it is good."

In the coming weeks we'll have more to tell you about Marcy, but for now, don't get too caught up on remembering the name Marcy Rudins. On September 25th she becomes Marcy Ryan when she marries Gene Ryan.



The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Congregational Life:
Jane Collins, Robin Hoy, Susan Murtishaw, Paul Stierhoff, Tom Walker

Clerk's Corner

HIGHLIGHTS OF SPECIAL SESSION MEETING ON JULY 22, 2021

- Motion #1:** Liz Miller: *"I move to approve the immediate recruitment of a new part-time (25 hours/week) church position, church management system administrator, at an annual salary of up to \$39,000. I further move to approve the contracting with Church Community Builder for a new church management system at a cost of \$400 per month plus initial installations costs."* The motion was seconded.
 - There were questions about the job description and the salary.
 - Tina Barulli is now working fully remotely from Florida. Gerry Lorenzetti said Personnel will continually be monitoring what Tina does and how it can be made more efficient.
 - Liz said that programming for the Church Management System will not start until someone is hired.
 - Gerry thanked Liz and Laure Park for all their work in doing the needs assessment and realizing that implementation needed additional personnel.
 - Jeremy said we are making an investment for the next 5-10 years.**The motion passed unanimously.**
- Motion #2:** Ethan Harris: *"Mission Commission moves to request support for a congregation fund raiser with matching funds of up to \$30,000 from the Betty McDiarmid fund to support our Zambian partners for improving access to water and for "Empowerment funds" to help people reopen businesses"*.
 - Barbara McLaughlan shared that on the Zoom call with Zambia church the Elders really spoke from their hearts saying that they are hurting and have trouble putting food on the table.
 - She reported that \$1,500 had been sent to the Pastor to give out loans at 5% interest to help with businesses. Currently the borders are closed; there are no travelers (tourism); and the inflation rate was 24% higher in June versus a year ago. The money that PCW sends to provide food for the Aids program now provides two-thirds the amount of food that it used to.
 - Digging the water hole has been a priority for a long time for the Zambian church.
 - Discussion of matching funds versus taking the entire amount from the Betty McDiarmid fund. Consensus was that matching funds would encourage participation in addition to educating the congregation.
 - Discussion on confusing people asking for donations for Zambia in August and asking for pledges in September. Bill Tittle said that Stewardship Commission had discussed this topic and were comfortable with the fundraiser being done in August.**The motion passed unanimously.**
- Motion #3:** Ethan Harris: *"Mission Commission moves to donate \$20,000 to FISH Hospitality from the Betty McDiarmid fund in memory of Alice Osterman"*. Alice Osterman and Betty McDiarmid were the first coordinators for our mission to the homeless.
The motion passed unanimously.

Technology Transformation Team Status Report- Martha Kieczkowski

The TTT has been meeting weekly since early June. Members of the team include Steven Mon, Brad Schwarz, Thomas Parkinson, Kevin Wilkin, Michael Quinlan, and Martha Kieczkowski

Based on the Team's discovery work it was decided that the project would be broken down into three parts.

1. Campus wide dependable Wi-Fi Access - Scope includes the full building footprint and some adjoining outdoor spaces.
2. AV upgrades supporting: the Sanctuary, Westminster, the Chapel, Hybrid Meeting Rooms, and portable AV equipment options.
3. Upgrade and creation of a higher-level recording "studio" in two phases: near term - immediate critical upgrades, and longer term - a plan for a more professional studio.

Associated/tangential projects:

1. The team has met with and continues in conversation with the Church Management Team (CMT) leaders to ensure support of technological needs.
2. The Church telephone system is not in the scope of this project however we are working with O&P to build into our work any infrastructure components that will assist that project.
3. The group has spoken with the Church "space" group (Nancy Smith) regarding preferred Hybrid meeting spaces.
 - Work Status
1. The RFP/I for Campus wide dependable WIFI access is complete. We have three Vendors on our initial contact list. Team members will begin to contact assigned vendors this week with the goal to receive proposals in August/September and make a vendor recommendation in September/October.
2. The RFI/P for AV equipment is under development.
3. Contact of Houses of Worship with experience with similar technology transformation needs is underway. We expect to use this information to help us understand the technology options in popular use, as well as, helping in our assessment of vendor proposals. Some initial contacts include Tower Hill Church in Red Bank, St. Helen's in Westfield, and Brick Church in NYC.

4. A list of personnel tasks that may be associated with new technology has been drafted and provided to Personnel, Lou Ann, Jeremy, and the CMS Team. For example: Reboot of the Wi-Fi system if it goes down, training of meeting leaders using the Hybrid Meeting functionality.

Martha stressed that the RFP tells vendors what we want but not how to do it.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 10, 2021 REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Moderator's Report

Rev. Jeremy Jinkins said this is an exciting time in the life of PCW and we are making many major investments. These include new staff members, the Generosity program, and policies/procedures/common practices are being defined and codified and there will be many technology changes. He stated we want to be the kind of church that fundamentally change people based on their connection and engagement with us. There will be sermon series based on who we are as a church. He said that it was time for Session to start talking with their Commissions about what needs to be included in the budget process. What spending needs will help people connect more deeply with God and each other? Both online and in person formats will continue to be provided.

Session Updates:

1. **APNC Update:** Report from APNC and Covenant Agreement: Susan Murtishaw said that Marcy Rudins will be getting married in September to Gene Ryan. He is a minister and is employed by a church in Colt's Neck as an Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Family. They will live in Colt's Neck in the church manse. Robin Hoy reported that she made the initial contact with Marcy. The first interview consisted of round robin questions; the second interview she responded to questions that had been sent to her ahead of time; and the third interview was a Bible Study led by Marcy. Paul Stierhoff said Marcy is a "joy" and communicates well with all age groups. Tom Walker said finding a minister during COVID was a challenge. The whole APNC had a great dinner with Marcy during her on-site visit and she has a great sense of humor. Courtney said she is easy to talk to and is a nice fit for our congregation. Susan said she is from the mid-west and is filled with the Spirit. She is also a good preacher.

Susan explained that Marcy is ordained in the Reformed Church of America (RCA). Although there are differences in polity, RCA's theology mirrors PC(USA)'s theology. As the Rev. Jeremy Campbell, the Presbytery Co-Leader and Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey, puts it: "PC(USA) speaks Calvinism with a Scottish accent and RCA speaks Calvinism with a Dutch accent." PC(USA) has a reciprocal agreement with the RCA, which supports "the orderly exchange of ministers." This means that a presbytery may transfer a minister of another denomination called to work properly under the jurisdiction of a presbytery of the PC(USA). The minister must meet the constitutional conditions and furnish credentials and evidence of good standing to the presbytery, including evidence the minister possesses the qualifications of character and scholarship required of candidates of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). If an RCA candidate has been ordained for less than five (5) years, the candidate is required to fulfill PC(USA) ordination requirements, including taking and passing ordination exams. Our candidate has been ordained for four (4) years. We have worked with Rev. Campbell to understand how to best transition her to PC(USA). He recommends bringing her on as a Supply Associate under a covenant that stipulates that she will be enrolled as a supply member of the Presbytery for twelve (12) months at which time it is expected that she will become both the next installed Associate Pastor for Congregational Life of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield and transfer her membership from the RCA to become a member of this Presbytery. Marcy has appeared before presbytery's Commission on Ministry, and the covenant has been approved by them. Since it does not include a formal call or installation, Marcy must be hired by PCW, which brings us to Session to approve the covenant before you.

Susan said the APNC will remain intact but will not be active for the next year. A Meeting of the Congregation will be held following Marcy's 5th Anniversary of her Ordination. Susan thanked Gerry, the Children, Youth and Family APNC, Jeremy and Josh and Laure (in advance) for all their time and assistance in the process. **Motion #1:** Susan Murtishaw said "I move on behalf of the APNC to approve the Supply Associate Covenant between The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and Rev. Marcy Rudins (post nuptials, Rev. Marcy Ryan) for the purpose of providing pastoral service on a fulltime basis, serving approximately 40 hours per week for a period on one year (with the provision of a one- or two-month extension on a pro-rata basis if necessary). The covenant will begin on October 1, 2021. It is expected that at the end of this covenant she will become both the next installed Associate Pastor for Congregational Life of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield and will transfer her membership from the Reformed Church of America to become a member of Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey." The motion was seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Personnel-** Gerry Lorenzetti- **Motion #2:** "I, Gerry Lorenzetti, as Chair of the Personnel Commission in consultation with the Head of Staff and outside counsel move to approve The Presbyterian Church in Westfield COVID-19 Vaccination Policy and the revised TOPS contract" with amended language to be added for completion of the Covid vaccination series after consultation with outside counsel". The motion was seconded. There was discussion. Gerry explained that a Covid policy is being discussed by all nursery schools. Jenn Collum had provided a copy of the Temple's policy. Gerry and Jeremy consulted with John Bennett for his review and input. Glenn Dumont and Howard Adams from Personnel also provided counsel. **The motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Stewardship Update on Generosity** -Bill Tittle acknowledged the presence of Mike Canavan and Liz Fischer from the Stewardship Commission. The theme for this year is "Welcome Home". The theme of generosity is not a one-year focus. Jeremy explained that people give based on vision and relationships. PCW's vision is about relationships. Thoughts about finance become a spiritual practice. Bill said they will be engaging Session and group leaders to communicate a personal understanding of generosity. He asked that 100% of Session members submit their pledges, after prayerful consideration, before the start of the Stewardship campaign which runs from 9/26/21 to 10/24/21.
4. **Faith Formation Update**- Bill Cook said that he is thankful for both Sara and Krista. Vacation Bible Camp had 51 children attend. He reported that Faith Formation is making plans for in person and virtual Sunday School. We currently have 10 different Adult Education classes right now.
5. **Mission Commission Zambia Fundraiser Update**- Ethan Harris reported that Diane Hansen's talk about Zambia and the video from 2019 was wonderful. The fundraiser raised \$38,000 in one week. Everyone is excited at the generosity and how quickly they reached their goal. All monies donated to this fundraiser must be sent to Zambia. The Zambia crises will probably continue for a while so monies from the fundraiser can be kept in a separate line item to be sent in the future. The details on getting the money to Zambia need to be worked out. There is scheduled to be an update on the Zambia fundraiser at church on Sunday, 8/15/21. This time can be used to thank the congregation for meeting the goal so quickly and to ask for no further donations.
6. **Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Discussion**- Alan Smith, Treasurer, said the June,2021 financial report dated 7/19/21 was previously distributed. Last year PCW and PNS&K applied for \$468,000 in PPP loans. We have asked for full forgiveness; Bank of America has approved; and we are waiting for approval from the Small Business Association. This year we borrowed \$327,000 and we will ask for forgiveness of the loan next year. Jeremy thanked Alan for his many hours of hard work securing the loans and providing the documentation for forgiveness of the loans. Alan said that it is time to start the budget process according to the policy previously approved by Session.
7. **Office & Property Update**- O&P's New Database- Michael Quinlan presented the Office and Property spreadsheet which is used to track the approximate 23 projects and their costs. He reported that they have 3 bids on the driveway and Lower Westminster Hall is complete. There is a need for new electric service in the CE building due to more electrical needs (computers etc.). They will be installing mini split air conditioners (above the window like what is in the library) instead of buying new window unit air conditioners. Jeremy thanked Mike for all the work on creating and maintaining the spreadsheet.

Clerk's Report

1. Correspondence Received/Sent:
 - a. Three letters written to Boy Scouts receiving the Eagle award were hand delivered during the ceremony on June 6,2021.
 - b. A PDF copy of the signed Pastoral Call Forms for Sara Benedetti were emailed and to Jeremy Campbell at the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey on June 29,2021
 - c. The four original copies of the signed Pastoral Call Forms for Sara Benedetti were mailed to Jeremy Campbell at the Presbytery office on July 7, 2021.
 - d. Received a letter from John and Barbara Kefalontis with their address in Sarasota, Florida. They are 60+ year members of PCW.
 - e. Sent a letter to John and Barbara Kefalontis offering to transfer their membership when they find a new church home and listed three churches in their area that Jeremy suggested for them to visit.
 - f. Received a package from Anne Irving containing her Father's Cradle Roll Certificate from December,1923 and a letter explaining her family's history in Westfield.
 - g. Sent a letter thanking Anne Irving for her letter and the Cradle Roll Certificate. Left the Certificate on David Rogers' desk to be archived.
 - h. Received an email from Deacons sent to Jeremy recommending that Community Day event be cancelled for September 2021 due to several concerns including the increase of the new strain of Coronavirus.
 - i. Letter received written 7/20/21 from Phelan, Frantz, Ohlig & Wegbreit, LLC regarding the estate of George R. Melloan who left \$2,000 to PCW.
 - j. The required paperwork was signed, notarized, and mailed to the lawyer's office on 7/27/21.

Administrative Business

- a. The PCW information for the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey directory was updated on July 7,2021. Sara's information was provided.

Staff Reports:

Sara Benedetti, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Family, thanked everyone for the amazing welcome. People have gone out of their way to welcome her. She said that her first week felt like she is "drinking from a fire hose". She had meetings with Courtney, Emily, Faith Formation and Krista and is working to get connected with some families with young children. She said she is glad to be back in New Jersey. She asked everyone to please let her know anything that we think she needs to know.

Pam Shaw, Clerk of Session

Thank You from Zambia

We (and our brothers and sisters in Zambia) are overwhelmed by the generosity of the PCW community and by the Grace of God in teaching us to share.

Because of your sincerity, we have an amazing opportunity to provide emergency and long term sustainability aid to the people in dire need. Through the combination of individuals' contributions and an amazing sense of the power of prayer...You, the PCW community have made an immediate impact that also goes way beyond just the purchasing power. You have lifted peoples' spirits, hopefulness, and beliefs in the powers of partnership. Yes, we are all in the battle together.

We are pleased to announce that we have joined together to raise over \$49,000 with a few more contributions likely to come.

From the bottoms of our hearts----- THANK YOU!

God is good.... all the time.

Expect to see progress reports from us as we put the efforts into motion immediately.



Invitation to a September Book Discussion

Even when Jesus is being completely clear, it's easy to be dismissive and to rationalize his teaching. Jesus' core message as presented in the Sermon on the Mount presents a picture of God's intention for us living in His creation. In clear and practical terms, Jesus helps us see what this looks like lived out in real life, in the middle of broken human conditions. But we inevitably and practically end up ignoring His teaching and this invitation.

The design of this offering is flexible and can be tackled in any order you like. It can entail some or all of the components to gain access or insights into your understanding and acceptance of Jesus' invitation into the Kingdom.

The core of the offering is to read *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. This landmark book presenting a perspective on Jesus from what may be a very different point of view from where you have considered him before. This book was a foundational influence on Martin Luther King, Jr. as he formulated his mission and work. We will gather in September in small groups to discuss this book and to integrate some of the concepts developed in the following resources intended to support and expand the message Thurman presents in this book.

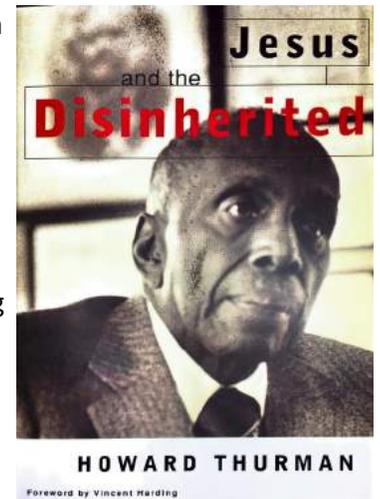
You can purchase this book from: [The Town Book Store](#), Westfield, NJ, [Barnes & Noble](#), or at [Amazon.com](#).

We hope you will join us as we delve deeper into the meaning of following Christ's calling for us.

The group will meet on Monday, September 20, 2021.

In-person (3:00pm in the Fred Christian Lounge) and online (7:30pm on Zoom) discussion options are available.

[Register for one — or both — here!](#)



-Alan D. Smith

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NJFO Opens New Season with Outdoor Concert

NJ Festival Orchestra, under the baton of Music Director David Wroe, will begin the 2021-2022 season on Saturday, October 2, at 7:30pm outside and under the stars with “*Moonlit Serenades*,” a superb live orchestral concert featuring internationally acclaimed classical guitarist Ana Vidovic.



Ms. Vidovic will join NJFO to perform one of the world’s most well known and most loved guitar concertos, Roderigo’s *Concierto de Aranjuez*. A magical and rapturous piece, the *Concierto de Aranjuez* performed under the stars in a superb garden setting will surely be a rare treat for us all! The concert will also feature a short tribute to Vince Carano, NJFO’s principal bass player and orchestra manager who passed away earlier in the year. Rounding off the outdoor concert is another favorite: Mozart’s Symphony No. 40.

[Bring your own lawn chairs](#) and refreshments and enjoy an unforgettable evening of glorious live orchestra in the garden of one of Westfield’s most magnificent residences.

VIP seating is available for those who wish to take advantage of a limited access to a reserved section of NJFO chair seating close to the stage.

The Hertell Gardens are located at the rear of 241 E. Dudley Avenue in Westfield. Free on street parking and full accessibility. Appropriate COVID protocols will be in place.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.njfestivalorchestra.org, by phone (908) 232-9400, or in person at the NJFO office, 224 East Broad St in Westfield. Box office hours for phone and in person sales are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call for

PS -- Save the dates for NJFO Holiday concerts!

On Saturday, December 4, 2021 at The Presbyterian Church Westfield, special guests *The Three Holiday Tenors* will be back to present a host of much loved tenor songs to welcome the holiday season. Traditional carols, signature versions of familiar fare and wintertime curiosities are also sure to delight.

On New Year’s Eve the NJ Festival Orchestra again presents one of New Jersey’s most popular musical events. This quintessential New Year’s celebration promises a superb revue of Broadway classics in glorious symphonic splendor.

For more information and for the time of the outdoor concert, go to www.njfestivalorchestra.org, contact NJFO by email at patronservices@njfestivalorchestra.org or call (908) 232-9400.

Presbyterian Nursery School and Kindergarten

Presbyterian Nursery School and Kindergarten is looking forward to the start of our 74th year as a mission of the Presbyterian Church. Our PLAY based program will consist of 17 classes this year with children of ages 2.5 through all-day kindergarten. The children will be engaged in hands-on creative learning experiences provided by our highly educated staff. We have been preparing all summer and are so thankful for the constant support from Rev. Jeremy Jinkins, and the PCW custodial staff ensuring that everything necessary for a smooth start to the school year has been provided.

PNS&K will continue all of the safety protocols from last year that worked so well for the school. Our classes will once again be in 'pods' and only our students and our vaccinated staff will be in the building. PNS&K teachers are creatively planning for our in-person learning and eager to help our students thrive. We are so grateful to be working within this wonderful community & excited to meet our families on September 13 when we begin our school year.



**Presbyterian
Nursery School
& Kindergarten**

Thank You

Hello all!

Thank you to everyone who has so warmly welcomed me to PCW! It's been a whirlwind few weeks and I'm still getting settled in and meeting folks, but I'm so glad to be here and to be a part of this community. I've been focusing on getting to know people, and would love to get together with you on an individual basis for coffee or lunch. If you'd like to plan a time to hang out, please email me at sbenedetti@westfieldpc.org and we can set a time.

Krista, our Interim Christian Education Coordinator for Children and Youth, and I have been working to get things rolling for Fall programming, including an awesome Movie Night event on Sept 29th for all ages.



Join us this fall for:

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
@10am Sept 12th for Children
@10am Sept. 26th for Youth
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS**
Thursdays @7:00pm, starting Sept. 30th
- **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
Beginning Sept. 29th with Movie Event on the Front Lawn
- **YOUTH GROUP**

Plans are all in full swing, and we are excited about the possibilities for in-person events! We are also exploring how to include more opportunities for families to participate in events and programming together, supporting children, youth, and parents during the trying times of the pandemic, and in the regular steps of life. We care about supporting you and your family in this prolonged time of uncertainty.

I'm continually encouraged by the desires this congregation has for being community for one another, and looking towards the future, I'm excited about the possibilities of expanding and growing existing programs for children, youth, and families, but also to grow the intergenerational opportunities at PCW. I believe that we live out Christ's love most fully when we are together and in relationship, and I look forward to serving alongside you, ministering to and with you all, as we explore what that means for this church and for the larger community.

Again, I'm so thrilled to be a part of this church family, and I'm looking forward to what God has in store for us!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sara

Members Who Have Joined the Church Triumphant



July 2021

Lynn Kolterjahn
Alice Ousterman

August 2021

Martha Mobley
Connie Muirhead

Honoring Alice Ousterman with FISH donation from Betty McDiarmid Fund

For years, Alice Ousterman and Betty McDiarmid were the coordinating team at our church for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). IHN was the rotational shelter system that PCW was affiliated with prior to FISH Hospitality Program. Both Betty and Alice had a heart for mission and were always involved in helping others. Betty passed away in 2006, leaving a bequest to PCW's mission projects. Alice passed away in July after a very short illness. In an effort to honor Alice and her legacy of mission leadership, the Mission Commission voted to donate \$20,000 from the Betty McDiarmid Fund to the FISH Hospitality Program in Alice's name. Both Alice and Betty would be pleased to know that our neighbors are being helped in their names.

Weedy Workers

Weedy Workers are still weeding on Saturday mornings. We will continue to work as the weather allows through September. Bring gloves, gardening tools and a bucket or bag to collect weeds and join us from 8-10 a.m. in the church parking lot. No need to sign up in advance, just show up. Any questions, please contact Lisa Black, lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com



Lunch and a Book

Lunch and a Book will meet via Zoom on September 3rd from noon - 1:00 p.m. to discuss "Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict. If you want to read ahead for the November book group, we will read, "A Month in the Country" by J.L. Carr. Yes, there is a movie, but no cheating!! Any questions, please contact Lisa Black, lmb.blacklaw@gmail.com.



Tuesday Talks with Tom Returns

"Tuesday Talks With Tom" begins a new fall Bible Study with the question - **DOES ANYONE REMEMBER THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS?** Can you name the seven deadly sins that originated with the Desert Father, especially, Evagrius Ponticus? And why are they so deadly?

During our seven week series, we will brush the ancient dust off of them, and discover they are as contemporary as the Bing homepage. They never go out of fashion! As one scholar described them, these are the sins we all enjoy! I hope you will join us each Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 4:45 beginning September 14th, for this seven week series. Just as a side bar, it's not fair to Google the list of them until you tried to list them by yourself. Hope to have you join us. [Click here to register!](#) We hope to see you on September 14th.





If you don't see your birthday listed, please contact the church office. We will be happy to add your name to the monthly birthday list!

SEPT 1

Gary Zanfagna
Brianna Pastro
Liana Kosiencki

SEPT 2

Joseph Sobala
Meghan Ince

SEPT 3

Logan Elfstrum

SEPT 4

Warren Engelke
Jacob Golden
Mia Ebel

SEPT 5

Jason Thompson

SEPT 6

William McMeekan
Mary Miller

SEPT 7

Shirley McMeekan
David DuBois
Dawn Heintz
Taylor Shepard
Matthew Crowley

SEPT 8

Kathleen Zippler
Riley Vierschilling

SEPT 9

Barbara Star
Paul Stierhoff
Emily Sawers
Sean Canavan

SEPT 10

Patricia Burns
William Tittle
Abigail Colao

SEPT 11

Melanie Walker
Ashley Shpunder

SEPT 13

Virginia Leiz
Ethan Harris
Dana Fleming

SEPT 14

Caren Nassif
Kelly Kristiansen
Jeffrey Bennett
Stefanie Cook

SEPT 15

Lynn Van Dyke-Perez
David McIntyre
Elizabeth Miller
Rebecca Whang

SEPT 16

Edith Williams
Dean Smith
Andrew Weaver

SEPT 17

Nancy Priest
Henry Treger

SEPT 18

Audrey Chen

SEPT 19

Jamie Bush

SEPT 20

Robert Eck
Melinda Pesapane

SEPT 21

Nancy Gearhart
Scott Hevert
Kathryn Cuccaro
Derek Garabedian
Andrew DuMont

SEPT 22

Samuel Brewer
Brendan Burgdorf
Maxwell Cerra
Thomas Kohler

SEPT 23

Stewart Galt
Gerard Lorenzetti
Samantha Mahmet

SEPT 24

Ronald Kashlak
Elise Schoenemann

SEPT 25

David Andreassen
Amanda Grow
Taylor Pinkin
Gina Cuzzo
Mia Johnson

SEPT 26

Mia Fleming

SEPT 27

Christina Socha

SEPT 28

Sue Howland

SEPT 29

Michael Morano
Julie DuMont
James Robins

SEPT 30

Peter Tortorello
Amy Sobala
Betsy Crossland
Jack Fico

We have no recorded birthdays for September 12 in our database

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10am

*Traditional in Sanctuary
wired in Westminster Hall
Online — YouTube and FB*

Online Sunday School

3yrs - 5th grade

Adults

Questers
Serendipity

Do you have news to share?

If you have great news to share with PCW such as, an engagement, anniversary, adoption, baptism, birth, etc., please email a picture and a short paragraph to spire@westfieldpc.org to be featured!

We'd love to celebrate with you!

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