

*Minds, hearts, hands, and voices in Christ.*



**Newsletter of the  
Oak Tree-Iselin  
Presbyterian Church**

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**Mother Goose and Grimm** by Mike Peters



A committee of Sue Ramirez, Laura Reeves, and Betsy Christensen met on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of developing a list of strengths we are looking for in our Temporary Pastor. Our list includes:

- Pastoral care
- Divinity degree
- Bible – based sermons and inspirational messages
- Relationship with demographic community
- 10+ years of experience
- Presbyterian background
- Full-time
- Strong leadership ability

This list was presented at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Session meeting.

Two members of the Presbytery COM (Committee on Ministry) also attended that meeting to complete the Session/Pastor Exit Interview as required by Presbytery. Our request for a temporary pastor will be brought to the COM meeting of the Presbytery on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to pray for our church to be open to receiving the pastor that God has already chosen for us.



**On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church will celebrate our One-year Anniversary!**

**Session Actions of May 13<sup>th</sup>**

1. Motion to hold the funeral service for Victoria (Durgana) Latortue at the church on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 10:30 am.
2. Motion to approve Bishop Nikolaos Brown as guest organist for the funeral of Victoria Latortue.
3. Motion to approve inviting Rev. Chris Houtz to officiate the funeral of Victoria Latortue. (Approved by Presbytery.)
4. Motion to order new letters to read *Oak Tree – Iselin Outreach Center* for the Edison building.
5. Motion to approve rental of the Outreach Center space for a music recital on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 2 – 4 pm.

**WELCOME**

Oak Tree- Iselin  
Presbyterian  
Church



Join us  
on Sunday morning  
at 10:30 am  
in the Sanctuary,  
or on Facebook LIVE.

June 9<sup>th</sup>



Sunday School  
**POT LUCK**  
**Luncheon**

Hosted by the  
Christian Education Committee

*Bring a dish, stay for lunch.  
Enjoy some fellowship as you munch.*

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Led by  
Elder Ron Stamboly



at 9:00 am  
in  
Fellowship Hall

PER CAPITA  
APPORTIONMENT  
FOR 2024  
**\$40**

YOU MAY USE THE BLUE  
ENVELOPE IN YOUR GIVING  
BOX OR A PEW ENVELOPE  
MARKED WITH YOUR NAME  
AND "PER CAPITA"

### A NEW INITIATIVE

In Matthew 25 Jesus says to take care of each other.

Many of us who live alone do not carry information necessary for health officials to access in case of emergency. If you attend church regularly, we would like you to consider providing us with a contact number to be entered into your membership page on the office computer. If you experience a medical emergency and are unable to respond, we need to be able to call someone that has authority to speak for you. That person whom you choose should be asked permission before you give his/her phone number.

You may call Margarita in the church office at 732/283-1188, or Laura Reeves at 732/742-5417 to provide your private information.

**To all the Dads, Step-dads, and men who play  
the part of Dad to those children who are fatherless –  
May you be blessed by the Father of us all.**



# LITURGY FOR JUNE



## JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)  
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

## JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20  
(11:14-15)  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

## JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

## JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23)  
32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

## JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43



## Happy Birthday

June 11th  
Joan Moscomagas



JUNE 14th

## YOU ATTRACT WHAT YOU ARE.

What if you are kind, and you attract mean?

What if you are honest, and you attract liars?

What if you are loyal, and you attract cheaters?

What if you are God-conscious and you attract someone whose heart is hardening with disbelief?

**No, you don't always attract what you are. You attract people who are in desperate need of what you are.**

*Source unknown*

## Mission focus



The Mission committee oversees the sponsorship of two children through the ChildFund organization.



Adrean Akmal Siswanto is from Indonesia. He is 12 years old and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He goes to a boarding school and spent his birthday money on school supplies.



Heidi Estephania Cacuango Tupiza is from Ecuador. She is finishing High School and will use scholarship money to further her studies to become a professional in the health field.

Show Adrean and Heidi how God is working in their lives to help them fulfill their dreams by donating any Sunday during the month of June. Use a pew envelope marked 'Childfund' and place it in the offering plate. They thank you and the Mission Committee thanks you.



Bill Anthony, our own Hometown Hero, is honored in front of the Dist. 9 Firehouse on Green Street. Thanks for your service, Bill!

From the Deacons

## Ministry of Compassion

A receptacle has been placed in the foyer for donations to the food pantry. Items needed are:

**Canned:**

**vegetables, beans, fruit, tuna fish, pasta sauce, soup, gravy**

<b>Peanut Butter</b>	<b>Pasta</b>	<b>Instant potatoes</b>
<b>Jelly</b>	<b>Stuffing</b>	<b>Mac'n'Cheese</b>
<b>Rice</b>	<b>Soup</b>	<b>Cranberry sauce</b>

**The next distribution will be on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Shop-Rite gift cards are now available each week during Fellowship Hour in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Simply bring cash or check and receive your card(s).



Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church receives 5% back on each card sold.



### Aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald

Your tab contribution was gratefully received by the Avenel Presbyterian Church VBS Program, which sponsors the Ronald McDonald effort. Please continue to save tabs for the collection next month, in July, 2024.



### Memory Verse For June

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Colossians 3:12-17**



**The Hospitality committee invites all of you to consider donating desserts for our weekly fellowship Hour. If you have a family favorite that you would like to provide on a Sunday morning, please let Cookie or Nancy know the week before.**

