

The Lifeline

Summer 2019



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From the Minister's Desk

Our community of faith is not large. It's not.

But it's healthy. This does not mean that we have it all figured out in regard to our walk with God, but we're walking in ways that feel Spirit led.

Why am I bringing this up? Because as I write this piece we are currently waiting on having 2 port-a-johns delivered. I know, I know: there are so many ways that I could have described the fact that our two main bathrooms have just been demolished to get us ready two new handicap friendly bathrooms...but the port-a-john line made me smile!

We are not a large congregation and yet, over the last three plus years we have been able to address multiple physical plant repairs and upgrades that will allow the congregation in the years to come to be able to care for and serve the greater community in wonderful ways...and not be worried about how to fix the leak in the roof. God led us to be able to address all of these needs (while still being rather close to meeting the operating budget, if not actually making budget). God worked through this congregation.

So God, thank you!

Thank You for how Your Spirit has been able to breathe through the community of faith here at Three Bridges.

Thank You for all of the ways that You have empowered us to care for the physical plant that we have been blessed with while still stepping forward in a variety of ministerial and pastoral ways that care for people both inside and beyond the walls.

Thank You for all that You are in the process of laying before us right now, because I trust that current faithfulness allows us to see and respond to those 'next things' that we as a congregation are being led to address so that the light of God might be able to shine...and shine brightly.

And one last thank you: you, the community of faith here at Three Bridges, have heard the Wisdom of God speaking in and through your lives...and have responded faithfully. Thank you!

Now, who's ready to try out those new bathrooms (and I don't mean the port-a-johns!)?

With Love in Christ,

Pastor Ryan

Stewardship & Finance

The church's new fiscal year began on June 1. We received a total of 69 Estimate of Giving cards during the spring campaign, for a total of \$263,370 pledged to this coming year's operating budget. If you haven't already done so, please remember to adjust your offering amount for the new fiscal year, so that we can fund the budget that was approved at the Congregational meeting.

Along with your other July 7 offering envelopes you will find one for the quarterly **Classis Assessment** contribution. Please try to remember this essential piece of stewardship in addition to your regular offering. The Classis Assessment for 2019 is \$90.67 (\$22.67 each quarter) per member, which contributes to the work of General Synod, Regional Synod as well as Classis.

Adults Bible Study

The Sunday morning groups will take a break while worship is on Summer hours. We will resume in September.

Please keep these graduates in prayer:

Middle School

Adrian Erwee	Austin Nace
Sarah Ashley Smith	Daniel John Smith

High School

Heather Beers	Josh Beers
Trevor Benton	Kelly McKeown
Trey Mead	Natalie Riebe

College

Adam Knowles	<i>(Rutgers University)</i>
Heather Kosinski	<i>(Rutgers University)</i>
Lily Riche	<i>(Monmouth University; Masters in Social Work)</i>
Kurt Schwoerer	<i>(Rowan University with a civil engineering degree)</i>
Tori Schwoerer	<i>(graduated Raritan valley community college with her associates in business, transferring to Rowan university in September.)</i>



Vacation Bible School

Keep plans and the lives of all the kids, volunteers, and leaders in prayer as we prepare to invite our neighbors and friends. VBS will be held **Mon., July 22nd, through Fri., July 26th 9 am - 12 Noon**. Co-Leaders are Monica Hoopes and Karin Erwee. Interested in volunteering? Interested in signing up for all or part of the week? The registration form is located on page 7 of this Lifeline.

Nursery Room

If you are interested in a quiet place to watch the worship service with your child the Nursery Room is open for your use. There is a comfortable rocker for watching the service on a closed circuit tv, and many toys and books for your child to enjoy.



The next dates that we will be serving at Family Promise are July 10th & 11th.

Contact Debbie Bulik (dbulik@comcast.net or 908-625-5155) if you have questions

Three Bridges Christian Nursery School



Enrollment opportunities continue! Virtual Tour our Preschool Program at tbcns.org.

and make an appointment with the director, Kelly Looney, to come and tour the preschool.

Contact the director by email: tbcns@comcast.net or call and leave a message 908-782-4201.

The Church Mouse Program

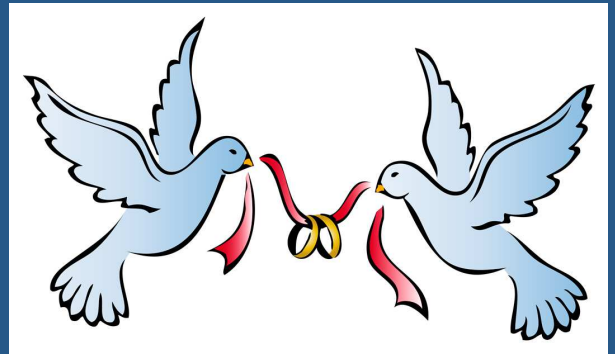
The church's Mission Commission sponsors an exciting program designed to keep our college students connected to our church. If they chose to participate, each college student will be assigned a "church mouse."

The mouse is a volunteer from our church family who will anonymously support their assigned student while they are attending college. The mouse can accomplish this task in a number of ways such as sending cards or notes or small care packages throughout the academic year, and most importantly by praying for their student.

College students wishing to participate will complete a profile which will help the mouse learn of their interests and favorite small items. The student will not know the identity of their mouse until they graduate. Each mouse will follow their student for the duration of their college years. A letter will be going out to college students in September inviting them to participate.

We continue to support those who continue as sophomores to seniors. If interested in becoming a mouse, please contact:

Marlyn Reuter at 908-996-2851 or marlynreuter@hotmail.com



Joseph and Kate 's Wedding Ceremony

Mon., Sept. 2 at 3 pm

"Through our 4 years of dating, we experienced many ups and downs. Now as we confess our love for one another before God, we sincerely invite you to celebrate this special day with us. Reception will follow ceremony."

~You are invited ~

Please indicate if you will attend by signing in on the board provided on the announcement table in the Fellowship Hall.

Co-Ed Softball Team

The church's co-ed softball team games have begun! If you are 16 yrs. or older, you are encouraged to join in. Games will be played **Monday and Thursday** evenings **through the end of July**. It's a great time and a great way to gather together as the Body of Christ. Come and cheer your team on. Let's Keep Going! The schedule is on 3brc.org website and posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Three Bridges Christian Nursey School End of the Year Program

Worship Responsibilities

July Ushers

- 7 Eric Christensen, Gerry Rihl, Fiona Bradshaw, Ed Drenkhahn
- 14 Richard Kacvinski, Scott Beers, Malcolm Hallam, Linda Kacvinski
- 21 Ken Moser, Wendy Rochelle, Barbara Wisniewski, Peter Wisniewski
- 28 Rob Benton, Keith Snyder, Dick Stothoff, Bill Wilcox

July Tech Support

- 7 Eric Rasch
- 14 Ed Knowles
- 21 Greg Mead
- 28 Dirk Beisner

August Ushers

- 4 Eric Christensen, Gerry Rihl, Fiona Bradshaw, Ed Drenkhahn
- 11 Richard Kacvinski, Scott Beers, Malcolm Hallam, Linda Kacvinski
- 18 Ken Moser, Wendy Rochelle, Barbara Wisniewski, Peter Wisniewski
- 25 Rob Benton, Keith Snyder, Dick Stothoff, Bill Wilcox

August Tech Support

- 4 Eric Rasch
- 11 Ed Knowles
- 18 Greg Mead
- 25 Dirk Beisner



Memorial Day Flag Ceremony



Signing to Praise the Lord



Confirmation Sunday

July

Birthdays

Dan Getz	1
Richard Kacvinski	1
Gail Jones	1
John Pate	4
Cheri Pate	4
Dee Hollenbeck	5
Ashley O'Connor	5
Kathryn Dudley	7
Caroline Dudley	7
Kristen Wheeler	8
Lori Getz	9
Leigh Ann Walsh	10
Ryan Walsh	10
Christopher Rasch	13
Haldri Ann Sjovold	17
Linda Kacvinski	18
Anthony Katsempris	18
Pauline Carlo	19
Richard Stothoff	23
Ethel Sutphin	26
Doris Halstead	26
Eva Lin Feindt	26
Shane Calhoun	27
Karen Hepburn	29

Anniversaries

Scott & Debbie Schnitzer	4
John & Beverly Smith	27



August

Birthdays

Suanne Presser	2
John R. McKeown	3
Harold Van Fleet	3
Lawrence Hanna	5
Sean Markert	5
MaryJane Drenkhahn	7
Joanne Chiappa	13
Jonathan Wheat	14
Diana Towle	15
Meredith Taylor	16
Edward Wheeler	17
Jean Mallows	18
James Traynor	21
Colin Mead	22
Peggy Wilcox	24
Tyler Spies	24
Ed Thornton	25
Lillian Young (Scruggs)	25
Jeffrey O'Connor	28
Marlyn Reuter	29
Joshua Beers	29
Nicholas DeStefano	31
Jeff Milheim	31
Gerry Rihl	31

Anniversaries

Richard & Priscilla Stothoff	1
Jeffrey & Pauline Carlo	6
Daniel & Emily Heitkamp	6
Ed & Lisa Thornton	10
Gary & Sue Newborn	13
Ed & Gloria Herder	24
Darryl & Tracy Reuter	27
Joe & Dottie Saling	27
Doug & Judith Wheat	28

Prayer Concerns

Please include these people in your prayers this month. In addition, they may really appreciate an occasional card.

Continued Prayer: Alyson Concannon (*Gail Jones, friend*), Doug S. (*Carol Mead, Friend*), Jim Beers (*Scott's brother*), Mark, Bill, Carol (*Kathy Traynor, Friends*), Joan (*Fiona Bradshaw, friend*), Heather Schultz (*Sarah Milheim, friend*), Ken Folta (*Kim Beer's father*) Bryan Sindorf (*Debbie Bulik, family friend*), Jamie (*Tasha Scruggs friend*), Julian and Kevin (*Renee McFadden, Friends*), Timothy (*Erik and Cory Christensen*), Bannister Family (*Rachel Moser*), Rich Petersen (*Marlyn Reuter*), Michelle Kelly (*family friend, Newborns*), Leah and Chuck (*Friends of Nace's*) Chantel (*wife of Joseph, Haiti*), Brittany, Jared Lozier and family (*Kim Kacvinski*), Janny van Vliet (*Dirk Beisner, family*) Bruno Eisner (*Renee McFadden, friend*), Kyler Martin (*Kacvinski, Grandson*), Luke Burtch (*Kaitlyn Corsentino's husband*), Kathy Brandt (*Peggy Corsentino*), Gerdus Korb (*Karin Erwee, Nephew*), Donna Traynor (*Kathy Traynor, daughter*), Connie Sanfilippo (*Lisa Thornton's Aunt*), Jeff Lageman's mother (*Rachel Moser's friend's husband*), Helen Chin, Alexa (*Lucinda Snyder*), Michael Heater (*Sue Newborn*), Aileen D'Agostino's Mother, AJ Celeste (*Friend, Rachel Moser*), Megan Wheeler & her child (*neice, Lacinda Snyder*), Scott Darden (*Dirk Beisner*), Alex Vining, Betsy Taylor, Andrea Shadel (*friends, Sally Markert*), Jen Watkins (*Friend of Sarah Milhiem*), Ashley Hayes (*granddaughter, Jean Mallows & sister, Tasha Scruggs*), Jim Croke (*family friend of Laurie Riebe*), Justin (Zippy) Cimino (*Renee McFadden*) Janet Murphy (*Cory Christensen*), Joanna (*LeighAnn Koch's friend's mother*), Emma Banker (*Adella Kline's friend*), Donna (*Barbara Marino's Co-Worker*) Dawn (*Renee McFadden*), Calyssa (*Luke and Zina Kirby's Niece*), Peggy McKibben (*Dirk Beisner's Cousin*), Mrs. Ondina Neves (*Dirk Beisner; co-workers mother*), Deborah Joy Quinn (*Rachel Moser; cousin*), Lori Wilcox; Mark Wilcox (*Peggy and Bill's daughter and son*); Matt, Mike Maranon (*Renee McFadden*) Cole Bachman (*Lynda Benton, Friend of parents*), Donna Stefanick (*Lois Hanna*), Elise Henkelman (*Debbie Bulik's friend*), Margaret Marone (*family friend of Koch's*), Mary Hilligas (*Michael Reuter's Mother-in-Law*) Ron Sparvero (*Kathy Moser, friend*), Cheryl Agans (*Kathy Moser, friend*), Duncan (*Herb Wood*), Joan Reilly and Matthew Harms (*friends of the Mead's*), Ray and Edie Schmidt (*Adella Kline*), Bobbie MacGregor (*friend of Suanne Presser*), Katherine Emerson Higgins (*Courtenay Gayeski; grandmother*), Joan (*sister of Barbara Marino*), Paula (*friend, Patti and Sarah Thornton*), George Bartlett (*friend of Audrey Spies*), Kory Wiita (*Renee McFadden girlfriend's cousin*), Thomas Forsythe and Family, Elaine Tublin (*friends of Peggy Corsentino*), Brian Walsh (*friend of McFadden's*), Jessie Lenah-Glue (*friend of Shelly Lyman*), Bridget Gum (*child—friend of Pam DeStefano*), Sue McCarthy (*friend of Renee McFadden*), Ian Bradshaw

On-Going Church Members: Linda Kacvinski, Peggy and Bill Wilcox, Lois Hanna, Meredith Taylor, Suanne Presser, Agnes Pesce, Austin Nace, CaseyJack Reilly, Carter Bulik, Logan Hutchins, Kate Lim, Herb Wood,

Our Missionaries: Jeremy and Susan Beebout, Republic of Niger www.rca.org/jeremy-susan-beebout

Church Classis: Jan Miller (Steve Miller's wife)

Our Haiti Sponsored Children:

Stevenley, Jeph, Micheleine, Yamiley, Robenson, Chrislove, Widson, Rosebenita, Renalson Frizline and Adlinda

Additional Haiti Children supported by individuals :

Andrise, Nana, Coby Jean, Edwine (Ed), Michel-Lynn, Rose Carline, Angeline, Westerson, Slaend, Kenelson, Milenska Rose, Robinson, Madeline, Sedeline, Jennica

Military Service:

Ben Danner, Marines (Sharyn Danner, son)
Carlos Hermosa, Marines (Renee McFadden, friend),
Joel Sparvero, Army/ Fort Bragg (Roxanne Alpaugh, son-in-Law)
Airman Nickolas Heitkamp; US Air National Guard (Daniel Heitkamp, brother)
Evan Toyberg, Marines (Peggy Ferrone, Grandson; Dirk & Wendy Beisner, nephew)
Seppe Heitkamp, Marines (Daniel Heitkamp, brother)
A1C Kenneth Wayne Pine, Air Force, (Wayne & Gail Jones, nephew)
Tanner McLaughlin, Army/Fort Bragg, (Latasha Scruggs, nephew)

Condolences

to Family of Doris Davidson

to Family of John Gurkovich (Renee McFadden)



**Three Bridges Reformed Church
Vacation Bible School 2019**

'ROAR!'

*Life is Wild * God is good*
July 22-26th 9:00am -12:00noon
Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Child's Age (as of 6/13):** _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home Church (if applicable): _____

In Case of Emergency (when parent/guardian can not be reached)

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Relationship to child: _____

Pick-up Information (the person who will pick up the child each day):

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

- * Roar VBS is open to all children from 3 years old (who have completed one year of pre-school) to 5th grade
- * Registration is \$20 for the week per child with a \$50 family limit (Before May 26th \$15 with a \$35 family limit)
- * Please make checks payable to Three Bridges Reformed Church
- * Return payment to the church office : Three Bridges Reformed Church. P.O. Box 235, Three Bridges, NJ 08887
- * Any questions, please email 3brc@comcast.net or call the Church Office at 908-788-3022

Three Bridges Reformed Church

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