



In Touch



THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FLANDERS, NJ 07836



Mark your Calendars!

Fun 'N' Friends Nursery School Registration for 2012-2013

- Priority Registration for Church Members:
Any time prior to Jan. 11, 2012
- 2 1/2 year old registration: Jan. 11, 2012
- Registration for 4 year old current
students, siblings, alumni: Jan. 12, 2012.
- OPEN HOUSE and open enrollment to the
public: Jan. 25, 2012

All paperwork and payment is required to
reserve your child's space in class.

Thank You!

A special thank you to the Fun 'N' Friends
families for replenishing the UPC food pantry.
The families of Fun 'N' Friends students
graciously donated to the UPC food pantry as
part of the school Thanksgiving Feast.



A Personal Note on Fun 'N' Friends

On a personal note, I wanted to reach out to
the church members regarding Fun 'N'
Friends. My husband Joe and I moved to
Hackettstown from the Philadelphia Area
three years ago with two pre-school age
children. We searched for a nursery school
that was a good fit for our family. After leaving
two local nursery schools disappointed and
unhappy, we learned of Fun 'N' Friends. Fun
'N' Friends Nursery School was ideal for my
son and daughter.

It was the spirit of the school that drew us into
UPC and all that it had to offer our family as a
whole. When Joe and I became church
members, we learned of many other families
who came to the church in the same way.
Having said that, Fun 'N' Friends Nursery
School was touted to me as best nursery
school in the area and we want to keep it that
way. Enrollment this year is drastically
low. Therefore, I urge everyone speak to
others in the community about the school and
get the word out so that we can sustain the
nursery school. If you are involved in any
other activities in the community,
please network and "talk up" the school. All of
your "free advertising" is welcomed and much
needed. Thank you, see you in church.

Aimee Genuardi

Note: Fun 'n' Friends can be found on
Facebook.



By the time you see this, another Advent-Christmas season will have come and gone. We're starting to think about boxing up all of our cherished holiday decorations and it's about time the tree come down as well, especially if it is a real one. Don't we just love vacuuming up those needles in the aftermath of Christmas! Traditionally the Christmas season, once known as "Christmastide" comes to an end when the twelfth day of Christmas ushers in Epiphany, marking the arrival of the Magi from the East to pay homage to the newborn King.

The month of January is named after the ancient Roman deity "Janus", the god of time. Ancient coins bore his image as a double face – one facing back and one facing forwards, symbolizing the passage of time. January is that transition month between the old year and the new one. A time to take stock of what the previous year has brought and taken away as well as to hope, dream, pray and plan about what might be ahead in the new year.

2011 had its joys and challenges, on the world stage, here in our own country, and in our personal and family lives. In my own family, my daughter Michelle both moved far away to Memphis and blessed me with a third grandchild, Joseph Tyler (already known as J.T.). In August our family celebrated my mother's 80th birthday; in September my wife Joanne published her first book on grants writing (her publisher already has her second one!) and in October she took the big step to become Executive Director of Contact We Care, a crisis hotline centered in Westfield.

During this January month of looking back and looking forward, I pray that we would each know God's infinite and unchanging love for us and that as we walk through this New Year, that Divine Presence will journey with us.

I am grateful for all of us who are journeying in faith together here at UPC!

Rev. Rick

UPC HOLIDAY BAKE SALE UPDATE



Proceeds from the recent bake sale of \$254.50 will go towards the 2012 youth retreat at J-Burg. Thanks to Lisa Ciccio, April Ciccio, LaRue Berry, Jim Marino, Pat Steege, Denise Bouvier, Bev Brouhard, Vivian Lord, Barb Gunn, Cherie Tobia, Tami Reip, Jean Tom, Kolleen Adams, Diane Halper, Emily Gehrett and Bettyanne Nagle who all contibuted to the sale. Thanks to all of you who bought our goodies. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



In Memoriam

BOB ELMS

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26

Nursery Wish List

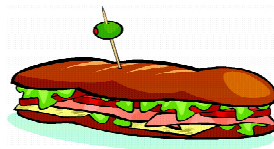
Over the last week, Jean Tom, Beth Blakey, and Mary Lee Plate cleaned and straightened up the nursery for our youngest worshippers. We have started a wish list of things that we could use.



- a dust buster (to clean up the crumbs)
- coloring books (gently used)
- mega blocks and/or other building blocks
- baby wipes
- any other toys that can be used by infants to 3 years old.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

YOUTH SUB SALE



Our youth group's annual super bowl sub sale will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2012. Place your orders now to receive a sub for Super Bowl Sunday. See insert. Our youth group will be making these delicious subs to help support their retreats, mission work, and service projects.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Immediately after worship we will hold our annual congregational meeting. Look for your 2012 Annual Report which will be ready for review in late January.



All women of UPC are invited to the next meeting of **OASIS** on **Monday, January 9, 2012** from 7 - 9 pm at the church.

Come join us for a time of fellowship, spiritual development and prayer. Connect with other women who are working to live out their faith in the midst of busy lives. Take time to refresh and rejuvenate.

We will continue to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month: Look forward to seeing you there. . . bring a friend!



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL FAMILY RETREAT WEEKEND GETAWAY

WHO: All church families
WHEN: January 28 - 29, 2012
WHERE: Johnsonburg Presbyterian Camp
 Johnsonburg, NJ
 (just outside of Hackettstown)

Come and join us for a fun-filled Christian family retreat. This is a great time to worship and praise the Lord with our families away from the hustle and bustle of every day life.

If your family is interested in participating or you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Food For Thought

Many of us here at UPC are avid readers, of all sorts of literature. Several years ago we had a monthly book club that brought us together to discuss that month's reading selection, often things we might not have read on our own.

As we begin a New Year, Rev. Rick is thinking about starting up a reading group again, this time called "Food For Thought". This time we would meet not in member homes, but in a local restaurant to enjoy dessert while we discuss that month's selection. It will be one more small way UPC can be more visible in our community.



Anyone who might be interested in this format of a reading group please let Rev. Rick know in person or by email. All we need are a few folks to get started. If there is interest, we will hold our first meeting in January and make some plans for our future reading. As always, your reading selections are welcome.

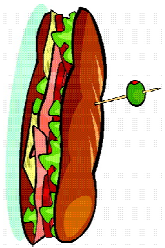
Friends are welcome, too! What better way to introduce a friend to our church family?



THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2012 *IN TOUCH* is January 18

Please submit any information you want included in the February 2012 **In Touch** to the church office or by e-mail (UPCintouch@aol.com) on or before that date. All are welcome to contribute.

In general, each month the deadline for the **In Touch** will be the third Wednesday of the month (the Wednesday after the monthly Session meeting).



Super Bowl Sub Sale February 5, 2012

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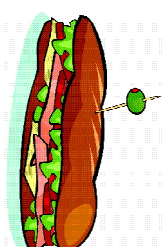
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Put a check mark under the items you would like on your sub:

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Subs are \$6 each. Please make checks payable to **UPC** and include with this form or pay on the sale day. Place form in the box provided in the narthex. Thank you so much!

Please also watch for the soup pot in the narthex on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar collected will directly benefit the Faith Soup Kitchen in Dover as part of the Presbyterian "Souper" Bowl Hunger Program of which our Presbytery supports.



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