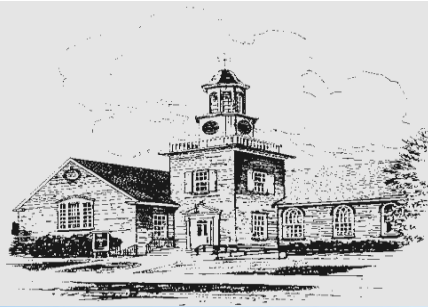


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From the Desk of Pastor Moira Ahearne

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"He caused the storm to be still,

So that the waves of the sea were hushed." Psalm 107:29

One summer day we took the children out to Jones Beach to enjoy the ocean. It was the height of summer, the sun was shining, and waves were crashing upon the beach in all their might. They were much younger then, and we warned them to stay within eyesight of us. Yet in the blink of an eye, we couldn't find our son, Andrew. He was gone.

We could barely shout his name over the roar of the surf.

Eventually we found him. He had unknowingly drifted away with the pull of the ocean tide. What a relief to find him!



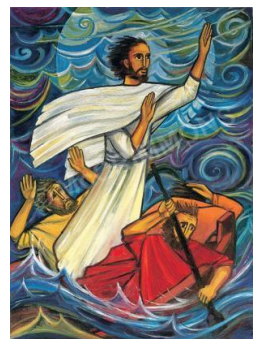
For such reasons, the Israelites always had a respectful fear of the water. Storms could come up at any time. They couldn't swim. One time a bad storm came up while Jesus was asleep in the boat. Waves swamped the vessel and threatened to sink it. Jesus slept right through it! When the disciples woke him, begging Jesus to save them, Jesus stood up and said, *Why are you afraid?* He rebuked the wind and the Sea, and there was calm (Matt. 8: 23-27).

It reminds me of an Amish saying: "Sometimes God calms the storm, but sometimes God lets the storm rage and calms His child." We face all sorts of storms around us: in our family life, at work, in our health, even at church, or in our hearts. They are inevitable. We wonder why the exterior storm doesn't lift. It is then that God wants to give us inner peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7). God wants to calm the inner storm, so we can face the storms of life with peace, faith, and courage.

In this tail-end of summer, as we enjoy the beach, the warm weather, and wonderful times with our loved ones, let us not forget to pray for the storms that are sure to arise around us and surrounding our friends, family and churches. More importantly, let us pray to not be afraid and to ask for the calming of our hearts.

Where could we use more peace? Let the gift of summer be the experience of inner calmness and peace that Jesus gives (John 14:27). *"I do not give to you as the world gives."* Jesus proclaimed. *"Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* Let us learn to receive the gift of peace and calm from Jesus. From God's creation. From the people we love. In this way we shall be renewed and ready for a new, exciting season with all that it has to offer us! Have a blessed August! Faithfully yours,

Pastor Moira



Clerk's Corner

Happy Summer, Part 2!

I hope you're having the best of summers. I know it's tough given the wild swings in weather. One day it's 99 degrees, and the next it's 69 degrees. Go figure. But it's nice to know that some things are still beyond our control.

Summer is a time to refresh. For example, my family has been on vacation, has attended a wedding, and has received out-of-town guests. And this is only in July! Fortunately, August looks to be a little less hectic, but we will see.

Progress in renting our available space at Church is moving forward, albeit slowly. As noted last month, our Manse is now being rented to an adherent of our church for the immediate term, while we wait the Presbytery's longer-term plan to use our manse to house young adult volunteers (YAV). This individual will be assisting in renovating the manse, as well as the main church buildings.

In addition:

- Our school area (aka Barker Hall) is in negotiations for leasing to a day school.
- We will be sharing our sanctuary space with a local church starting in August. This church would "Nest" with us and accommodate requests for timings, etc., with other tenants.

We're not there yet, but we are getting there. We want - no, need, your input to these initiatives so that all ideas can be heard. Please reach out to a member of Session.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer, and bring back stories to tell us this fall. We'd love to hear them.

Blessings, Gary

PS – If you are not yet a member of the church and would like to become one, we will be installing new members this fall. Please speak with Pastor Moira or any one of our Session members if you would like to join CPC or if you just want to find our more information about doing so.



(From July 7): Congratulations to Barb and Steve on the birth of their grandson, Declan, and to Ed and Brogan and big brother Gavin. (Jo G.);
A full recovery for Mona;
For Joann who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer for a

miracle healing and for her sister, Rosemarie;
For all caregivers;
Cassandra Grimm – prayers of healing from her recent surgery (Barbara R.);
Thank you to Amanda and Rich for their beautiful rendition (Jo G.)
(From July 14): Prayers for Elizabeth Eldred on a recent surgery;
Prayers for the people in Louisiana affected by the storm;
Prayers for Roberta Smith who, on Tuesday, will have a tumor removed from her intestines. Prayers for a quick recovery. (Charlie L.);
"Thank yous" to Frank and Charlie for our well-kept church grounds!;
Prayers for the challenges of raising a teenager! And for healing for Joann and strength for Rosemarie;
Prayers of congratulations to Elizabeth Eldred on her recent engagement to Bill Arico!;
(From July 21): Prayers of gratitude for the new fence and gate we have on the southwest side of the church. Thank you to Frank and Charlie!;
Mrs. P. Stokes for healing of body and the loss of Mr. Bucky;
For the return of the Bald Eagle back to the Quogue Preserve, well and fit;
For Lorrie and her healing;
For Mr. C.'s healing;
And Mona's healing;
(From July 28): Thank you Jesus! Annette is healed and feeling very good;
Prayers for C.W. for his marriage to get back together;
Prayers for my mother-in-law, Charlene, as she goes in for knee surgery on Monday. And for my husband on his trip. (Amanda Kelly-Pitt)

CONGRATULATIONS ELIZABETH ELDRED ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!



We've just learned that member Elizabeth Eldred recently got engaged to Bill Arico. Congratulations to the future Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Elizabeth Arico! We're all so very happy for you both!



Barb's 'summer' hours are returning back to her 'regular' hours beginning in August!! Starting the week of August 4, Barb will be back at her desk on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am-12:30pm, Wednesdays 8:30-2:30 and Fridays 8:30am-10:30am.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Jeremy Creighton	9
Alfred Lewis	12
Cassandra Grimm	13
Frank Kost	15
Tracy Stuber	30
Kimberly Reese	



(If your name did not appear here, it's because we don't know it's your birthday! Please call Diane Wood at 623-9495 10 so we can add your name to our list!)

POWERHOUSE CHURCH TO 'NEST' AT CPC

A few months ago CPC was approached by Rev. Tyrone Cook, head minister at the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ from Roosevelt, NY. They were in need of a new building and we were in need of a new 'tenant', and we brainstormed together to see how we could help each other out, and we have come up with an arrangement.

Starting on August 4, Powerhouse Church will be using our Sanctuary each Sunday between 11:30 and 2:30; the Sanctuary again on the 2nd and 4th Sunday for a second service from 4pm-6:30pm with the use of the kitchen and Grafiing Hall. Three times a year they will also be permitted to use the Sanctuary and Grafiing Hall on the third Sunday for an afternoon service.

CPC has priority over scheduling dates for both the Sanctuary and Grafiing Hall allowing us to continue with our 'extra-curricular' activities.

We welcome Powerhouse Church to our 'family' and look forward to a mutually satisfying relationship!

Communal Activities for the Summer

David Brackett has been hard at work trying to plan communal activities for CPC Merrick (including First Presbyterian, Freeport) during the summer months, and he's come up with a few ideas.

Several of the ideas will be considered 'special' as we will be having sign-up sheets. Other events are for informational purposes only where you may grab you family, a few friends and some church members and just get together at the same place, at the same time, and for the same reason.

Here are the remaining 'scheduled' special events:

- 1) **August 2 at 8pm** at the Jones Beach Bandshell at Field 4 for a live Bill Joel tribute band performance. FREE.

- 2) **August 9 at 8pm** at the Jones Beach Bandshell at Field 4 for a live Beatles tribute band performance. FREE.
- 3) **August 15 at sunset** at the Jones Beach Bandshell at Field 4 for a viewing of the movie *Mary Poppins Returns* starring Emma Stone. FREE.
- 4) **August 30 at 8pm** at the Jones Beach Bandshell at Field 4 for a live Fleetwood Mac tribute band performance. FREE.

Come one. come all

to multi-cultural, multi-ethnic food fest, otherwise known as an "Interfaith Eid al Adha Celebration"

Sunday, August 18 from 2pm-4pm
At the Interfaith Institute of the Islamic Center of Long Island

835 Brush Hollow Road in Westbury

Phone: 516-333-3495

Email: info@iclincy.org

Website: www.interfaithny.com

And you are encouraged to come in your traditional ethnic attire!

Your host for the afternoon will be Prof. Faroque A. Khan, Chairman of the Interfaith Institute of ICLI Board of Trustees

You must RSVP by August 4 to:
<http://tiny.cc/interfaitheid>

SUMMER FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM AND WEB SITE—WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



Thanks to our photographers, Nancy Stuber and Al Lewis, we have been able to post terrific photos on our website. But, we need your pictures as well!

If you have a picture of the church or any church activities, please send it to me at emmalou3272@gmail.com or directly to our You Tube channel at cpcmerrick@gmail.com.

We also use photos for our Facebook account. Don't forget, that a picture says a thousand words!

Thanks! Cathy Donohue

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS!

Faithful attendee, Frank Kost, and his son, Danny, will be living in the Manse for the next 6 months and have agreed to maintain the church and grounds as well as continue on the repairs and upgrades to the Manse!

For the past several months, Frank and Charlie Leschinski have been making back-breaking repairs to the Manse, such as installing new kitchen cabinets, as well as a new ceiling, floor and sink! A new upstairs bathroom vanity was installed as well as a complete redo of the downstairs powder room. And they are continuing to work on the Manse as we speak!

Mary Leschinski previously and single-handedly primed the entire interior of the house making it ready for repainting, which Frank and his son will tackle shortly!

We are grateful for Frank and his son Danny for committing to the needs of the church, and we are thankful we were able to help them out with a temporary place to live.

We'd also like to give a big shout-out to the following individuals who have been helping to update and refresh the back hallway: Joe Arcuri, Ernie Bayha, Frank Kost, Charlie Leschinski, Tom Rose, and Joe Schuessler. Thank you ALL for all that you do!!!!

BACKPACK COLLECTION

We are looking to supply needy children with brand new backpacks to start their new school year off on the right foot. In addition, we would like to fill them with the supplies that they could not afford on their own.



Please bring the following to Church during the next few weeks.

We will fill them on Sunday Aug. 25 after church service during fellowship.

**Backpack / 24Ct. Crayons /
1 Set of Colored pencils / Scissors
2 Glue Sticks / 2 dry erase markers
5 folders / 1 set of markers
Box of tissues / Pump Soap**

(Stores "Five Below" has great filler-items and "Dicks Sporting Goods" is presently having a back-pack sale.)



Labor Day - Sept. 2

Do you get weekends off work? Lunch breaks? Paid vacation? An eight-hour work day? Social security? If you said "yes" to any of these questions, you can thank

labor unions and the U.S. labor movement for it. Many of the most basic benefits we enjoy at our jobs today were the result of years of hard-fought battles and the legislation they inspired. On the first Monday in September, we take the day off to celebrate Labor Day and reflect on the American worker's contributions to our country.

Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September, which means the date varies year by year. In 2019, however, it will be celebrated on Monday, September 2. Canada celebrates Labor Day (or Labour day, as they call it) on the same date.

There's disagreement over how the holiday began. One version is set in September 1882 with the Knights of Labor, the largest and one of the most important American labor organizations at the time. In the context of a General Assembly held by the Knights in New York City, a public parade of various labor organizations was held on September 5th by the fledgling Central Labor Union (CLU) of New York. Subsequently, CLU Secretary Matthew Maguire proposed that a national Labor Day holiday be held on the first Monday of each September to mark this successful public demonstration.

In another version, Labor Day in September was proposed by Peter J. McGuire, a vice president of the American Federation of Labor. In spring 1882, McGuire reportedly proposed a "general holiday for the laboring classes" to the CLU, which would begin with a street parade of organized labor solidarity and end with a picnic fundraiser for local unions. McGuire suggested the first Monday in September as an ideal date for Labor Day because the weather is great at that time of year, and it falls in between July 4th and Thanksgiving.

On May 1, 1886—at a time when most American laborers worked 18 or even 20 hours a day—tens of thousands of workers protested in cities all across the US to demand an eight-hour workday. Police in Chicago attacked both those peaceful protests and a workers' planning meeting two days later, randomly beating and shooting at the planning group and killing six.

When outraged Chicagoans attended an initially peaceful protest the next evening in Haymarket Square, police advanced on the crowd again. Someone who was never identified exploded a bomb that killed a police officer, leading cops to open fire on protesters and provoke violence that led to the deaths of about a dozen workers and police.

Ironically, Chicago was also the setting for the bloody Pullman strike of 1894, which catalyzed the establishment of an official Labor Day holiday in the U.S. on the first Monday of September.

The strike happened in May in the company town of Pullman, Chicago, a factory location established by luxury rail car manufacturer the Pullman Company. The inequality of the town was more than apparent. Company owner George Pullman lived in a mansion while most laborers stayed in barracks-style dormitories. When a nationwide depression struck in 1893, Pullman decided to cut costs the way a lot of executives at the time did—by lowering wages by almost 30% while he kept rent on the dormitories he leased to his workers at pre-depression levels.

These conditions ultimately led workers to strike on May 11, 1894, receiving support from the nationwide American Railroad Union (ARU), which declared that ARU members would no longer work on trains that included Pullman cars. That national boycott would end up bringing the railroads west of Chicago to a standstill and led to 125,000 workers across 29 railroad companies to quit their jobs rather than break the boycott.

When the Chicago railroad companies hired strikebreakers as replacements, strikers also took various actions to stop the trains. The General Managers Association, which represented local railroad companies, countered by inducing U.S. Attorney General Richard Olney, a former railroad attorney, to intervene. Indianapolis federal courts granted Olney an injunction against the strike, a move that allowed President Grover Cleveland to send in federal troops to break it up.

A few days later, Cleveland realized that he had to act quickly to appease the country's increasingly agitated labor movement. But he didn't want to commemorate the Haymarket incident with a May holiday that would invoke radical worker sentiment. So, Cleveland harkened back to the first established September 1882 holiday and signed into law that Labor Day in the US would be celebrated on the first Monday in September.

In many parts of the world, the reason why people celebrate Labor Day was actually **the government's way of trying to make amends**. To Honor Their Contribution to Society. Whatever its origin, its purpose now is clear. The day is meant to recognize the contribution of the working man / woman. And CPC will be honoring these hardworking men and women at its service on Sunday, September 1.

Please join us on this historic day!

Coming in September

Please mark your calendar for a **Welcome Back CPC Picnic and BBQ** on Saturday, September 7 as we get ready for another church year!

The picnic will be from 12noon until 4pm, and weather permitting, it will be held out front on the church lawn.

We have a food and drink sign-up sheet on the back table in the Sanctuary. Please be sure to add your name to the attendance list!

And since we hope to have it outdoors, we are on the lookout for portable tents to erect. Might you have one you can lend us? If you do, there's a special area on the sign-up sheet to let us know.

WELCOME BACK AND RALLY SUNDAY!

And while you've got that calendar open, please also mark Sunday, **September 8**, as **Welcome Back Sunday/Rally Day!**

Pastor Moira will be in the pulpit for our **9am service**, Cathy and our choir will be back in the chancel with rested and readied voices, usher team #5 will be eager to seat you, and Jo Gencorelli has signed on to be our first lesson scripture reader.

Are YOU ready for another exciting church year? We are! Let's start the new church year together!

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES TO RECOMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER!

Pastor Moira will resume Bible Study classes on Wednesday, September 11, at 12 noon with Lesson 3 on the *Book of Daniel*. These classes will continue every Wednesday at noon through Nov. 13.

As mentioned earlier, any and all are welcomed to attend these classes, and you need not 'know' the Bible to attend. Beginners are more than welcomed to learn and share the teachings of *Daniel*.

Please be sure, **EACH WEEK**, to let Pastor Moira know if you will be attending that particular week's class. This way, in case a class has to be canceled, she can notify you directly.

(Classes 1 and 2 had already taken place in July at which time it was decided to resume with Class 3 in September.)

Week 1 - Overview/Prologue (1:1-21)

Week 2 - Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Giant Statue (2:1-49)

Starting on Wed., Sept. 11:

Week 3 – Sept. 11: Nebuchadnezzar Builds a Great Statue (3:1-30)

Week 4 – Sept. 18: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Toppled Tree (4:1-27)

Week 5 – Sept. 25: Belshazzar's Feast (5:1-31)

Week 6 – Oct. 2: The Lion's Den (6:1-29)

Week 7 – Oct. 9: The Vision of Four Great Beasts (7:1-28)

Week 8 – Oct. 16: The Vision of the Ram, the Goat, and the Little Horn (8:1-27)

Week 9 – Oct. 23: Daniel's Prayer and Its Answer (9:1-27)

Week 10 – Oct. 30: Daniel's Vision of the Final Conflict (10:1-12:13)

Week 11 – Nov. 6: Daniel's Vision of the Final Conflict continued (10:1-12:13)

Week 12 – Nov. 13: Summary and Conclusion

Any articles for the Tower Chimes are due into the office by the 15th of the prior month, so all articles for the SEPTEMBER edition are due into the office by AUGUST 15. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTABLE ESTATE SALE!

In last month's Tower Chimes, we mentioned that the deacons were knocking around the idea of doing something a little different instead of our annual fall 'garage sale'.....possibly holding a Congregational Collectable Estate Sale!

After speaking with Mona a few days ago, it was decided that our Deacons WILL hold a Congrega-

tional Collectable Estate Sale on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10am-4pm.

This is how it's going to work:

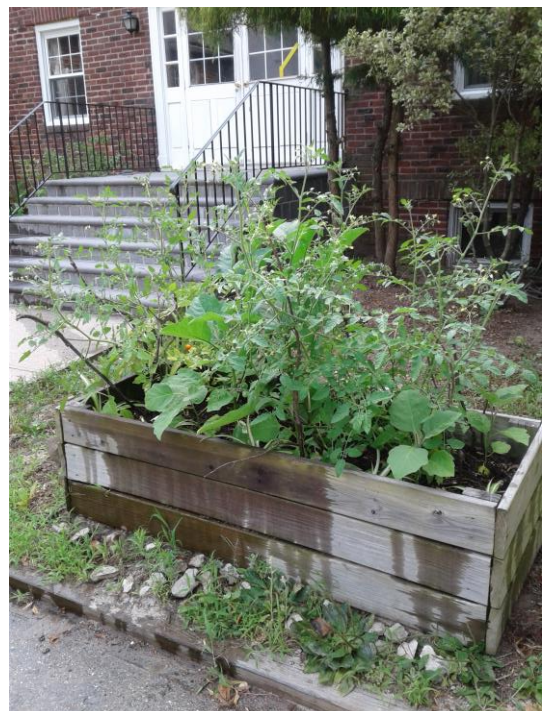
- 1) Anyone interested in selling their 'good and/or collectable' merchandise will rent a table for a donation fee of \$50. (You may split a table with someone if you don't have enough merch to display.)
- 2) If you are willing to donate 10% of your sales to the church, then your table rental would only be \$40.
- 3) Set-up will take place on Friday, Nov. 8, during the day and again on Saturday morning, Nov. 9, prior to the Sale. (Volunteers will be available to help you with your set-up.)
- 4) You may rent as many tables as you like.
- 5) Commitment table forms will be available shortly and found in the Sunday bulletins, on tables throughout the church, and in the September and October Tower Chimes. We need a firm, non-refundable, commitment from you by October 12. Space will be limited, so it will be on a first-come-first-served basis. (Checks should be made payable to "Community Presbyterian Church with 'Estate Sale' on the memo line.
- 6) Please return /give your commitment form to one of our deacons or to Barbara in the office.
- 7) If we do not receive enough commitments for table rentals by October 12, we will be contacting local vendors to round-out the merchandise.
- 8) Once the sale is over, all your merchandise **MUST** be removed the same day.

Please think about that really 'good' china or sterling silver flatware you received for a wedding gift that hasn't been used in decades, or that authentic vase that's now holding your umbrella; or jewelry that's been handed down through your family for years that you would never think of wearing; or maybe it's time to part with your old baseball card or comic book collection; or autographed items; or your coin or stamp collection; or your grown children's beanie babies collection. There's a whole lot of people out there looking for specific collectables, and you just may have them sitting in your home!

If you have any questions, please speak with one of our deacons (Jessie, Mona, Rich, Mary, Diane or Bobbie) or Barbara in the office.

CPC GARDEN

Did you know that one of our members started a garden this year in the back of the church? Well, he did, and the new vegetable garden at CPC has taken root! We have many tomatoes on the vine. And we have potatoes and eggplants, too. The garden's yield is planned to be donated to our local food pantry!



AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Mon.	Tues	Wednes.	Thurs.	Friday	Satur
Barb's office hours are back to normal: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays - 8:30am-12:30pm Wednesdays – 8:30am-2:30pm Fridays – 8:30am-10:30am				1 NA 7p-9:30pm	2 8pm Billy Joel Live tribute band at the Jones Beach bandshell, field 4, FREE; AA 6:45pm-9:30pm	3
4 9am Worship Service; Pastor Moira in the pulpit; Communion (servers Pat Lofaro, Vinny Lofaro, Joseph Nelson and Maryjean Williams); Usher Team #5 (Joe Arcuri, Pat Lofaro and Vinny Lofaro); CHILDREN WILL WORSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY; Refreshments after service; Powerhouse Church in Sanctuary 11:30pm-2:30pm; NASC 1-6pm in G. Hall & Crow's Nest	5	6 AA 6:45p-9:30p	7	8 NA 7p-9:30pm	9 8pm at the Jones Beach Bandshell at Field 4 for a live Beatles tribute band performance, FREE; AA 6:45p-9:30p	10
11 9am Worship Service; Pastor Moira in the pulpit; Ushers #1 (Scott Dodge, Pat Dubovick, Nancy Stuber and George Weeks); CHILDREN WILL WORSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY; Refreshments after service; Powerhouse Church in Sanctuary, 11:30pm-2:30pm & 4pm-6:30pm with use of G. Hall and the kitchen	12	13 AA 6:45p-9:30p	14	15 Tower Chimes Articles Due; at sunset at the Jones Beach Bandshell at Field 4 for a viewing of the movie Mary Poppins Returns starring Emma Stone. FREE. NA 7p-9:30pm	16 AA 6:45p-9:30p	17
18 9am Worship Service; Pastor Moira in the pulpit; Ushers #2 (Brian Kelly, Fran Kelly, Al Lewis and Bobbie Lewis); CHILDREN WILL WORSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY; Refreshments after service; Powerhouse Church in Sanctuary 11:30pm-2:30pm	19	20 AA 6:45p-9:30p	21	22 NA 7p-9:30pm	23 AA 6:45p-9:30p	24
25 9am Worship Service; Pastor Moira in the pulpit; Ushers #3 (David Brackett, Jamie Brackett, Mona Grimm, Joe Nelson); CHILDREN WILL WORSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY; Refreshments after service; Powerhouse Church in Sanctuary, 11:30pm-2:30pm & 4pm-6:30pm with use of G. Hall and the kitchen	26	27 AA 6:45p-9:30p	28	29 NA 7p-9:30pm	30 8pm at the Jones Beach Bandshell at Field 4 for a live Fleetwood Mac tribute band performance. FREE; AA 6:45p-9:30p	31