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What Do You Think?

1. Does anyone know the real you?
2. You can't find something that you've lost if you can't remember where you put it.
3. Accepting death is harder if you don't have a distraction.
4. Downsize while you're still in control.
5. How good is your spam blocker on internet email?
6. Have you ordered food with fantastic ingredients but it taste awful?
7. Is it better to pay more now for financial advice in order to see a brighter day in the future?
8. Do you have friends or acquaintances that never ask you how you're doing or what's new in your life but you always ask them those questions?
9. How many secrets do you have?
10. The latest diet craze: exercise, drink plenty of water and **STOP EATING SO MUCH!!**

'Til next time,
Jacquelyn M. Carpenter

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The fourth and fifth grade Webelos worked on a number of activity pins during the year, and in February nine fifth graders earned their Arrow of Light (the highest award in Cub Scouting) and crossed over into the Troop.

The Troop now has 15+ members and has also had a great year. We held our first winter camping trip which concluded with a conservation service project to benefit Alpine camp. In April we attended our third Camporee which is a competition among Manhattan Scout troops. Scouts have to demonstrate skills with knot tying and first aid; build a fire with only 3 matches; turn 3 poles into a flagpole; and erect a model campsite. This year Troop 664 placed second among the 14 Troops that participated.

With the influx of new Scouts, we have also gotten new leadership. As I mentioned above, the parent of two of our Scouts has taken over leadership of the younger Scouts. A second parent has agreed to help with the Webelos den, and an Eagle Scout has joined the team working with the Troop. All leaders have been taking training whenever it was offered, and I, myself, became a certified Leave No Trace trainer. Now I will be able to work with the boys on camping trips so that they learn how to protect the environment.

And the coming year should be just as amazing. In October we will have 2 Eagle ceremonies and our annual camping trip on Fire Island; November is the Veterans Day Parade. And everyone is looking forward to 2010 that marks the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting in America. Many special activities are planned including the National Jamboree and a possible spot in the Macy's Day Parade.ω

MISSION STATEMENT "As followers of Jesus Christ, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving, and peaceful world, and we commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere."

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From the Interim Pastor

The Reverend David D. Prince

As we move into August, I think about the rhythm of life prescribed in the Hebrew Scriptures. The first of the two creation stories specifies one full day of rest out of seven, and the later laws of Leviticus recommend a balance between productivity and renewal. Those of us who trace our theological heritage to John Calvin have been influenced by his "Protestant Work Ethic," something he wrote about even though he didn't use those exact words. In American culture it's easy to think that our personal worth depends on what we accomplish rather than on our being human beings made in God's image.

I find it helpful to maintain a balance between conscientious work (and I'm fortunate to have work that I enjoy) and time away from work. For that reason I make it a high priority to

"get out of town" from time to time, enjoying the wonders of nature, renewing ties with family members and friends, and reading books not directly related to my ministry. During most of the summers of my life I have spent time on the New Jersey shore. Nancy and I just returned from two rejuvenating weeks at the shore. I count it a blessing to be able to have that kind of vacation. I also count it a blessing to be able to return, however briefly, to a congregation I have grown to love.

I hope you have a restful and renewing summer.

Dave Prince

Celebrating 10 Years as the Upper West Side's Best Value!!

By Diane Nicole, Director of the Body & Spirit program

As I sit behind my desk preparing programs for fall 2009, it is almost impossible to think that we are going into our 10th year of service! When I first arrived at Rutgers in June 2000, the idea of starting up classes by September of that same year was overwhelming to say the least, but we did it . . . small, but we did it. Today we offer over 100 classes each week! 25 toddler classes, 50 Pre-K and Afterschool classes, 25 adult classes, and 20 computer classes per week . . . and who says the church isn't busy??

It's an honor to see what we do, how we service the community: families, adults, seniors . . . how we are able to keep the costs at a minimum (particularly the computer classes) and how important it has become.

Factors I see everyday are:

Financial Assistance: the families we are helping by giving them a place to continue bringing their children for classes even though they are now out of work. We make it possible to help them continue routine in an uncertain time.

Free Services: We continue to work with *Roosevelt Hospitals battered and abused services* helping those who need to hone their computer skills in order to get jobs. We have worked with *Room to Grow* for a number of years helping homeless families get back into the swing of things and giving them an opportunity to attend classes. We are now work with *Children of New York* . . . an organization of mentors for children who need activities and we provide them.

The MOST important factor I see everyday? We provide an excellent program for all ages, we have teachers who are the best, our reputation is wonderful no matter what area of programming we speak of. But the most important thing we do is provide all these services to people, whatever their need, in a manner that they continue to have their dignity. Everything we do we do privately and everyone is treated with respect.

Thank you for one of the best jobs!ω

RUTGERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Renewal

Summer 2009 at Rutgers Church, and Beyond

Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday, August 17 - 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; Fellowship Hall

All children ages 4 - 11 are invited to Rutgers Presbyterian Church's Vacation Bible School where we will be focusing on the New Testament with our theme of "By the Sea: Stories of Jesus in Galilee." We will be learning some of the wonderful stories about Jesus that took place around the River Jordan and the Sea of Galilee. Our days will be filled with these great tales as well as crafts, songs and snacks. We may even go "fishing!" If you would like to help either by working directly with the children or helping to organize and prepare for each day, please talk to Jacqui at the church office, x 205. Please pass the word to friends and neighbors. The cost is \$25.00 per child for the entire week.

Civil Union, Same-Gender Marriage and the Christian Community

Sunday, August 16

Are you in a Civil Union or Same-Gender Marriage?

Have you attended a Civil Union or Same-Gender Marriage of a friend or family member? Do you have an opinion on either of these ceremonies as it related to the Christian Community? If so, the Special Committee to Study Issues of Civil Union and Christian Marriage of the General Assembly wants to hear from you. Submit your thoughts (1,000 word maximum) by mail to Civil Union & Christian Marriage Committee, Office of the General Assembly, Room 4621, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202 or on their website at www.pcusa.org no later than Sunday, August 16, 2009.

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 20, 12:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We will welcome back all our members and friends from their summer vacations and activities with a potluck luncheon on Sunday, September 20, hosted by the Special Events Committee. Please bring your favorite foodstuff or covered dish and share a meal with family, long time friends and begin new friendships. To help us coordinate dishes, please call R. Wellington Jones at (212) 865-4764 or the church office at (212) 877-8227. See you there!

presence on the corner of Christopher Street and the West Side Highway in Greenwich Village marked a significant milestone – it was the first time that any agency publicly acknowledged and funded a program that addressed poverty and homelessness among people with AIDS.

The founders believe that "The future begins with a place to live. Time and again we are witness to profound transformation, as dignity is restored and clients move beyond the crisis of diagnosis to lead productive and independent lives."

In 1997 a second headquarters was opened, East Harlem Service Center, to address the underserved needs of Harlem and the South Bronx. They added job training, a food pantry, housing placement and substance abuse services.

A few years later Project First was created, one of the first housing programs for HIV-infected men and women leaving prison.

In 2007 they launched a community follow up program (COBRA) to provide intensive case management for Medicaid-eligible people living with HIV/AIDS.

If you watched the Gay Pride parade this year, you may have seen the Bailey House float and the accompanying marchers. *ω*

the place and doing amazing things.

The first, second, and third graders, under the guidance of Leslie Timony Gannon, have completed all of their badge work, earned belt loops for extra activities, visited a fire house, a police station, and a communications center. They have gone on several hikes – one across the George Washington Bridge, and have camped at Alpine Scout Camp, and in Inwood Hill Park.

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OUR BENEVOLENCE GIFTS

By Elder Charles Platt

One of the groups you have been helping is BAILEY HOUSE. For over 25 years, Bailey House has been providing housing and support services to homeless men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in the City of New York. They address the fundamental human needs – housing, food and safety. They also deliver comprehensive and compassionate support services, including access to healthcare, counseling, support groups and substance abuse treatment. Free from the pressure of basic survival, Bailey House clients can begin to develop a sense of trust, community, and stability. Empowered by resources including education, job training and employment assistance, they can craft a future of their own making.

In 1983, a group of visionary and compassionate men and women organized the nation's first response to homelessness among men living with AIDS. Starting with just a few apartments in Chelsea and Greenwich Village, they created the AIDS Resource Center. Continuing to advocate on behalf of the homeless, with the support of the Koch and Cuomo administrations, they opened Bailey House, the nation's first congregate residence for people living with HIV/AIDS. Its visible

An Amazing Year for Scouting

by Louisa A. Berry

Pack and Troop 644 have been at Rutgers for a number of years now, and we have seen a small, but steady increase in numbers over time. This year broke the mold. We had a tremendous influx of new Scouts. When I counted up the number of families who were to receive a 1 year membership pin, I was amazed to find out that there were 32. All of this while still maintaining our original roster. Anyone who has been in the building on Tuesday nights will tell you that Scouts are all over

August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Every Monday	4 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon 6:00 p.m. Men's Support Group (HIV+/PLWA) 8:00 p.m. Men's Al-Anon Every Tuesday	5 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting Alateen Meeting Every Wednesday	6 2:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting	7 10:30 a.m. Mothers' Bible Study Every Friday	1/8 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting Every Saturday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School	18 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School	19 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School	20 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School	21 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School	22

July Birthdays!	
6	William Donnell & William Falk
7	Kristin Collins & Kate Dunn
8	Richard Reece
9	John Williamson
15	Natalie Wyatt
16	Nancy Muirhead
19	Emilio Padilla
23	Erik Ridings
27	John Lembo
28	Maureen Knapp & W. Scott Morton
28	Nathan Matthews & Lloyd Spencer

August Birthdays!			
1	James Patrick	14	Marianne Minasian
4	Ian Gale	16	Philip Yu
9	Dave Taylor	17	Allison & Gillian Kegg
10	David Prince	22	Isabelle Gale
12	Robert Doyle		

Preaching Schedule	
August 2	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; David D. Prince preaching
August 9	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; David D. Prince preaching
August 16	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jacqui Van Vliet preaching
August 23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; David D. Prince preaching
August 30	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Charles A. Amstein preaching

Sundays	
10:45 a.m.	Infant & Child Care
11:00	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour