**From the Interim Pastor**

The Reverend David D. Prince

We’re into summer and our format of slightly shortened Sunday morning worship services. The choir ended its season with a Broadway-big-ending version of “Blessed Assurance” on June 24, and the congregation responded with appropriate applause. I am grateful for what the choir under George Davey’s direction adds to our worship experience. The choir will be back in place on Sunday, September 9. Cheryl and I will be taking time off for vacation during July and August, not simultaneously, but so that pastoral care is available through the summer. We also have the help of Chuck Amstein and Laura Jervis, for which I am very thankful.

I hope you have a restful and renewing summer, with time for reflection, prayer, and reading. Life challenges us, and we handle the challenges best when we continue the work of spiritual discipline in all the seasons of the year.

I continue to thank God for the privilege of serving as your Interim Pastor.

Dave Prince

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**In the Garden**

August 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 4-11

Plans are well under way for this year’s vacation bible school. Our theme will be “In the Garden.” We’ll be looking at the story of Adam and Eve, and everyone (including the serpent) will have a chance to tell their side of the story! We’ll also have drama, art, music, and games. Nora Lidell, Holly Nedeck, Wanda Diaz, Angelita Rodriguez, and Cheryl Pyfrom will again be class leaders, and DeVan Jarvis McCarthy, Nicky Diaz, and Khalil Dockins will be junior interns. Other Rutgers members will be sharing skills, love and time. Many children return every summer—for some this will be their seventh VBS!

There’s Still Time to Break Bread!

The Mission Review Committee is happy to report that three dozen people have signed up for the first round of meals. If you’ve already given a first-and-second choice date, you should be hearing soon, if you haven’t already, where your meal is being hosted and by whom. Here’s the second round of dates for anyone who is still interested (at least two dozen by last count) but hasn’t yet RSVP’d.

Sunday, August 5, 2007, after church

Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

*Please pick a first and second choice and RSVP by phone to the church office (212-877-8227) or by email at rutgersonline@gmail.com. (All meals will be in Manhattan. The host or hostess will contact you to give you the exact location when the sign-up for that date is complete.)

**How You Can Help:**

- Spread the word. Tell friends. Post the enclosed VBS flyer in your laundry room.
- Volunteer to be the “snackmeister” for one day of VBS. You can leave off the snack before you go to work, and I’ll be happy to tell you what’s involved.
- Help with registration on Monday, August 21—the first hour is always busy.
- Volunteer to be a class assistant. Extra hands are always welcome, and you may discover that you have a skill or project you can share.

Come to our next meeting on Wednesday, August 8, at 6 p.m. in the session room. Thank you!