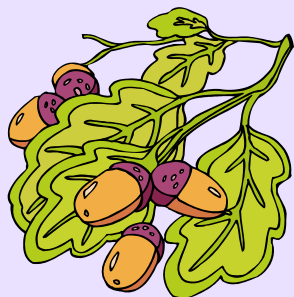


June 2011

Come Grow With Us!



Dear Oak Tree Friends,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ! June is such a busy time of year, and so exciting. School ending, proms and graduations, new beginnings, hot days of summer beginning and vacation plans taking shape—there is so much going on! Enjoy these days and the upcoming summer, but don't forget that God doesn't take a break for the summer! Our God is with us always. God will go with you through the changes and events of June and on into the dog days of summer. Don't forget to include God in your celebrations and in your summer. God will be with you as the next empties and when it fills up again. God will be with you when you move into a new phase of life and also when you are yearning for a change to take place.

Here at Oak Tree we continue to offer you ways to draw near to God and to listen for God's word to you. Sunday worship for this summer will continue at 10 AM, instead of moving to our old 9:30 time slot. We will also be offering a Bible Study on some Old Testament books on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Once again we will celebrate summer with our backyard barbeques on every Wednesday in July at 6:30 PM. This year, after we eat, we will move inside for a brief Taize style worship which will include some silence and meditation on how God's word can help you in times of trouble. A time of prayer for healing will also be part of that service. Why not invite a friend or family member to come and join us for a different twist on worship this summer? It just might help them to draw closer to God in a new and wondrous way.

Peace and joy,

Rev. Jill

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 14: 9-12

OTPC - June at a glance

- 2—Knit One, Pray Too 7 PM
- 7—Election Day Bake Sale
- 9—Brighton Gardens Visit 2 PM
- 12—Deacon's Meeting 11:15 AM
- 13—Session meets 7 PM
- 14—Oak Tree @ FISH Clothing Room
- 16—Knit One, Pray Too 7 PM
- 19—Talk Back to your Pastor 11:15 AM
- 26—Ministry Groups meet 11:15 AM
- Wednesdays — Choir 7:45 PM
- Thursdays — Bible Study 10 AM



Yellow Brick Road

Taking Care of God's House

Work on our building is never done. We did a lot on our exterior building last year, but there is still more to do. Won't you consider a donation to our Building Fund this spring to help us fund some needed improvements? We need to replace the back door, back sidewalk, and our entire front sidewalk. We are also looking to save a little money this year by having some of our members cut the grass and do some of our yard work. If you can pull some weeds, cut the grass, or trim some bushes come on over! See Jeff Reeves if you are willing to help.

The Yellow Brick Sidewalk

Walking to Oak Tree Church is a little risky these days. Our sidewalk is turning to rubble and needs to be replaced. Estimates to replace the sidewalk came in at approximately \$160 per square and we need a lot of squares! Won't you consider buying one square of our much needed walkway?



Welcome!

We welcome our new summer Seminary intern, David Shearer. David will be a senior at Princeton Seminary this coming year and is from Salisbury, MD. David and his wife, Bonnie, are graduates of Messiah College in Grantham, PA. David is very interested in the Old Testament, particularly the first 5 books of the Bible. After graduation he hopes to become a pastor of a small church. While with us this summer he will be participating in worship and hopes to learn as much from this experience as possible.

NURTURING THE SPIRIT

Thursday Morning Bible

Study will be finishing up their study of Genesis on June 2nd. This will be our last morning bible study until the fall. For the summer we will have an evening Bible study on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Bring a curious mind and a desire to get to know God better and join us as we dig deeper into the Old Testament! Most of these studies will be led by our summer intern, David Shearer.

Talk Back to your

Pastor on the Third Sunday of every month after worship! We will have a light lunch in the Sunday School room and an opportunity to discuss the sermon for the day! This is for all adults who want to explore the topic further. Texts of the sermons will be provided. Talk back for June will be on the 19th.



Be Still and Know

During our summer worship services we will be incorporating a few times of silence into the worship format. We will also be trying a different way of beginning worship with silent meditation and occasionally some meditative music. We had such a positive response to our Good Friday Prayer Vigil and service that we decided to try some other forms of prayer and silent contemplation.

JUST FOR MEN!

Join the Men of Oak Tree for their monthly Men's Breakfast the second Sunday of each month at 8 a.m. at Edison Family Restaurant. Please call Len Mesonas for more information.



JUST FOR WOMEN!

Knit One Pray Too will meet on May 5th and 19th. Join us as we continue to make items for missions and to comfort those in need. We are currently working on hats and other baby items for premature babies and hats for women with cancer.



JUST FOR EVERYONE!

Everyone eats and buys groceries. So why not raise some funds for Oak Tree at the same time! See Steve Kitsko or Karen Wallner to buy A & P or Shop Rite, gift cards. The cards can be used dollar for dollar, same as cash, and Oak Tree gets 5% of everything



BACKYARD BARBEQUES BEGIN JULY 6TH

Join us in July for our annual backyard barbeques. The grill is ready, meat and beverages are provided—all you have to do is bring a friend and a side dish or dessert to share! We will begin with supper at 6:30 PM and will eat and fellowship together for about an hour. After that we will move inside for an informal Taize style worship and prayer service at 7:30 PM. This worship time will

be meditative and quiet, inviting us to dwell on God's word and how it can help us in times of adversity, stress, pain, and loss. We hope to see you in our backyard every Wednesday in July!



OAK TREE CARES

FISH UPDATE

The FISH Clothing Room is a busy place these days. With our current economy there is a great need for gently used clothing. Donations of new underwear and socks are also appreciated. Why not do a little spring cleaning and bring your clothing donations to Oak tree this week? This month we will be going to FISH on Tuesday, June 14th, from 8:30 a.m. till noon. If you can help with this ministry, please see Susan Sendelsky.



There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3: 28

UNITY
HARMONY
EQUALITY
DIVERSITY



Unity In Our Community

On Thursday, June 16th there will be a Candlelight walk through Metuchen to celebrate the unity in our community. The event kicks off at Borough Hall with stops at Martin Luther King Park, the Y Corporate office and Freedom Plaza. The walk ends with refreshments at the Metuchen Senior Center at 15 Center Street. Everyone is welcome to join us in the walk as we celebrate this wonderfully diverse community of ours. Children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult.

Project Wounded Warrior



Personal hygiene items are desperately needed for our wounded service personnel arriving from the field for medical treatment. The following is a list of needed items: Men's underwear & t-shirts, all sizes; women's undergarments & sports bras, all sizes; bath towels; toothbrushes; regular and sensitive toothpaste; bars of soap; sani-wipes; hand sanitizer; bug spray; and hard candy. Please bring items to the church and place them in the barrel in the Narthex.

Extending the Arm of Caring

In your box of envelopes are some green envelopes marked Deacons Fund. The Deacon's are the caring arm of the church, "their office is to be one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ". Our Deacon's help to feed the hungry and care for those in need, they visit the sick and care for people in distress. Your contributions to this fund helps to make this ministry possible and enables us to help more people in more ways. Our Session has decided that the first Sunday of every month will be "Deacon Sunday". This month our Deacons are assisting a woman living at a shelter who just had a baby by throwing her a "baby shower" and providing for some of her needs.

June 2011



Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

			1	2	3	4
			7:45 Choir	10:00 Bible Study		
5 10:00 Worship & Church School	6	7 <i>Primary Election</i> 8:00 FISH clothing room Election Day Bake Sale	8 7:45 Choir	9 7:00 Knit One, Pray Too	10	11
12 10:00 Worship & Church School 11:15 Deacons meet	13	14	7:45 Choir	16 2:00 Brighton Gardens	17	18
19 10:00 Worship 11:15 Talk Back w/ lunch	20 7:00 Session	21	7:45 Choir	7:00 Knit One, Pray Too	24	25
26 10:00 Worship 11:15 Ministry Groups	27 7:00 SoulFeast	28	7:45 Choir	6:30 Bible Study		
		29	7:45 Choir	23	30	



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Worship at Oak Tree

Prepare your Hearts

Some folks like to prepare for worship by reading the upcoming passages and reflecting on them. Here are the lectionary passages for the Sundays of May:

June 5: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

June 12: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 7:37-39.

June 19: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

June 26: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

Worship Assistants

Thank you to everyone who helps with ushering and coffee hour at Oak Tree! We appreciate all you do. We have placed the list of Usher duties on the inside door of the usher's closet. Please review the list when you arrive early on your Sunday and make certain that everything is in order for the service. After the service make sure the sanctuary is ready for the next service. Helpers for the month of May are:

June 5: *Communion Ushers:* Holly Weakley, Terry Landrigan, Joyce Biegen; *Communion Set-Up:* Susan Sendelsky, Eleanor Ternyik; *Acolyte:* Kenneth Echie; *Sunday School:* Susan Sendelsky; *Coffee:* Jeff & Laura Reeves; *Nursery:* Chris Alonso.

June 12: *Ushers:* Dan Kitsko, Ann Marie Williams, Susan Sendelsky; *Acolyte:* Terry Chukwuneke; *Sunday School:* Joe Ott; *Nursery:* Steve Kitsko; *Coffee:* Rose McKennon, June Carroll.

June 19: *Ushers:* Florence & Chiedozie Chukwuneke, Andy Haug; *Acolyte:* Alexa D'Alessandro; *Coffee:* Women's Assoc.

June 26: *Ushers:* Barb & Rich Lish, Len Mesonas; *Acolyte:* Blessing Echie; *Coffee:* Terry Landrigan, Nandai Sookhoo; *Nursery:* Joanne Mesonas.

