

## WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2025



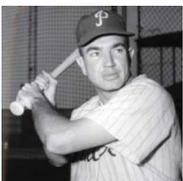
**From Woody:** I came across a portion of a speech I had written down and it seems very timely. It was given on June 10, 1963 at the Graduation Ceremony of American University in Washington DC. It came the day after JFK's nationally televised address on Civil Rights. I was privileged to interview Ted Sorenson, JFK's main speech writer and friend and he told me what a big undertaking it was to work with the President on those two major addresses, given two days in a row. His Civil Rights Address was the first time a President had spoken about Civil Rights on national television.

The Peace Speech was the beginning of a joint effort by Russian Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev and President Kennedy to write and sign a treaty banning the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere. Khrushchev said that it was the greatest speech by an American President since FDR and broadcast it on the radio across the Soviet Union. The portion I came across seems very appropriate for our consideration today:

*So let us not be blind to our differences-but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. and we are all mortal.*

These words not only applied to the time in which they were spoken but it seems to me they apply today, both in the world but also within our own country. I was honored to have the opportunity to talk about them with Mr. Sorenson and am honored to share them with you. It seems this is the type of approach we need in our own land at this time, as well as in the world in 2025. Diversity is under attack but God has made a diverse world and when we work together, with respect for each other. we all contribute to a more peaceful, more Christ like world.

**Session meets Wednesday August 13 at 7 pm**



**Willie "Puddin' Head" Jones Celebration:** Willie was a third baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies. He also was Woody's hero. So, after church on August 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have a birthday cake for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Woody invites everyone to attend and also share stories about our heroes or people who inspired us.



**Summer Concerts:** The last Concert on the Common for the summer is scheduled for **August 19**. We will again be offering chocolate brownie sundaes. Cost of the Sundaes is \$7 and \$3 for ice cream only. Thanks to all who helped for all the concerts!



**AED / CPR Certification** In a continued effort to support a safe and welcoming environment at CCNB, The Trustees of Expenditures is once again promoting the training of members of the congregation to get an AED/CPR certification for 2025. The certification is good for two years. TOE is seeking \$1000.00 in funding for the training and 12 volunteers to take it. Once the funding and volunteers have been secured, the training will be scheduled. If anyone would like to take the training a signup sheet will

be placed next to the AED in the hallway, or you can email Bill Vickery at [bvickery123@gmail.com](mailto:bvickery123@gmail.com). For anyone who would like to donate towards this activity, please contact Lydia Peak at [nbcctreas@gmail.com](mailto:nbcctreas@gmail.com)"



**Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary:** For June, July and August, flowers for the sanctuary will be "Potpourri" meaning a mixture of whatever anyone would like to share from their garden or favorite garden center. Questions?? Ask Ellen Anderson, cell 973-747-2321 or [andersel@njms.rutgers.edu](mailto:andersel@njms.rutgers.edu). service.



**Dress A Girl Around the World:** This project will be continuing through September. Meetings at the church will be: Aug 16 and Sept all Saturdays (6,13, 20, 27). Completed dresses are due to Kristi by September 30. Any questions or if you would like to participate, contact Kristi at 603-486-9910 or email at [kris\\_Kreations@comcast.net](mailto:kris_Kreations@comcast.net). Kristi is still looking for sergers. If you can help with that, let Kristi know.



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**Peace Quote:** We shall also do our part to build a world of peace where the weak are safe and the strong are just. We are not helpless before that task or hopeless of its success. Confident and unafraid. we labor on, not toward a strategy of annihilation but toward a strategy of peace.....President *John F. Kennedy, June 10, 1963*