

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



From Woody: Certainly a heart breaking story out of Michigan where there was yet another shooting. This one yesterday was in a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The shooter was a decorated Marine who had been honored with medals from his service in the Gulf War. Of course our thoughts and prayers go out to our fellow Christians but I think we become almost numb to these horrors. I think God wants our thoughts and prayers to be followed by actions. We certainly need to make it far more difficult to buy guns. We also need to tone down the way our public figures speak to and about people with different political views from their own. There is a need for a renewal of the promise of a land where we the people can vote to elect our own leaders in peaceful elections. This continues to be a great experiment and the rest of the world is watching. And it would also seem time to recognize that war is not good for human beings nor for the environment. Jesus certainly was opposed to violence and we need to take seriously the need and responsibility we all have to recapture the ability to disagree without being disagreeable. Hate filled rhetoric fuels hate filled and violent actions. We must stand for the values Jesus teaches us but do so in nonviolent ways. And we also must take seriously the truth that war is not good for any living things. If we learn to love one another, the mental health of the world would be in a lot better shape.



Sunday School and Junior Choir In Full Swing: classes have begun for students in grades K-6. For now, students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend and assist with the younger students. Our studies this fall will have us finding God and messages from the Bible in Disney movies! Junior choir rehearses with Ms. Sam directly after service.



Dress A Girl Around the World: We blessed the 204 dresses that Kristi Citak and her crew have completed during the worship service September 28, before they are sent off to points around the world, along with socks, tee shirts and underwear. Newborn receiving blankets and caps. A huge thank you to Kristi and her crew. Kristi has dedicated herself to providing these items for the past 5 years. It is a lot of work collecting the items needed, coordinating the sewing, purchasing the items and packing them all up to go to the local ambassador. Thank you for your dedication.



Photos Needed: Lynn is looking to redo the hallway bulletin boards and am in search of photos from our picnic in July, Children's Sunday in May, and any other recent CCNB events. If you have a photo to share, please send them via email to me at lwawrzyniak@comcast.net JPEG format is most appreciated.



“Organ Tour” and St Francis Meditation: On Sunday, October 19th following worship, our guest organist Dawn Sweet will offer a brief “organ tour.” She will guide us through the properties of the console and take us into the pipe chamber to view the various sizes of the pipes and explain the workings of these sensitive channels of sound. The organ has 454 pipes ranging in size from eight feet to the diameter of a pencil. At 3:00 that afternoon Dawn will provide an “Organ Meditation” based on the Prayer of St. Francis. She will provide selections that correspond with each phrase of the prayer. This allows us a time to ponder each phrase and contemplate how we need to respond to it on our daily journey. The organ selections are to help quiet us and to focus on the words and meaning of the prayer as well as take some thoughts with us for future times with this prayer. The musical choices will combine familiar hymns ranging from 1887-1981, classical themes by Ludwig Beethoven (1770-1827) and Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750), an early renaissance composition by the Italian composer Giovanni Palestrina (1525 or 26? - 1594) and improvisations on themes by Dawn.



Flowers for Worship: We asking that you sign up if you would like to provide flowers for worship- it helps with planning and making sure every service is provided with flowers. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the church office or contact Ellen Anderson (andersel@njms.rutgers.edu, (973-747-2321). Flowers may memorialize a person or an event. If needed, vases are available in the kitchen.



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. For anyone .who would like to donate towards this activity, please contact Lydia Peak at nbcctreas@gmail.com"



Peace Quote: 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 breath the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal... *President John F. Kennedy, June 10, 1963*



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