

# KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## JANUARY, 2016



### Pastor's Message

Happy January! Happy New Year!

I love how the New Year feels full of possibility and hope. 2015 was a hard year in a lot of ways. Can we find hope when there seems so much darkness? These days especially in winter and darkness I find myself looking for signs of hope. What is our hope? How do we know hope?

Brad Radimer shared a few verses on Hope with the Session and I keep coming back to them, but especially Romans 5:1-5. It says, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.<sup>3</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;<sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;<sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

There may be so much spinning around us in the news, in our lives and in our world, that seems without hope and yet our hope is in the firm and ongoing grace of our God in Christ. Can we look to Christ, seek Christ and follow Christ, trusting our hope is placed with our God who calls us to love and serve?

Hope is not merely putting on a happy face, denying our needs and frustrations and mouthing familiar phrases about how good God is. Hope faces squarely what life is and what life is not. Hope also acknowledges a higher reality, a reality beyond what we can see and what we trust.

The rich words for the classic hymn by Richard Mote, My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, remind us and call us to join our voices and heart in the hope that raises and calls us into what is next. "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. When darkness seems to veil His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil." And, of course, the chorus calls us to stand, "On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

The hope we find in this hymn, in scripture and, of course, in Christ reveals a hope worth risking for, hope that pulls people from the present into the future. This hope spills out from one person's life into the lives of others and changes everything. Biblical hope is a powerful force for change.

When we anchor our hope in God's steady love and good plans for us, hope becomes a permanent part of us. We have hope not because we are powerful or smart or resourceful but because of who God is. And as we test our hope by acting on it, we release God's power into our circumstances. As we consciously work with God, we will see more evidence of God's work in the world around us. The more we hope and watch, the more we will see that reinforces our hope and trust.

As we come out of the season and blessing of Christmas, as we enter this new year, we are invited to look for the wonder that shows us God is still at work in our a world and in us. Hope holds with it the promise that God always answers our question by showing up, not necessarily with what we ask for but with the remarkable gift that change our lives and the world. Have and claim hope my friends as God calls us and walks with us into this New Year.

Filled with hope in Christ,

*Pastor Sharyl*

## NOTES

### January, 2016 Sanctuary Flowers

**January 3:** Presented to the Glory of God.

**January 10:** In loving memory of Phyllis & John Schulz and "my precious loved one" by the Schulz Family.

**January 17:** In honor of our grandchildren, Catherine & Courtney Emmons and Domani Deak, by Marie and David Luck.

**January 24:** In honor of Pastor Sharyl's 10th Anniversary of Ordination and service to God by her husband Peyton.

**January 31:** In loving memory of Bill and Jean Toole by the Reverend George and Donna Toole.



### Notes from the Organ Bench

Virgil Thomson (1896-1989) was born in Kansas City, Missouri. After service in World War I, he entered Harvard University. A European tour with the Harvard University glee club instilled in him a love of Europe and, after graduation, he moved to Paris where he lived from 1925 to 1940. In Paris, his circle included such luminaries as James Joyce, Ernest Hemingway, Aaron Copland, Igor Stravinsky, Pablo Picasso and Gertrude Stein. He studied for a time with Nadia Boulanger, the well-known composition teacher. Returning to New York in 1940, he became a music critic for the New York Herald Tribune, a post he held from 1940 to 1954. His reviews were noted for their wit and independent judgments. In the 1930s he worked primarily as a theater and film composer. His best known theater pieces are the two operas with libretti by Gertrude Stein: "Four Saints in Three Acts" (famous for its use of an all-African-American cast) and "The Mother of Us All." His best known film scores are "The Plow That Broke the Plains" and "The River," which was used in 1983 for the ABC made-for-TV movie "The Day After." In 1949 he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his film score for "Louisiana Story." In later life, he became a sort of mentor to a new generation of American composers including Ned Rorem and Leonard Bernstein. He died on September 30, 1989 in Manhattan.

In January, the choir anthem will be "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Virgil Thomson.

~John McBride, MA, MLS

**.Grace Note Singers – Tuesdays at 12:45 PM** (Except 1/5/2016 – the group will meet at 12:15PM)

Rehearsals will be held at the Kingston Presbyterian Church most Tuesdays from 12:45 - 2:00 PM under the direction of **Noel Werner from Nassau Presbyterian Church**, To participate - contact Juanell Boyd at [juanellbo@aol.com](mailto:juanellbo@aol.com) or 732-940-9442.



Our thanks to the members of our congregation who helped with refreshments during the past cycle of GriefShare. Everyone appreciated all the delicious treats each Wednesday night. We completed our seventh cycle on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We had 10 participants from surrounding communities attend the thirteen week cycle. Please

continue to pray for the participants as they continue their grief journey. We will begin a new cycle on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for more GriefShare facilitators to help continue this ministry. God continues to send participants to our church where through the GriefShare videos and discussions are finding comfort and encouragement.

If you are interested in finding out how to be a facilitator, please speak to any of our current facilitators (Marie Luck, Dave Raduzycki, Rae Hodge, Laura Bedient, or Anne Deak).

~Marie Luck

### Care Givers

"I lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." ~Psalm 121:1–2

Caring for loved ones can be a challenging season of life. Let's create a space to care for you. Once a month let's gather, let's pray, let's be encouraged alongside each other so we can care for those in our lives who need us. Join Pastor Sharyl on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month 8:30-9:30 AM in the Ladies Parlor for a time of encouragement, safety for you and care.

## **Adult Class – Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Assembly Room**

*We will continue to have light refreshments at 9:30 and a few minutes to “socialize”, announcements, and a hymn.*

*Class starts at 9:50.*



**January 3, 10:** Sight and Sound Production of *Jonah*. David Raduzycki, presenting

**January 17:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Sharyl Dixon, leader

**January 24:** **Social media, change, and the new band setup, *oh my!***

In the next installment of a series on music for church, Nick Robinson will lead the group through a grab bag of topics, reflecting on progress and asking the question, “Now What?”

**January 31:** Refugee Resettlement: Brad Clifton, leader.

**February's Sunday School** lessons are all about Lent...presented by Katherine Scott.

We will be looking at some historical perspectives, some reasons why we celebrate, and some rituals involved in Lent. If you have any specific questions about Lent or anything else that you would like me to answer, Katherine will be taking questions until February 7. She will answer these questions on February 28.

## **Christian Education**

We were delighted to listen to our children tell us the message of Jesus' birth on December 20, 2015. We would like to say a big thank you to the many hands that helped prepare the children, the set, and the costumes. Parents, we are so thankful for your children and love how they are a blessing to our church.

May God bless you in the New Year,

~Karen Emmons

CE Chair

**There will be no youth group on January 1, 2016 – Happy New Year!**

## **Children's Youth Group – Friday, February 5**

Youth group takes place the first Friday of each month for children ages 3 years through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

We will meet in the **Parish House** from **6:30 – 8:00 PM**. Join us for a fun night of games, dancing, discussion or craft, and a delicious snack. Invite your neighbors, friends, cousins, etc.!

Questions or comments? Contact [KarenEEmmons@gmail.com](mailto:KarenEEmmons@gmail.com).

## **Christian Education January Schedule:**

January 1: *NO* Children's Youth Group

January 31: Confirmation 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade mentor breakfast

## **Women's Bible Study – Thursday, January 14**

***Come to the Waters*** - Led by Reverend Sharyl Dixon

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Thursday, January 14, from Noon until 2:00 PM. Pastor Sharyl will lead the study of Lesson 5 *Stormy Water – Faith*. Water can be calm and water can be chaotic.

In Lesson 5 we see the power of God in Jesus overcome the dangers of chaotic water. We also look at the definition of faith and how faith anchors our lives. The disciples encountered stormy times in their faith, and so do we. What does it mean to be people of faith?

And how does our faith sustain us?

All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring a sandwich. Dessert and beverage will be provided. For information or transportation, call Christy Parker at 732-329-8709.



~Alice Wright

## SERVING AT KPC

### January 3

Head Usher: Nancy Wright  
Ushers: Peggy Richardson  
Brianei Mabin  
Katie Bachman  
Communion: Scott Hodge – Prepare  
Refreshments: Christian Education  
Hospital Visitation: Anne Luck-Deak  
Sound Technician: Bryan Huttar  
Children’s Message: Pastor Sharyl

### January 10

Head Usher: Joe Reitano  
Ushers: Sandi Olsen  
Linda Richardson  
Walter Richardson  
Denise Liu  
Refreshments: Jeanne Radimer  
Hospital Visitation: Anne Luck-Deak  
Sound Technician: Brian Hou  
Children’s Message: Amy Raduzycki

### January 17

Head Usher: Brad Clifton  
Ushers: Alice Wright  
Elise Cheng  
Eric Zapf  
Refreshments: Music & Worship  
Sound Technician: Rip Diringer  
Children’s Message: Laura Bedient

### January 24

Head Usher: Jeanne Radimer  
Ushers: Brad Radimer  
Judy Bushnell  
Charlie Bushnell  
Refreshments: Membership & Outreach  
Sound Technician: Chris Emmons  
Children’s Message: Catherine Scott

### January 31

Head Usher: Scott Hodge  
Ushers: Rae Hodge  
Leah Hodge  
Robert Anderson  
Refreshments: Housekeeping  
Sound Technician: Bryan Huttar  
Children’s Message: Jeanne Radimer



### January Birthdays

01 ..... Katherine Winship  
02 ..... Georgieanna Bachman  
05 ..... Joseph Day  
06 ..... Henry Luck  
13 ..... Amy Raduzycki  
18 ..... Gerald Wood  
19 ..... Bud Linder  
19 ..... Scott Hodge  
20 ..... Catherine Emmons  
24 ..... Eric Zapf  
26 ..... Naomi Luck  
27 ..... Kathy Petersen  
31 ..... Carol Luck

### January Anniversaries

11 ..... Linda & Walter Richardson – 46<sup>th</sup>  
20 ..... Karen & Daniel Watts – 42<sup>nd</sup>

### A Big Thank You!

Great job! Thank You **Alley lordache** for organizing and running our blood drive. 21 tried to give and 18 people were able. 54 would be helped by that. Thank you KPC for your support and giving such a great gift.

### Address Change

Jim Ogden  
1450 Woods Ridge Road  
Dandridge, TN 37725  
Phone number and email address  
remain the same – for now.



## NOTES

### January Scripture & Sermons

**January 3:** Matthew 2:1-23, \*Wisdom?, Florence Perren-Diaz – Liturgist

**January 10:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, \*Baptized, Amy Raduzycki - Liturgist  
*Baptism of the Lord*, Installation of New Officers

**January 17:** John 2:1-11, \*So Good, Laura Bedient - Liturgist

**January 24:** Luke 4:14-21, \*Rejected, David Luck - Liturgist  
Annual Meeting

**January 31:** Guest preacher

\*Pastor Sharyl preaching



### Our 2016 Haiti Trip

Again this year we have the privilege of being Christ hands and hearts alongside Dr. Katie and Nurse Cherie to God's people in Haiti. We can't all go but our team goes bringing Kingston's care and prayers. We go living out

our faith and representing our church in this corner of the world. We are called to be God's people at home and out in the world. Thank you for your support and sending of this year's team. You send us and we go in God's name giving thanks for you!

This year the team is: **David Raduzycki, Emily Raduzycki, Juanita Ashby, Janet Rubinstein, Robin De Gutis, Steve Parker, Scott Hodge and Pastor Sharyl with architect Tom Lee and Emily's Hoboken church friend, Anna Morris.**

You don't have to go to Haiti to support our team. Financial donations, prayers and encouragement are welcome, appreciated and needed. Please consider supporting this year's team as they represent our church doing God's work.

Expenses beyond each person's contribution:

\$35 luggage fees for supplies

\$150 supplies

\$120 room and board for the week for one team member

\$80 tolls

\$60 gas for the van

\$100 for the van

\$20 per person for travel across Haiti

~Pastor Sharyl

### FREE TAX PREPARATION!

Did you know that the AARP Foundation TaxAide Program offers **free** tax preparation to **all ages**? The program is aimed primarily at seniors with low- to mid-income, but it does not discriminate on age, race, religion, sex, income, etc. There are a few items that are "out of scope" for the program and I would be happy to discuss them with you in church or you can call me, Brian Barceló, or the church office – 609-921-8898 for further information. Volunteers are also needed and welcomed.

~Brian Barcelo

### 2016 Old Testament Reading Schedule

I was blessed and challenged by reading the New Testament in 2015. I have appreciated your questions and engagement with our beautiful and full scripture. Are you ready to know God better in 2016? Are you ready to have your faith and joy grow? I am!

Let's read the Old Testament! Let's start at the very beginning. It's a very good place to start. I've got the full schedule ready so we can move along. There is one day of rest in the schedule and there is of course always the grace of forgiving yesterday and moving onto the day that is! Come and let's journey through God's Holy Word! Let's explore. Let's ask our questions. Let's meet our God in the garden, in the dessert and green hills of spring. Let us struggle with the hard parts and let's invite the scripture into our daily lives that we might know our God better and have our faith grow in 2016.

~**See following page**

## 52 Weeks Through the Old Testament

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Gen 1-3	Gen 4-6	Gen 7-9	Gen 10-12	Gen 13-16	Gen 17-18
2	Gen 19-21	Gen 22-23	Gen 24	Gen 25-26	Gen 27-28	Gen 29-30
3	Gen 31-32	Gen 33-35	Gen 36-37	Gen 38-40	Gen 41	Gen 42-43
4	Gen 44-45	Gen 46-48	Gen 49-Exo 1	Exo 2-4	Exo 5-7	Exo 8-9
5	Exo 10-12	Exo 13-15	Exo 16-18	Exo 19-21	Exo 22-24	Exo 25-26
6	Exo 27-28	Exo 29-30	Exo 31-33	Exo 34-35	Exo 36-37	Exo 38-39
7	Exo 40- Lev 3	Lev 4-6	Lev 7-8	Lev 9-11	Lev 12-13	Lev 14-15
8	Lev 16-18	Lev 19-21	Lev 22-23	Lev 24-25	Lev 26-27	Num 1-2
9	Num 3	Num 4-5	Num 6	Num 7	Num 8-10	Num 11-13
10	Num 14-15	Num 16-17	Num 18-20	Num 21-22	Num 23-2	5 Num 26-27
11	Num 28-30	Num 31	Num 32	Num 33-34	Num 35-36	Deut 1-2
12	Deut 3-4	Deut 5-7	Deut 8-10	Deut 11-13	Deut 14-1	6 Deut 17-20
13	Deut 21-23	Deut 24-27	Deut 28	Deut 29-31	Deut 32-33	Deut 34 – Josh 3
14	Josh 4-6	Josh 7-9	Josh 10-12	Josh 13-14	Josh 15-16	Josh 17-18
15	Josh 19-20	Josh 21-22	Josh 23- Judg	1Judg 2-4	Judg 5-6	Judg 7-8
16	Judg 9-10	Judg 11-13	Judg 14-17	Judg 18-19	Judg 20-21	Ruth 1-4
17	1 Sam 1-3	1 Sam 4-7	1 Sam 8-10	1 Sam 11-13	1 Sam 14-15	1 Sam 16-17
18	1 Sam 18-19	1 Sam 20-22	1 Sam 23-24	1 Sam 25-27	1 Sam 28-31	2 Sam 1-2
19	2 Sam 3-5	2 Sam 6-9	2 Sam 10-12	2 Sam 13-14	2 Sam 15-17	2 Sam 18-19
20	2 Sam 20-21	2 Sam 22-23	2 Sam 24- 1 Kin1	1 Kin 2-3	1 Kin 4-6	1 Kin 7
21	1 Kin 8	1 Kin 9-10	1 Kin 11-12	1 Kin 13-14	1 Kin 15-16	1 Kin 17-19
22	1 Kin 20-21	1 Kin 22-2 Kin1	2 Kin 2-3	2 Kin 4-5	2 Kin 6-8	2 Kin 9-10
23	2 Kin 11-13	2 Kin 14-16	2 Kin 17-18	2 Kin 19-21	2 King 22-24	2 Kin 25-1 Chr 1
24	1 Chr 2-3	1 Chr 4-5	1 Chr 6	1 Chr 7-8	1 Chr 9-10	1 Chr 11-12
25	1 Chr 13-15	1 Chr 16-18	1 Chr 19-22	1 Chr 23-24	1 Chr 25-26	1 Chr 27-29
26	2 Chr 1-4	2 Chr 5-7	2 Chr 8-11	2 Chr 12-16	2 Chr 17-19	2 Chr 20-23
27	2 Chr 24-26	2 Chr 27-29	2 Chr 30-32	2 Chr 33-35	2 Chr 36- Ezra1	Ezra 2-3
28	Ezra 4-7	Ezra 8-9	Ezra 10- Neh 2	Neh 3-5	Neh 6	Neh 7
29	Neh 8-9	Neh 10-11	Neh 12-13	Esther 1-4	Esther 5-9	Esther 10 – Job 4
30	Job 5-7	Job 8-10	Job 11-13	Job 14-16	Job 17-19	Job 20-21
31	Job 22-25	Job 26-29	Job 30-31	Job 32-33	Job 34-36	Job 37-38
32	Job 39-41	Job 42- Psa 6	Psa 7-13	Psa 14-17	Psa 18-22	Psa 23-28
33	Psa 29-33	Psa 34-36	Psa 37-39	Psa 40-45	Psa 46-50	Psa 51-56
34	Psa 57-63	Psa 64-68	Psa 69-72	Psa 73-76	Psa 77	Psa 78-79
35	Psa 80-84	Psa 85-88	Psa 89-91	Psa 92-97	Psa 98-103	Psa 104-105
36	Psa 106-107	Psa 108-113	Psa 114-118	Psa 119:1-88	Psa 119:89-176	Psa 120-130
37	Psa 131-136	Psa 137-143	Psa 144-148	Psa 149- Prov 2	Prov 3-5	Prov 6-7
38	Prov 8-10	Prov 11-13	Prov 14-15	Prov 16-18	Prov 19-21	Prov 22-23
39	Prov 24-25	Prov 26-28	Prov 29-30	Prov 31- Eccl2	Eccl 3-6	Eccl 7-10
40	Eccl 11- Song 4	Song 5- Isa 1	Isa 2-5	Isa 6-9	Isa 10-13	Isa 14-18
41	Isa 19-22	Isa 23-26	Isa 27-29	Isa 30-33	Isa 34-37	Isa 38-40
42	Isa 41-43	Isa 44-47	Isa 48-51	Isa 52-56	Isa 57-60	Isa 61-65
43	Isa 66- Jer2	Jer 3-5	Jer 6-8	Jer 9-11	Jer 12-14	Jer 15-17
44	Jer 18-21	Jer 22-23	Jer 24-26	Jer 27-29	Jer 30-31	Jer 32-33
45	Jer 34-36	Jer 37-40	Jer 41-44	Jer 45-47	Jer 48	Jer 49-50
46	Jer 51	Jer 52- Lam 2	Lam 3	Lam 4- Ezek1	Ezek 2-5	Ezek 6-9
47	Ezek 10-12	Ezek 13-15	Ezek 16	Ezek 17-19	Ezek 20-21	Ezek 22-23
48	Ezek 24-26	Ezek 27-29	Ezek 30-32	Ezek 33-35	Ezek36-37	Ezek 38-39
49	Ezek 40-41	Ezek 42-44	Ezek 45-47	Ezek 48- Dan1	Dan 2-3	Dan 4-5
50	Dan 6-8	Dan 9-10	Dan 11- Hos1	Hos 2-6	Hos 7-11	Hos 12- Joel1
51	Joel 2- Amos1	Amos 2-5	Amos6- Obad11	Jonah1- Micah2	Micah 3-7	Nahum 1- Hab 1
52	Hab 2- Zeph 2	Zeph 3- Zech 1	Zech 2-6	Zech 7-10	Zech 11-14	Mal 1-4

## Stewardship Commission News

The KPC Stewardship Commission wishes everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year that is full of God's blessings and His Unending Love. We thank our KPC family of members, friends, neighbors, and mission partners who generously gave their time, energy, love, and financial support to the Glory of God and His Works last year.



### **KPC Website - <http://kingstonpresbyterian.org>**

**A Happy Cyber New Year to All** - Our cyber wish for the New Year is for more volunteers to join with KPC's website family to help us to reach more people, add more features, extend our mission and ministries around the world and spread the word about God's love throughout cyber space. The website announced and captured many moments in the life of the church in 2015 and we plan to continue in 2016. Please join us as we link old and new friends to KPC through the Internet.

~Florence Perren-Diaz

### **Session Update**

The session thanks our three "retiring" session members after their completed terms of service. Leaving the session are Lois Foley, Scot Hodge, and Brad Radimer. Lois served on both the Membership and Outreach and also Music and Worship Commissions, while also continuing as a Sunday school teacher and participating in so many other parts of KPC's ministry. Scott Hodge served two terms, and was on Buildings and Grounds through the manse renovation, the steeple replacement and many other regular maintenance and emergency issues. Brad Radimer has served on the Housekeeping Commission and has had to hire a new custodian during his term, and has brought years of history in the church to session. Please take a moment to thank these individuals the next time you see them for their service on session.

New members to session are actually all returning session members, having served at some time in the past. Our newest session members are Tony Baionno, Brad Clifton and Corey Hwong. As we reorganize session, keep us in your prayers that all our gifts can best be used for the glory of God.

Session is also working on the 2016 budget. Unfortunately we have had many losses to our congregation this year, which decreases our income. At the same time basic expenses like utilities, supplies, insurance and many fixed expenses increase. Also, we want to continue to offer programs that support our congregation, reach out to the community and the world and also be able to best use our resources for missions around the world. Keep session in your prayers as we make the best use of our funds.

~Amy Raduzycki  
Clerk of Session

### **Mission Commission**

As the year ends, the Mission Commission of Kingston Presbyterian Church distributed \$13,400 to our Mission Partners. The specific amounts to each will be summarized in the Annual Report. In spite of the reductions we were forced to make with each donation, we received notes of thanks and appreciation from every recipient. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to increase our giving to each of them next year? Please consider a final end of year gift to any of our partners in mission. Whether you can give or not, please continue to pray for each of them but especially for the partner whose mission card you received on World Communion Sunday in October. We have plenty of cards left so please help yourself to any that are located in the narthex on the table. We are assured that as we give in obedience to the Lord, He will bless our gifts and use them for His purpose to be a blessing to those who receive them.

We are continually grateful for your generosity.

~The Mission Commission

The Presbytery of New Brunswick  
Invites you to the installation of  
Ryan M. Irmer as Pastor  
of Slackwood Presbyterian Church,  
on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 4:30 PM  
Slackwood Presbyterian Church  
202 Brunswick Ave Lawrenceville, NJ

## **Music & Worship**

M&W's December 9, 2015 meeting was largely consumed with the planning for the remaining Sundays of Advent, the Sunday School Christmas Program, Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service, Christmas Eve and Epiphany. Don VanAntwerpen will be with us in pulpit on December 27, 2015 when Pastor is on vacation.

KPC's sound issues remain a work in progress, but with the assistance of Florence Perren-Diaz, Nick Robinson, Chris Emmons and our faithful sound techs: Rip Diring, Bryan Huttar, Brian Hou, Chris Emmons and Bea Hwong, things really seem to be coming along well. Thank you for your e-mails reporting concerns and forwarding suggestions for improvements.

I am pleased to have served the Session for the last three years and am grateful for my time spent this past year with M&W, a fine group of extremely hardworking people whose planning and organization this church simply could not do without. I am thankful for each one of them and I encourage you to express your thanks to the following individuals who help to make each of our worship experiences so meaningful: Nancy Wright, Bea Hwong, Teddy Zhou, David Luck, Jeanne Radimer, and Jeanne Volk (Director of Music).

I leave you with a final note: Easter is early this year - March 27, 2016, which means Ash Wednesday is now less than 2 months away (February 10, 2016). Before you know it, we will be ordering Easter Lilies ☺ Just kidding-but only a little.

A very Happy, Healthy and Blessed 2016 to you all.

~Lois Foley, Chair (Ret.)

Music & Worship Commission

## **A Note from John & Aruna Desai**

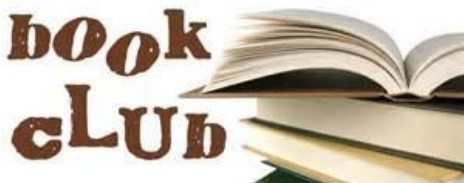
Dear Friends at Kingston Presbyterian Church,

We give thanks to the LORD Jesus Christ for 38th ISI Annual Evangelistic Christmas Banquet. It was held on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Two hundred and fifty friends from Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Denmark, Germany, Hong-Kong, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Tanzania, Liberia, Malaysia, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Korea, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, Vietnam, Virgin Island and USA participated. Friends from 30 Churches also made it a success by their prayers, presence, casseroles, cookies and physical labor. Alfred Walker (Liberia) and Witthaya Phuttharaksa (Thailand) shared what Christmas means to them personally. Surprise guest Brenda Bernard (Virgin Island) shared how Princeton ISI has impacted her life. 'Silent Night' was sung by internationals and at the end entire group sang it simultaneously in their own language. Yoon (Korea) family provided special music. Andrew Yoon (Korea) sang a solo, 'O Holy Night.' Pastor Ken Jasko gave an inspirational message on "Who is Jesus?" The New Testaments with Psalms and Proverbs were given away as gifts.

Both of us deeply appreciate your friendship and generous/sacrificial partnership in 2015.

May the Lord richly bless you and have a Blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

John and Aruna Desai, Campus Directors, International Students (ISI)



### **Book Club Starting**

Look for more details soon! See Nancy Wright for details or check with church office.



## Deacon's Corner

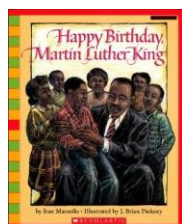
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dave Raduzycki, Marie Gons and Jim Ogden for their years of faithful service as Deacons. And welcome to our new Deacons Nancy Luck, Marie Luck and Nancy Wright! The Deacons will elect officers and reorganize at our January meeting and report our 2016 duties next month in the February Kings Herald.



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This year we have a **Mitten Tree!** Please donate mittens, gloves, hats, or scarves and put them on or under the special tree in the narthex. We will be collecting these through January 17, 2016.

I would like to report that, in the spirit of giving generously and in addition to the goods and food donated throughout the year to Home Front, The Crisis Ministry and other worthy local organizations, your Deacons made **monetary donations** last year to several local organizations and neighbors, including Womanspace, Franklin Township Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity.



On January 18, 2016, the day we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, we will hold another "**Day of Service**" with a luncheon and project. Stay tuned for details!



As you have in the past, please continue your donations to the **Crisis Ministry**. Personal care products, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, razors, soaps, lotions, feminine products, etc. are not covered by food stamps, so they are always in need of such items. Put your donated products in the basket in the narthex, and please remember to save your McCafrey's receipts for the basket, too.

To learn more, please visit their website: <http://www.thecrisisministry.org/>

The **Forrestal Service** is every third Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:00 PM. This popular service is well attended by an average of 15-18 residents, and is held in the Community room on the first floor of the nursing unit building at The Pavillions at Forrestal. Check in at the Security Desk. The address is 5000 Windrows Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540. If you would like to attend this inspiring service, please speak to Dave Raduzycki or any Deacon.

If you would like to join our **KPC prayer chain**, please let Elise Cheng know by speaking to her or sending her an email at [echeng.kpc@gmail.com](mailto:echeng.kpc@gmail.com).

If you are interested in **visiting shut-ins**, please contact any Deacon about joining this rewarding ministry.

Have you ever heard of the Presbyterian Coffee Project? It's a wonderful mission project that's been around for years. If you would like to learn about it, here's a link to the website:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/enough/presbyterian-coffee-project/>



~Janet Rubinstein

# KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## January, 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Church School  11:00 AM Worship/Communion	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Al-Anon  7:15PM Deacons	<b>5</b> 12:15 PM Grace Note Singers	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Craft Group	<b>7</b> 7:30 PM Choir  8:00 PM Al-Anon	<b>8</b>  <b>Annual Reports Due</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 PM Care Giver's Group  9:00AM – 12:30PM Korean School
<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Church School 11:00 AM Worship  12:20 PM Session	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Al-Anon	<b>12</b> 12:45 PM Grace Note Singers  5:45 PM Presbytery at Dayton Presbyterian  7:30 PM Recorders	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Craft Group  7:30 PM M&W	<b>14</b> 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study  7:30 PM Choir  8:00 PM Al-Anon	<b>15</b>  6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 9:00AM – 12:30PM Korean School
<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Church School 11:00 AM Worship/Praise Band 12:20 PM Haiti Team Meeting 3:30 PM Forrestal Service	<b>18 MLK Day</b> 10:00 AM Al-Anon 11:00 AM MLK Service Day	<b>19</b> 12:45 PM Grace Note Singers	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM Craft Group	<b>21</b>  7:30 PM Choir  8:00 PM Al-Anon	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00AM – 12:30PM Korean School
<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Church School 11:00 AM Worship <b>12:15 PM Annual Meeting &amp; Lunch</b> <hr/> <b>31</b> 9:30 Church School 11:00 Worship	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM Al-Anon  7:30 PM Session	<b>26</b> 12:45 PM Grace Note Singers	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Craft Group	<b>28</b>  7:30 PM Choir  8:00 PM Al-Anon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00AM – 12:30PM Korean School  <b>Mission Trip to Haiti – Feb. 6</b>



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## *At Nativity Reflection*

### *First Coming by Madeleine L'Engle*

*He did not wait till the world was ready, till men and nations were at peace.  
He came when the Heavens were unsteady, and prisoners cried out for release.*

*He did not wait for the perfect time.*

*He came when the need was deep and great.*

*He dined with sinners in all their grime, turned water into wine.*

*He did not wait till hearts were pure.*

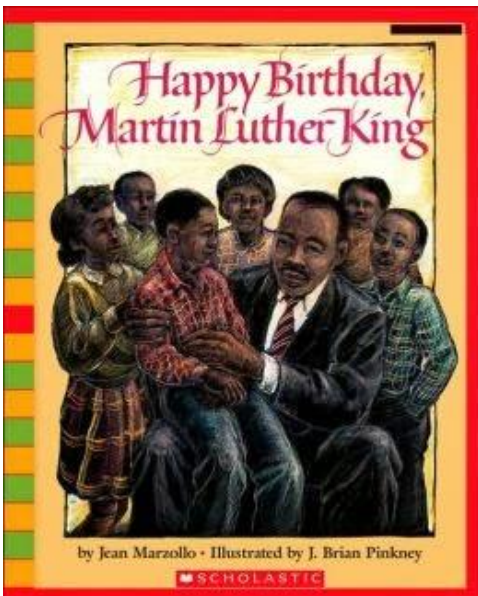
*In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.*

*To a world like ours, of anguished shame he came,  
and his light would not go out.*

*He came to a world which did not mesh, to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.  
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh the Maker of the stars was born.*

*We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise our songs with joyful voice,  
for to share our grief, to touch our pain, He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!*

~ *Madeleine L'Engle, in Cry Like a Bell, 57.*



On January 18, 2016, the day we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, we (KPC) will hold another "Day of Service" with a luncheon and project. Stay tuned for details!

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