



A Message from Pastor Becca

You may have noticed I do some unusual things from time to time in worship; like throwing a Pentecost party or making sure you have a brown bag marked Do Not Open sitting like burning temptation next to you. I know change can be incredibly unsettling, uncomfortable, and hard to embrace. Some of the changes we have encountered, I didn't even know would be changes for you all. I hope, in my time serving alongside you, to bring new energy to this place. I hope that we will try all sorts of new things, and that we will trust each other enough to know when they worked and when they didn't. I hope that we can talk to each other. I promise you when something changes, it's never personal. I do not sit in my office thinking about who I can push outside their comfort zone this week. I do not know you all well enough to purposely upset you. Know that if you do find something just TOO uncomfortable, we can talk about it, and I don't mean at breakfast with your friends, I mean you and me together. I know that can be uncomfortable, but I promise we are capable of difficult conversations. Those conversations help me to get to know you better and understand what is meaningful to you in worship. I have valued the feedback I have received thus far and hope you all feel comfortable coming by to chat. I am here for you. Let's work on this together so that we can be stronger and more vibrant together!

This is the perfect opportunity for me to share some of my passions with you. When I do these seemingly odd things in worship, it is always with a purpose. Part of my job as per *The Book of Order* is to make sure everything we do in worship points toward God and not entertainment. As a student, I studied a variety of educational theories and how they apply to congregational life, particularly Christian Education. While I was required to have a Master of Divinity for ordination, I also chose to receive an optional second Master of Arts Degree in Spirituality. In that program, I worked extensively on a project that paired Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences with contemplative prayer practices.

Gardner, through much research and practical application, has written extensively about 8 types of intelligences that range from linguistic to natural to interpersonal. He asserts that we all have one or two dominant types of intelligence, which means when we are presented information in a way that speaks to our dominant intelligence, we will learn and retain it much faster.

My project worked from the acceptance of Gardner's theory and applied it to the prayer life of a variety of folks. I did this because we all experience God differently and there is a lot of fear around contemplative prayer. Most people imagine monks meditating or someone sitting in silence for hours on end. While those are both valid forms of contemplative prayer, there are many other ways in which to pray contemplatively. I paired each intelligence with a way of contemplative prayer that speaks to the strong suites of that particular intelligence. This influences how I lead worship because I believe we all experience God differently. For many folks, listening to a traditional sermon suits them just fine while for many others it is difficult to follow along. I try to preach the Word in a variety of styles so that every person has a chance to hear it with fresh ears!

On that note, share with me your best ideas and I will see if I can incorporate them!



HOPE Garden Project: Edible Medford

The Helping Other People Eat (HOPE) Garden is now in its 8th growing season! Through this mission, Faith Church has been able to deliver fresh vegetables to local organizations that run active food programs in Burlington and Camden counties. We are truly blessed with this opportunity to reach out to those in need, but also blessed by the building of relationships within our community.

This ***blessing*** has turned to ***inspiration*** this year as we seek to partner with additional local organizations to 'grow' our food donation programs even further. We are asking area churches, civic groups, schools, scout troops, retirement communities, garden clubs and others to join us by helping to raise vegetables on their own property or by helping with distribution of the donations. We've already begun to partner with St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry in Medford. There are multiple ways we can all work together - dream big!

Our expanded mission is called "Edible Medford." Our goal is simply this: to provide additional fresh produce to the needy within the Medford area. Please take a moment to listen to the TED talk on edible landscapes at the link below. This is the inspiration for Edible Medford.

https://www.ted.com/talks/pam_warhurst_how_we_can_eat_our_landscapes





800 Pounds and It's Only August 2!

800 pounds of produce has been grown and donated by the HOPE Garden and community gardeners. What an amazing year and August is just beginning!

The garden now has a cooler with ice packs near the kitchen door. If you have any items from your own garden to donate, please leave them in the cooler.

Sunday School

****Please note that there will be no Sunday school August 5. There will be a nursery/play area with activities for all children who come to church.****

Sunday school is a great way for children to learn about Jesus and the Bible through Stories, crafts and activities. All ages are welcome! See Linda Hamilton to volunteer as a teacher for this enthusiastic group of kids.



Show Your Love and Pick Up the Kids!

We love our Sunday school teachers, they are dedicated volunteers! Often they have a second volunteer duty right after church and may need to count the offering or join a quick meeting.

Please be sure to pick your students up right after worship and join us in the fellowship area to enjoy treats, fellowship, and our brand new kids corner. It is important that the treats stay in the fellowship area as sometimes they are left places that attract critters we love but love even more when they are outside!



Water Play

August 16- 10am

In the Children's Garden
Faith Presbyterian Church
318 Stokes Road - Medford, NJ

Join Pastor Becca for kid friendly office hours! Caretakers come on by to chat while the kids play. Bathing suits recommended, bring a towel!



Tentative Fall Education Schedule

First Sunday: Presbyterians 101 right after worship, Deadline extended please continue to submit questions until August 15. So far topics include: our structure, what we believe about the bible, predestination, marriage, and much much more! I can't wait to explore all these questions with you!

Second Sunday: Book Study (Adam Hamilton's Half Truths) right after worship or second Wednesday at 7:30pm

Third Sunday: Confirmation Class right after worship

Coming this Fall: Once a month **Hands on Church!** A time of exploration of faith for families. All are welcome but this is especially for those with young children! *Watch for a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Area.*



Pastor Becca's Office Hours - August

- ✓ Monday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- ✓ Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- ✓ Wednesday 9:15am-11:45am @ Roast Coffee in Medford (200 Tuckerton Road in the Village of Taunton Forge), 1:30-3:00 pm church office
- ✓ Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Evenings by appointment in August.

Pastor Becca would be delighted to meet with you outside these hours just let her know.



Elder Roles for 2018/2019:

Buildings and Grounds: John Ford
Christian Education (Discipleship): Linda Hamilton
Clerk: Ginny Magnus
Connections: George Anderson
(Connections will absorb the roles of belonging and communications.)
Finance and Stewardship: Joe Currie
Mission and Outreach: Ginny Hagan
Nominating: John Heald
Personnel: John Heald
Worship and Music Team: Jonathan Cohill
Small World Board Member: Steve Carter

Deacon Roles for 2018/2019:

Executive Board

Moderator: Kay Galberg
Vice Moderator: Lorraine Kunkle
Secretary: Bonnie Halle
Treasurer: Mary Currie

Missions

We Care: Lorraine Kunkle, Joyce Schreiner
Meals: Mary Currie, Bonnie Halle
Cards: Joan Zinader
Helping Hands: Pat Cohill, Dave Wood
Blood Drive and Immunizations: Pat Carter
Food Shelf and Turkey Drive: Betty Engelke and Betty Ann Beck
Nominating: Lorraine Kunkle
Hospitality: Paige Caracuzzo
CCC Liaison: Joan Zinader
Memorial/Haines School Outreach: Kay Galberg
HOPE Garden: Mary Currie
Panera Bread Pickup: Lorraine Kunkle, Dave Wood



Rummage Sale “Light”

Save the Date: Saturday, September 22

Rain Date: Saturday, September 29

Set Up at 7 am

Sale 8 am to noon

We're planning an “easy” rummage sale. The good news is that we won't need a big committee and lots of volunteers to pull this off. However, we need everyone to follow the guidelines below! The money raised will go into our general fund to help pay for items such as utility bills and repairs. Details will be in the bulletin but here are the basics:

- We're charging \$20 to rent a church table.
- We're encouraging members to donate their earnings to the church.
- We'll ask you to post the date and time on your Facebook account before the sale.
- There will be no cash register so each table will handle its own money.
- You **CANNOT** drop stuff off and expect us to sort, price and sell. Instead, we will have a sign up poster in the fellowship room. If you have items to sell but can't be there, you **must** contact someone on that list and get them to agree to sell your items.
- There won't be food unless someone wants to organize that as a separate fundraiser (which is a great idea).
- Several people have talked about having a bake sale which is another great idea but it will not be part of the rummage sale organization.
- Everyone has to take their own stuff away. St. Vincent de Paul is open till 1 pm on Saturday or you can drop items at Goodwill.

Any questions, please see Bonnie Halle. Watch the bulletin for more information and look for the sign up poster in the fellowship area.

Thank Your From the Kesners

The Kesners would like to thank everyone who helped with our moving adventure! We are also grateful for the generous housewarming gifts we have received. We hope to hold an open house this Fall so we can offer you some hospitality.





Save All These Dates! Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 16: Join Pastor Becca in the Children's Garden for Water Play at 10 am.

August 19: Townhall Meeting and Spaghetti Lunch after worship.

August 23: Movie: Same Kind of Different as Me – 7 pm at the Medford Methodist Church.

September 16: Welcome Home pot luck to celebrate a new season of Christian Education.

September 21: Sleep Out – see Bill Redheffer for details.

September 22: Rummage Sale "Light" from 8 am to noon in the parking lot.

September 23: Rite Aid will hold a flu shot clinic after worship. Watch the bulletin for details.

New Faith Facebook Page!

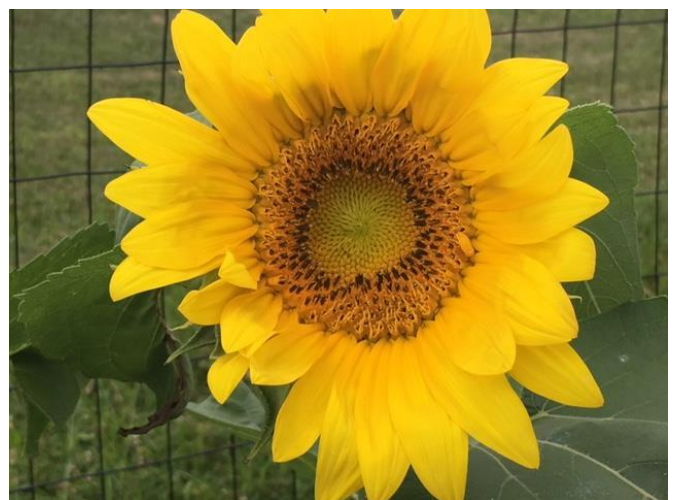
We have a new church page on Facebook which has announcements, photos and topical information. We still have the HOPE Garden/Mission page and the Small World page. We also still have our web site. **Visit them all!**

New church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FaithPresMedford/>

HOPE Garden/Mission Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HopeGardenatFaithChurch>

Small World Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Small-World-Preschool-NJ-890627094292782/>

Faith Church web site: <http://faithchurch.org/>





The Heart of God

On Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 pm Medford United Methodist Church ([2 Hartford Rd](#)) adults and teens from the area are invited to come and enjoy a movie, conversation, and ice cream. The movie Same Kind of Different as Me (PG13), from the book of the same name by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, is a true story that compares one man's experience with 20th century "slavery" and homelessness in the United States with another's portrayal of his own complacency and wealth. From a burning plantation hut in Louisiana to an upscale New York art gallery, you will see the heart of God in this unexpected tale of the transforming power of love and friendship.

Questions? Call 609-654-8111



Did You Know?

If you bank online, you can set up an automatic payment for your contribution to Faith Church. You'll never have to worry about forgetting your envelope!