

INFO@FAITH July 2015

Join Us for a Mission Event with the Doyles!



Date: July 1
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Faith Church

The **Doyles** currently minister in Central Asia. Join us as they share an update on their ministry, work, lives and family.

Faith Church Mission Ministry has supported the **Doyles** for many years which makes them part of the Faith Church Family!

Light refreshments will be served.

Contact Ginny Hagan for additional information.

Looking Ahead in Worship

Beginning next week and continuing through the end of July, we will embark on a series focusing on the miracles of Jesus from Mark's Gospel.

July 5	Mark 5:1-20	The Man of the Tombs
July 12	Mark 5:21-43	A Girl and a Woman are Healed
July 19	Mark 6:45-52	Walking on the Sea
July 26	Mark 7:31-37	A Deaf Man Hears



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PER CAPITA

Most of you have heard about the Per Capita our church pays yearly, but just what is it? In general it is one of the main ways we live out who we are as Presbyterians. We are a connectional church, and the Per Capita allows us to pool our resources to do many more ministries, missions and programs than any church could possibly do on its own. These dollars are part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, and allows us to work not only with other Presbyterian churches in our Presbytery, but also in our Synod region (the northeast), across the country, and in partnership with other Christian churches around the world. It is how we covenant together to be the larger presence of the church. The Per Capita in 2015 is \$38.75 that our church pays through the presbytery for each Active Member of our congregation. Of this amount, \$27.68 stays in our presbytery to be used for ministry and mission in our local communities. Another \$4 is sent to the Synod to be used in our region, with the remaining \$7.07 forwarded to the General Assembly to support the work of the whole church.

Your contribution of Per Capita of \$38.75 for each member of Faith United Presbyterian Church in your household helps pay for our church's total Per Capita obligation.



Presbytery Portion of Per Capita (\$27.68)

Our Presbytery of West Jersey seeks to glorify God in our life, ministry and mission. We cover 7 counties including 2 urban areas of Camden and Atlantic City. We have farms and Pine Barrens and some of the busiest roads in the nation. We cover 3,488 square miles from the Delaware River to the Atlantic Ocean. With 64 churches speaking 4 languages in worship on Sunday morning, the Presbytery of West Jersey is a diverse, gifted group of people, churches and relationships. Our 12,065 members of these churches are involved in their communities, in partnership with other churches in the presbytery and internationally doing mission work worldwide. We are many things, but at our core we seek to further the kingdom of God, by serving our congregations in everything that we do.

WJP seeks to resource our congregations and clergy. Through staff and committees and connection to the larger church, we look for ways to follow our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Synod Portion of Per Capita (\$4.00)

Our Synod of the Northeast (covering NJ up to the top of Maine) has a number of ministries and programs that our Per Capita dollars support. Newly ordained pastors participate in the Early Ministry Institute, and churches looking for Interim Pastors use those who have undergone Interim Training from the Synod. Many ecumenical relationships are maintained at this level of the church. Presbytery leaders and executives are supported through the Northeast Collegium, Synod meetings are covered by these dollars, and we are able to engage in larger conversations at this level (including the Conversation on Race, Mediation training, coaching network and other ministry opportunities).



General Assembly Portion of Per Capita (\$7.07)

Our General Assembly meets every other year where representatives of each presbytery gather for worship and to discern God's will for the church. The Per Capita covers that meeting's cost, as well as provides for producing the *Book of Order* and *Book of Confessions* that we use, as well as ecclesiastical and administrative functions that are shared by the whole church. For more on what Per Capita funds at the G.A. level, go to:

https://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/percapitasupport_2014.pdf

Conclusion

Per Capita is how we covenant together to be the larger presence of the church in the world known as Presbyterian. Paying our Per Capita keeps us strong at all levels of the church, and allows us to be Christ's presence in local, regional, national and even world-wide ways.

~Adapted from an article by Jeff Hatch, Communications Committee Team, Newton Presbytery