



## *A Message from Pastor Becca*

September has been full of opportunities for us to be the church and gather in fellowship and service. Small World is back in session each day. Sunday school started back to a regular schedule. Our flu shot clinic saw 27 participants! A second annual rummage sale was held. Regular bible studies have begun meeting again with new studies. We have kicked off our Unraveled series and begun a Vital Congregations bible study. September transitions us into our rhythm for the cooler months. Our laidback summer schedule gives way to the structure of daily lives.

As I reflect on how much my own calendar filled up this September, I am reminded of an adage: many hands make light work. This is the case in the life of the church! All of the above-mentioned events and programs take countless volunteer hours to coordinate. I am so grateful for each volunteer who gives of their time to make all this happen in addition to our day to day operations. It is a great privilege to see people who come in every week to do the work of preparing worship, planning lessons, or maintaining the building.

This September as we become comfortable with new rhythms, I want to challenge you to think on the ways in which your hands can contribute to the life and work of Faith Presbyterian Church. All too often, volunteers burn out because the same people keep saying yes. You are a beloved member of this community and you have gifts to share with us. Even if you are retired or just plain tired. We gather each week from a variety of backgrounds, with varying levels of health, diverse ages and abilities. I know we won't all be up on the roof to clear the gutters. I know we can't all move tables and chairs or teach Sunday school. Yet, there are so many things we CAN do! Praying for folks, offering encouragement to those who do climb up on the roof, or planning Sunday school lessons.

I cannot think of a single group in this congregation that would turn you down if you offered to help. Sunday school needs more teachers, buildings and grounds can always use extra hands, fellowship, the office, and I could go on and on and on forever.

Sisters and Brothers, I know we sometimes feel like we are running out of hands to do the work of Jesus in this world, but we are called nonetheless. Please, consider the ways you can serve in our congregation and community this month. You are gifted and called by God! Maybe you have a great vision for something new that can bring new life to Faith Presbyterian, share it. We are the future of this church and your voice is part of that future.



**PETS BRING YOUR HUMANS**  
October 6, 2019  
Freedom Park Pavilion 3 | 3:00 PM

*Blessing of the Animals!*

Blessings offered by St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Medford  
United Methodist Church, and Faith Presbyterian Church

Freedom Park - 86 Union Street - Medford, NJ



## HOPE Garden Update

Despite lots of rain and lots of bugs, over **1,200 pounds** of produce have been harvested from the garden and donated from personal gardens. The CCC, St. Vincent de Paul and Migrant Worker Outreach have been the recipients. Winter crops are planted and, since we love new things, we planted pawpaw trees!

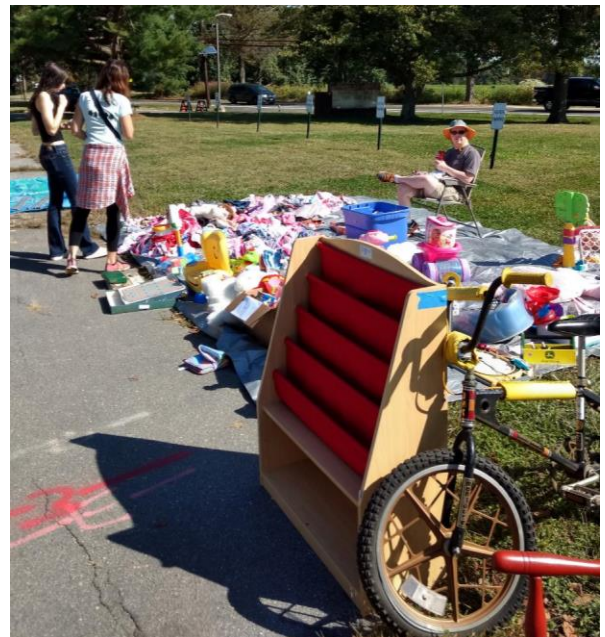






## 2019 Rummage Sale

On September 21, we had another food-and-fun church rummage sale. We had great weather, lots of customers and good sales. We also had **many** donations and **many** volunteers to help make the day a success. At this time, we have raised **\$1,280!** Thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated, snacked and shopped with us!





## Deacon Roles for 2019/2020

### Executive Board

Moderator: Kay Galberg

Vice Moderator: Pat Cohill

Secretary: Betty Ann Beck

Treasurer: Mary Currie

### Missions

We Care: Pat Carter, Joyce Schreiner, Joan Zinader, Mary Currie (meals)

Cards: Joan Zinader

Immunizations: Pat Carter

Food shelf and Turkey Drive: Betty Ann Beck, Joyce Schreiner

Hospitality: Paige Caracuzzo

CCC Liaison: Joan Zinader

Haines/Memorial School Outreach: Kay Galberg

Panera Bread Pickup: Dave Wood (backup to Kunkle and Piech)



The Eagle Scout project on the north side of church!





## Deacons Immunization Clinic

Pat Carter partnered with Rite Aid to provide immunizations after worship on September 15.

We had a record 27 immunizations given!

The deacons wish everyone a healthy and happy fall!



## Small World Update

Transitional-Kindergarten is off to a terrific start to the school year! We have already made lots of new friends, homemade apple sauce and first initial pretzels. In October, we will learn about Autumn, Fire Safety, Farm and Dinosaurs. Can't wait for the Medford fire truck visit and our school trip to Russo's Pumpkin Farm. Our Halloween parade and party will end the month!

Pre Kindergarten had a great start to school! We learned "All About Me" and what makes us special. We have started learning our letters and the children are excited about the activities that go along with them. We are looking forward to Apple Day and going to Russo's Farm to pick pumpkins. We will wrap up the month with a fun Halloween parade and party. Fall is fun in Pre K!

The BIG news is the 3's are sharing Room C this year. Thank you so much Morning Glories! Please come in and look at our art work anytime! We have learned the names of our friends in class already and love the playground so much! This month, we will start with fire safety and go on a scavenger hunt looking for fire sprinklers. We will also learn about #2, black & orange, squares, and sing Itsy Bitsy Spider. We will end with our Halloween parade and party. BOO!!

The 2s started off the school year by learning about the color red and circles! We spent a lot of time establishing our routine which is so very important to our class. The children are learning how to participate in circle time, walk in a line, get ready for snack time and sit patiently at dismissal. So far, we have learned a lot of new songs, painted several projects and had fun playing outside! The month of October brings pumpkins, fire trucks, farms, and Halloween! We will have a lot of fun creating crafts and singing songs to reinforce these themes in class. At the end of the month, the children will dress up to march in our Halloween parade followed by our classroom party.

Small World would like to thank Mike Carmack and A + M Landscaping for the terrific job they did cleaning up the playground weeds, spreading mulch and getting the area all ready for our children!!





## October Sunday School Lessons

10/6 – David the Musician  
10/13 – David and Goliath  
10/20 – David and Jonathan  
10/27 – David Dances







## Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

**Saturday, October 5  
10 to 11 am**

Join us in the fellowship room at church to knit, dedicate our work and discuss how our shawls, prayer squares and baby hats can reach and comfort even more people. Home knitters are needed! See Janet Sharpe with any questions.



**Vital Congregations**

**Bible Study**

**Sundays at 11 am**

**September 15 - October 27**

Join us each week as we explore scriptures and the seven marks of a vital congregation. We will discuss what it means to be vital in our community! This nationwide initiative, which the presbytery is participating in, will be fully introduced in worship on 8/18/19.

## More Rummage Fun!

