



THE TOWER

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SUMMER SUPPLEMENT 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are deep into Summer, and I hope you are all enjoying some rest and recreation with family and friends, near and far.

While summer is a great time to relax and have some extra play time, the staff and the officers of this community of faith are hard at work making plans for the second half of the year!

Session met in July for a pizza party and a very constructive meeting. We will meet in August as well (very unusual for most Presbyterian churches). This is so that we are ready to support and expand the activities and needs of the church.

The Deacons will also be meeting in August (also highly unusual) so that we make sure all the bases are covered including any congregational care needs.

Lisa Guida and I have also mapped out plans for Sunday school, starting with **Rally Day Sept 17th** all the way through to December, including the treasured **Santa's workshop, Dec 15th** (New date) **Dec 15th**. Sunday school will begin each week immediately after the time for youth and children each week, which will include a craft, a deeper look at the lesson/scriptures of the day and some element of worship/music.

Pastor Roberto and I also mapped out worship plans Aug-Dec. The theological golden rule is not to deviate from the lectionary unless there is a purpose and a plan. We have both. Each month we will shape the services and sermons based on a theme. This takes a great deal of effort on our part, but I know it will be enriching for us all.

The theme for August is **Prayer and Listening for God**. September will be **Discipleship**. October will be **Mission and Outreach**. November will be **Stewardship** and December is **Preparing for the Christ-child**.



I hope this is welcome and exciting news and will encourage you to be part of this faith community as often and in as many ways as you can. **Now!** is also the time to start sharing this with family, friends, and members you haven't seen in a while.

In just the short time I've been here, it's clear to me that God's spirit is stirring and I'm excited to see where God leads us. I hope you are too!

Grace and deep peace to you all,

Rev Jen



The 2023 Vacation Bible School was another creative and fun-filled experience for attendees and volunteers, alike!

Who wouldn't enjoy imagining you were in the desert while in the company of friends and in the comfort of air conditioning?! Many thanks to Christian Education Director, Lisa Guida, Rev. Jen, and the wonderful volunteers who made all the details come together to create the Babylon theme for the lessons of Daniel this year. We are blessed to have such a great team!

Happy Birthday to our church friends celebrating in August!



3-Lauren Guida; 7- Tory Hope Smith; 10-Rysonia (Dawn) Clarke;
13-Linda Maas; 18-Brian Donnelly; 19-Russ Werner;
22-Olivia DiGirolamo; 26-Robert Stefany; 31-Jenna Guida, Joan Stefany.



Adult Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 7th.

Rehearsals are held each Thursday from 7:30pm-9pm and Sundays at 9:30am in the Chapel. All interested are welcome to join! Please direct all questions to Liliya Khobotkova, Music Director.



Rally Day is Sunday, September 17th! All Sunday-School aged children should be registered with Mrs. Guida on this date. If your family is new to Sunday School enrollment, please contact Mrs. Guida as soon as possible. Cell: (908)-447-7399 or e-mail: christianed@springfieldpresbyterian.org.

Children begin in the sanctuary with their family for the 10:15am Sunday worship service. Students are dismissed to Sunday School after the *Time For Youth and Children* portion of the service.

Fellowship Hour is always enjoyable, but not more than on Rally Day! Be sure to join us!



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Your Pledge
This Summer**

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Dates to Note:



- Labor Day, September 4, 2023- Office Closed, Summer hours conclude.
- Adult Choir Resumes, September 7, 2023, 7pm
- National Grandparents Day, September 10, 2023(Worship service includes Baptism)
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2023
- Rally Day, September 17, 2023 (includes Communion Sunday for September)
- First day of autumn, September 23, 2023