

# THE MESSENGER

September & October 2013



## Presbyterian Church of Milford

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## A Word From Our Pastor



Where did the summer go? I remember writing a letter not that long ago telling everyone to have a nice and relaxing summer and now it is almost fall. It has been a busy summer starting with the youth mission trip that took us to Jonesville, VA. There were 84 of us in all with 70 youth and 14 adults. We were able to help 11 families as we were tasked with rebuilding roofs, walkways, residing houses, drywall replacement, painting, deck removal and rebuilding, bathroom replacement and repair and so many other jobs as well. At my worksite, we had 14 of us to help this wonderful gentleman named Don. He was a Korean War Veteran who has lived in his house for the last 40 years. When we showed up to the worksite on the first day we were all overwhelmed by all of the work that was before us. The adults gathered and decided we would break into 3 groups so that we could tackle the long list of things that had to be accomplished before the end of the week. The Appalachian Service Project, which was the organization we were helping, gave us a general idea of the work that needed to be done but we were not prepared for what we saw that first day. We had a tin roof that needed to be removed, wood laid down and a new tin roof put on. The front porch needed to be completely removed and rebuilt with the idea that the next crew coming in the following week would add a wheelchair ramp, and the bathroom in the house needed to be completely ripped out and replaced.



Before



After

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## **PASTOR**

Rev. Dr. Linda J. Erkert-Bullock

## **TIMOTHY**

Donna McDaid

## **ELDERS**

Jody Leffler	(2013)
Todd Cobaugh	(2013)
Deb Fisher-Horvath	(2013)
Richard Kroth	(2014)
Herb Sloyer	(2014)
Heather Stanley	(2014)
Stacy McGlothlin	(2015)
Kathy Betz	(2015)
Marguerite York	(2015)

## **DEACONS**

Pauline Thompson	(2013)
Nancy Becker	(2013)
Matthew Leidy	(2013)
Bob Latham	(2014)
John Leidy, Moderator	(2014)
Trish Patrey	(2014)
Jeremy Donaldson	(2015)
Penny Erkert	(2015)
Trish Kroth	(2015)

## **STAFF**

Office Admin - Jody Leffler  
 Bookkeeper - Gary Refsnider  
 Sunday School Dir. - Heather Stanley  
 Nursery - Trish Patrey  
 Minister of Music - Tina Spadafora

## **Worship Schedule**

Sunday Service: 10:00 am

Choir Starts on September 5, 2013

Sunday School Starts on September 22, 2013

## **Annual Church Picnic**

### **September 15, 2013**

Alexandria Park

Little York—Mt. Pleasant Rd

Rts 519 and 614



Worship Service at 10 AM with Picnic to follow.

Please bring a pot luck meal enough for your family and a few others to share.



Prayers

And

Thinking of You

Prayers and a sense of belonging for all our **Shut-Ins**;  
 Prayers to all those left unspoken and weighing heavy on our hearts.

## Our Mission

Our response to God's call for us to show and share the presence of Christ in the world is our mission to:

**Nurture**—helping people to see God working in their lives, enabling them to respond to God's call for wholeness.

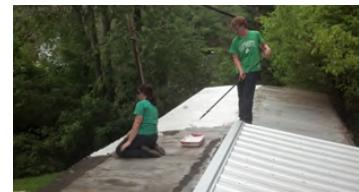
**Encourage**—supporting one another in our faith walk, together experiencing Christ on a deeper personal level.

**Celebrate**—Inspired by the Holy Spirit to learn, work, and play together in our faith, sharing our joy with the world.

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The crew was great and after many long hours, lots of laughter, tears and small injuries, we completed the tasks at hand. But more important than finishing what was asked of us, we each grew as a person because we gave up some of our selfish ways, misunderstandings and gave of ourselves for another person.

Before



After

After we got home from Jonesville, we then had to gear up for VBS. What a great week we had with the children from Milford, Frenchtown, and Alexandria as we combined forces to teach the kids about the love and power of God! It was a wonderful week that flew by with so many volunteers and leaders. We were 80 kids strong and the sanctuary rocked during the opening and closing worships each day. The kids learned new songs, dances and bible verses. There were so many who worked behind the scenes to make this VBS such a huge success that I cannot even begin to name them. (wouldn't want to leave anyone out) It is great to see our three churches working so well together and I am happy to say that our VBS will be at the Alexandria



So what is to come this fall? Well, we have worship at the Alexandria Park on September 15, 2013 at 10:00 AM with a potluck lunch to follow. Milford Alive September 21st and Rally Day for Sunday School is September 22nd. The Pancake Breakfast is Sunday September 29, the Community Blessing of the Animals is Saturday October 5th at 10:00 AM, and our Annual Golf Outing is Monday October 7th. Pretty jammed packed but we are just getting started.

My hope is that everyone can find something in all of our activities to join us and be part of this community, this faith community. This is the place where we want everyone to feel welcomed and feel as though they have come to the right place because they are no longer a stranger. Join us and be a part of our family. See ya all soon.

Pastor Linda

# Celebrations

## September Anniversaries

9/2 Claude & Betty Beck

9/17 Bill & Edna Young

## October Anniversaries

10/15 Dwayne & Caroline Dolly

10/16 William & Jamie Sloyer

10/21 Paul & Nancy Becker



## September Birthdays

Mackenzie Stanley 9/7

Shannon Rost 9/8

Jonathan Trainor 9/11

Jessica McGlothin 9/12

Matthew Zdepski 9/13

Chris Leffler  
9/15

Ray Bellini 9/21

Greta Bernhardt 9/23

Tracy Kephart 9/23

Richard Ruby 9/25

Linda Kuhl 9/27

Matthew Leidy 9/28

## October Birthdays

Betty Beck 10/2

Marie Bellini 10/2

Claude Beck  
10/6

Penny Erkert 10/16

Kathleen Berhardt 10/21

Dwayne Dolly 10/22

Hali Williams 10/28





The Adopt-A-Bill program is a way to **help the church meet its expenses** thereby making more money available for mission & outreach, programs, and activities.

To *adopt a bill*, simply write your name on the appropriate line and place cash or check in an envelope marked "Adopt-A-Bill", or send a check made payable to Milford Presbyterian Church with "Adopt-A-Bill" in the memo area, and mail to PO Box 531, Milford, NJ 08848.

**Please remember**, this is in addition to your regular giving and you are only making a one-time commitment. You may, however, sign up each month if you wish.

Expense	Amount	Name
Telephone	135.66	
Internet	65.00	
Church Water	81.00	
Manse Water	112.60	
Church Sewer	123.50	
Manse Sewer	123.50	
Church Electric	383.79	
Manse Electric	227.63	
Heating Oil	824.60	
Heating Oil	724.70	
Heating Oil	876.81	
Copier Lease	171.52	
Exterminator	464.00	
Security CE Wing	174.00	
Building Insurance	1,799.00	

**"Sharing Glad and Generous Hearts" (ACTS 2:46)**

As of 8/2013



## Photograph Sign-Up

# Presbyterian Church of Milford

**Photography Dates: Oct. 11 & 12, 2013**

*Photo Hours- Fri. 2:00 - 9 p.m. & Sat. 10:00-5 p.m.*

### **HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT?**

You can sign up 2 ways:

Online Sign-ups! There is a scheduling link on our website so you can sign-up from the comfort of your home and receive a \$10 coupon toward any purchases made at your appointment.

- 1) [www.milfordpresbyterian.org](http://www.milfordpresbyterian.org) (click on Portrait sign up)
- 2) Sign up in person after worship on September 29th or October 6th

### **YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PERSONALLY!**

Lifetouch encourages you to bring something that says who you are to your portrait session. Perhaps a hat... pin... scarf... musical instrument... Bible... sports gear... whatever it is that's important to you!

**PLEASE NOTE:** This photography opportunity is also open to your friends and family, even if they are not members of the church. **ALL families photographed will receive a complimentary 8X10**, and of course, *only families who are members of our church will be included in the directory and receive a free copy*.

### **Generational Photography!**

Lifetouch also does generational photography. It's a great opportunity to get the whole family together for one big portrait! Capture the memories for a lifetime! (*Please schedule each family separately and another appointment for the group photo.*)



IF you have a well behaved pet, by all means make them part of the photo. After all, they are part of the the family!!!

**Feed the Need!** ALL families who bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank to their photo session will receive a \$5 coupon toward any purchases made at your appointment! (And yes, this coupon can be combined with the \$10 coupon for online sign-up!)

*Plan ahead for Christmas!  
Portrait delivery within three weeks*

*Senior Discount 20% (age 60+)  
(Cannot be combined with other offers)*

### **We Need Photos!!**

If you have photos of any church activities/events from the last few years - please drop them off at the office. We may use them for the activity pages at the beginning of our new directory. **We can't promise to return them, so be sure to keep a copy!**

### **Thank you for serving!**

Receive one 20% family discount for (active or retired) **military, police and fire fighters** showing proper ID at their session. If a member of your family is serving in the military, please submit their government issued photo for a special tribute page in our

**PCOM is updating our membership photo directory for 2013!!!  
We want your family to be part of it !!!**

We have arranged for special photo session dates just for you. We want to capture your whole family in these photos.

**The following dates are available for you to schedule a session.**

Fri. Oct 11, 2-9 PM.  
Sat. Oct. 12, 10-5 PM

Sign up today for your session with professional photographers. The earlier you sign up, the better the chance you will get your preferred date and time. We ask that you allow one hour during which time you will check-in, be photographed and select your portraits.

For folks that schedule online, please make sure you come by the sign-up table on September 29th or October 6th to pick up your Feed The Need bag, promotional offers, portrait guide and photography price list.



Make sure to include your email address and we will automatically send you a confirmation email with your date and time, plus an email reminder a few days before your session which includes a link to a \$10 discount off any photography you purchase.

We are looking forward to everyone having their pictures in the Pictorial Directory. Tell your friends and family. As a reminder, everyone will receive a free 8x10 photo just for participating. All participant members of the church will receive a complimentary copy of the directory as well. And, if you bring a "canned good", you will also receive a \$5 coupon that can be combined with the \$10 coupon for on-line sign up. Don't forget your pet is also welcome. You get to choose your pictures during your sitting and will have them in plenty of time for Christmas as photos make great gifts.

We will be placing some helpful information on the table located in the Narthex, so please stop by and take a look.

Thank you for taking part in our Pictorial Directory,  
Penny Erkert and Deb Horvath



# Fall Rummage Sale

## November 8 &9, 2013



### Precious Moments Dance Academy

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MILFORD

Classes Begin Tuesday, September 17th

### OPEN HOUSE

**Sat: Aug 24th - 10am-1pm**

**Thurs: Sept 5th - 4pm-7pm**

*or call*

**Robyn: 908-892-3395**



**ZUMBA**  
FITNESS

Come Experience the Hottest New Fitness Craze! Salsa, Merengue, Cha Cha, Reggaeton and other Latin and International dance styles mixed with a hot Latin or International beat will have you on your feet and shouting for more!!! Be part of the Zumba® revolution, it's spreading like wildfire, and positioning itself as the single most influential movement in the industry of fitness.

### “Ditch the Workout & Join The Party”

**Monday PM - 6:30 PM**

**Tuesday AM - 9:15 AM**

**Wednesday PM - 7:00 PM**

**Friday AM - Zumba Fitness - 9:15AM**

**For more information,**

**Call Jeanie Franzo**

**908-268-1886**

At the Presbyterian Church of Milford, 70 Bridge Street, Milford, NJ 08848

# For Your Health

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will be at the **St. Edwards Church in Milford on Friday, Nov. 1st** offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up while receiving \$10 off any package priced above \$129. For only \$129 (regularly \$139) you can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. There is no time like the present to take action!

**Receive a donation  
for your organization  
at the same time!**

Together we can help prevent strokes in our community. The "Helping Hands" program can help save your life and the lives of your loved ones through simple, painless, preventive health screenings.

Register today through the designated Helping Hands phone number or fax (as listed below) and Life Line Screening will make a \$10 donation to your organization.



*You'll also receive a \$10.00 discount on the cost of your screening package!*

**Where:** Presbyterian Church of Milford  
**When:** Monday, October 22nd

Life Line Screening is offering a Helping Hand. Special \$10 package discount for our members and their families PLUS a matching \$10 donation to **Presbyterian Church of Milford!** Must pre-register. Please see special registration form below for details, or call 1-800-324-9458.

First+Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Package 1  Package 2  Screening site, zip code and date: \_\_\_\_\_

To sign up call 800-324-9458 or send this completed form to our designated Helping Hands Fax at 1-866-628-4857.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**  
Source code:



Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening\$	\$ 60.00
Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)	\$60.00
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening	\$60.00
Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening	\$60.00
Osteoporosis Risk Assessment	\$35.00



**Blood Drive  
Give a Pint  
Save a Life**

**When: Sunday, October 13, 2013**

**Time: 8 AM—12 PM**

**Place: Presbyterian Church of Milford**

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**



## Heart to Heart -

**Touching Lives Through Generous Giving** The warm sunny days of summer are fading and we are returning to school and thinking about fall activities. This is also a time to think about our Christian responsibilities of caring for God's creation, the Earth and all the people in it, as well as those directly affected by our many ministries here at PCOM. That's why we have chosen for this year's Stewardship Response theme: "Heart to Heart—Touching Lives Through Generous Giving".

The kickoff for the congregation for this program will be Sunday, September 29th with pledge dedication occurring on Reformation Sunday, October 27th. We are planning a series of special "Moments for Mission" at each worship service throughout the five weeks, which will highlight individuals who have been directly touched by our many ministries.

## A Word from our Sunday School Director

Heather Stanley

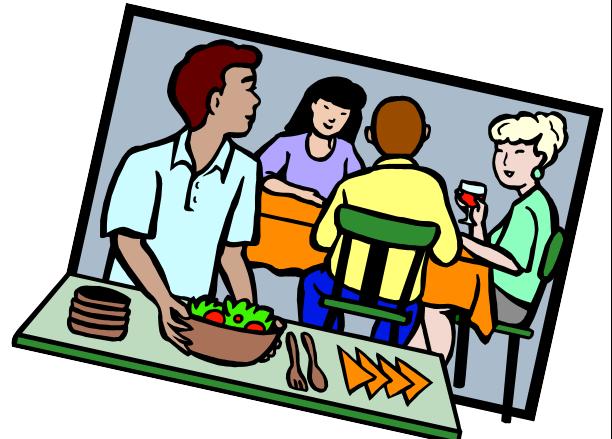


Vacation Bible School was a huge success! The joint effort of Alexandria, Frenchtown and Milford Presbyterian Churches made this year the best yet! We had over 80 children registered for VBS! In addition to our registered children, we had over 60 volunteers. It was an amazing turn out! Our joint VBS 2014 will be held at Alexandria Presbyterian Church. We are hoping to have an even bigger turnout. Mark your calendars for the last week in July!

Sunday School kick off will be September 22, 2013! We are looking forward to another exciting year! There will be three, 13 week sessions. We need one to two teachers for each session. Please see Heather Stanley to sign up! If you can't commit to the 13 weeks, that is OK too! We can always use substitutes and helpers! Let's get everyone involved in helping our youth build their relationship with God!



Community  
Pot Luck Supper  
Saturday,  
October 19, 2013



Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday,  
September 28, 2013  
\$8 per person



Schools are open  
Drive safely !!!



## Save The Dates

**9/5 - Choir Rehearsal Begins**

9/15 - Worship in the Park

9/21 - Milford Alive

9/22 - 1st week of Sunday School

9/28 - Pancake Breakfast

**10/5 Blessing of the Animals w/ UCC**

10/7 - Golf Outing

10/11 - 12 - Lifetouch Pictures

10/13 - Miller Keystone Blood Mobile

10/19 - Pot Luck Community Supper

10/20—Corn Maze

10/27 - Joint Deacon/Session Meeting

**11/1 - 11/18 - Food Collection for  
Thanksgiving Baskets**

11/2 - Roast Beef Dinner

11/8 & 11/9 - Rummage Sale

12/8 - Vesper Service

12/13 - Christmas in Milford

12/15 - Cantata

12/21 - Joint Children's Christmas Pageant

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
with reception to follow

1/18/2014 - National Day of Service

2/1/2014 - Home Grown Breakfast

## Milford Alive Is Almost Here! Saturday, September 21st

After months of planning and organizing, Milford Alive is almost here. This wonderful community celebration begins at Noon on Saturday, September 21st, and continues until the last firecracker resonates through the valley at about 9:30 PM. This year's event will be the biggest ever. More than 2000 people will converge on our town to listen to 10 hours of live music by some really exciting bands, witness a fly-by of antique biplanes, enjoy a variety of arts and crafts, eat all kinds of delicious food, take in a dazzling fireworks display, and—best of all—watch the renowned Milford Bed Race, now in its 31st year.

The Presbyterian Church of Milford will have a major presence at Milford Alive. We will be selling fruit kabobs and fruit smoothies in the church parking lot throughout the day and evening. We will have a hospitality table outside the manse, where we will provide information about our church and its ministry throughout the community and distribute other useful literature. And our Peace Bed will convey a timeless message in a memorable way.

Many volunteers have come forward to help with Milford Alive, but we still need more. If you would like to participate in one of the activities sponsored by our church, please speak with Pastor Linda, Marguerite York, or Ed York. If you would like to volunteer to help with some other aspect of the festival, please speak with Charlie White or Bob White.

# Annual Roast Beef Dinner

Presbyterian Church of Milford  
70 Bridge Street  
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**November 2, 2013**

**4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

All proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Church of Milford

**Call 908-995-2481 for Tickets**



**The Blessing of the Animals**  
**Saturday, October 5th**  
**10 AM to Noon**



Calling all pets! On Saturday, October 5, we will have a Blessing of the Animals in the Fellowship Hall from 10 AM to noon. This joyful event will be a joint service with our friends at the First United Church of Christ, Milford. It will be led by Pastor Linda and Pastor Dale Sattizahn of the UCC. All members of the community are welcome.

To ensure the safety of your pets, please keep your dogs on a leash and your cats and other small pets in a carrier. Also, please consider bringing a can or bag of pet food, which will be donated to the Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter.

Contact Marguerite York by phone at 908-996-3433 or by e-mail at [mkyork@embarqmail.com](mailto:mkyork@embarqmail.com) if you can help with this event by preparing snacks or helping to set up, staff, or clean up the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

# Presbyterian Church of Milford Golf Outing-

WE ALL have a role  
(Even if we don't golf!)

**The Annual, Edmund Nonnemacher Golf  
Outing will be held on October 7<sup>st</sup>,  
starting at 11:00 am at Oak Hill Golf Club.**



## I play Golf, what can I do?

- Talk it up with your golf buddies. Bring a foursome or two!
- Talk to local business and see if they will sponsor a hole.
- Donate an item or two for the end of round raffle, and prizes.
- Support the various fundraisers throughout the day (hole in one challenge, out drive the pastor)



## I DO NOT play Golf, what can I do?

- "On course helper." (registration, monitoring contest holes, etc.)
- Ask friends, neighbors, sons, daughters, if they want to play.
- Ask local business to help us- donate a prize, sponsor a hole, etc..
- Help clean-up at the after event dinner.
- Attend the dinner at Oak Hill with friends and family and enjoy a delicious dinner and silent fellowship.

## How do I sign-up to play or help?

- Contact Pastor Linda and let her know where you can help.
- Registration Forms and Hole Sponsor Forms are attached, and also available in on the table as you enter the church.
- If you would like to help with the dinner (manpower, bake a dessert, etc.,) please see Pastor Linda.





# Presbyterian Church of Milford Golf Outing

## Sponsor/Registration Form

**When:** October 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday 10:00 AM (quick lunch) Shotgun Start @ Noon

**Where:** The Oak Hill Golf Club, a private course in Holland Township, NJ ([www.oakhillgolf.com](http://www.oakhillgolf.com)),

### Golfer Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will participate by taking a foursome at \$500.

I/We will participate at \$140 per golfer.



**Please list the names of the golfer(s) below:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Includes:** Golf fees, cart, driving range, food (lunch and dinner) golf prizes (some skill) and raffle prizes (dumb luck.) All prizes awarded at 19<sup>th</sup> hole dinner buffet.

**"Hole in One Opportunity- Win A New Car!"- Thanks to Flemington Car and Truck Country**

### NON- Golfer/Sponsors:

- I/We will not participate in this year's golf tournament but would like to make a contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I/We would like to become a hole sponsor at \$175 (Sponsor Booklet + Sign at a hole.)
- I/We would like to sponsor an event (longest drive, etc.) at \$300. (Booklet, Sign, Title)
- My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I/We will attend the Dinner Only \$40.00 per person.

**Please make Checks payable to:** Presbyterian Church of Milford, 70 Bridge St., Milford NJ 08848.  
All payments are non-refundable.

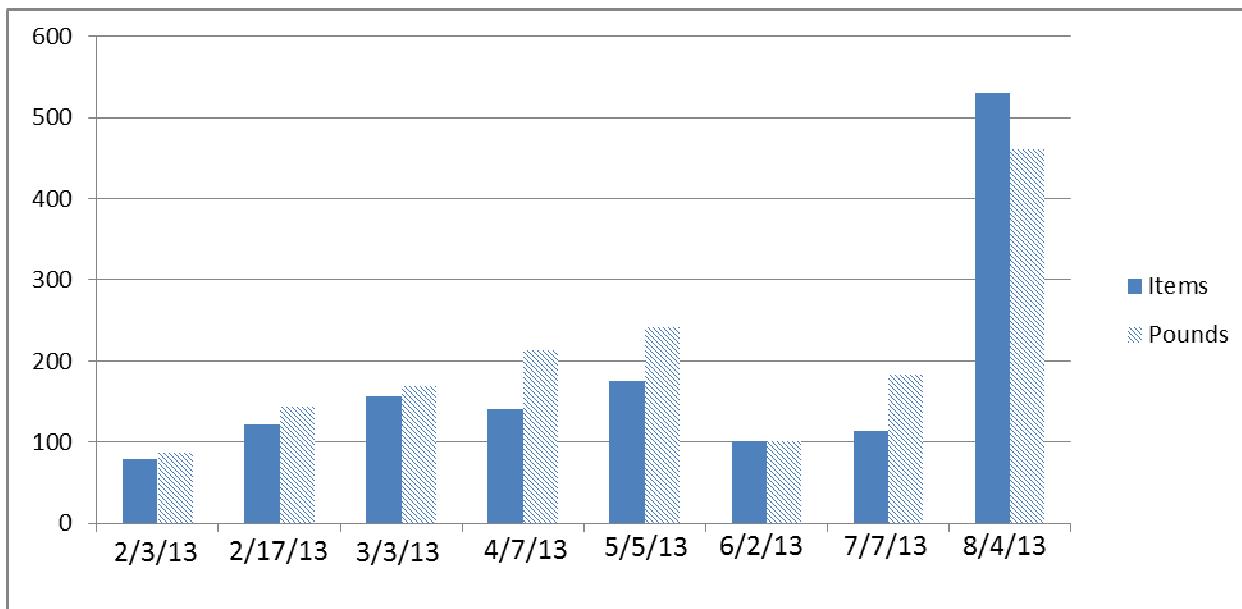
**SPACE IS LIMITED TO ONLY 120 GOLFERS, SO PLEASE REGISTER ASAP!!**

**Questions:** Call Pastor Linda (908)995-2481



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## Our First Sunday Food Ministry



The graph says it all. Since February, when we began keeping records, the Presbyterian Church of Milford has collected more than 1400 items of food, weighing more than 1600 pounds, for our neighbors in need. These generous donations have come from members of our congregation, Milford's own Oxford Diabetic Supply and U.S. Healthcare Supply, and participants in this year's Vacation Bible School, held with Frenchtown Presbyterian Church and Alexandria First Presbyterian Church. In terms of nutritional value, the quality of the donated items has been outstanding.

So far this year our First Sunday Two Cents a Meal collection has brought in \$598.55 to meet additional food needs within the community.

Our Food Team, coordinated by Linda Kuhl, Ruth Schaible, and Ed York and joined by a growing group of helpers, does a splendid job of hauling, counting, packing, weighing, and loading our food donations and delivering them to the Frenchtown Food Pantry on Monday morning. If you have some time after worship on the first Sunday of the month, please come down to the Fellowship Hall and spend about 15 minutes helping us process our donations.

If you can't come to church on the first Sunday of the month or find it difficult to bring food with you, please call Ed and Marguerite York at 908-996-3433 and we will arrange to pick up your donation at your home at a time that is convenient for you.