

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MILFORD
THE MINI MESSENGER
AUGUST 2015

. . . A word from our Pastor

Where has the summer gone? Even better, where has the year gone? It was like yesterday that we were celebrating Epiphany and now we are looking at sending our children off to college and back to school. We have a busy time ahead of us this upcoming fall with all of our fundraisers and celebrations - Spaghetti Dinner, Milford Alive, our Annual Golf Outing, Night on the Town Dinner, Roast Beef Dinner, Rummage Sale, Advent, and Christmas in Milford. There are way too many things to do for just one person or small group. But, if everyone picked a passion and lead the congregation in one of these events, it would be great. It would certainly spread the work over many instead of just a few. We need these events so the mission of our church, to lead our surrounding area and neighborhoods, can continue and we can continue to Share the Good News with everyone we meet. Please pray about and discern where you can help PCOM. We will never ask you to do every fundraiser or event. We don't want anyone to get burned out, but to be successful, we need many hands and lots of energy.

On another note, we also need volunteers for our children. If many adults volunteer to teach our children, then we can spread that time commitment around as well. Deb Horvath is overseeing the Christian Education of our children. We need volunteers to teach our young ones what it means to feel and embrace the love and power of Christ and how God is so vital to our lives. If several adult volunteer throughout the year, then everyone will still be able to worship as often as they like. If you feel called to teaching and nurturing our young followers, please see Deb or myself. We are also looking at starting a youth group again. We know that time is precious with our busy children, but I believe in my heart, we need to make time for Christ in our lives and our children's lives. We will communicate what we are really thinking about as far as a youth group early in September.

What about music you might be asking yourselves! Well, I personally thought the kids did an awesome job singing for the congregation on the first Sunday in June and we want to continue with the junior choir. Michael will be overseeing the choir as well as John Austin. The music will be upbeat, fresh and fun to sing. Please join us in September to help ignite the fire in all of the children's hearts with song.

Well, that is about all I have for right now. Enjoy the rest of your summer, rest up, open your hearts more and more to the love of God, and share that love with your church family and all you meet.

Peace,
Pastor Linda

So Many Reasons to Celebrate

August

Birthdays

John Geissler	3
Diana Leidy	3
Gary Johnson	5
Ethan Coss	8
John Keller	12
Kathryn Williams	12
Marty Kuhl	13
Rylan Rost	16
Bob White	17
Chuck Williams	27
Matt Leidy	28
Gladys Lessig	29
Heath Trainor	31

Happy Birthday!



September

Birthdays

Kort Boethig	7
Mackenzie Stanley	7
Shannon Rost	8
Eric Bonham	9
Jonathon Trainor	11
Jessica McGlothlin	12
Matthew Zdepski	13
Christopher Leffler	15
Raymond Bellini	21
Greta Bernhardt	23
Tracy Kephart	23
John Austin	24
Linda Kuhl	27
Joanna Austin	28

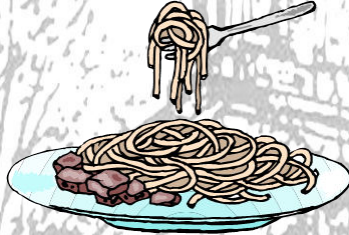
Anniversaries

Bill & Edna Young	17
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**Presbyterian Church of Milford
Presents a Family Style**

**Spaghetti
Dinner
September 19, 2015**



**Spaghetti, meatballs, salad,
bread, beverage & desert**

**Milford Presbyterian Church
70 Bridge Street, Milford, NJ**

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**\$12 Adults;
\$9 Seniors and Students 6-12;
Kids 5 & under are free**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We've come to the halfway point of 2015. For the most part we are doing well against our budget. We picked up over \$1000 of back income from the dance academy, Adopt-a-bill is nearly \$2000 ahead of budget and heating oil is under budget \$2500. This helps make up for the shortage of \$2700 in pledged income and the \$2300 over budget on building and ground repairs.

In total we are \$2300 short for our net operating income due to fundraisers. There are three events that underperformed or have not yet happened. The Spaghetti Dinner, the Night-on-the town and other miscellaneous fundraisers have yet to be held (budgeted for \$3300).

Keep an eye out for information on our "no brainer" fundraisers, such as ShopRite gift cards and Amazon Smile. These actually take very little effort and if everyone participated, they could be very profitable.

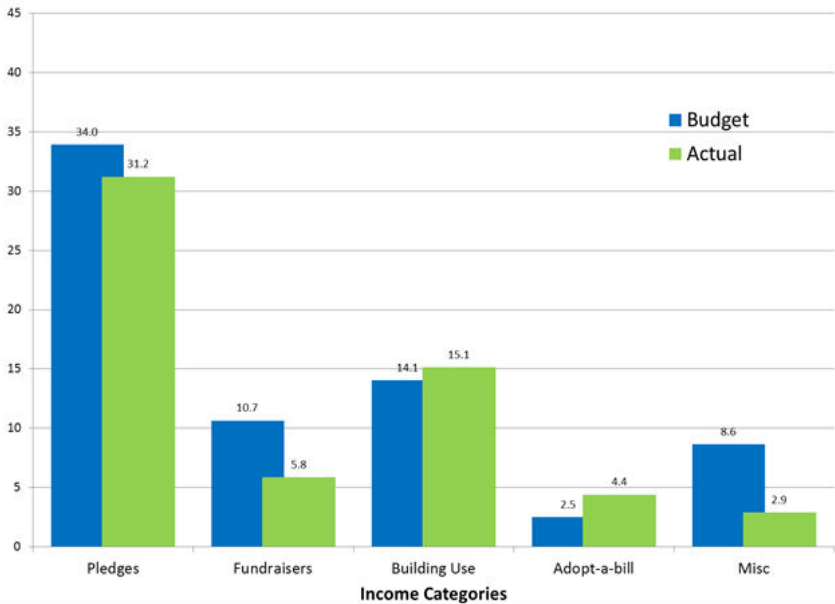
Please don't forget your pledges during the Summer months. It is a tough time for the church financially.

We have a very good chance of ending the year ahead of budget when all the fundraisers have been completed. We will also continue to have no outstanding bills and plan on maintaining that status throughout the remainder of 2015. Although we are currently short against the budget, with everyone's help, we have the tools to ensure we end on a positive note and are well positioned for the year to come.

If you have any questions about the church's finances, please contact John Austin, our stewardship and finance elder.

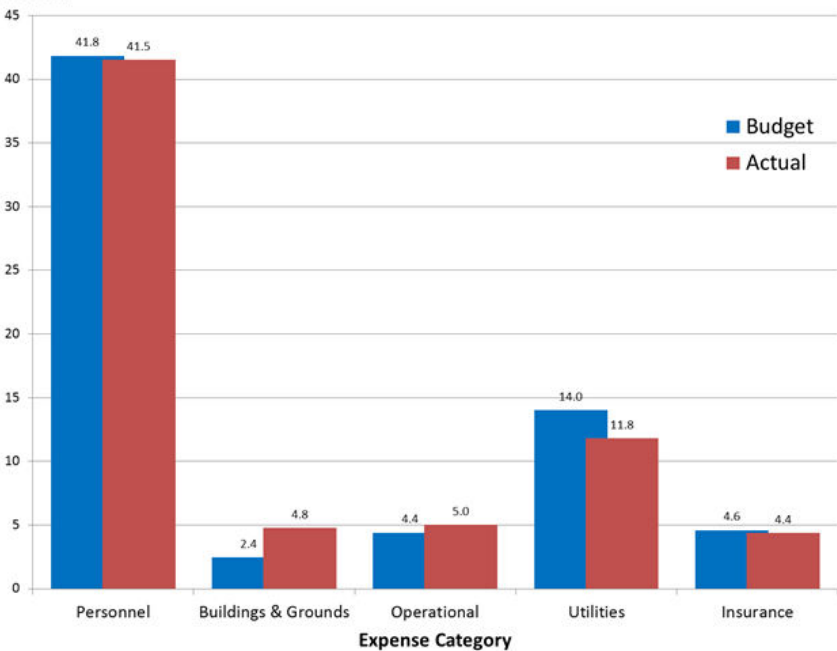
2015 YTD Income Summary by Category

\$ in Thousands



2015 YTD Expense Summary by Category

\$ in Thousands



FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Charlie White and the Mission Committee have been doing amazing work.

Through June, we have collected 1207 items of food, weighing 1167 lbs -

- 88 items, 88 lbs January
- 105 items, 122 lbs February
- 57 items, 60 lbs March
- 121 Items, 110 lbs April
- 800 items, 750 pounds, in May & \$250 cash
(Softball game - Milford vs Frenchtown)
- 36 items, 37 pounds - June

We have also collected \$739.81 with our monthly TWO CENTS A MEAL Program.

We will collect winter coats, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, sleeping bags and tents on Sunday September 20th and September 27th. Items will be donated to the Cornerstone Free Evangelical Church Soup Kitchen. Please leave your coats and jackets on hangers and put all items in the Library on the "Clothing Drive" table.

If you would like to help with the overall Milford Alive event, please contact Charlie White - many interesting volunteer opportunities are still available in the Hospitality Tent, Information Booth and Arts by the Mill. You can e-mail Charlie at charliewhite61@gmail.com.

DON'T MISS THE BED RACE!!!





The Adopt-A-Bill program is a way to help the church meet its financial obligations, making more money available for mission and outreach programs. To adopt a Bill, simply write your name on the appropriate line and place cash or check in an envelope marked "Adopt-A-Bill". Checks should be 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 pledge and a one-time commitment.

Expense	Amount	Name
<i>De Lage Landen</i>	\$171.56	_____
<i>Service Electric</i>	\$137.25	_____
<i>Stem Bros.</i>	\$247.17	_____
<i>JCP&L - Manse</i>	\$130.38	_____
<i>JCP&L – Church</i>	\$241.36	_____
<i>Milford Sewer</i>	\$247.00	_____
<i>Postage</i>	\$49.00	_____
<i>Moninghoff Appliance</i>	\$19.79	_____
<i>Viking Pest Control - Manse</i>	\$75.00	_____
<i>Dept. of Community Affairs</i>	\$182.00	_____
<i>Joseph Finkle & Son, Inc.</i>	\$73.10	_____
<i>A/C for Fellowship Hall</i>	\$796.25	_____

Partial payments are welcome and very much appreciated 7/23/2015

We would like to thank the following individuals for adopting a bill in **2015**:

- Jill Boethig
- Sylvia Donaldson
- Ray & Marie Bellini
- Bill & Edna Young
- Ruth Schaible
- Linda & Marty Kuhl
- White Family
- Penny Erkert
- Kroth Family
- Mark Livermore
- Todd & Beth Cobaugh
- Tom & Deb Horvath
- Dave McDaid

1st Sunday of Every Month



2 cents a meal

Food Drive



ShopRite Gift Cards

Do you shop at ShopRite?

As a fund raiser, we will purchase ShopRite gift cards, sell the cards dollar for dollar, and for every \$1000 sold, the church gets 5%. That's \$50!!!

You can use the gift cards for your purchases, donate them or give them as gifts. They are available in many different amounts to meet your needs. ShopRite gift cards can be used just like cash to purchase food, groceries even health and beauty and pharmacy items. They can be used at ANY ShopRite Store.

As John Austin said, "Five percent (5%) is better than putting the money in a savings account". If the entire congregation gets behind buying the gift cards, this fundraiser could be very profitable, for almost no effort.

John Leidy is spearheading this effort and I am sure he will let us know when the gift cards have arrived.

This is easy money. Who doesn't shop at ShopRite?

If you are able to teach Sunday School,
please contact Deb Horvath or Pastor Linda



Printer Cartridges

Because we are a non-profit, we get double the Staple rewards for every printer cartridge we turn in. That is the equivalent of \$2 per cartridge and it adds up fast! This small effort on our part, really helps us **reduce office expenses**. You can put your used cartridges in the box in the Narthex or in Jody Leffler's mailbox across from the office.



UH OH, there they go!

Linda and Marty Kuhl, who have been members of our church family for over 13 years, are retiring to Florida. The Kuhl's have been Invaluable resources and will be missed a great deal! To keep in touch, write to:



Marty and Linda Kuhl
1688 Arbor Drive
Melbourne, FL 32935
or call 908-892-4426

Greeters

August 2 - Jody Leffler & June Kutzman
August 9 - Rost Family
August 16 - Coss Family
August 23 - Betz Family
August 30 - Bill and Edna Young

Counters

July - Linda Kuhl & Deb Horvath
August - Nick White & Cliff Lessig
September - Ed Coss & John Austin

Fellowship

July - Stewardship & Finance
August - Mission Committee
September—Communications Committee

September 20 2015

Worship in the Park

Worship Service is at 10 AM with Picnic to follow.
Please bring a pot luck meal enough for your
family and a few others to share.

MILFORD PARK



Please don't forget our Shut Ins. Reach out
to them with a phone call or a visit.
It means so much. For a list of Shut-
Ins, please contact Penny Erkert or
Ed Coss.



Blood Drive Give a Pint Save a Life

When: Sunday , October 11, 2015

Time: 8 AM—12 PM

Place: **Presbyterian Church of Milford**

PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

www.GIVEaPINT.org

Presbyterian Church of Milford

7th Annual Edmund Nonnemacher Golf Outing



October 5, 2015

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

The Annual, Edmund Nonnemacher Golf Outing will be held on October 5th, starting at 11:00 AM at the Oak Hill Golf Club. Please support this event since it will have a significant impact on our budgeted income for the 2015 calendar year.

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, silent auction, etc.)

I DO NOT play Golf, what can I do?

- "On course helper." (registration, monitoring contest holes.
- Ask friends, neighbors, sons, daughters, if they want to play.
- Ask local businesses to support us by donating a prize or sponsoring a hole. Ask your friends and family too.
- Help serve or cook the event dinner and clean-up afterwards.
- Attend the dinner at Oak Hill with friends and family and enjoy a delicious dinner and silent auction.

How do I sign-up to play or help?

- Contact Pastor Linda on (215) 630-3706 or leave a message at the church (908) 995-2481 and let us know where you can help.
- Registration Forms, Hole Sponsor Forms can be found in the rear of the church or on line at www.milfordpresbyterian.org
- If you would like to bake a desert, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact us..

