

Pastor's News & Church Reports...

The Pastor's Message

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Eden."It was the sin of Adam and Eve that first brought separation and barriers into the world.

It is the reconciling presence of God in Christ that tears down the barriers, the fences, the walls, and all of the defenses that human beings erect. In Christ we are made one body; one family of faith, and in Christ, there is a union of spirit to spirit and soul to soul. Catherine of Siena wrote: "We have our own vineyards, but there are no fences...there is a contiguity of existence." What she means, in part, is that though we have our differences of background, faith, and journey, we are essentially one. It is this unity that will see the Church through any difficult times that come. We may struggle, but we don't do so in isolation. We have each other. We have Christ.

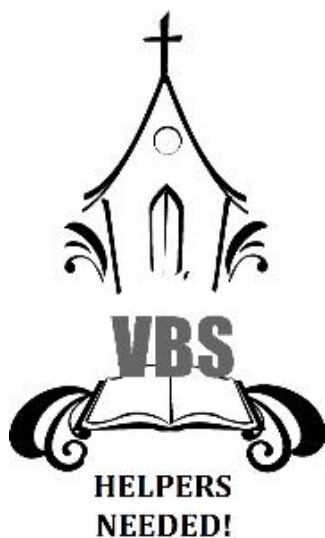
*Grace and Peace,
Glenn Ferguson*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 19-23, 2010

Summer is just around the corner and a mainstay of the summer schedule is Vacation Bible School. This year the dates are July 19-23, 2010. The mornings are filled with fun and learning for your children. Plan to have your family be a part of it.

Put VBS on your calendar and if you can help with teaching, as an aide, with craft, games, or singing, please contact Lori Fontana at (732) 946-3321.



KEYPORT MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY

The Pantry's New Building Project has been moving along in a positive direction this year. The land has been secured via a lease from the Community Church of Keyport. This means that the church has given the Pantry permission to erect an extension to their Fellowship Hall. An application to the County Board of Development for a Grant has been submitted. If the Grant is approved a zoning application will be submitted in July. Then design and permits will follow.

Many of our members have made donations towards the Building Project Fund over the past five years. At one time MUMC's Missions Team was in a position to make a substantial pledge in support of the New Building. More recently that has not been possible due to the financial position we find our Church experiencing.

So now the Board of Trustees of the Pantry will be awaiting the August decision of the County. The Grant approval could mean Ground Breaking this fall.

Thank you to all who have been dropping off food items in the Narthex. Let us hope and pray that you will read in our August or September Meadowlark that the County Grand had been approved.

**God Bless you all for
caring and sharing!**

Don & Helen Duthie

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Celia Cummins is leading Summer Sunday School using a curriculum called [The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss](#) by Rev. James W. Kemp. Celia writes:

Come one, Come all,

We're going to have a ball!

Reading the stories of Dr. Seuss to please us,

And learning the lessons of Our Savior Jesus.

We'll read, talk, laugh, and have fun,

Being with our friends and following The Son!

It will all happen in the Double Classroom in the education wing. Everyone welcome K-6th grade.