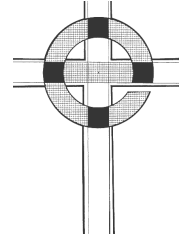


THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH



635th STATED MEETING ***Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church*** ***888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, NJ 07083*** ***Tuesday, June 23, 2009 – 4:30 PM***



REGISTRATION IN CHURCH OFFICE FOYER BEGINS AT 4:15 PM.
Elder Commissioners, Minister & Council Elders must check in to be marked PRESENT before proceeding to Gathering Time. All others are encouraged to sign in.

HIGHLIGHTS

GATHERING TIME 4:30 PM – 5:10 PM (bring a brown bag dinner) **Westminster Hall**
meet with Philip Gehman, Regional Representative, Board of Pensions, PCUSA

WORSHIP which offers a time for prayers of thanksgiving to God
Begins at 6:50 PM – Elder Barbara McLaughlan (Westfield), preaching
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
NECROLOGY REPORT

INSTALLATION Moderator and Vice-Moderator; Stated Clerk and Treasurer

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – Examination of Candidate for Avenel, First
2009 Compensation Report for Ordained Personnel Serving Churches - Minister Transitions

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY – Inquirer Alicia Toke (Carteret)
Election of Readers for Ordination Exams

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR EDISON, LORD OF HOPE – Final Report

WORSHIP & THEOLOGY TEAM (WATT)

Mutual Invitation: The Budget as a Theological Document

BRING-YOUR-OWN BAG DINNER for pre-Presbytery Gathering Time
Coffee, Tea, and Dessert available at 4:30 pm in Westminster Hall

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

Please call the Presbytery office at 908-755-3776 by **noon on Friday, June 19, 2009** indicating the number and ages of children, and anticipated arrival/departure time.

ALSO, please be sure to bring a child "brown bag" meal.

PARKING

Parking available in church parking lot and other side streets (West Chestnut & Wewanna).

Please walk carefully when crossing Stuyvesant Ave.

PLAN TO CARPOOL AND ARRIVE EARLY

Call the Presbytery office 908-755-3776 for map/directions (next page)



HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY



Sanctuary, Registration, accessible by ramp. Facilities are accessible.
Stairs to Westminster Hall and Registration Area (by church office foyer).

[Map/Directions](#) (on reverse) or visit [church website](#)

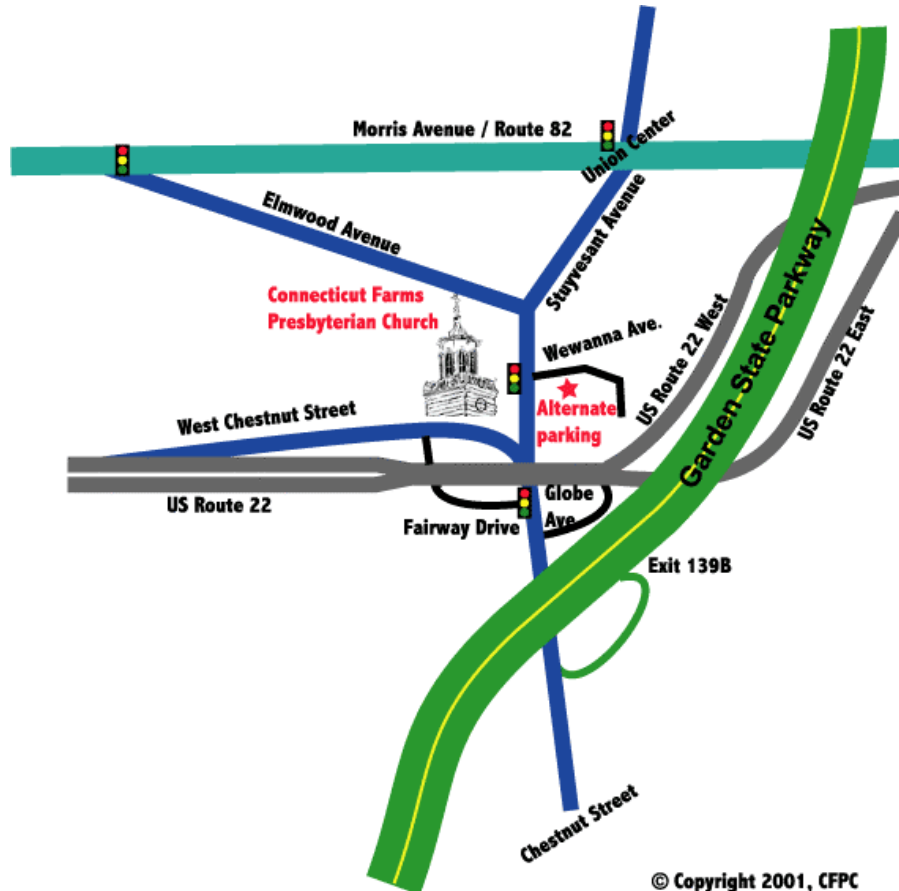
Please walk carefully when crossing all streets.

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NOTES: During presbytery meetings, please **use inclusive language**. During presbytery meetings, **please address the Moderator**, not each other. When you rise to speak, please **identify yourself by name and church** or membership status in presbytery. You may speak to a motion on the floor, or raise a question; or you may make a motion and, if seconded, speak to it. It is, however, contrary to good order to speak first and *then* make a motion. Vouchers for costs incurred by members-at-large for attendance at presbytery meetings are at registration.

Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church

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GARDEN STATE PARKWAY:

North - Take exit 139B. At the end of ramp, turn right on to Chestnut Street and go under two bridges. Immediately after the second bridge, turn left onto West Chestnut Street. The church is on the corner, on your right. The parking lot is the first driveway on your right, behind the church.*

South - Take exit 138 (Kenilworth). At the end of the ramp, turn right and immediately go into the left lane to get onto Parkway Northbound. Follow northbound directions.

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE:

Take exit 14. Follow signs for Route 22 West. Once on Route 22, pass the Parkway and Route 82 exits. Immediately after the footbridge, turn right onto Fairway Drive North. At the stop sign, turn right onto West Chestnut Street. The church will be on your left. Turn left into the parking lot, behind the Church.*

ROUTE 22:

East - Route 22 is 3 lanes through Union until The Flagship (PC Richards) on your left. Once the road narrows into two lanes, you will pass a park on your right. Take the second right (the first is immediately before the footbridge over Route 22). After making the turn, you will be on Globe Avenue. At the end of Globe Avenue turn right onto Chestnut Street. Immediately after passing under the bridge, turn left onto West Chestnut Street. The church is on the corner on your right. The parking lot is the first driveway on your right, behind the church.*

West - Follow New Jersey Turnpike directions

* Please note that there is an alternate parking lot available, directly across from the front of the church, accessible from Stuyvesant Avenue, located on Wewanna Ave (behind Veterans Memorial Park).

The Presbytery of Elizabeth
 Presbyterian Church (USA)
635th Stated Meeting
Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church
Union, NJ
June 23 MMIX

Docket.

- 4:30 Brown Bag & Gathering Time -meet with Philip Gehman, Regional Representative, BOPPCUSA
- 5:15 **Call to Order** **Barbara McLaughlan (Westfield), Moderator of Presbytery**
 Roberta Arrowsmith (Connecticut Farms)
1. Host Pastor
 2. First Time Commissioners
 3. Corresponding and Temporary Members
 4. Moderator's Report
- 5:25 Stated Clerk Paul F. Rack (Bethlehem)
- Consent Agenda
1. Docket
 2. Minutes of the 634th Stated Meeting
 3. Excuses
 4. Council Minutes, June 2009
 5. Treasurer's Report
 6. Trustees Report - Commercial loan or line of credit for the Avenel church
 7. Synod Review of Presbytery Minutes for 2008
 8. 2009 Compensation Report for Ordained & Non-Ordained Personnel Serving Churches
- 5:30 Committee on Ministry Robert Martin (Crescent Avenue), chair
 New Pastor @ Avenel, Jason P. Tucker
- 6:00 Committee on Preparation for Ministry Victoria Ney (Springfield), chair pro-tem
 Enrolling of Inquirer Alicia Toke (Carteret)
- 6:10 Lord of Hope Administrative Commission Alan Ford (Bethlehem), chair
 Final Report
- 6:20 Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee
 Initial Report
- 6:25 Nominating Committee Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster), chair
1. Election of Nominees to Serve in the Presbytery
 2. Recognition of Those Concluding Service in Presbytery
- 6:35 Words from the Board of Pensions Philip Gehman, Regional Representative, BOPPCUSA
- 6:40 Announcement Cluster
1. World Mission Challenge
 2. Clergy Spouse Retreat
 3. Peacemaking offering
- 6:50 **The Presbytery at Worship**
 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 Necrology
 Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator
 Installation of Stated Clerk and Treasurer
 Moderator Barbara McLaughlan, preaches.
- 7:50 Financial Development Committee Committee Peter Hofstra (Perth Amboy), chair
- 8:00 Worship and Theology Team Susan Joseph Rack (Christ), convener
 Mutual Invitation: The Budget as a Theological Document
- 9:00 **Adjourn** **Rev. Howard Byrant , The Moderator of Presbytery**

The next Stated Meeting of presbytery will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2009,
 at the Dunellen Church, at 5:30 pm

*If you have any questions about this report, please call the Chairperson,
Elder Gerard Nelson, prior to the meeting.
Telephone 908.542.9494; e-mail: GerardNelson10@aol.com*

The Trustees of Elizabeth Presbytery

Trustees Motion regarding the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel to obtain a line of credit or commercial loan for the purpose of renovating the church-owned Manse to make it suitable for use by a newly called Pastor.

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel (“First-Avenel”), for the past several years, has been using its church-owned Manse for staff offices, and

WHEREAS, First Avenel, also for the past several years, has been providing its interim pastors with a cash housing allowance, and

WHEREAS, the church-owned Manse is free of mortgage or other indebtedness, and

WHEREAS, First Avenel has adequate space in other church property for staff offices, and

WHEREAS, First Avenel anticipates shortly calling a new Pastor who desires to live in the church-owned Manse, and

WHEREAS, having been used for several years to house staff offices, the Manse is in need of certain repairs and renovations to restore its suitability for use as pastoral housing, and

WHEREAS, the Session at First Avenel has estimated that the needed repairs and renovations, including the purchase of new appliances, could be accomplished for an expense of between \$50,000.00 and \$60,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Session at First Avenel has concluded that borrowing funds from commercial sources is a more prudent source of the funds needed to accomplish the needed repairs and renovations than would be using existing invested church funds, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Presbytery have reviewed the plans and recent financial statements of First Avenel and concluded (i) that the plan to borrow funds to accomplish the needed repairs and renovations in the church-owned Manse is reasonable, (ii) that funds are available to cover the anticipated debt service, and (iii) that the plan does not involve undue risk to the financial condition of First Avenel,

THEREFORE, the Trustees of the Presbytery move that the Presbytery, at its Stated Meeting on 23 June 2009, concur in the plan of the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel to obtain a commercial loan or line of credit in an amount of up to \$60,000.00 (sixty thousand dollars) at commercially reasonable terms and conditions, including finance charges, provided that, prior to executing a loan agreement, the transaction is approved by the Session and at duly called meetings by the Congregation, and Corporation.