



# The Slackwood Grapevine

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October 2015

## **A Message of Thanks from the Irmer Family**

As the seasons change and the leaves begin to fall around Lawrenceville, so new and exciting change has come to both Slackwood Presbyterian Church and the Irmer family. I am so thrilled to be able to be your new pastor and to embrace this next chapter of our lives together. I feel like my gifts and passions are a perfect fit for what your congregation was looking for, and I hope you feel the same.

Though it has only been a month since you officially extended me a call, it feels like so much has already happened. Amelia, Alison and I were excited to move into the Manse and were overwhelmed at the amount of hard work that went into refinishing the hardwood floors, repainting every room, and making the backyard suitable for a family with a 7 year old and a large black lab named Dobbie. It could not be a better home for our family, and we are grateful to everyone who helped out.

Whether after church, at Sunday School, or at events like the Men's Breakfast, World Communion Sunday, or the annual Church Picnic, it has been wonderful to meet you and get to know more about you. What a loving and welcoming congregation you are! And what a fun and diverse bunch as well!

We look forward to building relationships and sharing our lives together over the coming months and years. God has blessed us richly by having us move back to New Jersey and becoming your next pastor. Thank you for making us feel at home and welcoming us with open arms...

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Slackwood PW will meet on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 12 noon. Bring your lunch and dessert will be furnished. Read Lesson 2 coming from Matthew 3: 13-17 (Baptism).

The Fall Gathering of New Brunswick and Monmouth Presbyterian Women will be held on Saturday, October 17 9:00 a.m. at the United Presbyterian Church of Yardville.

Join New Brunswick PW for a Day at the United Nations 7:30 am- 6:00 pm on Friday, November 13, 2015 – "Mission in Action at the United Nations." Total cost for the day is \$60, which includes transportation (thanks to the Urban Mission Cabinet), three workshops, a tour of the UN and lunch. Limited to 14 people. If interested call Janice Rockmore for reservations at 609-882-6137.

## SESSION ACTIONS – SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING

Session voted:

- to make a \$200 donation to Every Child Valued, the after school program at Eggerts Crossing Village
- to participate in the Communities of Light program of Womanspace by placing luminaries in front of the church on December 7
- to extend the contract with Kiran Young Wimberly for part time pastoral services through the end of the calendar year
- to set November 15 as Stewardship Sunday

Session learned that a tree had been removed at the manse and a fence installed, and that a new tent has been purchased with funds from PW for use at rummage sales and other church events.

## ST. ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Mark your calendars now for the annual St. Andrew's Day Service of Worship on Sunday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. George Toole will preach. Plan to attend this special service that has become a much loved tradition at Slackwood.

## FALL CLEAN-UP DAY – OCTOBER 24

A clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday October 24, beginning at 9:30 am. By then most of the leaves will have fallen to give us plenty of work to do! In addition to the leaves we can clear the brush along the driveway, edge the front sidewalk, and clean up the meditation garden and other garden areas around the church. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to join in for an hour or two for some work, fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there.



## PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee will meet following worship on Sunday October 11, 2015 to discuss upcoming plans.

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE IS HERE! October 16-17

Just a reminder about the rummage sale. The dates for the 2015 Fall Rummage Sale are **Friday October 16, and Saturday October 17**

(set up on Oct. 14 and 15). It's time to clean out your closets, attic or basement and gather those items, clothes, etc. that you no longer use and

bring them to the church! Getting rid of old, unused items serves two purposes: It makes you feel good to have less "things" in your



house, and provides a new home to those who will need the items. The proceeds of the sale support the mission outreach of the church. Volunteers are needed in a variety of ways. Please determine how you can assist in making this a successful effort:

- Take a flyer advertising the sale to give out or post
- Save your Halo Farms bags to be used for the sale
- **THE SHED IS FULL!** Items can be received at the church as follows:
  - smaller items – any time prior to the sale or
  - the afternoon of Wednesday, October 14 until 6 pm and
  - up to 2:00 pm on Thursday October 15.

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THE HELPERS AND DO NOT BRING DONATED ITEMS TO THE CHURCH AFTER OCTOBER 15, 2:00 PM.**

- for larger items please call Bill (609-651-1321) to arrange for a pick up. Pick-ups will be scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday the week of the sale
- Help empty the shed – **Wednesday October 14 1:00 pm** the men will begin setting up the tables and moving items into fellowship hall. Whenever you can make it after 1:00 PM would be helpful. We will begin to sort “White Elephant” items, etc. **until around 6 PM – HELP IS NEEDED**
- Help set up for the sale -- **Thursday October 15 beginning at 9:00 am**
- Assist in the sale:
  - **Friday October 16, 9:00 – 5:00 pm**
  - **Saturday October 17, 8:30 – 1:00 pm**
- Help in the cleanup – **Saturday October 17 beginning at 1:00 pm**



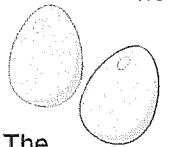
## Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and

placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let

them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty

minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. “Daughter, what do you see?” “Potatoes, eggs, and coffee,” she hastily replied. “Look closer,” he said, “and touch the potatoes.” She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face. “Father, what does this mean?” she asked. He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity – the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new. “Which are you,” he asked his daughter. “When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?”



**Moral:** In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is how you choose to react to it and what you make out of it. Life is all about leaning, adopting and converting all the struggles that we experience into something positive.

Author Unknown

Thanks!

Terrie and Bill Mansmann, Co-Chairs

Each month our school chooses an organization that has a need, and we reach out to our families to help us fill it! This month we are collecting new board games and arts and crafts to donate to HomeFront's "Kids 4 Kids". These items will go to children in group homes and shelters. If you wish to participate, please put donated items in any of the classrooms labeled "Kids 4 Kids". We will be delivering them on Monday, November 2.

We would like to invite your congregation to join us on October 30 from 6-7 pm for a Trunk or Treat event. We need volunteers to decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy to the kids as they go around and see all of the fun displays. This is a family event so please nothing too scary. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring the family and come for a night of treats and fun!

Please RSVP to Shana if you wish to display your vehicle. (609)647-4214

Shana Schiavo  
Explorations Community Preschool

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## October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 PM AA Meeting 8:00 PM DA Meeting	2	3 8:30 AM AA Meeting
4 World Communion Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship and Communion	5 7:30 PM AA Meeting	6	7 6:30 PM Christian Education Committee	8 6:30 PM AA Meeting 8:00 PM DA Meeting	9 8:00 PM Daughters of Scotia	10 8:30 AM AA Meeting
11 9:30 AM Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Property Committee Mtg. 2:00 PM Grace Taiwanese Service	12 Columbus Day 7:30 PM AA Meeting	13	14 Set up for Rummage Sale	15 Set up for Rummage Sale 6:30 PM AA Meeting 8:00 PM DA Meeting	16 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM - Rummage Sale	17 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Rummage Sale 9:00 AM Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering
18 9:30 AM Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Joint meeting - Deacons and Elders 2:00 PM Grace Taiwanese Service	19 7:30 PM AA Meeting	20 7:00 PM Membership and Outreach Committee	21 6:00 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Session Mtg.	22 12:00 Presbyterian Women meeting 6:30 PM AA Meeting 8:00 PM DA Meeting	23 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast Club	24 8:30 AM AA Meeting 9:30 AM Fall Clean-up Day
25 9:30 AM Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM Grace Taiwanese Service	26 7:30 PM AA Meeting	27	28	29 6:30 PM AA Meeting 8:00 PM DA Meeting	30	31 8:30 AM AA Meeting

Upcoming Events: November 15 – Stewardship Sunday

{To submit articles, calendar events, or address changes, please e-mail [BaumannP@aol.com](mailto:BaumannP@aol.com)}

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for they shall not be bent out of shape.*

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