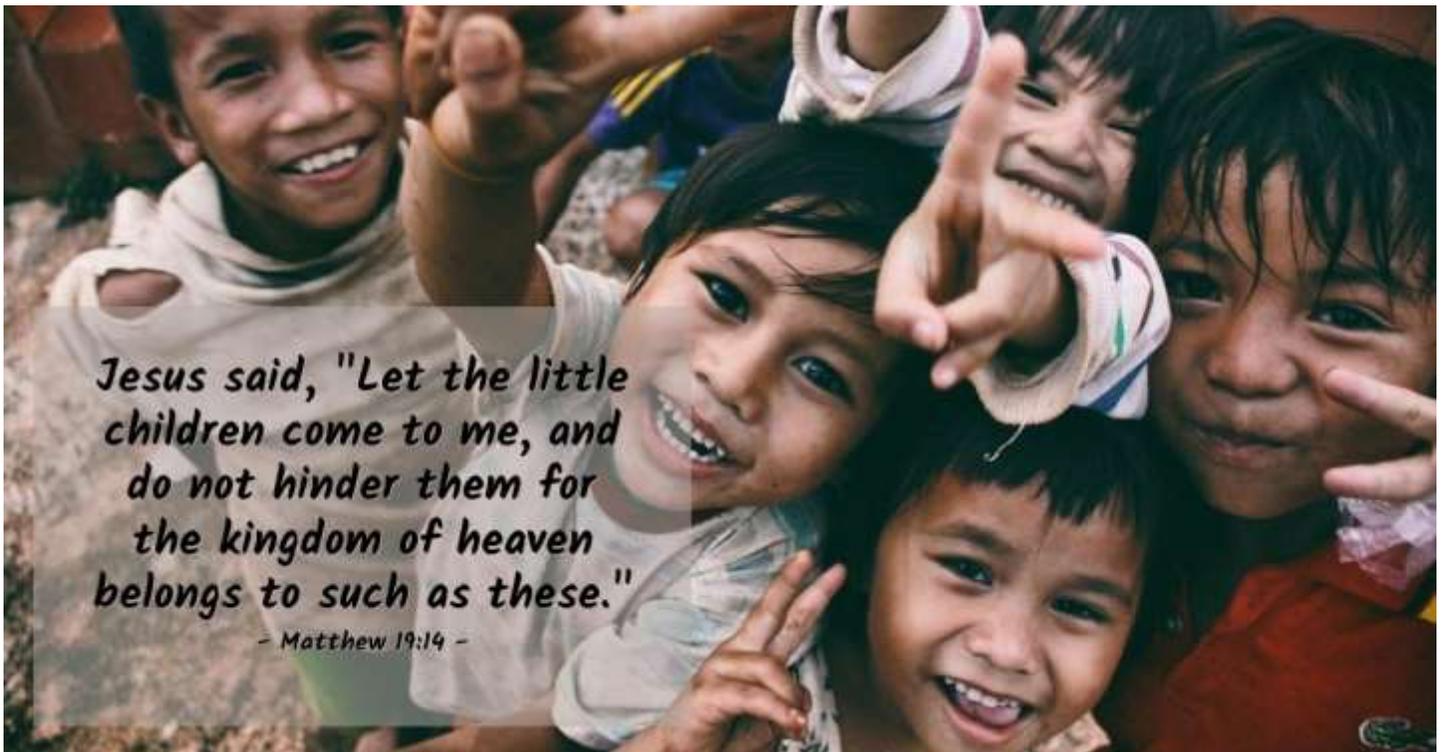




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Take Your Kids to Church

Essays like this one, by **Megan Breeland Woodham**, are pretty much the main reason I am still on Facebook. Please read—she is so much more eloquent than I am! (I could not find a copyright. No infringement intended.)

Make the effort. Wake them up early. Fool with the belts and the buckles and the fancy hair bows. Endure the sleepy, grumpy faces and the misplaced shoes. Run around like a mad woman gathering everybody's everything and trying to get out the door on time. Hop to the car with a shoe in one hand and your make-up bag in the other. Give those babies a pop-tart and some milk and let 'em eat it in the car. If it's raining, get wet. If it's cold, get a jacket. If you're tired, go tired. But take those babies to church. You know why?

Because Jesus is there.

He's there. And He'll meet them there. And you too, Mama.

He'll be there in the sweet smile of their Sunday School teacher as she greets them into their room. He'll be there in the goldfish and the apple juice and the filling of their little bellies and hearts. He'll be there in the hug from a sweet friend and the encouraging smile that assures you that they "just barely made it" too. He'll be there in the sacred words read from the Bible speaking truth to their little impressionable hearts. He'll be there in the worship and the raised hands and the watery eyes and whispers of praise.

So take them. Carry all of their Bibles and drawings and toilet paper tube creations. Sit by them in worship. Open your Bible and open theirs. Show them how to find the scripture the pastor is preaching from. Show them how to worship. Explain to them why He's worthy of worship. Let them see you laugh and cry and praise and study. Forgive their wiggles and paper rustles and know that they're listening even when it seems like they aren't. Ask them questions and answer the ones they ask you. Introduce them to Jesus. Tell them of His greatness - his power - his faithfulness. Tell them with your words and show them with your life. Tell them what he's done for you and how you've been changed by His grace and forgiveness and goodness and love. Tell them how they can be too. Point them to Jesus. Over and over and over again.

Take your kids to church. They'll love it there. It's the only place where they can go and just be themselves. They don't have to "be" good enough or smart enough or athletic enough. They don't have to perform for approval or achievement. They just get to go and hear how much God loves

them. Just because they're them. Just because He created them, they're valued. Wanted. Their worth isn't based on the grades they make or their ability to throw a curveball. It's not dependent on their performance or skill level. And they need a little more of that, don't you think? A little more grace and a little less pressure. A little more love and a few less demands.

Take them to church. Before you take them to the ballfield or the dance studio or the gym. Before you take them on vacation or to grandma's or to the backyard to play. Take them to church. Let them know it's a priority. Show them it has eternal value. Let them see you set aside schedules and extra curricular activities and work and busy-ness to be present with the Lord in His house. I promise you won't regret it. I promise you it won't return back void.

Take them to church.

I promise it's worth it.

“But Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’”

Matthew 19:14.



In last month, *Carriage Stone*, Pastor Lori said that NHPC was developing a reputation for “mission and community concern.” That reputation was evident this past month in the mailing from “Keep Rockland Beautiful” whose newsletter included photographs from our cleanup on the streets near our church home. In fact, their lead photo includes our church building and members. See the whole newsletter at:



http://keeprocklandbeautiful.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019_GAC_Highlights-Report_Web.pdf



Pentecost Offering Helped Martin Luther King Center

From Karen Martin, Chair of Mission Committee

Beginning the second week in June, our congregation listened to a "Minute for Mission", encouraging us to reach into our pockets to help children, youth in our communities.

Below is a picture of Karen, head of Mission at NHPC, presenting Nathan Mungin III, the director of MLK MPC and the Youth Counselors with your check for \$2000. Nathan mentioned "faith and believing," that moves people's hearts. We have no children attending the camp. We do not benefit or profit, only that we can help them.

The counselors are in various levels of college and have been mentored for years by staff at the center.

This gift will pay for an outing for the entire camp. One way they expressed their gratitude was thumbs up for this picture!



Tag Sale Success

Barbara Zacheis,
Chair of Fundraising Committee

We had a very successful SPRING TAG SALE on June 1! Many thanks to the 16 people who came to help organize and set prices on the Friday prep day, and the 25 people who helped set up, sell and clean up on Saturday, 14 of which worked both days. It was also important to have many donated items to sell, so a shout-out of thanks to all who donated and got their friends to donate. The weather cooperated nicely, and the net result was a healthy \$2,223.50 to our Fundraising budget line! Now you can all start planning your donations for the Fall Tag sale! THANK YOU ALL!





Our Talented Congregation

Jane Craig Sebok
Talented Congregant

For the month of August, we have one listing.

Remember to let me know when you have performances coming up, either at janesebok20@gmail.com, or during coffee hour.

Here is the listing for August:

August 15, 7:30 PM—Jane Craig Sebok

Rockland County Concert Band.
Pearl River Library
80 Franklin Avenue
Pearl River, NY

Video Streaming

From Barbara Zacheis

Our Livestream on our YouTube channel has been up and running for 3 months now. We have 14 subscribers and have streamed every Worship service since March 31. It would be helpful to have a few people trained to run the livestream, with easy-to-follow directions and picture explanations all set to make it easy. Please speak to Barbara if you would like to help in this effort to reach our services to the ends of the earth! You would get to choose the frequency of your participation, but all plans need backup plans. . .

The livestream needs no monitoring during services, so you will still be able to participate fully in Worship.

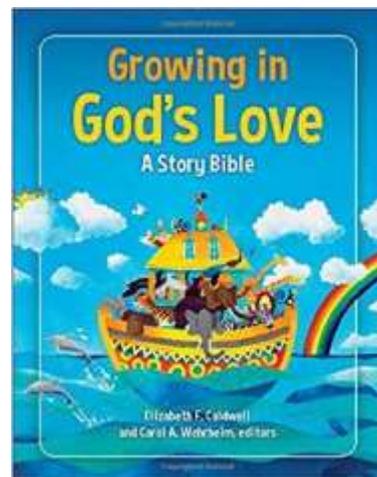
All are advised that the front of the church from the lectern to the piano is visible on our livestream. To avoid being seen on the livestream, the pews on the driveway-side aisle are not visible.

Sunday School Text

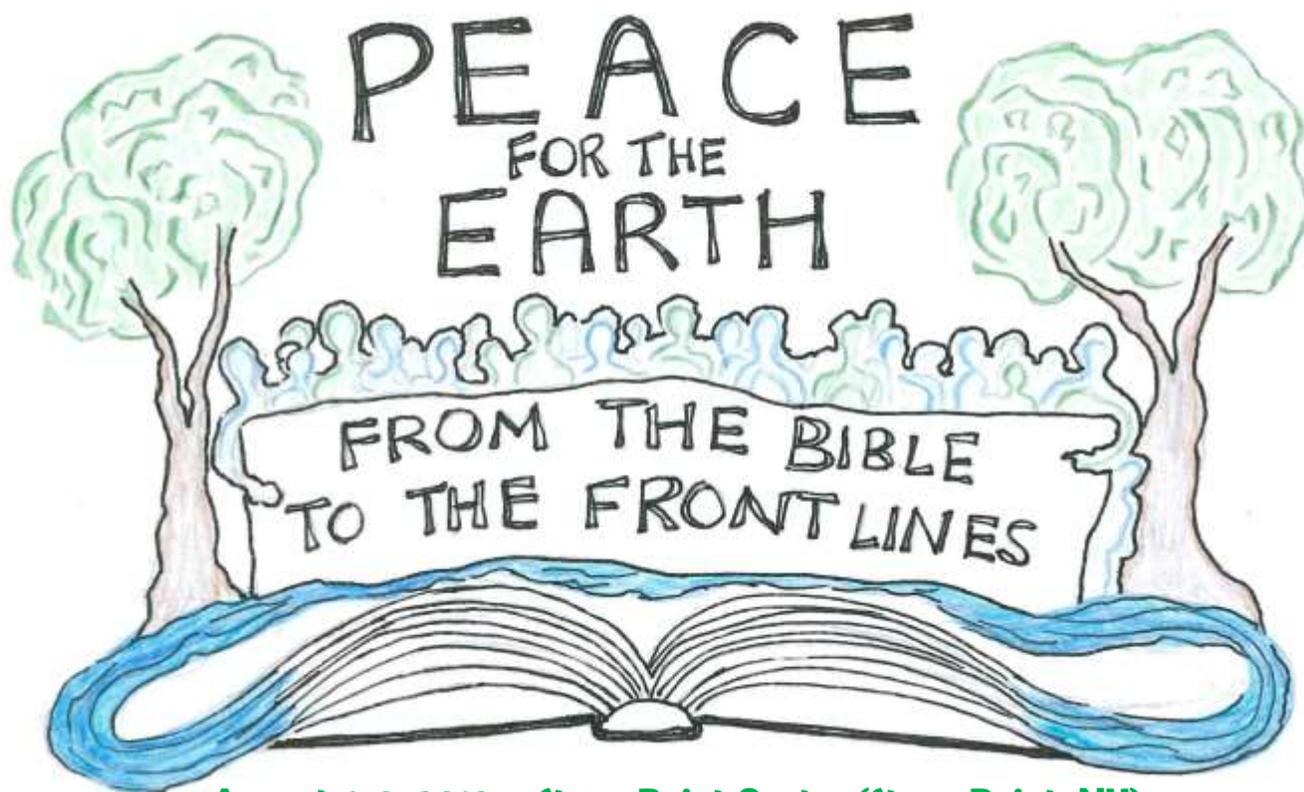
From Pauline Mattis

Pauline Mattis and the Christian Nurture and Spiritual Growth committee have chosen a new book for the children's Sunday school. *Growing in God's Love: A Story-Bible* is a fun book that introduces the children to the classic Bible stories in a way that we have found keeps their attention. Pauline will be distributing a schedule of which stories are covered in which weeks, and parents are welcome to purchase the book to reinforce the learning at home.

June 30	What is God's Name?
July 7	What is God Like?
July 14	How close Is God?
July 21	Where Does God Live?
July 29	Please Remember! Never Forget!
August 4	Thank You, God
August 11	Help Me, God
August 18	I Love You, God
August 25	Right and Wrong



Presbyterians for Earth Care 2019 National Conference



August 6-9, 2019 Stony Point Center (Stony Point, NY)

Keynote Speaker - Rev. Dr. William P. Brown
Columbia Theological Seminary

Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Jill Crainshaw
Wake Forest School of Divinity

Words of Welcome - Rev. Cindy Kohlmann
*Co-Moderator, 223rd General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

Music Leader - Min. Warren B. Cooper
*Worship Leader, Sacred Jazz Performance &
Teaching Artist*

Plenary Speaker - Dr. Susan Clayton, *College of Wooster*, on the Psychology of Climate Change

With Workshops Led By...

Emily Brewer of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship ◇ Earth Care Congregations ◇ GreenFaith ◇
Ryan Smith of Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations ◇ Blessed Tomorrow ◇
Andrew Kang Bartlett and Jessica Maudlin of Presbyterian Hunger Program ◇
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Phoebe Morad of Lutherans Restoring Creation ◇ Bruce & Carolyn Gillette ◇
Presbyterian Office of Native American Congregational Support ◇ Eco-Stewards ◇ And more...

Full Conference Program at presbyearthcare.org/events

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