



North Presbyterian Church of Flushing  
25-33 154th Street  
Flushing, NY 11354



O God, nature's mystery confronts us at all times and everywhere. Reasoning fails, and wonder reigns. Open our lives to childlike wonder, so that we can continue to travel the way of faith.

## **AUGUST 2008 - NEWSLETTER**

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# NEWSLETTER

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Grace to you and peace.

I recently have been reading a reprint of Bonnie Thurston's short 1999 book *To Everything a Season: A Spirituality of Time*, in which she recounts how she first became aware of time, how it became "present," and how it entered her consciousness. She writes:

My own awakening occurred in a split second—a dramatic moment of revelation in the midst of an otherwise ordinary life event. I remember it vividly. I was standing in the bathroom of the house we moved into when I was about five, looking out the window, and the thought suddenly came to me, "I am going to die." Now, I didn't think I was going to die right away, but the *fact* of my death was staring me in the face right there in our pink-tiled 1950's bathroom. As Paul Tillich points out in *The Eternal Now*, knowing time will end is a sharp way to realize that there is time.

We do not know when the writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes first became aware of time but we do know that his or her writing sounds very "timely." The Teacher of Ecclesiastes writes:

For everything there is a season, and a  
time for every matter under heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a

Eve was active as a member of the woman's guild. She served North Church as a Deacon and Elder. She provided leadership by example visiting the sick, the shut in and the elderly. She brought quiet comfort to those in need. She was a volunteer at Flushing hospital and a member of the Board of Advisors to the Queens Counseling Center located in North Church.

She could talk for hours about gardens and plants. She knew each plant by its botanical name a reminder of time spent in her father's flower shop in England. She was a member of the Flushing Garden Club and the Queens Botanic Gardens. Her own garden was a wonderful shade garden which she planted years ago. Even after her health began to fail she maintained her little collection of plants in her "Flushing House" apartment. A little sun and lots of loving care was her message.

What colors should we display in the Sanctuary? "Ask Eve" was the response. Eve always brought her love of tradition to church on Sunday mornings while remaining open to new ideas and new adventures. Who cannot help but remember her Hot Air Balloon adventure at a rather advanced age.

To Eve we say Depart, O Christian soul, out of this present world in the name of the almighty Father who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ his Son who redeemed you, and in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctified you. May your rest be in peace and your dwelling place in Paradise with God.

In lieu of flowers the Pearson family is asking that you make a monetary donation to North Church in her memory. Please make checks payable to North Presbyterian Church ear marked "Eve Pearson Memorial Fund". Thank you.

### Hymn Sing

On Sunday, August 31st we will hold an old fashioned Hymn Sing at 7:30 PM in our Air Conditioned Sanctuary. This will be your opportunity to select the Hymns. Bring a friend or neighbor. We have a variety of Hymnals. Mary Lou will be at the piano.

### Fun with Hymns

The Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns  
The Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall be Showers of Blessing  
The Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation  
The Taylor's Hymn..... Holy, Holy, Holy  
The Golfer's Hymn.....There is A Green Hill Far Away  
The Politician's Hymn..... Standing on the Promises  
The Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See  
The IRS Agent's Hymn..... I Surrender All  
The Gossip's Hymn..... Pass It On  
The Electrician's Hymn..... Send the Light  
The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet By and By  
The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop  
The Message Therapist's Hymn.....He Touched Me  
The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician

### Health Corner...

We are in the Blueberries season. These little power houses boast ellagic acid, a known cancer fighter and tannins that thwart urinary tract infections, as well as four grams of fiber per cup – all for only 85 calories. Blueberries also are rich in anthocyanins, natural pigments that provide the fruits deep hue, while enhancing its exceptional antioxidant prowess. Blueberries hold particular promise for preserving brain health.

### Remembering Eve

When I was coaching baseball I had a coach who would rush up the dugout steps whenever one of our players hit a long homerun. He would shout "Thanks for the Memories." I don't think Eve ever watched a baseball game (perhaps a cricket match or two) but she hit lots of homeruns of the spirit. She came to us from "across the pond" where she married an American officer Walter Pearson. The ceremony was in North Church. They had a son Arthur.

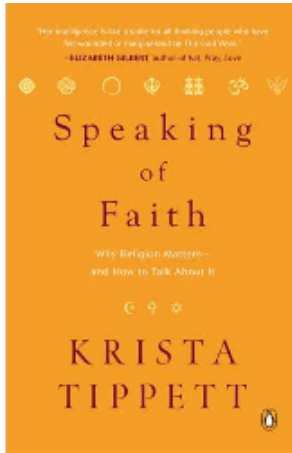
Consider the seasons of the North Presbyterian church of Flushing. While we have not (yet) experienced any new born infants in our midst, nevertheless we have still experienced some "births" among our membership as we are seeing a few new and younger faces. We have also been experiencing a few changes in the order of worship, which, in a sense, might be viewed as the birth of a new order of worship. Who knows, other than God, what other "births" and new beginnings might be in our future.

Unfortunately we have also experienced the first death of a member in several years. Eve Pearson entered the Church Triumphant July 14, 2008. She had been a member of North Church for over fifty years, having attended for several years before officially joining. While all of us who knew Eve will remember her fondly, anyone who becomes part of our church family from here on out will not personally have known her, or the impact she had upon this church and the influence this church exercised in her life. All they will know of her are the memories we share and the stories we tell.

Thus are the ebbs and flows of the tides of time. As seasons come and go and we experience more births and deaths, may we welcome the new things God is doing in our midst, both within the world and in the church. May we also respect the old things that God keeps and uses.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION



### *Speaking of Faith*

*Why Religion Matters—and how to talk about it*

By Krista Tippett

- Chapter Four Speaking of Faith  
7:30-9:00 PM, Monday, **July 28**, NPC of Flushing
- Chapter Five Exposing Virtue  
7:30-9:00 PM, Mon., **August 11**, FPC of Whitestone
- Chapter Six Confessing Mystery  
7:30-9:00 PM, Monday, **August 18**, NPC of Flushing

Participants should purchase or borrow their own copy and read the chapter prior to discussion.

### Change in Pastor's Schedule

Our Designated Pastor, John Harris, will now try to be at the church or in and around the local community Wednesday afternoons and evenings and Thursday afternoons as well as Sunday mornings. If you would like to make an appointment for another day or time, feel free to call him at 347-907-9372 to make arrangements.

## August 2008

### Communion Hosts

Warren Almond  
Ellen Quinn

### Deacon Hosts

Kurista Lampa  
Warren Almond

### Lay Readers

August 3rd - Will Spisak  
August 10th - Warren Almond  
August 17th - T/B/A  
August 24th - Sandy Karlic  
August 31st - T/B/A

### Social Hour Hosts

August 3rd - Warren Almond  
August 10th - Joe Fernandez  
August 17th - T/B/A  
August 24th - T/B/A  
August 31st - Loida & Chris Enriquez

### Happy Birthday

Lynn Romano - August 1st  
Elizabeth Yannatos - August 8th  
Dr. Michael Munson - August 11th  
Lisa Virginia Felson - August 13th  
Gerald Johnson - August 18th

Gerald Johnson has temporarily moved to a new address and he would love to hear from you. Please mail all correspondence to:

Reverend Gerald Johnson  
136 36th Avenue, SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
319-362-6868 - Phone

**Note:** *If you would like to have an anniversary or birthday included in the Newsletter, please speak to Warren Almond.*

### A Tropical Evening of Fun

The *Loving Touch Animal Rescue* Group is planning a summer buffet, deserts, summer punch, soft drinks, fun games and prizes, raffles, and music to set the mood. You are asked to dress tropical style - win a prize. All this is in Air Conditioned Studio North. \$15 per adult, \$8 per child 5 years & over.

### The Colonial Players

North Church and The Colonial Players are conducting auditions in Studio North for a Variety Show. Please contact Sharon Wolf at (718) 464-1907 or call the church office at (718) 445-0259 and leave your name and phone number. Sharon will get back to you. Please speak slowly and clearly.

### Movie Nite

Andre Rieu's sold out performance at Radio City Music Hall will come alive on the Studio North silver screen on Friday, August 15th at 7:30 PM. He returns with an all new blockbuster show from New York's iconic landmark theater for his first-ever U.S. taped special. Don't miss this great show! A three dollar donation is requested for film and lite refreshments.

### Book Discussion Group Continues:

The group will discuss Krista Tippett's "Speaking of Faith", Chapter 5 on August 11th at 7:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Whitestone and Chapter 6 on August 18th at North Presbyterian Church at 7:30 Pm. Please read the chapter in advance of the session. Krista can be heard on 93.9 FM on Public Radio on Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM.

### Camping

The Thai congregation will be on a camping retreat from August 30th to September 1st, 2008 at the Riebenzell Retreat Center in New Jersey. There will not be a Thai Church service on Sunday, August 31st.

### Boudinot Book Bits

Nearly thirty years old but recently updated, *How to Spell Presbyterian* by the late James W. Angell is a Presbyterian classic. To honor Angell, the annual award of the Presbyterian Writers Guild is named in his honor.

Written in a lyrical fashion, *How to Spell Presbyterian* is readable and accessible. Divided into six parts—key ideas, commitment, witness, order discipline and covenant—this 77 page paperback includes a four page glossary and one page of notes.

Like all books purchased with grant money from the Boudinot Library Fund, *How to Spell Presbyterian* may be borrowed from the Church Library on the honor system. Boudinot Books that are available for borrowing are usually on display in Studio North during the fellowship time following worship the first Sunday of the month.

### New Directory Available

A new Directory of members and friends was made available July 13, 2008. Copies are available at the church. If you need to make any corrections, please call the church office at 718-445-0259 (and leave a message if the machine answers). A new corrected and updated Directory will be published after the New Year.

### Meetings at North Church

Planning & Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5th in Studio North at 8:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this meeting. Please bring your suggestions for programs.

Session will meet on Wednesday, August 13th at 7:30 PM. Please contact Elder John Moser if you wish to bring anything to the attention of Session.

Bowne Park Civic Association Board Meeting Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>ALL INDOOR EVENTS AND SERVICES ARE AIR CONDITIONED.</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Thai Music 1-3:30 PM <b>Loving Touch Animal Rescue 'Tropical Theme' Studio North 6:30 - 10:00 PM</b>
<b>3</b> Communion Worship Service 10AM Social Hour 11:00 AM  Korean Service 12:00 PM Thai Service 2:00 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Planning & Outreach Commit- tee Meeting 8:PM <b>All welcome!</b> Thai Church Night of Prayer 8-9:30 PM	<b>6</b> Variety Auditions 8PM by Appt. Stu- dio No.  Korean Bible Study at the Manse 8:00 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Thai Yard Sale 9AM to 5 PM on the South Lawn  Thai Music 1:00-3:30 PM
<b>10</b>  Worship Service 10AM Social Hour 11:00 AM  Korean Service 12:00 PM Thai Service 2:00 PM	<b>11</b> <i>Speaking of Faith</i> Chapter 5 at 1st P. C. of Whitestone 7:30-9:00PM	<b>12</b>  Thai Church Night of Prayer 8-9:30	<b>13</b> Session Meeting 7:30 PM  Korean Bible Study at the Manse 8:00 PM	<b>14</b>  Variety Auditions 8PM by Appointment in Studio North	<b>15</b> Movie Nite <i>Andrew Rieu: Radio City Music Hall</i> 7:30 PM	<b>16</b>  Thai Music 1:00-3:30 PM
<b>17</b> Worship Service 10AM Social Hour 11:00 AM Communications Mtg. 11:30 AM  Korean Service 12:00 PM Thai Service 2:00 PM	<b>18</b> <i>Speaking of Faith</i> Chapter 6 at North Church 7:30-9PM	<b>19</b> B.P.C.A. Board Meeting 7:PM  Thai Church Night of Prayer 8-9:30 PM	<b>20</b>  Korean Bible Study at the Manse 8:00 PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Eve Pearson Memorial Service 1:30 PM
<b>24</b> Worship Service 10AM - Social Hour 11:00 AM  Hymn Sing 7:30PM  <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Korean Bible Study at the Manse 8:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>