

## Summer!

By Janice Straubel

My husband has two wives: one that lives with him from September to June and the other that happily takes over in July and August. The school year wife leaves early and works long days. She is often in bed before 9 pm. Her days are named: A, B, C, D, E and F days. She comes home with stories of both awesome and awful children – so many, many stories! The summer wife, on the other hand, is relaxed, agreeable, happy to socialize and often outside. Groceries are stocked, meals are made, and the dog gets walked. Life is very, very good in the summer!

Summer brings not only days off, but blue skies, green plants and bright sunshine. Flowers bloom, fruit gets picked and vegetables are fresh. Summer can be a time of reaping what was planted in the spring. You have to sow seed in order to reap the harvest.

The Bible talks a lot about sowing, waiting, and reaping. So much of our daily lives are sowing. Each thought and each action can be a seed. James 5:7, 8 talks about a farmer patiently waiting for the precious fruit of the earth. Both sets of my grandparents were Pennsylvanian farmers who knew well this process of sowing, waiting, and then reaping. They grew a lot of corn: some for the animals and some for people. The seed determined the type of corn that grew. Spring was a busy time of turning up the fields, planting the seeds and hoping for regular rain. This yearly cycle is predictable and satisfying. The more you plant, the more you reap.

Life is filled with the challenge to sow good seeds. Galatians 6:7 says, *“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.”* We shouldn't

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## Kids 5 Day Club



## “Summer!” continued...

be surprised if we are harvesting a bad crop, if we sowed bad seed. Sometimes, that crop of bad consequences has to be endured as we begin to sow good seed. In our homes, we can plant good seed every day by talking kindly to our spouses and children and asking God for wisdom in planting healthy communication. My husband and I started the practice of walking every day after work 35 five years ago, and that daily time has reaped a close relationship.

Our workplaces are fields waiting for seed. Sowing diligence, hard work and assertiveness can result in better jobs and more responsibility. Showing up late, calling in sick, and being lazy can result in job loss. Actions lead to consequences. Our money is specifically talked about in Scripture. 2 Corinthians 9:6 says, “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” My adult children are a rebuke to me in this area. None of them have much earthly riches, but they are all quick to share with someone in need. Money can be a tremendous blessing when used as the Lord directs. Giving first to the Lord to show our thankfulness and then living below our income can reap huge rewards.

Our Windsor Chapel church family is a perfect place to sow good seed. Attend faithfully, find a way to serve, encourage one another, and wait for a wonderful harvest of sweet fellowship to grow. “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24,25) This attitude must start with our own private time with God every day.

For as long as I can remember, I have read the Proverbs for the day based on the date. Proverbs has 31 chapters for 31 days of the month. I want to have wisdom and filling my

mind with God’s wisdom through his Word is sowing the right seed. I have also kept a notebook with daily prayers and praises. It is SO encouraging to my seeds of faith to look back and see how my Lord has answered my prayers. Daily time with God is sowing seeds for a close walk with Him.

I love summer and I love when I am the “summer wife”! But the school year wife is the one planting most of the seed ten months of the year. I praise the Lord for the seasons of our lives and the daily challenge to keep faithfully sowing good seed while waiting a healthy harvest.

*Ken and Cindy Bills have been blessed  
With their fourth grandchild  
Marigold Louise Bills*



*Marigold was born July 12, 2018,  
on her father's birthday.  
She weighed 10 pounds 1 ounce  
and was 22 inches long  
Her parents are Dan and Jayne Bills*

*People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16 NIV*

## Elder's Corner

By Tom Taylor

Summer time is a great time for some classic American R & R, rest and relaxation. As citizens of the kingdom of God does this apply to us? Do we need rest and relaxation? What do the scriptures teach us and how do we find it?

In this article I would like to focus on rest. What is it and how / where do we find it? Augustine, one of the great fathers of our faith, said this about rest: *"thou hast formed us for thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in thee."* This rest is not simply slowing down or going on vacation (both are great to do), but rather a looking, turning and focusing on our creator. We were made to depend on Him as surely as we depend on the sun to rise each morning.

What a brilliant example we have in God's people coming through the wilderness and God giving them Manna for each day (Exodus 1:60). Remember they had to collect it and use it each day (except on the Sabbath). If they tried to store it up for the next day, it would become rotten and worm infested. In the same way our rest is to come from God on a daily basis. Jesus tells us in Mathew 11:28-30, *"Come to me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* We are not meant to earn or work for our rest, but to rather receive it as the verse goes on to say, *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Wow, what a wonderful creator we have! First, He gives us rest, then as a gentle, humble master He calls us to be yoked together with Him, learning His ways. Not out on our own with a slap on the back and you can do it, but yoked with Christ, walking/abiding day by day

knowing Him better and better, able to hear Him, discern His will and not lean on our own understanding or strength. Yes, we are able to rest in Him who has made us and all that He has made us for.

As elders God has called us to care for you, to equip you and to teach you who He is and who you are. Please know our hearts are for you to grow in His grace. If you are weary and struggling to rest come, and let us know. We are here to help.

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## Backpack Collection

It's Back to School sale time and time to fill back packs! This year 35 backpacks (no solid red, blue, gold or orange backpacks, please) filled with needed school supplies will be distributed by the Harris Ministry to underprivileged children in the Trenton area. Please place them in the coat room by Sunday, August 19. Catch the sales now and help bring a smile to a child's face!! Contact Scott Bruno (609-213-9545) with questions. Suggested items include:



Pencils and Pens	Ruler
Book Covers	Pocket Folders
Dictionary	Pencil Case
Glue Sticks	Glue
Notebooks	White Out
Composition Books	Loose Leaf Paper
Stapler	Index Cards
Scissors	Crayons
Pencil Sharpener	Colored Pencils
Locker Accessories	Markers
Highlighters	Sharpies
Scotch Tape	Erasers
Hand Sanitizer	Binder
Index Cards	Calculator
Subject Dividers	Paper Clips

## Fellowship and Food

Enjoy a friendly time of fellowship and good food after church on this Sunday, August 5. All visitors and members are invited to meet for dinner at noon, at the Hunan House (609-443-9404) on Route 130 South, in East Windsor. Please contact Charlie Muldrow at (609) 448-8910 for additional information.

## Motorcycle Ride

All are welcome to enjoy a motorcycle ride on Sunday, August 12, from noon to 3:00 pm. Meet at the church at noon. We'll ride along the Delaware River and stop for lunch along the way. For additional information, contact Pastor Andy at [andrew.straubel@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.straubel@gmail.com) or (484) 354-8813.

### Financial Update

(Through June 2018)

*"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."*

	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$105,780	\$154,500
<b>Expense</b>	\$163,721	\$186,726

Windsor Chapel has sent \$25,060 to our missionary partners this year. That's 24% of your giving!

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic



## Further Up and Further In

*Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in  
and among us*



By Cindy Bills

### Waiting for Jesus

As many of you know, Ken and I were recently blessed with our fourth grandchild. Many of you also know via the prayer chain that it was a dramatic event: by the grace of God, a Caesarean section was conducted just in time to avoid a situation that would have threatened the lives of both mother and baby. We are beyond grateful for the Lord's sovereign mercy and grace that were so evident on the evening of July 12.

The stress regarding this grandchild, though, started a few weeks before her birth. Marigold's parents had decided to try a home birth with a midwife, and they had asked us to take child care responsibilities for their 18-month-old son as well as cover any support duty needed. We were thrilled at the prospect of participating in such a special event even though it meant running to Massachusetts at a moment's notice.

The original due date was June 22, and so by early June I was as packed and ready as I could be: clothes for us, food for the new parents, new toys for the big brother. I had my cell phone with me and on at all times, and the stop, drop, and roll drill (stop what we're doing; drop everything, roll up to Massachusetts!) was never far from my mind. June 22 came and went. Our other son and his family came to visit, expecting to meet the latest addition to the family; they left a week later—on July 11—disappointed. As the days and weeks passed, the pressure became increasingly intense, and I could not help but compare waiting for the coming of this baby to the coming of Christ.

The Bible is quite clear: Christ will return. Matthew records Christ's admonition in Chapter 25: we are the bride waiting for the groom: we are to be ready and waiting, with lamps lit at all times, even if the

bridegroom delays. It is essential to remain alert and prepared to avoid missing the Event.

And I now understand better than before that it is hard to wait and remain prepared. Waiting and watching take focus and energy, and it is easy to become distracted or grow weary. But I also understand better than before that the waiting and watching comprise a small price to pay in order to be able to attend the party. In our busy lives—even lives filled with prayer and God-focus—it is easy to lose sight of the Bridegroom and the initiation of His kingdom.

The truth is that maintaining a fixed gaze on the horizon of the Lord's coming is essential not only so that we can join the party in heaven but also to inform our day-to-days lives of faith. Maternal care during pregnancy and preparations for birth are conducted to achieve the end goal of a safe delivery of a healthy baby. I packed for Massachusetts and listened for my cell phone because I knew the end was in sight. And even though we do not know when our Lord will return, our efforts to serve the Lord must look toward the end goal: the culmination of the new covenant initiated by Christ and the establishment of His eternal kingdom.

To be sure, our waiting for The Call was different from waiting for Christ's return. My Massachusetts preparations had to take into account my responsibilities at home and a return to "normal" life. When Christ comes, our earthly responsibilities and what we see as normal life will be irrelevant. Still, I cannot ignore this lesson: our lives on this side of the kingdom must include prayerful, watchful waiting. Come, Lord Jesus!



***Please feel free to contact Cindy (609-275-8557 or  
cbills@verizon.net) to continue the dialogue....***

## Pilgrims are Thankful

By Janet Berrill

As many of you know, I recently came back from walking the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage in northern Spain. People have been walking this pilgrimage for over 1000 years. It first began as a religious pilgrimage in the Catholic church. As penance or to receive forgiveness of their sins, people would walk to the Cathedral of St. James located in Santiago de Compostela where they would obtain a certificate which served as proof that they had indeed made it to the cathedral. Then they would walk back home.

Pilgrims would leave from their front door with little more than a walking stick and a gourd to serve as a water bottle. They were dependent on the kindness and generosity of others for shelter, food, and protection. You can imagine how grateful they were to those who provided for them on their journey. As a pilgrim myself, I wanted my attitude to be one of thanks no matter what the situation, so my mantra became, "Pilgrims are thankful."

I reminded myself frequently of this. So when dinner was served much later than I wanted to eat, I would thank God for providing food. When I was assigned a top bunk, I would thank God for a place to sleep. When my foot started hurting, I thanked God for my health and that my injury was not bad enough for me to have to stop walking. When I had to hike up a steep hill, I would thank God for the strength to make it to the top. When we had cloudy, cold, rainy weather, I thanked God that it was not really hot. I also thanked God for the amazing views we had of His creation, for interesting pilgrims I got to meet, for the kindness of the people who ran the establishments where we stayed at night, for how compatible my friend and I were as we hiked together, etc. Additionally, I thanked God on two separate occasions when

someone was unkind to us because I was able to respond to them with genuine grace. I was truly thankful for all that I had.

There are many scriptures which talk about being thankful. I think 1 Thessalonians 5:18 sums it up best: "*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*" In a very real way we are all pilgrims on this earth, heading to our eternal home. We came into this world with nothing and we leave with nothing when we depart; all that we have has been given to us. Whether you are a pilgrim on the Camino or a pilgrim through life, may your mantra be: I am thankful.

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## ISI Garage Giveaway

Help international students and their families experience the warmth and caring of our local community. The ISI Annual Garage Give-Away, which will be held between 8 am and noon on Saturday, September 8, at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah, 407 Nassau Street, in Princeton, assists internationals by providing them with large and small items to help ease their transition to Princeton. Donations of furniture, small appliances and kitchen, bath and bed needs are especially welcome. Drivers with pickups are also needed. The rain date is September 15. Contact John and Aruna Desai at (609) 924-0763 or [idesai45@verizon.net](mailto:idesai45@verizon.net) for additional information.

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