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# The Presbyterian

**WELCOME, DIANE!**

Beloved, I have some good news to share with all of you: we have a new administrative assistant! Her name is Diane Canning. If that name sounds vaguely familiar, it's probably because you know her husband, Bill Canning.

Diane has an extensive background in financial operations. Most recently, she served as Assistant Vice President of Forester's Investor Services. If you're thinking, "Diane sounds like she's really overqualified for a church administrator," you're right! Diane is massively overqualified for this position. Then again, so was Christie!



Diane recently decided that she didn't want to return to the corporate world, and when she learned that the church was looking for a new admin, she thought she

might be a good fit, and it was a lot closer to home.

You know what? We think so, too!

Diane met first with me, and then with the Personnel Commission. We all agreed that Diane is smart and friendly and she'll be a wonderful presence in the church office. Her financial and computer skills will also be a great asset for FPC.

Christie has been training Diane for the last couple weeks and Diane will be working by herself this week. In fact, this is Diane's first newsletter. Please feel free to give her a call or drop by the office to welcome her to the FPC family.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Alan

**FROM THE FPC MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Thank you to our summer musicians  
A big thank you to all who participated in this summer's music ministry at FPC. While the Chancel Choir, the Kirk Ringers, and the Freehold Youth Ensemble took a well-deserved summer break, many volunteers stepped up to provide worshipful music for each of our services. Many thanks to the following whose music talents

provided much joy, peace and happiness during our worship services:

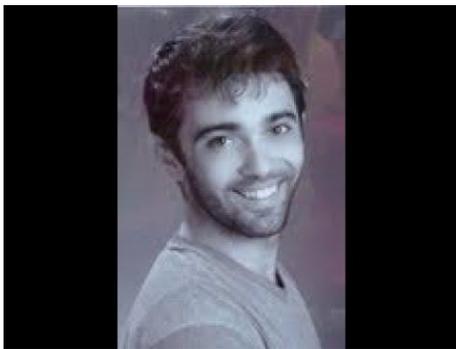
July 10	Larry Moran	Guitar Vocal Original
July 17	Susan Croft	Soloist
July 24	Yvonne Lindner	Soloist
July 31	Debbie Moran	Soloist
Aug 7	Beth Chen	Piano/Organ Duet
Aug 14	Diane Canto Berwin Guttormsen	Duet
Aug 21	Yvonne Lindner	Soloist
Aug 28	Jean Pennett Debbie Moran Yvonne Lindner	Bell Ensemble
Sept 4	Beth Chen	Piano/Organ Duet

### Special Guest Musicians

#### Coming Soon

On Sunday October 2 we will have two very special musicians participating during our worship service. This is a service you won't want to miss, and should invite your family and friends.

Matthew DeMarco, a tenor vocalist,



will sing "Living Hope," by Phil Wickham and "Way Maker," by Leland.

Our chancel choir will back him up. Matthew studied vocal performance at the John J. Cali School of Music. He has been teaching voice for 12

years and often serves as music director for local theaters/schools. Opera credits include La Finta Giardiniera (il Podesta), Albert Herring (Sid), Dialogue of the Carmelites (le Chevalier). Theater credits include RENT (Roger), Camelot (Lancelot), West Side Story (Tony/Riff), and more.

Liam Sutcliffe will provide beautiful sounds on his trumpet. He performs regularly as a



freelance musician in the Philadelphia/New York metro area. In 2019, he was selected to be a part of the Betty Carter Jazz Ahead program at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. In 2020, he won the United States Army Blues solo competition and was a part of the JAS Big Band under the direction on Christian McBride in the summer of 2022.

#### Come Sing with Us

Our fall choir season runs from September 11 till Christmas. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and perform on Sunday mornings during Worship Service. Joining the choir is much more than

just singing anthems and hymns. Choir members build deep friendships with one another and may experience spiritual growth. Choir is a place where members care for each other, share their concerns and joys, pray for the congregation and others, and sing. We sing while we pray, we sing when we cry, and we sing our hearts out when we share joys. Please join us. You may contact any choir member after the church service, or call John Cavicchio at 732-430-0312. No experience necessary.

Our Song, sent from above, we share with the world.

### Ring Those Bells

Kirk Ringers rehearse immediately after the worship hour. We meet upstairs in the choir rehearsal room. We have several positions open and invite you to help us out. The sounds of bells and chimes truly offer a peaceful setting to any worship service. We have 5 octaves of bells (approx. 60 bells) and 4 octaves of chimes (approx. 48 chimes). With each ringer only ringing between 2 and 4 bells, you can see we have plenty of openings. Come join us.

### Freehold Youth Ensemble

Attention youth instrumentalists, winds, brass, percussion, etc. The Freehold Youth Ensemble will be

starting up in October. We are currently looking for this year's student director. The youth ensemble plays once a month and rehearses prior to the service. All music is provided in advance. If you are interested in playing, please contact John Cavicchio 732-430-0312 for more information.

### Solos, duets, ensembles, vocals, instrumentals ...

FPC has many opportunities for people wanting to sing or perform a special number. For vocalists, we have several accomplished musicians who would be willing to accompany you in whatever genre you like to sing. For praise or contemporary music, Tony Sass and Larry Moran can accompany you on guitar and piano. For classical, Beth Chen can accompany you on piano and of course, for traditional sacred, John Cavicchio will accompany you on organ.

### Freehold Community Bells

A newly formed bell community bell choir for beginners rehearses on Wednesdays (starting September 14) in our upstairs choir rehearsal room. Absolutely no experience necessary. This is an outreach community choir which will play at various events throughout the community (once

the members feel they are ready to perform).

For more information about FPC music contact our music director, John Cavicchio at 732-430-0312 or john@johncavicchio.com

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

**Sunday School** resumes on Sunday, September 11 for all children, kindergarten through high school. Please call the church office if you would like to register your child for Sunday school.

**FALL RETREAT**

**Women of faith!** Join us for a one-day women's retreat

*Date:* Saturday, November 12, 2022

*Time:* 9am-5pm

*Fee:* \$45.00 includes coffee and lunch

*Place:* The Crossroads at St Peter's, Freehold

*Mail check to church office, 118 W. Main St, Freehold 07728 or give to Carol Matino or Sue Craig in church. Questions? See Carol or Sue*

**NOTES FROM SESSION**

Session	
Bill Canning	Finance Commission (Co-chair, Rick Baptista)
Tammy Ciok	Personnel Commission, Nominating Commission
Berwin Guttormsen	Clerk of Session
Julie Heinsohn	Personnel Commission
Larry Moran	Property Commission
Linda Schmidt	Christian Education
Chuck Stapp	Property Commission
Sandra Whitehill	Mission/Outreach Commission
	Worship Commission

The Clerk reported that the Communion Count for August was 42 and membership stands at 138. This will be reduced with the departure of the Kelly family and Barry Fitz.

Personnel Commission is still looking for a nursery attendant.

Property Commission noted that work on the boiler replacement is continuing.

Parking spaces have been created behind the CE building for Learning Bridge staff.

The new fire control panel has been installed and plumbing issues have been resolved in the downstairs bathrooms in the CE building.