

A Message from the Andover Presbyterian Church:

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Cranbury Presbyterian Church
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To The Session and Congregation,

There are almost no words adequate enough to describe the effort and love we experienced from your youth and their leaders on their trip to Camp J'Burg and Andover Presbyterian Church. It is a living testimony to faith and mission. Their hard work under exhausting conditions is nothing short of heroic.

In spite of extreme heat, humidity and constant exposure to the sun, the "children" and adults alike continued doggedly with a physically demanding project. The end result is a wonderful framed planter that is no longer an eyesore. We now have a solid structure that should endure for many years to come. Words of advice your team can pass along: Only plant lilies of the valley if you never plan to dig them up! (It was an endless and painstaking task ridding the flower bed of an unwanted root structure).

They also scraped and primed our stair rails and railings all the while enduring the constant glare and heat of the sun. Our sexton, a retired painter, "allowed" the group to pick up paint brushes and actually paint. You have to know Stu to appreciate this fact.

When the outdoor workload was waning, the youth cleaned windows, cleaned shelves in our thrift shop and organized clothing racks in the shop as well—all more welcome tasks in the coolness of a basement setting. Hannah and Marley even helped organize for Saturday's VBS.

Thanks and gratitude is owed to Mike Kasper, Linda Cody, Anne Gordon, John Kirkenir and Tom Senko for their excellent leadership and skills. You are truly blessed to have individuals with such passion, commitment and dedication. We are the fortunate beneficiaries of their time and talent.

Everyone was impressed by the conduct of your young people; they never missed an opportunity to say thank you or be helpful. It was a joy to work alongside them. We are looking forward to sharing pictures of Jenna, AJ, Andrew, Hannah, Marley, Warren, Katie, Steven and Cassi with our congregation. Hopefully this proved to be as wonderful an experience for them as it was for our church.

Thank you for the blessings you bestowed upon us and for sharing your faith and energy. We are truly grateful. God bless you all.

Faithfully,

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For Andover Presbyterian Church