



THE REDWOOD CAFÉ

Coffee House

There are many times when there is just nothing to do on a Saturday night. You may look for something, but, there is always a catch or something holding you back. So, you just end up staying home. Well, look no further! If you want a great opportunity to enjoy music, food and fellowship all in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere, then you really need to consider coming to the *The Redwood Café Coffee House held at the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in Phillipsburg, NJ on Saturday, May 13th from 6:30pm-8:30pm.* This is the third coffee house hosted by the church. The evening features musical performances from church and community members as well as a trivia competition all along with light refreshments and great coffee or tea. The two they held previously have been packed and drew great praise for such a wonderful evening. Not only did it give people a chance to enjoy a night of awesome music, but it also served as a great night for the church. I have been a part of this event since the beginning as I provided sound and lighting for the first two as well as assisting with the musical presentations. I am happy to say that I will be joining in on the fun and performing this time. I will be playing with the jazz ensemble from the Bethel Memorial Baptist Church as we have a few traditional hymns set in a neat jazz style.

The event, which is titled “The Redwood Café” was started in 2015 to provide a great night of gathering and fellowship for the church and local community. But, it also served a great mission called *The Presbyterian Coffee Project*. The mission offers a special link between congregations and communities around the world. Churches can now reach out to neighbors overseas not only with the prayers and offerings, but with the goods and products we purchase. A warm cup of coffee (or tea) in our hands is perhaps the most tangible daily connection we have with farmers around the world. It represents warmth, hospitality, fellowship, hard work and life’s pleasures both fine and simple.

Buying ‘fair trade’ through the Presbyterian Coffee Project ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it. Fair trade far surpasses the temporary assistance provided to farmers through charity. Instead, the ongoing business of long-term, fair trade relationships consistently contributes to the living conditions of farmers, their families and their communities. Cooperatives use profits from fair trade coffee sales to establish community development or improvement programs such as schools, health clinics and training in areas such as leadership development. Fair trade farmers tend to use environmentally friendly growing practices — such as organic farming, composting and shade growing (interspersing coffee trees among other plants) — all of which benefit the farmers, the land and the quality of the coffee.

As you can see, this is a great mission. Fair Trade coffee will be for sale that night as well as an opportunity to purchase. Snacks will be available as well. There is a free will offering which helps to support this mission. If the first two events are any indication, you will definitely have a great time. I would strongly urge you to tell your friends. You won’t be disappointed.

**Saturday, May 13, 2017
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Pilgrim Presbyterian Church
750 Belvidere Rd., Phillipsburg, NJ
Free Will Offering**



**Join us for an evening of
Live Music
Food, Fellowship
& Love for Social Justice**



Fair Trade Coffee and Tea will be available.
Fair Trade Coffee is a Presbyterian Mission used to aid overseas farmers
in helping them and their community grow.

If you would like more information, please call the church at 908-859-1052

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**PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!!
••IT WILL BE A GREAT NIGHT••**

