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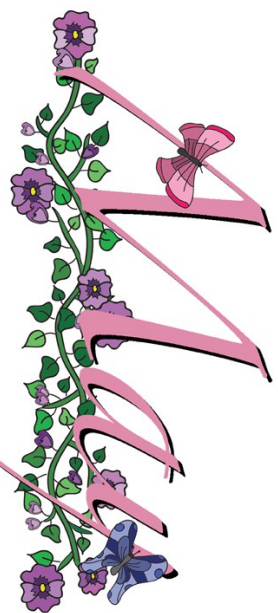
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Sunday School:                      9:00 am

Sunday Worship:                      10:30 am








# 2016

*The bond between mothers and their children is one defined by love. As a mother's prayers for her children are unending, so are the wisdom, grace, and strength they provide to their children.*

George W. Bush

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 1pm New Life Pentecostal	2 6pm Scouts	3 7pm New Life Pentecostal	4 6pm Deacons 7pm CVBS Meeting	5  12 noon City Hall	6	7 9 am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
8 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 6pm Scouts	10 7pm New Life Pentecostal	11	12	13	14 9am Spanish Worship
15 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal 	16 6pm Scouts	17 10am Session 7pm New Life Pentecostal	18 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	19 9:30am Bagging	20	21 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry 7pm Scouts 100th Dinner
22 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal 	23 6pm Scouts	24 7pm New Life Pentecostal	25	26	27	28 9am Spanish Worship
29 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal	30 Office Closed	31 7pm New Life Pentecostal				

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

150 North Broadway  
South Amboy, NJ 08879



NEVER STOP  
PRAYING.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

## Pray Without Ceasing

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sometimes God places a matter upon your heart that just won't go away. It may persist for weeks or months. That's when you know God wants you to pay attention. Such has been the case for me lately when it comes to prayer.

When I go to class on Wednesday evenings at Quellen, I always try to get there an hour early. This allows time to go to the chapel and just be quiet and alone with God. It is the best hour of the week. It is a place that has been sanctified for over a century by prayer. You can feel the spiritual energy. Best of all, it is a time of solitude and contemplation without phones, distractions or outside interruptions.

The concerns of the day can be put aside. When a stone is thrown into a lake, there are many ripples and movements in the water. That's how our life can be. But after a while, the water becomes still and calm. The ripples cease. That's how it is when we quiet our hearts and minds and allow ourselves to focus on God.

God has answered so many prayers here at our church. We are above all a people who pray. But what God has taught me is that *we should expect Him to answer our prayers*. It won't always be the answer we want, but He *will* answer. *Don't pray and walk away!* You wouldn't ring a door bell and leave before someone answers. What if a person had a winning lottery ticket, but never claimed it? What God has for us is much better than that.

One evening I was sitting quietly in the chapel and praying about something that was upon my heart. Before I left, God said, “*Claim it. It's yours! Claim it. It's yours!*” I think too often the power of prayer goes unclaimed. It is like a treasure untapped. It is a spiritual currency that is never spent. What if we had 50,000 watts of power at our disposal, but never used it? God has my attention.

There's one other thing I have noticed when it comes to prayer. The most effective prayers for me are the ones that come from the heart and not the head. It's a prayer that brings a tear to the eye or a lump in the throat. The earnestness of the prayer does matter. I can't *tell* God anything that He doesn't already know, but I can pour my heart out. I can pray like a child pleads before his father. What God wants from us is not more information, but transformation when we pray. You should never be the same person after you pray.

How about you? What is your experience of prayer? When God keeps bringing the same thing before you, it is a good idea to pay attention. That may be the area where God is working in your life. So let's not ignore the power God has given us. You can move mountains, and it will be precisely what God expects.

*Blessings, Pastor Jeffrey*

## Missions Needs You!

We need new members in order for Missions to continue to be able to help members of our community and to help organize events like the 2016 Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast and the 2015 Breakfast With Santa.

Missions meets once a month on the 1st Saturday. We get together, have refreshments and a lot of fun. Our next meeting is Sat., May 7th at noon in Room 1.

**Please join us.**

## You Don't Need to Write so Many Check



For our members to save their checks and time please note only one check is necessary. Please make one check in the full amount for all donations being given and just mark each envelope with your donation for that envelope.

### Example:

I want to donate \$50 in my offering envelope, \$20 to Deacons, & \$20 to Missions.

I will write out and put in the offering plate my **three envelopes** as usual with the amounts donated written on them. However, will make out **one check** for \$90 and put it in one of the envelopes the others will be left empty.

The treasure will then make sure to distribute my offering according to what the envelopes say.



## LIGHTING THE PATH TO HOPE

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# DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

*Spring has sprung! The days are getting longer, the birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the grass needs mowing and in between the rain drops the clouds disappear and the sun shines bright. God is great!!*

*On Saturday, April 16th, we opened our doors and welcomed 82 needy families. We see many familiar faces. When we greet them it is like old home week. We get smiles, hugs, thank you's and know each other on a first name basis. It is a happy time for all.*

*We at the SAFPC Food Pantry have much to be thankful for. As usual, our dedicated helping hands arrive early Thursday and work through the early afternoon preparing for Saturday. Needless to say, they return early Saturday morning to assist in the distribution of the food. Also, thanks goes out once again to Broadway Bagel, Old Bridge Food Bank and Penske Truck Rental for their never ending support. You are all a Blessing! Thank you!!*

*Lastly, the Board of Deacons wishes each Mother a very  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!*

*Mary Dieker*



**Mission's is  
collecting  
recipes for a  
cookbook  
fundraiser.**

So please share your Favorite  
or Best Recipe. You can email  
your recipe to Ruth or  
Stephanie or put a copy of it  
in their church mailbox.

**Mission Harvest**  
**Banquet**  
*Save the Date*  
**Saturday, Oct 1st**

**The Reception Center in Matawan**  
**from 12PM-4PM**

**Entertainment and buffet luncheon, raffle,  
silent auction "tricky tray" and lots of fun  
\$35 per person**

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2016

Offerings	\$ 9,421
Covenant Income	+ 3,886
Total Income	<b>\$ 13,304</b>
Disbursements	<b>\$ -15,387</b>

*"Jesus said that as we give, it  
will be given back, overflowing."*

**Luke 6:38**

Elaine Lopez  
Treasurer

## Proverbs 31

An excellent wife, who can find?  
For her worth is far  
beyond jewels.

The heart of her husband  
trusts in her,  
And she will have no  
lack of gain.  
She does him good and not evil  
All the days of her life.  
She looks for wool and flax  
And works with her hands in

**delight**

She senses that her  
gain is good;  
Her lamp does not go  
out at night.  
She extends her hand to  
the poor,  
And stretches out her  
hands to the needy.  
Strength and dignity  
are her clothing  
And she smiles at  
the future.

She looks well to the  
ways of her household,  
And does not eat the  
bread of idleness.  
Charm is deceitful and  
beauty is vain;  
But a woman who fears  
the LORD, she shall be

**Praised**

V 10-13, 18, 29,  
25, 27, 30

"... a woman who  
**fears** the LORD,  
she shall be  
**praised**."



May 8th is  
**Virginia Porter**  
95th Birthday. It  
would be nice to  
send her a card on  
this special day to  
celebrate her life.

(address on last page)

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CARTRIDGES  
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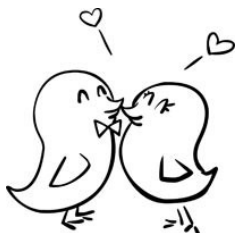
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rewards cash. We  
get credited \$2.00  
per recycled cartridge  
and we may recycle  
20 cartridges a  
month. Of course it  
is immediately used  
to purchase office  
supplies. Keep up  
the good work.

Elaine Lopez



## May Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



*Gail & Don  
Hawkins  
May 21st*

*Want to see your special date listed? Give  
the office your birthday and/or anniversary  
information.*

Don't forget **National Day of Prayer**,  
**Thursday May 5, 2016**, we meet at City  
Hall, South Amboy in front of the flag  
pole at 12 Noon.

## May Birthdays

Wishing a very happy birthday to:



*May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Anthony Vella Jr*

*May 8<sup>th</sup> - Virginia Porter*

*May 15<sup>th</sup> - Keith Sutter*

*May 17<sup>th</sup> - Betty Reilly*

*May 18<sup>th</sup> - Kathleen Budavari*

*May 24<sup>th</sup> - Lorraine Scharff*

*May 28<sup>th</sup> - Sandy Beselinoff*



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**CELEBRATING**  
**125**  
YEARS OF TRADITION



Community Vacation  
Bible School (CVBS) will  
be meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>,  
at 7:00 pm, in  
fellowship hall.

Volunteers are needed  
for this summer. Please  
contact Elaine Lopez  
with and questions or if  
you want to volunteer.



## Daisy's Nails

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# ~Schedules~

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## USHER SCHEDULE

MAY 1<sup>st</sup> Edie H, Elaine L, Millie C.  
 8<sup>th</sup> Lori R, George S.  
 15<sup>th</sup> Meagan J, Arvid H, Jean G.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Gail H, Paul H.  
 29<sup>th</sup> Paul H, George S.  
 JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> Gail H.  
 12<sup>th</sup> George S, Joni T, Arvid H.

## READER SCHEDULE

MAY 1<sup>st</sup> Joan D.  
 8<sup>th</sup> Anthony V.  
 15<sup>th</sup> Olivia J.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Barbara S.  
 29<sup>th</sup>  
 JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> Ken G  
 12<sup>th</sup> Paul C.



## NURSERY SCHEDULE

MAY 1<sup>st</sup> Jessica S.  
 8<sup>th</sup> No Nursery  
 15<sup>th</sup> Sherry K.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer B.  
 29<sup>th</sup> Molly S.  
 JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> Barbara S.  
 12<sup>th</sup> Elaine L.



## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

MAY 1<sup>st</sup> Lori R, Gail H, Edie H, Joan D.  
 JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> Madhu S, Joyce S, Dorothy R, Meagan J.

## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

MAY 1<sup>st</sup> Edie H, Mary D.  
 JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> Christina V, Jean G.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

MAY 1<sup>st</sup> Meagan J, Joyce S, Molly S.  
 JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> Elaine L, Joan D, Norma M.

## Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

### **Roberta Bossong**

A.C.R., 485 River Ave, #30, Lakewood, NJ 08701

### **Jean Bunting**

28 Summit Ave, Fords, NJ 08863

### **Burt Kurtz**

PO Box 119, Pocono Summit, PA 18346

### **Virginia Porter**

64 Dayton Road, Jamesburg, NJ 08831

### **Herb Sargeant Sr**

3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

### **Agnes Schaefer**

Madison Center, 625 State Rt. 34, Matawan, NJ 07747

### **Lorraine Scharff**

6 Bates Court, Parlin, NJ 08859

*Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.*



## **2016**

PASTOR – Rev. Jeffrey H. Carney

CLERK OF SESSION - Joan Downes

TREASURER - Elaine Lopez

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT -

Geraldine Wines

TEMP. SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver

ORGANIST - Kevin Shoemaker

## OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Arvid Holt, Millie Crosby

Stephanie McAleer, Carolyn Nappe

Peggy Holt, Lori Ryan, Madhu Solanki

## YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

*(Responsible for Governing our Church Affairs)*

Millie Crosby

Joan Downes

Gail Hawkins

Arvid Holt

Elaine Lopez

Dorothy Rhodes

## YOUR DEACONS

*(Responsible for Assisting our Church and Community in Times of Need)*

Mary Dieker

Stephanie McAleer

Ken Gibson

George Schaefer

Megan Jarvis

Shirley Weaver