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First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy  
P.O. Box 787, 150 N. Broadway  
South Amboy, NJ 08879

## THE OPEN DOOR

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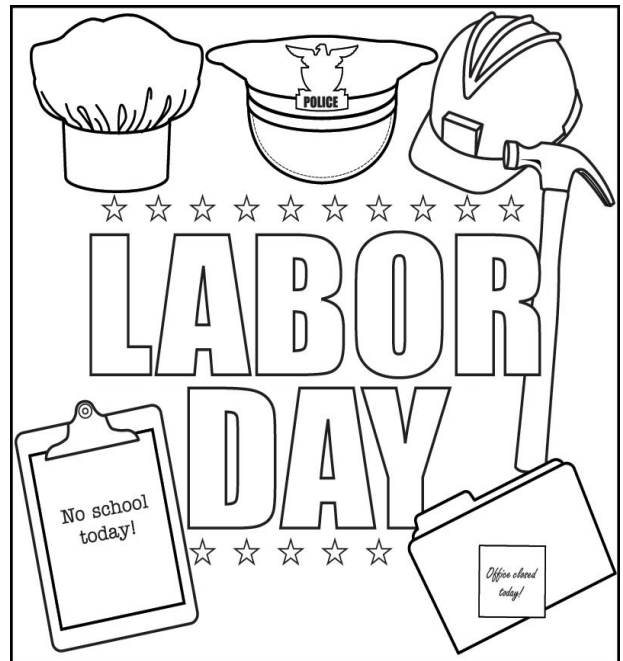
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am



# September



Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

# September 2016

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you." (2 Timothy 1:5, NRSV)

				1	2	3 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
4 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 1pm New Life Pentecostal	5 Office closed 	6 7pm New Life Pentecostal	7 6pm Deacon's	8	9	10 9am Spanish Worship
11 <b>Patriot Day</b> 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal	12 6pm Scouts	13 7pm New Life Pentecostal	14 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	15 9:30am Bagging	16	17 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
 18 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal	19 6pm Scouts	20 10am Session 7pm New Life Pentecostal	21	22 <i>Welcome</i> 	23	24 9am Spanish Worship
25 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal 6pm	26 6pm Scouts	27 7pm New Life Pentecostal	28	29	30	31 9am Spanish Worship

# ~Schedules~

PLEASE GET A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE ON YOUR ASSIGNED DATE. RECORD CHANGES IN SCHEDULE ON MASTER COPY LOCATED IN OFFICE, ROOM 2.

## USHER SCHEDULE

SEPT 4<sup>th</sup> George S, Joe B.  
 11<sup>th</sup> Beth M, Jean G, Shirley W.  
 18<sup>th</sup> Mary P, George S, Ken G.  
 25<sup>th</sup> Gail H, Paul H.  
 OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan D, Arvid H.  
 9<sup>th</sup> Megan J, Elaine L, Mille C.  
 16<sup>th</sup> Lori R, George S.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Gail H, Arvid H, Jean G.  
 30<sup>th</sup> Paul H, Joe B, George S.

## READER SCHEDULE

SEPT 4<sup>th</sup> Ruth B.  
 11<sup>th</sup> ?  
 18<sup>th</sup> Barbara S.  
 25<sup>th</sup> Olivia J  
 OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth B  
 9<sup>th</sup> Elaine L  
 16<sup>th</sup> Dustin B.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Barbara S.  
 30<sup>th</sup> ?



## NURSERY SCHEDULE

SEPT 4<sup>th</sup> Martha M.  
 11<sup>th</sup> Barbara S.  
 18<sup>th</sup> Jessica S.  
 25<sup>th</sup> Molly S.  
 OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan D.  
 9<sup>th</sup> Shirley W.  
 16<sup>th</sup> Sherry K.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Elaine L.  
 30<sup>th</sup> Jennifer B.



## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

SEPT 4<sup>th</sup> Shirley W, Ken G, Gerry Wines, Lori R.  
 OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy R, Mary D, Jean G, Christine V

## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

SEPT 4<sup>th</sup> Joan D, Jessica S  
 OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly S, Joyce S.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

SEPT 4<sup>th</sup> Christina V, Jean G, Jessica S.  
 OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn N, Millie C.

## 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

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



## September Birthdays

Wishing a very  
Happy Birthday to:

*Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Barbara Shadis*

*Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - Mary Porcello*

*Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Joan Downes*

*Sept 19<sup>th</sup> - Olívia Jastremski*

*Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Emanuel Gutierrez*

*Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> - Wyatt Rojewski*

*Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - Cara Weaver*

*Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - Lorraine Ryan*



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### July 2016

Offerings	\$ 6,942
Covenant Income	+ 1,936
Fundraiser	+ <u>1,717</u>
Total Income	\$ <b>10,595</b>
Disbursements	\$ <b>-14,657</b>

**GIVE WITH  
GRATITUDE, AMEN**

Elaine Lopez  
Treasurer

## September Anniversaries

Wishing a very Happy  
Anniversary to:



*Lenny & Olívia  
Jastremski  
September 21st*

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

## Stand for Children

### 16TH ANNUAL BACKPACK CAMPAIGN

Backpacks empty or filled for children in foster care. Adjust the contents by age and gender. Children in foster care are newborn to 17 years old. Be as creative as you want to be. Monetary donations may also be made payable to: "Foster and Adoptive Family Services Foundation"

**BATH TOWEL  
WASHCLOTH  
TOOTHBRUSH  
TOOTHPASTE  
BRUSH/COMB  
SHAMPOO  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
TOYS  
BOOKS  
MUSIC AND MORE.**

**Drop-Off Location:**  
The Office of  
Senator Joseph F. Vitale  
569 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge  
Open Monday through Friday  
9 AM to 5 PM

**For more information call:**  
732-855-7441

*We can all be heroes in the life of a child; it only takes one heart at a time.*

**W**hen I was a child, a typical Sunday dinner at my grandmother's house meant wonderful comfort food served from whatever pot it was prepared in. She really seemed to enjoy cooking, her skills honed as the young, widowed mother of six. From my seat at the kitchen table, I could read this poem on a plaque hanging above her sink:

*Thank God for dirty dishes;  
They have a tale to tell.  
While others may go hungry,  
We're eating very well.  
With home, health and happiness,  
I shouldn't want to fuss;  
By the stack of evidence,  
God's been very good to us.*



**First Presbyterian Church**

118 West Main Street  
Freehold, NJ 07728

First Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 787  
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Attn: Director of Music

July 15, 2016

Dear Director of Music;

On behalf of First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, I would like to invite you and members of your choir to sing with us for this year's "Christmas in New York" at Carnegie Hall. The concert will be presented on Monday November 21, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Isaac Stern Auditorium. We will sing with the American Festival Choir, consisting of choirs from all across the United States.

We will present the premiere of "The Story of Christmas" written by Phil Barfoot and Rebecca Peck. Guest artists are Travis Cottrell, Denver and the Mile High Orchestra and Marcia Ware.

Rehearsals will be on Fridays at 7:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, 118 West Main Street, Freehold, beginning September 9. You will be supplied with music plus downloadable vocal tracks (both full choral and individual sections are available). A combined rehearsal with the American Festival Choir will be on Saturday November 19 at the Crowne Plaza, New York. We will arrange for transportation for both dates to the city.

We would be honored to have you and your choir participate in this awesome worship event. I hope you will join us in kicking off the 2016 Christmas season by singing with us for "Christmas in New York" at Carnegie Hall. Please either call me at 732-333-0699 or email me at john@johncavicchio.com and I will send you the details and costs. This will be our fourth year in participating with this event, and I can tell you that it is a huge blessing and will be a great inspiration for you and your choir.

Sincerely,

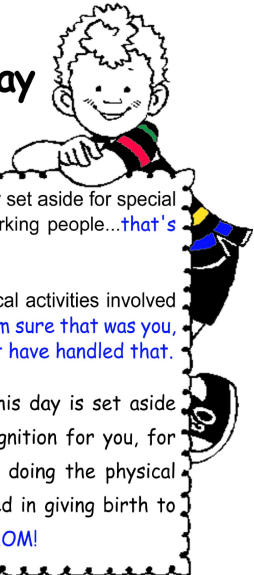
John Cavicchio, Director of Music  
First Presbyterian Church of Freehold

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RECYCLE**

Thank you for saving your church cash. Because of your faithful recycling of your used ink cartridges we received \$45.00 in 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

**Happy  
Labor Day  
MOM!**



**Labor Day:** a day set aside for special recognition of working people...that's you Mom!

**Labor:** the physical activities involved in giving birth...I'm sure that was you, too. Dad couldn't have handled that.

**To sum it up...**this day is set aside for special recognition for you, for working so hard doing the physical activities involved in giving birth to me! **Thanks MOM!**



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**A Prayer for Labor Day ~ Heidi Busse**

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. Amen.

# Mission Harvest Banquet

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**

**Tickets on Sale Now**

(call the office for more info.)

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## Tickets are on Sale for the Mission Harvest Banquet

**\$35 per person**

Please see Shirley in the office, or  
Stephanie M. or Ruth B. during church  
to purchase your tickets!

**Deadline for ticket sales is Sept. 11th.**



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CELEBRATING



Core Health is dedicated to providing quality care and excellent services to those suffering from the effects of substance abuse. Our program is based on core beliefs and values that foster an educational and supportive environment to help adults take the crucial

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What a great time we all had at the 7th Annual Bowl for Hunger!!! All in all it was a fun time for an absolutely wonderful cause of which our church's food pantry has been blessed to receive such wonderful donations year after year. We look forward to next year's event. Thank you to everyone who bowled with us this year and came out to cheer us on.

*Shirley Weaver*



## DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry was held on August 20th and as usual everyone chipped in and it went like clockwork. This month we served 62 families and all went home with several bags of staples, eggs, chicken, beef or fish.

We are thankful to all our volunteers/merchants for giving their precious time and donations so we can keep our doors open to help those in need.

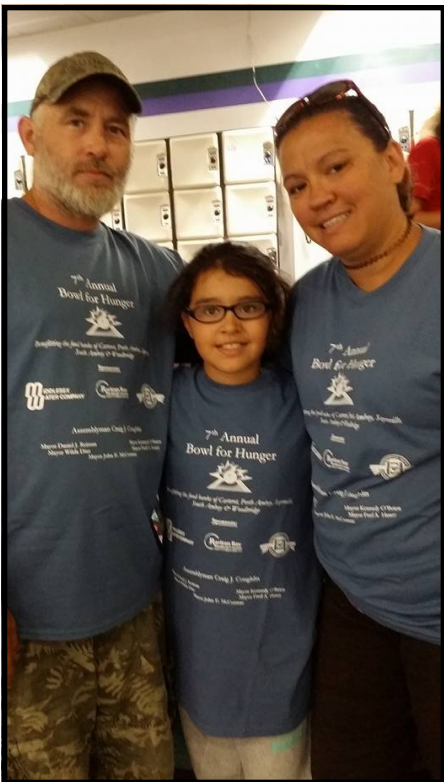
May everyone enjoy the balance of the beautiful weather. Before you know it Labor Day will be here and our children will be back in their classrooms. Stay safe!

*Mary Dieker*

## **MISSIONS**

Our next Missions meeting is Sunday, Sept. 11th immediately after church, We will be going out to eat & have the meeting. We'd love to have more people join us.

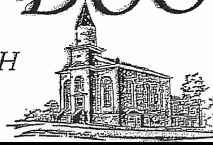
*Ruthie & Stephanie*



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## Holy Conversations

Last month I wrote about our upcoming trip to Chautauqua Institute in upstate New York. This month I decided to share some personal reflections after that experience. At some point in my life I learned that whenever God puts something on your heart that won't go away, it is worth paying attention to.

As a boy of twelve, I went to Chautauqua for the first time with my grandmother. Perhaps the most remarkable thing is that it made such an impression on a young boy that I wanted to go back. I remember thinking that one of the greatest honors anyone could receive was being asked to speak there! Well that never happened, but once again I did go back, this time with my wife. That was twenty three years ago.

So a couple months ago I discovered that John Philip Newell was going to be preaching this summer. As I mentioned last month, he is one of my favorite writers, and has had a tremendous influence on me and how I think about my faith. He served as the resident chaplain on the island of Iona, Scotland prior to our visit in 2012. His books and talks on Celtic Christianity have been very formative in my faith journey.

At some point I realized that most of the writers and preachers who have been important to me are no longer living! So it was a great opportunity to listen to someone preach who speaks and embodies the Word of God very deeply — someone whose own faith journey and personal stories have produced a wealth of experience.

We attended worship every morning, and sometimes in the evening. Imagine feeling like you were in church or a worshipful environment all day long! Over 8,000 people were there for the same purpose — to learn and grow deeper in their faith. No wonder it was easy to strike up meaningful conversations with strangers while standing in line, and discovering you had a lot in common. That in itself was amazing.

Every moment of every day can be instructive when it comes to growing deeper in our faith and walk with God. But sometimes our hearts burn and our minds are supremely open to His Word, discovering insights we never thought of before. Sometimes there are particular people who touch us and guide our feet in the way of truth. I'm sure there have been people like that in your life.

There have been important mentors for me — pastors, teachers, professors, coaches, and many others. But hearing John Philip preach each day was special. A wise preaching professor once said to our seminary class — “A good sermon is one that allows you to laugh and cry in the same sermon.” That certainly was true for me during the week.

There was a chance to meet him at the end of the service, and another opportunity to talk during a book signing. My words to him were simple: “I felt all week when you spoke that my tears were always just beneath the surface.” He nodded knowingly.

That night I was reading about Colomba — the founder of the Abbey in Iona who was responsible for spreading Christianity throughout Scotland and Britain. His words jumped out at me. He said: “Your measure of prayer shall be until your tears come.” Was it a coincidence I was reading his words the same day? I think not. They were tears that recognized that I had just heard someone speak from a deep and holy place . . . someone who stirred the waters from a sacred well, and allowed me to drink.

God is constantly stirring the waters from a well deep inside each one of us, inviting us to drink, and engage in holy conversations. Where are the waters being stirred in you today?

*Blessings,  
Pastor Jeffrey*