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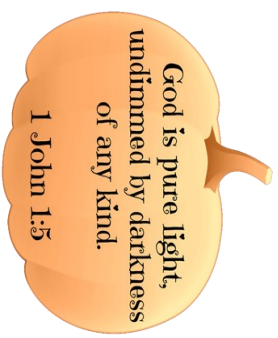
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 am



# October



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Mission Harvest 7:30 pm Spanish Worship
2 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 1pm New Life Pentecostal 7:30 pm Spanish Worship	3 9:15 am Deacon 6pm Scouts	4 7pm New Life Pentecostal	5	6	7	8 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
9 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal 1pm Baby Shower	10 Columbus Day <b>Office Closed</b> 6pm Scouts	11 7pm New Life Pentecostal	12 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	13 9:30am Bagging	14	15 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
16 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Confirmation 11:30 pm Confirmation Party 1pm New Life Pentecostal	17 6pm Scouts	18 10am Session 7pm New Life Pentecostal	19	20	21	22 9am Spanish Worship
23 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal	24 6pm Scouts	25 7pm New Life Pentecostal	26	27	28	29 9am Spanish Worship
30 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Blessing of the pets 1pm New Life Pentecostal	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN					

# ~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.

## READER SCHEDULE

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> ?  
 NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Olivia J  
 13<sup>th</sup> ?  
 20<sup>th</sup> Barbara S.  
 27<sup>th</sup> Jennifer B.



## USHER SCHEDULE

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.  
 NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Carolyn N, Madhu S, George S.  
 13<sup>th</sup> Ken G, Beth M.  
 20<sup>th</sup> Arvid H, Joan D. Mary P.  
 27<sup>th</sup> Elaine L, Paul H, Megan J.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

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.  
 NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Faith M  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jessica S.  
 20<sup>th</sup> Barbara S.  
 27<sup>th</sup> Martha M.



## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy R, Shirley , Jean G, Christine V  
 NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Lori R, Gail H, Edie H. Joe B

## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly S, Joyce S.  
 NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Jean G, Christine V

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> Christine V, Jean G.  
 NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Shirley W, Stephanie M, Lori R.

## 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



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CELEBRATING



## October Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

*Oct 8th - Mary Dieker*

*Oct 18th - Don Hawkins*

*Oct 25th - Lenny Jastremski*



## LIGHTING THE PATH TO HOPE

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 first steps toward recovery.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 2016

Offerings	\$ 12,131
Covenant Income	+ 3,405
Fund Raiser	+ 350
Total Income	\$ 15,886
Disbursements	\$ -16,787

**GIVE WITH GRATITUDE, AMEN**

Elaine Lopez  
Treasurer

## World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday celebrated the first Sunday in October – is one of the most venerable of "Special Sundays." On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church. The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) was first associated with World Wide Communion Sunday in 1940 when the department's executive secretary, Jesse Bader, led in its extension to a number of churches throughout the world.

Today, efforts to promote World Communion Sunday are carried out by participating denominations, and several produce materials geared toward this observance.

In tradition of this our congregation will be having a "Peacemaking Offering" on Oct. 2, 2016. Please place your peacemaking envelope in the offering plate. A part of it stays in the local community to help others.





**Our Pets Are A Blessing To Us...**



**...Join Us In Blessing Them!**

**Bring your Pet (or a photo of your pet) to  
A Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 30th, 2016,  
following service in the parking lot.**

**First Presbyterian Church  
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**Sunday School**

**Halloween  
Party**

**October 30th**

Kids are welcome to  
wear church  
appropriate costumes  
or religious costumes  
to class that day. We  
will be having snacks  
and doing crafts.



**Fall Fun List**

- Rake the Leaves (and jump in them)
- Take a Walk to see the Fall Colors
- Make a Homemade Soup or Chili
- Enjoy a cup of Hot Cider or Cocoa
- Watch a Movie with the Family
- Bake - Pies, Breads, Cookies
- Volunteer as a Family
- Collect Acorns or Leaves
- Go through a Corn Maze
- Visit a Pumpkin Patch
- Pick your Own Apples
- Go on a Hayride
- Enjoy the Season
- Give Thanks



### **Prayer for my Pet**

*In your infinite wisdom, Lord God,  
when You created the universe you  
blessed us with all living creatures.  
We especially thank you for giving  
us our pets who are our friends and  
who bring us so much joy in life.  
Their presence very often helps us  
get through trying times. Kindly  
bless my pet. May my pet continue  
giving me joy and remind me of  
Your power. May we realize  
that as our pets trust us to take  
care of them, so we should trust  
You to take care of us, and in  
taking care of them we share in  
Your love for all Your creatures.  
Enlighten our minds to preserve  
all endangered species so that  
we may continue to appreciate  
all of your creations.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



*Saint Francis of Assisi*

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## INK CARTRIDGES 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

## Confirmation

Christian Dwojeski

& Thomas Riley

will be Confirmed during Service

Oct. 16th 2016

## Confirmation Class



There will be a party for the boys down stairs after service. All are welcome to join them. Any one who wants to help cook, please call Shirley Weaver.

## Sunday Worship Flowers

Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. I have many openings for October and November. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one.

Order forms are in the pews and mail room.

Please make checks to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions please contact Jean Greene.



Dear God,  
As I carve my pumpkin help me say  
This prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;  
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the  
wrong things I do.  
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;  
(Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)

I'm so sorry for turning up my nose to all you've  
given me.  
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so your word I will hear.  
(Cut the ears shaped like the Bible)-we did  
rectangles

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near  
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do!  
Amen.  
(Place a candle inside and light it)



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## **DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY**

Welcome back, Jim! Jim has fully recovered from his recent procedure and again sitting behind the wheel of the Penske truck. A special thanks goes to Bob for driving in the interim.

On Wednesday, September 14th, our volunteers arrived and set up all the bags to accommodate the food we were to receive. Everything went like clockwork on Thursday. Joan made her usual trip to Old Bridge and picked up bread and pastries donated by their Food Bank. The truck arrived from Hillside loaded to the doors with eggs, potatoes, milk, fish, chicken and everything else to help feed the needy. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers within a short time it was emptied out and we were on our way back to Cliffwood.

Saturday morning we welcomed 54 families. Everyone went home with an abundance of food and graciously thanked us for opening our doors to them. With God's help we will continue to do so. We are like family to these people. They chit chat with us and they know we are there for them.

We are thankful for all our dedicated volunteers and our community service people. We thank everyone who donates either financially or by donating groceries. Thanks also goes to Broadway Bagels, the Old Bridge Food Bank and Penske Trucking of Cliffwood.

The Fall Season is here. Let's all enjoy the beautiful weather, colorful mums, festive pumpkin decorations and thank God for all our Blessings.

*Mary Dieker*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**BEGINS**

**OCTOBER 2, 2016**

**9 AM - 10 AM**

It's that time of year again when our children will be returning to Sunday School. Ages are from 4 yrs old up to 8th Grade. Registration for new children will start on Oct. 2nd & every Sunday thereafter. We welcome all children. If you know of anyone who is looking for a Christian school please tell them about us.



## **Scouts Fish Dinner - Nov 8th**

The Old Timers of Troop 91 and The Camp Dill Foundation Fish Dinner will be held on Tuesday November 8th, in Fellowship Hall, 5pm - 7 pm.

Eat in or take out. Tickets are \$13.00 each.

See Ruth or Joe for tickets

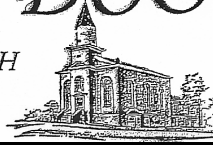
**Absolute Deadline** for Tickets is Nov. 6



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## For the Beauty of the Earth



OCTOBER

Soon you will be enjoying the colored leaves, the cool breeze, and the brilliance of the earth. As I reflect on the season, the words of a wonderful hymn come to mind —

“For the beauty of the earth;  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise,  
this our joyful hymn of praise.”

This is a time of year when just being outdoors and experiencing the beauty of God’s earth can speak to us about God’s majesty. Most days I try to walk. I take my dog and we go to a nearby park. I especially like to go early in the morning or late in the evening when it is likely to be less crowded. It is a time of peace that allows God to speak.

The sights and sounds of nature never disappoint when it comes to conveying the wonder of God’s creation. The colored leaves, the rustling of tree branches against the sky, the blinding brilliance of the sun, and a cool breeze that invigorates — through all these things God speaks.

Every fall our family tries to do some special things together. For as many years as I can remember we have gone to an orchard and enjoyed picking apples. Of course, a fresh apple pie or apple crisp is sure to follow! Sometimes we seek out a pumpkin patch at a local farm and take a hayride or watch fresh apple cider being made. One of our favorite things to do is to go to Duke Farms in Hillsborough and walk on the trails when the leaves have turned. Walking is my favorite way to pray, and I always come away feeling closer to God.

I’m reminded of the psalmist David who writes about the magnificence of God’s creation. In Psalm 8 he writes — *O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)* Or again in Psalm 19 he writes: *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands . . . In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun. (19:1,4)*

Personally I have always found it easier to hear God speak in the outdoors and in nature. Part of it is the beauty that surrounds, but another vital part is the ability to clear my mind and relax the body. This seems to remove some of the impediments and distractions so it becomes easier to experience the presence of God. Just taking a deep breath and feeling the cool air fill your lungs invites God’s Spirit to enter in.

I hope during this season you will be able to get outside or take a drive and experience the wonder of God’s creation, and the beauty of the earth that is all His.

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Jeffrey*