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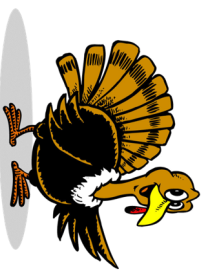
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Sunday School      9:00 am

Sunday Worship      10:30 am







# November



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*I am thankful Lord for everything  
that You allow to cross my path.  
Thankful for the decisions that You  
allow me to make and the lessons  
that come from these decisions.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm New Life Pentecostal	2	3	4	5 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
<b>6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 1pm New Life Pentecostal	7 9:15 am Deacon 6pm Scouts	<b>8 ELECTION DAY</b>  5pm Scouts Fish Dinner 7pm New Life Pentecostal	9 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	10	<b>11 VETERAN DAY</b> 	12 9am Spanish Worship
13 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal	13 6pm Scouts	15 10am Session 7pm New Life Pentecostal	16	17 9:30am Bagging	18	19 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
20 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal	21 6pm Scouts	22 7pm New Life Pentecostal	23	24 	25 <b>Office Closed</b>	26 9am Spanish Worship
27 <b>ADVENT BEGINS</b> 10:30am Worship 1pm New Life Pentecostal	28 6pm Scouts	29 7pm New Life Pentecostal	30	31		

# ~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

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

DEC 4<sup>th</sup> Elaine L.  
11<sup>th</sup> Anthony V.  
18<sup>th</sup> Joan D.  
25<sup>th</sup> Ruth B.



## USHER SCHEDULE

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.

DEC 4<sup>th</sup> Paul H, George S, Carol N.  
11<sup>th</sup> Arvid H, Olivia J.  
18<sup>th</sup> Lori R.  
25<sup>th</sup> Gail H, Elaine L, Madhu S.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

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.

DEC 4<sup>th</sup> Molly S.  
11<sup>th</sup> Elaine L.  
18<sup>th</sup> Joan D.  
25 No Nursery



## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Lori R, Gail H, Edie H. Joe B  
DEC 4<sup>th</sup> Madhu S, Joyce S, Megan J, George S.

## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Jean G, Christine V  
DEC 4<sup>th</sup> Dorothy R. Ken G.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

NOV 6<sup>th</sup> Shirley W, Stephanie M, Lori R.  
DEC 4<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

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

# Congratulations Christian & Thomas!



We were very proud to Confirm Christian & Thomas on Oct. 16, 2016, and welcome them as members of the Congregation.



A very warm and heart felt Thank You! To everyone who helped with the luncheon downstairs after Confirmation! What a wonderful time of fellowship in celebrating these two young men.



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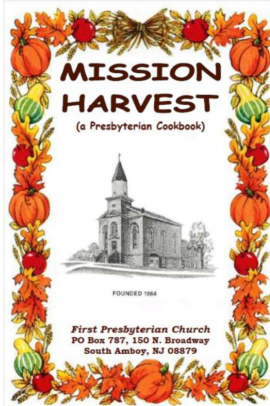
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## COFFEE HOUR NOTICE

Since we are lacking new volunteers for our Coffee Hour we need your help to offset the cost. Year after year, we have the same volunteers absorbing the cost to provide a coffee hour for all of us. Some months we have as little as two volunteers financially supporting the coffee hour. We also have volunteers who provide for two months.

Therefore, to help offset the cost of our Coffee Hours, we will now have a coffee can for **Donations**. This new option will help our volunteers and will defray the cost our volunteers have to pay out of their pockets. All **Donations** collected will go toward future Coffee Hours.

In addition, Please consider volunteering for **one** coffee hour **per year**. Your help would be greatly appreciated. As always, we are thankful for everyone's help in cleaning up. As a family, let us support each other and work together.

Thank you, Your Session



## November Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

*Nov. 3rd - Edith Hanmore*

*Nov. 8th - Christian Dwojeski*

*Nov. 10th - Joseph Beselinoff*

*Nov. 11th - Dom Vigliante*

*Nov. 18th - Jackson Carney*

*Nov. 19th - Peggy Holt*

*Nov. 24th - Anthony Vella Sr*

*Nov. 25th - Joyce Solanki*

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



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**Dec. 11th**

Breakfast with Santa after service.

Please **Register** your child by Dec. 1st.

We need to make sure Santa knows who's coming. Registration forms are in the weekly bulletins.

- Missions & Deacons



## DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry was held on Saturday, October 17th. As usual, the preparation was held on the prior Wednesday and Thursday. We served 57 needy families and all went well due to all the volunteers who so generously devoted their time.

Our next Pantry will be Saturday, November 19th.

- Mary Dieker



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## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Please continue to bring in used ink cartridges. We get credited \$2. 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

### Congratulations Kevin!!

Our Organist Kevin Shoemaker was featured in the NY Post. You can view the article and see more pictures of him pushing his piano around NY online at: <http://nypost.com/2016/09/24/this-guy-lugs-a-500-pound-piano-around-nyc/>

(NY Post picture shown on the right)



KEY FIGURE: Pianist Kevin Shoemaker, 23, rolls his instrument down the street on his way to busk at Spring Street and Broadway (below).



## Mission Harvest

Isn't it great to give and have fun all at the same time? When your Missions Committee thought about the winter months coming and all the needs that were to come forward, we had to think about the best ways to raise funds to meet those unexpected situations. We thought about the 150<sup>th</sup> banquet, how nice it was to spend time with our church family, eating, dancing, sharing stories and the luncheon was born! How perfect, to have a delicious buffet, listen and dance to good music, and win great gifts while completing our mission. What a successful fundraiser and a good time was had by all! Thanks to all who gave of their time, efforts, talents and funds!

We also had fun this year creating our Mission Harvest cookbook. How special it is to gather all the yummy recipes shared by family and friends, past and present. Who does not want a tried and true recipe to enjoy? This cookbook captures all the love in all the kitchens of our church family. Just think about that. Fascinating isn't it? So please consider giving them as gifts this Christmas, you will be giving the best of our church while giving to those who need our help.

Missions is always looking for new members, please join us, we meet once a month, usually first Saturday, and really have fun making money to help God's children.

### 2 Corinthians 9:10

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

-Ruth Beselinoff, Co-chair, Missions



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## FINANCIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2016

Offerings	\$ 8,746
Covenant Income	+ 4,650
Fund Raiser	+ 3,661
Total Income	\$ 17,057
Disbursements	\$ -16,164

“Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances.” 1  
Thessalonians 5 AMEN

Elaine Lopez  
Treasurer

### So Thankful

I am so thankful, Lord, For all you've given me  
For helping and for healing, Salvation full and free!  
Lead me to give to others, As you have given to me  
With a thankful heart, I will impart your Love unselfishly  
I praise Thee and I thank Thee, Lord, Be in all I say and do,  
Especially around Thanksgiving time, But daily year-round too!

### Psalms 50:23

He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me,  
and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of  
God.  
- Debby Sargeant Sr.

## Sunday School

Our Sunday School is getting off to a great start. This year, the kids will be doing a short program for Thanksgivings during service.

Please Join Us Nov. 20th



### Update From Elliott

Many of you have asked about Elliott — the Seeing Eye puppy our son Joshua raised for 14 months. After that Elliott went to the Seeing Eye Center in Morristown where he would undergo extensive training by a professional trainer for 4 months. If he successfully completes the course, he will be matched with a blind person. Recently we got a postcard tracking Elliott's progress:

*Hello at home, it's me, Elliott! I just wanted to update you on how things have been going here at Seeing Eye. I've been working hard for several weeks now with my instructor Erin, and she says I'm doing very well! I can now stop for curbs, guide Erin around obstacles, and watch out for traffic that comes too close. We just had our midterm blindfold, and Erin said I did a good job keeping her safe! Now I get to start doing more real-life stuff like walking through stores, riding a bus and train, and eventually taking a trip to the Big Apple! Hope you're all doing well at home. Don't worry about me. My roommate and I love each other and are having a great time playing in the kennels!*

Love, Your Puppy,

Elliott & Erin.

Guess we can add one more boy to be proud of in our family!

— Pastor Jeffrey

### Sunday Worship Flowers

Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. I have many openings. 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 me.

-Jean Greene.



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## Thanksgiving



*"I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." Romans 1:8*

As I write this on a warm day in late October, it's hard to believe that we are only a little over four weeks away from Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving always brings for me an opportunity to reflect on all the spiritual gifts and blessings God has poured out upon me as well as our church. It's a time to count the many blessings and focus on what really matters.

When it comes to a spirit of thanks, I often turn to the Apostle Paul, for his letters embody a true sense of gratitude, and reminds us of the many blessings we enjoy as Christians. Paul was close to all the churches he helped start, but he was particularly fond of the churches in Macedonia. He describes in the beginning of the eighth chapter of Second Corinthians how the churches in Macedonia were tested with afflictions and mired in poverty. Nevertheless, Paul writes that out of their abundance of joy for the Lord and his work, they overflowed with generosity when it came to giving. They gave lavishly of their financial resources, and also of their time and talent to the work of the Lord.

Paul makes a compelling case for us today when it comes to supporting God's work in the local church. You are the body of Christ in the community and the world. Others can see the love and care of Christ reflected through you. It starts with a grateful heart. Someone once said, "If the other prayer you ever pray is 'thank you,' it is enough. As we approach Thanksgiving, I give thanks for you and the many blessings of our church. In this season of Thanksgiving, let us be like the Macedonian Christians whom Paul commends as partners and fellow workers in Christ's service.

*Blessings, Pastor Jeffrey*