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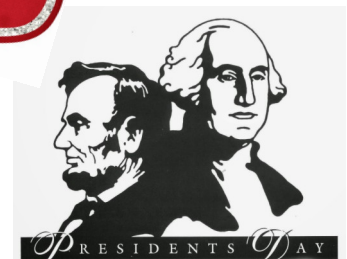
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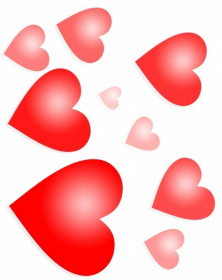
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Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am



February



FEBRUARY 2017



¹² *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*
John 15:12-13

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Scout Sunday 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 	6 8:30 am Deacon 6pm Scouts	7	8 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	2 GROUNDHOG DAY February 2nd 	3	4 9am Spanish Worship
12 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45 am Spreading Jesus Love Luncheon	13 6pm Scouts	14 	15 8:30am Session	16 9:30am Bagging	17	18 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
19 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45 am Elder's Training	20  6pm Scouts	21	22	23	24	25 9am Spanish Worship
26 Transfiguration of the Lord 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Hymn Sing	27 6pm Scouts	28				

~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

FEB 5th Joe B.
12th Elaine L.
19th Sherry K.
26th Dustin B.
MAR 5th Paul H.
12th Olivia J.
19th Joan D.
26th Ruth B.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

FEB 5th Megan J, Beth M, Arvid H.
12th George S, Madhu S.
19th Arvid H, Joan D, Mary P.
26th Paul H, Gail H, Lori R, George S.
MAR 5th Lori R, George S.
12th Madhu S, Joyce S.
19th Gail H, Arvid H.
26th Shirley W, Cara W.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

FEB 5th Martha M.
12th Faith Mc.
19th Christine V
26th Jessica S.
MAR 5th Jennifer B
12th Elaine L.
19th Mike W.
26th Sherry K.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

FEB 5th Joan D, Jessica S.
MAR 5th Stephanie Mc, Dorothy R.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

FEB 5th Joan D, Jessica S, Megan J, Beth M.
MAR 5th Stephanie Mc, Dorothy R.
Gerry W. Elaine L.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

FEB 5th Boy Scouts
MAR 5th Peggy H, Gail H, George S.

Prayers for Our Homebound

Members & Friends

Roberta Bossong

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

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.



As of Jan. 2017

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, Gail Hawkins

Stephanie McAleer, Carolyn Nappé

Peggy Holt, Lori Ryan, Madhu Solanki

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for Governing our Church Affairs)

Joan Downes Gail Hawkins

Arvid Holt Elaine Lopez

Dorothy Rhodes Christine Vella

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

Spreading the Joy of Jesus' Love

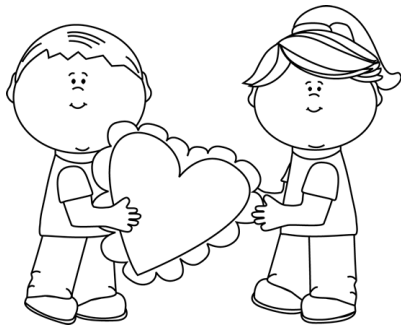


The Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy would like to **Spread the Joy of Jesus' Love** and welcome our members to a

Free Luncheon
Sunday, February, 12th 2017
At 11:45 am
In Fellowship Hall

This Valentine's Day let us remember that God's Love is the greatest gift we received.

~There will be no charge for this brunch, but a donation of a non-perishable food item for our pantry is always welcome. ~



The **Mission Committee** is meeting on February 11, 2017 in Room 1. All are welcome to join. We have a snack and a good time while we discuss ways to help people in need.

DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

Welcome to the New Year 2017!!! We already received a few inches of snow, but our Food Pantry day was not effected by the elements.

Early Thursday morning Elaine and Jim picked up the Penske truck and drove to Hillside for our food order. It was a long morning for them as the Food Bank is revamping its procedure and, like everything else that is new, some glitches needed to be ironed out. They arrived at the church around noon and our loyal volunteers were ready to unload a truck that was filled to the top from front to back. Kudos to Elaine and Jim for their patience and to our volunteers for their dedication to the Food Pantry.

Our Pantry day was held on January 21st. The doors were opened early and we greeted 65 families with "Happy new Year". As usual, at the start of a new year each recipient's paperwork needs to be recertified. We were blessed with 20 volunteers that morning and everything went like clockwork. Everyone went home with a abundance of staples, meat, 2 dozen eggs, cheese, fruit and bagels. The families with little ones also received diapers.

The Deacon's would like to thank all those who either made monetary or groceries donations -i.e. our Church members, Trinity Methodist Church, bagels for Broadway Bagel (Steve and Bob), various local businesses and all the volunteers who gave of themselves, their knowledge and time. You are a Blessing!!!

We hope to see all of you at our Luncheon after service on Sunday , February 12th.

Your Board of Deacon's
Mary Dieker



MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK

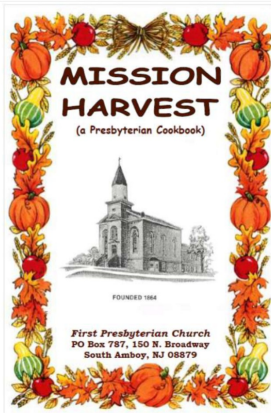
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Why Join a Church?

People say, "I'm Christian, and live my life based on Christian values. What is the benefit of joining a church?" A valid question, and easy to answer.

A church is a community, one with values and beliefs like yours. Joining a church will help you better understand and grow your faith, and provide a more direct path to serve God and others in your community.

Church becomes a spiritual home for your faith. A church:

- Helps you meet new people
- Helps you discover yourself
- Helps you grow as a Christian
- Provides a place for you to "practice" your faith
- Helps you find meaning and guidance in the world
- Helps you experience God's love

When people gather in a church setting, they work together as a community to learn and live God's word.

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A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.

We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.

And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

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Dear St. Valentine, Help us learn to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other.

Not a Member?

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Fill out one of our forms, located in the pews with the prayer cards and hand it in to the usher.

"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my father in Heaven." Matthew 10:32

I am interested in joining the Church as a member

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Pastor will be having a New Members Class Soon!



COFFEE HOUR


We are truly blessed by all of the donations that we have been receiving from our congregation towards the coffee hour. Thank you all for your generosity. Please keep it up throughout this year. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers who set up, clean up and bring in all of the food for us to enjoy. This time of fellowship together would not be possible without all of you! Thank you, Your Session

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

OK everyone, heads up. I am running low on recycled ink cartridges. Please remember to save them and bring them to my mail slot. We bought \$22.98 worth of supplies at Staples last month and only had to pay \$2.98 out of pocket thanks to you, our church family. Keep up the good work.



~Elaine Lopez

 We are collecting calendars, note pads, all occasion cards, and stationary for the Veterans Home in Menlo Park. - Dorothy Rapp

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2016

Offerings	\$	17,786
Covenant Income	+	2,544
Total Income	\$	20,330
Disbursements	\$	-19,293

“HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH AND WITH THE FIRST FRUITS OF ALL YOUR PRODUCE; THEN YOUR BARNS WILL BE FILLED WITH PLENTY.” PROVERBS 3 AMEN

Elaine Lopez
Treasurer

You Don't Need to Write so Many Checks



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

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.



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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.

February Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Feb. 10 - Pastor Jeffrey

Feb. 12 - Deborah Sargeant, Jr.

Feb. 14 - Arvid Holt

Feb. 24 - Amanda Vella

Feb. 26 - Ken Gibson



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

COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

Support Our
Food Pantry
T-shirts \$15 each

Sizes Available:
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A Divine Valentine

This month is Valentine's Day. Husbands and wives, remember to get that card or chocolates or flowers for that special someone! In addition, I am looking forward to our Valentine's Day luncheon here.

Valentine's Day is more than candy or cards. Valentine's Day is a good time to remember the real source of love — God's unconditional love for us. I think of it as God's Divine Valentine. All other relationships should be built upon that foundation.

Historically, Valentine's Day is named after Valentinus, an early Christian martyr in ancient Rome around the 3rd century. Christianity was illegal at that time. Rome was ruled by an emperor named Claudius. Claudius wanted to have a big army, and go out and conquer lots of people so that Rome would grow bigger and bigger.

He expected men to volunteer and join the army, but many men just did not want to fight in wars. They did not want to leave their wives and children. Some might not come home at all. This made Claudius furious. So what happened? He had a crazy idea.

He thought that if men were not married, they would not mind joining the army. Claudius decided not to allow any more marriages. Young people thought his new law was cruel. But Valentinus was a priest and he performed marriages secretly. One night Valentinus was caught, thrown in jail and sentenced to die. Many young people came to the jail to visit him. They threw flowers and notes up to his window.

One of these young people was the daughter of the prison guard, and the prison guard allowed her to sit and visit with Valentinus. Things did not end happily ever after. On the day Valentinus died, February 14, he left a note for the young woman, and he signed it, "Love, from your Valentine."

They were not a couple in love in a romantic sort of way. Rather, Valentinus loved the young woman for her friendship and support as a sister in Christ. She loved him for his commitment to his faith. Legend has it that she and her family became Christians. The first Valentine was from a man who died for his love. But not his love of a woman, rather his love of Christ. His legend further grew when it was widely reported that the young girl was miraculously cured of her blindness by Valentinus. Thus, the tradition of exchanging cards and good wishes began.

Whenever we think of Valentine's Day, we should remember the source of God's great love for us. It is more than a day. It is God's grand invitation to us, and He wants you to be His Divine valentine.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jeffrey*