

Friends, Visitors, Guests

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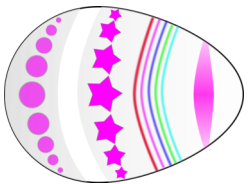
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Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

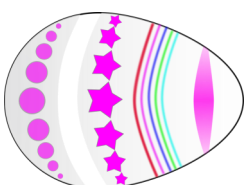


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*He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>12 5th Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	3 8:30 am Deacon 6pm Scouts	4	5	6 7pm Lent Series~ Trinity Methodist	7	1 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Egg Hunt & Party	10 6pm Scouts	11	12 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	13 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 9:30am Bagging 	14 <b>Good Friday</b> 7pm Service at 1st Pres. Sayreville 	15 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry 9am Blood Pressure Screening
<b>16 Easter</b> 10:30am Worship/ New Members 	17 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	18	19 8:30 am Session	20	21	22 9am Spanish Worship
23 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3pm Private Party	24 <b>Holocaust Remembrance Day</b> 6pm Scouts	25	26 <b>Administrative Professional Day</b> 	27	28 7pm Scouts Leaders	29 9am Spanish Worship
30 9am Sunday School 10:30am 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.

## READER SCHEDULE

APR 2nd Sherry K.  
9th Joan D.  
16th Ken G.  
23rd Ruth B.  
30th Joan D.

MAY 7th Elaine L.  
14th Anthony V. Jr.  
21st Olivia J.  
28th Paul H.



## GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

APR 2nd Megan j, Arvid, H  
9th Beth M, Paul H.  
16th Mary P, George S.  
23rd Ken G, Arvid H, Gail H.  
30th Paul H, Elaine L.

MAY 7th Lori R, George S.  
14th Megan J, Arvid H.  
21st Gail H, Paul H.  
28th Paul H. George S.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

APR 2nd Martha M.  
9th No Nursery  
16th No Nursery  
23rd Faith Mc.  
30th Christina V.

MAY 7th Jessica S  
14th No Nursery  
21st Jennifer B.  
28th Elaine L.



## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

APR 2nd Mary D, Megan J.  
MAY 7th George S, Megan J

## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

APR 2nd Mary D, George S  
Megan J, Joe B.

MAY 7th George S, Megan J  
Lori R, Gail H.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

APR 2nd Shirley W, Stephanie Mc, Lori R.  
MAY 7th Mary D, Joyce S, Molly 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 Nappe

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



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Dear Joshua,

Congratulations, Elliott is officially a Seeing Eye dog! He was matched with his new person in the January 2<sup>nd</sup> class, and I had the privilege of training the new team for the past month. Elliott and his partner worked very well together from the start. While he always had time to spare me a passing wag or happy Lab smile, he bonded quickly with his new dad and was eager to work every day. Elliott's dad loves how affectionate he is and has many photos already of Elliott resting his head on his dad's leg. His dad is also very pleased with his strong work ethic and outgoing personality. They make a great team!

Elliott's new dad is an active man in his forties who lives in Florida. He is both a published author of several books and a motivational speaker, who travels the country talking to healthcare providers about strengthening the relationship between patient and caretaker. Elliott is going to have an exciting life traveling alongside him and even has his own resting spot on stage! (His dad is fully aware that Elliott will command the lion's share of the audience's attention.) Air travel is now a way of life for Elliott, and his partner relies on his guiding skills to keep him safe and on the go in many new areas. During his time at home, Elliott has two doggy friends, his new mom, and one of their children who still lives at home to keep him company. He will both work and play hard!

It was a pleasure training Elliott. He was such a happy, enthusiastic worker, and he brought a smile to my face every time I looked at him. I was very lucky to have such a nice dog in my first string! Elliott was very much a "mama's boy" and would stare at me in the kennel yard as he gnawed on a toy. He was always the first one to jump up and run to his kennel door when I asked who wanted to go to work. Elliott will have a great life as a jetsetter with his new dad and will be able to spend all day every day doing the job he loves. That is all thanks to the wonderful job you did as his puppy raiser! I could not do my job half as well without the loving dedication provided by you, his family. You took Elliott from a seven week old cutie pie to a year and a half old rock star! I congratulate you on your great success with your first puppy and hope that you are very proud of your boy!

Sincerely,

Erin Hensley  
Elliott's Instructor



**Join Us!**

On Easter Sunday during service, We will be receiving our new members. We hope everyone will attend the service to Welcome them into our Church Family.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### February 2017

Offerings	\$	7,292
Covenant Income	+	4,482
Total Income	\$	11,774*
Disbursements	\$	-16,812

\*We are seeing the results of less income due to loss of rentals.

**"ACTS 20:35 IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE." AMEN**  
**Though for the day: GOD MAGNIFIES MY FAITHFUL GIVING.**

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer



## Easter Flowers

They are \$7.50 each.

Orders by April 9<sup>th</sup>

Buy them in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one.

Please make all checks out to **CASH** and give orders to Jean Greene.

Our Missions Committee and Board of Deacon's, Welcome all to their:

**Annual Egg Hunt and Party on Palm Sunday, April 9th,**

following worship.

All are welcome to join us!





**Support Our  
Food Pantry**

T-shirts \$15 each

**Sizes Available:  
S, M, L, XL, 2XL**

**for more info call  
Phone: 732-721-4516**



**The Mission Committee**

is meeting on Sat. April 1st.  
All are welcome to join them.

**2017 LENTEN SERIES**

**“24 Hours That Changed The World”**

Based on a book by the same name by Adam Hamilton

**Hosted by:** The Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal and  
Methodist congregations of Parlin, Sayreville and  
South Amboy

Each session of the series will begin at **7 PM**  
and end by **8 PM** - Light Refreshments will follow

**April 6th - “The Torture and Humiliation of the King”**

Trinity United Methodist Church

815 Bordentown Avenue - South Amboy, NJ

**April 14th - Community Good Friday Service**

First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville

174 Main Street - Sayreville, NJ

**Rev. Wilbur E. Newton      AGE: 90 • Bridgeton**

Rev. Wilbur E. Newton, aged 90 years, of Bridgeton, passed away late Saturday evening in Inspira Medical Center, Vineland.

Born July 21, 1926 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late William and Agnes (nee Spowage) Newton, and the husband of Ethelyn (nee Peterson) Newton.

Wilbur attended High School in Philadelphia and was inducted into the US Army in 1945, where he served with the 5th Army in Italy, and after the surrender, continued to serve with the occupational forces until his honorable discharge. Moving back to Philadelphia, he became a born again Christian, and on January 12, 1952, married Ethelyn Peterson, and from this union, three children were born.



Shortly after their marriage, Wilbur felt the calling to preach the gospel, and he enrolled in the Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, PA, where he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1961. When Crozer Seminary merged with Colgate-Rochester Seminary, he continued his education and earned his Master of Divinity Degree. He was ordained into the Christian Ministry by the Philadelphia Presbytery in May 1961. While in seminary, he served as the stated supply pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton, where he merged that congregation with Irving Avenue Presbyterian Church also in Bridgeton, which eventually became Bethany Presbyterian Church. He was obliged to leave so the new congregation could call its own pastor and he then served the Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, NJ for 25 years. In 1987 Wilbur and his wife Ethelyn purchased a home in Bridgeton, and he started a ministry among migrant workers in Cedarville, which he continued until his passing. In 1988 he was appointed a Chaplain of the Bridgeton Police Dept. by City Council, a position he was still serving.

Rev. Newton is survived by his wife Ethelyn, two daughters, Susan Caplet of Lebanon, CT, and Diane Inman of Holmdel, NJ, his son David Newton of Carpinteria, CA, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Friday February 3, 2017 at 11:00a.m. at Deerfield Presbyterian Church, 530 Old Deerfield Pike, Deerfield, NJ. Friends will be received one hour prior to the services at the church. The Rev. Dr. Ken Larter will officiate. Private burial with military honors of the cremains will take place in the Cumberland County Veterans Cemetery, Hopewell Twp. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to First Baptist Church Bridgeton, Elevator Fund, in care of First Baptist Church, 136 East Commerce Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302. Written condolences and expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting [www.sraywebsterfh@aol.com](mailto:www.sraywebsterfh@aol.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the SRAY-WEBSTER FUNERAL HOME, Upper Deerfield Twp. - Published in The Daily Journal on Feb. 1, 2017

### CURRENT FINANCIAL PICTURE

If you attended the Annual Congregation Meeting on January 29th you heard me report the loss of two wonderful tenants we were blessed with for the last five years. Our Children's Center for Learning grew in enrollment and rented our Rooms 3 & 4 bringing in \$2,000.00 per month. Also, we were blessed to have The New Life Pentecostal Church rent our Sanctuary on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings at \$900.00 per month. Our School currently just rents our building next door at \$2,000.00 per month. They are excellent tenants and maintain that building at their own expense. Our New Life congregation has purchased their own church building in Cliffwood. Megan and I have visited them during a worship service. They feel blessed by the welcome they received at First Presbyterian, South Amboy. Also our long time partners in Christ, The Polish Congregation has disbanded. That brought in \$100.00 per month.

Bottom line: We have been spoiled by being financially comfortable. We are now feeling that loss. A total of \$36,000.00 will not support our income this year. Of course our Disbursements remain the same.

Conclusion: We do not Pledge as most other churches do. We rely on God to move our hearts to be faithful with our first fruits, **PROVERBS 3**. Your financial commitment is between you and God. I have gotten into the habit of committing the same amount every week, even if I am not attending worship that week. It works for me. Try it and see if it works for you.

Pastor Jeffrey has offered to work part time to lessen disbursements. Let us not be forced to make that decision!

**PROVERBS 3:9** "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Sounds good to me.

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

### **A Very Special Thank you !!**



To Mary Vigilante and her son, Gary, for coping our VHS on to DVD's for our new members class!

### **NEVER OFF DUTY**



*We are God's handiwork, created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. - Ephesians 2:10*

Thank You, Lord, that you are always available to help us. May we be ready to respond to your prompting to help others, whenever and however and wherever that may be.

Today I will give thanks that I am a part of the Body of Christ.

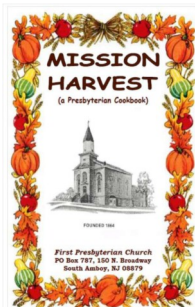
J = Jesus First  
O = Others Second  
Y = Yourself Last

**From: MacPherson  
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Fayetteville, NC**

### **MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK**

**\$12 Each**

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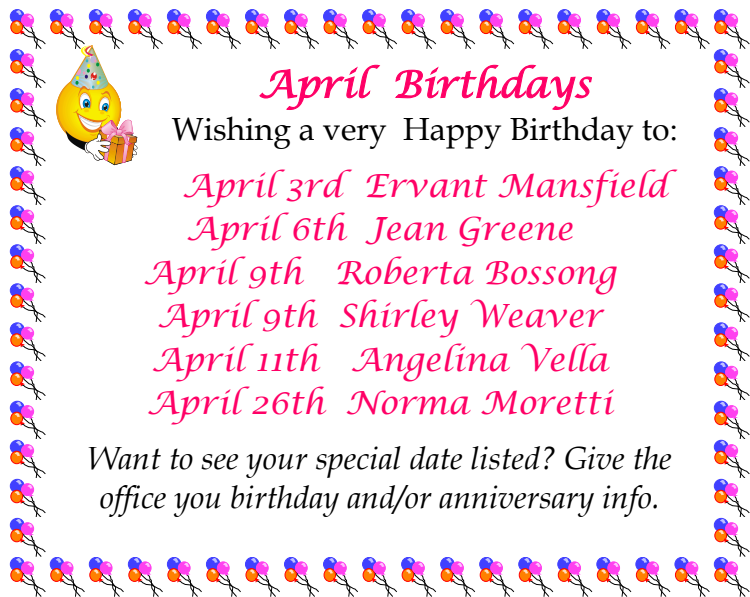
I am sending this to thank you so much for your collection of the items for local victims of Hurricane Matthew. The Church was able to share these items with hurricane victims as they move into new housing and need to furnish that housing. The sheets were ESPECIALLY welcomed by the ministry as well as all of the toiletry products. Though Designing Station focuses mainly on assisting people with furniture and household items, they maintain a small closet where clients of the ministry can "shop" for basic toiletry needs. All of those toiletries you sent will keep the shelves of that closet full for quite awhile. They asked me to express their deep appreciation to you. MacPherson Presbyterian thanks you again for your generosity in reaching out to the hurricane victims, and we wish you God's blessings in all of your service for Him.

In Christ's name, Rene Bahrenfuss

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## April Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

*April 3rd Ervant Mansfield*

*April 6th Jean Greene*

*April 9th Roberta Bossong*

*April 9th Shirley Weaver*

*April 11th Angelina Vella*

*April 26th Norma Moretti*

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

## One Great Hour Of Sharing

**Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**With your gift, you...**

Loose the bonds of injustice

**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)**

Share your bread with the hungry

**PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)**

Bring the homeless poor into your house

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)**

—Not to give up our bread, but to share it. In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge—to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. **One Great Hour of Sharing** is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share.

This Easter season, please give generously to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, use envelopes in the pews or online. Look for more info on in our mailroom.



## DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

This months food pantry was cold and the ground was covered with snow and ice, but the volunteers still came out and got the truck unloaded and the bags ready on Thursday. We were able to serve 38 families on Saturday.

This month we also received our check from last years "7th Annual Bowl for Hunger" in the amount of \$987.40. We look forward to this years event. I for one can't wait to bowl!

Also, Walgreens will be here during our next pantry, April 15, to do free blood pressure screening for anyone who wants one. Your Board of Deacon's ~ Shirley Weaver



## 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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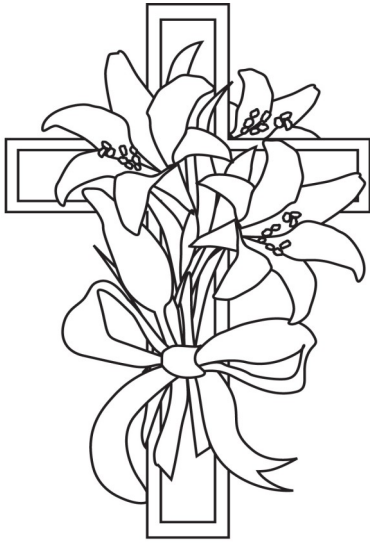
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## New Every Moment

*"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."*

— Matthew 28:6

The Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ means that your life is being made new and whole every moment. God offers us new life according to the riches and grace of Jesus Christ, who is risen on Easter morning. This good news contradicts the world, which often disappoints with unfilled hopes and broken dreams.

What burdens have you carried through the Lenten season? Maybe you have experienced a broken relationship, an unexpected illness or accident, or the loss of a job. Bring them all to the foot of the cross. God proposes a new beginning for you, starting with Easter morning. God's plans and dreams for your life are bigger than you can imagine. The old is finished and gone. Everything has become fresh and new.

We begin to discern God's plan when we turn to God in prayer and humility. At the beginning of each new day, God offers us a full plate of fresh possibilities and a cup that is overflowing with blessings. Because we are unaccustomed to receiving such blessings, it requires a new way of looking at the world. We are called to see with "Easter eyes." Even the closest friends of Jesus did not recognize him when they met him on the road to Emmaus on that first Easter. It takes new vision for us as well.

One of my favorite songs of Easter is by Avery and Marsh. The first lines of the song proclaim, "Every morning is Easter morning from now on. Every day is resurrection day, the past is finished and gone." My hope and prayer for you is that you may experience that same new reality in your life this Easter. As the Apostle Paul reminds, "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who gives me strength" (Phil. 4:13). The Risen One will go on ahead of you and call you to follow. May you find new life and discover opportunities to serve God. Jesus Christ is risen! Praise be to God!

*Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Jeffrey*