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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am



June



June 2017



"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom." -Umberto Eco

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2	3 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
4 Pentecost 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	5 6pm Scouts	6	7 7 7:30 pm Scouts Leaders	8 	9 3pm Golf Banquette	10 9am Spanish Worship	
11 Trinity Sunday 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Sunday School Closing Program 11:30 am Deacon	12 6pm Scouts	13	14 Flag Day 7:30 pm Scouts Leaders	15 9:30 am Bagging 	16	17 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry	
18 Father's Day 10:30am Worship	19 6pm Scouts	20	21 Summer Begins 8:30 am Session 	22	23	24 9am Spanish Worship 4pm Graduation party at Pastors House for his boys	
25 10:30am Worship 1pm Hall rental for party	26 6pm Scouts	27	28 6pm CCL Graduation	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.

READER SCHEDULE

JUNE 4th Ken G.
11th Ruth B.
18th Jennifer B.
25th Elaine L.

JULY 2nd Dustin B.
9th Ruth B.
16th Olivia J.
23rd Sherry K.
30th Joan D.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

JUNE 4th Molly S, Joyce S.
11th George S, Joni T, Arvid H.
18th Paul H, Joan D.
25th Gail H, Lori R, Joan D.

JULY 2nd Megan J, George S, Madhu S.
9th Arvid h, Joan D, Mary P.
16th Shirley W, Cara W.
23rd Paul H, Gail H.
30th Beth M, Arvid H.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

JUNE 4th Mike W.
11th Sherry K.
18th No Nursery
25th Martha M.

JULY 2nd Faith Mc.
9th Christina V.
16th Jessica S.
23rd Jennifer B.
30th Elaine L.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

JUNE 4th Molly S, Joyce S.
JULY 2nd Christina V, Jean G.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

JUNE 4th Joe B, George S,
Stephanie Mc, Dorothy R
JULY 2nd Christina V, Arvid H,
Olivia J, Goerge S.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

JUNE 4th Elaine L, Joan D, Norma M.
JULY 2nd NO Coffee Hour

Prayers for Our Homebound

Members & Friends

Roberta Bossong at A.C.R..

485 River Ave, #30, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Virginia Porter at Care One Somerset Valley

1621 Rt. 22, W. Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Debbie Sargeant Sr

3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

Agnes Schaefer at 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 Feb. 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



Our Sunday School

Our children's last day and closing program

"The Ten Commandments"

will be on June 11th. We hope everyone will come out and see them.

~ S.W.

COFFEE HOUR

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to our coffee hour or brought in food. We have really been blessed with an abundance of wonderful food to eat during our monthly church fellowship. Please remember that this month (June) will be the Last Coffee hour until September. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and hope to see you all back downstairs in September.



~ S.W.

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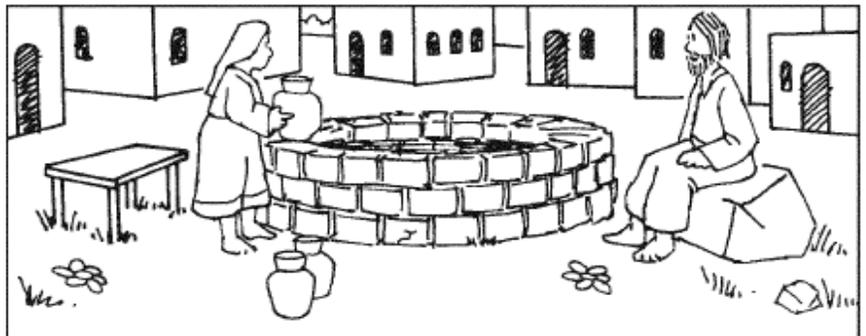
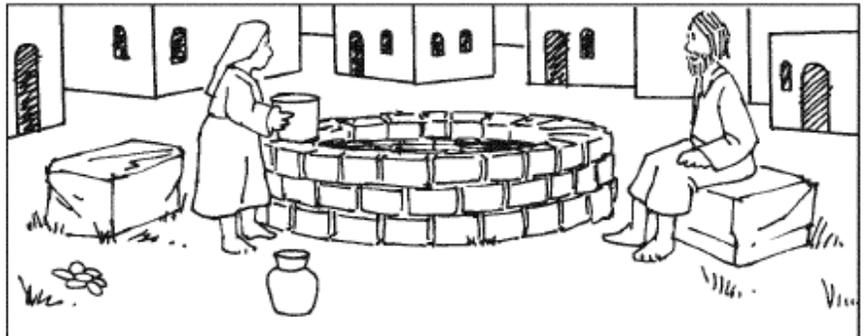
8th Annual Bowl for Hunger

Will be Thursday, July 27th, 2017 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Majestic Lanes. \$20 per person. See Shirley if you want to sign up on this year's team. This event supports our food pantry.

~ S.W.

While Jesus was traveling in Samaria, He came to Jacob's well and met a woman there.

Find 15 differences in the second picture.



We celebrated the **National Day of Prayer** down at the Flag Pole in front of city hall on May 4th. Pastor Jeffrey led us

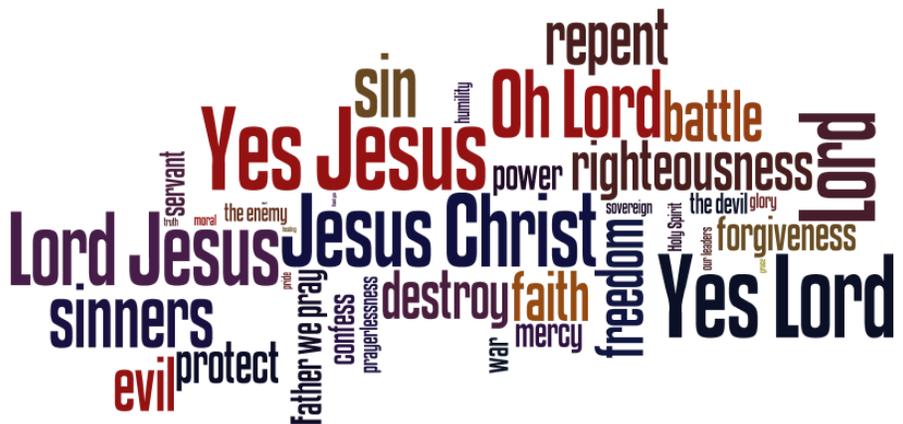
in an inspiring prayer, followed by prayers from some of the people who came out. Look for our picture in the Sayreville South Amboy Times.

~ S.W.

NEWSFLASH: AMAZING WOMEN

A N.J. Fire Inspector came to inspect our church and of course, he found some items that needed correction. Shirley, our secretary, and I were discussing the issue and she said she can go to Home Depot and pick up required materials. Not only did Shirley shop for us, with the help of Anna, these two women covered an electrical switch properly. Then they got out a ladder and repaired the sheetrock ceiling in the boiler room as required. AMAZING!! They saved our church many dollars of labor cost. Thank you Super Women. You are greatly appreciated.

Elaine Lopez



Congratulations 2017 Graduates!!



Wishing you the best that life has to offer and the richest of God's Blessings. May you go far and serve Him faithfully.



College & High School Graduates:

Stephanie Aviles

Trinitas School of Nursing
by her grandparents
Carla & Gerry Ring

Jackson Cochran-Carney

Lehigh University
by his parents
Jeffrey & Cynthia Cochran-Carney

Matthew Duncan

Rutgers University
by his friends
Jean Greene & family

Kellie Leander

Ramapo College
by her grandmother
Joan Downes

Bijan Mirtolooi

Princeton Theological Seminary
By his mother
Lisa Ariemma

Kathy Shoemaker

Montclair State University
by her son
Kevin Shoemaker

Melissa Wines

Monmouth Police Academy
by her aunt
Elaine Lopez

Sean Borbely

H.S. in Georgia
by his grandmother
Joan Downes

Joshua Cochran-Carney

SPF H.S.
by his parents
Jeffrey & Cynthia Cochran-Carney

Mary - Grace Drawl

North Hunterdon H.S.
By her Grandmother
Mary Dieker

Stephanie Gigantino

Middletown No H.S.
by her grandmother
Mary Gigantino

Kyle Whelan

South River High School
by his cousins
Jean Greene & family

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

Other School Graduates:

As you embark on the next step of your journey thru school remember our Lord is always with you.

Dustin Bellina

5th grade at
Clinton Elementary
by his mother
Jennifer Bellina

Jilliyin Duncan

8th grade at
South Amboy Middle School
by her friends
Jean Greene & family

Brandon Kuo

3rd grade at
Truman Elementary
by his parents
Sherry & David Kuo

Logan Kuo

Pre-school at
Garden Friends
by his parents
Sherry & David Kuo

Michael Pinella

Pre-school at
Little Wonder World
by his aunt
Shirley Weaver

Cara Weaver

5th grade at
SUES Elementary School
by her parents
Shirley & Michael Weaver

All are invited to a
Graduation Party

for

Jackson and Joshua Cochran-Carney

Saturday, June 24, 4:00 pm

At the church manse
Home of the Cochran-Carneys
1968 Grenville Road, Scotch Plains



"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

We still have a lot of shirts left . Please consider buying one to support our Food Pantry

T-shirts \$15 each

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

Phone: 732-721-4516



Please note that Pastor's primary phone number is now **908-487-8855**

The Mission Committee

is meeting is June 3rd.
Please join us.



Save the Date

Missions will be having a Pot Luck Fundraiser

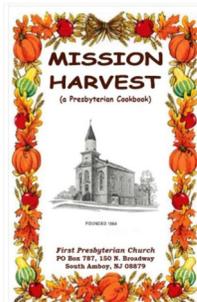
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in Fellowship Hall on July 8th from 5pm-8pm. Santos will be performing. Tickets will be sold for \$15 each .

MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK

\$12 Each

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FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2017

Offerings	\$	13,973
Covenant Income	+	5,643
Total Income	\$	19,616.*
Disbursements	\$	-16,516

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

YOU CAN ENRICH YOUR LIFE BY DEVELOPING A LIFESTYLE OF GENEROSITY.

Though for the day: GOD MAGNIFIES MY FAITHFUL GIVING.

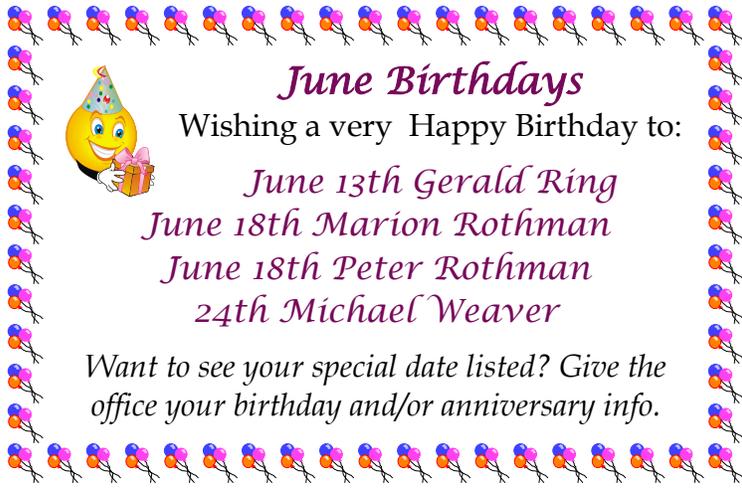
Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

JUNE DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry took place on May 20th. We received an abundance of canned food, cereal, rice, meat, fish, eggs, fruit and baby needs from the Hillside Food Bank. The Deacons, from their fund, purchased baked goods from Sayreville Shop Rite. This month we served 55 families and all went home happy with their bags filled to the brim.

I recently learned that one of our **LOYAL** volunteers would be retiring from the Food Pantry. Erv Mansfield, without any notoriety, would each month assemble all the bags for bagging day. Erv's helping hands made it so easy for the rest of our volunteers. Erv, we all love you and your expertise will be greatly missed. Once again, we must thank our volunteers, community service workers, Broadway Bagel and Penske Truck Rental for their dedication in helping us carry out our mission from God. Just a reminder - Flag Day is June 14th in honor of the observance of the Star-Spangled Banner, Father's Day is June 18th and for some of us there are Graduations. Please hang your flags high, Happy Father's Day to all our dear Dads and Congratulations to all the Graduates.

~Mary Dieker



June Birthdays
 Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:
June 13th Gerald Ring
June 18th Marion Rothman
June 18th Peter Rothman
24th Michael Weaver

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



June Anniversaries
 Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

June 10th
Shirley & Michael
Weaver

June 14th
Mary & Dom
Vigliante



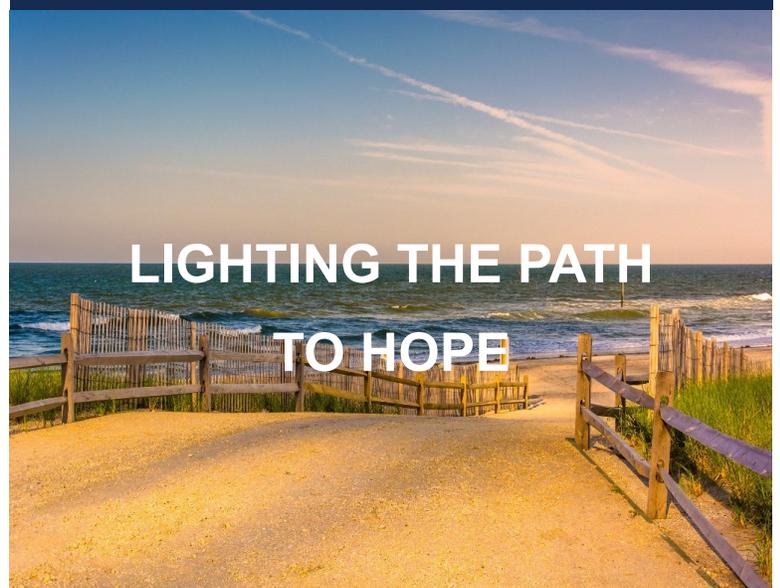

Sunday Worship Flowers
 Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. I have many openings. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room.

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



Registration forms are in the mail room if you want to Sign up or Volunteer for :
C.V.B.S.
July 17th - 21st
 At St. Bernadette's Church in Parlin
 This years Theme is **"Over the Moat"**

Our church will supply all the juice as usual. Please put juice in the mail room or ask Elaine to shop for you. ~ S.W.

LIGHTING THE PATH TO HOPE

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The Spirit of Pentecost



Soon we will be celebrating Pentecost. Pentecost is one of the most important days in the story of the church. You can read about it in the second chapter of the book of Acts. Historically, Pentecost was a major Jewish holy day, the roots of which are described in the Old Testament. Jews from all over the world made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem at Pentecost.



In the New Testament version, the Pentecost story takes place 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, and comes from the Greek word *pentekostos*, meaning fiftieth. The story is exciting . . . confusing . . . and miraculous all at the same time! It is sometimes referred to as "The Birthday of the Church," because the church in the modern Christian era began after the disciples and followers of Jesus received the power of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost.

According to Acts, "the disciples were gathered together in one place when the Spirit descended upon them like flames of fire." (Acts 2:1-3) Each one was empowered to speak and act in ways they could not have done on their own. Even the once cowardly Peter was able to preach with courage and conviction after he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit that anointed the disciples now anoints you and me. We can embrace the same sense of adventure and faithfulness as the early disciples. How will we be different as a result of God's Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost? I have been reading some books lately on Celtic Christianity. I feel a kindred spirit with my Irish ancestors. Part of what I have learned is that the Holy Spirit is pervasive in our lives and in the world. I connect most deeply with God's Spirit when I take walks in the woods and pray outside amidst the beauty of God's creation.

I feel the power, majesty and beauty of all that surrounds us. Sometimes God speaks to me in the whispering wind or the setting sun. Once I saw a cloud formation in the shape of a cross. The trees bend and bow down as if to worship their creator. The Holy Spirit embraces me and whispers, "You are my beloved."

The season of Pentecost reminds us in new and fresh ways that God wants us to be open to both His inspiration and revelation. Just before Jesus ascended to be with the Father, he said, "I have told you this while I'm still with you. However, the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything. He will remind you of everything that I have ever told you." (John 14:25-26).

Today would be a good day to remember that promise of God's power acting in our lives. It is no longer us, but the Holy Spirit that guides and directs us. It is both a joy and a responsibility to receive His gift and live with mindfulness of His constant presence in our lives. I hope this season of Pentecost will be that for you and much more.

Blessings, Pastor Jeffrey