

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy
P.O. Box 787, 150 N. Broadway
South Amboy, NJ 08879



MAY 2017



God's gifts
 God gives us everything,
 His wisdom strength and love,
 He also gave me you mom,
 And I thank the stars above!
Holly Giffers

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----|--|
| | 1 6pm Scouts | 2 5pm Scouts Dinner | 3 | 4 12 noon National Day of Prayer at the flag pole | 5 | 6 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions |
| 7 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour | 8 6pm Scouts | 9 | 10 7:30pm Scouts Leaders | 11 | 12 | 13 9am Spanish Worship |
| 14 Mother's Day No Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon | 15 6pm Scouts | 16 | 17 8:30 am Session | 18 9:30am Bagging | 19 | 20 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry |
| 21 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2pm CCL Tricky tray | 22 6pm Scouts | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 9am Spanish Worship |
| 28 No Sunday School 10:30am Worship | 29 Memorial Day Office Closed 6pm Scouts | 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

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



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

GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

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

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

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



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

MAY 7th George S, Megan J

JUNE 4th Molly S, Joyce S.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

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

JUNE 4th Joe B, George S,
Stephanie Mc, Dorothy R

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

MAY 7th Mary D, Joyce S, Molly S.

JUNE 4th Elaine L, Joan D, Norma M.

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



We were so blessed this Easter to welcome in our new members and to have Jennifer Harmsen, Arvid Holt and Our Pastor Jeff sing for us during the offertory.



Please Join Us in Welcoming Our New Members.

(Pictured left)

Lisa Ariemma, Jennifer Bellina, Elizabeth Pinella, Gerald Ring, Carla Ring, (Pastor), Jennifer Harmsen, Curtis Gibson, Courteney Thompson, & Robert Ragusa.

We will have a special Coffee Hour after service on May 7th to welcome them.



Our Missions Committee and Board of Deacons had their
Annual Egg Hunt and Party on Palm Sunday, April 9th

The children had such a great time as did all that attended.
 Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the event.



FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2017

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|-----------------|----|----------|
| Offerings | \$ | 12,184 |
| Covenant Income | + | 2,227 |
| Total Income | \$ | 14,411.* |
| Disbursements | \$ | -15,335 |

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

LUKE 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Thought for the day: GOD MAGNIFIES
MY FAITHFUL GIVING.**

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

Support Our Food Pantry

T-shirts \$15 each

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

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



DON'T FORGET

National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 4,
we meet at City Hall, South Amboy in front
of the flag pole at 12 Noon.

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE



Thanks to you we purchased a carton of 500 envelopes and a plastic over carpet/under desk mat. Total cost \$44.98. Because you continue to remember to bring in ink cartridges to recycle we covered the complete cost with rewards credits. Keep up the good work.

~ Elaine Lopez

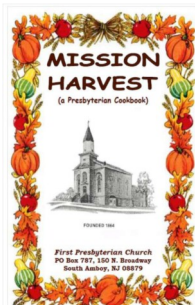


The Mission Committee
is meeting on May 6th at noon.
In Room 1 of the church.
All are welcome to join us.

MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK

\$12 Each

Phone: 732-721-4516



DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

The saying is "April Showers Brings May Flowers". Well, April was right on target except for Easter morning. We all awakened to the sun shining, the temperature rising and it was a glorious Easter Sunday. Let's hope May brings us rays of sunshine and warmer weather.

Our Food Pantry was held the Saturday before Easter. We greeted approximately 60 families and everyone went home with their carts filled to the brim. This month we purchased baked goods from Shop Rite for a minimal fee and they added to everyone's delight.

We have much to be thankful for at SAFPC. Our dedicated volunteers continue to arrive throughout the week to prepare for Pantry day. We are thankful for our truck drivers, Jim and Bob, because without their driving expertise we would be unable to transport the food from Hillside. Also, thanks to Broadway Bagel and Penske Truck Rental for their continued support. You are all Blessings in disguise.

Lastly, the Board of Deacons wishes each Mother a Happy Mother's Day.

~Mary Dieker



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May Birthdays



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

May 3rd Anthony Vella

May 8th Virginia Porter

May 9th Michael Pinella

May 15th Keith Sutter

May 17th Betty Reilly

May 24th Lorraine Scharff

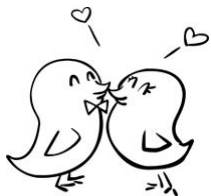
May 29th Sherry Kuo

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



May Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Gail & Don

Hawkins

May 21st

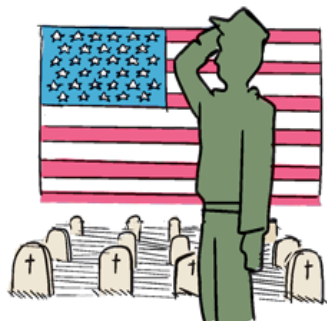
Sunday Worship Flowers

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.

Memorial Day Prayer

Held in our hearts always,
For the sacrifices you made,
Served our country well,
So our freedom never fell,
God Bless you on this and everyday,
Thank you for keeping us safe,
This Memorial Day I pray,
Honor, Respect,
May We Never Forget
- S. W.



MEMORIAL DAY



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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A Golden Easter

"If Christ is not raised, then we above all people are to be most pitied." — 1 Corinthians 15:19

I hope you all had a wonderful, blessed Easter. He is risen! He is risen indeed! And in the days following Easter, the news gets even better. In the liturgical calendar, the church celebrates seven weeks of Easter. Jesus himself remained with his disciples for 40 days before his ascension into heaven.

He walked in the places where his ministry had been. He continued to heal and preach and teach the disciples how to carry on his work. He could have chosen to ascend immediately to heaven and be with the father, but he remained so people could be assured of his resurrection and presence in everyday life. Plain and simple, it means Jesus continues to walk with us today. He guides and directs our every action, and we can know we are never alone. He has overcome the powers of death and darkness, and we can live confidently as a resurrected people. For me, the power of the resurrection means all of creation has been renewed and redeemed. In a sermon recently, I said, "You never lose those you love. Everything and everyone you have ever loved will always be with you, and will always be with God." The power of new life is the new norm for all living things.

Most of you know we recently lost our beloved golden retriever Chase. For ten years he was my best friend. He was the dog our boys grew up with. He comforted our son Jackson when he was home ill for two years. Most importantly, he was my prayer walk companion. Most days we would go for long walks in a wooded park near where we live. There was something about the beauty of nature, and something about walking with my best friend that drew me closer to God. He always seemed to know what I was feeling, and brought me a sense of gratitude and appreciation for all that is good in life. His sudden death brought a deep sadness and emptiness that is inevitable when we lose someone we love. Yet the power of Easter and new life reminded me that we never lose those we love. One day after a heart felt prayer and many tears, God whispered in my ear, "Your best friend lives, and is walking right beside you if you open your eyes and heart." Sure enough, his words were to be trusted and true. I still take long walks in the woods. I still behold the beauty of a sunset, and I could swear there is a set of paw prints that follows my every step. Deep in my heart, I know our risen Lord would have it no other way.

Blessings, Pastor Jeffrey

