

Friends, Visitors, Guests

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Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am



July



Happy 4th of July!

July 2017



*Live as free people, but do not use
your freedom as a cover-up for evil;
live as God's slaves.*

1 Peter 2:16

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
2 10:30am Worship/Communion	3 6pm Scouts	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8 9am Spanish Worship 5 pm Honor Jersey's Finest
9 10:30am Worship	10 6pm Scouts	11	12	13 9:30am Bagging 	14	15 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Partry
16 10:30am Worship Pastor Jeff out	17 6pm Scouts	Community Vacation Bible School Week			21	22 9am Spanish Worship
23 10:30am Worship Pastor Jeff out	24 6pm Scouts				28	29 9am Spanish Worship
		25	26	27 5pm 8th Annual Bowl For Hunger 		
10:30am Worship	31 6pm Scouts					

~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

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

AUG 6th Ken G
13th Jennifer B.
20th Elaine L.
27th Joan D.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

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.

AUG 6th Ken G, Lori R, George S.
13th Megan J, Madhu S.
20th Gail H, Arvid H.
27th Joni T, Beth M.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

AUG 6th Mike W.
13th Sherry K.
20th Martha M.
27th Christine V



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

JULY 2nd Christina V, Jean G.
AUG 6th Shirley W Gail H.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

JULY 2nd Christina V, Arvid H,
Olivia J, Goerge S.
AUG 6th Shirley W, Gail H,
Mary P, Elaine L.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

JULY 2nd No Coffee Hour
AUG 6th 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

Closing Program 2017

"The Ten Commandments"

Our Sunday School

We hope everyone enjoyed the Children's Closing Program. They worked really hard this year and we are very proud of them and all the hard work they did.

We hope you all have a great summer and look forward to having you all back in class in Oct.

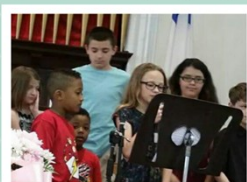
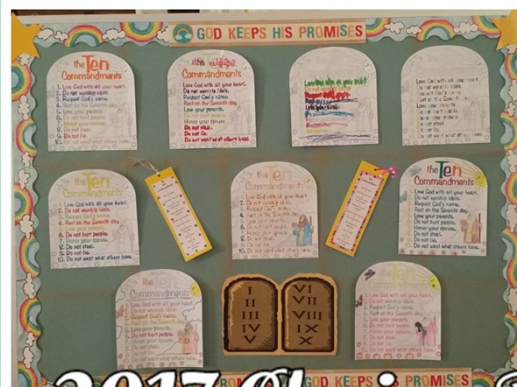
Thank you again to Pastor Jeffrey and Kevin for practicing and performing with the Kids this year!

Thank you to Sherry and Michael for all of your help throughout the year.

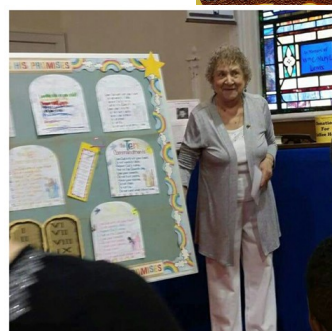
A very special thank you to Gerry, our superintendent of Sunday School, for putting all the lessons and schedules together for us.

Thank you to my fellow teachers Judy, Christine, & Jennifer. What a wonderful team we all make!

~ Shirley Weaver



2017 Closing Program





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 years team. This event supports our food pantry. ~ S.W.



July Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

July 8 Richard Spinelli
July 18 Mary Vigliante
July 26 Elaine Lopez
July 31 Leroy Kurtz

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

Looking for something to do this summer?



Check out our Special Event Bulletin boards. It's outside of Pastor's office. There is plenty to keep you busy, from music in the park to beach bible studies and local events. I'm sure you'll find something you will enjoy! - or if you would like to post your event on our bulletin board. Contact Shirley in the office.



INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

This month we ordered printer ink and card stock paper. Total cost \$78.00. Thanks to **YOU** we had a \$40.00 reward coupon from recycled cartridges so we only paid \$38.00. Keep up the good work. Staples accept all size cartridges and we are allowed to recycle 20 per month. Keep-um coming in!!!! ~ Elaine Lopez

JULY DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

Summer is here! The kids are out of school and parents are now on the RUN. Susie needs a ride to the Mall for work; Becky wants to swim with her friends at the local pool and Tommy wants his friends over for lunch. Let's see! First to Woodbridge; then to the store for lunch snacks; back to pick up Becky - drive to the pool; and then home to prepare lunch for the boys. That is the morning and then, there are the RETURN trips. No rest for the weary! Let's pray that everyone has a healthy and pleasant summer.

The Food Pantry was June 17th. I thought we would be understaffed due to personal commitments, but to my surprise we were blessed with an abundance of volunteers and community service workers. Saturday we registered 6 new families and this month we served a total of 62 families. We received an abundance of food from the Food Bank (transported in the Penske truck), bagels from Broadway Bagel and cakes and bread from Shop Rite. Without all this assistance and our volunteers/community service workers we would not be able to open our doors to the needy.

July 4th is just around the corner. Enjoy all the festivities and please be mindful of the fireworks.

~Mary Dieker

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2017

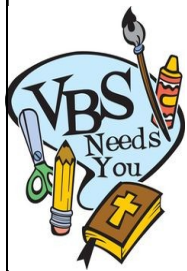
Offerings	\$	10,463
Covenant Income	+	3,451
Total Income*	\$	13,914
Disbursements	\$	-14,949

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

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

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

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer



C.V.B.S. July 17th - 21st

At St. Bernadette's Church in Parlin

This years Theme is *"Over the Moat"*

For the 29th year, Six churches of different denominations will come together to have fun, do crafts and learn scripture lessons. All students, teachers and aids must register. Registration forms are located in the mail room.

JUICE - JUICE - JUICE

Our Church has always provided the juice for this program.

Let us keep up our proud tradition and supply the juice needed to hydrate approximately 70 children and staff during that July week. I will do the shopping for you or leave

containers of juice in the basket under the mail slots.



Thank you.
Elaine Lopez



FREEDOM PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

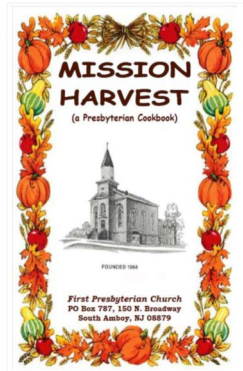
Amen.

(1979 Book of Common Prayer, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA)

MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK

\$12 Each

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"Honors Jersey's Finest"



*Save
the
Date*

Pot Luck Dinner

July 8th

5pm - 8pm

in Fellowship Hall

Tickets \$15 each

*Santos will be
performing*

Proceeds to benefit the Missions Committee

at the

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July Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



*Joan & Renny
Travisano
July 1*

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

T-shirts \$15 each

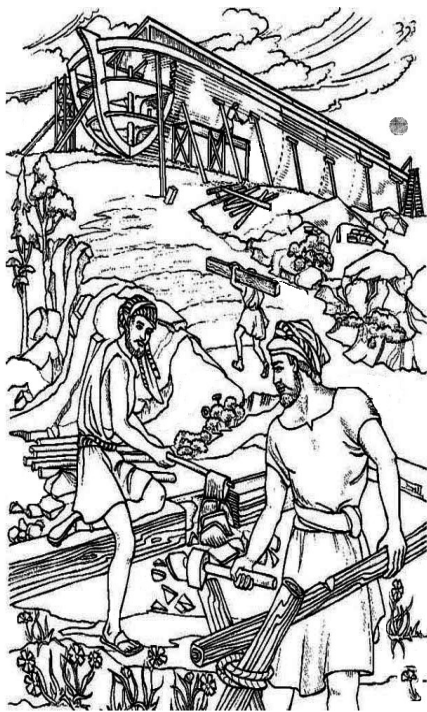
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Count Your Blessings

This season has been a time of many blessings for our family. Last month we sat in the football stadium at Lehigh University as Jackson was awarded his degree. A month later we were in a football stadium again as Joshua graduated from high school. At about the same time, we were blessed with a new addition to our family — Sophia, a 2 year old Golden Retriever we rescued. She is a joy and a delight.

As we returned home from the graduations, there was one thought that kept coming into my mind and wouldn't go away: "Thank you Lord for letting me witness this moment." "THANK YOU LORD FOR LETTING ME WITNESS THIS MOMENT!" It brings a tear to the eye and joy to the heart when we experience such beautiful moments. We should not take them for granted.

Graduations are one of those significant chapters and mile markers in life that you hope to live to see. It makes a parent proud and has a sacramental quality to it.

Upon further reflection, it occurred to me that this is the perspective God wants us to have every day. These moments may not be large, but the Lord pours out his blessings upon us. We can join the Psalmist as he writes: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalm 118:1) In another Psalm, we read: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." (Psalm 103:1)

In my devotions one morning, I read something from the writings of St. Basil of Caesarea that echoed these thoughts. St. Basil lived around 357AD, and he was a keen observer of the details in everyday life that he understood were blessings from God. He writes: "Give thanks in deeds of virtue that extend to every part and moment of our lives. 'Whether you eat,' it is said, 'or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.' As you take your seat at table, pray. As you lift the loaf, offer thanks to the Giver... As you are putting on your tunic, thank the Giver of it. As you wrap your cloak about yourself, feel yet greater love to God, who alike in summer and in winter has given us coverings convenient for us, and at once preserves our life. Is the day done? Give thanks to Him Who has given us the sun for our daily work, and has provided for us a fire to light up the night."

The warm days and nights of summer are sure to sow many seeds in your heart that are ripe to burst forth into blessings at any moment. You may be at the shore and watch the waves crash upon the beach and marvel at the majesty of God. You may be sitting on your back porch and behold a sunrise or sunset. You may notice a firefly light up the night sky. You may receive an unexpected visit or a message from a dear friend. On one of the first warm days of summer, I was walking in the woods with my dog, and as we passed through a grove that was surrounded by trees and birds singing (much to Sophia's distraction!), I thought, "My Lord and my God, what a marvelous moment this is, that first of all we should even be alive, and secondly that we are surrounded by your beauty in nature to behold."

Where will you be this summer when a blessing falls upon your path as suddenly as a spring shower? What will you be doing when out of nowhere, you stop and exclaim, "My Lord and my God! How fortunate I am to be experiencing this moment here with you." You never know when even one of a million seeds God has planted in you will burst forth into a blessing. I pray there will be many such moments for you this summer, and like the stars, they will be too numerous to count.

Blessings, Pastor Jeffrey