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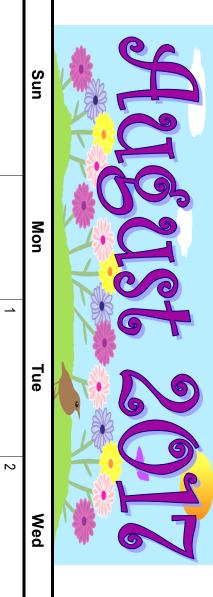
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"So may all your enemies perish, Lord! But may all who love you be like the sun when it rises in its strength." Then the land had **peace** forty years. Judges 5:31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 10:30am Worship/Communion	7 6pm Scouts	σ	9 1:30 pm CCL using hall	10	1	12 9am Spanish Worship
13 10:30am Worship	14 6pm Scouts	15	16	17 9:30am Bagging	18	19 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
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20 10:30am Worship	21 6pm Scouts	22	23	24	25	26 9am Spanish Worship
27 10:30am Worship	28 6pm Scouts	29	38	31 7:30 pm Scout Leaders Meeting		

~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

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



SEPT 3rd Ruth B. 10th Paul H. 17th Olivia J. 24th Anthony V. Jr.

GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

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

SEPT 3rd George S, Joan D.
10th Beth M, Shirley W, Cara W.
17th Mary P, George S, Ken G.
24th Gail H, Paul H.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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



SEPT 3rd Jessica S. 10th Jennifer B. 17th Mike W. 24th Sherry K.

COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

- AUG 6th Shirley W Gail H.
- SEPT 3rd Joan D, Jessica S.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

AUG 6th Shirley W, Gail H, Mary P, Elaine L. SEPT 3rd Joan D, Jessica S. Gerry W, Lori R.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

AUG6thNo Coffee HourSEPT3rdChristine V, Jean G, Jessica S.

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	
Arvid Holt	
Dorothy Rhodes	

Gail Hawkins Elaine Lopez Christine Vella

YOUR DEACONS

(Responsible for Assisting our Church and Community in Times of Need)

Mary Dieker Ken Gibson Megan Jarvis Stephanie McAleer George Schaefer Shirley Weaver



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F P C S A M I S S I O N S COMMITTEE CELEBRATES ROY KURTZ AND NJ'S FINEST

On Sat., July 8th, the Missions Committee held a pot luck supper to celebrate and honor former So. Amboy Chief of police Leroy Kurtz and New Jersey's finest. Leroy has been a member of our church for over 85 years. Missions was able to surprise Leroy with the help of his family and cooperation of church members.

(Leroy Kurtz pictured right with his 4 children.)





(Pictured above are Dan Sullivan, Mellissa Wines Bryan Knittle)

"Dan and my niece, Melissa, are a couple. They are both officers at the Belmar Police Dept. Bryan is a Jersey City Police Officer. He and my niece, Ashley Wines are getting married on October 1, 2017. They are all a blessing to our family."~ Elder Elaine Lopez

"We were humbly honored to give back to our men and women in Blue. We wanted to express the joy we had and honor our wonderful Chief Leroy Kurtz. The gift we made in Mr. Kurtz name (to the PBA.) was just a small token, but filled with much love" ~ Elder Mary Porcello The biggest joy was being able to watch Roy realize his whole family was there to greet him and celebrate his faithful years of service as well as his 91st birthday.

The Missions Committee made a \$3,000 donation to the PBA in honor of Leroy Kurtz. About 65 people attended the event. Everyone enjoyed food, fellowship, and hearing Santos sing and spin great music.

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the event.

(Pictured below the Missions Committee presenting the donation of \$3,000.00 to the PBA.)











COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The week of July 17 - 21 was the 29th year of CVBS. Seven churches get together and plan a fun week of learning God's Word. Also, we learn that God's plan is we are all His children even though we worship in different churches. This year's theme was "Over The Moat". We learned how to follow God, our King, through and over life's challenges. Although it was HOT (high 90 degrees) all week, we sang, made crafts, study scripture and got WET. Our church family provided the much needed juice. Thank you. See you next year. ~ Elaine L

What a blessing it was to serve the Lord and teach our children at this years CVBS. Thank you to all those who volunteered and donated to this wonderful community event. I can't speak for all of the children who where there, but I know that our kids, had a blast! I deeply enjoyed teaching them and all there friends (both new and old) the story of David and about God's love and kindness! Can't wait until next year! ~ Shirley W.

This years volunteers:

Elaine Lopez, Shirley Weaver, Mary Vigliante, Joe Beselinoff, Dee Sepulveda, Anthony Vella, Kenny Herman, Christian Dwojeski, Mike Weaver



Don Hawkins was a big help this month. He collected 140 used ink cartridges and delivered them to us. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness Don. The cash value will total \$280.00 towards our future orders. We are allowed to turn in 20 cartridges per month to Staples which in turn they issue a \$40.00 rewards coupon to us. We definitely will have an order every month. Go Team Go!!! ~ Elaine Lopez

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INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE











November 5, 2017

Time: 11:45 am (after service)

\$ 6.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased in advance from any deacon or at church office or at the door.

Proceeds to benefit the Board of Deacons

All proceed from this event will go to help families in need in our community and our church's food pantry.

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AUGUST DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

Praise the Lord for another successful pantry day. The AC was on and the fans were blowing as we served 56 families at our July Food Pantry. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came to sweat it out with us. Your heartfelt commitment to our pantry is what keeps it going! We hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We look forward to seeing you all back again in August. Let's pray it's a cooler morning then. ~ Shirley Weaver

FINANCIAL REPORT

June	2017	
Offerings	\$	8,510
Covenant Income	+	2,700
Total Income*	\$	11,210
Disbursements	\$	-12,029

WE GIVE BECAUSE GOD GAVE FIRST

Though for the day: GOD MAGNIFIES MY FAITHFUL GIVING. Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

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SUMMER VACATIONS

Pastor Jeff will be on vacation: Aug 14 - 18 Shirley will be on vacation: Aug. 10 -15 & Aug 21

MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK

\$12 Each

Phone: 732-721-4516

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

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



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.



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The Soul of Summer

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy," as that old Ella Fitzgerald song goes. Well, I don't know if this summer will slow down for you, but it can lend itself to being more reflective, and spending time with some of your favorite devotional books and spiritual practices. The

weather is warm and the sun is shining, and I really enjoy being able to spend more time outside. It feeds my soul. Most days I take Sophia and we walk for an hour or so in a wooded area not far from our house. Sometimes I can walk most of the trail without seeing many other people or dogs. It's a time to enjoy the beauty of nature and feel closer to God. The trees bow down in the breeze; the sky is a rich blue with a few puffy white clouds, and the sun warms the body as well as the soul.

At times such as these I feel a deeper appreciation for all the gifts God has given. A feeling of peace descends from above and arises from within. The worries of the day melt away under the summer sun, and the crunch of each step on the path is an opportunity to lift up a prayer of thanksgiving to God. The hour flies by quickly as we head to the parking lot and back home. But the time of devotion does not send me home empty handed. It always provides some gifts of the spirit, such as a quiet inner peace and a feeling of being closer to God. It's like a time of worship in the woods, and I leave the trail behind a changed man. The fact that my "best friend" is walking along beside me makes that time even more special, for I only have to look down at Sophia to catch a glimpse of God's unconditional love.

The summer also provides some time to catch up on reading. I look forward to reading more about Celtic spirituality. I feel a new appreciation for my father's Irish roots, and although I don't know much about his ancestors, it provides a kindred connection to a spirituality that has a reverence for the beauty of nature and the presence of God in all things. Maybe I'll even try to read as we hang out at airports and on the long flight to California. It is not easy to have a spiritual experience at the airport, but this summer it is worth a try!

Where will God's spirit be leading you this summer? What do you thirst for that cold water alone cannot quench? Wherever your travels take you, I hope you discover a summer of the soul that leads you closer to God.

Blessings, Pastor Jeffrey