

Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy
P.O. Box 787, 150 N. Broadway
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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday School 9:00 am









Sunday Worship 10:30 am



October

October 2017

*This day, Father, may my eyes be opened
to see the beauty in all that is ordinary - yet
special - around me. May the glory of all that
you have made remind me of your
presence and lead me closer to you.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Peacemaking Offering 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour 	2 6pm Scouts	3	4 8:30 am Session	5 	6	7 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions?
8 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	9 Columbus Day Office Closed 6pm Scouts 	10	11 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	12	13	14 9am Spanish Worship
15 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Blessing of the Pets	16 Nat. Bosses Day 6pm Scouts 	17	18	19 9:30am Bagging 	2	21 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
22 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	23 6pm Scouts	24 United Nations Day 	25	26	27	28 9am Spanish Worship
29 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	30 6pm Scouts	31 Halloween 				

~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

OCT 1st Sherry K.
8th Jennifer B.
15th Ruth B.
22nd Joan D.
29th Elaine L.

NOV 5th Olivia J
12th _____
19th _____
26th Ruth B.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

OCT 1st Joan D, Arvid H.
8th Megan J, Elaine L.
15th Lori R, George S.
22nd Gail H, Arvid H.
29th Paul H, George S.

NOV 5th Madhu S, George S.
12th Ken G, Beth M.
19th Arvid H, Joan D, Mary P.
26th Elaine L, Paul H, Megan J.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

OCT 1st Martha M.
8th Christina V.
15th Jessica S.
22nd Jennifer B.
29th Mike W.

NOV 5th Elaine L.
12th Sherry K.
19th Martha M.
26th Christine V.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

OCT 1st Mary D, Megan J.

NOV 5th Christine V, Jean G.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

OCT 1st Mary D, Megan J.
George S, Beth M.

NOV 5th Christine V, Arvid H
Joe B, Lori R.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

OCT 1st Jennifer B, Dee S. Gail H.

NOV 5th Deacons' Comfort Food Luncheon

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

500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Celebratory Worship Service and Dinner

Reformation
Five Hundred Years 1517-2017

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Worship Service at 4:30 p.m.
Messiah Lutheran Church
3091 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ

Dinner to follow at
Sayreville VFW Post #4699
575 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville, NJ

Tickets: \$30.00 for adults
\$20.00 for children 5 -10 years, 4 and under free

We hope you will be able to join us
at this joyous celebration of our heritage.

Please use this form to order your tickets.
Return with your payment to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Ticket Order Deadline: September 10, 2017

Ticket order forms are in the weekly bulletin.

The Mission Committee

Missions is having a meeting at noon
on Oct. 7th . All are welcome to join
us for fellowship, a light snack & fun
while helping others ~ Stephanie

FINANCIAL REPORT

AUGUST 2017

Offerings	\$ 7,968
Covenant Income	+ 2,685
Total Income	\$ 10,653
Disbursements	\$ -15,217

**WE GIVE BECAUSE
GOD GAVE FIRST**

Jesus said: As we give it will be given
back, overflowing. LUKE 6:38

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

October Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Oct. 8 Mary Dieker

Oct. 18 Don Hawkins

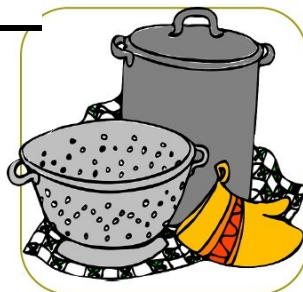
Oct. 25 Lenny Jastremski

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



COFFEE HOUR

We hope everyone had a
wonderful summer! This month,
we will start to have our coffee
hours again! Thank you to
everyone who has made a
donations or brought in food.
We hope that you will continue
to do so. ~ S.W.



**Fall
Comfort Food
Luncheon**



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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for more info call Phone: 732-721-4516 or email : firstsouthamboy@optimum.net

Eagle Scout creates care packages for the homeless

South Amboy Boy Scout Troop 91 member Erik J. Kuhn was presented with his Eagle Scout award during a Court of Honor conducted at Camp Dill in Clinton Township on July 16.

Kuhn's project, "Care Packages for the Homeless," had volunteers acquire hundreds of everyday items such as soap, socks, deodorant and blankets. Backpacks were made up and taken to Jeremiah's Refuge Emergency Shelter in Perth Amboy for their residents. Kuhn supplied more than 60 backpacks and several boxes of excess items to re-

plenish them as needed.

The South Amboy resident is a 2017 graduate of Saint John Vianney High School in Holmdel and currently attends Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.



Erik J. Kuhn

Troop 91 celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016 and is one of the oldest Boy Scout troops in the nation. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 interested in joining can attend a weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday nights at the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy on Broadway. The troop also supports the activity of Cub Pack 91 for boys ages 6-11, which meets at 6 p.m. Mondays in the same location.

Scouts Fish Dinner - Nov 7th

The Old Timers of Troop 91 and The Camp Dill Foundation Fish Dinner will be held on

Tuesday November 7th,
in Fellowship Hall,
5 pm - 7 pm.



Eat in or take out.
See Ruth or Joe
for tickets.



Columbus Day
October 9th



Support Love National Happy BOSS Day Creativity Goals Success Determination TRUST Satisfaction

HALLOWEEN

Spot the twelve differences



FISH and CHICKEN FRY*

Friday, October 13, 2017

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
172 MAIN STREET
SAYREVILLE, NJ

\$13.00 in Advance
\$15.00 at the Door

Please call 732-257-6353 for Tickets.

*Chicken available by advance order only

***Take Outs Begin at 5:00 PM**
Seating from 5:30 PM-6:45 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 4:45

This is a church fundraiser. If the dinner is canceled due to incimate weather, tickets sold are considered a donation and are nonrefundable.



Our Pets Are A Blessing To Us...



...Join Us In Blessing Them!

**Bring your Pet (or a photo of your pet) to
A Blessing of the Animals**

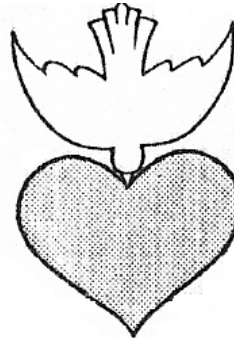
**Sunday, October 15th, 2016,
following service in the parking lot.**

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**Sunday School
Halloween Party
October 30th**



Kids are welcome to wear church
appropriate costumes or religious
costumes to class that day. We will be
having snacks and doing crafts.



**"A new heart
I will give you,
and a new spirit
I will put within you."
—Ezekial 36:26**

DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

We have entered the Fall Season and are looking forward to comfort specialties, apple pie and warm cider. Sounds good - right! Hopefully, next month, we will receive apples from the Food Bank and each recipient can make their own apple pie.

Our September Pantry was held on the 18th. Norma Moretti drove with Jim to pick up the truck in Cliffwood, and Shirley accompanied Jim to Hillside. After a long wait, they brought back an abundance of food. The volunteers were waiting and before you knew it, the truck was unloaded and the pantry shelves were loaded again. This procedure is called "Hands Helping Hands".

I want to thank all the volunteers and community service workers for their dedication to our Pantry over the last several years. You have done God's work here on earth.

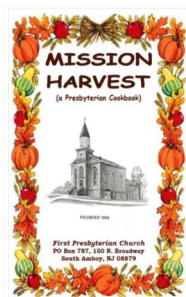
This will be my last Open Door newsletter relating to the Pantry. Life goes on and change is good. I will remain a Deacon until my term expires this winter and I will assist in the Pantry as needed. Mary Dieker

Today, I need to be still and let God love me.
God's love is my strength.
God's love is my protection.
God's love is my light in the midst of any darkness.
God's love is the fulfillment of every hunger, every thirst.
God's love is my source and my supply.
God's love, ever present, is the only thing I need, want or seek today.
For in the presence of God's love, all is well in my life and in my soul.
Today, I need to be still and let God love me.
As I speak these words, as I think these words, they take on the presence of the Holy Spirit to become the circumstances of this day in my life.
Let it be so!
And so it is!

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

Phone: 732-721-4516



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

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday celebrated the first Sunday in October – is one of the most venerable of "Special Sundays." On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church. The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) was first associated with World Wide Communion Sunday in 1940 when the department's executive secretary, Jesse Bader, led in its extension to a number of churches throughout the world.

Today, efforts to promote World Communion Sunday are carried out by participating denominations, and several produce materials geared toward this observance.

Our congregation will be having a "**Peacemaking Offering**" on Oct. 1, 2017. Please place your peacemaking envelope in the offering plate. A part of it stays in the local community to help others.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINS

OCTOBER 1, 2017

9 AM - 10 AM



It's that time of year again when our children will be returning to Sunday School. Ages are from 4 yrs old up to 8th Grade. Registration for new children will start on Oct. 1st & every Sunday thereafter. We welcome all children. If you know of anyone who is looking for a Christian Sunday School please tell them about us. ~ SW

TEENS CAN DO GOOD WORK

Christian Dwojeski and Cara Weaver started out as helpers to trim hedges and rake up. All I did was ask, point and stand back. Especially Christian handled the electric hedge clipper like a pro. He beautifully trimmed and raked up. Thank you Kids. ~ Elaine



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What I Learned From My Uber Drivers

For six weeks I came to church with total strangers! No, they weren't visitors. Let me explain. For six weeks following surgery I was wearing a sling and was unable to drive. When anyone asked me what was the most difficult thing about shoulder surgery, I answered without hesitation, "Not being able to drive!" Can anyone relate to that? I have empathy for those who have had to give up driving. You lose your independence any you have to rely more on other people. Mine only lasted for six weeks, and my wife was a gracious chauffeur during much of that time. There were also lessons to be learned along the way about being patient, but that's another story.

Back to Uber, it seemed like the only practical way to get to church on a Sunday morning. I had never done that before, but thanks to a technology savvy son, Joshua helped me get the app on my phone and set up an account. Finally, the time came to summon a ride. The first thing I discovered is that there are not many ubers available in my small town early on a Sunday morning. Finally, after about half an hour, a ride was available.

I was always taught not to get in a car with strangers, but there is a first time for everything! But the main thing I want to say about the experience is that it provided an opportunity to get to know someone I had never met before and likely would never meet again. It's amazing how much you can learn about a person in thirty minutes. When they found out that I was a pastor and they were headed to a church, the conversation usually shifted. Sometimes they talked about church — where they attended or why they stopped going. But even if they didn't go to church, they often asked spiritual questions. They talked about their faith, their doubts and beliefs, or their image of God. Some would talk more than others, and at times their limited English made it hard to have a conversation, yet we always found a way. There was a genuine openness on their part to Christianity and spiritual matters. It was a safe opportunity to talk about their faith, family, and their hopes and dreams for the future. At the end of the trip, I always ended by saying, "God bless you. I will be praying for you and your family." Sometimes they responded with the same.

I'm back to driving now, but I will miss my Sunday morning conversations with perfect strangers who were perfectly willing to drive to church. I was reminded of that verse from Hebrews that says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2) You never know when a stranger might be an angel in disguise, and sometimes they might even be driving an Uber on their way to church.

—Pastor Jeffrey