

Friends, Visitors, Guests

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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am







November



November 2017

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
Philippians 4:6*

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>It's time to "Fall Back!" Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday at 2am</p> <p>Daylight Savings ends 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Comfort Food Luncheon</p> | 6pm Scouts | <p>Election Day 5 pm Scout's Fish Dinner</p>  | 1 7:30pm Scouts Leaders |  | 3 | <p>4 9am Spanish Worship 9am - Leadership Training Old Tennesse 12 noon Missions</p> |
| <p>12 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon 11:30 am Nominating Com</p> | 13 6pm Scouts | 14 | 15 8:30 am Session | <p>16 9:30am Bagging</p>  | 17 | <p>18 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry</p> |
| <p>19 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p> | 20 6pm Scouts | 21 | 22 | <p>23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>  | 24 Office Closed | 25 9am Spanish Worship |
| <p>26 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship</p> | 27 6pm Scouts | 28 | 29 | 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

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

DEC 3rd Sherry K.
 10th Anthony V. Jr.
 17th Dustin B.
 24th Elaine L.
 31st _____



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

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.

DEC 3rd Paul H, George S
 10th Arvid H, Olivia J.
 17th Lori R, Paul H.
 24th Gail H, Elaine L, Madhu S.
 31st _____

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

DEC 3rd Jessica S.
 10th Jennifer B.
 17th Elaine L.
 24th _____
 31st _____



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

NOV 5th Christine V, Jean G.
 DEC 3rd Stephanie M, Dorothy R.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

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

DEC 3rd Stephanie M, Dorothy R.,
 Elaine L, Joan D.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

NOV 5th Deacons' Comfort Food Luncheon
 DEC 3rd Elaine L, Joan D, Norma M.

Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Dec. 10th



Breakfast with Santa after service. Please Register your child by Dec. 1st. We need to make sure Santa knows who's coming. Registration forms are in the weekly bulletins. - Missions & Deacons



Fall Comfort Food Luncheon



November 5, 2017

Time: 11:45 am
(after service)

Turn Clocks **BACK** in FALL



Set Clocks Back 1 Hour
First Sunday In November

This will be a FREE event!!

However, we ask each family for a donation which would be for the entertainment. There will be a basket at the event.



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

Nancy Scharff In Concert!



Sunday, November 5, 2017 • 12:00 Noon

Fall Comfort Luncheon

First Presbyterian Church

150 N. Broadway St., South Amboy, NJ

For information: 732-721-4516

www.NancyScharff.com • www.fpcsachurch.org

"Nancy is obviously gifted. Her song shares a message of hope and comfort, essential in inspirational music."
GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION, NASHVILLE, TN

DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

When two or more of God's children get together, Heaven goes into action. Once again I have witnessed this with our food pantry. It was a calm, chilly and sunny morning, when we opened the doors of our pantry. Everyone lined up orderly outside despite the interruption of a flea market being held on the premises. They were all happy to see us and greeted us with big smiles and some hugs. We were blessed with the presence of 6 new applicants who openly expressed their gratitude to us and for the food they received. We served 64+ families.

To God be the Glory! Great things He has done and continues to do.

~Megan Jarvis

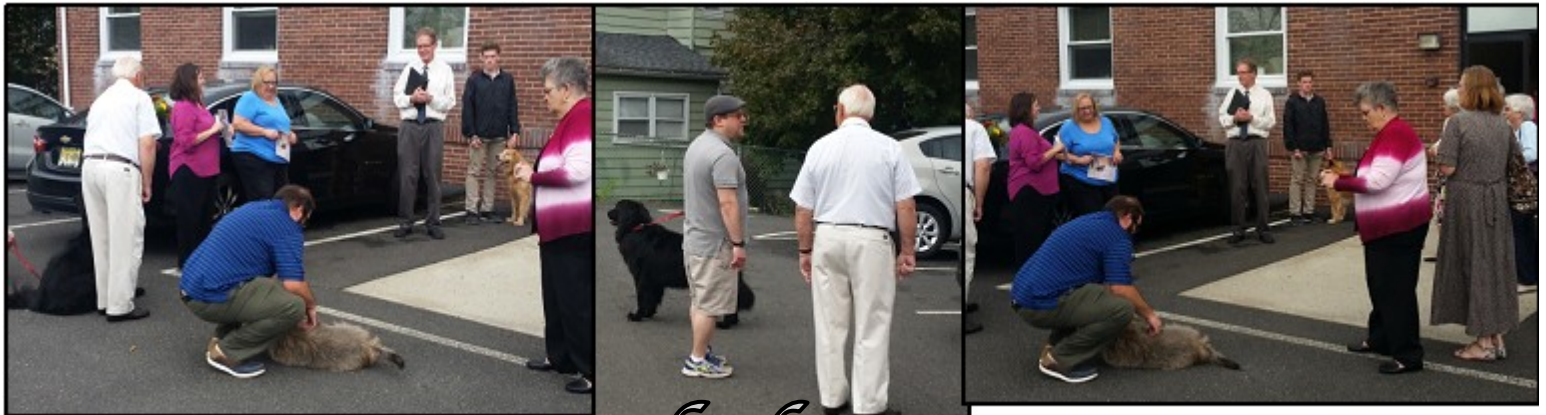


OUR BELOVED ROBERTA

Our beloved Emma "Roberta" Bossong went home to be with our Lord on October 6, 2017. She was asking to be let go to join her husband Art, her Mom and sisters Thelma Kissee and Gearlene Hamm. Roberta was born in Tennessee on April 9, 1925. She was swept off her feet and fell in love with Art at age 16. They moved to Art's Sayreville, NJ home and had three daughters.

We were blessed when Art and Roberta joined our church family in 1990. Both Art and Roberta served on many committees, especially Session. Art was our long time Treasurer. They both were caring, loving and involved members. They will always be fondly remembered and deeply missed. Thank you God for placing Roberta and Art in our lives.

"Well Done, Thou good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of our Lord"
Matthew 25:21

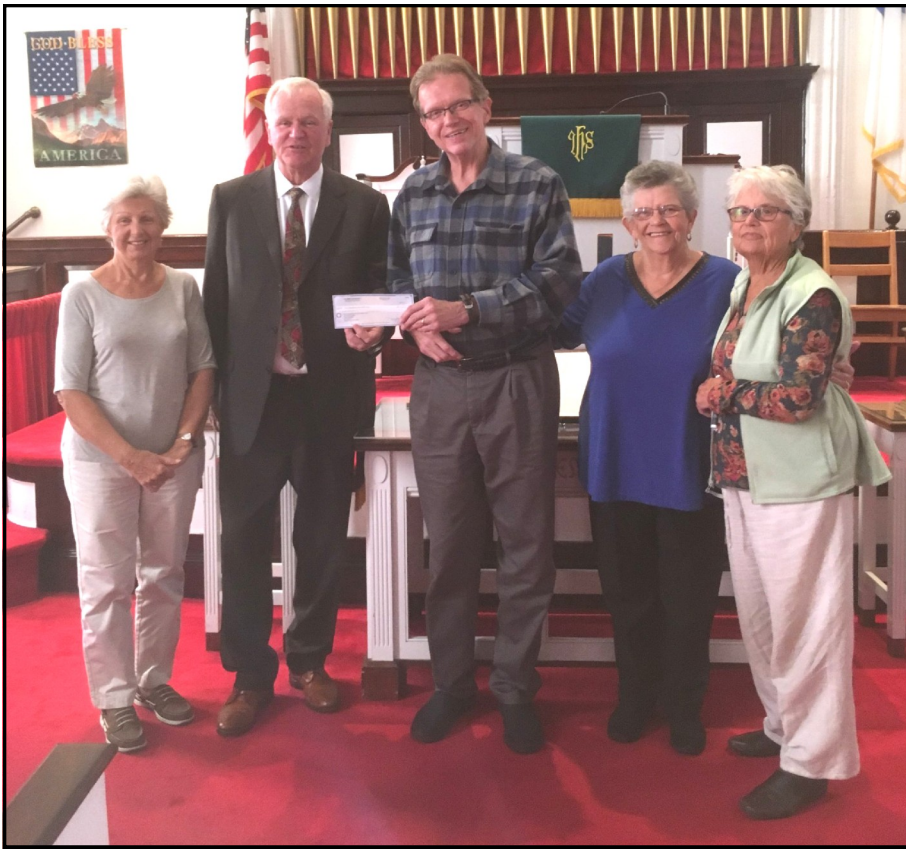


Blessing of the Pets 2018

Heavenly Father, our human ties with our friends of other species is wonderful and special gift from You. We now ask You to grant our special animal companions your Fatherly care and healing power to take away any suffering they have. Give us, their human friends, new understanding of our responsibilities to these creatures of Yours. They have trust in us as we have in You; our souls and theirs are on this earth together to give one another friendship, affection, and caring. Take our heartfelt prayers and fill Your ill or suffering animals with healing Light and strength to overcome whatever weakness of body they have.

~ Saint Francis of Assisi,





GOD'S PROVIDES ALL OF OUR NEEDS

We have been taking in rain water in Fellowship Hall for some time now. We received estimates from contractors for the exterior and interior repairs. The cost could be \$20,000 or higher. We were overwhelmed by these numbers but the repairs must be done. Mary Porcello prayed and researched resources. She learned that Amboy Bank, our church bank, has a Foundation for community needs. With her guidance we applied months ago. October 2nd we learned we were approved for a \$10,000 Grant from Amboy Bank. On October 4th Joe Mullane, a bank representative and Leroy Kurtz's nephew, delivered a \$10,000 check during our Session meeting. We are so grateful for answered prayers. We don't know how or where the balance cost will come from but God knows. Keep on praying. ~ Elaine Lopez

Attention All Committees



All reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2018, **must be given to the office by January 7, 2018.** Please have all reports typed, clearly written, or clearly printed on 8 1/2" x 11" unlined paper, on one page if possible. ~ Shirley

The Mission Committee

Missions is having a meeting at noon on Nov. 11th. All are welcome to join us for fellowship, a light snack & fun while helping others ~ Stephanie



Nominating Committee

will be meeting on Nov. 12, 2018 after service.

ANGEL TREE

In the spirit of sharing the blessing the Lord has bestowed upon us, we are sponsoring an Angel Tree, to share His blessings with those less fortunate. Anyone wishing to help a child for Christmas can take an angel card off the tree and buy an age appropriate gift for that age child and return the gift under the tree. Please return the angel card with the gift. Gifts will be picked up weekly. When all the angels are adopted, the tree will have all crosses on it as a reminder of The Lords "Christmas Present" to us, "His Son". Please have all gifts back by Dec. 17th. So we may get them out.

~ Shirley



Scouts Fish Dinner

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.

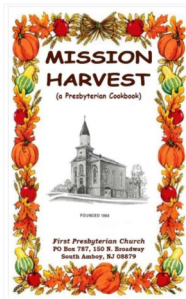


\$13 per person
Eat in or take out.
See Ruth or Joe for tickets.

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



TIME TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias will be \$7.50 each. Orders will be taken until December 10th.

You can also order flowers "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one for Sunday worship. Sunday worship flowers are \$25.00 for both urns. Please make all checks out to **CASH**.

Thank you.

Jean Greene 732-727-8690

So Thankful

I am so thankful, Lord, For all you've given me
For helping and for healing, Salvation full and free!
Lead me to give to others, As you have given to me.

With a thankful heart, I will impart your Love unselfishly. I praise Thee and I thank Thee, Lord, Be in all I say and do, Especially around Thanksgiving time, But daily & year round too!

Psalms 50:23

He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me,
and he prepares the way so that I may show him the
salvation of God.

- Debby Sargeant Sr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Last month our Sunday School children had fun learning about the 10 Plagues of Egypt. This month we will begin practicing for our Christmas Program. The Christmas Program will be on Dec. 10th during service. Please note there will not be class on Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. ~ SW

November Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

- Nov. 3rd Edith Hanmore
- Nov. 5th Renny Travisano
- Nov. 8th Christian Dwojeski
- Nov. 10th Joseph Beselinoff
- Nov. 11th Dom Vigliante
- Nov. 18th Jackson Carney
- Nov. 19th Peggy Holt
- Nov. 21st Anthony Vella Sr.
- Nov. 25th Joyce Solanki

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



FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2017

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|-----------------|------------|
| Offerings | \$ 6,967 |
| Covenant Income | + 3,300 |
| Total Income | \$ 10,267 |
| Disbursements | \$ -15,117 |

**WE GIVE BECAUSE
GOD GAVE FIRST**

PRAYER: Dear Lord, help us to glorify you by using the gifts you have given us to help others. Amen

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

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**"In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18**



As we near the season of Thanksgiving, perhaps it is a good time to ask the question we should be asking everyday — What are you thankful for? Giving thanks is not so much an observance of a holiday as it is an attitude and way of life. I have noticed that people who live with gratitude and appreciation for what God has given are more likely to be hopeful and optimistic about their life than those who do not. After all, just look what God has done for you in the past. Giving thanks leads to a lifestyle. What God wants is a grateful heart that leads to a grateful life.

I love the song, "Give Thanks." The beginning words are:

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Need we say any more? Giving thanks is based on the joyful fact that God has given us Jesus Christ, His Son. Everything else flows from that reality. Sometimes when things are going well we forget to thank God and give Him the credit. Perhaps we think that we are the source of our own prosperity and success. But thankfulness has little to do with our material situation in life, but rather our relationship with the One who blesses us.

The Biblical view of thanksgiving is a way of looking at life where God is at the center of all that we are and all that we have. It's a perspective that changes how we look at everything else in life — that God comes first and is in charge of our life. So a sense of thanksgiving becomes a lifestyle and flows from our relationship with God. Rabbi Abraham Heschel once said, "If the only prayer we ever pray is 'thank you,' it is enough." At least for us it should be a place to begin.

On this Thanksgiving, why not ask Jesus to be a guest at your table and in your home? What difference would that make in your Thanksgiving celebration? In this season of life I am trying to be grateful for blessings large and small every day. The more I do that the more I can see God at work in all things. I had a colleague and friend who had a standard answer whenever someone asked him how he was. Kelmo always said with a smile, "I'm blessed brother! I'm blessed!" How about you? Are you blessed? This Thanksgiving and every day, may we be able to say the same thing.

Blessings, Pastor Jeffrey