

Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy
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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am



LENT

**March 11th
Don't Forget**








Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

March

March 2018

¹² *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.* ¹³ *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

John 15:12-13

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm -Lenten Series 1st Pres. Sayreville	2 World Day of Prayer 	3 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
4 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	5 6pm Scouts	6	7	8 7pm -Lenten Series Messiah Lutheran	9	10 9am Spanish Worship
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacons meeting	12 6pm Scouts	13	14 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	15 9:30am Bagging 7pm -Lenten Series 1st Pres. So Amboy	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry 
18 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	19 6pm Scouts	20 Spring Begins 	21	22 7pm -Lenten Series Trinity Methodist	23	24 9am Spanish Worship
25 Palm Sunday 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Children's Program 11:45 am Palm Sunday Party 	26	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday 	30 Good Friday 7pm -Good Friday Service at Messiah Lutheran 	31 9am Spanish Worship

~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

MAR 4th Dustin B.
11th Joan D.
18th Elaine L
25th Antony V Jr.

APR 1st Ruth B.
8th Jennifer B.
15th Olivia J.
22nd Jennifer H.
29th Joan D.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

MAR 4th Megan J, Norma M
11th Mary P, Elaine L
18th Madhu S, Joyce S
25th Shirley W, Cara W

APR 1st Lori R, Betty P.
8th George S, Joan D.
15th Arvid H, Gail H.
22nd Megan J, Norma M.
29th Shirley W, Cara W.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

APR 1st No Nursery
8th Faith Mc.
15th Christine V.
22nd Betty P.
29th Jennifer B.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

MAR 4th Shirley W, Betty P
APR 1st Joan D, Megan J.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

MAR 4th Shirley W, Betty P,
Lori R, Gerry R.

APR 1st Joan D, Megan J.
Elaine L, Arvid H.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

MAR 4th Peggy & Arvid H, Gail H, George S
APR 1st None

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. 2018

PASTOR –

CLERK OF SESSION - Joan Downes

TREASURER - Elaine Lopez

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT -

Position Open

SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver

ORGANIST - Kevin Shoemaker

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

George Schaefer, Megan Jarvis,

Molly Solanki, Jill Berwick, Ken Gibson,

Gail Hawkins, Dorothy Rhodes

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for Governing our Church Affairs)

Joan Downes

Gail Hawkins

Elaine Lopez

Dorothy Rhodes

Gerald Ring

Christine Vella

YOUR DEACONS

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

Jennifer Harmsen

Sherry Kuo

Ken Gibson

Stephanie McAleer

Elizabeth Pinella

Shirley Weaver

Deacon's Monthly Update

What a blessing it was to host the Valentine's Day Party on behalf of our Board of Deacons. I truly hope that everyone enjoyed themselves! Thank you all for the donations to our Food Pantry! The food was catered by Joe's Famous Pizza here in town and the cake was ordered through Costco. Special thanks to Stephanie, Betty, & Michael and for helping me order everything, setting up and decorate the hall and Sherry & David for staying to help clean up.

Upcoming Egg Hunt & Easter Party will be hosted by the Deacon's and Missions Committees we will have an Easter Egg hunt for the kids and food & fellowship following service on March 25th. I hope you can all come out to celebrate with us. ~ Shirley Weaver

Food Pantry News

In Everything Give Thanks! It was a very beautiful morning, the sun shone brightly with some cool breeze. Here we were a happy group of workers, consisting of church members, and volunteers ready and willing to serve. We are thankful for the opportunity to demonstrate God's love to our community through the open doors of our pantry. We served sixty to seventy families. It was a blessing to see them leaving carrying bags of food items in their hands and big smiles on their faces. ~ Megan Jarvis

WHAT ARE ALL THOSE ENVELOPES IN MY OFFERING BOX???

First of all the **Initial Offering** envelope is to cover cost (\$604.00) of total annual order of offering envelopes. There are 74 members so \$8.00 per member would cover cost.

Per Capita Envelope: This is a "tax" that is levied on every Presbyterian congregation and is the method used to support our form of "government" by our denomination. The amount of monies we receive is forwarded to Monmouth Presbytery. The "tax", \$37.00 per member, is then broken into the following formula: 75% to Monmouth Presbytery (for administration cost and Presbytery missions), 5% to North East Synod (which is the next higher level of Presbyterian Government) which we are a part of, and 20% to Presbyterian Church (USA) which we are also a part of. First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy is one of 44 congregations in Monmouth Presbytery. They provide support to us and we support them and (if asked) provide our people to sit on their various committees. Currently, they are guiding us through the process of losing our long time Pastor and guiding us on how we will call a new Pastor or hire an Interim Pastor. The Presbytery is providing the Moderators to our Session and Annual Congregation meetings until we secure a new Pastor. They guide us through situations that arise that we cannot handle alone. In the past we have been a receipt of funds from Monmouth Presbytery when we had a need. Consider breaking up your payment into 2 or 3 installments.

Mission Envelope: Exactly what it implies. Does not go into paying bills or budget needs. Goes completely into the Mission Fund. Their mission is to help families in need, help other missions needs, (disasters, etc.). They meet once a month to discuss needs of our community. Each meeting closes in prayer for our community.

Deacons Envelope: Goes completely into Deacon's fund. Their mission is the Food Pantry, families in need, disasters, etc. They meet once a month to discuss needs of our community and how they can help identify these needs. Each meeting ends in prayer for each other's families and our community.

Weekly Envelopes: These offerings go directly to pay bills, utilities, electric, heat, water, sewer, telephone, internet, salaries, Sunday School materials, insurances, office supplies, cleaning supplies, devotional literature, general maintenance. These accounts are listed on the last page of your Annual Congregation Reports. We discussed them at our January 28th meeting. Without your offerings we cannot continue to go forward. As a member of God's team we can go forward together.

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2018

Offerings	\$ 8,564
Covenant Income	+ 3,422
Total Income	\$ 11,986
Disbursements	\$ - 9,592

This is the first time in years we have ended the month in the black. The reason is sadly because we are not paying a full time pastor. We will be hiring a new Pastor in the future so Disbursements will increase.

WE GIVE BECAUSE GOD GAVE FIRST
DID YOU KNOW: There are copies of detailed Treasurer's Report in the Mail Room.. Take it home, study it, please ask questions and give me input.

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer



LAKEWOOD POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

LOCAL 71

January 11, 2018

Mission's Committee
First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy
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To the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy,

On behalf of the One Hundred plus strong men and women of the Lakewood PBA Local #71 allow me to thank you for the extremely generous donation you made to our PBA in July 2017. Needless to say we were honored and humbled that you would consider a donation to our cause, given that we aren't a nearby Local PBA.

On a personal level I had a wonderful time coming to your Pot Luck Dinner "Honoring Jersey's Finest" and meeting with you. You allowed me the time to speak from the heart regarding a man you hold in as high regard as I do, my grandfather LeRoy Kurtz. To sit down and think of everything Pop means to me (and the entire extended Kurtz family) helped me to realize how special a man we have been blessed to know.

Your generosity will allow the men and women of the Lakewood PBA #71 to continue acting on behalf of the people of Lakewood who, sometimes through no fault of their own, are struggling with hard times. Over Thanksgiving 2017 we were able to feed 20 families, for Christmas 2017 we provided toys and food to over 30 families. It's because of people like you that we were able to hold our 8th Annual Open Air Soup Kitchen and Coat Giveaway that provided a hot meal and over 300 gently used coats to the less fortunate in town.

I would be remiss if I did not give a special thank you to Mary Porcello for inviting me to speak at your dinner. I've been blessed in my 22 years of being a Police Officer with meeting many special people. You, the First Presbyterian Church and the Mission's Committee, are amongst the finest and you truly do the Lord's work. The men and women of the Lakewood PBA are thankful for your generosity and your prayers. I, along with the entire Kurtz family, are thankful for bringing us in to your family.

Respectfully,

Mark Zrebiec
President Lakewood PBA #71

ORGANIZED 1928
P.O. Box 1519, Lakewood, NJ 08701

BIRTHDAYS



March Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy
Birthday to:

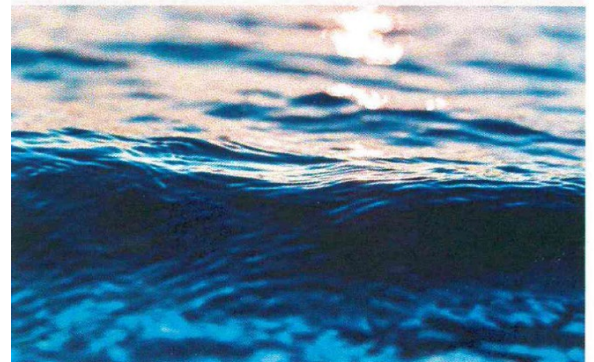
Mar. 3 Megan Jarvis
Mar. 7 Jean Griffith
Mar. 10 Patricia VanHorn
Mar. 16 Gail Hawkins

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



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Lent Series: Half Truths

Midweek Schedule

Week	Church
Thursday, Feb 22 @ 7pm	Christ Church Episcopal, South Amboy
Thursday, March 1 @ 7pm	1 st Presbyterian Church, Sayreville
Thursday, March 8 @ 7pm	Messiah Lutheran w/Maranatha 7 th Day Adventist, Parlin
Thursday, March 15 @ 7pm	1 st Presbyterian Church, South Amboy
Thursday, March 22 @ 7pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, South Amboy
Good Friday, March 30 @ 7pm	Messiah Lutheran, Parlin



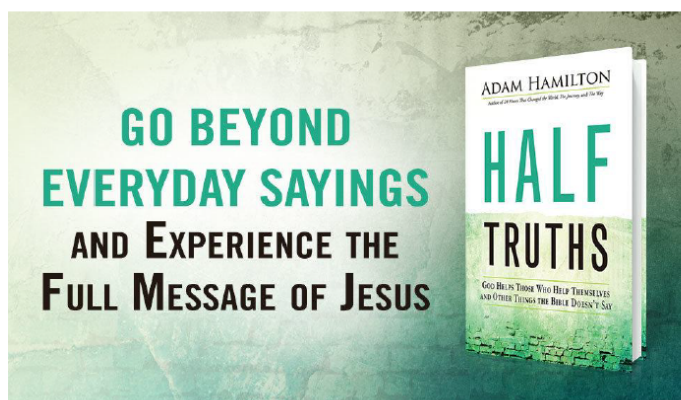
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Please Donate to our Organ Fund



At the Annual Meeting you saw that the Organ Fund had about \$2,800 in it. However, our organ needs a bit of work that will cost over \$2,500. This will severely deplete the Organ Fund. Please consider making a donation to the "Organ Fund." You can use one of the special offering envelopes from the pews and write **Organ Fund** in the memo of your check or on the envelope. Thank You, Session



If you want happiness for an hour— take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day— go fishing.

If you want happiness for a year— inherit a fortune.

If you want happiness for a life time— help others.

COFFEE HOUR NOTICE



Thank you everyone for contributing to the coffee hour fund. Every little bit helps!! Donation cans are on the piano in Sanctuary and downstairs in the kitchen. Please note there will be No Coffee Hour On April 1st, Easter. Instead we will have a party on Palm Sunday, hosted by Missions & Deacon's.

Ordinations and Installation of Officers on Feb. 18.

Gerry Ring was Ordained and Installed as an Elder and Elaine Lopez, Dorothy Rhodes, and Gail Hawkins were re-installed as Elders. Jennifer Harmsen, Sherry Kuo & Elizabeth Pinella were Ordained and Installed as Deacons and Shirley Weaver was re-installed as a Deacon.



Our Missions
Committee and
Board of
Deacon's

Welcome all to their:
**Annual Egg Hunt &
Easter Party
on Palm Sunday
March 25th
following worship.**

Fellowship Hall has A New Look To God Be the Glory

First Presbyterian Congregation, let me thank you for your willingness to cooperate with the work schedule of our contractors. Fellowship hall was refurbished this week.

That was after Scouts Derby, before Deacons luncheon and before the Scouts Blue and Gold affair.

The next step will be the food pantry wall beginning on February 26, 2018. Following that the ceiling and the floor will be replaced.

We will be doing a fund raiser in October to continue God's work in His house.



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CELEBRATING



Time To Order Easter Lilies



They are \$7.50 each. Orders due by March 25th. See order forms in the bulletin.

Also, 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 to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions please contact me.

-Jean Greene

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



Missions

Missions will be having a meeting on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at noon. All are welcome to join. We have a snack and share fellowship while helping others

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REHABILITATION CENTER

Select Medical

Irina Fookson, PT, DPT, CDT

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Center Manager

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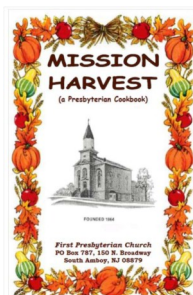
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MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK

\$12 Each

Phone: 732-721-4516



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018 IS FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND

WHO WE ARE

WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT OF
CHRISTIAN WOMEN

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

- It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration observed on the first Friday in March to which all people are welcome.
- It brings women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.
- Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.
 - The motto of World Day of Prayer is *"Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action."*

**PROMOTES JUSTICE AND EQUALITY
FOR WOMEN THROUGH PRAYER,
PARTNERSHIPS, SERVICE AND
CELEBRATION**

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I am really enjoying filling your pulpit for these several months, and I am glad that I can be with you during Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Every week I learn a few more names, and you learn a few new hymns, and together we're worshipping God in your lovely sanctuary.

I have set myself this spiritual exercise for Lent, and I commend it to you. Let us spend time each day with the two best known and most beloved verses of the Bible. Let us read them, recite them, think through them, and pray them. Let us feel the Holy Spirit speaking God's words to us through them. I believe that as we journey through Lent with these two Scriptural companions, we will grow closer and closer to the God who is known to us through Jesus Christ. Please join me in this Lenten focus on the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's prayer, and in the words of a Lenten hymn, "An Easter of unending joy we may obtain at last."

God Bless You,

~ *Pastor Suzanne*

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord's Prayer (As we say it in church)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Status Report: What are we doing about calling a "new" Pastor?

At its last regularly scheduled meeting, the Session talked to our Committee on Ministry (COM) liaison (Frank Perkowski) about the process this church needs to follow (in accordance with PC(USA) rules) to call a new pastor. The Session decided that we would go forward with the process of hiring an Interim Minister and formed a small committee (is this not the Presbyterian way?) to prepare and process the necessary forms to give us access to the individual entries within the data bases at PC(USA) where interested ministers apply for interim openings. This group is planning to submit the proper forms for full Session, COM and (as necessary) Presbytery approval by the end of March.

Your Board of Session