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First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy
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THE OPEN DOOR

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Facebook page: [fpcsamboy](https://www.facebook.com/fpcsamboy)

Phone : 732-721-4516 Fax: 732-721-9208

Sunday School 9:00 am


Sunday Worship 10:30 am



June

Summer 2018

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom." -Umberto Eco

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	4 6pm Scouts	5	6	7	8	2 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
10 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	11 6pm Scouts	12	13 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 9:30am Bagging 	15	16 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
17 <i>Father's Day</i> 10:30am Worship 	18 6pm Scouts	19	20 8:30 am Session	21 <i>1st Day of Summer</i> 	22	23 9am Spanish Worship
24 10:30am Worship	25 6pm Scouts	26	27	28	29	30 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

JUNE	3rd	Olivia J.
	10th	Dustin B.
	17th	Jennifer B.
	24th	Ruth B.
JULY	1st	Jennifer H.
	8th	Sherry K.
	15th	Joan D.
	22nd	Anthony V. Jr.
	29th	Elaine L.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

JUNE	3rd	Megan J, Norma M.
	10th	Arvid H, Gail H.
	17th	Shirley W, Cara W.
	24th	Madhu S, Joyce S.
JULY	1st	Lori R, Betty P.
	8th	Mary P, Elaine L.
	15th	Arvid H, Gail H.
	22nd	George S, Joan D.
	29th	Megan J, Norma M.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

JUNE	3rd	Sherry K.
	10th	Martha M.
	17th	No Nursery
	24th	Faith Mc.
JULY	1st	Christine V.
	8th	Betty P.
	15th	Jennifer B.
	22nd	Elaine L.
	29th	Mike W.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

JUNE	3rd	Molly S, Joyce S.
JULY	1st	Gail H, Lisa A.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

JUNE	3rd	Arvid H, Gail H, George S, Elaine L
JULY	1st	Gail H, Lisa A. Arvid h, George S.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

JUNE	3rd	Megan J, Gail H, Anna L.
JULY	1st	No Coffee Hour

Prayers for Our Homebound

Members & Friends

Beverly Mezger

250 South Broadway, Apt 511, So. Amboy, NJ 08879

Ervant Mansfield

8 Anne Terrace, South Amboy, NJ 08879

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



Congratulations 2018 Graduates!!

Wishing you the best that life has to offer and the richest of God's Blessings. May you go far and serve Him faithfully.



College Graduates:

Emily Cimilluca

Penn State w/Honors
by her grandparents
Don & Gail Hawkins

Briann Downs

Rider College
by her grandmother
Joan Downes

Tara Stahlecker

Whitman College
by her grandparents
Peggy & Arvid Holt

Malcolm Arthur Schafer-Coates

Grad School ~ Rutgers University
by his parents
David Coates & Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates

Kylie Morgan Villig

Kean University w/Honors
by her grandmother
Lorraine Ryan

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

Other School Graduates:

As you embark on the next
step of your journey thru
school remember
our Lord is always
with you.

*"So do not fear, for I am with
you; do not be dismayed, for I
am your God. I will
strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10

Michael Pinella

Kindergarten at
Cheesequake Elementary
by his grandmother
Betty Pinella

Logan Kuo

Kindergarten at
Truman Elementary
by his parents
David & Sherry Kuo

Angelina Vella Vella

5th Grade at
So. Amboy Elementary
by her parents
Anthony & Christine Vella

Anthony Vella

8th Grade at
So. Amboy Middle School
by his parents
Anthony & Christine Vella



I completed my three year course in spiritual direction. There were many weeks of driving to Mendham. Thank you to Elaine and Joan who were my willing students when I had to do practice interviews. I hope everyone is doing well. Blessings to all. I pray for all of you every day.
Pastor Jeffrey Carney



Deacon's Monthly Update

Our food pantry served 60 people this month with an abundance of food. The recipients all left smiling with their groceries and so did I. What a blessing it is to serve others. I always leave the pantry with such a sense of Joy! Thank you Lord for the ability to serve others in your name!

"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35 ~Shirley Weaver

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2018

Offerings	\$10,694
Covenant Income	+ 3,587
Total Income	\$14,281
Disbursements	\$ -8,998

Whether it is caring for a relative, helping a neighbor or volunteering your time, be encouraged as you do the work God has called you to do. Your labor can be a powerful testimony of faith, hope, and love.

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

Missions is hosting a

Pizza & Movie Night

Showing

"Wonder"



June 9th

at 5pm.

Fellowship Hall

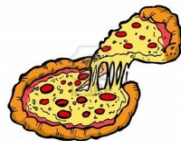
Tickets \$5.00 per person

Includes 2 slices of homemade pizza and a beverage

Tickets will be on sale from Sunday May 20th thru Friday May 31.



See Ruth, Mary P, Stephanie
Or Shirley in the Office



The Mission Committee

Missions meeting will be by Sat. June 2nd at noon.
All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship.



Registration forms are in the mail room if you want to Sign up or Volunteer for :
C.V.B.S. July 30 - Aug 3

At St. Bernadette's Church in Parlin
This year's Theme is **"Splash Canon"**

Our church will supply all the juice as usual. Please put juice in the mail room or ask Elaine to shop for you.

Our Sunday School

Our children's last day and closing program

"Wake Up! The Harvest is Ready!"

will be on June 10th. We hope everyone will come out and see them. ~ S.W.



Use Your Offering Envelopes

Please use your envelopes they are for your benefit to assure proper credit. Include your name and amount on your envelopes this helps to avoid errors in recording your donation. The envelopes are also kept for the physical year on your behalf for verification in our records. Thank you for your assistance in this request.



INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE



It is amazing what can happen when we all work together. Because you brought in your ink cartridges to be recycled our church gained another \$47.50. Thank you! Shirley and I ordered an ink cartridge, glue sticks hand sanitizer, white out, etc. totaling \$65.85. We paid \$18.35 with no shipping fees. YEAH! Keep up the good work.
~ Elaine Lopez

June Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

June 2nd Madhu Solanki

June 13th Gerald Ring

June 18th Marion Rothman

June 18th Peter Rothman

24th Michael Weaver

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

June Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

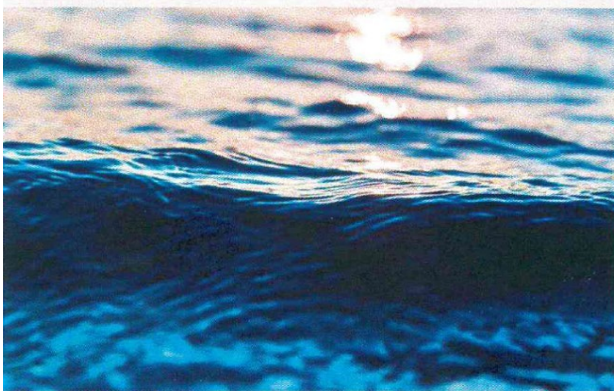
June 10th

Shirley & Michael
Weaver



June 14th

Mary & Dom
Vigilante



Substance Use Disorder and
Inpatient Withdrawal
Management

VERITAS

540 Bordentown Ave.
South Amboy, New Jersey 08879

Phone: 732-721-1000 - Fax: 732-952-3355

www.veritasrecoverycenter.com



The women of several different South Amboy Churches met outside of City Hall by the flag pole for National Day of Prayer on May 3, 2018 at noon. This year's theme was **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." ~SW



It's that time of year again! We are selling engraved pavers for our "Memorial Paver Garden" out front. Want one? Complete a form and hand it in with your payment. Forms are

available on our website and in the mailroom at the church. For more info. Contact Shirley in the church office.



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CELEBRATING
125
YEARS OF TRADITION

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



Debra Kurzawa
External Case Manager

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Kessler
REHABILITATION CENTER

Select Medical

Irina Fookson, PT, DPT, CDT

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Center Manager

540 Bordentown Ave, Suite 4700, South Amboy, NJ 08879

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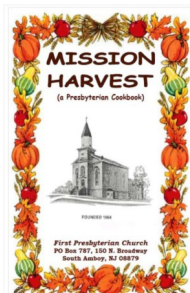
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kessler-pt.com

**MISSION
HARVEST
COOK BOOK**

\$12 Each

Phone: 732-721-4516



9th Annual Bowl for Hunger

Thursday,
July 19th, 2018

5:30 - 7:30 pm

at Majestic Lanes.

\$25 per person.



Includes 2 hours of bowling, free shoe rental and a "Bowl for Hunger" T-shirt.

See Shirley if you want to sign up on this years team.

This event supports our food pantry.

RSVP need By June 17th

Please Donate to our Organ Fund

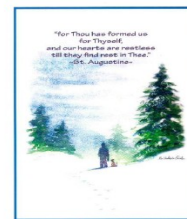
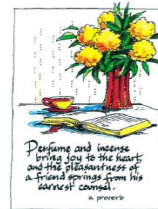


Our Organ Fund (for repairs) is growing due to Memorial gifts. Our Lord called Jean Griffiths and Dorothy Rhodes' brother Chuck all the way home. They have been memorialized with an offering to our Organ Fund. The family of the loved ones and the givers are both given a certificate recording these gifts of love. This is a special way of remembrance. Flowers are short lived. This is a forever gift.

~ Elaine

Happy Father's Day

Beautiful Cards



4 Cards per pack

Blank inside, these and other designs available.

\$5.00 Each

Proceeds to continue work in Fellowship Hall.
Order forms at the church or call the office for more information.

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Grace to you and Peace.

On Sunday, May 20th, I shared the good news with you that your Session has invited me to be your Interim Pastor, and I have accepted! We have signed a covenant (Presbyterian speak for contract), and forwarded it to Presbytery to be approved. “If the way be clear” (more Presbyterian speak), I will begin this 20 hour per week position on September 1st.

Over the summer, in subsequent issues of the Open Door, I will write about what an Interim Pastor is, and what an Interim Pastor does, as this position and its duties have a different focus from an Installed Pastor position.

But now I was to explain why I am not beginning this position until September 1st. It’s because this Thursday, May 24th, I am having surgery on my left foot to repair bones that are separating from each other (ouch!). Words like “fuse”, plate, and screws have been bandied about, all of which sound exceedingly painful! Following the surgery I will not be able to put any weight on my foot for four weeks, after which I will have four more weeks in a boot/cast and will walk/limp and use a cane to steady myself. Then comes four more weeks of intensive physical therapy, and wow! Then it’s September (there went the summer!), and I’ll be starting my job with you!

The Session is insisting that I take the first five Sundays off to rest and heal, and you will have pulpit supply on those Sundays. I plan to return to your pulpit (or maybe preach from a chair in front of the communion table) on Sunday, July 1st.

I will be thinking of you and praying for you while I am home following the surgery, and I covet your prayers. Please feel free to write to me: 444 South Main Street, Hightstown, NJ 08520, or call me: 609 902 6542 – but not until June 1st...the doctor guarantees lots of pain for a week!

I have loved getting to know you since I started preaching and leading worship in your church in January. I look forward to deepening our relationship and growing together in Christ.

~~~Pastor Suzanne

Genesis 31.49  
(look it up!)