

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

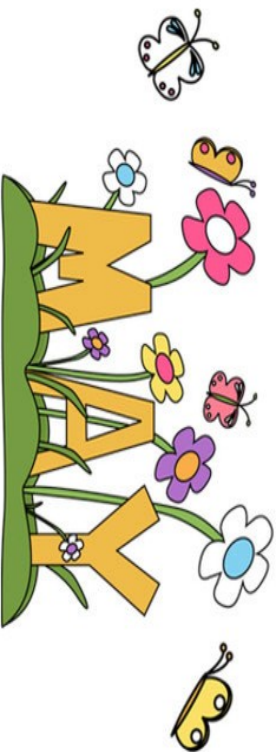
Sunday Worship 10:30 am



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



May



The bond between mothers and their children is one defined by love. As a mother's prayers for her children are unending, so are the wisdom, grace, and strength they provide to their children.

George W. Bush

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>National Day Of Prayer</i> 12 noon at the Flag Pole 7:30 pm Scout Meeting	4	5 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
6 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	7 6pm Scouts	8 8:30 am Session**	9 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	10	11	12 9am Spanish Worship
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	14 6pm Scouts	15	16	17 9:30am Bagging	18	19 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
20 <i>Pentecost</i> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacons	21 6pm Scouts	22	23 8:30 am Session	24	25	26 9am Spanish Worship
27 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED 	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

MAY	6th	Sherry K
	13th	Joan D.
	20th	Elaine L.
	27th	Anthony V. Jr.
JUNE	3rd	Olivia J.
	10th	Dustin B.
	17th	Jennifer B.
	24th	Ruth B.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

MAY	6th	Madhu S, Joyce S.
	13th	Lori R, Betty P.
	20th	Mary P, Elaine L.
	27th	George S, Joan D.
JUNE	3rd	Megan J, Norma M.
	10th	Arvid H, Gail H.
	17th	Shirley W, Cara W.
	24th	Madhu S, Joyce S.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

MAY	6th	Elaine L.
	13th	No Nursery
	20th	Mike W.
	27th	No Nursery
JUNE	3rd	Sherry K.
	10th	Martha M.
	17th	No Nursery
	24th	Faith Mc.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

MAY	6th	Stephanie Mc, Dorothy R.
JUNE	3rd	Molly S, Joyce S.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

MAY	6th	Stephanie Mc, Dorothy R.
		Mary P. Megan J.
JUNE	3rd	Arvid H, Gail H, George S, Elaine L

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

MAY	6th	Molly S, Joyce S, George S.
JUNE	3rd	Megan J, Gail H, Anna L.

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

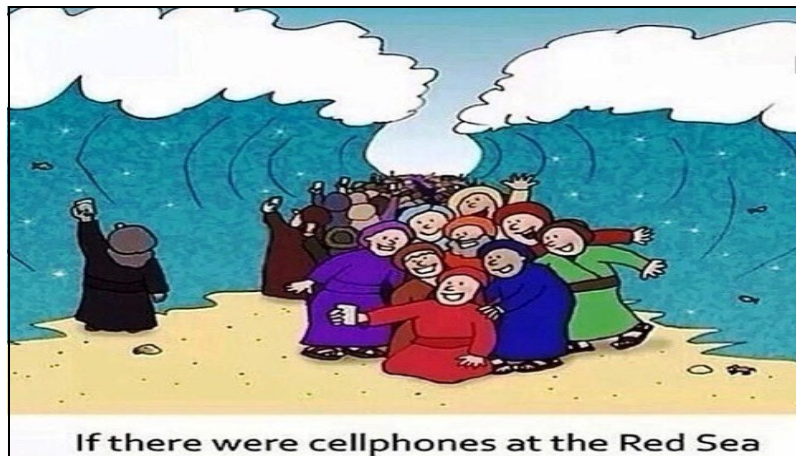
YOUR DEACONS

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

Jennifer Harmsen Sherry Kuo

Ken Gibson Stephanie McAleer

Elizabeth Pinella Shirley Weaver



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.



INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

WOW! With your constant commitment of bringing in cartridges we reaped an extra bonus last month. We can recycle 20 cartridges a month to be rewarded \$2.00 each. We received our usual \$40.00 reward plus an extra \$50.00 reward coupon from Staples. Asking no questions Shirley and I had no problem spending it. We ordered various colored copy paper for Open Door covers. The bill came to \$111.00 and we paid \$21.00 cash thanks to you. Tax exempt of course.



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

~ Elaine Lopez

Deacon's Monthly Update

Food Pantry News

During the period when we were asked to empty the pantry to have work done on the walls, it seemed inconvenient. We questioned what would we do on pantry day with all the food in room 3 & 4. This is God's Pantry, our standing testimony and witness of His love in our community. With His guidance and our working with one accord, pantry day was a success. Today, we have a beautiful refurbished pantry equipped with (a much needed) compact freezer. Which was donated. Thank you, Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this possible.

~Megan Jarvis

Serving Our Church Family

The Deacons continue to figure out new ways to serve the church. Your deacons are hoping to sponsor a church sale later in the year whereby "vendors" will pay for a table to sell their wares. Proceeds from the sale of table space will go to the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy Board of Deacons. Anyone can be a vendor, and everyone can come to the sale to enjoy what people are selling! Look for more details to follow!

~ Jennifer Harmsen

Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin Presents
THE 9TH ANNUAL
Bowl For Hunger
Join us at Majestic Lanes
TOGETHER WE CAN STRIKE OUT HUNGER

Proceeds to benefit
the food pantries
of the
19th district

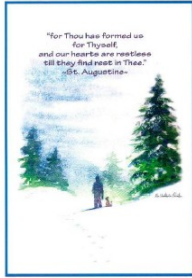
  
@bowlforhunger

July 19th, 2018



*If you would like to join this years
team let Shirley know.
More info to follow.*

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MARCH 2018

Offerings	\$7,124
Covenant Income	+ 3,733
Total Income	\$10,857
Disbursements	\$ -10,601

1 PETER 4 "Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

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

The Mission Committee

Missions meeting will be by Sat. May 5th at noon. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship.

Children In Church

"Jesus' Dad's Name"

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

~submitted by Elaine L.

Save the Date

Missions will be hosting a

Movie Night

in Fellowship Hall

June 9th

Details to follow.



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 years 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. ~ S.W.

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

May Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

*Gail & Don
Hawkins
May 21st*



*Madhu & Joyce
Solanki
May 7th*



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May Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy
Birthday to:



May 3rd Anthony Vella

May 8th Virginia Porter

May 9th Michael Pinella

May 15th Keith Sutter

May 17th Betty Reilly

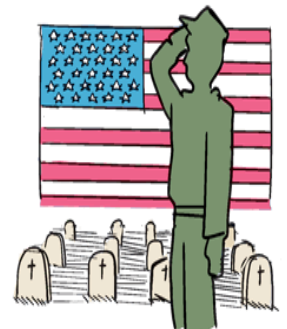
May 24th Lorraine Scharff

May 29th Sherry Kuo

*Want to see your special date listed? Give
the office your birthday info.*

Memorial Day Prayer

Held in our hearts always,
For the sacrifices you made,
Served our country well,
So our freedom never fell,
God Bless you on this and everyday,
Thank you for keeping us safe,
This Memorial Day I pray,
Honor, Respect,
May We Never Forget
- Shirley W.



MEMORIAL DAY



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CELEBRATING



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



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External Case Manager

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Irina Fookson, PT, DPT, CDT

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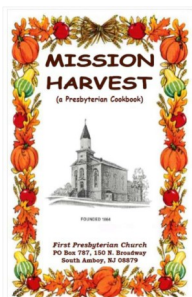
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**MISSION
HARVEST
COOK BOOK**

\$12 Each

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★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

UNITY

EPHESIANS 4:3

MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

MAY 3, 2018

#PRAY4UNITY
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Please join us for

National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 3, 2018

at City Hall, South Amboy

(in front of the flag pole)

12 Noon

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be **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."*

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.

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Pastor's Musings....

In worship on Christmas Eve every year, I light a new white candle, to portray that Emmanuel, God, is with us, and I light this same candle every Sunday at the beginning of worship. I call this the Jesus Candle, and use it to remind us that where God's people gather in worship, Jesus is always with us.

I lit a new Jesus Candle at the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury Meadow Lakes Congregation on Christmas Eve 2017. As some of you are aware, the FPCC Meadow Lakes Congregation held its last worship service the next week, December 31st. As the Jesus Candle would no longer be used at Meadow Lakes, it came with me when I packed up my stuff.

I brought the Jesus Candle to First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy and lit it on Easter, reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World, and all the darkness of the world, even death, cannot put the Light out. The Jesus Candle sat on the Communion Table, in the midst of the Bread/Body and Juice/Blood to show that Jesus is in the midst of the meal he gave us to remember him.

Since then the Jesus Candle has been lit at the beginning of worship, and will continue to be every Sunday. It doesn't always show up very well, as its light is dissipated in the brightness of our Sanctuary. But on the Third Sunday of Easter, April 15th, when the electric power was off in much of South Amboy, and in our church, when the Jesus Candle was lit, its light and its glow filled our darkened worship space in a way that drew our attention throughout the service. It reminded us, in a new way, that Jesus really is the Light of the World that darkness cannot quench.

Every Sunday now, at the beginning of worship, the Jesus Candle will be lit. May it remind us of all the things Jesus is, among them Emmanuel, God with us, that Jesus is with us in the meal he gave us to remember him, that Jesus is the Light of the World, and that whenever God's people meet to worship, Jesus is in our midst.

~~~Pastor Suzanne

LIFE IS SHORT  
AND WE DO NOT HAVE  
MUCH TIME TO  
GLADDEN  
THE HEARTS  
OF THOSE WHO  
TRAVEL WITH US  
SO BE SWIFT TO LOVE  
MAKE HASTE TO BE KIND  
AND GO IN PEACE  
TO LOVE AND SERVE  
THE LORD  
HENRI - FREDERIC AMIEL