

Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy  
P.O. Box 787, 150 N. Broadway  
South Amboy, NJ 08879

## THE OPEN DOOR

First Presbyterian Church  
150 North Broadway, PO Box 787  
South Amboy, NJ 08879

Office e-mail: [firstsouthamboy@optimum.net](mailto:firstsouthamboy@optimum.net)

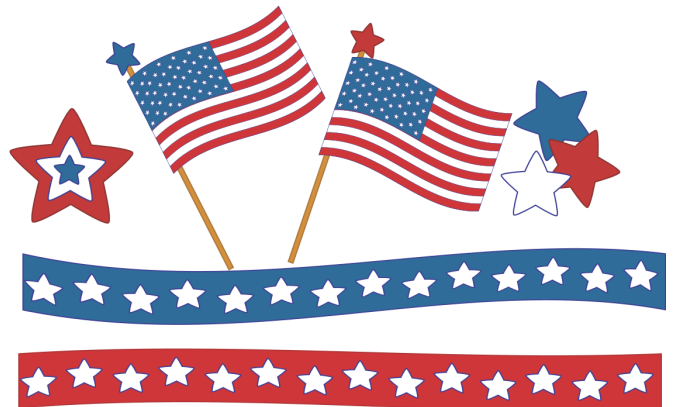
Web Site: [www.fpcsachurch.org](http://www.fpcsachurch.org)

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



# July




# July

# 2018



"Blessed is the nation  
whose God is the Lord."

Psalms 33:12

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am Deacons Meeting	2 6pm Scouts	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b>  Happy 4th of July!	5	6	7 9am Spanish Worship
8 10:30am Worship	9 6pm Scouts	10	11 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	12	13	14 9am Spanish Worship
15 10:30am Worship	16 6pm Scouts	17	18	19 9:30am Bagging 5 pm 9th Annual Bowl for Hunger @ Majestic Lanes	2	21 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
22 10:30am Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28 9am Spanish Worship
29 10:30am Worship	30	31				

Community Vacation Bible School Week

# ~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

JULY	1st	Jennifer H.
	8th	Sherry K.
	15th	Joan D.
	22nd	Anthony V. Jr.
	29th	Elaine L.
AUG.	5th	Jennifer B.
	12th	Ruth B.
	19th	Jennifer H.
	26th	Sherry K.



## GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

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.
AUG.	5th	Shirley W, Cara W.
	12th	Madhu S, Joyce S.
	19th	Lori R, Betty P.
	26th	Mary P, Elaine L.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

JULY	1st	Christine V.
	8th	Betty P.
	15th	Jennifer B.
	22nd	Elaine L.
	29th	Mike W.
AUG.	5th	Sherry K.
	12th	Martha M.
	19th	Christine V
	26th	Betty P.



## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

JULY	1st	Gail H, Joan D.
AUG.	5th	Christine V, Jean G.

## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

JULY	1st	Gail H, Joan D. Arvid h, George S.
AUG.	5th	Christine V, Shirley W, Olivia J, Beth M.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

JULY	1st	No Coffee Hour
AUG.	5th	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.*

## **2018**

INTERIM PASTOR – Suzanne Schafer-Coates

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



The **Sunday School Closing Program** was on June 10th, 2018. I am overjoyed with all of the students. They all did excellent work this past year. Thank you to all of my fellow teachers for a job well done! Gerry would have been very proud of us all! I look forward to another wonderful year to come in the fall. In the meantime, I hope you all have a Wonderful Summer. ~ Shirley W.

## JUICE - JUICE - JUICE

It's that time of year again. For the 30th year **Community Vacation Bible School** will be held the week of **July 30 - Aug 3rd, 2018**. Six churches of different denominations will come together to have fun, do crafts and learn scripture lessons. St. Bernadette will be the location. All students, teachers and aids must register. Registration forms are located in the mail room. Our Church has always provided the juice for this program. Let us keep up our proud tradition and supply the juice needed to hydrate approximately 70 children and staff during that July week. I will do the shopping for you or leave containers of juice in the basket under the mail slots. Thanks you. ~Elaine Lopez



## Deacon's Monthly Update

Summer is here, the Deacons are enjoying this beautiful weather! We had a table at the Street fair in South Amboy on June 24th. Where we were able to raise \$290.50. Most of which came from donations! My how the Lord does pride! We are also looking forward to the 9th Annual Bowl for Hunger on July 19 at Majestic lanes. We are still gearing up and getting ready for our Flea Market on August 11th from 8am to 2pm. Vendors are still needed so let us know if you are interested. We hope to see a lot of you there, please tell all of your friends and family about it! We need to raise more money for the Food Pantry as our grant wasn't as much as it had been in previous years, the money we earn from this event will help us feeding the needy. God Bless!  
~ Shirley Weaver

## Food Pantry Update

June is here and slipping by before our eyes. Our pantry was held on the 16th, because of the weeks in the month. It was a beautiful day. God kept our doors open once more. All of our faithful volunteers turned up with big smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts to give service to our community. In God's word it says "How beautiful it is for brethren to dwell together." It surely is. We served fifty five families some of whom were first time recipients.

~ Megan Jarvis





*July*  
**Anniversaries**  
 Wishing a very  
 happy anniversary  
 to:  
*Joan & Renny*  
*Travisano*  
*July 1*

*July Birthdays*  
 Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:  
*July 8 Richard Spinelli*  
*July 18 Mary Vigliante*  
*July 26 Elaine Lopez*  
*July 28 Elizabeth Pinella*  
*July 31 Leroy Kurtz*  
 Want to see your special date listed? Give the  
 office your birthday and/or anniversary info.

**HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of July**  
*A Soldier's Prayer*  
 Lord, wrap Your arms around me  
 In this hostile, brutal place;  
 Let me draw peace and comfort  
 From Your restful, sweet embrace.  
 Help me do my duty  
 To uphold what is right;  
 Give me strength and courage  
 Each day and every night.  
 Lord, hear this soldier's prayer  
 To You in heaven above;  
 Protect me with Your power,  
 And sustain me with Your love.  
 By Joanna Fuchs



**VERITAS**  
 RECOVERY CENTER



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

### **AS SEEN ON CHURCH SIGNS....**

God often uses the people around you to deliver an answer  
 to your prayer.

*"Listen" and "Silent" are spelled with the same letters.*

Worry pulls tomorrow's cloud over today's sunshine.

*God always gives enough strength for your next step.*

Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.

*Daily devotions are better than yearly resolutions.*

Faith Book – God has sent you a friend request.

*It's better to hold hands than to point fingers.*

The life you live is the lesson you teach.

*God recycles – He made you from dust.*

Get rich quick...Count your blessings.

*We are Souler powered by the Son.*

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

*Don't fear tomorrow – God is already there.*

*~submitted by Molly Solanki*



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.

# Flea Market

Many Vendors,  
Food & Snacks  
Jewelry,  
Clothes,  
and More ...

Indoor & Outdoor  
150 N. Broadway  
South Amboy, NJ  
next to City Hall

Date: **Saturday,  
Aug. 11, 2018**

Time: **8:00 AM  
to 2:00 PM**



## Vendors Needed

\$20 per space includes tables

For more information please contact us at

Phone: 732-721-4516

Fax: 732-721-9208

Email: [firstsouthamboy@optimum.net](mailto:firstsouthamboy@optimum.net)

Website: [fpcsachurch.org](http://fpcsachurch.org)



@FPCSAMBOY

First Presbyterian  
Church

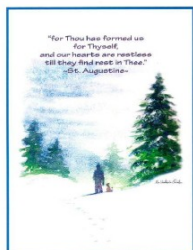
PO Box 787

150 N. Broadway

South Amboy, NJ 08879



## 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

May 2018

Offerings	\$ 7.954
Covenant Income	+ 3,692
Total Income	<b>\$ 11,646</b>
Disbursements	<b>\$ -10,546</b>

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

## The Mission Committee

Missions held a well attended pizza/movie family night in Fellowship Hall on June 9th. Thanks to Mary Porcello, our in-house pizza maker and her sous chef Dee. Special thanks to David Resnick, Stephanie's husband, our audiovisual guru! The movie, Wonder, was shared and there was not a dry eye in the house. The life messages of the movie definitely reached all, young and old. Mission accomplished! ☺

We plan to do this again in the future please let us know what other movies you may have in mind that can span the generations with interest. We're thinking movie with make your own sundaes...

We pause our meetings in the summer but we will be back in September, please join us as we really have much fun finding ways to serve all people around us.

Enjoy your summer!

Ruth and Stephanie



## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE



Well, you came through again, thank you. This month Shirley and I ordered \$65.85 worth of office supplies and paid \$18.35 for complete order. We are tax exempt and Staples does not charge us for shipping. So keep them coming. You can leave any/all cartridges to be recycled in my mail slot or hand off to office. This is TEAMWORK at it's best. ~ Elaine Lopez





**South Amboy**  
100 North Broadway  
South Amboy, NJ 08879  
(732) 721-0187  
www.amboybank.com

**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

275 John T O'Leary Blvd, South Amboy, NJ 08879  
T 732.721.8200 • C 732.322.4840 • F 732.721.4438  
Efax 732.782.0331 • dkurzawa@venetiancc.com



**Irina Fookson, PT, DPT, CDT**

40QA01047600

Center Manager

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

office: 732.525.0123 fax: 732.525.0133

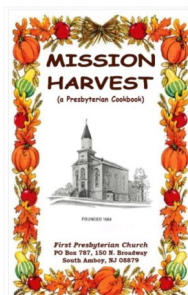
ifookson@kessler-rehab.com

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 needed ASAP**

## 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

## Heavenly Father

*Through faith I have found a love that remains faithful to me.  
Although I have never seen his face or the scars on his body,  
I can feel his presence.*

*The depths of his love for me are beyond reasoning.  
Because of his love, I have learned to trust him.*

*Surrendering and letting go isn't an easy task.  
But when the storms of life come at me from all angles,  
My past, my present, and my future,  
I seek him in Prayer for I call upon the one  
who calls me by my name.*

*For I am his.*

*His transcending peace succumbs my fears.  
He strengthens my weary soul.  
He gives me an enduring hope,  
That gives me the courage to never give up.*

*Hope, Peace, Prayer, Faith, & Love*

~Nancy Maddalena~

# the OPEN DOOR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
150 North Broadway  
South Amboy, NJ 08879



## *A note from the pastor*

As I write this, it is one calendar month since my foot surgery, and the fifth Sunday that I am out of your pulpit. It's been a long month to be non-weight bearing on the foot that had surgery. I have left the house only three times, each time to go to the doctor, as getting up and down the outside steps is onerous. I have stayed mostly in the "sick room" that I set up for myself, as I really cannot get around without help (I can move from bed to chair by hopping, which is a good thing). I am glad that this period of enforced non-physical-activity is nearly at an end. I have missed a whole month of being outside!

I expected this time to drag, but surprisingly, it hasn't. I decided the first week that God was making me lie down in green pastures and giving me a Sabbath, a time when I could just "BE", not always feeling like I have to "DO." Often I have heard in my head, "Be still and know that I am God" and I have felt peaceful, not fretting about what I feel I "should" be doing, and I am very conscious of the presence of God, in me and around me. I have prayed, read, watched TV, particularly movies, taken a 4-week online course on the American Movie Musical, written notes, enjoyed visits with friends, and for the first time since I had children (the youngest is 25), I feel rested! You have inundated me with cards, not a day has passed when someone from our church hasn't sent me a card (some of you have sent more than one), and I have felt your prayers, oh yes, I have! Thank you. Yes, I've had (and have) lots of pain in my foot, especially at night, but the surgeon says that that's part of the healing process, as the nerves regenerate. (Thank you, God, that nerves do regenerate!)

Elaine Lopez has been very faithful with telephone calls, letting me know how each Sunday service has gone (all well, by her account), and always telling me that I'm missed, which I appreciate. She also makes me laugh, which is in itself healing. The Board of Deacons has sent cards, and the Session sent a gift certificate for the Hightstown Diner, so that when my son-at-home and my husband run out of ideas for dinner, we can get take out! I feel bathed in love, an awesome feeling indeed.

I hoped to be back with you on Sunday, July 1st, but the surgeon has told me to take one more week (The Rev. Barbara Kalehoff Hicks will be back with you to lead worship, preach and serve Communion...she has grown to love you as I do), and I will return on Sunday, July 8th. I will probably have to lead worship and preach sitting in front of the Communion Table, but I'll be there! I cannot wait.

I'm glad the thoughts, prayers and good wishes we have for each other have been flowing in both directions, and God willing, I'll see you soon.

*Love, Suzanne*

PS. After thanking God, the biggest Thank You is to my husband, nurse and Home Health Aid, David. He has tended lovingly to my every need and want (in addition to his 8+ hour work day as Lawyer Coates of Hightstown). During my recovery period we celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary. I am certainly a lucky and blessed woman.