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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday Worship

10:30 am



August

August 2018

“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Community Vacation Bible School Week					
5 10:30am Worship/Communion	6	7	1 8	2 9	3 7:30pm CVBS Closing Program	4 9am Spanish Worship
					10 11	8am-12noon Deacons Flea Market 9am Spanish Worship
12 10:30am Worship	13	14	15	16 9:30am Bagging	17	18 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
19 10:30am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25 9am Spanish Worship
26 10:30am Worship	27	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

AUG.	5th	Jennifer B.
	12th	Ruth B.
	19th	Jennifer H.
	26th	Sherry K.
SEPT.	2nd	Joan D.
	9th	Dustin B.
	16th	Elaine L.
	23rd	
	30th	Anthony V. Jr.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

AUG.	5th	Shirley W, Cara W.
	12th	Madhu S, Joyce S.
	19th	Lori R, Betty P.
	26th	Mary P, Elaine L.
SEPT.	2nd	Arvid H, Gail H.
	9th	George S, Joan D.
	16th	Megan J, Norma M.
	23rd	Shirley W, Cara W.
	30th	Madhu S, Joyce S.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

AUG.	5th	Sherry K.
	12th	Martha M.
	19th	Christine V.
	26th	Betty P.
SEPT.	2nd	Jennifer B.
	9th	Elaine L.
	16th	Mike W.
	23rd	Sherry K.
	30th	Martha M.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

AUG.	5th	Christine V, Jean G.
SEPT.	2nd	Shirley W, Betty P.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

AUG.	5th	Christine V, Shirley W, Olivia J, Beth M.
SEPT.	2nd	Shirley W, Betty P. Lori R, Gerry R.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

AUG.	5th	No Coffee Hour
SEPT.	2nd	Christine V, Jean G, Lisa A.

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

9th Annual Bowl for Hunger

Thursday, July 19th, 2018 was the 9th Annual Bowl for Hunger and as usual our church was there to support the cause. Our congregation has attended this event for 8 of the 9 years it has been going on (only missing the 1st one). Our Board of Deacons also helps by sponsoring the event every year. We feel it is a wonder way to raise money and awareness or the Food Pantry in our area. We applaud Assemblyman Craig Coughlin and his staff for holding this wonderful event year after year. Can wait until next year. ~ Shirley Weaver



~ Today ~

Today, I need to be still and let God love me.

God's love is my strength.

God's love is my protection.

God's love is my light in the midst of any darkness.

God's love is the fulfillment of every hunger, every thirst .

God's love is my source and my supply.

God's love, ever present, is the only thing I need, want or seek today .

For in the presence of God's love, all is well in my life and in my soul.

Today, I need to be still and let God love me.

As I speak these words, as I think these words ,they take on the presence of the Holy Spirit to become the circumstances of this day in my life.

Let it be so!

And So It Is!

~submitted by Megan Jarvis

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2018

Offerings	\$ 9,384
Covenant Income	+ 1,834
Total Income	\$ 11,218
Disbursements	\$ -10,290

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

Deacon's Monthly Update

During the month of July 68 families benefited from the food pantry provided by the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. Please continue to volunteer for this worthy cause!

On Saturday, August 11th, 2018, the Deacons are sponsoring a Flea Market at our church whereby people can rent tables for \$20 to sell their wares to the general public on that day. Proceeds from the table rentals will go directly to the Deacons' Fund that helps community members in need. Thank you for participating in this event either by "renting" a table or coming out and supporting the flea market.

~ Jennifer Harmsen

Food Pantry News

It is a beautiful morning, bright and breezy. Time to open the Pantry door and carry out the lesson Jesus taught us while on the earth. His mission was to feed his people, either with staples or His word. So in response to His teaching we continue to follow His command and provide bags of food for our community, with the help of our church family and volunteers. This month we provided for Sixty-eight families, all of whom left with big smiles and words of praise. Which always gives me a rewarding feeling on the inside.

~ Megan Jarvis

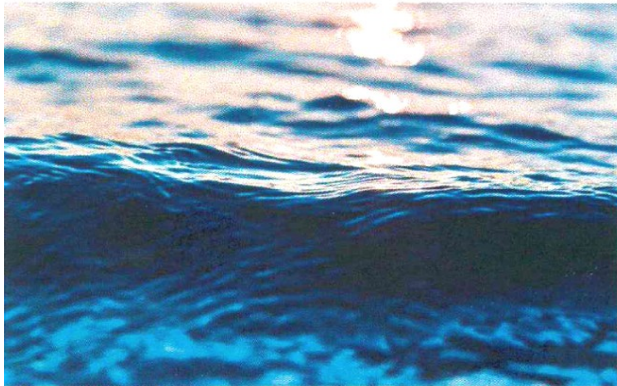


Please Donate to our Organ Fund

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 Lopez



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Please Untie the Nots

Dear God:

Please untie the *nots* that are invading my mind, my heart and my life.

Please remove the have *nots* the can *nots* and the do *nots* that invade my mind.

Please erase the will *nots*, may *nots*, might *nots* that invade my heart.

Please release me from the could *nots*, would *nots* and should *nots* that invade my life.

Most of all, dear God, I ask that you removed from my mind, my heart and my life all of the am *nots* that I have allowed to hold me back.

Please erase from my mind the thought that I am *not* good enough.

Please remove from my heart that I am *not* loved enough.

Please untie from my life everything that I clutch that supports the belief that I am *not* enough.

Today, dear God, I come to you humbly and reverently asking that you untie, eliminate and erase all of the *nots* that had invaded every aspect of my life. For your mercy and your grace I am so grateful.

Let these words take on the presence of the Holy Spirit to become living conditions in my life.

And So It Is!

~submitted by Megan Jarvis

August Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

Peter & Marion

Rothman

August 3rd



Philip & Patricia

Van Horn

August 27th



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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External Case Manager

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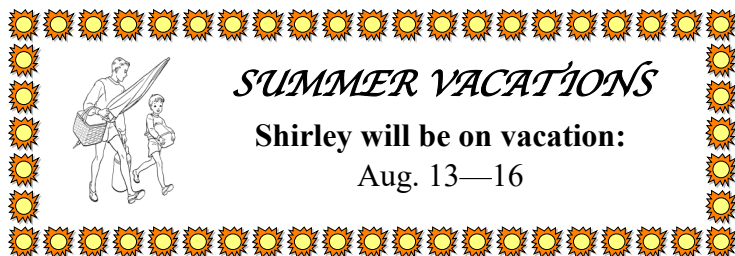
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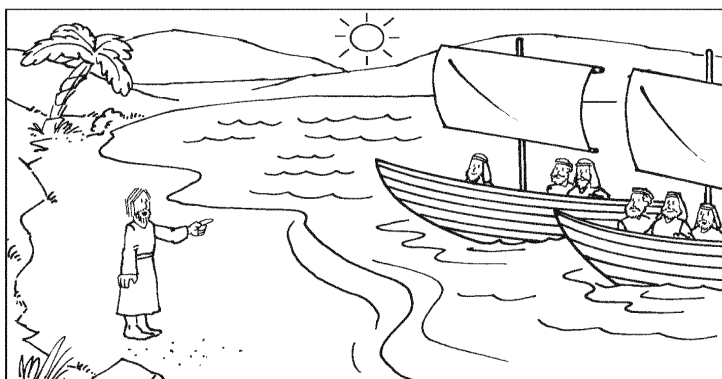
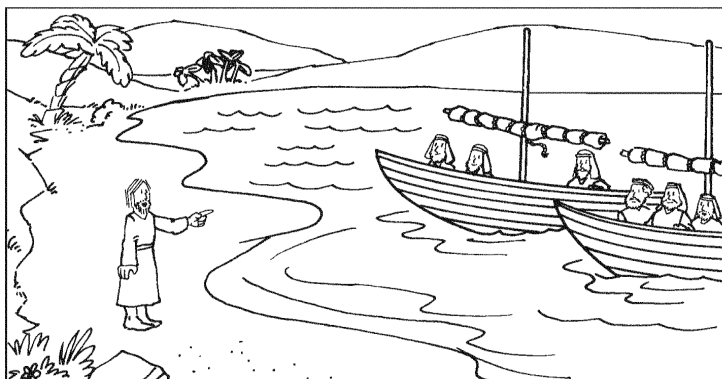
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Flea Market

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

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Fall Harvest Dinner

Planning! Planting! Sowing Seeds!

Come Join Us At:

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Saturday, October 20, 2018

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

A great night of wonderful food, fun and fellowship is in the making.

Catered by: Palms Plaza

Entertainment by: The Echo's

Tickets: Adults \$20.00

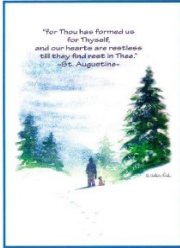
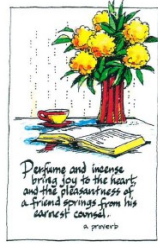
Children \$10.00

AD book: Half page \$75.00

Full page \$125.00

Proceeds will be used for major repairs in the Church

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.

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**

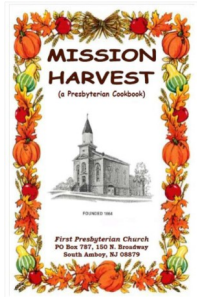
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YEARS OF TRADITION

The Mission Committee



Missions hopes everyone is having a great summer!! We will be back in September, please join us as we support our church mission to help those in the community in need of God's love and care.

~Ruthie and Stephanie

August Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:



Aug. 6th Paul Holt
Aug. 8th Steve Colburn
Aug. 25th Ruth Beselinoff
Aug. 25th Joshua Carney
29th Millie Crosby
31st Mary Gigantino

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

Sunday Worship Flowers

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

- Jean Greene

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From Your Pastor....Notes along the way....

It was really wonderful to be back in worship with you these past several weeks. Because my foot is still healing, I have not been able to stand for long, so I have abandoned the pulpit (temporarily) for a chair in front of the Communion Table. I am finding that the service feels less formal, more intimate, I seem to be talking with you rather than preaching at you! I'm enjoying this change of perspective! The downside of this change of position, though, is that I cannot see all of you as well (are you sleeping there in the back???). So in a few weeks, I shall return to the pulpit, but I shall endeavor to keep the feeling I have come to cherish, of being closer to you as we worship together.

One of the things I have noticed from my temporary change of perspective, is that our singing of the Gloria Patri ("Glory Be to the Father..."), and the Doxology ("Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow") has become *pro forma*, that is, as a matter of form, or rote. These songs, written to bring Glory and Praise to God, are sounding like dirges. When was the last time you really felt as if you were praising and glorifying God as you sang these songs? We sing the Gloria Patri as a response to the assurance that God has forgiven our sins (GLORY BE TO GOD!!), and we sing the Doxology as a thanksgiving for all the blessings that are ours from the God who loves us (PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!). I got to wondering how we could recapture the meaning of these songs.

So, I've changed things (RADICAL! RADICAL!), and before you pass out from shock, this change is temporary. (Spoiler Alert!) Starting Sunday, July 22nd and through the month of September, we are singing the Gloria Patri and the Doxology to new tunes written by the Presbyterian song writing duo Richard Avery and Donald Marsh, tunes that more closely reflect the words we're singing...these tunes are new to us, but they were actually written in 1967, fifty-one years ago. These tunes are lively and energizing and, in my opinion, fun to sing. In fact, I find that I cannot sing them without smiling. When we sing them, we are truly making a joyful noise to the Lord. These songs are located in our Blue Hymnals, so you can follow along until you get to know them, or you can just sing along with the rest of us, and learn them that way. I hope that when we go back to our traditional tunes in October, we will find that we have recaptured the sense of Glory and Praise to God.

*Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

Psalm 96.1-3

~~~~~Suzanne

Just to let you know.....

Our family will be taking a long planned vacation in August, and I will be away the first two Sundays in August, returning August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. Barbara Hicks is delighted to again be with you, on Sundays August 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, I will officially become your Interim/Transitional Pastor. More about this in the next copy of The Open Door.