

Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy
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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am



September






SEPTEMBER

2018

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask
God, who gives generously to all without
finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
2 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4	5	6 	7	8 9am Spanish Worship
9 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	10 6pm Scouts	11 Patriot Day 	12	13 9:30am Bagging	14	15 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
16 10:30am Worship	17 6pm Scouts	18	19	20 	21	22 Fall Begins 9am Spanish Worship 4pm Private Party
23 10:30am Worship	24 6pm Scouts	25 Agency Certification @CFBNJ	26 8:30 am Session	27	28	29 9am Spanish Worship
30 10:30am 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

SEPT.	2nd	Joan D.
	9th	Dustin B.
	16th	Elaine L.
	23rd	
	30th	Anthony V. Jr.
OCT.	7th	Elaine L.
	14th	Jennifer B.
	21st	Ruth B.
	28th	Jennifer H.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

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.
OCT.	7th	Lori R, Betty P.
	14th	Mary P, Elaine L.
	21st	George S, Joan D.
	28th	Arvid H, Gail H.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

SEPT.	2nd	Jennifer B.
	9th	Elaine L.
	16th	Mike W.
	23rd	Sherry K.
	30th	Martha M.
OCT.	7th	Christine V.
	14th	Betty P.
	21st	Jennifer B.
	28th	Elaine L.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

SEPT.	2nd	Shirley W, Betty P.
OCT.	7th	Joan D, Megan J

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

SEPT.	2nd	Shirley W, Betty P. Lori R, Gerry R.
OCT.	7th	Joan D, Megan J Dorothy R, Arvid H.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

SEPT.	2nd	Christine V, Jean G, Lisa A.
OCT.	7th	Curt G, Jennifer H, Dee S.

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

*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

Jokes That Can Be Told In Church

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

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*An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers.*

*In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'*

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A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.. A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'

Submitted by Elaine Lopez



A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

LORD ON THIS LABOR DAY,

WE THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSING OF WORK.

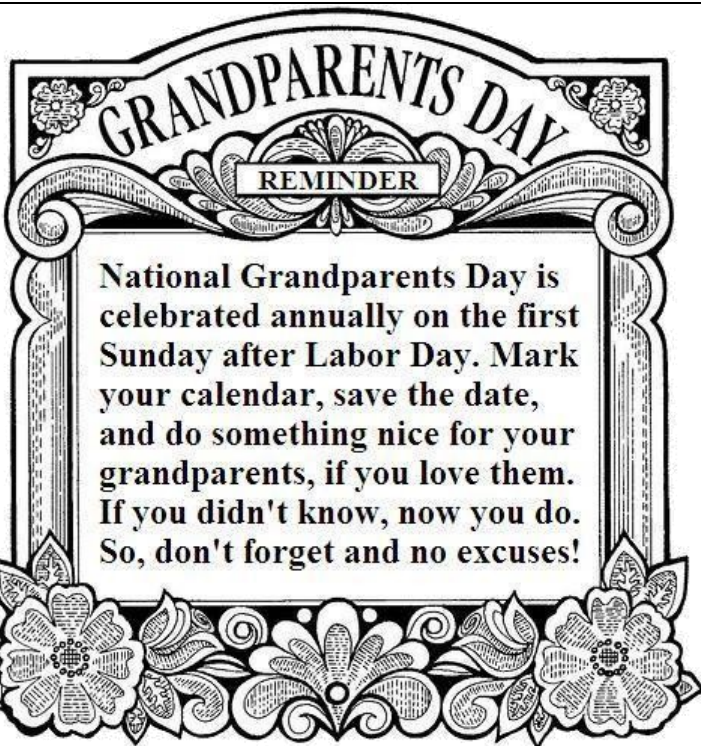
WE ASK FOR STRENGTH TO COMPLETE EACH DAY.

WE ASK FOR REST WHEN WE ARE WEARY.

WE ASK YOUR GUIDANCE FOR EVERYONE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT,
AND WE ASK THAT YOU BE WITH THOSE WHOSE FACES

WE MIGHT NEVER SEE BUT WHO WORK TIRELESSLY EACH DAY
FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL.

AMEN.



National Grandparent's Day is Sept. 9th

**Make sure you send a card, pick up the phone,
or make a special visit, and tell them how
wonderful they are and how much you truly love
them.**

Deacon's Monthly Update

Our Deacon's held a Flea market on Aug. 11. and it poured! The vendors were soaked carrying in and out all their precious items. Despite the rain, we had fun, we got to meet some nice people from the community and enjoy each others company for that day. Mid afternoon God gave us a few hours of sun and we had a fair turn out for such a wet day. We were able to raise about \$700 for the Deacon Food Pantry! Praise God!! We needed it cause we are not able to get all we need from The Community Food Bank. Now we can order some food from local stores like Aldi's and ShopRite! Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to this event. We appreciate all the love an support the congregation give us. God Bless you all!

~ Shirley Weaver

Food Pantry News

Trust God and Step Out In Faith

Our food pantry opened its doors once again with God's blessing and welcomed both volunteers and recipients. We supplied and distributed bags to fifty-five+ families. Thank God for our Deacons who donated to proceeds of their flea market. God wants our pantry open as a service to our community.

~ Megan Jarvis

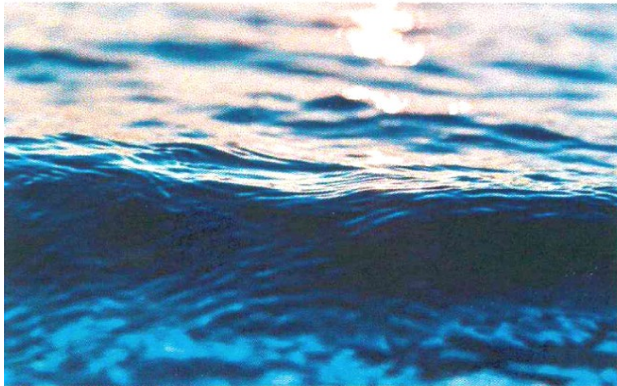


Please Donate to our Organ Fund

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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Happy
FIRST DAY
Sept. of
22 Fall



September Birthdays



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Sept. 8th Mary Porcello
Sept. 10th Jennifer Bellina
Sept 13th Joan Downes
Sept. 19th Olivia Jastremski
Sept. 21st Manny Gutierrez
Sept. 23rd Wyatt Rojewski
Sept. 25th Cara Weaver
Sept. 26th Dustin Bellina
Sept. 28th Lori Ryan

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

September Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Olivia & Lenny
Jastremski
Sept. 21



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.

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Here is what you accomplished this past month. Ordered two ink cartridges, cost \$59.98. Thanks to you bringing in your recycled ink cartridges I applied our \$40.00 monthly rewards. Now cost is \$19.98. Of course, we are Tax Exempt. Then picked up mail and a \$10.00 coupon from Staples came in. Of course, I used it towards a purchase of paper towels while I was in the store, bringing in 20 more cartridges for next month's Reward. Keep up the good work. Let's hope they continue this program. ~ Elaine Lopez

The Sunday School will be starting back up on Sunday, October 7th. We look forward to starting a new curriculum this year called "Growing in Grace and Gratitude"! I really think the kids are going to enjoy it.

Please remember to register your child. Forms are in the mailroom.



~ Shirley Weaver

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2018

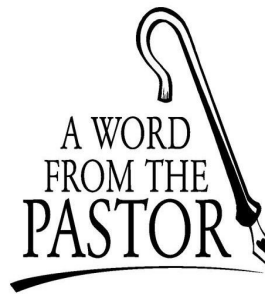
Offerings	\$ 8,312
Covenant Income	+ 3,799
Total Income	\$ 12,111
Disbursements	\$ -7,411

ACTS 20:35

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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



On Sunday, August 26th, I preached from Paul's letter to the Ephesians about putting on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6.6-10, in case you weren't in church...look it up?!).

I came across this today in one of my favorite books (*Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts of Faith* by Anne Lamott), and thought it would be a good addendum to my sermon:

"It's funny: I always imagined when I was a kid that adults had some kind of inner toolbox, full of shiny tools: the saw of discernment, the hammer of wisdom, the sandpaper of patience. But then when I grew up I found that life handed you these rusty, bent old tools, - friendships, prayer, conscience, honesty - and said, Do the best you can with these, they will have to do. And mostly, against all odds, they're enough."

~ Pastor Suzanne

As our Interim/Transitional Pastor, Pastor Suzanne will be employed by us for 20 hours of Ministry per week. Her regular hours at the church will be Sunday mornings, Mondays and Wednesdays 10am - 2pm. She will also be working from home.

Pastor Suzanne can be reached at the church office 732-721 4516, on her cell 609-902 6542, and by e-mail suzsc1@gmail.com. Please feel free to reach out to her!

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.

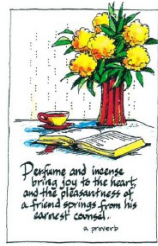
Catered by: Palms Plaza Entertainment by: The Echo's

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**

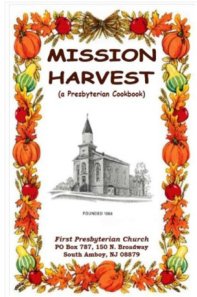
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125
YEARS OF TRADITION

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



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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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The day I've looked forward to for many months is now upon us! September 1st, the day I officially become the Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy! I have been leading worship and preaching here since early January, and it has been a joy to get to know you as a congregation, and now, sanctioned by your Session and the Presbytery of Monmouth, I feel that I can begin to get to know you as individuals as well.

These days, an Interim Pastor is seen more than just a temporary Pastor who is chosen to come in to a church to either a) clean up the messes left by the previous pastor or b) help the congregation get its act together to Call a new Installed Pastor. The term "Transitional Pastor" is not well known yet, but that's what I am trained to be. A "Transitional Pastor" is one who is chosen to come to a church, to help the congregation take stock of who they are, to celebrate the strengths of the congregation and to build on them, and to help the congregation move into the future. This is not a solo activity! We do this together, discerning God's vision for our church and seeking God's help.

I already love you. I love your warmth, your care for one another, your hospitality to new comers, your active prayer lives, and the love you have for the Lord and for the Church of Jesus Christ.

My plan right now (Phase #1) is to take several months just getting to know your/our church, your traditions, your ways of doing things, the way your Session, Deacons, Mission Committee and Food Pantry work. I want to work with the Sunday School and support your teachers and children. I want to learn your hopes and your concerns for this beloved church.

I will make mistakes. I will "put my foot in it" and step on your sacred cows. Some of you will think I'm moving too fast, others will think I'm not moving quickly enough. But bear with me. If you have a problem with something I'm doing, or an issue with something I've said, please tell ME (not each other!) so that we may sort out our differences in love and move forward together.

And please pray for me, as I will pray for you, and together we will pray for the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, thanking God for our past (and for your most recent pastor, Jeffrey), asking God to be with us in the present, and seeking God's guidance for the future.

~ Pastor Suzanne